

## kubectl cheat sheet

It's considered best practice to always set the namespace parameter.  
This way you're sure you're modifying the correct resource.

### Get information about resources

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Display one or many resources in different formats:

```
kubectl -n NAMESPACE get TYPE [NAME] [-o yaml|wide]
```

Display labels of all resources of a specific type:

```
kubectl -n NAMESPACE get TYPE --show-labels
```

Show details of a specific resource or group of resources:

```
kubectl -n NAMESPACE describe TYPE [NAME]
```

### Modify resources

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Imperatively create the resource(s) defined in a file:

```
kubectl -n NAMESPACE create -f FILENAME
```

Helper commands for imperatively creating resources:

```
kubectl -n NAMESPACE create namespace|deployment|configmap|secret|ingress ...
```

Declaratively create or change the resource(s) defined in a file:

```
kubectl -n NAMESPACE apply -f FILENAME
```

Helper commands for defining environment variables or resource limits and requests:

```
kubectl -n NAMESPACE set env|resources ...
```

Redeploy an existing deployment or daemonset:

```
kubectl -n NAMESPACE rollout restart TYPE/NAME
```

Delete the resource(s) defined in a file:

```
kubectl -n NAMESPACE delete -f FILENAME
```

Delete a specific resource:

```
kubectl -n NAMESPACE delete TYPE NAME
```

Delete resources with a specific label:

```
kubectl -n NAMESPACE delete TYPE --selector=LABEL
```

Scale a deployment:

```
kubectl scale deployment/NAME --replicas=COUNT
```

### Debugging and troubleshooting

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Show a pod's logs:

```
kubectl -n NAMESPACE logs POD
```

Open a bash shell in a pod and attach to it:

```
kubectl -n NAMESPACE exec -it POD [-c CONTAINER] -- /bin/bash
```

Forward one or more local ports to a pod:

```
kubectl -n NAMESPACE port-forward TYPE/NAME [LOCAL_PORT:]REMOTE_PORT
```

Copy directories and files from a container to a local directory:

```
kubectl cp NAMESPACE/POD:/tmp/foo /tmp/bar [-c CONTAINER]
```