

# Building Software Systems

## Lecture 2.7 **Kubernetes**

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# Kubernetes Basics

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- **Kubernetes (K8s):** An open-source system for automating the deployment, scaling, and management of containerized applications.
- **Containers:** Lightweight, portable, self-sufficient packages that can run cloud-native applications. Containers run applications in isolation from other processes.

# Key Components

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- **Pod:** The smallest and simplest Kubernetes object. A Pod represents a set of running containers on your cluster.
- **Node:** A worker machine in Kubernetes, which may be either a virtual or a physical machine, depending on the cluster.
- **Cluster:** A set of Nodes that run containerized applications. The Kubernetes cluster coordinates resources for container applications.
- **Control Plane:** Manages the worker nodes and the Pods in the cluster. In production environments, the control plane usually runs across multiple computers and a cluster usually runs multiple nodes, providing fault-tolerance and high availability.

# Key Concepts

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- **Service:** An abstract way to expose an application running on a set of Pods as a network service.
- **Deployment:** Manages the creation and updating of instances of your application.
- **Volume:** A directory containing data, accessible to the containers in a pod, which survives restarts and resets.
- **Namespace:** Kubernetes supports multiple virtual clusters backed by the same physical cluster. These virtual clusters are called namespaces.