K8s Workload

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Pod Metadata

Defined under metadata:

```
metadata:
   name: my-pod
   labels:
    app: frontend
   annotations:
     description: "Test pod"
```

- name: Unique name for the Pod
- labels: Key-value pairs for selection & grouping
- annotations: Non-identifying metadata

Pod Spec Overview

All core configuration lives under spec:

```
spec:
  containers:
  - name: app
  image: nginx
```

Key fields include:

- containers: Main container definitions
- volumes: Shared storage between containers
- restartPolicy: Always, OnFailure, Never
- nodeSelector, affinity, tolerations: Scheduling rules

Containers Section

Inside spec.containers[]:

```
containers:
- name: app
  image: nginx
  ports:
  - containerPort: 80
  env:
  - name: ENV
    value: prod
  resources:
    requests:
    cpu: "100m"
    memory: "64Mi"
```

- image: Container image
- env: Environment variables
- ports: Exposed ports
- resources : CPU/memory requests & limits
- volumeMounts: Attach shared volumes

Volumes

Defined under spec.volumes:

```
volumes:
- name: config-vol
  configMap:
    name: my-config
```

Mount inside a container:

```
volumeMounts:
- name: config-vol
  mountPath: /etc/config
```

Types include:

• emptyDir, hostPath, configMap, secret, persistentVolumeClaim, etc.

Pod Networking

All containers in a Pod:

- Share same IP address
- Communicate via localhost
- Can expose ports (for internal or service use)

Other fields:

- hostname: Custom Pod hostname
- subdomain: DNS within a headless Service

Scheduling & Placement

Control where Pods run:

```
nodeSelector:
   disktype: ssd

affinity:
   podAntiAffinity:
    requiredDuringSchedulingIgnoredDuringExecution:
        - ...
```

- nodeSelector: Simple key-value match
- affinity: Advanced node/pod affinity rules
- tolerations: Match tainted nodes
- priorityClassName : Influence scheduling priority

Security Context

Control container & Pod privileges:

```
securityContext:
runAsUser: 1000
runAsGroup: 3000
fsGroup: 2000
```

Container-level:

```
containers:
    name: app
    securityContext:
    allowPrivilegeEscalation: false
```

- Use to enforce non-root access
- Enable SELinux, AppArmor profiles

Probes & Lifecycle

Health checks:

```
livenessProbe:
  httpGet:
    path: /health
    port: 8080
readinessProbe:
    exec:
    command: [ "cat", "/tmp/ready" ]
```

- livenessProbe: Restart if check fails
- readinessProbe : Control Service traffic
- startupProbe: For slow-starting apps

Lifecycle Hooks:

postStart, preStop