

Namespace: secure

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Creating a Secret of type `kubernetes.io/basic-auth`

Consuming the Secret in a Pod as Volume

Verifying the correct runtime behavior

Creating a Secret

Create a Secret of type `kubernetes.io/basic-auth` named `api-basic-auth` in the namespace `secure`.

Provide the key-value pairs `username=serviceapp` and `password=j6PcbDtdhnizmaa`.

The Secret object can be created using either the imperative or declarative approach.

Imperative Approach

To create the Secret with an imperative command, use the `--type` CLI option:

```
$ kubectl create secret generic api-basic-auth --type=kubernetes.io/basic-auth  
--from-literal=username=serviceapp --from-literal=password=j6PcbDtdhnizmaa -n secure  
secret/api-basic-auth created
```

`kubernetes.io/basic-auth` is a type of Secret in Kubernetes that is specifically designed for storing basic authentication credentials. It is commonly used to store username and password combinations that can be used for authenticating with external systems or services.

When creating a Secret of type `kubernetes.io/basic-auth`, you provide the username and password as key-value pairs using the `--from-literal` flag. The Secret is then created with these credentials securely encoded.

The `kubectl create secret` command you provided creates a Kubernetes Secret named `api-basic-auth` in the `secure` namespace. This Secret is of type `kubernetes.io/basic-auth` and contains two key-value pairs:

`username` with the value `serviceapp`

`password` with the value `j6PcbDtdhnizmaa`

This Secret can be used to store and manage basic authentication credentials for your application within Kubernetes.

Declarative Approach

To create the Secret declaratively, start by defining a YAML manifest in the file `secret.yaml`:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: api-basic-auth
  namespace: secure
type: kubernetes.io/basic-auth
stringData:
  username: serviceapp
  password: j6PcbDtdhnizmaa
```

Execute the following command to create the Secret:

```
$ kubectl apply -f secret.yaml
secret/api-basic-auth created
```

```
root@controlplane:~$
root@controlplane:~$ kubectl create namespace secure
namespace/secure created
root@controlplane:~$ ^[[200~kubectl create secret generic api-basic-auth --type=kub
dhnizmaa -n secure~^C
root@controlplane:~$ kubectl create secret generic api-basic-auth --type=kubernetes
a -n secure
secret/api-basic-auth created
root@controlplane:~$ kubectl get secret api-basic-auth -o yaml -n secure
apiVersion: v1
data:
  password: ajZQY2JEdGRobml6bWFh
  username: c2VydmljZWFWcA==
kind: Secret
metadata:
  creationTimestamp: "2023-06-20T08:13:00Z"
  name: api-basic-auth
  namespace: secure
  resourceVersion: "1153"
  uid: c030443f-2c66-45aa-ae7f-5dc21860ce45
type: kubernetes.io/basic-auth
```

### Inspecting the Secret Data

Upon creation, the Secret automatically base64-encoded the values. Rendering the YAML representation of the live object reveals the behavior:

```
$ kubectl get secret api-basic-auth -o yaml -n secure
```

### Consuming the Secret

Create a Pod named server-app with the image nginx:1.23.3 in the namespace secure and consume the Secret as Volume at the mount path /var/data.

Open an interactive shell to the Pod and find the relevant Secret files mounted by the container

Create the YAML manifest of the Pod in the namespace with the following imperative command:

```
$ kubectl run server-app --image=nginx:1.23.3 --restart=Never -n secure --dry-run=client -o yaml  
> pod.yaml
```

Edit the pod.yaml file with vim or nano and add the Volume and the mount path to the container.

```
pod/server-app created  
root@controlplane:~$ cat pod.yaml  
apiVersion: v1  
kind: Pod  
metadata:  
  creationTimestamp: null  
  labels:  
    run: server-app  
  name: server-app  
  namespace: secure  
spec:  
  containers:  
  - image: nginx:1.23.3  
    name: nginx  
    volumeMounts:  
    - name: auth-volume  
      mountPath: /var/data  
      readOnly: true  
    resources: {}  
  dnsPolicy: ClusterFirst  
  restartPolicy: Never  
  volumes:  
  - name: auth-volume  
    secret:  
      secretName: api-basic-auth  
status: {}  
root@controlplane:~$ kubectl get pod  
No resources found in default namespace.  
root@controlplane:~$ kubectl get pod -n secure  
NAME           READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE  
server-app     1/1     Running   0           52s  
root@controlplane:~$
```

The YAML manifest you provided describes a Kubernetes Pod named server-app in the secure namespace. The Pod is configured to run an Nginx container using the nginx:1.23.3 image.

Here's a breakdown of the Pod manifest:

Metadata:

The Pod has labels with the key-value pair run: server-app.

The name of the Pod is server-app.

The Pod is created in the secure namespace.

Spec:

Containers:

The Pod has one container named nginx using the nginx:1.23.3 image.

The container has a volume mount specified:

The mount is named auth-volume.

The mount path is set to /var/data within the container.

The mount is read-only.

The container has no specified resource limits.

DNS Policy:

The DNS policy is set to ClusterFirst, which means the Pod will use the cluster's DNS for DNS resolution.

Restart Policy:

The restart policy is set to Never, indicating that the Pod will not be restarted automatically if it fails or terminates.

Volumes:

The Pod has one volume specified:

The volume is named auth-volume.

The volume is of type secret.

The secret referenced is api-basic-auth, which is the Secret you created earlier.

Status:

The status field is empty and will be populated with information about the Pod's status once it is created and running.

This Pod mounts the api-basic-auth Secret as a read-only volume at the path /var/data within the Nginx container. You can use this volume to provide the basic authentication credentials (username and password) to the Nginx container for authentication purposes.

Wait until the Pod transitions into the Running status. Verify that the files for the Secret keys username and password became available at the mount path /var/data and contain the correct value:

```
root@controlplane:~$ kubectl exec server-app -n secure -- cat /var/data
cat: /var/data: Is a directory
command terminated with exit code 1
root@controlplane:~$ kubectl exec server-app -n secure -- cat /var/data/username
serviceapproot@controlplane:~$ kubectl exec server-app -n secure -- cat /var/data/password
j6PcbDtdhnizmaaroot@controlplane:~$
```