

# Basic Kubernetes Questions:

## 1. What is Kubernetes?

Kubernetes (K8s) is an open-source container orchestration platform that automates deploying, scaling, and managing containerized applications.

## 2. What are the main components of Kubernetes architecture?

- **Master Node (Control Plane):** Manages the cluster. Components:

- API Server
- Controller Manager
- Scheduler
- etcd (key-value store)

- **Worker Nodes:** Run the containerized apps. Components:

- Kubelet
- Kube-proxy
- Container runtime (like Docker)

## 3. What is a Pod in Kubernetes?

A Pod is the smallest deployable unit in Kubernetes, containing one or more containers that share the same network and storage.

## How do you create a Pod in Kubernetes?

Using a YAML file:

```
yaml
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apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: my-pod
spec:
  containers:
```

```
- name: my-container
  image: nginx
  ports:
    - containerPort: 80
```

Deploy it:

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```
kubectl apply -f pod.yaml
```

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5. **What is the difference between a Pod and a Deployment?**

- **Pod:** A single instance of a running container.
- **Deployment:** Manages the creation and scaling of Pods. It ensures the desired number of Pods are running.



## Intermediate Kubernetes Questions:

### What is a ReplicaSet?

A ReplicaSet ensures a specified number of Pod replicas are running at all times.

Example:

yaml

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```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: ReplicaSet
metadata:
  name: my-replicaset
spec:
  replicas: 3
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: my-app
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        app: my-app
```

```
spec:
  containers:
    - name: my-container
      image: nginx
```

Deploy it:

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```
kubectl apply -f replicaset.yaml
```

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## 7. What is a Service in Kubernetes?

A Service exposes a set of Pods as a network service.

- **ClusterIP:** Internal access only.
- **NodePort:** Exposes service on each node's IP at a static port.
- **LoadBalancer:** Uses cloud provider's load balancer to expose the service externally.

## How do you expose a Deployment as a Service?

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```
kubectl expose deployment my-deployment --type=NodePort --port=8080
```

Or using YAML:

yaml

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```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
  name: my-service
spec:
  selector:
    app: my-app
  ports:
    - protocol: TCP
      port: 80
      targetPort: 8080
```

```
type: NodePort
```

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### What is a ConfigMap?

A ConfigMap is used to store non-confidential configuration data as key-value pairs.

Example:

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```
kubectl create configmap my-config --from-literal=env=production
```

YAML:

yaml

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```
apiVersion: v1
```

```
kind: ConfigMap
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name: my-config
```

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data:
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  env: "production"
```

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### What is a Secret in Kubernetes?

A Secret is used to store sensitive data, like passwords or API keys.

Example:

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```
kubectl create secret generic my-secret --from-literal=password=12345
```

YAML:

yaml

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```
apiVersion: v1
```

```
kind: Secret
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name: my-secret
```

```
type: Opaque
```

```
data:
```

```
  password: MTIzNDU= # Base64 encoded value
```

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## Advanced Kubernetes Questions:

### 11. What is a StatefulSet?

A StatefulSet is used to manage stateful applications, ensuring each Pod has a unique identity and persistent storage.

Example use cases: databases like MongoDB, Kafka.

### 12. What is the difference between Deployment and StatefulSet?

- **Deployment:** Best for stateless apps. Pods can be freely replaced.
- **StatefulSet:** Used for apps requiring stable, unique network IDs and persistent storage.

### 13. What is a DaemonSet?

A DaemonSet ensures that a copy of a Pod runs on all (or some) nodes.

Example:

- Running log collection agents or monitoring tools on every node (like Prometheus Node Exporter).

### 14. How do you scale a Deployment?

Using `kubectl`:

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```
kubectl scale deployment my-deployment --replicas=5
```

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Or by updating the YAML:

yaml

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```
spec:
  replicas: 5
```

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### What are Init Containers?

Init containers run before regular containers start. They're used for setup tasks like waiting for a service to be available or preparing configs.

Example:

```
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initContainers:
  - name: init-db
    image: busybox
    command: ['sh', '-c', 'until nslookup db; do echo waiting for db;
sleep 2; done;']
```

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## Scenario-Based and Conceptual Questions:

### How do you perform a rolling update in Kubernetes?

Rolling updates ensure zero downtime by incrementally updating Pods:

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kubectl set image deployment/my-deployment my-container=my-image:v2
To check status:
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kubectl rollout status deployment/my-deployment
```

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### 17. What happens if a Pod dies in Kubernetes?

Kubernetes will automatically create a new Pod to match the desired state (if managed by a Deployment or ReplicaSet).

### 18. How do you monitor Kubernetes clusters?

Common tools:

- **Prometheus:** Collects metrics.
- **Grafana:** Visualizes metrics.

- **ELK Stack (Elasticsearch, Logstash, Kibana):** Centralized logging.
- **Kubernetes Dashboard:** UI for cluster management.

#### 19. How does Kubernetes handle networking?

Kubernetes uses a flat network structure where all Pods can communicate with each other.

- **CNI (Container Network Interface):** Used to configure networking plugins (like Calico, Flannel).
- Each Pod gets a unique IP, and Services route traffic to Pods using selectors.

#### 20. How do you secure a Kubernetes cluster?

- Enable **RBAC (Role-Based Access Control)**.
- Use **Network Policies** to control Pod communication.
- Encrypt Secrets using **KMS**.
- Audit logs for security monitoring.
- Limit access to the **Kubernetes API Server**.