Components of the Control Plane:

Component Role
kube-apiserver
Front door to the cluster. All requests (kubectl, UI, etc.) go through it.

etcd
Key-value store for all cluster data (state, config, secrets).
kube-scheduler
Chooses which node runs a new Pod based on resource availability.
kube-controller-manager
Runs controllers that monitor and react to changes (e.g., ReplicaSet, Node controller).
cloud-controller-manager
Connects Kubernetes to cloud providers (manages

How it Works Together:

load balancers, volumes, etc.)

You create a Pod using kubectl.

kube-apiserver receives the request.

etcd stores the desired state.

kube-scheduler selects a node for the Pod.

kubelet on that node starts the container.