

A2: Introduction to Kubernetes

Running Instructions

- 1. Access this dir, change directory to /app where there's a docker compose file
- 2. Build the local image via docker image build -t bulletinboard . This looks at the Dockerfile in app to build an image tagged as bulletinboard .
 - take note that the image tag here and the image referenced in the kubernetes yaml config must match exactly.

To check the image, running docker images should show this:

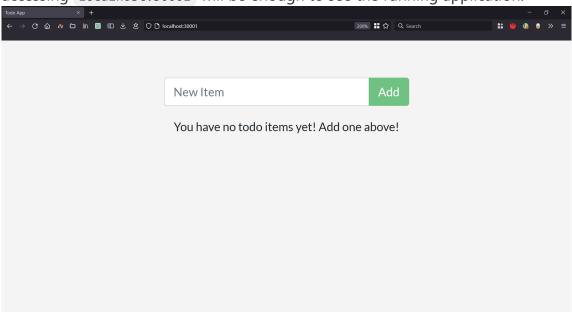


- 3. (Optional) To test the image, run docker compose up, and you should see the application running at localhost:4001.
- 4. The k8s config file is bb.yaml, to deploy, use either minikube or docker-desktop as the deployment node. Here we use docker-desktop.

- 5. Deploy the application via kubectl apply -f bb.yaml
- 6. The Service config sets the node port like so:

```
apiVersion: v1
   kind: Service
metadata:
   name: bb-entrypoint
   namespace: default
spec:
   type: NodePort
   selector:
        bb: web
   ports:
        - port: 3000
        targetPort: 30001
```

so, from the node's POV, it expects traffic to come in via port 30001. hence, accessing localhost:30001 will be enough to see the running application:



7. To check the running pods/deployment/service:

```
PS C:\Users\mkrit\OneDrive - National University of Singapore\y3\y3s1
                              STATUS
NAME
                       READY
                                      RESTARTS
                                                 AGE
bb-demo-f7548b87-5hlvl 1/1
                              Running 0
                                                  5s
bb-demo-f7548b87-nphmt 1/1
                              Running 0
                                                 5s
bb-demo-f7548b87-thhgs
                     1/1
                              Running 0
                                                  5s
```

Notes

- 1. Kubernetes Concepts
- Use Cases:

- framework for distributed systems; handles scaling and failover for your application, adds deployment patterns and helps canary deployment
- o can run anything that is containerizable
- What K8s is not:
 - not a CI/CD workflow tool
 - not a mere orchestration system, comprises a set of independent, composable control processes that continuously drive the current state towards the provided desired state.

2. K8s Components

- Pod is a set of containers
- Many Pods = 1 Node
- Many Nodes = 1 Cluster
- See Control Pane components
- See Node components
- 3. K8s API Conventions describes how the API is written and other detailed vocabulary
 - Required fields in config .yaml file
- 4. K8s Service

List of Issues Faced:

- 1. If using local image that isn't in any registry (DockerHub or smth), there may be an issue in accessing this image and hence the Pod will return a ImagePullBackOff. To fix this so that it doesn't bother looking into some registry and instead looks for a local image, can indicate the image pull policy type to Never.
- 2. Note that if there's already a docker compose file, it's possible to use **kompose** to generate pod and service configs for the same docker compose file for orchestration.

Basic Kubernetes Tutorial

- After creating a cluster using kubectl, we submit a container image for deployment
- 2. After the deployment is up, to expose the network within the cluster, have to set up a proxy via kubect1 proxy. An alternative to using this proxy would be to setup a K8s service
- a kubectl proxy is a stopgap, a better way to do it is to include a publishing service config
- 4. A Service in Kubernetes is an abstraction which defines a logical set of Pods and a policy by which to access them. Services enable a loose coupling between dependent Pods. A Service is defined using YAML (preferred) or JSON, like all Kubernetes objects. Services allow your applications to receive traffic. Services can be exposed in different ways by specifying a type in the ServiceSpec. A Service routes traffic across a set of Pods. Services are the abstraction that allow pods to die and replicate in Kubernetes without impacting your application. Discovery and routing among dependent Pods (such as the frontend and backend components in an application) is handled by Kubernetes Services.

Other Random Takeaways

1. Here's how to remove a git submodule

Acknowledgements

- 1. Source code taken from the sample repo referenced in the official docker tutorial over here.
 - the repo has been submoduled as docker-tut