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Kubernetes ReplicaSet + Service (2025 style)

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NOTE: ReplicaSets are almost never created manually.

They are automatically created by Deployments.

But here is how to do it directly if you really need to.

1. Create a ReplicaSet directly (3 nginx replicas)

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kubectl create replicaset nginx-rs \
  --image=nginx:alpine \
  --replicas=3
```

Verify

kubectl get rs

kubectl get pods -l app=nginx

2. Expose the ReplicaSet as a Service

Internal only

kubectl expose rs nginx-rs --port=80 --name=nginx-rs-svc

External via NodePort

kubectl expose rs nginx-rs --port=80 --type=NodePort --name=nginx-rs-svc

External via LoadBalancer (cloud only)

kubectl expose rs nginx-rs --port=80 --type=LoadBalancer --name=nginx-rs-lb

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# Check
kubectl get svc nginx-rs-svc
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BEST PRACTICE: Use proper YAML files
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# File: replicaset.yaml
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: ReplicaSet
metadata:
  name: nginx-rs
spec:
  replicas: 3
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: nginx
  template:
    metadata:
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    labels:
      app: nginx
  spec:
    containers:
    - name: nginx
      image: nginx:alpine
      ports:
      - containerPort: 80

# File: service.yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
  name: nginx-rs-service
spec:
  selector:
    app: nginx
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  ports:
    - protocol: TCP
      port: 80
      targetPort: 80
  type: NodePort          # Change to ClusterIP or LoadBalancer as needed

# Apply both
kubectl apply -f replicaset.yaml
kubectl apply -f service.yaml

# Scale anytime
kubectl scale replicaset nginx-rs --replicas=10

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# QUICK ONE-LINERS (for labs / testing)
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Create ReplicaSet + expose in 2 commands

kubectl create rs nginx-rs --image=nginx:alpine --replicas=4

kubectl expose rs nginx-rs --type=NodePort --port=80 --name=nginx-rs-svc

See the assigned port

kubectl get svc nginx-rs-svc

Example output:

NAME TYPE CLUSTER-IP PORT(S) AGE

nginx-rs-svc NodePort 10.96.123.45 80:32001/TCP 10s

Access from browser/machine:

http://<any-node-ip>:32001

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CLEANUP

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kubectl delete rs nginx-rs

kubectl delete svc nginx-rs-service

or

kubectl delete -f replicaset.yaml -f service.yaml

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REAL-WORLD ADVICE (2025)

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Never use ReplicaSet directly in production!

Always use Deployment instead (it creates and manages the ReplicaSet for you):

kubectl create deployment nginx --image=nginx:alpine --replicas=3

kubectl expose deployment nginx --type=NodePort --port=80

This is the modern, correct way.

Done! You now have a fully working ReplicaSet exposed via a Service.