### **Lab Exercise 7- Managing Namespaces in Kubernetes**

**Step 1: Understand Namespaces**

Namespaces provide a mechanism for scoping resources in a cluster. Namespaces can be used to:

* Create environments for different applications or teams.
* Apply policies like resource quotas or network policies on a per-namespace basis.
* Separate operational environments (like development and production).

**Step 2: List Existing Namespaces**

To list all the namespaces in your Kubernetes cluster:

kubectl get namespaces

You will typically see default namespaces like default, kube-system, and kube-public.

**Step 3: Create a Namespace**

You can create a namespace using a YAML file or directly with the kubectl command.

**Using YAML File**

Create a file named my-namespace.yaml with the following content:

apiVersion: v1

kind: Namespace

metadata:

name: my-namespace # The name of the namespace.

labels:

environment: development # Optional labels to categorize the namespace.

Apply this YAML to create the namespace:

kubectl apply -f my-namespace.yaml

Using kubectl Command

Alternatively, create a namespace using the kubectl command:

kubectl create namespace my-namespace

Verify that the namespace is created:

kubectl get namespaces

You should see my-namespace listed in the output.

**Step 4: Deploy Resources in a Namespace**

Create resources such as Pods, Services, or Deployments within the new namespace.

Deploy a Pod in the Namespace

Create a YAML file named nginx-pod.yaml with the following content:

apiVersion: v1

kind: Pod

metadata:

name: nginx-pod

namespace: my-namespace # Specify the namespace for the Pod.

spec:

containers:

- name: nginx

image: nginx:latest

ports:

- containerPort: 80

Apply this YAML to create the Pod:

kubectl apply -f nginx-pod.yaml

Check the status of the Pod within the namespace:

kubectl get pods -n my-namespace

To describe the Pod and see detailed information:

kubectl describe pod nginx-pod -n my-namespace

Create a Service in the Namespace

Create a YAML file named **nginx-service.yaml** with the following content:

apiVersion: v1

kind: Service

metadata:

name: nginx-service

namespace: my-namespace # Specify the namespace for the Service.

spec:

selector:

app: nginx-pod

ports:

- protocol: TCP

port: 80

targetPort: 80

type: ClusterIP

Apply this YAML to create the Service:

kubectl apply -f nginx-service.yaml

Check the status of the Service within the namespace:

kubectl get services -n my-namespace

To describe the Service and see detailed information:

kubectl describe service nginx-service -n my-namespace

**Step 5: Switching Context Between Namespaces**

When working with multiple namespaces, you can specify the namespace in kubectl commands or switch the default context.

**Specify Namespace in Commands**

You can specify the namespace directly in kubectl commands using the -n or --namespace flag:

kubectl get pods -n my-namespace

**Set Default Namespace for kubectl Commands**

To avoid specifying the namespace every time, you can set the default namespace for the current context:

kubectl config set-context --current --namespace=my-namespace

Verify the current context’s namespace:

kubectl config view --minify | grep namespace

**Step 6: Clean Up Resources**

To delete the resources and the namespace you created:

kubectl delete -f nginx-pod.yaml

kubectl delete -f nginx-service.yaml

kubectl delete namespace my-namespace

Ensure that the namespace and all its resources are deleted:

kubectl get namespaces