

1. Explain Helm's role in Kubernetes.

- Why is Helm preferred over managing plain Kubernetes YAML files?
 - Reusability - Charts can be shared and reused across projects.
 - Versioning - Each chart version is tracked for easy upgrades and rollbacks
 - Customization - Values files allow for environment-specific configurations (development, staging, production)
- List and describe the key components of a Helm chart.
 - Helm CLI Tool - User interface to all Helm functionalities.
 - Chart Format - Charts are collections of YAML configuration files and Go templates.
 - Repositories - HTTP-based storage for packaged charts (index.yaml and .tar.gz files)

2. Environment-specific Configurations:

How does Helm handle environment-specific configurations? Provide an example.

- Helm handles environment-specific configurations by using **values files** (`values.yaml`) and allowing you to override them at install/upgrade time for example having a general values.yaml with all the default values then have prod-values.yaml file with values specific to prod that you can override during install / upgrade.

3. Helm Chart Repositories:

What is a Helm chart repository, and how can it be hosted? List at least three hosting options.

- Helm repository host a predefined helm charts made by 3rd party it can be community official vendor such as Bitnami or prometheus-compunity
- They can be hosted in Github, S3 bucket, ArtifactHub

4. CI/CD Integration:

How can Helm be integrated into a CI/CD pipeline? Explain the typical steps involved.

1. Build app & image.
2. Lint the chart.
3. Chart tests.
4. Package publish the chart.
5. Dry-run / diff against the cluster.
6. Deploy to environment.
7. Post-deploy checks.
8. Rollback on failure.

9. Secrets & config.