

14 Steps to Install kubernetes on Ubuntu 20.04(bento/ubuntu-20.04), 18.04(hashicorp/bionic64)

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(Note : - This article has been updated for installing kubernetes on ubuntu 20.04)

In this article on **How to Install kubernetes on Ubuntu 20.04 and 18.04** we are going to setup Kubernetes cluster along with [kubeadm](#) on Ubuntu 20.04 (The same steps can be used for the Ubuntu 18.04 as well as 16.04)

We will start setting up everything from the scratch on virtual machine. Since we are setting up kubernetes cluster, so we will be provisioning two virtual machine - **kubernetes master(kmaster)** and **kubernetes kworker(kworker)**. The only pre-requisite which you need to do is to install **Vagrant** and **Virtual Box** before.

We are going to setup two nodes for kubernetes cluster

1. Master node
2. Worker node

Prerequisites

1. Reading time is about 20 minutes
2. Vagrant 2.2.15 or latest - For installation instruction [click here](#)
3. VM VirtualBox - For installation instruction [click here](#)



Step 1 - Start your vagrant box

As a minimum requirement for kubernetes installation we need -

1. Master Node - 2 cpus, 2 GB Memory
2. Worker Node - 1 cpu, 1 GB Memory

Use following Vagrantfile or at least create a **Vagrantfile** and copy the following configuration into it -

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```
Vagrant.configure("2") do |config|
  config.vm.define "master" do |master|
    master.vm.box_download_insecure = true
    master.vm.box = "bento/ubuntu-20.04"          ## For ubuntu 18.04 use - hashicorp/bionic64
    master.vm.network "private_network", ip: "100.0.0.1"
    master.vm.hostname = "master"
    master.vm.provider "virtualbox" do |v|
      v.name = "master"
      v.memory = 2048
    end
  end
end
```



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```

config.vm.define "worker" do |worker|
  worker.vm.box_download_insecure = true
  worker.vm.box = "bento/ubuntu-20.04"          ## For ubuntu 18.04 use - hashicorp/bionic64
  worker.vm.network "private_network", ip: "100.0.0.2"
  worker.vm.hostname = "worker"
  worker.vm.provider "virtualbox" do |v|
    v.name = "worker"
    v.memory = 1024
    v.cpus = 1
  end
end
end
end

```

Start your virtual boxes by starting up your vagrant box -

```
vagrant up
```

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Note - If you are interested in setting the kubernetes cluster on Ubuntu 18.04 then replace `worker.vm.box = "bento/ubuntu-20.04"` with `worker.vm.box = "hashicorp/bionic64"`

Step 2 - Update host files on both master and worker node

After starting the vagrant box now we need to login into the virtual machine using the command `vagrant ssh master`

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```
vagrant ssh master
```

Add host entry for master as well as worker node

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```
sudo vi /etc/hosts
```

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```
100.0.0.1 master.jhooq.com master
100.0.0.2 worker.jhooq.com worker
```

worker node - SSH into the master node

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```
vagrant ssh worker
```

Add host entry for master as well as worker node

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```
sudo vi /etc/hosts
```

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```
100.0.0.1 master.jhooq.com master
100.0.0.2 worker.jhooq.com worker
```

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```
ping worker
```

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```
PING worker.jhooq.com (100.0.0.2) 56(84) bytes of data.  
64 bytes from worker.jhooq.com (100.0.0.2): icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.462 ms  
64 bytes from worker.jhooq.com (100.0.0.2): icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.686 ms
```

Test the master node by sending from worker

BASH

```
ping master  
PING master.jhooq.com (100.0.0.1) 56(84) bytes of data.  
64 bytes from master.jhooq.com (100.0.0.1): icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.238 ms  
64 bytes from master.jhooq.com (100.0.0.1): icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.510 ms
```

Step 3 - Install Docker on both master and worker node

You need to install Docker on both the node.

So run the following installation command on both the nodes

BASH

```
sudo apt-get update
```



Enable and start docker

```
sudo systemctl enable docker
```

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```
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/docker.service → /lib
```

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```
sudo systemctl start docker
```

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Check the docker service status

```
sudo systemctl status docker
```

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- ```
● docker.service - Docker Application Container Engine
 Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/docker.service; enabled; vendor preset: en
 Active: active (running) since Thu 2020-04-23 19:10:59 UTC; 4s ago
 Docs: https://docs.docker.com
```

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## “swapping”

We need to disable firewall as well as swapping on master as well as worker node. Because to install kubernetes we need to disable the swapping on both the nodes

```
sudo ufw disable
```

*BASH*

```
Firewall stopped and disabled on system startup
```

*BASH*

```
sudo swapoff -a
```

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## Step 5 - Install "apt-transport-https" package

To download the kubernetes and its public we need to install "apt-transport-https" package on both master as well as worker node

```
sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get install -y apt-transport-https
```

*BASH*

## Step 6 - Download the public keys



So run the following command to get the public keys on both master as well as worker node

```
curl -s https://packages.cloud.google.com/apt/doc/apt-key.gpg | sudo apt-key add
```

*BASH*

OK

*BASH*

## Step 7 - Add kubernetes repo

As a next step we need to add the kubernetes repo to both master as well as worker node

```
sudo bash -c 'echo "deb http://apt.kubernetes.io/ kubernetes-xenial main" > /etc,
```

*BASH*

## Step 8 - Install kubernetes

Now after adding the kubernetes repo we need to install the kubernetes on both mater as well as worker node

```
sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get install -y kubelet kubeadm kubectl
```

*BASH*





## Step 9 - Enable and Start kubelet

Alright now we have installed the kubernetes, now we need to enable the kubelet support for both master as well worker node

```
sudo systemctl enable kubelet
```

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```
sudo systemctl start kubelet
```

*BASH*

## Step 10 - Initialize the kubernetes cluster

Okay now we have reach to point where we have done all the prerequisite for initializing the kubernetes cluster.

**Let's run the kubernetes initialization command on only on master**

```
sudo kubeadm init --apiserver-advertise-address=100.0.0.1
```

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Note down kubeadm join command which we are going to use from worker node to join the master node using token. (Note : - Followig command will be different for you, do not try copy the following command)

```
sudo kubeadm join 100.0.0.1:6443 --token g2bsw7.5xr3bqc21eqyc6r7 --discovery-token
```

*BASH*



## Step 11 - Move kube config file to current user (only run on master)

To interact with the kubernetes cluster and to use kubectl command, we need to have the kube config file with us.

Use the following command to get the kube config file and put it under working directory.

```
mkdir -p $HOME/.kube
```

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```
sudo cp -i /etc/kubernetes/admin.conf $HOME/.kube/config
```

BASH

```
sudo chown $(id -u):$(id -g) $HOME/.kube/config
```

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## Step 12 - Apply CNI from kube-flannel.yml(only run on master)

After the master of the cluster is ready to handle jobs and the services are running, for the purpose of making containers accessible to each other through networking, we need to set up the network for container communication.

Get the CNI(container network interface) configuration from [flannel](#)



## Step 13 - Join worker nodes to master(only run on worker)

In the **Step 10** we generated the token and kubeadm join command.

Now we need to use that join command from our worker node

```
BASH
sudo kubeadm join 100.0.0.1:6443 --token g2bsw7.5xr3bqc21eqyc6r7 --discovery
```

```
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W0423 19:27:00.344480 18268 join.go:346] preflight] WARNING: JoinControlPane.c
preflight] Running pre-flight checks
 WARNING IsDockerSystemdCheck]: detected "cgroupfs" as the Docker cgroup (
preflight] Reading configuration from the cluster...
preflight] FYI: You can look at this config file with 'kubectl -n kube-system ge
kubelet-start] Downloading configuration for the kubelet from the "kubelet-confi
kubelet-start] Writing kubelet configuration to file "/var/lib/kubelet/config.ya
kubelet-start] Writing kubelet environment file with flags to file "/var/lib/kub
kubelet-start] Starting the kubelet
kubelet-start] Waiting for the kubelet to perform the TLS Bootstrap...
```

This node has joined the cluster:

- \* Certificate signing request was sent to apiserver and a response was received.
- \* The Kubelet was informed of the new secure connection details.

Run 'kubectl get nodes' on the control-plane to see this node join the cluster.

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To check the status of the nodes use

```
kubectl get nodes
```

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| NAME   | STATUS | ROLES  | AGE | VERSION |
|--------|--------|--------|-----|---------|
| master | Ready  | master | 26m | v1.18.2 |
| worker | Ready  | <none> | 63s | v1.18.2 |

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***(Note - In case you see the status of the nodes not ready then I would recommend to check the [these troubleshooting](#) step as well as [flannel settings](#))***

## Summary

So this was our beginner tutorial which involves around - 14 Steps to Install kubernetes on Ubuntu 18.04 and 16.04.

With that we can conclude what we have achieved -

- Congratulations we have successfully installed kubernetes on Ubuntu 18.04
- After installing kubernetes we are successfully join the worker nodes with master.

## Troubleshooting kube-flannel.yml

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Look out for the Ethernet i.e. eth1 which has a ip address 100.0.0.1(this is the ip address which we used in vagrant file)

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```
ip a s
```

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```
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP>
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc fq_codel state UP group
 link/ether 08:00:27:bb:14:75 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
 inet 10.0.2.15
3: eth1: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc fq_codel state UP group
 link/ether 08:00:27:fb:48:77 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
 inet 100.0.0.1
4: docker0: <NO-CARRIER,BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP>
```

**Now we need to add the extra args for eth1 in kube-flannel.yml**

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```
vi kube-flannel.yml
```

Search for - "flanneld"

In the args section add : - -iface=eth1

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```
- --iface=eth1
 args:
 - --ip-masq
 - --kube-subnet-mgr
 - --iface=eth1
```

*BASH*

```
kubectl apply -f kube-flannel.yml
```

*BASH*

```
podsecuritypolicy.policy/psp.flannel.unprivileged created
clusterrole.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/flannel created
clusterrolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/flannel created
serviceaccount/flannel created
configmap/kube-flannel-cfg created
daemonset.apps/kube-flannel-ds-amd64 created
daemonset.apps/kube-flannel-ds-arm64 created
daemonset.apps/kube-flannel-ds-arm created
daemonset.apps/kube-flannel-ds-ppc64le created
daemonset.apps/kube-flannel-ds-s390x created
```

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