Deploying a Java Application to IBM Cloud Private

In this lab, you deploy a Java application in containers to IBM Cloud Private. The application you will deploy is one of the component microservices of a reference application called Light Blue Compute. Light Blue Compute is a simplified version of the Blue Compute reference application offered on the IBM Cloud Architecture web site. The application stores and maintains images and descriptions for the vintage computer products in an online store. Its data is stored in a MySQL database, which is also deployed in a container.

In this lab, you will be deploying the application in containers in a manual way, by compiling the code, packaging it in a container, and deploying that container to the Kubernetes cluster in IBM Cloud Private. Doing it this way will help you to understand the various steps that are carried out by the more automated methods of deployment you will be working with later.

This exercise assumes that the IBM Cloud Private command line interface plugin has been installed, and that you are generally familiar with your IBM Cloud Private lab environment.

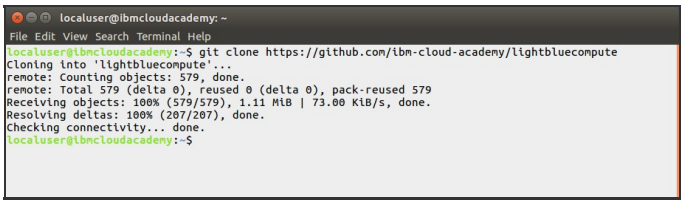
Note: In this exercise and others, there are various text files to be edited and configured. The command instructions in the lab assume the use of the `vi` editor. While `vi` is the prevalent historical text editor for Unix and Linux systems, it does have a learning curve and not all of our students will be familiar with it. If you are not comfortable with the `vi` editor, an alternative is to use `gedit`. You can use the `Files` application in the Application launcher to navigate to the file, then right-click to start the `gedit` editor.

Exercise 1: Deploying the MySQL Container

In this exercise, you create a container for a MySQL database. You deploy that container to your IBM Cloud Private cluster. You log in to the container and run a script to populate the MySQL database with the application data. Finally, you test to see that the data was successfully loaded.

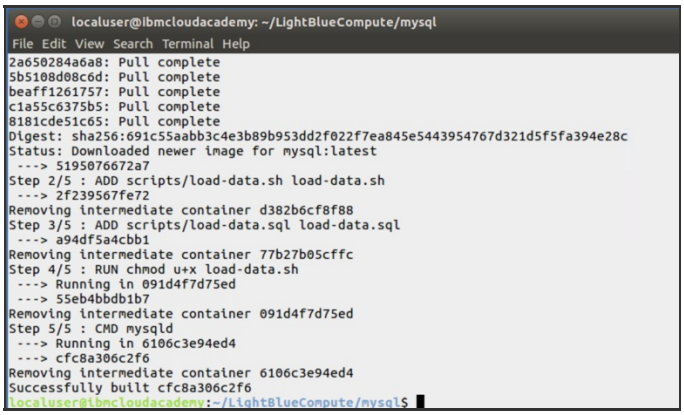
1. In your terminal window, clone the git repository that contains the code for the application you will be deploying.

   ```
   git clone https://github.com/ibm-cloud-academy/LightBlueCompute
   ```



2. Use the mysql folder contents and the commands below to build a docker image named `mysql`. The docker image is built using instructions in a file called `Dockerfile` in the `mysql` subdirectory. Edit the `Dockerfile` to see the commands if you haven't seen a Dockerfile before. When you go to build your container image, don't forget the dot (.) at the end of the `docker build` command.

```
cd ~/LightBlueCompute/mysql
docker build -t mysql .
```



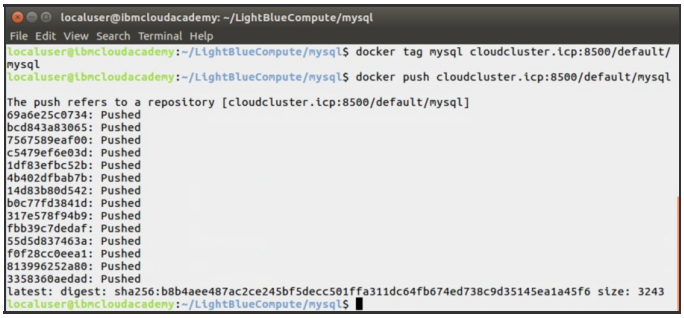
3. Log in to the IBM Cloud Private image registry for docker. This provides the local docker engine credentials to push images to the IBM Cloud Private image registry. Use Username `admin` and Password `passw0rd`. All communications with the IBM Cloud Private image registry use port 8500.

```
docker login cloudcluster.icp:8500
```

4. Tag and push the docker image to your IBM Cloud Private image registry. The `docker tag` command creates an alias name for the container image that associates it with the image repository and

namespace that you want to push it to. In this example we will use the `default` namespace that comes out of the box with IBM Cloud Private. You can also create other namespaces if you wish. Namespaces allow you to enforce access control to the images in your cluster.

```
docker tag mysql cloudcluster.icp:8500/default/mysql
docker push cloudcluster.icp:8500/default/mysql
```



5. Now that the image has been pushed to the IBM Cloud Private image registry, you should be able to see it in the User Interface. Go back to your browser session for IBM Cloud Private. In the menu on the top left, select `Menu > Catalog > Images`. You should see your image listed.

6. Deploy the mysql container to Kubernetes. This step uses a Kubernetes deployment yaml file. Using vi or the editor of your choice, edit the mysql.yml file in the kubernetes subdirectory

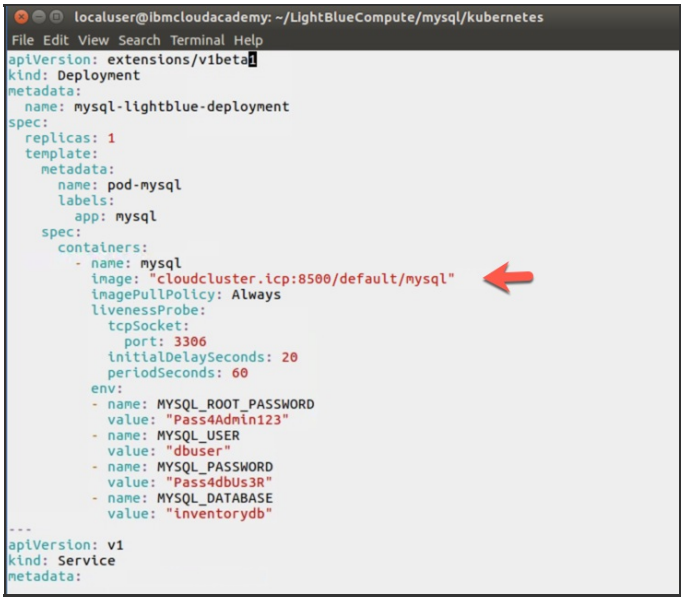
```
cd ~/LightBlueCompute/mysql/kubernetes
vi mysql.yml
```

Make the following modifications.

- Set your image source under `spec > template > spec > containers > image`. Make it match the tagged image name you just pushed to the IBM Cloud Private image registry.
- Answer the following questions:

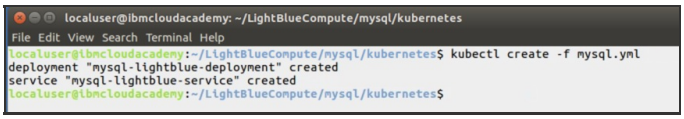
- How is the mysql health checked? _____
- What port will the mysql pod be contacted on? _____
- What is the database userID and password used? _____

- Save the yml file (`:wq <Enter>`)

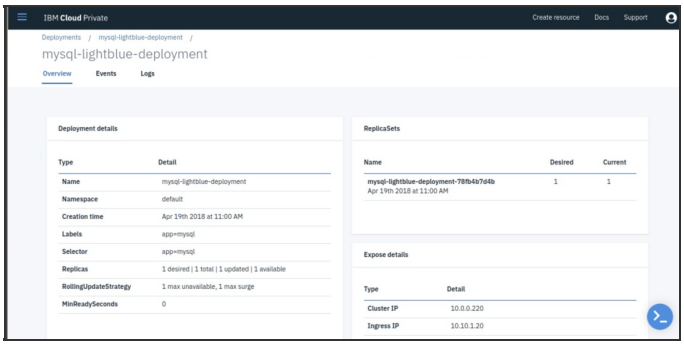


Deploy the yaml file using the following command:

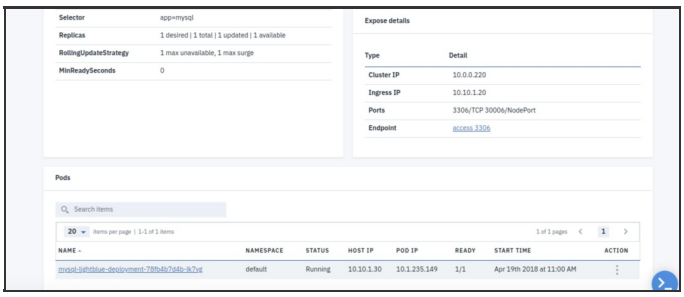
```
kubectl create -f mysql.yml
```



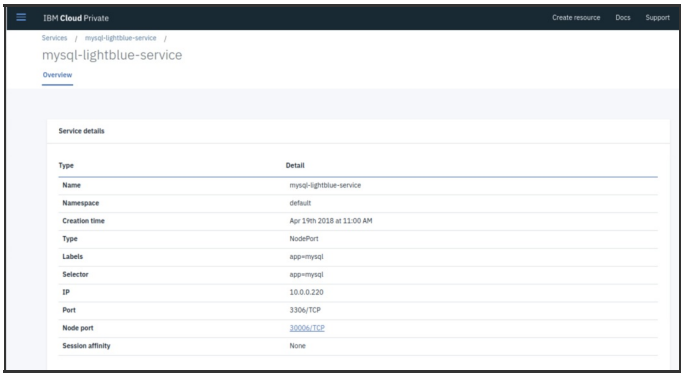
7. Now that you have created the deployment, and also created a Kubernetes service, as configured in the `mysql.yml` file, you should be able to see them in your IBM Cloud Private web user interface. Go to your browser session. Select `Menu > Workloads > Deployments`. You should see `mysql-lightblue-deployment` on the top of the list. Click that link to see more detailed information about this deployment.



Scroll down to see more information about the pod(s) the deployment has been deployed to.



8. You can also display details of the Kubernetes service that provides access to your MySQL database. In your IBM Cloud Private browser web interface, select `Menu > Network Access > Services`. You should see `mysql-lightblue-service` on top of the list. Click that link to see detailed information about your service.



9. Populate the table in the MySQL database

- Get the pod name. The pod name is based on the deployment name. To get the pod name, run the following command (all one line).

```
kubectl describe pod | grep mysql-lightblue-deployment | grep Name
```

- Open a shell session to the pod using the following command. Replace with the pod name returned by the previous command.

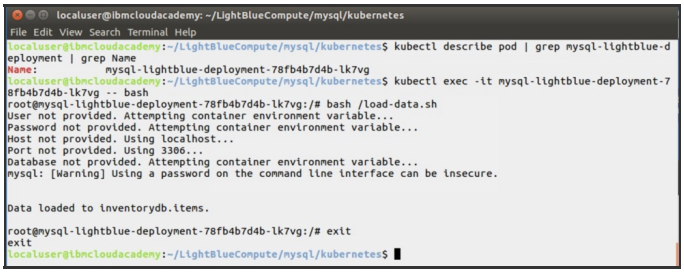
  `kubectl exec -it <podname> -- bash`

- Run the load-data.sh script, which populates the database:

  `bash /load-data.sh`

- Exit from the shell session:

  `exit`



10. Verify that the data is loaded and accessible. To do this, you will use the mysql client that is installed on your VM. In the mysql command below, substitute the mysql user, password and the nodePort found in the `mysql.yml` file.

The `<worker_publicIP>` is the public IP of your worker node. If you can't remember this value, use the command `bx pr workers cloudcluster` to retrieve it. You can use any of the worker nodes' IP addresses in your command.

The `mysql` command below does not tolerate spaces between the parameter and the value for some parameters. Therefore it is best to not use a space between any parameters and their values.

`mysql -u<mysqluser> -p<mysqlpassword> -h<worker_publicIP> -P<nodePort>`

```
          env:
          - name: MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD
            value: "Pass4Admin123"
          - name: MYSQL_USER
            value: "dbuser"
          - name: MYSQL_PASSWORD
            value: "Pass4dbUs3R"
          - name: MYSQL_DATABASE
            value: "inventorydb"
---
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
  name: mysql-lightblue-service
  labels:
    app: mysql
spec:
  type: NodePort
  selector:
    app: mysql
  ports:
   - protocol: TCP
     port: 3306
     nodePort: 30006
```

Once connected, you can verify that the data has been loaded by running the following command:

```
select count(*) from inventorydb.items;
```

It should return a count of 12.

Type `quit` to exit.

```
localuser@ibmcloudacademy: ~/LightBlueCompute/mysql/kubernetes
File  Edit  View  Search  Terminal  Help
localuser@ibmcloudacademy:~/LightBlueCompute/mysql/kubernetes$ bx pr workers cloudcluster
OK
ID                          Private IP   Machine Type   State
cloudcluster-00000000-w1    10.10.1.20   -              deployed
cloudcluster-00000000-w2    10.10.1.30   -              deployed
localuser@ibmcloudacademy:~/LightBlueCompute/mysql/kubernetes$ mysql -udbuser -pPass4dbUs3R -h10.10.1.20
-P30006
mysql: [Warning] Using a password on the command line interface can be insecure.
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 29
Server version: 5.7.21 MySQL Community Server (GPL)

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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql> select count(*) from inventorydb.items;
+----------+
| count(*) |
+----------+
|       12 |
+----------+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> quit
Bye
localuser@ibmcloudacademy:~/LightBlueCompute/mysql/kubernetes$
```

Exercise 2: Deploying the Catalog Application

1. Explore the application.

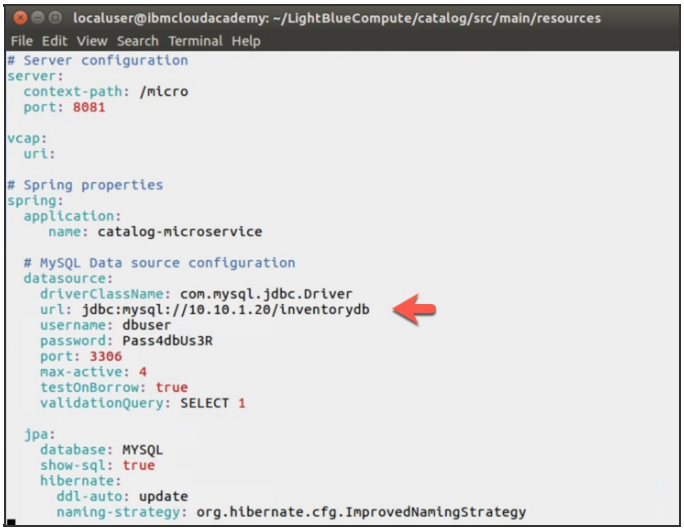
   ```
   cd ~/LightBlueCompute/catalog
   ```

   Check the existing application configuration in the application.yml file (`src/main/resources/application.yml`). What are the correct variable values for:

   - mysql URL: `_____`
   - mysql port: `_____`
   - mysql username: `_____`
   - mysql password: `_____`
   - application port: `_____`

   These values should match the values for the mysql container deployment you just did in the last section. Hint: The mysql URL should include the Worker IP address.

2. Modify the application.yml file to match the configuration of your mysql deployment.



   Note: While it is good practice to have the application.yml file match the target environment for the application, when you are deploying the application to kubernetes, as you will be, some of the parameters in this file will be superceded by parameters in a yaml file for the kubernetes service (in this example the file will be called `catalog.yml`) which you will be configuring in a future step. The configuration

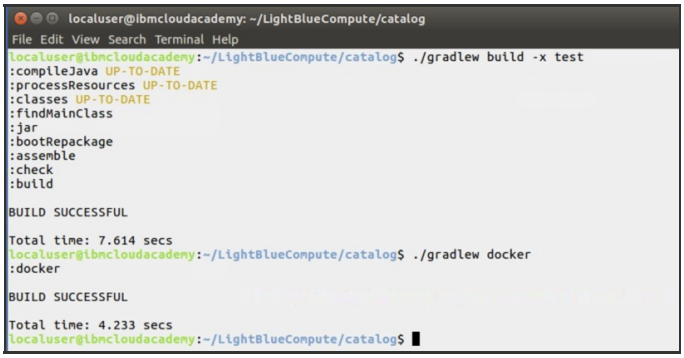
change you just made to the mysql URL parameter in this example is therefore optional.

3. Look at the CatalogController.java file. (`src/main/java/catalog/CatalogController.java`). Check the paths that the application will respond on. There is nothing for you to modify in this file. Looking at it is just for your own interest.

```
| Path                 | Method       |
|----------------------|--------------|
|                      |              |
|                      |              |
|                      |              |
|--------------------------------------|
```

4. Use the following commands to build the executable and copy the application jar file into the docker directory.

```
cd ~/LightBlueCompute/catalog
./gradlew build -x test
./gradlew docker
```

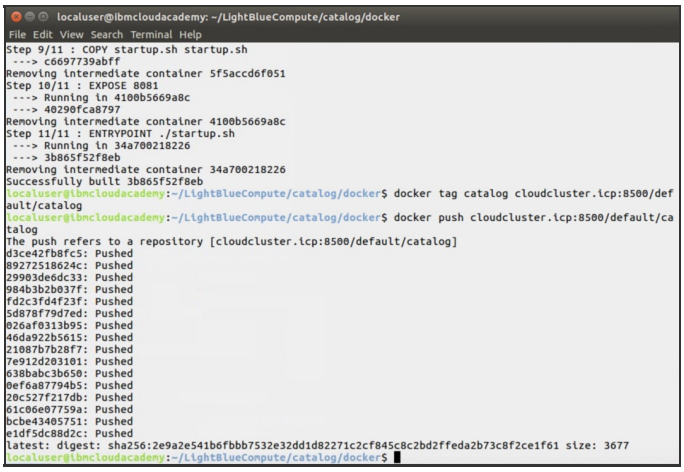


It is likely that your output will be more lengthy than that shown above. If newer versions of dependencies are available, they will be downloaded and this will lengthen the output. As long as you have a `BUILD SUCCESSFUL` message at the end, you are OK.

5. Build and upload the docker image. Don't forget the dot (.) at the end of the `docker build` command.

```
cd docker
docker build -t catalog .
```

```
docker tag catalog cloudcluster.icp:8500/default/catalog
docker push cloudcluster.icp:8500/default/catalog
```

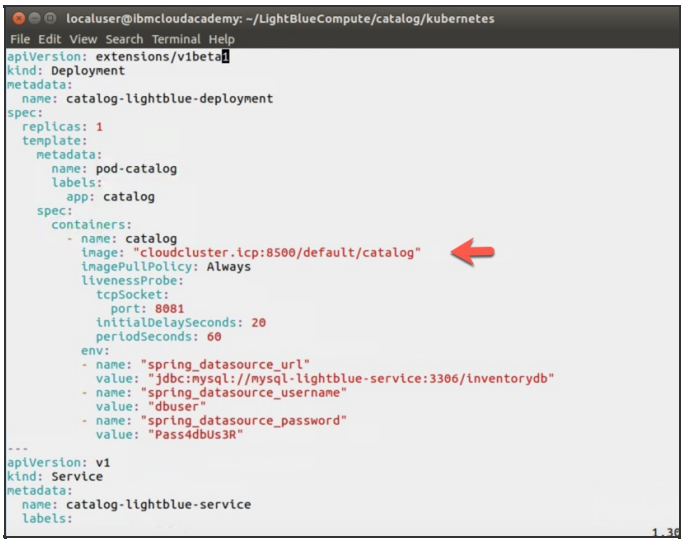


6. Using vi or the editor of your choice, edit the `catalog.yml` file in the kubernetes subdirectory. Modify the file so that the definition matches the name of your container image in the IBM Cloud Private registry.

   ```
   cd ~/LightBlueCompute/catalog/kubernetes
   vi catalog.yml
   ```

   Answer the following questions:

   - How does Kubernetes test this pod's health? `_____`
   - How does the catalog application connect to the mysql instance? `_____`
   - What port is the catalog application exposed at? `_____`
   - What is the service name for the catalog application? `_____`



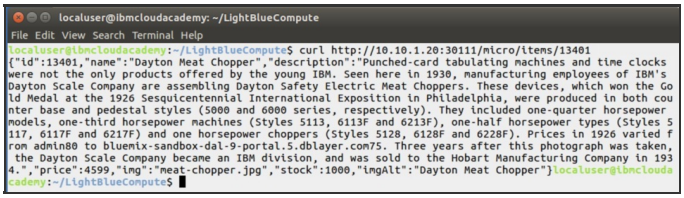
Deploy the yaml file using the command:

```
kubectl create -f catalog.yml
```

7. Now that you have sent the catalog deployment and service to your IBM Cloud Private cluster, you can visit the same pages in the web interface that you did for the mysql deployment to see the details.

8. Test the application. The following command should return the description of one of the products in the catalog.It uses the worker node IP Address and the Node Port of the catalog application service.

```
curl http://10.10.1.20:30111/micro/items/13401
```



If you see output of a product description like the example above, you can successfully deployed your application and completed this lab exercise.

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