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CKA Simulator Kubernetes 1.27

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Pre Setup

Once you've gained access to your terminal it might be wise to spend ~1 minute to setup your environment. You could set these:

```
alias k=kubectl # will already be pre-configured

export do="--dry-run=client -o yaml" # k create deploy nginx --image=nginx $do

export now="--force --grace-period 0" # k delete pod x $now
```

Vim

The following settings will already be configured in your real exam environment in <a>.vimrc. But it can never hurt to be able to type these down:

```
set tabstop=2
set expandtab
set shiftwidth=2
```

More setup suggestions are in the **tips section**.

Question 1 | Contexts

Task weight: 1%

You have access to multiple clusters from your main terminal through kubect1 contexts. Write all those context names into [/opt/course/1/contexts].

Next write a command to display the current context into [/opt/course/1/context_default_kubectl.sh], the command should use [kubectl].

Finally write a second command doing the same thing into <code>/opt/course/1/context_default_no_kubectl.sh</code>, but without the use of <code>[kubectl]</code>.

Answer:

Maybe the fastest way is just to run:

```
k config get-contexts # copy manually
k config get-contexts -o name > /opt/course/1/contexts
```

Or using jsonpath:

```
k config view -o yaml # overview
k config view -o jsonpath="{.contexts[*].name}"
k config view -o jsonpath="{.contexts[*].name}" | tr " " "\n" # new lines
k config view -o jsonpath="{.contexts[*].name}" | tr " " "\n" > /opt/course/1/contexts
```

The content should then look like:

```
# /opt/course/1/contexts
k8s-c1-H
k8s-c2-AC
k8s-c3-CCC
```

Next create the first command:

```
# /opt/course/1/context_default_kubectl.sh
kubectl config current-context
```

```
→ sh /opt/course/1/context_default_kubectl.sh
k8s-c1-H
```

And the second one:

```
# /opt/course/1/context_default_no_kubectl.sh
cat ~/.kube/config | grep current
```

```
→ sh /opt/course/1/context_default_no_kubectl.sh current-context: k8s-c1-H
```

In the real exam you might need to filter and find information from bigger lists of resources, hence knowing a little jsonpath and simple bash filtering will be helpful.

The second command could also be improved to:

```
# /opt/course/1/context_default_no_kubectl.sh
cat ~/.kube/config | grep current | sed -e "s/current-context: //"
```

Question 2 | Schedule Pod on Controlplane Node

Task weight: 3%

Use context: kubectl config use-context k8s-c1-H

Create a single *Pod* of image [httpd:2.4.41-alpine] in *Namespace* [default]. The *Pod* should be named [pod1] and the container should be named [pod1-container]. This *Pod* should only be scheduled on a controlplane *node*, do not add new labels any nodes.

Answer:

First we find the controlplane node(s) and their taints:

```
k get node # find controlplane node

k describe node cluster1-controlplane1 | grep Taint -A1 # get controlplane node taints

k get node cluster1-controlplane1 --show-labels # get controlplane node labels
```

Next we create the *Pod* template:

```
# check the export on the very top of this document so we can use $do
k run pod1 --image=httpd:2.4.41-alpine $do > 2.yaml
vim 2.yaml
```

Perform the necessary changes manually. Use the Kubernetes docs and search for example for tolerations and nodeSelector to find examples:

```
# 2.yaml
apiversion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
 creationTimestamp: null
 labels:
   run: pod1
 name: pod1
spec:
 containers:
 - image: httpd:2.4.41-alpine
   name: pod1-container
                                              # change
   resources: {}
 dnsPolicy: ClusterFirst
 restartPolicy: Always
  tolerations:
                                              # add
  effect: NoSchedule
   key: node-role.kubernetes.io/control-plane # add
 nodeSelector:
   node-role.kubernetes.io/control-plane: "" # add
status: {}
```

Important here to add the toleration for running on controlplane nodes, but also the nodeSelector to make sure it only runs on controlplane nodes. If we only specify a toleration the *Pod* can be scheduled on controlplane or worker nodes.

```
k -f 2.yaml create
```

Let's check if the pod is scheduled:

```
→ k get pod pod1 -o wide

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS ... NODE NOMINATED NODE

pod1 1/1 Running 0 ... cluster1-controlplane1 <none>
```

Question 3 | Scale down StatefulSet

Task weight: 1%

Use context: kubectl config use-context k8s-c1-H

There are two *Pods* named **o3db-*** in *Namespace* **project-c13**. C13 management asked you to scale the *Pods* down to one replica to save resources.

Answer:

If we check the *Pods* we see two replicas:

From their name it looks like these are managed by a *StatefulSet*. But if we're not sure we could also check for the most common resources which manage *Pods*:

```
→ k -n project-c13 get deploy,ds,sts | grep o3db statefulset.apps/o3db 2/2 2m56s
```

Confirmed, we have to work with a *StatefulSet*. To find this out we could also look at the *Pod* labels:

To fulfil the task we simply run:

```
→ k -n project-c13 scale sts o3db --replicas 1
statefulset.apps/o3db scaled

→ k -n project-c13 get sts o3db

NAME READY AGE
o3db 1/1 4m39s
```

C13 Mangement is happy again.

Question 4 | Pod Ready if Service is reachable

Task weight: 4%

Use context: kubectl config use-context k8s-c1-H

Do the following in *Namespace* [default]. Create a single *Pod* named [ready-if-service-ready] of image [nginx:1.16.1-alpine]. Configure a LivenessProbe which simply executes command [true]. Also configure a ReadinessProbe which does check if the url [http://service-am-i-ready:80] is reachable, you can use wget -T2 -O- http://service-am-i-ready:80] for this. Start the *Pod* and confirm it isn't ready because of the ReadinessProbe.

Create a second *Pod* named <code>am-i-ready</code> of image <code>nginx:1.16.1-alpine</code> with label <code>id: cross-server-ready</code>. The already existing *Service* <code>service-am-i-ready</code> should now have that second *Pod* as endpoint.

Now the first *Pod* should be in ready state, confirm that.

Answer:

It's a bit of an anti-pattern for one *Pod* to check another *Pod* for being ready using probes, hence the normally available readinessProbe.httpGet doesn't work for absolute remote urls. Still the workaround requested in this task should show how probes and *Pod*<->*Service* communication works.

First we create the first Pod:

```
k run ready-if-service-ready --image=nginx:1.16.1-alpine $do > 4_pod1.yaml
vim 4_pod1.yaml
```

Next perform the necessary additions manually:

```
# 4_pod1.yaml
apiversion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
 creationTimestamp: null
 labels:
   run: ready-if-service-ready
 name: ready-if-service-ready
spec:
 containers:
 - image: nginx:1.16.1-alpine
   name: ready-if-service-ready
   resources: {}
   livenessProbe:
                                                        # add from here
     exec:
       command:
       - 'true'
    readinessProbe:
     exec:
       command:
       - sh
       - 'wget -T2 -O- http://service-am-i-ready:80' # to here
 dnsPolicy: ClusterFirst
 restartPolicy: Always
status: {}
```

Then create the *Pod*:

```
k -f 4_pod1.yaml create
```

And confirm it's in a non-ready state:

```
→ k get pod ready-if-service-ready

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE

ready-if-service-ready 0/1 Running 0 7s
```

We can also check the reason for this using describe:

```
→ k describe pod ready-if-service-ready
...

Warning Unhealthy 18s kubelet, cluster1-node1 Readiness probe failed: Connecting to service-am-i-ready:80
(10.109.194.234:80)
wget: download timed out
```

Now we create the second *Pod*:

```
k run am-i-ready --image=nginx:1.16.1-alpine --labels="id=cross-server-ready"
```

The already existing *Service* **service-am-i-ready** should now have an *Endpoint*:

```
k describe svc service-am-i-ready
k get ep # also possible
```

Which will result in our first *Pod* being ready, just give it a minute for the Readiness probe to check again:

```
→ k get pod ready-if-service-ready

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE

ready-if-service-ready 1/1 Running 0 53s
```

Look at these *Pods* coworking together!

Question 5 | Kubectl sorting

Task weight: 1%

Use context: [kubectl config use-context k8s-c1-H

There are various *Pods* in all namespaces. Write a command into /opt/course/5/find_pods.sh which lists all *Pods* sorted by their AGE (metadata.creationTimestamp).

Write a second command into <code>/opt/course/5/find_pods_uid.sh</code> which lists all <code>Pods</code> sorted by field <code>metadata.uid</code>. Use <code>kubect1</code> sorting for both commands.

Answer:

A good resources here (and for many other things) is the kubectl-cheat-sheet. You can reach it fast when searching for "cheat sheet" in the Kubernetes docs.

```
# /opt/course/5/find_pods.sh
kubectl get pod -A --sort-by=.metadata.creationTimestamp
```

And to execute:

```
→ sh /opt/course/5/find_pods.sh

NAMESPACE NAME ... AGE
kube-system kube-scheduler-cluster1-controlplane1 ... 63m
kube-system etcd-cluster1-controlplane1 ... 63m
kube-system kube-apiserver-cluster1-controlplane1 ... 63m
kube-system kube-controller-manager-cluster1-controlplane1 ... 63m
...
```

For the second command:

```
# /opt/course/5/find_pods_uid.sh
kubectl get pod -A --sort-by=.metadata.uid
```

And to execute:

```
→ sh /opt/course/5/find_pods_uid.sh

NAMESPACE NAME ... AGE

kube-system coredns-5644d7b6d9-vwm7g ... 68m

project-c13 c13-3cc-runner-heavy-5486d76dd4-ddv1t ... 63m

project-hamster web-hamster-shop-849966f479-278vp ... 63m

project-c13 c13-3cc-web-646b6c8756-qsg4b ... 63m
```

Question 6 | Storage, PV, PVC, Pod volume

Task weight: 8%

Use context: (kubectl config use-context k8s-c1-H

Create a new *PersistentVolume* named **safari-pv**. It should have a capacity of *2Gi*, accessMode *ReadWriteOnce*, hostPath **/volumes/Data** and no storageClassName defined.

Next create a new *PersistentVolumeClaim* in *Namespace* **project-tiger** named **safari-pvc**. It should request *2Gi* storage, accessMode *ReadWriteOnce* and should not define a storageClassName. The *PVC* should bound to the *PV* correctly.

Finally create a new *Deployment* [safari] in *Namespace* [project-tiger] which mounts that volume at [/tmp/safari-data]. The *Pods* of that *Deployment* should be of image [httpd:2.4.41-alpine].

Answer

```
vim 6_pv.yaml
```

Find an example from https://kubernetes.io/docs and alter it:

```
# 6_pv.yaml
kind: PersistentVolume
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
name: safari-pv
spec:
capacity:
    storage: 2Gi
    accessModes:
    - ReadWriteOnce
hostPath: "/volumes/Data"
```

Then create it:

```
k -f 6_pv.yaml create
```

Next the *PersistentVolumeClaim*:

```
vim 6_pvc.yaml
```

Find an example from https://kubernetes.io/docs and alter it:

```
# 6_pvc.yaml
kind: PersistentvolumeClaim
apiversion: v1
metadata:
   name: safari-pvc
   namespace: project-tiger
spec:
   accessModes:
   - ReadWriteOnce
resources:
   requests:
   storage: 2Gi
```

Then create:

```
k -f 6_pvc.yaml create
```

And check that both have the status Bound:

```
→ k -n project-tiger get pv,pvc

NAME CAPACITY ... STATUS CLAIM ...

persistentvolume/safari-pv 2Gi ... Bound project-tiger/safari-pvc ...

NAME STATUS VOLUME CAPACITY ...

persistentvolumeclaim/safari-pvc Bound safari-pv 2Gi ...
```

Next we create a *Deployment* and mount that volume:

```
k -n project-tiger create deploy safari \
    --image=httpd:2.4.41-alpine $do > 6_dep.yaml

vim 6_dep.yaml
```

Alter the yaml to mount the volume:

```
# 6_dep.yam1
apiversion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
 creationTimestamp: null
 labels:
   app: safari
 name: safari
 namespace: project-tiger
 replicas: 1
 selector:
   matchLabels:
     app: safari
 strategy: {}
 template:
   metadata:
     creationTimestamp: null
     labels:
       app: safari
   spec:
     volumes:
                                                    # add
                                                    # add
     - name: data
                                                    # add
       persistentVolumeClaim:
         claimName: safari-pvc
                                                    # add
     containers:
     - image: httpd:2.4.41-alpine
```

```
name: container

volumeMounts:  # add

- name: data  # add

mountPath: /tmp/safari-data  # add
```

```
k -f 6_dep.yaml create
```

We can confirm it's mounting correctly:

Question 7 | Node and Pod Resource Usage

Task weight: 1%

Use context: [kubectl config use-context k8s-c1-H

The metrics-server has been installed in the cluster. Your college would like to know the kubectl commands to:

- 1. show *Nodes* resource usage
- 2. show *Pods* and their containers resource usage

Please write the commands into /opt/course/7/node.sh and /opt/course/7/pod.sh.

Answer:

The command we need to use here is top:

We see that the metrics server provides information about resource usage:

```
→ k top node

NAME CPU(cores) CPU% MEMORY(bytes) MEMORY%

cluster1-controlplane1 178m 8% 1091Mi 57%

cluster1-node1 66m 6% 834Mi 44%

cluster1-node2 91m 9% 791Mi 41%
```

We create the first file:

```
# /opt/course/7/node.sh
kubectl top node
```

For the second file we might need to check the docs again:

```
→ k top pod -h
Display Resource (CPU/Memory/Storage) usage of pods.
...
Namespace in current context is ignored even if specified with --namespace.
--containers=false: If present, print usage of containers within a pod.
--no-headers=false: If present, print output without headers.
...
```

With this we can finish this task:

```
# /opt/course/7/pod.sh
kubectl top pod --containers=true
```

Question 8 | Get Controlplane Information

Task weight: 2%

Use context: [kubectl config use-context k8s-c1-H

Ssh into the controlplane node with ssh cluster1-controlplane1. Check how the controlplane components kubelet, kube-apiserver, kube-scheduler, kube-controller-manager and etcd are started/installed on the controlplane node. Also find out the name of the DNS application and how it's started/installed on the controlplane node.

Write your findings into file [/opt/course/8/controlplane-components.txt]. The file should be structured like:

```
# /opt/course/8/controlplane-components.txt
kubelet: [TYPE]
kube-apiserver: [TYPE]
kube-scheduler: [TYPE]
kube-controller-manager: [TYPE]
etcd: [TYPE]
dns: [TYPE] [NAME]
```

Choices of [TYPE] are: not-installed, process, static-pod, pod

Answer:

We could start by finding processes of the requested components, especially the kubelet at first:

```
→ ssh cluster1-controlplane1
root@cluster1-controlplane1:~# ps aux | grep kubelet # shows kubelet process
```

We can see which components are controlled via systemd looking at [/etc/systemd/system] directory:

```
→ root@cluster1-controlplane1:~# find /etc/systemd/system/ | grep kube
/etc/systemd/system/kubelet.service.d
/etc/systemd/system/kubelet.service.d/10-kubeadm.conf
/etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/kubelet.service

→ root@cluster1-controlplane1:~# find /etc/systemd/system/ | grep etcd
```

This shows kubelet is controlled via systemd, but no other service named kube nor etcd. It seems that this cluster has been setup using kubeadm, so we check in the default manifests directory:

```
→ root@cluster1-controlplane1:~# find /etc/kubernetes/manifests/
/etc/kubernetes/manifests/
/etc/kubernetes/manifests/kube-controller-manager.yaml
/etc/kubernetes/manifests/etcd.yaml
/etc/kubernetes/manifests/kube-apiserver.yaml
/etc/kubernetes/manifests/kube-scheduler.yaml
```

(The kubelet could also have a different manifests directory specified via parameter [--pod-manifest-path] in it's systemd startup config)

This means the main 4 controlplane services are setup as static *Pods*. Actually, let's check all *Pods* running on in the [kube-system] *Namespace* on the controlplane node:

```
→ root@cluster1-controlplane1:~# kubectl -n kube-system get pod -o wide | grep controlplane1
                                                    1/1 Running ... cluster1-controlplane1
1/1 Running ... cluster1-controlplane1
coredns-5644d7b6d9-c4f68
coredns-5644d7b6d9-t84sc
etcd-cluster1-controlplane1
                                                               Running
                                                                                        cluster1-controlplane1
kube-apiserver-cluster1-controlplane1
                                                      1/1
                                                              Running
                                                                                        cluster1-controlplane1
kube-controller-manager-cluster1-controlplane1
                                                      1/1
                                                                                        cluster1-controlplane1
                                                              Running
                                                      1/1
                                                              Running
                                                                                        cluster1-controlplane1
kube-scheduler-cluster1-controlplane1
                                                                                        cluster1-controlplane1
                                                      1/1
                                                               Running
weave-net-mwj47
                                                      2/2
                                                              Running
                                                                                        cluster1-controlplane1
```

There we see the 5 static pods, with <code>-cluster1-controlplane1</code> as suffix.

We also see that the dns application seems to be coredns, but how is it controlled?

Seems like coredns is controlled via a Deployment. We combine our findings in the requested file:

```
# /opt/course/8/controlplane-components.txt
kubelet: process
```

kube-apiserver: static-pod kube-scheduler: static-pod

kube-controller-manager: static-pod

etcd: static-pod dns: pod coredns

You should be comfortable investigating a running cluster, know different methods on how a cluster and its services can be setup and be able to troubleshoot and find error sources.

Question 9 | Kill Scheduler, Manual Scheduling

Task weight: 5%

Use context: kubectl config use-context k8s-c2-AC

Ssh into the controlplane node with <code>ssh cluster2-controlplane1</code>. **Temporarily** stop the kube-scheduler, this means in a way that you can start it again afterwards.

Create a single Pod named manual-schedule of image (httpd:2.4-alpine), confirm it's created but not scheduled on any node.

Now you're the scheduler and have all its power, manually schedule that *Pod* on node cluster2-controlplane1. Make sure it's running.

Start the kube-scheduler again and confirm it's running correctly by creating a second *Pod* named [manual-schedule2] of image [httpd:2.4-alpine] and check if it's running on cluster2-node1.

Answer:

Stop the Scheduler

First we find the controlplane node:

```
→ k get node

NAME STATUS ROLES AGE VERSION

cluster2-controlplane1 Ready control-plane 26h v1.27.1

cluster2-node1 Ready <none> 26h v1.27.1
```

Then we connect and check if the scheduler is running:

```
→ ssh cluster2-controlplane1
→ root@cluster2-controlplane1:~# kubectl -n kube-system get pod | grep schedule kube-scheduler-cluster2-controlplane1 1/1 Running 0 6s
```

Kill the Scheduler (temporarily):

```
→ root@cluster2-controlplane1:~# cd /etc/kubernetes/manifests/
→ root@cluster2-controlplane1:~# mv kube-scheduler.yaml ..
```

And it should be stopped:

```
→ root@cluster2-controlplane1:~# kubectl -n kube-system get pod | grep schedule
→ root@cluster2-controlplane1:~#
```

Create a *Pod*

Now we create the *Pod*:

```
k run manual-schedule --image=httpd:2.4-alpine
```

And confirm it has no node assigned:

```
→ k get pod manual-schedule -o wide

NAME READY STATUS ... NODE NOMINATED NODE

manual-schedule 0/1 Pending ... <none> <none>
```

Manually schedule the Pod

Let's play the scheduler now:

```
k get pod manual-schedule -o yaml > 9.yaml
```

```
# 9.yaml
apiversion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
 creationTimestamp: "2020-09-04T15:51:02Z"
 labels:
   run: manual-schedule
 managedFields:
   manager: kubectl-run
   operation: Update
   time: "2020-09-04T15:51:02Z"
 name: manual-schedule
 namespace: default
 resourceVersion: "3515"
 selfLink: /api/v1/namespaces/default/pods/manual-schedule
 uid: 8e9d2532-4779-4e63-b5af-feb82c74a935
spec:
                                      # add the controlplane node name
 nodeName: cluster2-controlplane1
 containers:
  - image: httpd:2.4-alpine
   imagePullPolicy: IfNotPresent
   name: manual-schedule
   resources: {}
   terminationMessagePath: /dev/termination-log
   terminationMessagePolicy: File
   volumeMounts:
   - mountPath: /var/run/secrets/kubernetes.io/serviceaccount
     name: default-token-nxnc7
     readOnly: true
 dnsPolicy: ClusterFirst
```

The only thing a scheduler does, is that it sets the nodeName for a *Pod* declaration. How it finds the correct node to schedule on, that's a very much complicated matter and takes many variables into account.

As we cannot kubectl apply or kubectl edit, in this case we need to delete and create or replace:

```
k -f 9.yaml replace --force
```

How does it look?

```
→ k get pod manual-schedule -o wide

NAME READY STATUS ... NODE

manual-schedule 1/1 Running ... cluster2-controlplane1
```

It looks like our *Pod* is running on the controlplane now as requested, although no tolerations were specified. Only the scheduler takes tains/tolerations/affinity into account when finding the correct node name. That's why it's still possible to assign *Pods* manually directly to a controlplane node and skip the scheduler.

Start the scheduler again

```
→ ssh cluster2-controlplane1

→ root@cluster2-controlplane1:~# cd /etc/kubernetes/manifests/

→ root@cluster2-controlplane1:~# mv ../kube-scheduler.yaml .
```

Checks it's running:

```
→ root@cluster2-controlplane1:~# kubectl -n kube-system get pod | grep schedule kube-scheduler-cluster2-controlplane1 1/1 Running 0 16s
```

Schedule a second test *Pod*:

```
k run manual-schedule2 --image=httpd:2.4-alpine
```

```
→ k get pod -o wide | grep schedule
manual-schedule 1/1 Running ... cluster2-controlplane1
manual-schedule2 1/1 Running ... cluster2-node1
```

Back to normal.

Question 10 | RBAC ServiceAccount Role RoleBinding

Task weight: 6%

Use context: kubectl config use-context k8s-c1-H

Create a new ServiceAccount [processor] in Namespace [project-hamster]. Create a Role and RoleBinding, both named [processor] as well. These should allow the new SA to only create Secrets and ConfigMaps in that Namespace.

Answer:

Let's talk a little about RBAC resources

A ClusterRole | Role defines a set of permissions and where it is available, in the whole cluster or just a single Namespace.

A *ClusterRoleBinding* | *RoleBinding* connects a set of permissions with an account and defines **where it is applied**, in the whole cluster or just a single *Namespace*.

Because of this there are 4 different RBAC combinations and 3 valid ones:

- 1. Role + RoleBinding (available in single Namespace, applied in single Namespace)
- 2. ClusterRole + ClusterRoleBinding (available cluster-wide, applied cluster-wide)
- 3. ClusterRole + RoleBinding (available cluster-wide, applied in single Namespace)
- 4. Role + ClusterRoleBinding (NOT POSSIBLE: available in single Namespace, applied cluster-wide)

To the solution

We first create the ServiceAccount:

```
→ k -n project-hamster create sa processor serviceaccount/processor created
```

Then for the Role:

```
k -n project-hamster create role -h # examples
```

So we execute:

```
k -n project-hamster create role processor \
    --verb=create \
    --resource=secret \
    --resource=configmap
```

Which will create a Role like:

```
# kubectl -n project-hamster create role processor --verb=create --resource=secret --resource=configmap
apiversion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
kind: Role
metadata:
    name: processor
    namespace: project-hamster
rules:
    apiGroups:
    ""
    resources:
    - secrets
    - configmaps
    verbs:
    - create
```

Now we bind the Role to the ServiceAccount:

```
k -n project-hamster create rolebinding -h # examples
```

So we create it:

```
k -n project-hamster create rolebinding processor \
--role processor \
--serviceaccount project-hamster:processor
```

This will create a *RoleBinding* like:

```
# kubectl -n project-hamster create rolebinding processor --role processor --serviceaccount project-hamster:processor
apiversion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
kind: RoleBinding
metadata:
  name: processor
namespace: project-hamster
```

```
roleRef:
   apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
   kind: Role
   name: processor
subjects:
- kind: ServiceAccount
   name: processor
namespace: project-hamster
```

To test our RBAC setup we can use kubectl auth can-i:

```
k auth can-i -h # examples
```

Like this:

Done.

Question 11 | DaemonSet on all Nodes

Task weight: 4%

Use context: [kubectl config use-context k8s-c1-H

Use Namespace [project-tiger] for the following. Create a DaemonSet named [ds-important] with image [httpd:2.4-alpine] and labels [id=ds-important] and [uuid=18426a0b-5f59-4e10-923f-c0e078e82462]. The Pods it creates should request 10 millicore cpu and 10 mebibyte memory. The Pods of that DaemonSet should run on all nodes, also controlplanes.

Answer:

As of now we aren't able to create a *DaemonSet* directly using [kubect1], so we create a *Deployment* and just change it up:

```
k -n project-tiger create deployment --image=httpd:2.4-alpine ds-important $do > 11.yaml
vim 11.yaml
```

(Sure you could also search for a *DaemonSet* example yaml in the Kubernetes docs and alter it.)

Then we adjust the yaml to:

```
# 11.yaml
apiversion: apps/v1
kind: DaemonSet
                                                    # change from Deployment to Daemonset
metadata:
 creationTimestamp: null
  labels:
                                                    # add
   id: ds-important
                                                    # add
   uuid: 18426a0b-5f59-4e10-923f-c0e078e82462
                                                    # add
  name: ds-important
  namespace: project-tiger
                                                    # important
                                                    # remove
  #replicas: 1
  selector:
   matchLabels:
                                                    # add
     id: ds-important
      uuid: 18426a0b-5f59-4e10-923f-c0e078e82462
                                                    # add
  #strategy: {}
                                                    # remove
```

```
template:
   metadata:
     creationTimestamp: null
     labels:
       id: ds-important
                                                  # add
       uuid: 18426a0b-5f59-4e10-923f-c0e078e82462 # add
   spec:
     containers:
     - image: httpd:2.4-alpine
       name: ds-important
       resources:
                                                  # add
         requests:
          cpu: 10m
memory: 10Mi
                                                  # add
                                                  # add
     tolerations:
                                                  # add
     effect: NoSchedule
                                                  # add
       key: node-role.kubernetes.io/control-plane # add
                                                  # remove
#status: {}
```

It was requested that the DaemonSet runs on all nodes, so we need to specify the toleration for this.

Let's confirm:

```
k -f 11.yaml create

→ k -n project-tiger get ds

NAME DESIRED CURRENT READY UP-TO-DATE AVAILABLE NODE SELECTOR AGE ds-important 3 3 3 3 3 < none> 8s

→ k -n project-tiger get pod -l id=ds-important -o wide

NAME READY STATUS NODE ds-important-6pvgm 1/1 Running ... cluster1-node1 ds-important-lh5ts 1/1 Running ... cluster1-controlplane1 ds-important-qhjcq 1/1 Running ... cluster1-node2
```

Question 12 | Deployment on all Nodes

Task weight: 6%

Use context: kubectl config use-context k8s-c1-H

Use Namespace project-tiger for the following. Create a Deployment named deploy-important with label id=very-important (the Pods should also have this label) and 3 replicas. It should contain two containers, the first named container1 with image nginx:1.17.6-alpine and the second one named container2 with image kubernetes/pause.

There should be only ever **one** *Pod* of that *Deployment* running on **one** worker node. We have two worker nodes: **cluster1-node1** and **cluster1-node2**. Because the *Deployment* has three replicas the result should be that on both nodes **one** *Pod* is running. The third *Pod* won't be scheduled, unless a new worker node will be added.

In a way we kind of simulate the behaviour of a DaemonSet here, but using a Deployment and a fixed number of replicas.

Answer:

There are two possible ways, one using podantiaffinity and one using topologySpreadConstraint).

PodAntiAffinity

The idea here is that we create a "Inter-pod anti-affinity" which allows us to say a *Pod* should only be scheduled on a node where another *Pod* of a specific label (here the same label) is not already running.

Let's begin by creating the *Deployment* template:

```
k -n project-tiger create deployment \
   --image=nginx:1.17.6-alpine deploy-important $do > 12.yaml
vim 12.yaml
```

Then change the yaml to:

```
# 12.yaml
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
   creationTimestamp: null
labels:
   id: very-important # change
```

```
name: deploy-important
 namespace: project-tiger
                                        # important
spec:
 replicas: 3
                                        # change
 selector:
   matchLabels:
     id: very-important
                                        # change
 strategy: {}
 template:
   metadata:
     creationTimestamp: null
     labels:
       id: very-important
                                        # change
   spec:
     containers:
     - image: nginx:1.17.6-alpine
       name: container1
                                        # change
       resources: {}
      image: kubernetes/pause
                                       # add
       name: container2
                                       # add
     affinity:
                                                            # add
       podAntiAffinity:
                                                            # add
         requiredDuringSchedulingIgnoredDuringExecution: # add
         - labelSelector:
                                                            # add
             matchExpressions:
                                                           # add
             - key: id
                                                           # add
               operator: In
                                                           # add
                                                           # add
               values:

    very-important

                                                            # add
           topologyKey: kubernetes.io/hostname
                                                            # add
status: {}
```

Specify a topologyKey, which is a pre-populated Kubernetes label, you can find this by describing a node.

TopologySpreadConstraints

We can achieve the same with [topologySpreadConstraints]. Best to try out and play with both.

```
# 12.yaml
apiversion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
 creationTimestamp: null
 labels:
   id: very-important
                                        # change
 name: deploy-important
 namespace: project-tiger
                                        # important
spec:
 replicas: 3
                                        # change
 selector:
   matchLabels:
     id: very-important
                                        # change
  strategy: {}
  template:
   metadata:
     creationTimestamp: null
     labels:
       id: very-important
                                        # change
    spec:
     containers:
     - image: nginx:1.17.6-alpine
       name: container1
                                        # change
       resources: {}
      - image: kubernetes/pause
                                       # add
       name: container2
                                       # add
      topologySpreadConstraints:
                                                # add
      - maxSkew: 1
                                                # add
       topologyKey: kubernetes.io/hostname
                                                # add
       whenUnsatisfiable: DoNotSchedule
                                                # add
       labelSelector:
                                                 # add
                                                 # add
         matchLabels:
           id: very-important
                                                 # add
status: {}
```

Apply and Run

Let's run it:

```
k -f 12.yaml create
```

Then we check the *Deployment* status where it shows 2/3 ready count:

```
→ k -n project-tiger get deploy -l id=very-important

NAME READY UP-TO-DATE AVAILABLE AGE

deploy-important 2/3 3 2 2m35s
```

And running the following we see one Pod on each worker node and one not scheduled.

```
→ k -n project-tiger get pod -o wide -l id=very-important

NAME

READY STATUS ... NODE

deploy-important-58db9db6fc-9ljpw 2/2 Running ... cluster1-node1

deploy-important-58db9db6fc-lnxdb 0/2 Pending ... <none>

deploy-important-58db9db6fc-p2rz8 2/2 Running ... cluster1-node2
```

If we kubectl describe the *Pod* [deploy-important-58db9db6fc-lnxdb] it will show us the reason for not scheduling is our implemented podAntiAffinity ruling:

Warning FailedScheduling 63s (x3 over 65s) default-scheduler 0/3 nodes are available: 1 node(s) had taint {node-role.kubernetes.io/control-plane: }, that the pod didn't tolerate, 2 node(s) didn't match pod affinity/anti-affinity, 2 node(s) didn't satisfy existing pods anti-affinity rules.

Or our topologySpreadConstraints:

```
warning FailedScheduling 16s default-scheduler 0/3 nodes are available: 1 node(s) had taint {node-role.kubernetes.io/control-plane: }, that the pod didn't tolerate, 2 node(s) didn't match pod topology spread constraints.
```

Question 13 | Multi Containers and Pod shared Volume

Task weight: 4%

Use context: kubectl config use-context k8s-c1-H

Create a *Pod* named multi-container-playground in *Namespace* default with three containers, named c1, c2 and c3. There should be a volume attached to that *Pod* and mounted into every container, but the volume shouldn't be persisted or shared with other *Pods*.

Container c1 should be of image nginx:1.17.6-alpine and have the name of the node where its *Pod* is running available as environment variable MY_NODE_NAME.

Container c2 should be of image busybox:1.31.1 and write the output of the date command every second in the shared volume into file date.log. You can use while true; do date >> /your/vol/path/date.log; sleep 1; done for this.

Container c3 should be of image busybox:1.31.1 and constantly send the content of file date.log from the shared volume to stdout. You can use tail -f /your/vol/path/date.log for this.

Check the logs of container **c3** to confirm correct setup.

Answer:

First we create the *Pod* template:

```
k run multi-container-playground --image=nginx:1.17.6-alpine $do > 13.yaml
vim 13.yaml
```

And add the other containers and the commands they should execute:

```
# 13.yaml
apiversion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  creationTimestamp: null
  labels:
    run: multi-container-playground
  name: multi-container-playground
spec:
  containers:
  - image: nginx:1.17.6-alpine
    name: c1
                                                                                    # change
    resources: {}
                                                                                    # add
    env:
    - name: MY_NODE_NAME
                                                                                    # add
     valueFrom:
                                                                                    # add
        fieldRef:
                                                                                    # add
          fieldPath: spec.nodeName
                                                                                    # add
    volumeMounts:
                                                                                    # add
                                                                                    # add
    - name: vol
     mountPath: /vol
                                                                                    # add
  - image: busybox:1.31.1
                                                                                    # add
                                                                                    # add
    command: ["sh", "-c", "while true; do date >> /vol/date.log; sleep 1; done"]
                                                                                   # add
                                                                                    # add
    volumeMounts:
    - name: vol
                                                                                    # add
```

```
mountPath: /vol
                                                                                  # add
  - image: busybox:1.31.1
                                                                                  # add
   name: c3
                                                                                  # add
   command: ["sh", "-c", "tail -f /vol/date.log"]
                                                                                  # add
   volumeMounts:
                                                                                  # add
   - name: vol
                                                                                  # add
     mountPath: /vol
                                                                                  # add
 dnsPolicy: ClusterFirst
 restartPolicy: Always
                                                                                  # add
 volumes:
   - name: vol
                                                                                  # add
     emptyDir: {}
                                                                                  # add
status: {}
```

```
k -f 13.yaml create
```

Oh boy, lot's of requested things. We check if everything is good with the *Pod*:

```
→ k get pod multi-container-playground

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE

multi-container-playground 3/3 Running 0 95s
```

Good, then we check if container c1 has the requested node name as env variable:

```
→ k exec multi-container-playground -c c1 -- env | grep MY
MY_NODE_NAME=cluster1-node2
```

And finally we check the logging:

```
→ k logs multi-container-playground -c c3

Sat Dec 7 16:05:10 UTC 2077

Sat Dec 7 16:05:11 UTC 2077

Sat Dec 7 16:05:12 UTC 2077

Sat Dec 7 16:05:13 UTC 2077

Sat Dec 7 16:05:14 UTC 2077

Sat Dec 7 16:05:15 UTC 2077

Sat Dec 7 16:05:16 UTC 2077
```

Question 14 | Find out Cluster Information

Task weight: 2%

Use context: [kubectl config use-context k8s-c1-H

You're ask to find out following information about the cluster k8s-c1-H:

- 1. How many controlplane nodes are available?
- 2. How many worker nodes are available?
- 3. What is the Service CIDR?
- 4. Which Networking (or CNI Plugin) is configured and where is its config file?
- 5. Which suffix will static pods have that run on cluster1-node1?

Write your answers into file <code>/opt/course/14/cluster-info</code>, structured like this:

```
# /opt/course/14/cluster-info
1: [ANSWER]
2: [ANSWER]
3: [ANSWER]
4: [ANSWER]
5: [ANSWER]
```

Answer:

How many controlplane and worker nodes are available?

```
→ k get node

NAME STATUS ROLES AGE VERSION

cluster1-controlplane1 Ready control-plane 27h v1.27.1

cluster1-node1 Ready <none> 27h v1.27.1

cluster1-node2 Ready <none> 27h v1.27.1
```

What is the Service CIDR?

```
→ ssh cluster1-controlplane1
→ root@cluster1-controlplane1:~# cat /etc/kubernetes/manifests/kube-apiserver.yaml | grep range
- --service-cluster-ip-range=10.96.0.0/12
```

Which Networking (or CNI Plugin) is configured and where is its config file?

```
→ root@cluster1-controlplane1:~# find /etc/cni/net.d/
/etc/cni/net.d/
/etc/cni/net.d/10-weave.conflist

→ root@cluster1-controlplane1:~# cat /etc/cni/net.d/10-weave.conflist
{
    "cniversion": "0.3.0",
    "name": "weave",
...
```

By default the kubelet looks into /etc/cni/net.d to discover the CNI plugins. This will be the same on every controlplane and worker nodes.

Which suffix will static pods have that run on cluster1-node1?

The suffix is the node hostname with a leading hyphen. It used to be <code>-static</code> in earlier Kubernetes versions.

Result

The resulting **/opt/course/14/cluster-info** could look like:

```
# /opt/course/14/cluster-info

# How many controlplane nodes are available?
1: 1

# How many worker nodes are available?
2: 2

# What is the Service CIDR?
3: 10.96.0.0/12

# Which Networking (or CNI Plugin) is configured and where is its config file?
4: Weave, /etc/cni/net.d/10-weave.conflist

# Which suffix will static pods have that run on cluster1-node1?
5: -cluster1-node1
```

Question 15 | Cluster Event Logging

Task weight: 3%

Use context: [kubectl config use-context k8s-c2-AC]

Write a command into <code>/opt/course/15/cluster_events.sh</code> which shows the latest events in the whole cluster, ordered by time <code>(metadata.creationTimestamp)</code>. Use <code>[kubect1]</code> for it.

Now kill the kube-proxy *Pod* running on node cluster2-node1 and write the events this caused into <code>/opt/course/15/pod_kill.log</code>.

Finally kill the container of the kube-proxy *Pod* on node cluster2-node1 and write the events into <code>/opt/course/15/container_kill.log</code>.

Do you notice differences in the events both actions caused?

Answer:

```
# /opt/course/15/cluster_events.sh
kubectl get events -A --sort-by=.metadata.creationTimestamp
```

Now we kill the kube-proxy *Pod*:

```
k -n kube-system get pod -o wide | grep proxy # find pod running on cluster2-node1
k -n kube-system delete pod kube-proxy-z64cg
```

Now check the events:

```
sh /opt/course/15/cluster_events.sh
```

Write the events the killing caused into /opt/course/15/pod_kill.log:

```
# /opt/course/15/pod_kill.log
kube-system 9s Normal Killing pod/kube-proxy-jsv7t ...
kube-system 3s Normal SuccessfulCreate daemonset/kube-proxy ...
kube-system <unknown> Normal Scheduled pod/kube-proxy-m52sx ...
default 2s Normal Starting node/cluster2-node1 ...
kube-system 2s Normal Created pod/kube-proxy-m52sx ...
kube-system 2s Normal Pulled pod/kube-proxy-m52sx ...
kube-system 2s Normal Started pod/kube-proxy-m52sx ...
```

Finally we will try to provoke events by killing the container belonging to the container of the kube-proxy *Pod*:

We killed the main container (1e020b43c4423), but also noticed that a new container (0ae4245707910) was directly created. Thanks Kubernetes!

Now we see if this caused events again and we write those into the second file:

```
sh /opt/course/15/cluster_events.sh

# /opt/course/15/container_kill.log
kube-system 13s Normal Created pod/kube-proxy-m52sx ...
kube-system 13s Normal Pulled pod/kube-proxy-m52sx ...
kube-system 13s Normal Started pod/kube-proxy-m52sx ...
```

Comparing the events we see that when we deleted the whole *Pod* there were more things to be done, hence more events. For example was the *DaemonSet* in the game to re-create the missing *Pod*. Where when we manually killed the main container of the *Pod*, the *Pod* would still exist but only its container needed to be re-created, hence less events.

Question 16 | Namespaces and Api Resources

Task weight: 2%

Use context: kubectl config use-context k8s-c1-H

Write the names of all namespaced Kubernetes resources (like *Pod*, *Secret*, *ConfigMap*...) into /opt/course/16/resources.txt).

Find the project-* Namespace with the highest number of Roles defined in it and write its name and amount of Roles into /opt/course/16/crowded-namespace.txt.

Answer:

Namespace and Namespaces Resources

Now we can get a list of all resources like:

```
k api-resources # shows all
k api-resources -h # help always good
k api-resources --namespaced -o name > /opt/course/16/resources.txt
```

Which results in the file:

```
# /opt/course/16/resources.txt
bindings
configmaps
endpoints
events
limitranges
persistentvolumeclaims
pods
podtemplates
replicationcontrollers
resourcequotas
secrets
serviceaccounts
services
controllerrevisions.apps
daemonsets.apps
deployments.apps
replicasets.apps
statefulsets.apps
localsubjectaccessreviews.authorization.k8s.io
horizontalpodautoscalers.autoscaling
cronjobs.batch
jobs.batch
leases.coordination.k8s.io
events.events.k8s.io
ingresses.extensions
ingresses.networking.k8s.io
networkpolicies.networking.k8s.io
poddisruptionbudgets.policy
rolebindings.rbac.authorization.k8s.io
roles.rbac.authorization.k8s.io
```

Namespace with most Roles

```
→ k -n project-c13 get role --no-headers | wc -l
No resources found in project-c13 namespace.
0

→ k -n project-c14 get role --no-headers | wc -l
300

→ k -n project-hamster get role --no-headers | wc -l
No resources found in project-hamster namespace.
0

→ k -n project-snake get role --no-headers | wc -l
No resources found in project-snake namespace.
0

→ k -n project-tiger get role --no-headers | wc -l
No resources found in project-tiger namespace.
0
```

Finally we write the name and amount into the file:

```
# /opt/course/16/crowded-namespace.txt
project-c14 with 300 resources
```

Question 17 | Find Container of Pod and check info

Task weight: 3%

Use context: kubectl config use-context k8s-c1-H

In Namespace (project-tiger) create a Pod named (tigers-reunite) of image (httpd:2.4.41-alpine) with labels (pod=container) and container=pod). Find out on which node the Pod is scheduled. Ssh into that node and find the container delonging to that Pod.

Using command crictl:

- 1. Write the ID of the container and the info.runtimeType into /opt/course/17/pod-container.txt
- 2. Write the logs of the container into /opt/course/17/pod-container.log

Answer:

First we create the *Pod*:

```
k -n project-tiger run tigers-reunite \
    --image=httpd:2.4.41-alpine \
    --labels "pod=container,container=pod"
```

Next we find out the node it's scheduled on:

```
k -n project-tiger get pod -o wide

# or fancy:
k -n project-tiger get pod tigers-reunite -o jsonpath="{.spec.nodeName}"
```

Then we ssh into that node and and check the container info:

```
→ ssh cluster1-node2:~# crictl ps | grep tigers-reunite
b01edbe6f89ed 54b0995a63052 5 seconds ago Running tigers-reunite ...

→ root@cluster1-node2:~# crictl inspect b01edbe6f89ed | grep runtimeType
    "runtimeType": "io.containerd.runc.v2",
```

Then we fill the requested file (on the main terminal):

```
# /opt/course/17/pod-container.txt
b01edbe6f89ed io.containerd.runc.v2
```

Finally we write the container logs in the second file:

```
ssh cluster1-node2 'crictl logs b01edbe6f89ed' &> /opt/course/17/pod-container.log
```

The 🗞 in above's command redirects both the standard output and standard error.

You could also simply run crictl logs on the node and copy the content manually, if it's not a lot. The file should look like:

```
# /opt/course/17/pod-container.log
AH00558: httpd: Could not reliably determine the server's fully qualified domain name, using 10.44.0.37. Set the 'ServerName' directive globally to suppress this message
AH00558: httpd: Could not reliably determine the server's fully qualified domain name, using 10.44.0.37. Set the 'ServerName' directive globally to suppress this message
[Mon Sep 13 13:32:18.555280 2021] [mpm_event:notice] [pid 1:tid 139929534545224] AH000489: Apache/2.4.41 (Unix) configured -- resuming normal operations
[Mon Sep 13 13:32:18.555610 2021] [core:notice] [pid 1:tid 139929534545224] AH00094: Command line: 'httpd -D FOREGROUND'
```

Question 18 | Fix Kubelet

Task weight: 8%

Use context: [kubectl config use-context k8s-c3-CCC]

There seems to be an issue with the kubelet not running on <code>cluster3-node1</code>. Fix it and confirm that cluster has node <code>cluster3-node1</code> available in Ready state afterwards. You should be able to schedule a *Pod* on <code>cluster3-node1</code> afterwards.

Write the reason of the issue into /opt/course/18/reason.txt.

Answer:

The procedure on tasks like these should be to check if the kubelet is running, if not start it, then check its logs and correct errors if there are some.

Always helpful to check if other clusters already have some of the components defined and running, so you can copy and use existing config files. Though in this case it might not need to be necessary.

Check node status:

```
→ k get node

NAME STATUS ROLES AGE VERSION

cluster3-controlplane1 Ready control-plane 14d v1.27.1

cluster3-node1 NotReady <none> 14d v1.27.1
```

```
→ ssh cluster3-node1
→ root@cluster3-node1:~# ps aux | grep kubelet
root 29294 0.0 0.2 14856 1016 pts/0 S+ 11:30 0:00 grep --color=auto kubelet
```

Nope, so we check if it's configured using systemd as service:

Yes, it's configured as a service with config at /etc/systemd/system/kubelet.service.d/10-kubeadm.conf, but we see it's inactive. Let's try to start it:

We see it's trying to execute /usr/local/bin/kubelet with some parameters defined in its service config file. A good way to find errors and get more logs is to run the command manually (usually also with its parameters).

```
→ root@cluster3-node1:~# /usr/local/bin/kubelet
-bash: /usr/local/bin/kubelet: No such file or directory

→ root@cluster3-node1:~# whereis kubelet
kubelet: /usr/bin/kubelet
```

Another way would be to see the extended logging of a service like using [journalctl -u kubelet].

Well, there we have it, wrong path specified. Correct the path in file [/etc/systemd/system/kubelet.service.d/10-kubeadm.conf] and run:

```
vim /etc/systemd/system/kubelet.service.d/10-kubeadm.conf # fix
systemctl daemon-reload && systemctl restart kubelet
systemctl status kubelet # should now show running
```

Also the node should be available for the api server, **give it a bit of time though**:

```
→ k get node

NAME STATUS ROLES AGE VERSION

cluster3-controlplane1 Ready control-plane 14d v1.27.1

cluster3-node1 Ready <none> 14d v1.27.1
```

Finally we write the reason into the file:

```
# /opt/course/18/reason.txt
wrong path to kubelet binary specified in service config
```

Question 19 | Create Secret and mount into Pod

NOTE: This task can only be solved if questions 18 or 20 have been successfully implemented and the k8s-c3-CCC cluster has a functioning worker node

Use context: kubectl config use-context k8s-c3-CCC

Do the following in a new *Namespace* **secret**. Create a *Pod* named **secret-pod** of image **busybox:1.31.1** which should keep running for some time.

There is an existing *Secret* located at /opt/course/19/secret1.yam1, create it in the *Namespace* secret and mount it readonly into the *Pod* at /tmp/secret1.

Create a new *Secret* in *Namespace* **secret** called **secret2** which should contain **(user=user1)** and **pass=1234**). These entries should be available inside the *Pod's* container as environment variables APP_USER and APP_PASS.

Confirm everything is working.

Answer

First we create the *Namespace* and the requested *Secrets* in it:

```
k create ns secret

cp /opt/course/19/secret1.yaml 19_secret1.yaml

vim 19_secret1.yaml
```

We need to adjust the *Namespace* for that *Secret*:

```
# 19_secret1.yaml
apiVersion: v1
data:
    halt: IyEgL2Jpbi9zaAo...
kind: Secret
metadata:
    creationTimestamp: null
    name: secret1
namespace: secret  # change
```

```
k -f 19_secret1.yaml create
```

Next we create the second *Secret*:

```
k -n secret create secret generic secret2 --from-literal=user=user1 --from-literal=pass=1234
```

Now we create the *Pod* template:

```
k -n secret run secret-pod --image=busybox:1.31.1 $do -- sh -c "sleep 5d" > 19.yaml
vim 19.yaml
```

Then make the necessary changes:

```
# 19.yaml
apiversion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
 creationTimestamp: null
 labels:
    run: secret-pod
  name: secret-pod
 namespace: secret
                                          # add
spec:
 containers:
  - args:
   - sh
    - -c
   - sleep 1d
   image: busybox:1.31.1
   name: secret-pod
   resources: {}
                                          # add
                                         # add
    - name: APP_USER
                                         # add
     valueFrom:
       secretKeyRef:
                                         # add
         name: secret2
                                         # add
         key: user
                                         # add
                                         # add
    - name: APP_PASS
                                         # add
     valueFrom:
                                         # add
       secretKeyRef:
         name: secret2
                                          # add
         key: pass
                                          # add
```

```
volumeMounts:
                                      # add
   - name: secret1
                                      # add
    mountPath: /tmp/secret1
                                      # add
     readOnly: true
                                      # add
 dnsPolicy: ClusterFirst
 restartPolicy: Always
 volumes:
                                      # add
 - name: secret1
                                      # add
                                      # add
   secret:
                                      # add
    secretName: secret1
status: {}
```

It might not be necessary in current K8s versions to specify the (readOnly: true) because it's the default setting anyways.

And execute:

```
k -f 19.yaml create
```

Finally we check if all is correct:

```
→ k -n secret exec secret-pod -- env | grep APP

APP_PASS=1234

APP_USER=user1
```

```
→ k -n secret exec secret-pod -- find /tmp/secret1
/tmp/secret1/..data
/tmp/secret1/halt
/tmp/secret1/..2019_12_08_12_15_39.463036797
/tmp/secret1/..2019_12_08_12_15_39.463036797/halt
```

```
→ k -n secret exec secret-pod -- cat /tmp/secret1/halt
#! /bin/sh
### BEGIN INIT INFO
# Provides: halt
# Required-Start:
# Required-Stop:
# Default-Start:
# Default-Stop: 0
# Short-Description: Execute the halt command.
# Description:
```

All is good.

Question 20 | Update Kubernetes Version and join cluster

Task weight: 10%

Use context: [kubectl config use-context k8s-c3-CCC]

Your coworker said node (cluster3-node2) is running an older Kubernetes version and is not even part of the cluster. Update Kubernetes on that node to the exact version that's running on cluster3-controlplane1. Then add this node to the cluster. Use kubeadm for this.

Answer:

Upgrade Kubernetes to cluster3-controlplane1 version

Search in the docs for kubeadm upgrade: https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/administer-cluster/kubeadm/kubeadm-upgrade

```
→ k get node

NAME STATUS ROLES AGE VERSION

cluster3-controlplane1 Ready control-plane 22h v1.27.1

cluster3-node1 Ready <none> 22h v1.27.1
```

Controlplane node seems to be running Kubernetes 1.27.1. Node cluster3-node2 might not yet be part of the cluster depending on previous tasks.

```
→ ssh cluster3-node2
→ root@cluster3-node2:~# kubeadm version
kubeadm version: &version.Info{Major:"1", Minor:"27", GitVersion:"v1.27.1",
GitCommit:"4c9411232e10168d7b050c49a1b59f6df9d7ea4b", GitTreeState:"clean", BuildDate:"2023-04-14T13:20:04Z",
GoVersion:"go1.20.3", Compiler:"gc", Platform:"linux/amd64"}

→ root@cluster3-node2:~# kubectl version --short
Flag --short has been deprecated, and will be removed in the future. The --short output will become the default.
Client Version: v1.26.4
Kustomize Version: v4.5.7
The connection to the server localhost:8080 was refused - did you specify the right host or port?

→ root@cluster3-node2:~# kubelet --version
Kubernetes v1.26.4
```

Here kubeadm is already installed in the wanted version, so we don't need to install it. Hence we can run:

```
→ root@cluster3-node2:~# kubeadm upgrade node
couldn't create a Kubernetes client from file "/etc/kubernetes/kubelet.conf": failed to load admin kubeconfig: open
/etc/kubernetes/kubelet.conf: no such file or directory
To see the stack trace of this error execute with --v=5 or higher
```

This is usually the proper command to upgrade a node. But this error means that this node was never even initialised, so nothing to update here. This will be done later using **kubeadm join**. For now we can continue with kubelet and kubectl:

```
→ root@cluster3-node2:~# apt update
Fetched 5,775 kB in 2s (2,313 kB/s)
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
90 packages can be upgraded. Run 'apt list --upgradable' to see them.
→ root@cluster3-node2:~# apt show kubectl -a | grep 1.27
Version: 1.27.1-00
Version: 1.27.0-00
→ root@cluster3-node2:~# apt install kubectl=1.27.1-00 kubelet=1.27.1-00
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following packages will be upgraded:
 kubectl kubelet
2 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 165 not upgraded.
Need to get 29.0 MB of archives.
After this operation, 13.9 MB disk space will be freed.
Get:1 https://packages.cloud.google.com/apt kubernetes-xenial/main amd64 kubectl amd64 1.27.1-00 [10.2 MB]
Get:2 https://packages.cloud.google.com/apt kubernetes-xenial/main amd64 kubelet amd64 1.27.1-00 [18.7 MB]
Fetched 29.0 MB in 1s (30.7 MB/s)
(Reading database ... 112510 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../kubectl_1.27.1-00_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking kubectl (1.27.1-00) over (1.26.4-00) ...
Preparing to unpack .../kubelet_1.27.1-00_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking kubelet (1.27.1-00) over (1.26.4-00) ...
Setting up kubectl (1.27.1-00) ...
Setting up kubelet (1.27.1-00) ...
→ root@cluster3-node2:~# kubelet --version
Kubernetes v1.27.1
```

Now we're up to date with kubeadm, kubectl and kubelet. Restart the kubelet:

These errors occur because we still need to run kubeadm join to join the node into the cluster. Let's do this in the next step.

Add cluster3-node2 to cluster

First we log into the controlplane1 and generate a new TLS bootstrap token, also printing out the join command:

```
→ ssh cluster3-controlplane1: ~# kubeadm token create --print-join-command
kubeadm join 192.168.100.31:6443 --token an7gxi.a1d29qy772xcxdfu --discovery-token-ca-cert-hash
sha256:68fd1ebb3b96aeee04df3d5d0bb488ba4896010f2724fcff6b90d0c97be20a6b

→ root@cluster3-controlplane1: ~# kubeadm token list
TOKEN TTL EXPIRES ...
an7gxi.a1d29qy772xcxdfu 23h 2023-04-24T14:39:14z ...
feh5e4.h8qloqkkyq0r1cz1 <forever> <never> ...
z10zgm.e2vgkyv9ca9zjh01 22h 2023-04-24T12:59:14z ...
```

We see the expiration of 23h for our token, we could adjust this by passing the ttl argument.

Next we connect again to [cluster3-node2] and simply execute the join command:

```
→ ssh cluster3-node2
→ root@cluster3-node2:~# kubeadm join 192.168.100.31:6443 --token an7gxi.a1d29qy772xcxdfu --discovery-token-ca-cert-
hash sha256:68fd1ebb3b96aeee04df3d5d0bb488ba4896010f2724fcff6b90d0c97be20a6b
[preflight] Running pre-flight checks
[preflight] Reading configuration from the cluster...
[preflight] FYI: You can look at this config file with 'kubectl -n kube-system get cm kubeadm-config -o yaml'
[kubelet-start] Writing kubelet configuration to file "/var/lib/kubelet/config.yaml"
[kubelet-start] Writing kubelet environment file with flags to file "/var/lib/kubelet/kubeadm-flags.env"
[kubelet-start] Starting the kubelet
[kubelet-start] Waiting for the kubelet to perform the TLS Bootstrap...
This node has joined the cluster:
* Certificate signing request was sent to apiserver and a response was received.
* The Kubelet was informed of the new secure connection details.
Run 'kubectl get nodes' on the control-plane to see this node join the cluster.
→ root@cluster3-node2:~# service kubelet status
• kubelet.service - kubelet: The Kubernetes Node Agent
    Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/kubelet.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
   Drop-In: /etc/systemd/system/kubelet.service.d
            └─10-kubeadm.conf
    Active: active (running) since Wed 2022-12-21 16:32:19 UTC; 1min 4s ago
      Docs: https://kubernetes.io/docs/home/
  Main PID: 32510 (kubelet)
     Tasks: 11 (limit: 462)
    Memory: 55.2M
    CGroup: /system.slice/kubelet.service
             └─32510 /usr/bin/kubelet --bootstrap-kubeconfig=/etc/kubernetes/bootstrap-kubelet.conf --
kubeconfig=/etc/kubernetes/kubelet.conf --config=/var/lib/kubelet/config.yaml --container-runti>
```

If you have troubles with <code>kubeadm join</code> you might need to run <code>kubeadm reset</code>.

This looks great though for us. Finally we head back to the main terminal and check the node status:

```
→ k get node

NAME STATUS ROLES AGE VERSION

cluster3-controlplane1 Ready control-plane 102m v1.27.1

cluster3-node1 Ready <none> 97m v1.27.1

cluster3-node2 NotReady <none> 108s v1.27.1
```

Give it a bit of time till the node is ready.

```
→ k get node

NAME STATUS ROLES AGE VERSION

cluster3-controlplane1 Ready control-plane 102m v1.27.1

cluster3-node1 Ready <none> 97m v1.27.1

cluster3-node2 Ready <none> 108s v1.27.1
```

We see **cluster3-node2** is now available and up to date.

Question 21 | Create a Static Pod and Service

Use context: kubectl config use-context k8s-c3-CCC

Create a Static Pod named my-static-pod in Namespace default on cluster3-controlplane1. It should be of image nginx:1.16-alpine and have resource requests for 10m CPU and 20Mi memory.

Then create a NodePort *Service* named **static-pod-service** which exposes that static *Pod* on port 80 and check if it has *Endpoints* and if it's reachable through the **cluster3-controlplane1** internal IP address. You can connect to the internal node IPs from your main terminal.

Answer:

```
→ ssh cluster3-controlplane1

→ root@cluster1-controlplane1:~# cd /etc/kubernetes/manifests/

→ root@cluster1-controlplane1:~# kubectl run my-static-pod \
    --image=nginx:1.16-alpine \
    -o yaml --dry-run=client > my-static-pod.yaml
```

Then edit the my-static-pod.yam1 to add the requested resource requests:

```
# /etc/kubernetes/manifests/my-static-pod.yaml
apiversion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
 creationTimestamp: null
 labels:
   run: my-static-pod
 name: my-static-pod
spec:
 containers:
 - image: nginx:1.16-alpine
   name: my-static-pod
   resources:
     requests:
       cpu: 10m
       memory: 20Mi
 dnsPolicy: ClusterFirst
 restartPolicy: Always
status: {}
```

And make sure it's running:

```
→ k get pod -A | grep my-static

NAMESPACE NAME READY STATUS ... AGE

default my-static-pod-cluster3-controlplane1 1/1 Running ... 22s
```

Now we expose that static *Pod*:

```
k expose pod my-static-pod-cluster3-controlplane1 \
    --name static-pod-service \
    --type=NodePort \
    --port 80
```

This would generate a Service like:

```
# kubectl expose pod my-static-pod-cluster3-controlplane1 --name static-pod-service --type=NodePort --port 80
apiversion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
  creationTimestamp: null
   run: my-static-pod
 name: static-pod-service
spec:
 ports:
 - port: 80
   protocol: TCP
   targetPort: 80
 selector:
   run: my-static-pod
 type: NodePort
status:
 loadBalancer: {}
```

Then run and test:

```
→ k get svc,ep -l run=my-static-pod

NAME TYPE CLUSTER-IP EXTERNAL-IP PORT(S) AGE
service/static-pod-service NodePort 10.99.168.252 <none> 80:30352/TCP 30s

NAME ENDPOINTS AGE
endpoints/static-pod-service 10.32.0.4:80 30s
```

Looking good.

Question 22 | Check how long certificates are valid

Task weight: 2%

Use context: [kubectl config use-context k8s-c2-AC]

Check how long the kube-apiserver server certificate is valid on <code>cluster2-controlplane1</code>. Do this with openssl or cfssl. Write the exipiration date into <code>/opt/course/22/expiration</code>.

Also run the correct (kubeadm) command to list the expiration dates and confirm both methods show the same date.

Write the correct kubeadm command that would renew the apiserver server certificate into /opt/course/22/kubeadm-renew-certs.sh.

Answer:

First let's find that certificate:

```
→ ssh cluster2-controlplane1:~# find /etc/kubernetes/pki | grep apiserver
/etc/kubernetes/pki/apiserver.crt
/etc/kubernetes/pki/apiserver-etcd-client.crt
/etc/kubernetes/pki/apiserver-etcd-client.key
/etc/kubernetes/pki/apiserver-kubelet-client.crt
/etc/kubernetes/pki/apiserver-kubelet-client.key
/etc/kubernetes/pki/apiserver-key
/etc/kubernetes/pki/apiserver-kubelet-client.key
```

Next we use openssl to find out the expiration date:

```
→ root@cluster2-controlplane1:~# openssl x509 -noout -text -in /etc/kubernetes/pki/apiserver.crt | grep Validity -A2

Validity

Not Before: Dec 20 18:05:20 2022 GMT

Not After: Dec 20 18:05:20 2023 GMT
```

There we have it, so we write it in the required location on our main terminal:

```
# /opt/course/22/expiration
Dec 20 18:05:20 2023 GMT
```

And we use the feature from kubeadm to get the expiration too:

```
→ root@cluster2-controlplane1:~# kubeadm certs check-expiration | grep apiserver apiserver Jan 14, 2022 18:49 UTC 363d ca no apiserver-etcd-client Jan 14, 2022 18:49 UTC 363d etcd-ca no apiserver-kubelet-client Jan 14, 2022 18:49 UTC 363d ca no
```

Looking good. And finally we write the command that would renew all certificates into the requested location:

```
# /opt/course/22/kubeadm-renew-certs.sh
kubeadm certs renew apiserver
```

Question 23 | Kubelet client/server cert info

Task weight: 2%

Use context: kubectl config use-context k8s-c2-AC

Find the "Issuer" and "Extended Key Usage" values of the cluster2-node1:

- 1. kubelet **client** certificate, the one used for outgoing connections to the kube-apiserver.
- 2. kubelet **server** certificate, the one used for incoming connections from the kube-apiserver.

Write the information into file /opt/course/23/certificate-info.txt).

Compare the "Issuer" and "Extended Key Usage" fields of both certificates and make sense of these.

Answer:

To find the correct kubelet certificate directory, we can look for the default value of the —-cert-dir parameter for the kubelet. For this search for "kubelet" in the Kubernetes docs which will lead to: https://kubernetes.io/docs/reference/command-line-tools-reference/kubelet. We can check if another certificate directory has been configured using ps. aux or in ps. aux or in <a href="ma

First we check the kubelet client certificate:

Next we check the kubelet server certificate:

We see that the server certificate was generated on the worker node itself and the client certificate was issued by the Kubernetes api. The "Extended Key Usage" also shows if it's for client or server authentication.

More about this: https://kubernetes.io/docs/reference/command-line-tools-reference/kubelet-tls-bootstrapping

Question 24 | NetworkPolicy

Task weight: 9%

Use context: [kubectl config use-context k8s-c1-H]

There was a security incident where an intruder was able to access the whole cluster from a single hacked backend *Pod*.

To prevent this create a *NetworkPolicy* called np-backend in *Namespace* project-snake. It should allow the backend-* Pods only to:

- connect to db1-* Pods on port 1111
- connect to db2-* Pods on port 2222

Use the **app** label of *Pods* in your policy.

After implementation, connections from [backend-*] Pods to [vault-*] Pods on port 3333 should for example no longer work.

Answer:

First we look at the existing *Pods* and their labels:

```
→ k -n project-snake get pod
           READY STATUS
NAME
                            RESTARTS
                                       AGE
backend-0
          1/1
                   Running
           1/1
                   Running
db1-0
                                       8s
db2-0
           1/1
                   Running
                           0
                                       10s
vault-0
           1/1
                   Running
                            0
                                       10s
\rightarrow k -n project-snake get pod -L app
           READY
                  STATUS
                            RESTARTS
                                       AGE
           1/1
backend-0
                   Running
                                       3m15s
                                               backend
db1-0
           1/1
                                       3m15s
                                               db1
                   Running
                           0
db2-0
           1/1
                   Running 0
                                       3m17s
                                               db2
vault-0
           1/1
                   Running 0
                                       3m17s
                                              vault
```

We test the current connection situation and see nothing is restricted:

```
→ k -n project-snake get pod -o wide

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE IP ...
backend-0 1/1 Running 0 4m14s 10.44.0.24 ...
db1-0 1/1 Running 0 4m16s 10.44.0.25 ...
db2-0 1/1 Running 0 4m16s 10.44.0.23 ...
vault-0 1/1 Running 0 4m16s 10.44.0.22 ...

→ k -n project-snake exec backend-0 -- curl -s 10.44.0.25:1111
database one

→ k -n project-snake exec backend-0 -- curl -s 10.44.0.23:2222
database two

→ k -n project-snake exec backend-0 -- curl -s 10.44.0.22:3333
vault secret storage
```

Now we create the NP by copying and chaning an example from the k8s docs:

```
# 24_np.yaml
apiversion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
   name: np-backend
   namespace: project-snake
spec:
   podSelector:
```

```
# first condition "to"
- podSelector:
  matchLabels:
    app: db1
ports:
                          # second condition "port"
protocol: TCP
 port: 1111
                     # second rule
                         # first condition "to"
- podSelector:
  matchLabels:
    app: db2
ports:
                          # second condition "port"
protocol: TCP
```

policy is only about Egress

first rule

The NP above has two rules with two conditions each, it can be read as:

```
allow outgoing traffic if:
  (destination pod has label app=db1 AND port is 1111)
  OR
  (destination pod has label app=db2 AND port is 2222)
```

Wrong example

vim 24_np.yaml

matchLabels:
 app: backend

policyTypes:
 - Egress

egress:

Now let's shortly look at a wrong example:

port: 2222

```
# WRONG
apiversion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
 name: np-backend
  namespace: project-snake
spec:
  podSelector:
   matchLabels:
     app: backend
  policyTypes:
    - Egress
  egress:
                                # first rule
                                    # first condition "to"
     to:
      - podSelector:
                                        # first "to" possibility
          matchLabels:
            app: db1
                                        # second "to" possibility
      - podSelector:
          matchLabels:
            app: db2
      ports:
                                    # second condition "ports"
```

protocol: TCP # first "ports" possibility port: 1111
 protocol: TCP # second "ports" possibility port: 2222

The NP above has one rule with two conditions and two condition-entries each, it can be read as:

```
allow outgoing traffic if:

(destination pod has label app=db1 OR destination pod has label app=db2)

AND

(destination port is 1111 OR destination port is 2222)
```

Using this NP it would still be possible for backend-* Pods to connect to db2-* Pods on port 1111 for example which should be forbidden.

Create NetworkPolicy

We create the correct NP:

```
k -f 24_np.yaml create
```

And test again:

```
→ k -n project-snake exec backend-0 -- curl -s 10.44.0.25:1111
database one

→ k -n project-snake exec backend-0 -- curl -s 10.44.0.23:2222
database two

→ k -n project-snake exec backend-0 -- curl -s 10.44.0.22:3333
AC
```

Also helpful to use kubectl describe on the NP to see how k8s has interpreted the policy.

Great, looking more secure. Task done.

Question 25 | Etcd Snapshot Save and Restore

Task weight: 8%

Use context: kubectl config use-context k8s-c3-CCC

Make a backup of etcd running on cluster3-controlplane1 and save it on the controlplane node at /tmp/etcd-backup.db.

Then create a *Pod* of your kind in the cluster.

Finally restore the backup, confirm the cluster is still working and that the created *Pod* is no longer with us.

Answer:

Etcd Backup

First we log into the controlplane and try to create a snapshop of etcd:

```
→ ssh cluster3-controlplane1

→ root@cluster3-controlplane1:~# ETCDCTL_API=3 etcdctl snapshot save /tmp/etcd-backup.db

Error: rpc error: code = Unavailable desc = transport is closing
```

But it fails because we need to authenticate ourselves. For the necessary information we can check the etc manifest:

```
→ root@cluster3-controlplane1:~# vim /etc/kubernetes/manifests/etcd.yaml
```

We only check the <code>etcd.yaml</code> for necessary information we don't change it.

```
# /etc/kubernetes/manifests/etcd.yaml
apiversion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
    creationTimestamp: null
    labels:
        component: etcd
        tier: control-plane
    name: etcd
    namespace: kube-system
spec:
```

```
containers:
  - command:
   etcd
   - --advertise-client-urls=https://192.168.100.31:2379
   - --cert-file=/etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/server.crt
                                                                                # use
   - --client-cert-auth=true
   - --data-dir=/var/lib/etcd
   - --initial-advertise-peer-urls=https://192.168.100.31:2380
   - --initial-cluster=cluster3-controlplane1=https://192.168.100.31:2380
   - --key-file=/etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/server.key
                                                                                # use
   - --listen-client-urls=https://127.0.0.1:2379,https://192.168.100.31:2379 # use
   - --listen-metrics-urls=http://127.0.0.1:2381
   - --listen-peer-urls=https://192.168.100.31:2380
   - --name=cluster3-controlplane1
   - --peer-cert-file=/etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/peer.crt
   --peer-client-cert-auth=true
   - --peer-key-file=/etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/peer.key
   - --peer-trusted-ca-file=/etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/ca.crt
                                                                                # use
   - --snapshot-count=10000
   - --trusted-ca-file=/etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/ca.crt
   image: k8s.gcr.io/etcd:3.3.15-0
   imagePullPolicy: IfNotPresent
   livenessProbe:
     failureThreshold: 8
     httpGet:
       host: 127.0.0.1
       path: /health
       port: 2381
       scheme: HTTP
      initialDelaySeconds: 15
     timeoutSeconds: 15
   name: etcd
   resources: {}
   volumeMounts:
   - mountPath: /var/lib/etcd
     name: etcd-data
   - mountPath: /etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd
     name: etcd-certs
 hostNetwork: true
 priorityClassName: system-cluster-critical
 volumes:
  - hostPath:
     path: /etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd
     type: DirectoryOrCreate
   name: etcd-certs
 - hostPath:
     path: /var/lib/etcd
                                                                              # important
     type: DirectoryOrCreate
   name: etcd-data
status: {}
```

But we also know that the api-server is connecting to etcd, so we can check how its manifest is configured:

We use the authentication information and pass it to etcdctl:

```
→ root@cluster3-controlplane1:~# ETCDCTL_API=3 etcdctl snapshot save /tmp/etcd-backup.db \
--cacert /etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/ca.crt \
--cert /etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/server.crt \
--key /etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/server.key
Snapshot saved at /tmp/etcd-backup.db
```

NOTE: Dont use snapshot status because it can alter the snapshot file and render it invalid

Etcd restore

Now create a *Pod* in the cluster and wait for it to be running:

```
→ root@cluster3-controlplane1:~# kubectl run test --image=nginx
pod/test created

→ root@cluster3-controlplane1:~# kubectl get pod -l run=test -w
NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE
test 1/1 Running 0 60s
```

NOTE: If you didn't solve questions 18 or 20 and cluster3 doesn't have a ready worker node then the created pod might stay in a Pending state. This is still ok for this task.

Next we stop all controlplane components:

```
root@cluster3-controlplane1:~# cd /etc/kubernetes/manifests/
root@cluster3-controlplane1:/etc/kubernetes/manifests# mv * ..
root@cluster3-controlplane1:/etc/kubernetes/manifests# watch crictl ps
```

Now we restore the snapshot into a specific directory:

```
→ root@cluster3-controlplane1:~# ETCDCTL_API=3 etcdctl snapshot restore /tmp/etcd-backup.db \
--data-dir /var/lib/etcd-backup \
--cacert /etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/ca.crt \
--cert /etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/server.crt \
--key /etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/server.key
2020-09-04 16:50:19.650804 I | mvcc: restore compact to 9935
2020-09-04 16:50:19.659095 I | etcdserver/membership: added member 8e9e05c52164694d [http://localhost:2380] to cluster cdf818194e3a8c32
```

We could specify another host to make the backup from by using <code>etcdctl --endpoints http://IP</code>, but here we just use the default value which is: <code>http://127.0.0.1:2379,http://127.0.0.1:4001</code>.

The restored files are located at the new folder /var/lib/etcd-backup, now we have to tell etcd to use that directory:

```
→ root@cluster3-controlplane1:~# vim /etc/kubernetes/etcd.yaml
```

```
# /etc/kubernetes/etcd.yaml
apiversion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
 creationTimestamp: null
 labels:
   component: etcd
   tier: control-plane
 name: etcd
 namespace: kube-system
   - mountPath: /etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd
     name: etcd-certs
 hostNetwork: true
 priorityClassName: system-cluster-critical
 volumes:
  - hostPath:
     path: /etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd
     type: DirectoryOrCreate
   name: etcd-certs
  - hostPath:
     path: /var/lib/etcd-backup
                                                # change
     type: DirectoryOrCreate
   name: etcd-data
status: {}
```

Now we move all controlplane yaml again into the manifest directory. Give it some time (up to several minutes) for etcd to restart and for the api-server to be reachable again:

```
root@cluster3-controlplane1:/etc/kubernetes/manifests# mv ../*.yaml .
root@cluster3-controlplane1:/etc/kubernetes/manifests# watch crictl ps
```

Then we check again for the *Pod*:

```
→ root@cluster3-controlplane1:~# kubectl get pod -l run=test
No resources found in default namespace.
```

Awesome, backup and restore worked as our pod is gone.

Extra Question 1 | Find Pods first to be terminated

Use context: kubectl config use-context k8s-c1-H

Check all available *Pods* in the *Namespace* project-c13 and find the names of those that would probably be terminated first if the *nodes* run out of resources (cpu or memory) to schedule all *Pods*. Write the *Pod* names into /opt/course/e1/pods-not-stable.txt.

Answer:

When available cpu or memory resources on the nodes reach their limit, Kubernetes will look for *Pods* that are using more resources than they requested. These will be the first candidates for termination. If some *Pods* containers have no resource requests/limits set, then by default those are considered to use more than requested.

Kubernetes assigns Quality of Service classes to *Pods* based on the defined resources and limits, read more here: https://kubernetes.io/docs/t_asks/configure-pod-container/quality-service-pod

Hence we should look for *Pods* without resource requests defined, we can do this with a manual approach:

```
k -n project-c13 describe pod | less -p Requests # describe all pods and highlight Requests
```

Or we do:

```
k -n project-c13 describe pod | egrep "^(Name:| Requests:)" -A1
```

We see that the *Pods* of *Deployment* c13-3cc-runner-heavy don't have any resources requests specified. Hence our answer would be:

```
# /opt/course/e1/pods-not-stable.txt
c13-3cc-runner-heavy-65588d7d6-djtv9map
c13-3cc-runner-heavy-65588d7d6-v8kf5map
c13-3cc-runner-heavy-65588d7d6-wwpb4map
o3db-0
o3db-1 # maybe not existing if already removed via previous scenario
```

To automate this process you could use jsonpath like this:

```
→ k -n project-c13 get pod \
 -o jsonpath="{range .items[*]} {.metadata.name}{.spec.containers[*].resources}{'\n'}"
c13-2x3-api-86784557bd-cqs8qmap[requests:map[cpu:50m memory:20Mi]]
c13-2x3-api-86784557bd-lnxvjmap[requests:map[cpu:50m memory:20Mi]]
c13-2x3-api-86784557bd-mnp77map[requests:map[cpu:50m memory:20Mi]]
c13-2x3-web-769c989898-6hbgtmap[requests:map[cpu:50m memory:10Mi]]
c13-2x3-web-769c989898-g57nqmap[requests:map[cpu:50m memory:10Mi]]
c13-2x3-web-769c989898-hfd5vmap[requests:map[cpu:50m memory:10Mi]]
c13-2x3-web-769c989898-jfx64map[requests:map[cpu:50m memory:10Mi]]
c13-2x3-web-769c989898-r89mgmap[requests:map[cpu:50m memory:10Mi]]
c13-2x3-web-769c989898-wtgx1map[requests:map[cpu:50m memory:10Mi]]
c13-3cc-runner-98c8b5469-dzqhrmap[requests:map[cpu:30m memory:10Mi]]
c13-3cc-runner-98c8b5469-hbtdvmap[requests:map[cpu:30m memory:10Mi]]
c13-3cc-runner-98c8b5469-n9lswmap[requests:map[cpu:30m memory:10Mi]]
c13-3cc-runner-heavy-65588d7d6-djtv9map[]
c13-3cc-runner-heavy-65588d7d6-v8kf5map[]
c13-3cc-runner-heavy-65588d7d6-wwpb4map[]
c13-3cc-web-675456bcd-glpq6map[requests:map[cpu:50m memory:10Mi]]
c13-3cc-web-675456bcd-knlpxmap[requests:map[cpu:50m memory:10Mi]]
c13-3cc-web-675456bcd-nfhp9map[requests:map[cpu:50m memory:10Mi]]
c13-3cc-web-675456bcd-twn7mmap[requests:map[cpu:50m memory:10Mi]]
o3db-0{}
o3db-1{}
```

This lists all *Pod* names and their requests/limits, hence we see the three *Pods* without those defined.

Or we look for the Quality of Service classes:

```
→ k get pods -n project-c13 \
  -o jsonpath="{range .items[*]}{.metadata.name} {.status.qosClass}{'\n'}"
c13-2x3-api-86784557bd-cgs8g Burstable
c13-2x3-api-86784557bd-lnxvj Burstable
c13-2x3-api-86784557bd-mnp77 Burstable
c13-2x3-web-769c989898-6hbgt Burstable
c13-2x3-web-769c989898-g57ng Burstable
c13-2x3-web-769c989898-hfd5v Burstable
c13-2x3-web-769c989898-ifx64 Burstable
c13-2x3-web-769c989898-r89mg Burstable
c13-2x3-web-769c989898-wtgxl Burstable
c13-3cc-runner-98c8b5469-dzghr Burstable
c13-3cc-runner-98c8b5469-hbtdv Burstable
c13-3cc-runner-98c8b5469-n9lsw Burstable
c13-3cc-runner-heavy-65588d7d6-djtv9 BestEffort
c13-3cc-runner-heavy-65588d7d6-v8kf5 BestEffort
c13-3cc-runner-heavy-65588d7d6-wwpb4 BestEffort
c13-3cc-web-675456bcd-glpg6 Burstable
c13-3cc-web-675456bcd-knlpx Burstable
c13-3cc-web-675456bcd-nfhp9 Burstable
c13-3cc-web-675456bcd-twn7m Burstable
o3db-0 BestEffort
o3db-1 BestEffort
```

Here we see three with BestEffort, which Pods get that don't have any memory or cpu limits or requests defined.

A good practice is to always set resource requests and limits. If you don't know the values your containers should have you can find this out using metric tools like Prometheus. You can also use [kubectl top pod] or even [kubectl exec] into the container and use [top] and similar tools

Extra Question 2 | Curl Manually Contact API

Use context: kubectl config use-context k8s-c1-H

There is an existing *ServiceAccount* [secret-reader] in *Namespace* [project-hamster]. Create a *Pod* of image [curlimages/curl:7.65.3] named [tmp-api-contact] which uses this *ServiceAccount*. Make sure the container keeps running.

Exec into the *Pod* and use **curl** to access the Kubernetes Api of that cluster manually, listing all available secrets. You can ignore insecure https connection. Write the command(s) for this into file **/opt/course/e4/list-secrets.sh**.

Answer:

https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/run-application/access-api-from-pod

It's important to understand how the Kubernetes API works. For this it helps connecting to the api manually, for example using curl. You can find information fast by search in the Kubernetes docs for "curl api" for example.

First we create our Pod:

```
k run tmp-api-contact \
   --image=curlimages/curl:7.65.3 $do \
   --command > e2.yaml -- sh -c 'sleep 1d'

vim e2.yaml
```

Add the service account name and Namespace:

```
# e2.yam1
apiversion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
 creationTimestamp: null
 labels:
   run: tmp-api-contact
 name: tmp-api-contact
 namespace: project-hamster
                                      # add
 serviceAccountName: secret-reader # add
 containers:
  - command:
   – sh
   - -C
   - sleep 1d
   image: curlimages/curl:7.65.3
   name: tmp-api-contact
   resources: {}
  dnsPolicy: ClusterFirst
 restartPolicy: Always
status: {}
```

Then run and exec into:

```
k -f 6.yaml create
k -n project-hamster exec tmp-api-contact -it -- sh
```

Once on the container we can try to connect to the api using <code>curl</code>, the api is usually available via the <code>Service</code> named <code>kubernetes</code> in <code>Namespace</code> <code>default</code> (You should know how dns resolution works across <code>Namespaces</code>.). Else we can find the endpoint IP via environment variables running <code>env</code>.

So now we can do:

```
curl https://kubernetes.default
curl -k https://kubernetes.default # ignore insecure as allowed in ticket description
curl -k https://kubernetes.default/api/v1/secrets # should show Forbidden 403
```

The last command shows 403 forbidden, this is because we are not passing any authorisation information with us. The Kubernetes Api Server thinks we are connecting as system: anonymous. We want to change this and connect using the *Pods ServiceAccount* named secret-reader.

We find the token in the mounted folder at $\lceil \text{var/run/secrets/kubernetes.io/serviceaccount} \rceil$, so we do:

```
→ TOKEN=$(cat /var/run/secrets/kubernetes.io/serviceaccount/token)
→ curl -k https://kubernetes.default/api/v1/secrets -H "Authorization: Bearer ${TOKEN}"
```

```
% Total % Received % Xferd Average Speed Time
                                               Time
                                                       Time Current
                         Dload Upload Total Spent Left Speed
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 --:--:-
"kind": "SecretList",
"apiversion": "v1",
"metadata": {
 "selfLink": "/api/v1/secrets",
 "resourceVersion": "10697"
},
"items": [
   "metadata": {
    "name": "default-token-5zjbd",
    "namespace": "default",
     "selfLink": "/api/v1/namespaces/default/secrets/default-token-5zjbd",
     "uid": "315dbfd9-d235-482b-8bfc-c6167e7c1461",
     "resourceVersion": "342",
```

Now we're able to list all Secrets, registering as the ServiceAccount [secret-reader] under which our Pod is running.

To use encrypted https connection we can run:

```
CACERT=/var/run/secrets/kubernetes.io/serviceaccount/ca.crt curl --cacert ${CACERT} https://kubernetes.default/api/v1/secrets -H "Authorization: Bearer ${TOKEN}"
```

For troubleshooting we could also check if the ServiceAccount is actually able to list Secrets using:

```
→ k auth can-i get secret --as system:serviceaccount:project-hamster:secret-reader yes
```

Finally write the commands into the requested location:

```
# /opt/course/e4/list-secrets.sh
TOKEN=$(cat /var/run/secrets/kubernetes.io/serviceaccount/token)
curl -k https://kubernetes.default/api/v1/secrets -H "Authorization: Bearer ${TOKEN}"
```

CKA Tips Kubernetes 1.27

In this section we'll provide some tips on how to handle the CKA exam and browser terminal.

Knowledge

Study all topics as proposed in the curriculum till you feel comfortable with all.

General

- Study all topics as proposed in the curriculum till you feel comfortable with all
- Do 1 or 2 test session with this CKA Simulator. Understand the solutions and maybe try out other ways to achieve the same thing.
- Setup your aliases, be fast and breath kubect1
- The majority of tasks in the CKA will also be around creating Kubernetes resources, like it's tested in the CKAD. So preparing a bit for the CKAD can't hurt.
- Learn and Study the in-browser scenarios on https://killercoda.com/killer-shell-cka (and maybe for CKAD https://kill
- Imagine and create your own scenarios to solve

Components

- Understanding Kubernetes components and being able to fix and investigate clusters: https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/debug-applicatio n-cluster/debug-cluster
- Know advanced scheduling: https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/scheduling/kube-scheduler
- When you have to fix a component (like kubelet) in one cluster, just check how it's setup on another node in the same or even another cluster. You can copy config files over etc
- If you like you can look at <u>Kubernetes The Hard Way</u> once. But it's NOT necessary to do, the CKA is not that complex. But KTHW helps understanding the concepts
- You should install your own cluster using kubeadm (one controlplane, one worker) in a VM or using a cloud provider and investigate the components
- Know how to use Kubeadm to for example add nodes to a cluster
- Know how to create an Ingress resources
- Know how to snapshot/restore ETCD from another machine

CKA Preparation

Read the Curriculum

https://github.com/cncf/curriculum

Read the Handbook

https://docs.linuxfoundation.org/tc-docs/certification/lf-handbook2

Read the important tips

https://docs.linuxfoundation.org/tc-docs/certification/tips-cka-and-ckad

Read the FAQ

https://docs.linuxfoundation.org/tc-docs/certification/faq-cka-ckad

Kubernetes documentation

Get familiar with the Kubernetes documentation and be able to use the search. Allowed links are:

- https://kubernetes.io/docs
- https://kubernetes.io/blog
- https://helm.sh/docs

NOTE: Verify the list <u>here</u>

The Test Environment / Browser Terminal

You'll be provided with a browser terminal which uses Ubuntu 20. The standard shells included with a minimal install of Ubuntu 20 will be available, including bash.

Laggin

There could be some lagging, definitely make sure you are using a good internet connection because your webcam and screen are uploading all the time.

Kubectl autocompletion and commands

Autocompletion is configured by default, as well as the [k] alias source and others:

kubect1 with k alias and Bash autocompletion

yq and jq for YAML/JSON processing

tmux for terminal multiplexing

curl and wget for testing web services

man and man pages for further documentation

Copy & Paste

There could be issues copying text (like pod names) from the left task information into the terminal. Some suggested to "hard" hit or long hold [Cmd/Ctr1+C] a few times to take action. Apart from that copy and paste should just work like in normal terminals.

Percentages and Score

There are 15-20 questions in the exam and 100% of total percentage to reach. Each questions shows the % it gives if you solve it. Your results will be automatically checked according to the handbook. If you don't agree with the results you can request a review by contacting the Linux Foundation support.

Notepad & Skipping Questions

You have access to a simple notepad in the browser which can be used for storing any kind of plain text. It makes sense to use this for saving skipped question numbers and their percentages. This way it's possible to move some questions to the end. It might make sense to skip 2% or 3% questions and go directly to higher ones.

Contexts

You'll receive access to various different clusters and resources in each. They provide you the exact command you need to run to connect to another cluster/context. But you should be comfortable working in different namespaces with kubect1.

PSI Bridge

Starting with PSI Bridge:

- The exam will now be taken using the PSI Secure Browser, which can be downloaded using the newest versions of Microsoft Edge, Safari, Chrome, or Firefox
- Multiple monitors will no longer be permitted
- Use of personal bookmarks will no longer be permitted

The new ExamUI includes improved features such as:

- A remote desktop configured with the tools and software needed to complete the tasks
- A timer that displays the actual time remaining (in minutes) and provides an alert with 30, 15, or 5 minute remaining
- The content panel remains the same (presented on the Left Hand Side of the ExamUI)

Read more here.

Browser Terminal Setup

It should be considered to spend ~1 minute in the beginning to setup your terminal. In the real exam the vast majority of questions will be done from the main terminal. For few you might need to ssh into another machine. Just be aware that configurations to your shell will not be transferred in this case.

Minimal Setup

Alias

The alias [k] for [kubect1] will already be configured together with autocompletion. In case not you can configure it using this link.

Vim

The following settings will already be configured in your real exam environment in **/.vimrc**. But it can never hurt to be able to type these down:

```
set tabstop=2
set expandtab
set shiftwidth=2
```

The **expandtab** make sure to use spaces for tabs. Memorize these and just type them down. You can't have any written notes with commands on your desktop etc.

Optional Setup

Fast dry-run output

```
export do="--dry-run=client -o yaml"
```

This way you can just run k run pod1 --image=nginx \$do. Short for "dry output", but use whatever name you like.

Fast pod delete

```
export now="--force --grace-period 0"
```

This way you can run k delete podl \$now and don't have to wait for ~30 seconds termination time.

Persist bash settings

You can store aliases and other setup in <a>\tau/.bashrc if you're planning on using different shells or <a>\tau\text{tmux}.

Alias Namespace

In addition you could define an alias like:

```
alias kn='kubectl config set-context --current --namespace '
```

Which allows you to define the default namespace of the current context. Then once you switch a context or namespace you can just run:

```
kn default  # set default to default
kn my-namespace  # set default to my-namespace
```

But only do this if you used it before and are comfortable doing so. Else you need to specify the namespace for every call, which is also fine:

```
k -n my-namespace get all
k -n my-namespace get pod
...
```

Be fast

Use the ${\color{red} {\bf history}}$ command to reuse already entered commands or use even faster history search through ${\color{red} {\bf Ctrl}} \ {\color{red} {\bf r}}$.

If a command takes some time to execute, like sometimes [kubect1] delete pod x. You can put a task in the background using Ctrl z and pull it back into foreground running command [fg].

You can delete *pods* fast with:

```
k delete pod x --grace-period 0 --force
k delete pod x $now # if export from above is configured
```

Vim

Be great with vim.

toggle vim line numbers

When in vim you can press **Esc** and type :set number or :set nonumber followed by **Enter** to toggle line numbers. This can be useful when finding syntax errors based on line - but can be bad when wanting to mark© by mouse. You can also just jump to a line number with **Esc** :22] + **Enter**.

copy&paste

Get used to copy/paste/cut with vim:

```
Mark lines: Esc+V (then arrow keys)
Copy marked lines: y
Cut marked lines: d
Past lines: p or P
```

Indent multiple lines

To indent multiple lines press **Esc** and type :set shiftwidth=2). First mark multiple lines using **Shift v** and the up/down keys. Then to indent the marked lines press > or <. You can then press . to repeat the action.

Split terminal screen

By default tmux is installed and can be used to split your one terminal into multiple. **But** just do this if you know your shit, because scrolling is different and copy&pasting might be weird.

https://www.hamvocke.com/blog/a-quick-and-easy-guide-to-tmux

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