

Lesson 06 Demo 06 Limiting the Traffic to an Application

Objective: To limit all network traffic to a specific application within a Kubernetes cluster for controlled access and resource utilization

Tools required: kubeadm, kubectl, kubelet, and containerd

Prerequisites: A Kubernetes cluster should already be set up (refer to the steps provided in Lesson 02, Demo 01 for guidance).

Steps to be followed:

- 1. Launch the API server
- 2. Configure the YAML file for the network policy
- 3. Verify the network policy
- 4. Clear the created resources

Step 1: Launch the API server

1.1 Launch the API server using the following command:

kubectl run apiserver --image=nginx --labels="app=simplilearn,role=cka" --expose --port=80

```
labsuser@master:~$ kubectl run apiserver --image=nginx --labels="app=simplilearn,role=cka" --expose --port=80 service/apiserver created pod/apiserver created labsuser@master:~$ []
```

Note: The above command creates a REST API server with the labels **app=simplilearn** and **role=cka**.



Step 2: Configure the YAML file for the network policy

2.1 Create the YAML file using the following command:

nano api-allow.yaml

```
labsuser@master:~$ kubectl run apiserver --image=nginx --labels="app=simplilearn,role=cka" --expose --port=80 service/apiserver created pod/apiserver created labsuser@master:~$ nano api-allow.yaml
```

2.2 Add the following code to the api-allow.yaml file:

```
kind: NetworkPolicy
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
name: api-allow
spec:
podSelector:
matchLabels:
app: simplilearn
role: cka
ingress:
- from:
- podSelector:
matchLabels:
app: simplilearn
```



```
| Api-allow.yaml * | Api-allow.y
```

2.3 Use the cat command to validate the content of the api-allow.yaml file

```
labsuser@master:~$ nano api-allow.yaml
labsuser@master:~$ cat api-allow.yaml
kind: NetworkPolicy
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
 name: api-allow
spec:
 podSelector:
    matchLabels:
      app: simplilearn
      role: cka
  ingress:
  - from:
      - podSelector:
         matchLabels:
           app: simplilearn
labsuser@master:~$
```

2.4 Create the network policy for traffic allocation using the following command:

kubectl apply -f api-allow.yaml



2.5 Validate if the policy was created successfully using the following command:

kubectl get networkpolicy

```
labsuser@master:~$ kubectl apply -f api-allow.yaml
networkpolicy.networking.k8s.io/api-allow created
labsuser@master:~$ kubectl get networkpolicy

NAME POD-SELECTOR AGE
api-allow app=simplilearn,role=cka 78s
labsuser@master:~$ []
```

Step 3: Verify the network policy

3.1 Validate if the network policy blocks traffic by launching a pod without the app=simplilearn label using the following commands:

```
kubectl run test-$RANDOM --rm -i -t --image=alpine -- sh wget -qO- --timeout=2 http://apiserver
```

The traffic is blocked.

Note: Type exit and press the enter key to exit the command prompt

3.2 Verify if the network policy allows traffic by running the pod with the **app=simplilearn** label using the following commands:

```
kubectl run test-$RANDOM --rm -i -t --image=alpine --
labels="app=simplilearn,role=ckad" – sh
wget -qO- --timeout=2 <a href="http://apiserver">http://apiserver</a>
```



```
/ # wget -q0- --timeout=2 http://apiserver
wget: download timed out
/ # exit
Session ended, resume using 'kubectl attach test-7421 -c test-7421 -i -t' command when the pod is running
pod "test-7421" deleted
labsuser@master:~$ kubectl run test-$RANDOM --rm -i -t --image=alpine --labels="app=simplilearn,role=ckad" -- sh
If you don't see a command prompt, try pressing enter.
/ # wget -q0- --timeout=2 http://apiserver
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Welcome to nginx!</title>
<style>
html { color-scheme: light dark; }
body { width: 35em; margin: 0 auto;
```

```
<style>
html { color-scheme: light dark; }
body { width: 35em; margin: 0 auto;
font-family: Tahoma, Verdana, Arial, sans-serif; }
</style>
</head>
<body>
<h1>Welcome to nginx!</h1>
If you see this page, the nginx web server is successfully installed and
working. Further configuration is required.
For online documentation and support please refer to
<a href="http://nginx.org/">nginx.org</a>.<br/>
Commercial support is available at
<a href="http://nginx.com/">nginx.com</a>.
<em>Thank you for using nginx.</em>
</body>
</html>
/#[
```

Step 4: Clear the created resources

4.1 Delete the pod using the following command:

kubectl delete pod apiserver

```
labsuser@master:~$ kubectl delete pod apiserver
pod "apiserver" deleted
labsuser@master:~$ [
```



4.2 Delete the service using the following command:

kubectl delete service apiserver

```
labsuser@master:~$ kubectl delete pod apiserver

pod "apiserver" deleted

labsuser@master:~$ kubectl delete service apiserver

service "apiserver" deleted

labsuser@master:~$
```

4.3 Delete the network policy using the following command:

kubectl delete networkpolicy api-allow

```
labsuser@master:~$ kubectl delete pod apiserver
pod "apiserver" deleted
labsuser@master:~$ kubectl delete service apiserver
service "apiserver" deleted
labsuser@master:~$ kubectl delete networkpolicy api-allow
networkpolicy.networking.k8s.io "api-allow" deleted
labsuser@master:~$ [
```

By following these steps, you have successfully restricted all network traffic to a specific application within a Kubernetes cluster, promoting controlled access and resource utilization.