Intro to Kubernetes

What is it?

Think docker-compose on steroids

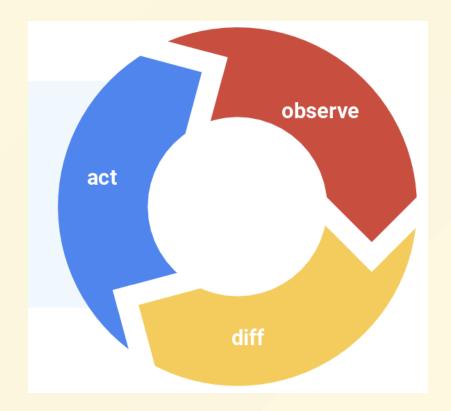
Formally, it is *container orchestration*.

Automatates for containerized apps ->

- Deployment
- Scaling
- Management

Philosophy

You describe the *Resources* and *Desired State* of your application and Kubernetes ensures the app is at that state.



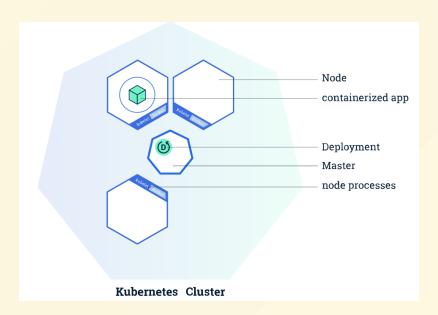
Basic Building Blocks of K8s

Pod - smallest unit, represents a running container process

Node - worker VM that runs pods

Master - "brain" - manages cluster state

Cluster - entire system of nodes



Minikube

Local Kubernetes playground

Creates/configures cluster - Node, Kubernetes binaries, Master process

Provides some utility functions (ssh, etc.)

minikube-setup.sh

Baby's First Pod

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: my-python-pod
spec: # desired state
  containers:
  - name: my-python-container
   image: python:3.7.4
  command: ['sh', '-c', 'sleep 3600']
```

Creating pod ->

```
kubectl apply -f ./pythonpod.yaml
```

```
# Deployment
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
 name: nginx-deployment
spec: # Desired state
  replicas: 3
  selector:
   matchLabels:
      app: nginx
  template: # Pod template
   metadata:
      name: my-nginx-pod
     labels:
        app: nginx
    spec:
        containers:
        - name: my-nginx-container
          image: nginx
          ports:
          - containerPort: 80
```

Services

Logical group of pods. Think front-end for a set of pod backends

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
  name: nginx-service
spec:
  selector:
    app: nginx # group together pods that match this selector
  ports:
    - protocol: TCP
      port: 80
      targetPort: 80
```

How Do We Use K8s?

GKE: Minikube on GCP

3 GKE Environments - DEV, UAT, PROD

Helm - Templating + Versioning for K8s config

More on Helm

Typical Complexities of K8s Config:

- One configuration for multiple environments
 - 2 replicas on DEV, but 10 replicas in PROD
 - No need for Beat tasks in DEV
 - SSH keys and Vault tokens are different for each environment
 - o etc.
- Versioning of configuration
- Rollout/Rollback

Helm Chart

Allows templating using Go template language

Pass in variables for each rollout

Keeps database of configuration so easy rollbacks