🚀 configmap-secret-demo

> A Kubernetes application demonstrating best practices for ConfigMaps, Secrets, and Deployments using YAML manifests.

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🧩 Overview

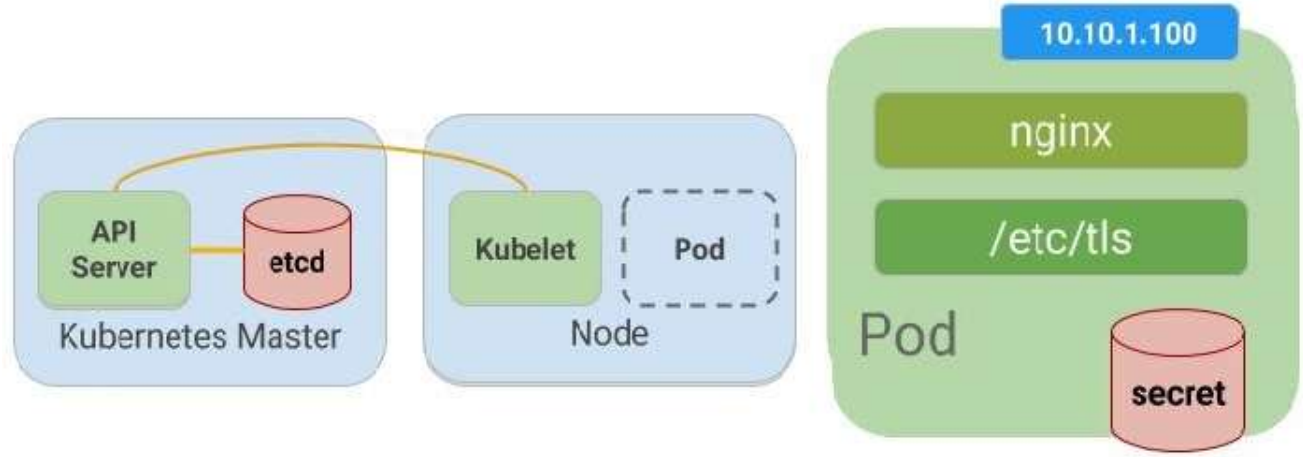
This project demonstrates:

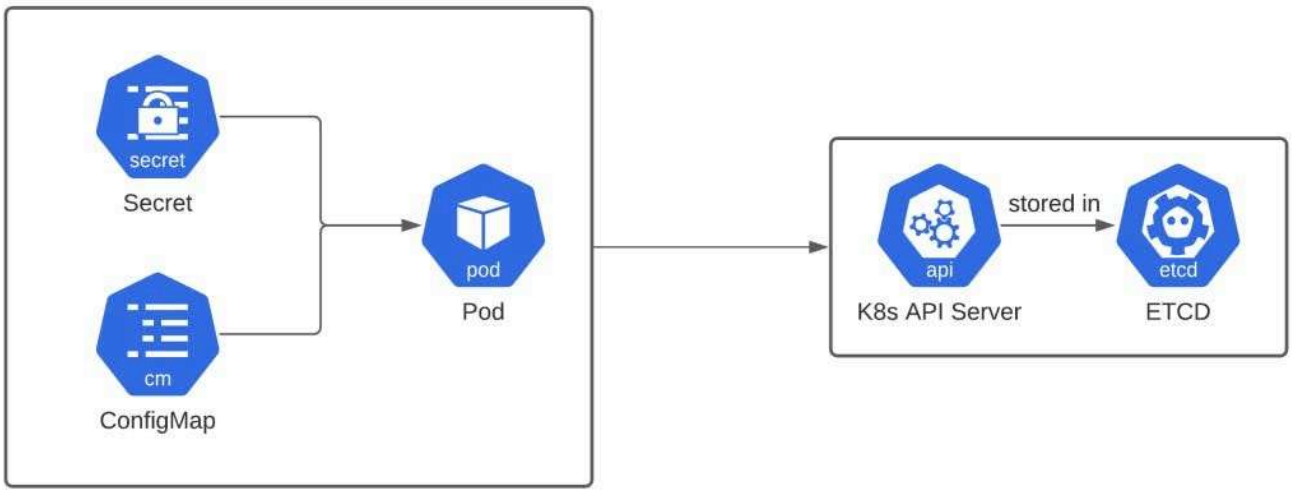
- Externalized configuration using **ConfigMaps**
- Secure credential management using **Secrets**
- Application deployment using **Deployments**
- Environment variable injection into containers

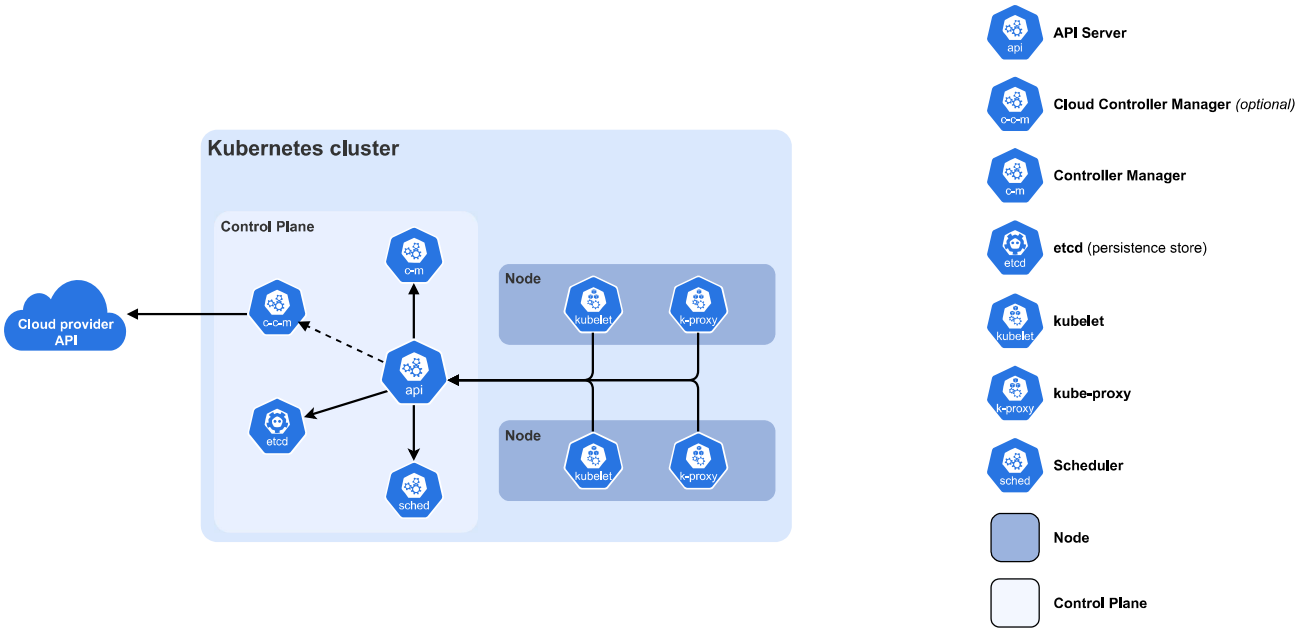
Use case:

> Ideal for **two-tier or microservice apps** running on Kubernetes clusters (Minikube, EKS, AKS, GKE).

Architecture Diagram







Architecture Flow

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│  User/App    │
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┌──────────────────────────────┐
│ Kubernetes Deployment        │
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│  │ Pod                    │  │
│  │   ├─ ConfigMap         │  │
│  │   ├─ Secret            │  │
│  │   └─ Container App     │  │
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```

📁 Folder Structure

```
.
├── README.md
├── k8s
│   ├── configmap.yml
│   ├── secret.yml
│   └── deployment.yml
```

⚙️ Prerequisites

- Kubernetes Cluster (Minikube / EKS / Kind)
- kubectl configured
- Docker image available

Check:

```
kubectl get nodes
```

📦 Kubernetes Manifests

🔹 ConfigMap (`configmap.yml`)

```yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
  name: app-config
data:
  APP_ENV: "production"
  APP_PORT: "8080"
```

🔹 Secret (`secret.yml`)

```yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: app-secret
type: Opaque
data:
  DB_USERNAME: YWRtaW4=     # admin
  DB_PASSWORD: cGFzc3dvcmQ= # password
```

> 🔐 Secrets must be base64 encoded:

```
echo -n admin | base64
```

🔹 Deployment (`deployment.yml`)

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: demo-app
spec:
  replicas: 2
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: demo
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        app: demo
    spec:
      containers:
      - name: demo-container
        image: nginx:latest
        ports:
        - containerPort: 80
        env:
        - name: APP_ENV
          valueFrom:
            configMapKeyRef:
              name: app-config
              key: APP_ENV
        - name: DB_USERNAME
          valueFrom:
            secretKeyRef:
              name: app-secret
              key: DB_USERNAME
```

🚀 Deployment Steps

Apply resources in order:

```
kubectl apply -f configmap.yml
kubectl apply -f secret.yml
```

```
kubectl apply -f deployment.yml
```

🔍 Verification

```
kubectl get pods
kubectl describe pod <pod-name>
```

Check environment variables:

```
kubectl exec -it <pod-name> -- env
```

🧹 Cleanup

```
kubectl delete -f deployment.yml
kubectl delete -f configmap.yml
kubectl delete -f secret.yml
```

✅ Best Practices

✔ Never commit plaintext secrets ✔ Use External Secrets in production (AWS Secrets Manager, Vault) ✔ Separate manifests per environment (dev/stage/prod) ✔ Use Helm or Kustomize for scaling ✔ Enable RBAC and Network Policies