

Kubernetes Cheat Sheet

Installation

Install the `kubectl` command line tool to interact with the Kubernetes API:

<https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/tools/#kubectl>

Enable autocompletion in bash:

```
composer completion bash | sudo tee /etc/bash_completion.d/kubectl
```

Global flags

Flag	Description
<code>--namespace <namespace></code>	The name of the namespace to use
<code>--context <context></code>	The name of the context to use
<code>--help</code>	Show information about a given command

Context and configuration

Command	Description
<code>kubectl config get-contexts</code>	List all contexts
<code>kubectl config current-context</code>	Display the current context
<code>kubectl config use-context <context></code>	Switch to another context
<code>kubectl config delete-context <context></code>	Delete the specified context from the kubeconfig

Display resources

Command	Description
<code>kubectl get <resource></code>	List all resources of this type in the current namespace
<code>kubectl get <resource> -o wide</code>	List all resources with more details
<code>kubectl get <resource> -A</code>	List all resources of this type in all namespaces
<code>kubectl get <resource> <name></code>	List a particular resource
<code>kubectl get <resource> <name> -o yaml</code>	Print a particular resource in YAML format
<code>kubectl get <resource> <name> -l <key>=<value></code>	List resources where label <key> contains <value>
<code>kubectl describe <resource></code>	Show detailed information about a resource

Apply configuration manifests

Command	Description
<code>kubectl apply -f <file></code>	Apply a manifest from a file
<code>kubectl apply -f <dir></code>	Apply all manifests in a directory
<code>kubectl apply -k <dir></code>	Apply resources from a kustomize directory

Create resources manually

Command	Description
<code>kubectl run <name> --image=<image></code>	Start a pod
<code>kubectl create deployment <name> --image=<image></code>	Create a deployment
<code>kubectl expose pod <pod> --port=<port></code>	Create a service for an existing pod
<code>kubectl expose deployment <name> --port=<port></code>	Create a service for an existing deployment
<code>kubectl create ingress <name> --rule=<host/path=svc:port></code>	Create an ingress that routes traffic to a service
<code>kubectl create job <name> --image=<image></code>	Create a job
<code>kubectl create job <name> --from=cronjob/<name></code>	Create a job from a cronjob
<code>kubectl create cronjob <name> --image=<image> --schedule=<schedule></code>	Create a cronjob, using a schedule in Cron format
<code>kubectl create secret generic <name> --from-literal=<key>=<value></code>	Create a secret containing <key> and <value>
<code>kubectl create secret docker-registry <name> --docker-server=<server> --docker-username=<username> --docker-password=<password></code>	Create a secret for a Docker registry

Generate YAML configuration manifests

Command	Description
<code>kubectl create deployment <name> --image=<image> --dry-run=client -o yaml</code>	Generate a deployment manifest
<code>kubectl expose deployment <name> --port=<port> --dry-run=client -o yaml</code>	Generate a service manifest for a deployment

Edit resources

Command	Description
<code>kubectl edit <resource> <name></code>	Edit a resource in a text editor
<code>kubectl set image <resource> <name> <container>=<image></code>	Update the image of a container in a pod

Set labels and annotations

Command	Description
<code>kubectl label <resource> <name> <key>=<value></code>	Add a label to a resource
<code>kubectl annotate <resource> <name> <key>=<value></code>	Add an annotation to a resource

Delete resources

Command	Description
<code>kubectl delete <resource> <name></code>	Delete a particular resource
<code>kubectl delete <resource> --all</code>	Delete all resources of a particular type in the current namespace
<code>kubectl delete -f <file></code>	Delete a resource from a file

Manage deployments

Command	Description
<code>kubectl rollout status deployment <name></code>	Show the status of a deployment rollout
<code>kubectl rollout history deployment <name></code>	View the rollout history of a deployment
<code>kubectl rollout undo deployment <name></code>	Undo a previous rollout deployment
<code>kubectl rollout restart deployment <name></code>	Restart a deployment
<code>kubectl scale deployment <name> --replicas=<n></code>	Scale a deployment to <n> replicas
<code>kubectl autoscale deployment <name> --min=<min> --max=<max></code>	Autoscale a deployment between <n> and <n> replicas

Execute commands

Command	Description
<code>kubectl exec <pod> -- <command></code>	Execute a command in a running pod
<code>kubectl exec -it <pod> -- sh</code>	Open a shell in a running pod

View logs

Command	Description
<code>kubectl logs <pod></code>	Print the logs for a pod
<code>kubectl logs -f <pod></code>	Print the logs for a pod and keep streaming

Resource usage

Command	Description
<code>kubectl top node</code>	Show resource (CPU/memory) usage of nodes
<code>kubectl top pod</code>	Show resource (CPU/memory) usage of pods

Other commands

Command	Description
<code>kubectl version</code>	Show the version of the client and server
<code>kubectl api-resources</code>	Print the supported API resources on the server