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Elective 3

## Assignment# 5 - Kubernetes Home Lab Activity

**Hello Minikube:**

### Tools needed:

Minikube

Kubectl

Virtual Box

Virtual Box Main Screen (after installation)



Start the Minikube using the 'minikube start' command

```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
Windows PowerShell
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Try the new cross-platform PowerShell https://aka.ms/pscore6

PS C:\Users\Admin> New-Item -Path 'c:\' -Name 'minikube' -ItemType Directory -Force
>> $ProgressPreference = 'SilentlyContinue'; Invoke-WebRequest -OutFile 'c:\minikube\minikube.exe' -Uri 'https://github.com/kubernetes/minikube/releases/latest/download/minikube-windows-amd64.exe' -UseBasicParsing
>>

Directory: C:\

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
d-----          11/25/2025  10:50 AM             minikube

PS C:\Users\Admin> $oldPath = [Environment]::GetEnvironmentVariable('Path', [EnvironmentVariableTarget]::Machine)
>> if ($oldPath.Split(';') -notcontains 'C:\minikube'){
>>   [Environment]::SetEnvironmentVariable('Path', $('{0};C:\minikube' -f $oldPath), [EnvironmentVariableTarget]::Machine)
>> }
>>
PS C:\Users\Admin> minikube start
>>
* minikube v1.37.0 on Microsoft Windows 10 Pro 10.0.19045.4239 Build 19045.4239
* Automatically selected the virtualbox driver
* Downloading VM boot image ...
  > minikube-v1.37.0-amd64.iso....: 65 B / 65 B [-----] 100.00% ? p/s 0s
  > minikube-v1.37.0-amd64.iso: 370.78 MiB / 370.78 MiB 100.00% 6.42 MiB p/
* Starting "minikube" primary control-plane node in "minikube" cluster
* Downloading Kubernetes v1.34.0 preload ...
  > preloaded-images-k8s-v18-v1....: 337.07 MiB / 337.07 MiB 100.00% 4.08 Mi
* Creating virtualbox VM (CPUs=2, Memory=4000MB, Disk=20000MB) ...
! Failing to connect to https://registry.k8s.io/ from inside the minikube VM
* To pull new external images, you may need to configure a proxy: https://minikube.sigs.k8s.io/docs/reference/networking/proxy/
* Preparing Kubernetes v1.34.0 on Docker 28.4.0 ...
* Configuring bridge CNI (Container Networking Interface) ...
  - Using image gcr.io/k8s-minikube/storage-provisioner:v5
* Enabled addons: storage-provisioner, default-storageclass
* Verifying Kubernetes components...
* Done! kubectl is now configured to use "minikube" cluster and "default" namespace by default
PS C:\Users\Admin>
```

Check kubectl version

```
Windows PowerShell
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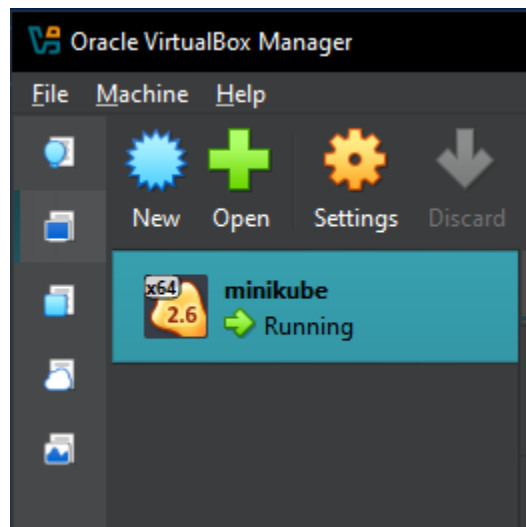
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PS C:\Users\Admin> kubectl version --client
>>
Client Version: v1.34.0
Kustomize Version: v5.7.1
```

Check if minikube is running using minikube status command

```
PS C:\Users\Admin> minikube status
minikube
type: Control Plane
host: Running
kubelet: Running
apiserver: Running
kubeconfig: Configured
```

Minikube will run on Virtual Box automatically after starting it on terminal



Access new cluster using this command

```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\Admin> kubectl get po -A
>>
NAMESPACE      NAME                                                    READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
kube-system     coredns-66bc5c9577-fxhbf                             1/1     Running   0           8m15s
kube-system     etcd-minikube                                           1/1     Running   0           8m21s
kube-system     kube-apiserver-minikube                                1/1     Running   0           8m21s
kube-system     kube-controller-manager-minikube                       1/1     Running   0           8m21s
kube-system     kube-proxy-hnh6p                                         1/1     Running   0           8m16s
kube-system     kube-scheduler-minikube                                1/1     Running   0           8m21s
kube-system     storage-provisioner                                     1/1     Running   1 (8m12s ago) 8m19s
PS C:\Users\Admin>
```

**Next step is Deployment**

Use this command to make a sample deployment and expose it on port 8080

```
PS C:\Users\Admin> kubectl create deployment hello-minikube --image=kicbase/echo-server:1.0
>> kubectl expose deployment hello-minikube --type=NodePort --port=8080
>>
deployment.apps/hello-minikube created
service/hello-minikube exposed
PS C:\Users\Admin>
```

Then use this command to retrieve the information about Kubernetes services

```
PS C:\Users\Admin> kubectl get services hello-minikube
>>
NAME          TYPE        CLUSTER-IP   EXTERNAL-IP   PORT(S)          AGE
hello-minikube NodePort    10.100.97.32 <none>        8080:31890/TCP   2m17s
PS C:\Users\Admin>
```

Then use this command to let minikube launch a web browser in order to access this service

```
PS C:\Users\Admin> minikube service hello-minikube
>>


| NAMESPACE | NAME           | TARGET PORT | URL                         |
|-----------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| default   | hello-minikube | 8080        | http://192.168.59.100:31890 |


* Opening service default/hello-minikube in default browser...
PS C:\Users\Admin>
```

Now, we can see the detail of the application and this is the proof that the system is working

```
Request served by hello-minikube-bbcb89c6c-876t1
HTTP/1.1 GET /
Host: 192.168.59.100:31890
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8,application/signed-exchange;v=b3;q=0.7
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9
Connection: keep-alive
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/142.0.0.0 Safari/537.36
```

## Get a Shell to a Running Container:

*In this exercise, create a Pod running Nginx, but since Task 3 focuses on WordPress and MySQL with persistent volumes, I will skip steps that are not necessary for learning Pod creation and container access.*

### Step 1: Create the Pod

Create the shell-demo Pod:

```
PS C:\Users\Admin> kubectl apply -f https://k8s.io/examples/application/shell-demo.yaml
>>
pod/shell-demo created
PS C:\Users\Admin>
```

Verify that the Pod is running:

```
PS C:\Users\Admin> kubectl get pod shell-demo
>>
NAME          READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
shell-demo    1/1     Running   0           41s
PS C:\Users\Admin>
```

### Step 2: Open a Shell in the Container

Open an interactive shell:

```
PS C:\Users\Admin> kubectl exec --stdin --tty shell-demo -- /bin/bash
>>
root@minikube:/#
```

Inside the container, you can check basic info if needed:

```
root@minikube:/# ls/
bash: ls/: No such file or directory
```

*Skipped: Installing additional tools (tcpdump, lsof, procps) and running commands like ps aux | grep nginx because Task 3 focuses on multi-container deployments and persistent volumes, not container debugging.*

Exit the shell when done:

```
root@minikube:/# exit  
exit  
command terminated with exit code 127
```

### Step 3: Running Individual Commands (Optional)

You can still run simple commands without opening a shell:

```
PS C:\Users\Admin> kubectl exec shell-demo -- env
>> kubectl exec shell-demo -- ls /
>>
PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin
HOSTNAME=minikube
KUBERNETES_PORT_443_TCP_PROTO=tcp
KUBERNETES_PORT_443_TCP_PORT=443
KUBERNETES_PORT_443_TCP_ADDR=10.96.0.1
HELLO_MINIKUBE_SERVICE_HOST=10.100.97.32
HELLO_MINIKUBE_PORT_8080_TCP_ADDR=10.100.97.32
KUBERNETES_PORT=tcp://10.96.0.1:443
KUBERNETES_SERVICE_PORT=443
KUBERNETES_PORT_443_TCP=tcp://10.96.0.1:443
HELLO_MINIKUBE_PORT_8080_TCP_PROTO=tcp
KUBERNETES_SERVICE_HOST=10.96.0.1
HELLO_MINIKUBE_SERVICE_PORT=8080
HELLO_MINIKUBE_PORT=tcp://10.100.97.32:8080
HELLO_MINIKUBE_PORT_8080_TCP=tcp://10.100.97.32:8080
HELLO_MINIKUBE_PORT_8080_TCP_PORT=8080
KUBERNETES_SERVICE_PORT_HTTPS=443
NGINX_VERSION=1.29.3
NJS_VERSION=0.9.4
NJS_RELEASE=1~trixie
PKG_RELEASE=1~trixie
DYNPKG_RELEASE=1~trixie
HOME=/root
bin
boot
dev
docker-entrypoint.d
docker-entrypoint.sh
etc
home
lib
lib64
media
mnt
opt
proc
root
run
sbin
srv
sys
tmp
usr
var
PS C:\Users\Admin>
```

*Skipped: Any further container experimentation because it's not required for deploying WordPress and MySQL.*

#### Step 4: Multi-Container Pods (Optional Reference)

If a Pod has more than one container, you can specify which container to access:

```
'kubectl exec -i -t my-pod --container main-app -- /bin/bash'
```

*Skipped: Practicing this now because WordPress/MySQL deployment will naturally involve multi-container Pods, and we will cover it in Task 3.*



## Deploying Wordpress and MySQL with persistent volumes:

This task deploys a WordPress site with a MySQL backend using PersistentVolumes (PV) and PersistentVolumeClaims (PVC) on Minikube.

### Step 1: Download Deployment Files

Download the MySQL and WordPress deployment YAMLs:

```
PS C:\Users\Admin> # Download MySQL YAML
>> Invoke-WebRequest -Uri "https://k8s.io/examples/application/wordpress/mysql-deployment.yaml" -OutFile "mysql-deployment.yaml"
>>
>> # Download WordPress YAML
>> Invoke-WebRequest -Uri "https://k8s.io/examples/application/wordpress/wordpress-deployment.yaml" -OutFile "wordpress-deployment.yaml"
>>
PS C:\Users\Admin>
```

### Step 2: Create a Secret for MySQL Password

Create kustomization.yaml with a Secret generator:

```
PS C:\Users\Admin> @"
>> secretGenerator:
>> - name: mysql-pass
>>   literals:
>>   - password=GEEWONII
>> "@ > kustomization.yaml
>>
```

### Step 3: Add Deployment Resources to Kustomization

Append the MySQL and WordPress YAML files to kustomization.yaml:

```
PS C:\Users\Admin> @"
>> resources:
>> - mysql-deployment.yaml
>> - wordpress-deployment.yaml
>> "@ >> kustomization.yaml
>>
PS C:\Users\Admin>
```

### Step 4: Apply the Kustomization

Deploy all resources to the cluster:

```
PS C:\Users\Admin> kubectl apply -k .\
>>
secret/mysql-pass-fkgkd7hf27 created
service/wordpress created
Warning: spec.SessionAffinity is ignored for headless services
service/wordpress-mysql created
persistentvolumeclaim/mysql-pv-claim created
persistentvolumeclaim/wp-pv-claim created
deployment.apps/wordpress created
deployment.apps/wordpress-mysql created
PS C:\Users\Admin>
```

### Step 5: Verify Resources

1. Check that the Secret exists:

```
PS C:\Users\Admin> kubectl get secrets
>>
NAME                                TYPE      DATA   AGE
mysql-pass-fkgkd7hf27              Opaque    1        42s
PS C:\Users\Admin>
```

2. Check that PersistentVolumeClaims are bound:

```
PS C:\Users\Admin> kubectl get secrets
>>
NAME                                TYPE      DATA   AGE
mysql-pass-fkgkd7hf27              Opaque    1        42s
PS C:\Users\Admin> kubectl get pvc
>>
NAME      STATUS    VOLUME                                     CAPACITY   ACCESS MODES   STORAGECLASS   VOLUMEATTRIBUTESCLASS   AGE
mysql-pv-claim   Bound     pvc-3d9e93f8-4518-42f6-928c-a1f67c06cedb   20Gi        RWO              standard        <unset>                95s
wp-pv-claim      Bound     pvc-e51a71d7-4452-4a2a-bf35-05cf0a6cfaca   20Gi        RWO              standard        <unset>                95s
PS C:\Users\Admin>
```

3. Check that Pods are running:

```
PS C:\Users\Admin> kubectl get pods
>>
NAME                                READY    STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
hello-minikube-bbcb89c6c-876t1     1/1      Running   0           54m
nginx-66686b6766-47x5v             1/1      Running   0           26m
shell-demo                          1/1      Running   0           23m
wordpress-598b5b87c4-h9n49         1/1      Running   0          2m30s
wordpress-mysql-869ff64b4d-vvgdt   1/1      Running   0          2m30s
PS C:\Users\Admin>
```

4. Check that the WordPress Service exists:

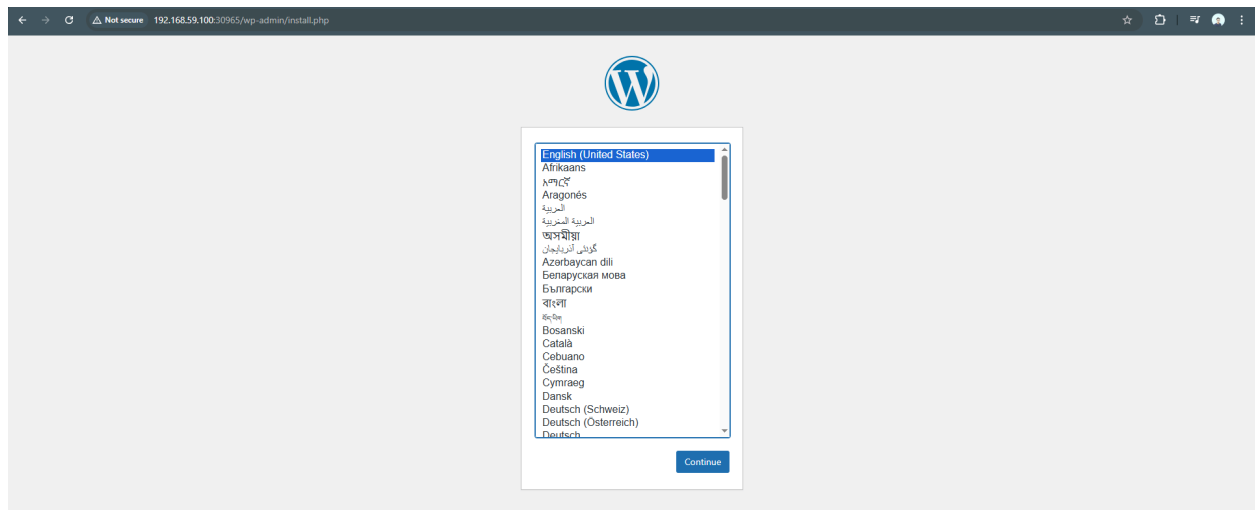
```
PS C:\Users\Admin> kubectl get services wordpress
>>
NAME          TYPE          CLUSTER-IP    EXTERNAL-IP    PORT(S)          AGE
wordpress    LoadBalancer 10.104.40.72   <pending>      80:30965/TCP     2m53s
PS C:\Users\Admin>
```

## 5. Get the WordPress URL:

This returns a URL like:

```
PS C:\Users\Admin> minikube service wordpress --url
>>
http://192.168.59.100:30965
PS C:\Users\Admin>
```

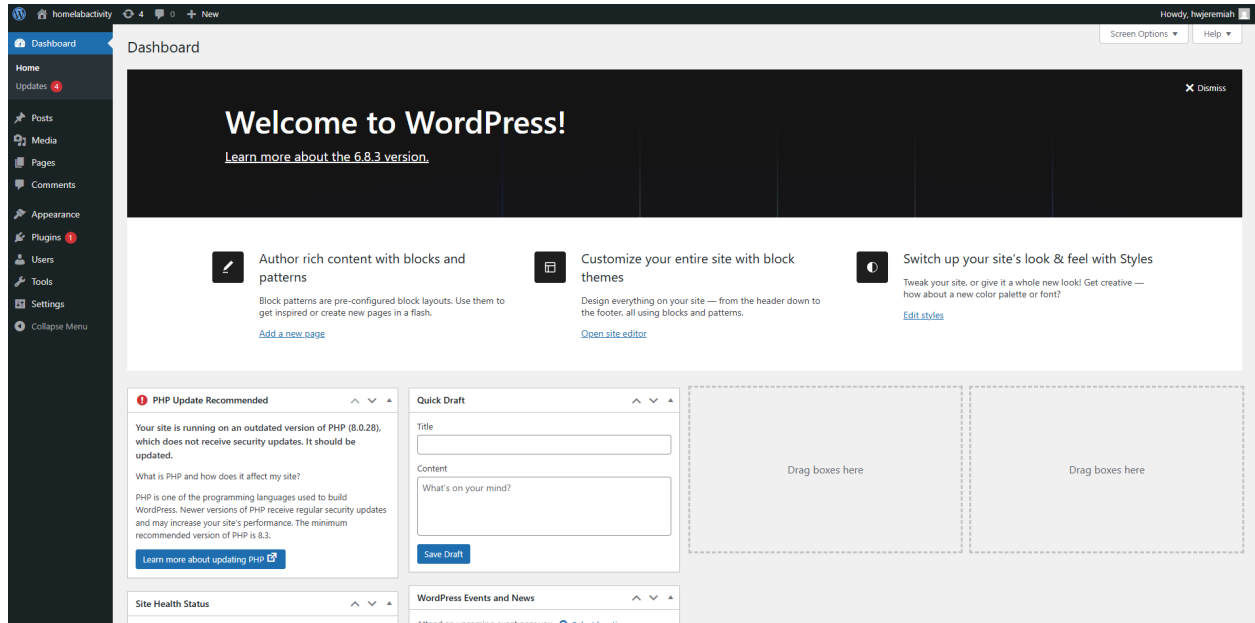
Open this URL in your browser to access the WordPress setup page.



## Step 6: Complete WordPress Setup

Create your WordPress admin username and password.

Finish the installation to secure your site.



## Step 7: Clean Up

1. After finishing, delete all resources created by the kustomization:

```
PS C:\Users\Admin> kubectl delete -k .\
>>
secret "mysql-pass-fkgkd7hf27" deleted from default namespace
service "wordpress" deleted from default namespace
service "wordpress-mysql" deleted from default namespace
persistentvolumeclaim "mysql-pv-claim" deleted from default namespace
persistentvolumeclaim "wp-pv-claim" deleted from default namespace
deployment.apps "wordpress" deleted from default namespace
deployment.apps "wordpress-mysql" deleted from default namespace
```

2. Stop minikube (if you want to keep files for later)
3. Delete minikube (Delete the virtual machine and its data)