Although installing and configuring a Kubernetes cluster is not one of the objectives for the CKAD exam, it is important to get some hands-on experience with the concepts covered in this course. Therefore, it is useful to have a Kubernetes cluster with which you can experiment and try out the things that will be covered throughout the course. This lesson will guide you through the process of building a basic cluster that you can experiment with as you proceed.

Lesson Reference

If you want to follow along, there is a reference for the commands used in this lesson below.

On all 3 servers

First, set up the Docker and Kubernetes repositories:

Install Docker and Kubernetes packages:

Note that if you want to use a newer version of Kubernetes, change the version installed for kubelet, kubeadm, and kubectl. Make sure all three use the same version.

Note: There is currently a bug in Kubernetes 1.13.4 (and earlier) that can cause problems installing the packages. Use 1.14.5-00 to avoid this issue.

```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install -y docker-ce=18.06.1~ce~3-0~ubuntu kubelet=1.14.5-00 kubeadm=1.14.5-00
kubectl=1.14.5-00
sudo apt-mark hold docker-ce kubelet kubeadm kubectl
```

Enable iptables bridge call.

```
echo "net.bridge.bridge-nf-call-iptables=1" | sudo tee -a /etc/sysctl.conf
sudo modprobe br_netfilter
sudo sysctl -p
```

On the Kube master server

Initialize the Cluster.

```
sudo kubeadm init --pod-network-cidr=10.244.0.0/16
```

Set up local kubeconfig.

```
mkdir -p $HOME/.kube
sudo cp -i /etc/kubernetes/admin.conf $HOME/.kube/config
sudo chown $(id -u):$(id -g) $HOME/.kube/config
```

Install Flannel networking:

```
kubectl\ apply\ -f\\ https://raw.githubusercontent.com/coreos/flannel/bc79dd1505b0c8681ece4de4c0d86c5cd2643275/Documentation/k\\ ube-flannel.yml
```

Note: If you are using Kubernetes 1.16 or later, you will need to use a newer flannel installation yaml instead:

```
kubectl apply -f
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/coreos/flannel/3f7d3e6c24f641e7ff557ebcea1136fdf4b1b6a1/Documentation/k
ube-flannel.yml
```

On each Kube node server

Join the node to the cluster. Do this by copying the provided line from the output when initializing the master node. Keep in mind that when copying the command, the system will add a newline character if it stretches over multiple lines in the web terminal. To get around this, copy the command to a text editor and make sure it fits on one entire line. It should look something like the following:

```
sudo kubeadm join $controller_private_ip:6443 --token $token --discovery-token-ca-cert-hash $hash
```

On the Kube master server

Verify all nodes are joined and ready:

```
kubectl get nodes
```

You should see see all three servers with a status of Ready.

```
NAME
                         STATUS
                                 ROLES
                                          AGE VERSION
wboydlc.mylabserver.com
                                          54m
                         Ready
                                 master
                                               v1.14.5
                                 master 54m
<none> 49m
wboyd2c.mylabserver.com
                                                v1.14.5
                         Ready
wboyd3c.mylabserver.com
                         Ready
                                 <none> 49m
                                                v1.14.5
```