

DevOps Engineering Challenge

Create a minimalistic local Kubernetes environment for running a **NodeJS** application that connects to a database, retrieves the "Hello World" string from it and returns it as a reply to an HTTP request. There should be two infrastructure environments, Dev and Prod.

Requirements

All resources should be managed in your code (i.e. **GitOps** approach).

The application itself is expected to be deployed directly **without** using pre-existing images (like the images publicly available from DockerHub).

Publicly-available images are allowed to be used for the underlying "infrastructure" pieces, like DB or the CI tool.

Dev and Prod environments must be configured using a template tool (e.g. HELM, Kustomize, jsonnet, etc.)

Keep the solution simple, but make sure to apply best practices where you see them fit.

Tools

The following tools are expected to be used for completing this challenge:

- Container management: **Kubernetes**.
- Cluster management: **Minikube**.
- Deployable artifact: Docker image created from the provided **Dockerfile**.
- Deployment method: Kubernetes **YAML** files / **HELM**.
- Infrastructure environment templating: **HELM / Kustomize / jsonnet**.
- CI/CD: **GitlabCI / Jenkins** pipeline (can be run as a separate pod on the Minikube "cluster").
- Scripting language: **Bash, Python, Ruby or Go**.

Deliverables

A link to a publicly available git repo with:

- **Dockerfile** (one or several, depending on your design) containing the build of a deployable artifact, like a Docker image with an application inside.
- Kubernetes **manifests / HELM** charts to deploy this app to a Kubernetes cluster.
- **GitlabCI/Jenkins** pipeline which streamlines the process of building and deploying (nice to have).
- Create **README.md** with step-by-step instructions on how to get from cloning your public repo to opening your hello-world application running in Minikube in a web browser and seeing the "Hello World" phrase (no need for a fancy web page, a line of text is sufficient).

What we will look for when checking out your solution:

- Functionality and working state of the setup and the application you are deploying.
- Cleanliness and simplicity of the automated infrastructure.
- Clearness and structure of the documentation.