

Lesson 04 Demo 02 Configuring a Pod Using Init Container

Objective: To create and configure a pod using the init container to design more complex and flexible workflows for Kubernetes applications

Tools required: kubeadm, kubectl, kubelet, and containerd

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

Steps to be followed:

- 1. Create a pod
- 2. Create the services
- 3. Verify the pod's state

Step 1: Create a pod

1.1 On the master node, enter the command **nano init2-container.yaml** to create a YAML file

```
labsuser@master:~$ nano init2-container.yaml
```



1.2 Copy the following code in the YAML file:

apiVersion: v1 kind: Pod metadata:

name: myapp-pod

labels: app: myapp spec:

containers:
- name: myapp-container

image: registry.access.redhat.com/ubi8/ubi:latest

command: ['sh', '-c', 'echo The app is running! && sleep 3600']

initContainers:

- name: init-myservice

image: registry.access.redhat.com/ubi8/ubi:latest

command: ['sh', '-c', 'until getent hosts myservice; do echo waiting for myservice;

sleep 2; done;']
- name: init-mydb

image: registry.access.redhat.com/ubi8/ubi:latest

command: ['sh', '-c', 'until getent hosts mydb; do echo waiting for mydb; sleep 2;

done;']

```
init2-container.yaml *
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
 name: myapp-pod
   app: myapp
 containers:
  - name: myapp-container
   image: registry.access.redhat.com/ubi8/ubi:latest
   command: ['sh', '-c', 'echo The app is running! && sleep 3600']
 initContainers:
  - name: init-myservice
   image: registry.access.redhat.com/ubi8/ubi:latest
   command: ['sh', '-c', 'until getent hosts myservice; do echo waiting for myservice; sleep 2; done;']
  - name: init-mydb
   image: registry.access.redhat.com/ubi8/ubi:latest
   command: ['sh', '-c', 'until getent hosts mydb; do echo waiting for mydb; sleep 2; done;']
```



1.3 Create a pod by entering the below command: kubectl create -f init2-container.yaml

```
labsuser@master:~$ kubectl create -f init2-myservice.yaml
service/myservice created
```

1.4 Verify the pod's state by entering the following command: **kubectl get pods**

```
labsuser@master:~$ kubectl get pods

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE

myapp-pod 0/1 Init:0/2 0 2m14s

labsuser@master:~$ ■
```

Step 2: Create the services

2.1 To create the first service, create the **init2-myservice.yaml** file by entering the following command:

nano init2-myservice.yaml

```
labsuser@master:~$ nano init2-myservice.yaml
```



2.2 Copy the following code in the YAML file:

kind: Service apiVersion: v1 metadata:

name: myservice

spec: ports:

- protocol: TCP

port: 80

targetPort: 9376

```
GNU nano 6.2
kind: Service
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
   name: myservice
spec:
   ports:
        - protocol: TCP
        port: 80
        targetPort: 9376
```

2.3 Run the following command to create the first service named **myservice**: **kubectl create -f init2-myservice.yaml**

```
labsuser@master:~$ kubectl create -f init2-myservice.yaml
service/myservice created
```

The first service is created successfully.



2.4 To create the second service, create the **init2-mydb.yaml** file by entering the following command:

nano init2-mydb.yaml

2.5 Copy the following code in the YAML file:

kind: Service apiVersion: v1 metadata: name: mydb spec: ports:

- protocol: TCP port: 80

targetPort: 9377

```
GNU nano 6.2
kind: Service
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
name: mydb
spec:
ports:
- protocol: TCP
port: 80
targetPort: 9377
```



2.6 Run the following command to create the second service named **mydb**: **kubectl create -f init2-mydb.yaml**

```
labsuser@master:~$ kubectl create -f init2-mydb.yaml
service/mydb created
```

The second service is created successfully.

Step 3: Verify the pod's state

3.1 Run the following command to verify the state of the pod: **kubectl get pods**

```
labsuser@master:~$ kubectl get pods

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE

myapp-pod 1/1 Running 0 9m3s

labsuser@master:~$ ■
```

You can see that the pod is running.

By following these steps, you have successfully configured the pods using the init container.