



Exercise 14.1: Create a Custom Resource Definition

Overview

The use of CustomResourceDefinitions (CRD), has become a common manner to deploy new objects and operators. Creation of a new operator is beyond the scope of this course, basically it is a watch-loop comparing a spec to the current status, and making changes until the states match. A good discussion of creating a controller can be found here: <https://coreos.com/blog/introducing-operators.html>.

First we will examine an existing CRD, then make a simple CRD, but without any particular action. It will be enough to find the object ingested into the API and responding to commands.

1. View the existing CRDs.

```
student@cp:~$ kubectl get crd --all-namespaces
```

```
1 NAME                                CREATED AT
2 bgpconfigurations.crd.projectcalico.org 2020-04-19T17:29:02Z
3 bgppeers.crd.projectcalico.org          2020-04-19T17:29:02Z
4 blockaffinities.crd.projectcalico.org    2020-04-19T17:29:02Z
5 <output_omitted>
```

2. We can see from the names that these CRDs are all working on Calico, our network plugin. View the `calico.yaml` file we used when we initialized the cluster to see how these objects were created, and some CRD templates to review.

```
student@cp:~$ less calico.yaml
```

```
1 <output_omitted>
2 ---
3 # Source: calico/templates/kdd-crds.yaml
4
5 apiVersion: apiextensions.k8s.io/v1beta1
6 kind: CustomResourceDefinition
7 metadata:
8   name: bgpconfigurations.crd.projectcalico.org
9 <output_omitted>
```

3. Now that we have seen some examples, we will create a new YAML file.

```
student@cp:~$ vim crd.yaml
```

YAML

crd.yaml

```
1 apiVersion: apiextensions.k8s.io/v1
2 kind: CustomResourceDefinition
3 metadata:
4   # name must match the spec fields below, and be in the form: <plural>.<group>
5   name: crontabs.stable.example.com
6 spec:
7   # group name to use for REST API: /apis/<group>/<version>
8   group: stable.example.com
9   # list of versions supported by this CustomResourceDefinition
10  versions:
11    - name: v1
```



```

12     # Each version can be enabled/disabled by Served flag.
13     served: true
14     # One and only one version must be marked as the storage version.
15     storage: true
16     schema:
17         openAPIV3Schema:
18             type: object
19             properties:
20                 spec:
21                     type: object
22                     properties:
23                         cronSpec:
24                             type: string
25                         image:
26                             type: string
27                         replicas:
28                             type: integer
29     # either Namespaced or Cluster
30     scope: Namespaced
31     names:
32         # plural name to be used in the URL: /apis/<group>/<version>/<plural>
33         plural: crontabs
34         # singular name to be used as an alias on the CLI and for display
35         singular: crontab
36         # kind is normally the CamelCased singular type. Your resource manifests use this.
37         kind: CronTab
38         # shortNames allow shorter string to match your resource on the CLI
39         shortNames:
40             - ct

```

4. Add the new resource to the cluster.

```
student@cp:~$ kubectl create -f crd.yaml
```

```
1 customresourcedefinition.apiextensions.k8s.io/crontabs.stable.example.com created
```

5. View and describe the resource. The new line may be in the middle of the output. You'll note the **describe** output is unlike other objects we have seen so far.

```
student@cp:~$ kubectl get crd
```

```

1 NAME                                CREATED AT
2 <output_omitted>
3 crontabs.stable.example.com         2021-06-13T03:18:07Z
4 <output_omitted>

```

```
student@cp:~$ kubectl describe crd crontab<Tab>
```

```

1 Name:          crontabs.stable.example.com
2 Namespace:
3 Labels:        <none>
4 Annotations:   <none>
5 API Version:   apiextensions.k8s.io/v1
6 Kind:          CustomResourceDefinition
7 <output_omitted>

```

6. Now that we have a new API resource we can create a new object of that type. In this case it will be a crontab-like image, which does not actually exist, but is being used for demonstration.

```
student@cp:~$ vim new-crontab.yaml
```

YAML

new-crontab.yaml

```
1 apiVersion: "stable.example.com/v1"
2   # This is from the group and version of new CRD
3 kind: CronTab
4   # The kind from the new CRD
5 metadata:
6   name: new-cron-object
7 spec:
8   cronSpec: "*/5 * * * *"
9   image: some-cron-image
10   #Does not exist
```

7. Create the new object and view the resource using short and long name.

```
student@cp:~$ kubectl create -f new-crontab.yaml
```

```
1 crontab.example.com/new-cron-object created
```

```
student@cp:~$ kubectl get CronTab
```

```
1 NAME          AGE
2 new-cron-object 22s
```

```
student@cp:~$ kubectl get ct
```

```
1 NAME          AGE
2 new-cron-object 29s
```

```
student@cp:~$ kubectl describe ct
```

```
1 Name:          new-cron-object
2 Namespace:     default
3 Labels:        <none>
4 Annotations:   <none>
5 API Version:   stable.example.com/v1
6 Kind:          CronTab
7
8 <output_omitted>
9
10 Spec:
11   Cron Spec:   */5 * * * *
12   Image:       some-cron-image
13   Events:      <none>
```

8. To clean up the resources we will delete the CRD. This should delete all of the endpoints and objects using it as well.

```
student@cp:~$ kubectl delete -f crd.yaml
```

```
1 customresourcedefinition.apiextensions.k8s.io "crontabs.stable.example.com" deleted
```

```
student@cp:~$ kubectl get ct
```

```
1 Error from server (NotFound): Unable to list "stable.example.com/v1,
2 Resource=crontabs": the server could not find the requested resource
3 (get crontabs.stable.example.com)
```