

# Kubernetes Networking Troubleshooting - Netshoot Guide

## Kubernetes Netshoot Debugging Command

Command:

```
kubectrl run tmp-shell --rm -i --tty --image=nicolaka/netshoot -- bash
```

Purpose:

Launch a temporary debugging pod with full networking toolset in your Kubernetes cluster.

Breakdown:

- `kubectrl run tmp-shell`: Create a pod named tmp-shell
- `--rm`: Delete pod on exit
- `-i`: Keep STDIN open (interactive)
- `--tty`: Allocate a TTY (for shell access)
- `--image=nicolaka/netshoot`: Use a powerful debug image with ping, curl, dig, etc.
- `-- bash`: Start a bash shell inside the pod

Example Uses:

- `ping google.com`
- `nslookup my-service.default.svc.cluster.local`
- `curl -v http://my-app:8080`
- `traceroute 8.8.8.8`
- `tcpdump -i eth0`

Why Netshoot?

Unlike lightweight images, Netshoot contains full network debugging utilities, ideal for diagnosing issues in Kubernetes production environments.

Usage Tip:

Alias the command for quicker access:

```
alias kdebug='kubectrl run tmp-shell --rm -i -t --image=nicolaka/netshoot -- bash'
```