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Introduction

The Kubernetes project grew out of the world of online micro-services-based applications as an orchestration framework for containerized applications. With the explosive momentum of Docker containers, Kubernetes has become the de-facto standard for orchestrating and managing containerized apps in production environments. In this workshop we will demonstrate how Kubernetes can run on Power systems, using IBM Cloud Private, a Kubernetes based container management stack.

You will gain access to IBM Cloud Private on Power-based systems on the cloud as well as on a developer laptop. You will also get a chance to onboard a sample application to Kubernetes and learn about features of IBM Cloud Private through hands on training.

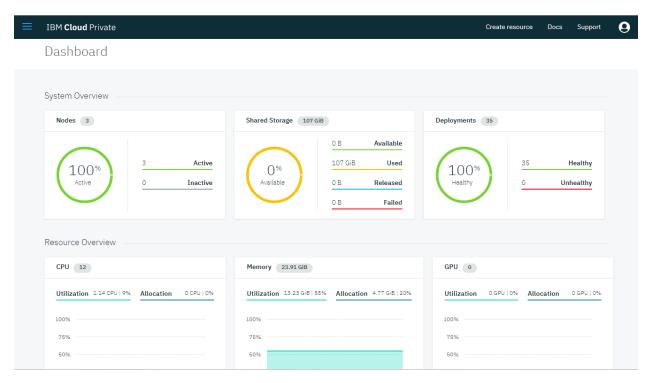


IBM Cloud Private and Kubernetes

Part 1: Overview

IBM Cloud Private is a server platform for developing and managing on-premises, containerized applications.

It is an integrated environment for managing containers that includes the container orchestrator Kubernetes, a private image repository, a management console, and monitoring frameworks.



Part 2: Setting up or accessing your cluster

Instructions on setting up or accessing your cluster will be provided by your lab instructor.

Managing deployments in an IBM Cloud Private cluster

Part 3: Creating deployments

1. Log in	to the IBM Cloud Private management console.
2. From t	he navigation menu, select Catalog > Helm charts .
3. From t	he Helm charts catalog, locate the ibm-websphere-liberty deployment.
4. Reviev	v the readme for requirements and configuration settings.
5. Click C	onfigure.
6. Provid	e a Release name . For example, "demo".
7. Select the user1 nam	the namespace that matches your username. For example, if you are user1, usenespace.
8. Accept	the license agreements.
9. Click I r	ıstall.
	View Helm release . Then click on demo . Review information about the services and pods that are created.
websphere-li	the navigation menu, select Workloads > Deployments > demo-ibm- Sherty . Review additional information about the deployment including details netrics, logs, and events.
From the Exp odeployment.	ose details section, you can find the endpoint link for accessing your
Note: Replace	e http with https in the endpoint link to access the websphere-liberty service.
Part 4: Scali	ing deployments
-	aling deployments he navigation menu, select Workloads > Deployments .
2. For the form displays.	e deployment that you want to scale, select Action > Scale . A Scale Deployment
3 Entert	the number of nods required



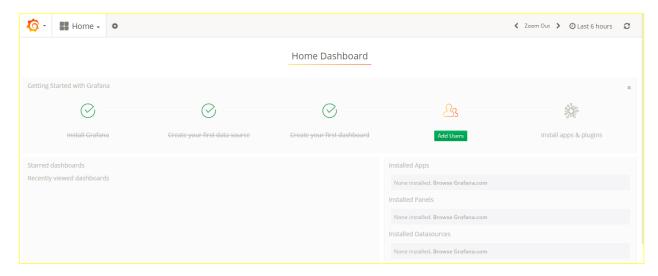
_	If the number of pods entered is less than the current Desired Replica, a scale in action is triggered. If the number of pods entered is greater than the current Desired Replica, a scale-out
_	action is triggered.
4.	Click Scale Deployment.
Optio	nal: Creating Auto-scaling policies
1.	From the navigation menu, select Configuration > Scaling Policies .
2.	Click Create Policy.
3. compl	Enter the policy details. Policy details can be provided either in a JSON format or by eting the fields in the Create Policy form.
4.	To create a policy, the following parameters are required:
- - -	A policy name A target - the name of the application that will use this policy Maximum number of replications - this value is the maximum number of replications that are allowed during a scale up
5.	You can also set the following optional parameters:
- -	Minimum number of replications, which has a default of 1, is optional. Specifying the resource limit for CPU is optional. If you do not specify the resource limits for your container, the values are set to unlimited.
6.	Click Create.



Monitoring the status of your cluster and applications

The monitoring dashboard uses Grafana and Prometheus to present detailed data about your cluster nodes and containers

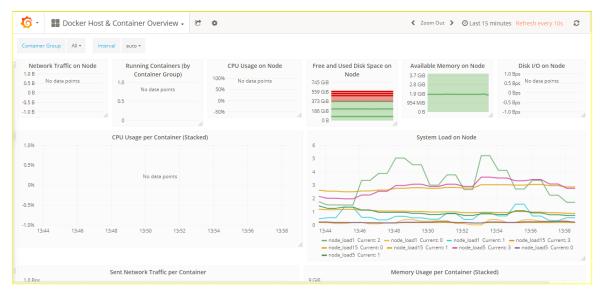
__ 1. From the navigation menu, select Platform > Monitoring.

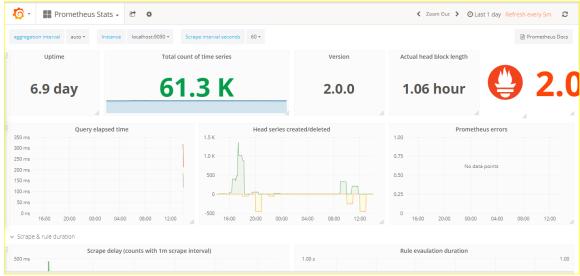


__ 2. Click the drop-down icon located next to **Home**.



__ 3. Click on each available dashboard to review the status information on various system components and processes.







Managing and troubleshooting your cluster using the Kubernetes CLI

Part 5: Setting up the Kubernetes CLI

__1. Install kubectl for IBM Cloud Private.

docker run -e LICENSE=accept --net=host -v /usr/local/bin:/data ibmcom/icpinception-ppc64le:2.1.0.1-ee cp /usr/local/bin/kubectl /data

__ 2. From the dashboard view, select **User Account** > **Configure Client**.

The user account tab can be found in the upper right corner of your screen. This tab displays the user name for the logged-on user.

__ 3. Copy and paste the configuration information to your command line and press **Enter.**

Part 6: Using the Kubernetes CLI

kubectl get nodes
kubectl describe node <node>
kubectl get pods
kubectl describe pod <pod>
kubectl get namespaces
kubectl describe namespace <ns>

For more information about using kubectl with IBM Cloud Private, see <u>Accessing your IBM®</u> <u>Cloud Private cluster by using the kubectl CLI.</u>

Automating the build process for Docker images

A typical CI/CD pipeline uses the following process:

- Developers commit code to a SCM, which triggers a Jenkins build pipeline.
- Jenkins then builds the code and runs tests.
- If the tests pass, the code is deployed to various environments, such as a staging server and then fully tested and verified content is moved to a production server.

In this exercise, you will set up a pipeline to build and automatically push Docker images to the IBM Cloud Private image registry.

Jenkins is deployed, and the required plugins are installed on the available IBM Cloud Private cluster. You can now explore the system configuration and try to create a pipeline to build Docker images.

Note: DO NOT modify any settings on the System Configuration page.

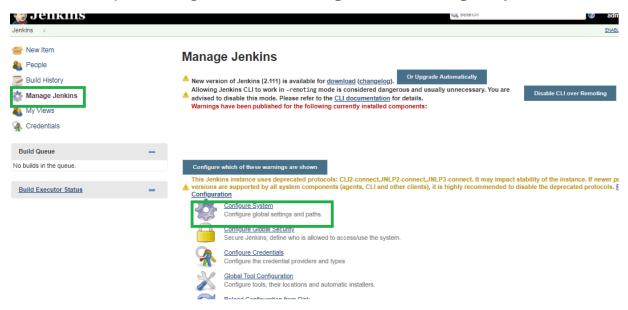
Part 7: Accessing the Jenkins dashboard

__1. Using the provided URL, access the Jenkins dashboard.



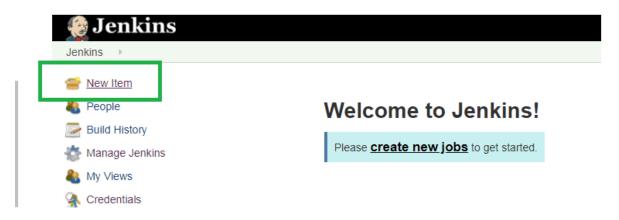


__2. View the system configuration. Select Manage Jenkins > Configure System.



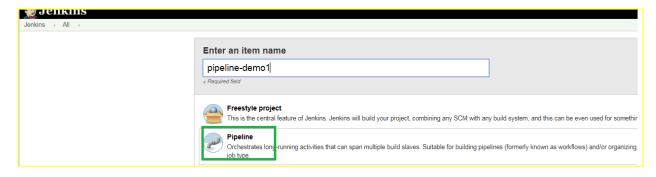
Part 8: Setting up task automation with Jenkins

__1. Click **New Item**.





__2. Enter an item name and select **Pipeline**.



__3. In the pipeline definition field input the following script.

```
pipeline {
    agent none
    stages {
        stage('Checkout Code') {
            parallel {
                stage('Build ppc64le') {
                    agent {
                        label "jenkins-demo3"
                    }
                    steps {
                        script{
                            checkout([$class: 'GitSCM', branches: [[name:
'*/master']], doGenerateSubmoduleConfigurations: false, extensions: [[$class:
'RelativeTargetDirectory', relativeTargetDir: 'src'], [$class:
'CleanBeforeCheckout']], submoduleCfg: [], userRemoteConfigs: [[url:
'https://github.com/sudeeshjohn/sampleflaskapp.git']]])
                            appName = "default/flask-app-user1"
                            registryHost = "mycluster.icp:8500/"
                            imageName =
"${registryHost}${appName}:${env.BUILD ID}-ppc64le"
                            env.BUILDIMG=imageName
                            docker.withRegistry('https://mycluster.icp:8500/'
, 'docker'){
                                def pcImg =
docker.build("mycluster.icp:8500/default/flask-app-user1:${env.BUILD ID}", "-
f src/Dockerfile.ppc64le src/")
                                sh "cp /root/.dockercfg
/home/jenkins/.dockercfg"
                                pcImg.push()
                                pcImg.withRun{springboot ->
'https://github.com/sudeeshjohn/sampleflaskapp.git'
                                sh "ls"
                            }
                        }
                    }
```

```
}
}
```

__5. Change the label field to your deployment name. For example, jenkins-demo3.

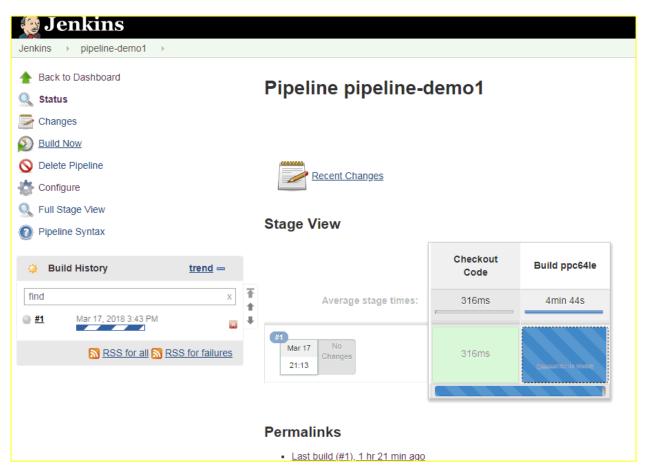


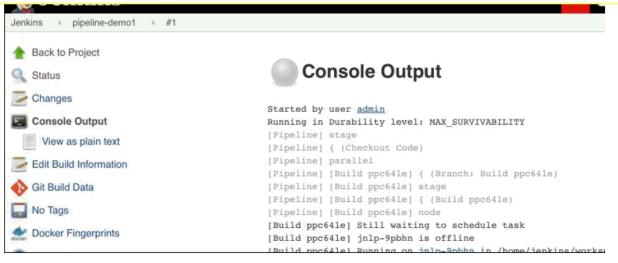
__6. To avoid conflicts in the image name that is pushed to the registry, you need to change the image name (appName parameter) in the script to match your user name.

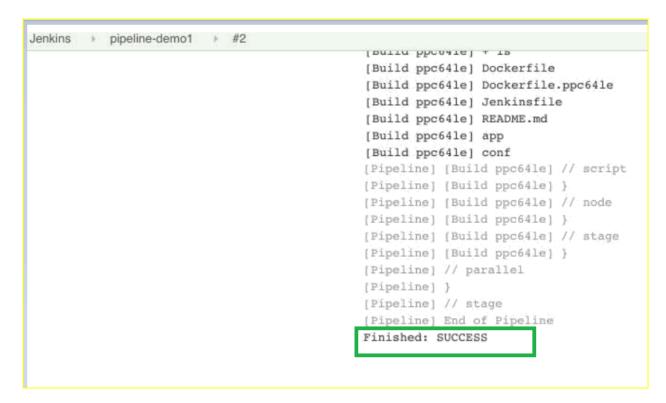
For example,

```
appName="default/flask-app-user1" (for user1)
appName="default/flask-app-user2" (for user2)
```

- __7. Click Save.
- __8. Build the pipeline.







__ 9. When the job successfully completes, locate the newly built image in IBM Cloud Private dashboard.

From the IBM Cloud Private navigation menu, select Catalog -> Images.



Deploying a microservices based application on a Kubernetes cluster

Microservices allow a large application to be decomposed into independent constituent parts, with each part having its own realm of responsibility. To serve a single user or API request, a microservices-based application can call many internal microservices to compose its response.

This sample microservices application simulates a fictional airline company called – Acme Air and consists of the following services:

- _ acmeair-mainapp: The Front End and the main service
- acmeair-as: The Authentication service
- acmeair-cs: The Customer service
- _ acmeair-fs: The Flight service
- acmeair-bs: The Booking service
- acmeair-ss: The Support service

Each of the service also depends on a database. Mongodb is used as the database. In this setup, all the services run on Power nodes.

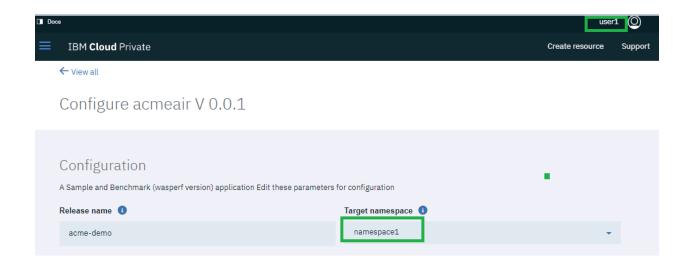
The code used in this article is available here – https://github.com/bpradipt/acmeair

Optional: You can build the Acme air helm chart, or you can deploy the chart that is already available in your cluster. To build the Acme air helm chart, see <u>Part 13</u>.

Part 9: Deploying the Acme air app

- __ 1. From the navigation menu, select **Catalog** > **Helm charts**. In the search field, type "acmeair".
- __2. Click Configure.
- __ 4. Provide a **Release name**. For example, "acme-demo".
- __5. Select the namespace that matches your username. For example, if you are user1, use the namespace1 namespace.

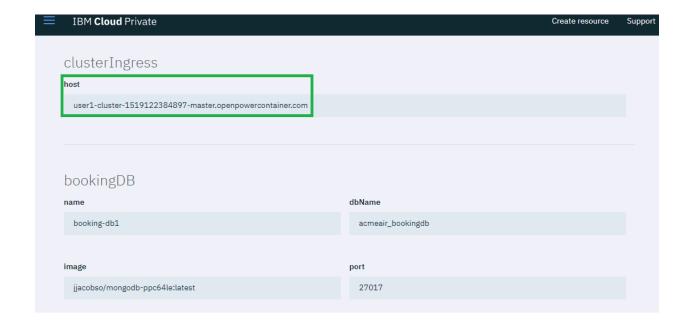




__6. Replace clusterIngress- host with the dummy DNS host name of the proxy node.

In this environment, the proxy node is the same as the master node. For example,

- user 1: "user1-cluster-1519122384897-master.openpowercontainer.com"
- user 2: "user2-cluster-1519122384897-master.openpowercontainer.com"
- _
- user 30: "user30-cluster-1519122384897-master.openpowercontainer.com"



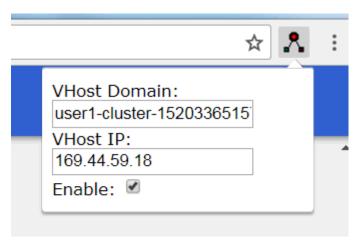
__ 8. Click Install.

__9. Click **View Helm release**. Locate your acme-air release. Review information about the services, deployments and pods that are created.

Part 10: Accessing the Acme air app

Note: Dummy hostnames are used in the ingress config file, each user must add a chrome extension for a virtual host. This allow you to map the dummy hostname to the proxy/master node's IP address.

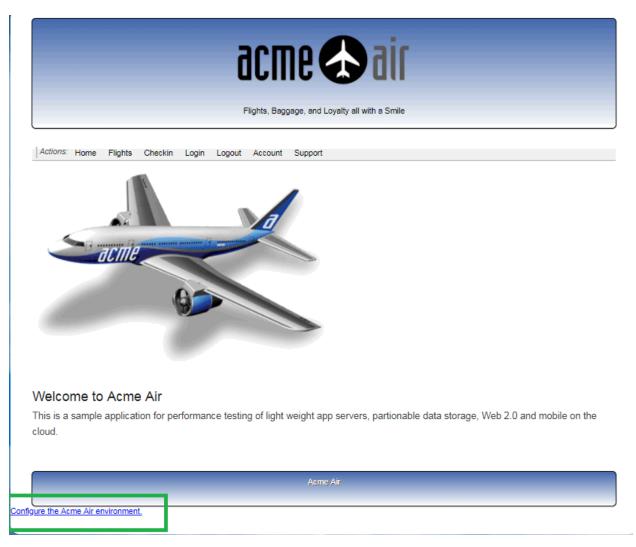
For more details, see Virtual Host (Chrome web store).



__ 1. When the application is in a deployed state, you can access the service by using the following link: <a href="http://<DNS_HOST_NAME_OF_PROXY_NODE>/acmeair">http://<DNS_HOST_NAME_OF_PROXY_NODE>/acmeair

For example, http://user1-cluster-1519122384897-master.openpowercontainer.com/acmeair/

__ 2. Click on the **Configure the Acmeair environment** link at the bottom of the home page to configure the environment and to populate the database.



Once the database is populated, you can use the menu options for performing various operations such as login, search for available flights, book flights, cancel bookings and logging out of the application.

Part 11: (Optional) Building the Acme air Helm chart

These instructions are for building the Acme air Helm chart on IBM Cloud Private environments that are running on Power systems.

Build the Docker image

__ 1. As root user, log on to the master node and run the following commands:

\$ sudo su -



Install pre-req packages

```
$ sudo apt-get install git gradle openjdk-8-jdk
```

Set JAVA_HOME

- \$ export JAVA_HOME=/usr/lib/jvm/java-8-openjdk-ppc64el
- \$ export PATH=\$JAVA HOME/bin:\$PATH

Build the packages

- \$ git clone https://github.com/bpradipt/acmeair.git
- \$ cd acmeair
- \$ gradle build

__2. Build the Docker images

```
$ for i in acmeair-fs acmeair-as acmeair-cs acmeair-bs acmeair-ss
acmeair-mainapp; do cd $i && sudo docker build -t $i -f
Dockerfile.ppc64le . && cd ..; done
```

__3. View the Docker images

```
$ docker images | grep acmeair
```

Load Docker images on the worker nodes

__4. On the master node, save the images on to a tar file.

sudo docker save -o <path to image tar file> <image name:tag> <image
name:tag>..

For example,

sudo docker save -o ./acmeair-images.tar acmeair-mainapp:latest
acmeair-ss:latest acmeair-bs:latest acmeair-cs:latest acmeairas:latest acmeair-fs:latest

gzip acmeair-images.tar



__5. On each worker node, copy the tar.gz file.

scp <tar.gz file name> <target path on worker node>

For example,

scp acmeair-images.tar.gz cluster-1519122384897-worker1:/root/
scp acmeair-images.tar.gz cluster-1519122384897-worker2:/root/

__6. On each worker node, load the images.

ssh <worker node name>
sudo docker load -i <path to image tar.gz file>
sudo docker images | grep acme

For example,

 $\verb|root@cluster-1519122384897-worker1:~\#| sudo docker load -i ./acmeair-images.tar.gz|$

root@ cluster-1519122384897-master.openpowercontainer.com:~# docker images | grep acme

acmeair-mainapp 642a6e34058e	25 minutes ago	534MB	latest
acmeair-ss Oc5505e5a1e1	25 minutes ago	533MB	latest
acmeair-bs d70580d2a9db	25 minutes ago	535MB	latest
acmeair-cs 8469561c0267	25 minutes ago	535MB	latest
acmeair-as 9e6dc0c2973c	26 minutes ago	535MB	latest
acmeair-fs eb23816d51d5	26 minutes ago	535MB	latest

root@ cluster-1519122384897-master.openpowercontainer.com:~#

Package the helm chart

For more details, see

https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/SSBS6K_2.1.0.1/app_center/add_package.html#package_chart

__7. Setup Helm CLI

For information on how to setup the helm CLI, see https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/SSBS6K_2.1.0.1/app_center/create_helm_cli.html.

__i. On the master node, go to the location where the acmeair project is cloned. Navigate to the helm chart directory.

```
cd helm_chart
```

__ii. Package your chart and confirm that the package was added.

```
helm package acmeair; ls -1
```

If the package was added, the output of the command lists the acmair-0.0.1.tgz file.

- __8. Add the chart to the internal repository that is provided with IBM Cloud Private.
 - __i. Install the IBM Cloud Private CLI, see <u>Installing the IBM® Cloud Private CLI</u>.
 - __ii. Log in to your cluster from the IBM Cloud Private CLI and access the Docker private image registry.

```
bx pr login -a https://<cluster_CA_domain>:8443 --skip-ssl-
validation
```

For example,

```
$ bx pr login -a https://169.44.59.18:8443 --skip-ssl-validation
Login method invokedAPI endpoint: https://169.44.59.18:8443
```

Username> admin

Password>

Authenticating...

OK

Select an account:

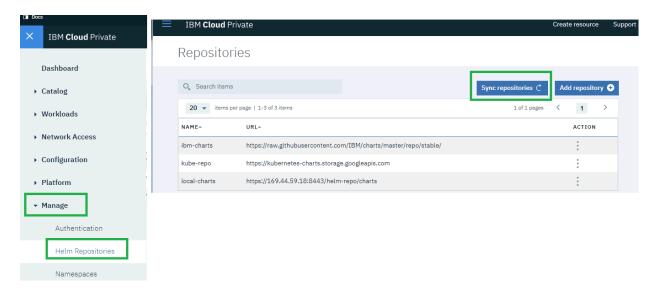
1. ICP Account (id-icp-account)



```
Enter a number> 1
Targeted account: ICP Account (id-icp-account)
__iii. Install the Helm chart.
bx pr load-helm-chart --archive <helm chart archive> [--
clustername <cluster CA domain>]
For example,
$ scp -i <keyfile> ubuntu@169.44.59.18:/home/ubuntu/acmeair-
0.0.1.tgz .
acmeair-0.0.1.tgz
                           100% 3912 3.8KB/s 00:01
IBM@mjulie MINGW64 ~
$ bx pr load-helm-chart --archive ./acmeair-0.0.1.tgz --
clustername 169.44.59.18
Loading helm chart
  {"url":"https://169.44.59.18:8443/helm-repo/charts/index.yaml"}
OK
__iv. Update the package repository by using the IBM Cloud Private cluster
management console.
           From the navigation menu, select Manage > Helm Repositories.
     __a.
     __b.
           Click Sync Repositories.
           From the navigation menu, select Catalog > Helm Charts.
```

The new Helm chart is loaded into the IBM Cloud Private catalog.

__c.



Next: Deploy the Acme air app, see Part 11.

Appendix - useful links

- _ Developer Works community http://ibm.biz/cloud-private
- _ IBM Cloud Private on IBM Knowledge Center https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSBS6K/product_welcome_cloud_pr ivate.html

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