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What is a POD

- A pod is the basic building block of Kubernetes
- Basic unit of deployment
- A pod can have any number of containers running in it
- A pod is basically a wrapper around containers running on a node
- Containers in a pod have shared volumes, Linux namespaces, and cgroups. Each pod has a unique IP address and the port space is shared by all the containers in that pod. This means that different containers inside a pod can communicate with each other using their corresponding ports on localhost.

Creating a first pod with single container

kind: Pod
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
name: pod-1
spec:
containers:
- name: container-1
image: nginx

Create a pod

kubectl create -f pod-singlecontainer.yaml
kubectl get pods

```
C:\gitcode\kubernetes-sample-deployment\pods>kubectl get pod
NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE
pod-1 1/1 Running 0 105s
C:\gitcode\kubernetes-sample-deployment\pods>
```

Describe the pod

kubectl describe pod pod-1

```
C:\gitcode\kubernetes-sample-deployment\pods>kubectl describe pod pod-1
Name:
Namespace:
             pod-1
          default
Priority:
             gke-my-k8s-cluster-default-pool-9d273e9f-82hc/10.128.0.2
Node:
Start Time: Fri, 11 Dec 2020 09:44:20 -0500
Labels:
             <none>
Annotations: kubernetes.io/limit-ranger: LimitRanger plugin set: cpu request for container container-1
Status:
             Running
             10.32.0.12
IP:
IPs:
IP: 10.32.0.12
Containers:
 container-1:
   Container ID: docker://cb7d9a5aa566f5edb09472b7cdb8d7279471f21b3eb9c29fde261fa380ae64b5
   Image:
   Image ID:
                  docker-pullable://nginx@sha256:31de7d2fd0e751685e57339d2b4a4aa175aea922e592d36a7078d72db0a
   Port:
                  <none>
   Host Port:
                  <none>
   State:
                 Running
                 Fri, 11 Dec 2020 09:44:26 -0500
     Started:
                   True
   Ready:
   Restart Count: 0
   Requests:
     cpu:
                 100m
   Environment: <none>
   Mounts:
      /var/run/secrets/kubernetes.io/serviceaccount from default-token-2f5cf (ro)
```

Name: Pod name is unique in a particular namespace

Namespace: Kubernetes supports namespaces to create multiple virtual clusters within the same physical cluster.

Why we use namespace?

When we have only one cluster and different teams are using that. In that case it would be great if every team create their resources in their own namespaces.

We want to separate the environment like dev, stage in different namespaces

Create a pod in different namespaces

First you can check how many namespaces are already present

kubectl get namespaces

```
C:\gitcode\kubernetes-sample-deployment\pods>kubectl get namespaces
NAME
                  STATUS
                           AGE
default
                           46h
                  Active
kube-node-lease
                  Active
                           46h
                           46h
kube-public
                  Active
kube-system
                           46h
                  Active
services
                  Active
                           22h
C:\gitcode\kubernetes-sample-deployment\pods>
```

Here, I am using the same yaml file to create a pod if I don't specify the namespace the command will fail with the error "**pod is already exist**"

```
kubectl --namespace=kube-public create -f pod-singlecontainer.yaml
```

Verify the pod

Now to check pods you need to define the namespace else by default kubectl get pods command will show only pods which are running in the default namespace.

```
kubectl --namespace kube-public get pods
```

```
C:\gitcode\kubernetes-sample-deployment\pods>kubectl --namespace kube-public get pods
NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE
pod-1 1/1 Running 0 55s
C:\gitcode\kubernetes-sample-deployment\pods>
```

Pod in a Different Namespace by using yaml configuration

In the yaml file we will define which namespace to use while creating a pod

```
kind: Pod
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
   name: pod-1
   namespace: kube-public
spec:
   containers:
   - name: container-1
   image: nginx
```

Create and verify a Pod

```
kubectl create -f pod-namespacesinglecontainer.yaml
kubectl --namespace kube-public get pods
```

```
C:\gitcode\kubernetes-sample-deployment\pods>kubectl --namespace kube-public get pods
NAME
                       READY
                               STATUS
                                         RESTARTS
                                                     AGE
pod-1
                       1/1
                                         0
                                                     3m33s
                               Running
pod-1-with-namespace
                       1/1
                               Running
                                         0
                                                     7s
```

Change the default namespace

So we saw that we need to explicitly define the namespace to show all the pods which are running in that namespace.

This is not a convenient way if we are doing this for each and every command

When we know that we are working only on one namespace than we can set that using the below command

kubectl config set-context --current --namespace kube-public

```
C:\gitcode\kubernetes-sample-deployment\pods>kubectl config set-context --current --namespace kube-public
Context "gke_kubernetes-cluster-298116_us-centrall-a_my-k8s-cluster" modified.
```

Check the pods

```
kubectl get pods
```

```
C:\gitcode\kubernetes-sample-deployment\pods>kubectl get pods

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE

pod-1 1/1 Running 0 8m1s

pod-1-with-namespace 1/1 Running 0 4m35s

C:\gitcode\kubernetes-sample-deployment\pods>
```

Pod Running a Container

In this yaml file we are providing the configuration for a container as shown below:

```
kind: Pod
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
   name: command-pod
spec:
   containers:
   - name: container-with-command

image: ubuntu
   command:
    - /bin/bash
   - -ec
    - while :; do echo '.'; sleep 5; done
```

Create a pod

```
kubectl create -f pod-singlecontainer.yaml
```

Check the logs

Now we will check the logs of our container using the pod name

The **-f** flag is to follow the logs on the container. That is, the log keeps updating in real-time

```
kubectl logs command-pod -f
```

```
C:\gitcode\kubernetes-sample-deployment\pods>kubectl logs command-pod -f
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```

Pod Running a Container That Exposes a **Port**

In this yaml file we are using a nginx image and exposing it on the port 80

```
kind: Pod
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
   name: pod-exposed-port
spec:
   containers:
   - name: container-exposed-port
   image: nginx
   ports:
    - containerPort: 80
```

Create the pod

```
kubectl create -f pod-expose-pod.yaml
```

This pod should create a container and expose it on port 80

Now we will use the port-forward to expose this port to the localhost or you can define the another port also using the second command

```
kubectl port-forward pod-exposed-port 80
kubectl port-forward pod-exposed-port 8000:80
```

```
C:\gitcode\kubernetes-sample-deployment\pods>kubectl port-forward pod-exposed-port 80
Forwarding from 127.0.0.1:80 -> 80
Forwarding from [::1]:80 -> 80
Handling connection for 80
```

Now you can access the url

http://localhost
http://localhost:8000



Welcome to nginx!

If you see this page, the nginx web server is successfully installed and working. Further configuration is required.

For online documentation and support please refer to nginx.org. Commercial support is available at nginx.com.

Thank you for using nginx.

Pod Running a Container with Resource Requirements

In this YAML file, we define the

Memory requirement for our container

Minimum Memory—64MB

Maximum Memory- 128MB

If the container tries to allocate more than 128 MB of memory, it will be killed with a status of **OOMKilled**.

CPU Requirement for our container

Minimum CPU— 0.5

Maximum CPU- 1

The minimum CPU requirement for CPU is 0.5 (which can also be understood as 500 milli-CPUs and can be written as **500m** instead of **0.5**) and the container will only be allowed to use a maximum of 1 CPU unit.

```
kind: Pod
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: pod-resources
spec:
  containers:
  - name: container-resource-requirements
  image: nginx
  resources:
    limits:
       memory: "128M"
       cpu: "1"
    requests:
       memory: "64M"
       cpu: "0.5"
```

Create the pod

```
kubectl create -f pod-with-resources.yaml
```

Describe the pod

kubectl describe pod-resources

```
Limits:
    cpu: 1
    memory: 128M

Requests:
    cpu: 500m
    memory: 64M

Environment: <none>
Mounts:
```

Pod with Resource Requests That Can't Be Met by Any of the Nodes

In this yaml file we are using resources which are not available in our cluster nodes.

```
kind: Pod
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
   name: pod-huge-resources
spec:
   containers:
   - name: container-resource-requirements
   image: nginx
   resources:
    limits:
        memory: "128G"
        cpu: "1000"
   requests:
        memory: "64G"
        cpu: "500"
```

Create a pod

```
kubectl create -f pod-with-huge-resources.yaml
```

Pod with Multiple Containers Running inside It

In this yaml file you can see that we are creating two container inside a pod

```
kind: Pod
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
    name: multi-container
spec:
    containers:
    - name: container-1
    image: nginx
    - name: container-2
    image: ubuntu
    command:
        - /bin/bash
        - ec
        - while :; do echo '.'; sleep 5; done
```

Create a Pod

```
kubectl create -f pod-multi-container.yaml
kubectl describe pod multi-container
```

```
Containers:
 container-1:
   Container ID:
                   docker://6e4330316d84c4ea8970f7f21001d9f77797160dc5420ad6cf3db7f8f66a6ff8
   Image:
                   nginx
   Image ID:
                   docker-pullable://nginx@sha256:31de7d2fd0e751685e57339d2b4a4aa175aea922e592d36a70
   Port:
                   <none>
   Host Port:
                   <none>
   State:
                  Running
     Started: Fri, 11 Dec 2020 12:35:32 -0500
eady: True
   Ready:
   Restart Count: 0
   Environment:
                   <none>
   Mounts:
     /var/run/secrets/kubernetes.io/serviceaccount from default-token-fg8n6 (ro)
  container-2:
   Container ID: docker://2048388e70feac2f1767b07e8c24bab994f1f7c288a695f792d98370a26bcdff
   Image:
                ubuntu
   Image ID:
                  docker-pullable://ubuntu@sha256:c95a8e48bf88e9849f3e0f723d9f49fa12c5a00cfc6e60d2bc
   Port:
                  <none>
   Host Port:
                  <none>
   Command:
     /bin/bash
     -ec
     while :; do echo '.'; sleep 5; done
                   Running
                   Fri, 11 Dec 2020 12:35:36 -0500
     Started:
   Ready:
                  True
   Restart Count: 0
   Environment:
                   <none>
     /var/run/secrets/kubernetes.io/serviceaccount from default-token-fg8n6 (ro)
```

We can specify the container name to get the logs for a particular container running in a pod, as shown here:

```
kubectl logs multi-container container-2
kubectl logs multi-container container-1
```

```
C:\gitcode\kubernetes-sample-deployment\pods>kubectl logs multi-container container-1
/docker-entrypoint.sh: /docker-entrypoint.d/ is not empty, will attempt to perform configuration
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Looking for shell scripts in /docker-entrypoint.d/
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Launching /docker-entrypoint.d/10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh
10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh: Getting the checksum of /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf
10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh: Enabled listen on IPv6 in /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Launching /docker-entrypoint.d/20-envsubst-on-templates.sh
/docker-entrypoint.sh: Configuration complete; ready for start up

C:\gitcode\kubernetes-sample-deployment\pods>kubectl logs multi-container container-2
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Pod Lifecycle

Pods has different States as described below:

- **Pending**: This means that the pod has been submitted to the cluster, but the controller hasn't created all its containers yet. It may be downloading images or waiting for the pod to be scheduled on one of the cluster nodes.
- **Running**: This state means that the pod has been assigned to one of the cluster nodes and at least one of the containers is either running or is in the process of starting up.
- **Succeeded**: This state means that the pod has run, and all of its containers have been terminated with success.
- **Failed**: This state means the pod has run and at least one of the containers has terminated with a non-zero exit code, that is, it has failed to execute its commands.
- **Unknown**: This means that the state of the pod could not be found. This may be because of the inability of the controller to connect with the node that the pod was assigned to.