

# Understanding Deployments

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## Relevant Documentation

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- [Deployment](#)

## Exam Tips

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- A Deployment actively manages a desired state for a set of replica Pods.
- The Pod template provides the Pod configuration that the Deployment will use to create new Pods.
- The replicas field sets the number of replicas. You can scale up or down by changing this value.

## Lesson Reference

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Log in to the **control plane node**.

Create a Deployment.

```
vi nginx-deployment.yml
```

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: nginx-deployment
spec:
  replicas: 2
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: nginx
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        app: nginx
    spec:
      containers:
        - name: nginx
          image: nginx:1.14.2
          ports:
            - containerPort: 80
```

```
kubectl apply -f nginx-deployment.yml
```

Check the status of the Deployment.

```
kubectl get deployments
```

Check the Deployment's replica Pods.

```
kubectl get pods
```

Scale the Deployment.

```
kubectl scale deployment/nginx-deployment --replicas=4
```

Check the Deployment's status and replica Pods.

```
kubectl get deployment nginx-deployment
```

```
kubectl get pods
```

Scale by editing the Deployment spec.

```
kubectl edit deployment nginx-deployment
```

```
spec:  
  ...  
  replicas: 2
```

Check the Deployment's status and replica Pods.

```
kubectl get deployment nginx-deployment
```

```
kubectl get pods
```

Copy the full name of one of the active Deployment Pods. Delete that Pod.

```
kubectl delete pod <Pod name> --force
```

List the Pods again. The Deployment will maintain desired state by creating a new replica to replace the deleted Pod.

```
kubectl get pods
```