CS-548: Cloud-native Software Architectures

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Assignment 2: Kubernetes

- 1. (20% grade) Provide the YAML that runs a Pod with Nginx 1.27.4-alpine as well as the kubectl commands needed to:
 - a. Install the manifest on Kubernetes and start the Pod.
 - b. Forward port 80 locally, so that it answers calls through a browser (or curl or wget). What is the answer?
 - c. See the logs of the running container.
 - d. Open a shell session inside the running container and change the first sentence of the default page to "Welcome to MY nginx!". Close the session. Validate the change.
 - e. From your computer terminal (outside the container), download the default page locally and upload another one in its place. Validate the change.
 - f. Stop the Pod and remove the manifest from Kubernetes.
- 2. (40% grade) The command wget -E -k -p <url> lets you download a complete site in a folder.
 - a. Provide a YAML that creates a Job using Ubuntu 24.04, which when started will run a script (defined in a ConfigMap) that will download the csd.uoc.gr site. Which command can you use to confirm that the Job completed successfully?
 - b. Extend the previous YAML with an Nginx Pod, a CronJob that will refresh the content every night at 2:15, as well as a volume so that the Nginx Pod will show the content downloaded by the Jobs instead of the default page. Briefly describe how data is communicated between containers.
 - c. Use a Deployment to start Nginx. Add an init container to start the Nginx container after the web page is finished downloading. Validate that it works as expected.
- 3. (40% grade) Using the same wget command logic:
 - a. Create your own container based on the Nginx one that will download a user-defined site on startup. Provide the Dockerfile and upload the image to your Docker Hub account.
 - b. Provide a YAML that uses your custom container to run 2 Pods serving the csd.uoc.gr site in a Deployment, as well as a Service that allows the result to be externally accessible. Provide the commands needed to validate that it works with minikube (you may need to run minikube tunnel).
 - c. Extend the previous YAML with another Deployment/Service pair serving the math.uoc.gr site. Add an Ingress object that routes /csd to the first service and

/math to the second. Provide the commands needed to validate that it works with minikube (you will need to enable the ingress addon).

Notes:

- The assignment is personal.
- All exercises contribute equally to the overall grade (unless individual percentages are defined).
- A day/time will be set for answering questions and giving clarifications.
- Write down your answers in a Markdown-formatted text file in either Greek or English and commit it (along with any other files) in a private GitHub repository before the exercise's deadline. Share the repository with the instructor (username "chazapis").