

Lab Exercise 8- Create POD in Kubernetes

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Objective:

- Understand the basic structure and syntax of a Kubernetes Pod definition file (YAML).
- Learn to create, inspect, and delete a Pod in a Kubernetes cluster.

Prerequisites

- Kubernetes Cluster: You need a running Kubernetes cluster. You can set up a local cluster using tools like Minikube or kind, or use a cloud-based Kubernetes service.
- kubectl: Install and configure kubectl to interact with your Kubernetes cluster.
- Basic Knowledge of YAML: Familiarity with YAML format will be helpful as Kubernetes resource definitions are written in YAML.

Step-by-Step Guide

Step 1: Create a YAML File for the Pod

We'll create a Pod configuration file named **pod-example.yaml**

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: my-pod
  labels:
    app: web
```

```
spec:  
  containers:  
    - name: my-container  
      image: nginx:latest
```

Explanation of the YAML File

- `apiVersion`: Specifies the version of the Kubernetes API to use. For Pods, it's typically `v1`.
- `kind`: The type of object being created. Here it's a Pod.
- `metadata`: Provides metadata about the object, including name and labels. The name must be unique within the namespace, and labels help in identifying and organizing Pods.
- `spec`: Contains the specifications of the Pod, including:
 - `containers`: Lists all containers that will run inside the Pod. Each container needs:
 - `name`: A unique name within the Pod.
 - `image`: The Docker image to use for the container.
 - `ports`: The ports that this container exposes.
 - `env`: Environment variables passed to the container.

Step 2: Apply the YAML File to Create the Pod

Use the `kubectl apply` command to create the Pod based on the YAML configuration file.

```
kubectl apply -f pod-example.yaml
```

```
PS D:\kubs> code .  
PS D:\kubs> kubectl apply -f pod-example.yaml  
pod/my-pod created  
PS D:\kubs> |
```

This command tells Kubernetes to create a Pod as specified in the `pod-example.yaml` file.

Step 3: Verify the Pod Creation

To check the status of the Pod and ensure it's running, use:

```
kubectl get pods
```

```
pod/my-pod created
PS D:\kubs> kubectl get pods
NAME      READY   STATUS        RESTARTS   AGE
my-pod    0/1     ContainerCreating   0          51s
PS D:\kubs> |
```

This command lists all the Pods in the current namespace, showing their status, restart count, and other details.

You can get detailed information about the Pod using:

```
kubectl describe pod my-pod
```

This command provides detailed information about the Pod, including its events, container specifications, and resource usage.

Step 4: Interact with the Pod

You can interact with the running Pod in various ways, such as accessing the logs or executing commands inside the container.

View Logs: To view the logs of the container in the Pod:

```
kubectl logs my-pod
PS D:\kubs> kubectl logs my-pod
Created container "my-container"
Normal  Created  0s   kubelet      Created container "my-container"
Normal  Created  0s   kubelet      Started container "my-container"
Normal  Running  0s   docker-entrypoint.sh: /docker-entrypoint.d/ is not empty, will attempt to perform configuration
Normal  Running  0s   docker-entrypoint.sh: Looking for shell scripts in /docker-entrypoint.d/
Normal  Running  0s   docker-entrypoint.sh: Launching /docker-entrypoint.d/10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh
Normal  Running  0s   10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh: info: Getting the checksum of /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf
Normal  Running  0s   10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh: info: Enabled listen on IPv6 in /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf
Normal  Running  0s   docker-entrypoint.sh: Sourcing /docker-entrypoint.d/15-local-resolvers.envsh
Normal  Running  0s   docker-entrypoint.sh: Launching /docker-entrypoint.d/20-envsubst-on-templates.sh
Normal  Running  0s   docker-entrypoint.sh: Launching /docker-entrypoint.d/30-tune-worker-processes.sh
Normal  Running  0s   docker-entrypoint.sh: Configuration complete; ready for start up
2026/02/10 09:43:34 [notice] 1#1: using the "epoll" event method
2026/02/10 09:43:34 [notice] 1#1: nginx/1.29.5
2026/02/10 09:43:34 [notice] 1#1: built by gcc 14.2.0 (Debian 14.2.0-19)
2026/02/10 09:43:34 [notice] 1#1: OS: Linux 6.6.87.2-microsoft-standard-WSL2
2026/02/10 09:43:34 [notice] 1#1: getrlimit(RLIMIT_NOFILE): 1048576:1048576
2026/02/10 09:43:34 [notice] 1#1: start worker processes
2026/02/10 09:43:34 [notice] 1#1: start worker process 32
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PS D:\kubs> |
```

Execute a Command: To run a command inside the container:

```
kubectl exec -it my-pod -- /bin/bash
```

```
PS D:\kubs> kubectl exec -it my-pod -- /bin/bash
root@my-pod:/# ^C
root@my-pod:/# :wq
bash: :wq: command not found
root@my-pod:/# :q
bash: :q: command not found
root@my-pod:/# exit
exit
command terminated with exit code 127
PS D:\kubs> |
```

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The `-it` flag opens an interactive terminal session inside the container, allowing you to run commands.

Step 5: Delete the Pod

To clean up and remove the Pod when you're done, use the following command:

```
kubectl delete pod my-pod
```

```
command terminated with exit code 127
PS D:\kubs> kubectl delete pod my-pod
pod "my-pod" deleted from default namespace
PS D:\kubs> |
```

This command deletes the specified Pod from the cluster.