In this lab, you will learn how to deploy a simple application to your AKS cluster.

Learning Objectives

In this lab, you will learn how to do the following:

Log in to the Azure CLI Understand application deployment to AKS Deploy a simple application to AKS Confirm that the application is running in AKS Clean up the AKS cluster

Use the following credentials to log in to the Azure CLI: az login -u \$username -p \$password

Create aks cluster:

az aks get-versions –location eastus az aks create -g \$resource –name \$aksname –kubernetes-version 1.24.9

A new AKS cluster is automatically created for you. Use the following command to list all the AKS clusters in your temporary Azure subscription:

az aks list --query "[].{Name: name}"



Understanding Application Deployment to AKS

Microsoft Azure has a few services which allow you to host Docker-based containers. These services include:

Azure Container Instances (ACI)
Azure Kubernetes Services (AKS)
Azure Functions
Azure App Services

All these services have something in common. They need to first pull the container images from a Container Registry such as Azure Container Registry or Docker Hub.

In this lab, we will deploy a simple web application to AKS. This application uses Redis cache to keep track of simple votes. Redis is also deployed as a container as an application dependency.

The application container images should be hosted in a container registry service. For simplicity, we will deploy container images already hosted by Microsoft Azure so we can focus on the AKS deployment steps. See this document for more details.

Note: There might be more than one container, so multiple images need to be hosted in the container registry.

Now let's deploy our first application to AKS in the next step.

Deploying a Simple Application to AKS

\$ cat azurevoteapp.yaml

Assuming that we have the application container images hosted in a container registry, we need to take the following steps to deploy the application to an AKS cluster:

Create a YAML manifest file. This file specifies the desired configuration for our AKS cluster. This includes the applications to install and the list of required container images.

Run the kubectl apply command to deploy the YAML file.

Note: You can also use other technologies such as Helm and Dapr to develop and deploy AKS applications.

We already created the required YAML manifest for you. To see the content, run the following command:

apiVersion: apps/v1 kind: Deployment metadata: name: azure-vote-back spec: replicas: 1 selector: matchLabels: app: azure-vote-back template: metadata: labels: app: azure-vote-back spec: nodeSelector: "kubernetes.io/os": linux containers: - name: azure-vote-back image: mcr.microsoft.com/oss/bitnami/redis:6.0.8

- name: ALLOW_EMPTY_PASSWORD

value: "yes" resources:

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requests:
      cpu: 100m
      memory: 128Mi
     limits:
      cpu: 250m
      memory: 256Mi
    ports:
    - containerPort: 6379
     name: redis
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
 name: azure-vote-back
spec:
 ports:
 - port: 6379
 selector:
  app: azure-vote-back
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
 name: azure-vote-front
spec:
 replicas: 1
 selector:
  matchLabels:
   app: azure-vote-front
 template:
  metadata:
   labels:
    app: azure-vote-front
  spec:
   nodeSelector:
    "kubernetes.io/os": linux
   containers:
   - name: azure-vote-front
    image: mcr.microsoft.com/azuredocs/azure-vote-front:v1
    resources:
     requests:
      cpu: 100m
      memory: 128Mi
     limits:
      cpu: 250m
      memory: 256Mi
    ports:
    - containerPort: 80
    env:
    - name: REDIS
     value: "azure-vote-back"
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
 name: azure-vote-front
spec:
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type: LoadBalancer

ports: - port: 80 selector:

app: azure-vote-front

This manifest file contains the list of images and their container registry URL so that AKS can pull the images and run them.

First, let's get the AKS credentials using this command:

az aks get-credentials --resource-group \$resource --name \$aksName

Confirm that you see this command output:

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$ az aks get-credentials --resource-group $resource --name $aksName
Merged "aks421990664" as current context in /root/.kube/config
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Now use the following command to deploy the azurevoteapp.yaml file to your AKS cluster:

kubectl apply -f azurevoteapp.yaml

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$ kubectl apply -f azurevoteapp.yaml
deployment.apps/azure-vote-back created
service/azure-vote-back created
deployment.apps/azure-vote-front created
service/azure-vote-front created
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Now we can confirm the successful application deployment in the next step.

Confirming the Application Is Successfully Deployed

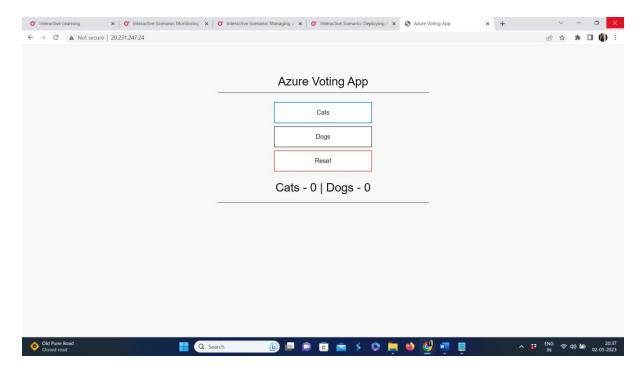
Our test application is a web app, so we need to get its IP address in order to test it. Use the following command to get the address:

kubectl get service azure-vote-front –watch

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$ kubectl get service azure-vote-front --watch

NAME TYPE CLUSTER-IP EXTERNAL-IP PORT(S) AGE

azure-vote-front LoadBalancer 10.0.46.4 20.231.247.24 80:30686/TCP 2m41s
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Deleting the AKS Cluster

The following command will clean up the new AKS cluster:

az aks delete --name \$aksName --resource-group \$resource