Kubernetes Storage

Practice 1: Direct provisioning of Azure File storage

Login to Azure and connect to your AKS cluster.

```
PS /home/andrijana> az account set --subscription 836f56df-cca0-4866-b552-adbe26a742da
PS /home/andrijana> az aks get-credentials --resource-group myAKSShare --name myCluster
```

- 2. Check if any pods run under the default namespace if so delete everything under the default namespace.
- 3. In this practice we will directly provision Azure Files to a pod running inside AKS.
- 4. First create the Azure Files share. Run the following commands:

```
# Change these four parameters as needed for your own environment AKS_PERS_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME=mystorageaccount$RANDOM AKS_PERS_RESOURCE_GROUP=myAKSShare AKS_PERS_LOCATION=eastus AKS_PERS_SHARE_NAME=aksshare
```

```
PS /home/andrijana> $AKS_PERS_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME='mystorageAKS'
PS /home/andrijana> $AKS_PERS_RESOURCE_GROUP='myAKSShare'
PS /home/andrijana> $AKS_PERS_LOCATION='eastus'
PS /home/andrijana> $AKS_PERS_SHARE_NAME='aksshare'
```

- Later on, I changed the storage account name because it has to be with lowercase letters and numbers, and I've used uppercase.

PS /home/andrijana> \$AKS PERS STORAGE ACCOUNT NAME='mystorageaks77'

Create a resource group az group create --name \$AKS_PERS_RESOURCE_GROUP --location \$AKS_PERS_LOCATION

```
PS /home/andrijana> az group create --name $AKS_PERS_RESOURCE_GROUP --location $AKS_PERS_LOCATION {
    "id": "/subscriptions/836f56df-cca0-4866-b552-adbe26a742da/resourceGroups/myAKSShare",
    "location": "eastus",
    "managedBy": null,
    "name": "myAKSShare",
    "properties": {
        "provisioningState": "Succeeded"
    },
    "tags": null,
    "type": "Microsoft.Resources/resourceGroups"
}
```

Create a storage account az storage account create -n \$AKS_PERS_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME -g \$AKS_PERS_RESOURCE_GROUP -I \$AKS_PERS_LOCATION --sku Standard_LRS

Export the connection string as an environment variable, this is used when creating the Azure file share export AZURE_STORAGE_CONNECTION_STRING=\$(az storage account show-connection-string -n

\$AKS_PERS_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME -g \$AKS_PERS_RESOURCE_GROUP -o tsv)

PS /home/andrijana> \$AZURE_STORAGE_CONNECTION_STRING = az storage account show-connection-string -n \$AKS_PERS_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME -g \$AKS_PERS_RESOURCE_GROUP -o tsv PS /home/andrijana> []

Create the file share

az storage share create -n \$AKS_PERS_SHARE_NAME --connection-string \$AZURE_STORAGE_CONNECTION_STRING

```
PS /home/andrijana> az storage share create -n $AKS_PERS_SHARE_NAME --connection-string $AZURE_STORAGE_CONNECTION_STRING {
    "created": true
}
```

Get storage account key

STORAGE_KEY=\$(az storage account keys list --resource-group \$AKS_PERS_RESOURCE_GROUP --account-name \$AKS_PERS_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME --query "[0].value" -o tsv)

PS /home/andrijana> \$STORAGE_KEY=\$(az storage account keys list --resource-group \$AKS_PERS_RESOURCE_GROUP --account-name \$AKS_PERS_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME --query "[0].value" -o tsv)
PS /home/andrijana> []

Echo storage account name and key

echo Storage account name: \$AKS_PERS_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME

```
PS /home/andrijana> echo Storage account name: $AKS_PERS_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME
Storage
account
name:
mystorageaks77
```

echo Storage account key: \$STORAGE_KEY

```
PS /home/andrijana> echo Storage account key: $STORAGE_KEY
Storage
account
key:
/otTyZST8zFMC+ASt9ikN+A==
```

- 5. Make a note of the storage account name and key shown at the end of the script output. These values are needed when you create the Kubernetes volume in one of the following steps.
- 6. Now we will need to create a Kubernetes secret that will be used to mount the Az File Share to the pod. You need to hide this information from the pod's definition and K8S secret is the best way to do it.
- 7. Run the following (single) command to create the secret:

kubectl create secret generic azure-secret --from- \
literal=azurestorageaccountname=\$AKS_PERS_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME \
--from-literal=azurestorageaccountkey=\$STORAGE_KEY

PS /home/andrijana> kubectl create secret generic azure-secret ---from-literal=azurestorageaccountname=\$AKS_PERS_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_NAME ---from-literal=azurestorageaccountkey=\$STORAGE_KEY secret/azure-secret created

Check if secret was created. Run kubectl get secret -A.

```
PS /home/andrijana> kubectl get secret -A
NAMESPACE
                                                                              AGE
             NAME
                                       TYPE
                                                                       DATA
default
                                                                       2
             azure-secret
                                       Opaque
                                                                               225
kube-system
             ama-logs-secret
                                                                       2
                                       Opaque
                                                                               63m
             bootstrap-token-ptse59
kube-system
                                       bootstrap.kubernetes.io/token
                                                                               63m
             konnectivity-certs
cube-system
                                       Opaque
                                                                               63m
```

9. Now we can create the pod and mount the Azure File. Create a new file named azure-files-pod.yaml with the following contents:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: mypod
spec:
  containers:
    name: mypod
      image: :mcr.microsoft.com/oss/nginx/nginx:1.15.5-alpine
      resources:
        requests:
          memory: "128Mi"
          cpu: "100m"
        limits:
          memory: "256Mi"
          cpu: "250m"
      volumeMounts:
        name: azure
          mountPath: /mnt/azure
  volumes:
    - name: azure
      azureFile:
        secretName: azure-secret
        shareName: aksshare
        readOnly: false
```

10. Run kubectl apply -f azure-files-pod.yaml.

```
PS /home/andrijana> kubectl apply -f azure-files-pod.yaml pod/mypod created
```

11. You now have a running pod with an Azure Files share mounted at /mnt/azure.

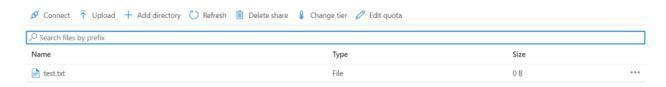
12. You can use kubectl describe pod mypod to verify the share is mounted successfully. Search for the Volumes section of the output.

```
PS /home/andrijana> kubectl describe pod mypod
Name:
                  mypod
Namespace:
                  default
Priority:
Service Account: default
                 aks-agentpool-32754409-vmss000000/10.224.0.4
Node:
Start Time:
                  Sun, 09 Apr 2023 08:57:17 +0000
Labels:
                 <none>
Annotations:
                 <none>
 Status:
                  Running
 IP:
                 10.244.1.19
 IPs:
  IP: 10.244.1.19
 Containers:
  mypod:
    Container ID: containerd://17f0004c203aaa9848d4211b86d79da234977919a3c4f1490149f8e7f72993a9
                    mcr.microsoft.com/oss/nginx/nginx:1.15.5-alpine
    Image:
                    mcr.microsoft.com/oss/nginx/nginx@sha256:f84780a5ad654515bcd9ba2f35e20935e1246799f198683dd2c4f74d19ae9e5e
    Image ID:
    Port:
                    <none>
    Host Port:
                    <none>
    State:
                    Running
```

- 13. Now exec to the pod and try to access the mounted file share. Run the following command kubectl exec -it mypod -- bash
- 14. Go to /mnt/azure and create a blank file test.txt file.
- 15. Go to the portal and locate your Azure storage provisioned for this practice.

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16. Under the Files section, check the contents of the Azure file share and check if test.txt file exists.



- 17. Delete the mypod. What happens to the Azure File share?
 - The file still stays in the Azure File share

Practice 2: Provisioning Azure File storage using PVs and PVCs

Note: Try not to do a copy/paste on commands requests unless you are instructed to do so. Copy/paste will not help you to learn Kubernetes!

- Login to Azure and connect to your AKS cluster.
- 2. Check if any pods run under the default namespace if so delete everything under the default namespace.
- 3. Now we will provision Azure files storage to a pod using PV and PVC.
- 4. Create a azurefile-mount-options-pv.yaml file with a PersistentVolume like this:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolume
metadata:
  name: azurefile
spec:
  capacity:
    storage: 5Gi
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
  azureFile:
    secretName: azure-secret
    shareName: aksshare
    readOnly: false
  mountOptions:
    - dir mode=0777
    - file mode=0777
    - uid=1000
    - gid=1000
    - mfsymlinks
    - nobrl
```

```
PS /home/andrijana> kubectl apply -f azurefile-mount-options-pv.yaml persistentvolume/azurefile created
PS /home/andrijana> [
```

- 5. Note the access mode. Can you use other mode with Azure files?
- 6. Now create a azurefile-mount-options-pvc.yaml file with a PersistentVolumeClaim that uses the PersistentVolume like this:

```
PS /home/andrijana> kubectl apply -f azurefile-mount-options-pvc.yaml persistentvolumeclaim/azurefile created
```

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
   name: azurefile
spec:
   accessModes:
   - ReadWriteMany
   storageClassName: azurefile
   resources:
      requests:
      storage: 5Gi
```

8. Verify your PersistentVolumeClaim is created and bound to the PersistentVolume. Run kubectl get pvc azurefile.

```
PS /home/andrijana> kubectl get pvc azurefile

NAME STATUS VOLUME CAPACITY ACCESS MODES STORAGECLASS AGE
azurefile Pending azurefile 0 azurefile-csi 3m26s

PS /home/andrijana> []
```

9. Now we can embed the PVC info inside our pod definition. Create the following file azure-files-pod.yaml with following content:

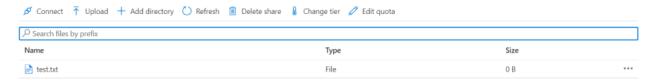
```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: mypod
spec:
  containers:
  name: mypod
    image: :mcr.microsoft.com/oss/nginx/nginx:1.15.5-alpine
    resources:
      requests:
        memory: "128Mi"
        cpu: "100m"
      limits:
        memory: "256Mi"
        cpu: "250m"
    volumeMounts:
    - name: azure
      mountPath: /mnt/azure
      volumes:
      - name: azure
        azureFile:
          secretName: azure-secret
          shareName: aksshare
          readOnly: false
```

10. Run kubectl apply -f azure-files-pod.yaml.

```
PS /home/andrijana> kubectl apply -f azure-files-pod.yaml pod/mypod configured
```

- 11. You now have a running pod with an Azure Files share mounted at /mnt/azure.
- 12. You can use kubectl describe pod mypod to verify the share is mounted successfully. Search for the Volumes section of the output.
- 13. Now exec to the pod and try to access the mounted file share. Run the following command kubectl exec -it mypod -- bash
- 14. Go to /mnt/azure and create a blank file test.txt file.
- 15. Go to the portal and locate your Azure storage provisioned for this practice.
- 16. Under the Files section, check the contents of the Azure file share and check if test.txt file exists.

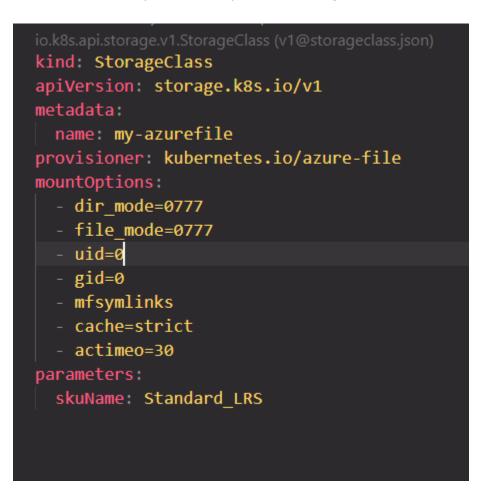
- Yes, test.txt still exists we have 2 txt files in Azure file share
- 17. Delete the mypod the pv and pvc you have created so far. What happens to the Azure File share?



Practice 3: Provisioning Azure file storage using Storage Classes

Note: Try not to do a copy/paste on commands requests unless you are instructed to do so. Copy/paste will not help you to learn Kubernetes!

- 1. Login to Azure and connect to your AKS cluster.
- 2. Check if any pods run under the default namespace if so delete everything under the default namespace.
- 3. Now we will provision file storage using the definition of storage classes. Create a file named azure-file-sc.yaml and copy in the following example manifest:



4. Create the storage class with kubectl apply -f azure-file-sc.yaml.

```
PS /home/andrijana> kubectl get pods
No resources found in default namespace.
PS /home/andrijana> kubectl apply -f azure-file-sc.yaml
storageclass.storage.k8s.io/my-azurefile created
PS /home/andrijana>
```

5. Now we will create the PVC that will consume the storage class defined previously. Create a file named azure- file-pvc.yaml and copy in the following YAML:

```
io.k8s.api.core.v1.PersistentVolumeClaim (v1@persistentvolumeclaim.json)
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
    name: my-azurefile
spec:
    accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
    storageClassName: my-azurefile
    resources:
        requests:
        storage: 5Gi
```

6. Create the persistent volume claim with the kubectl apply -f azure-file-pvc.yaml.

```
PS /home/andrijana> kubectl apply -f azure-file-pvc.yaml
persistentvolumeclaim/my-azurefile created
PS /home/andrijana>
```

7. Once completed, the file share will be created. A Kubernetes secret is also created that includes connection information and credentials. You can use the kubectl get pvc my-azurefile command to view the status of the PVC.

```
PS /home/andrijana> kubectl get pvc my-azurefile

NAME STATUS VOLUME CAPACITY ACCESS MODES STORAGECLASS AGE
my-azurefile Bound pvc-5512dfcb-ec7d-401c-b0f4-02436ef45085 5Gi RWX my-azurefile 24s
```

8. Now we will create the pod that consumes the PVC. Create a file named azure-pvc-files.yaml, and copy in the following YAML. Make sure that the claimName matches the PVC created in the last step:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: mypod
spec:
  containers:
    - name: mypod
      image: mcr.microsoft.com/oss/nginx/nginx:1.15.5-alpine
      resources:
        requests:
          memory: "128Mi"
          cpu: "100m"
        limits:
          memory: "256Mi"
          cpu: "250m"
      volumeMounts:
        - name: volume
          mountPath: /mnt/azure
  volumes:
    name: volume
      persistentVolumeClaim:
        claimName: my-azurefile
```

9. Create the pod with kubectl apply -f azure-pvc-files.yaml.

```
PS /home/andrijana> kubectl apply -f azure-pvc-files.yaml pod/mypod created
PS /home/andrijana>
```

10. Do a describe on the pod and check the volumes mounted.

```
PS /home/andrijana> kubectl describe pod mypod
Name:
                 mypod
Namespace:
                 default
Priority:
Service Account: default
Node:
              aks-agentpool-32754409-vmss000000/10.224.0.4
                Sun, 09 Apr 2023 10:07:15 +0000
Start Time:
Labels:
Annotations:
               <none>
Status:
               Running
IP:
                10.244.1.20
IPs:
 IP: 10.244.1.20
Containers:
 mypod:
   Container ID: containerd://ed1ecab565111c11c874b57208109a0a0079cbc6f58acf08dd1144e13cd1be33
                   mcr.microsoft.com/oss/nginx/nginx:1.15.5-alpine
   Image:
   Image ID:
                  mcr.microsoft.com/oss/nginx/nginx@sha256:f84780a5ad654515bcd9ba2f35e20935e1246799f198683dd2c4f74d19ae9e5e
                 <none>
   Port:
   Host Port:
                  <none>
   State:
                   Running
     Started:
               Sun, 09 Apr 2023 10:07:16 +0000
                 True
   Ready:
   Restart Count: 0
   Limits:
              250m
     cpu:
     memory: 256Mi
   Requests:
```

The volumes:

```
Volumes:
 volume:
               PersistentVolumeClaim (a reference to a PersistentVolumeClaim in the same namespace)
   Type:
   ClaimName: my-azurefile
   ReadOnly: false
 kube-api-access-bvk5j:
                            Projected (a volume that contains injected data from multiple sources)
   Type:
   TokenExpirationSeconds: 3607
   ConfigMapName:
                            kube-root-ca.crt
   ConfigMapOptional:
                           <nil>
   DownwardAPI:
                           true
QoS Class:
                            Burstable
Node-Selectors:
Tolerations:
                            node.kubernetes.io/memory-pressure:NoSchedule op=Exists
                            node.kubernetes.io/not-ready:NoExecute op=Exists for 300s
                            node.kubernetes.io/unreachable:NoExecute op=Exists for 300s
```

11. Delete everything created under this practice including the storage class.

Practice 4: Direct provisioning of Azure Disk storage

Note: Try not to do a copy/paste on commands requests unless you are instructed to do so. Copy/paste will not help you to learn Kubernetes!

- 1. Login to Azure and connect to your AKS cluster.
- 2. Check if any pods run under the default namespace if so delete everything under the default namespace.

```
PS /home/andrijana> kubectl get pods
No resources found in default namespace.
PS /home/andrijana>
```

- 3. In this practice we will directly provision Azure Disk to a pod running inside AKS.
- 4. First create the disk in the node resource group. First, get the node resource group name with az aks show -- resource-group myResourceGroup --name myAKSCluster --query nodeResourceGroup -o tsv .

```
PS /home/andrijana> az aks show --resource-group myAKSShare --name myCluster --query nodeResourceGroup -o tsv MC_myAKSShare_myCluster_eastus
```

5. Now create a disk using:

az disk create \

- --resource-group MC_myResourceGroup_myAKSCluster_eastus \
- --name myAKSDisk \
- --size-gb 20 \
- --query id --output tsv

PS /home/andrijana> az disk create --resource-group MC_myAKSShare_myCluster_eastus --name myAKSDisk --size-gb 20 --query id --output tsv /subscriptions/836f56df-cca0-4866-b552-adbe26a742da/resourceGroups/MC_myAKSShare_myCluster_eastus/providers/Microsoft.Compute/disks/myAKSDisk

6. Make a note of the disk resource ID shown at the end of the script output. This value is needed when you create the Kubernetes volume in one of the following steps.

/subscriptions/836f56df-cca0-4866-b552-adbe26a742da/resourceGroups/MC_myAKSShar e_myCluster_eastus/providers/Microsoft.Compute/disks/myAKSDisk

7. Now we can create the pod and mount the Azure Disk. Create a new file named azure-disk-pod.yaml with the following contents:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: mypod
spec:
  containers:
    name: mypod
      image: mcr.microsoft.com/oss/nginx/nginx:1.15.5-alpine
      resources:
        requests:
          memory: "128Mi"
          cpu: "100m"
        limits:
          memory: "256Mi"
          cpu: "250m"
      volumeMounts:
        - name: azure
          mountPath: /mnt/azure
  volumes:
    - name: azure
      azureDisk:
        kind Managed
        diskName: myAKSDisk
        diskURI: "/subscriptions/
        836f56df-cca0-4866-b552-adbe26a742da/resourceGroups/
        MC myAKSShare myCluster eastus/providers/Microsoft.Compute/
        disks/myAKSDisk"
```

8. Run kubectl apply -f azure-disk-pod.yaml.

```
error: error validating "azure-disk-pod.yaml": error valid PS /home/andrijana> kubectl apply -f azure-disk-pod.yaml pod/mypod created PS /home/andrijana>
```

- 9. You now have a running pod with an Azure Disk mounted at /mnt/azure.
- 10. You can use kubectl describe pod mypod to verify the share is mounted successfully. Search for the Volumes section of the output.

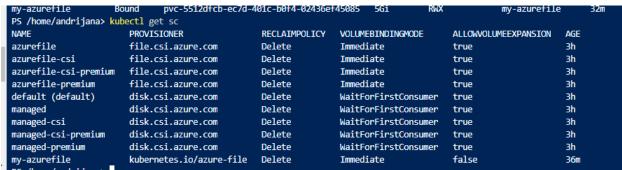
11. Now exec to the pod and try to access the mounted volume. Run the following command kubectl exec -it mypod -- bash

```
PS /home/andrijana> kubectl exec -it mypod -- sh
```

- 12. Go to /mnt/azure and try create a blank file test.txt file.
- 13. Delete everything created by this practice.

Practice 5: Provisioning Azure Disk storage using Storage Classes

- 1. Login to Azure and connect to your AKS cluster.
- 2. Check if any pods run under the default namespace if so delete everything under the default namespace.
- 3. Now we will provision Azure disk and attach it to a running pod but this time using dynamic provisioning with storage classes. List the available storage classes, run **kubectl get sc**.



- 4. Examine the output. Each AKS cluster includes four pre-created storage classes, two of them configured to work with Azure disks, default and managed-premium. We will use the managed-premium in our PVC definition since it uses premium type of disks.
- 5. Now we will create the PVC that will consume the storage class defined previously. Create a file named azure- premium.yaml and copy in the following YAML:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
   name: azure-managed-disk
spec:
   accessModes:
   - ReadWriteOnce
   storageClassName: managed-premium
   resources:
      requests:
      storage: 5Gi
```

6. Create the persistent volume claim with the kubectl apply -f azure-premium.yaml.

```
PS /home/andrijana> kubectl apply -f azure-premium.yaml persistentvolumeclaim/azure-managed-disk created
```

7. Check the status of your PVC.

| PS /home/andrijana> kubectl get pvc | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--|----------|--------------|-----------------|------|
| NAME | STATUS | VOLUME | CAPACITY | ACCESS MODES | STORAGECLASS | AGE |
| azure-managed-disk | Pending | | | | managed-premium | 112s |
| azurefile | Pending | azurefile | 0 | | azurefile-csi | 72m |
| my-azurefile | Bound | pvc-5512dfcb-ec7d-401c-b0f4-02436ef45085 | 5Gi | RWX | my-azurefile | 32m |
| DC /home/ondnijone | П | | | | | |

- Status is Bound:



8. Now we will create the pod that consumes the PVC. Create a file named azure-pvc-disk.yaml, and copy in the following YAML. Make sure that the claimName matches the PVC created in the last step:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: mypod
spec:
  containers:
    - name: mypod
      image: mcr.microsoft.com/oss/nginx/nginx:1.15.5-alpine
      resources:
        requests:
          memory: "128Mi"
          cpu: "100m"
        limits:
          memory: "256Mi"
          cpu: "250m"
      volumeMounts:
        - name: volume
          mountPath: /mnt/azure
  volumes:
    - name: volume
      persistentVolumeClaim:
        claimName: azure-managed-disk
```

```
9. Create the pod with kubectl apply -f azure-pvc-disk.yaml.
my-azure+11e kubernetes.10/azure-+11e Delete
PS /home/andrijana> kubectl apply -f azure-pvc-disk.yaml
pod/mypod created
PS /home/andrijana>
```

10. Do a describe on the pod and check the volumes mounted.

```
Volumes:
 volume:
               PersistentVolumeClaim (a reference to a PersistentVolumeClaim in the same namespace)
    Type:
   ClaimName: azure-managed-disk
    ReadOnly: false
 kube-api-access-9jqkn:
                            Projected (a volume that contains injected data from multiple sources)
    Type:
    TokenExpirationSeconds: 3607
   ConfigMapName:
                            kube-root-ca.crt
   ConfigMapOptional:
                            <nil>
   DownwardAPI:
                            true
QoS Class:
                            Burstable
```

11. Delete everything created under this practice including the storage class.