Introduction to Red Hat OpenShift



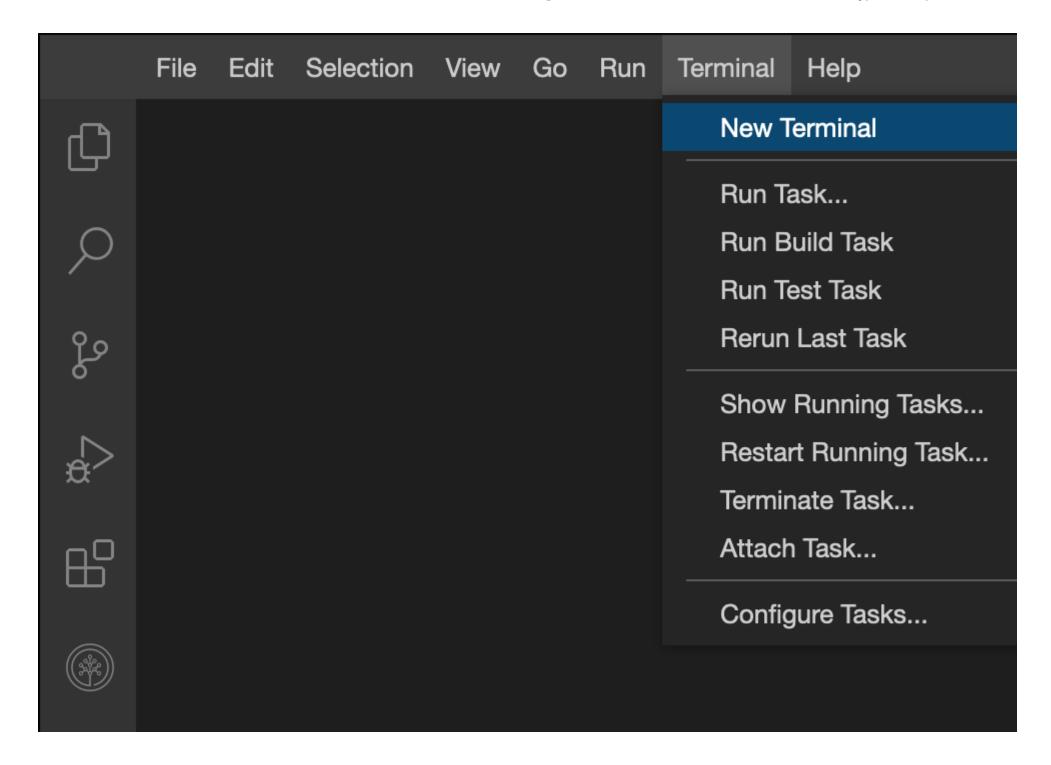
Objectives

In this lab, you will:

- Use the oc CLI (OpenShift command line interface)
- Use the OpenShift web console
- Build and deploy an application using s2i ('Source-to-image' build strategy)
- Inspect a BuildConfig and an ImageStream
- Autoscale the application

Verify the environment and command line tools

1. If a terminal is not already open, open a terminal window by using the menu in the editor: Terminal > New Terminal.





Note: Please wait for some time for the terminal prompt to appear.

2. Verify that oc CLI is installed.

oc version

```
theia@theiaopenshift-www.:/home/project$ oc version
Client Version: 4.13.7
Kustomize Version: v4.5.7
Kubernetes Version: v1.27.16+03a907c
```

You should see output similar to this, although the versions may be different.

3. Change to your project folder.

NOTE: If you are already on home/project please skip this step

cd /home/project

4. Clone the git repository that contains the artifacts needed for this lab, if it doesn't already exist.

```
[ ! -d 'CC201' ] && git clone https://github.com/ibm-developer-skills-network/CC201.git
```

```
theia@theiaopenshift- :/home/project$ [ ! -d 'CC201' ] && git clone https://github.com/ibm-developer-skills-network/CC201' t
Cloning into 'CC201'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 20, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (20/20), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (13/13), done.
remote: Total 20 (delta 6), reused 19 (delta 6), pack-reused 0
Unpacking objects: 100% (20/20), done.
```

Use the oc CLI

OpenShift projects are Kubernetes namespaces with additional administrative functions. Therefore, projects also provide isolation within an OpenShift cluster. You already have access to one project in an OpenShift cluster, and oc is already set to target that cluster and project.

Let's look at some basic oc commands. Recall that oc comes with a copy of kubectl, so all the kubectl commands can be run with oc.

1. List the Pods in this namespace.

```
oc get pods
```

```
theia@theiaopenshift- :/home/project$ oc get pods

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE

openshift-web-console-995896df-vz2tp 2/2 Running 0 4h1m
```

You will likely see a few Pods that are part of the environment. You don't need to worry about these.

2. In addition to Kubernetes objects, you can get OpenShift specific objects.

```
oc get buildconfigs
```

```
theia@theiaopenshift-____:/home/project$ oc get buildconfigs
No resources found in sn-labs- namespace.
```

Because you haven't created a BuildConfig yet, this will not return any resources.

3. View the OpenShift project that is currently in use.

```
oc project
```

```
theia@theiaopenshift-_____:/home/project$ oc project
Using project "sn-labs-____ " from context named " -context" on server "https://c109-e.us-east.containers.cloud.ibm.co
807".
theia@theiaopenshift-____:/home/project$ [
```

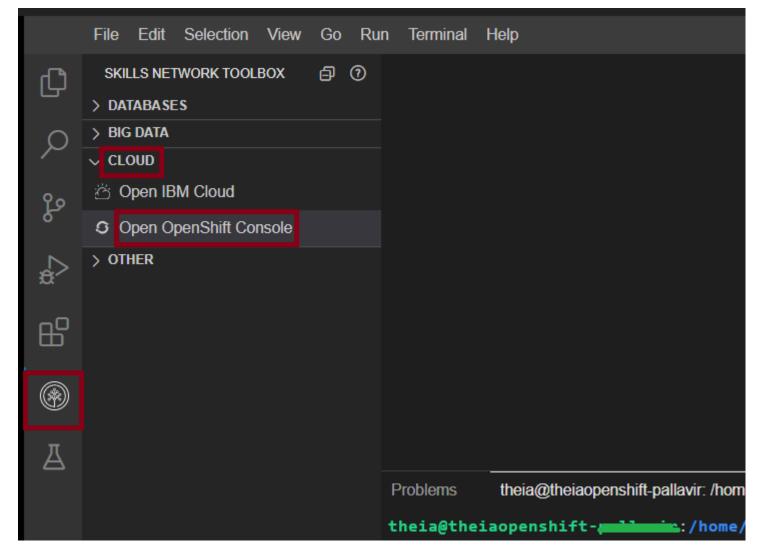
This project is specific to you and provides isolation within the cluster so that you can deploy your own applications.

Use the OpenShift web console

In addition to the CLI, OpenShift provides an intuitive web console. This is a useful and powerful feature because it enables you to deploy applications, view resources, monitor applications and view logs, and much more right in the console.

Let's open up the console and have a look around.

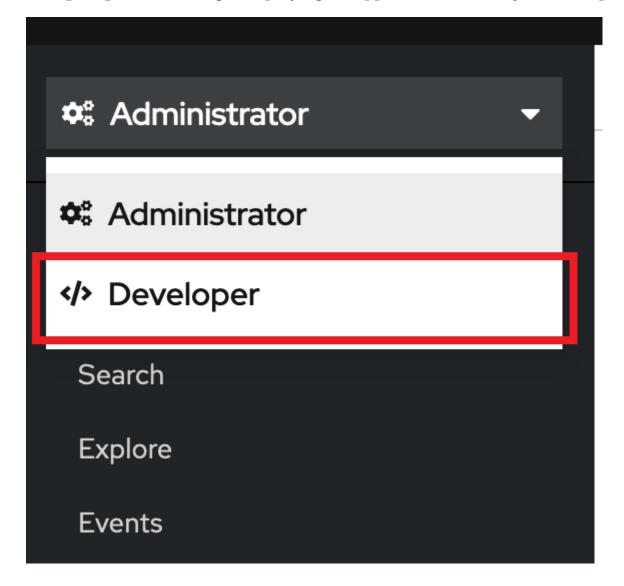
1. To open openshift web console, click on the Skills Network button on the right, it will open the **Skills Network Toolbox** Then click the **Cloud** then **Open OpenShift console** as shown in the following image.



It can take a few minutes to become available after opening the lab environment, so if you get an error, wait a minute and try again.

2. The console should open to the project details for the project you have been assigned. Take a look at all the information OpenShift provides you in an intuitive, visual manner. Click through the Dashboard, Overview, and other tabs for this project to see additional information. You should see inventory on the resources that currently exist in this project, the YAML that defines this project, and much more.

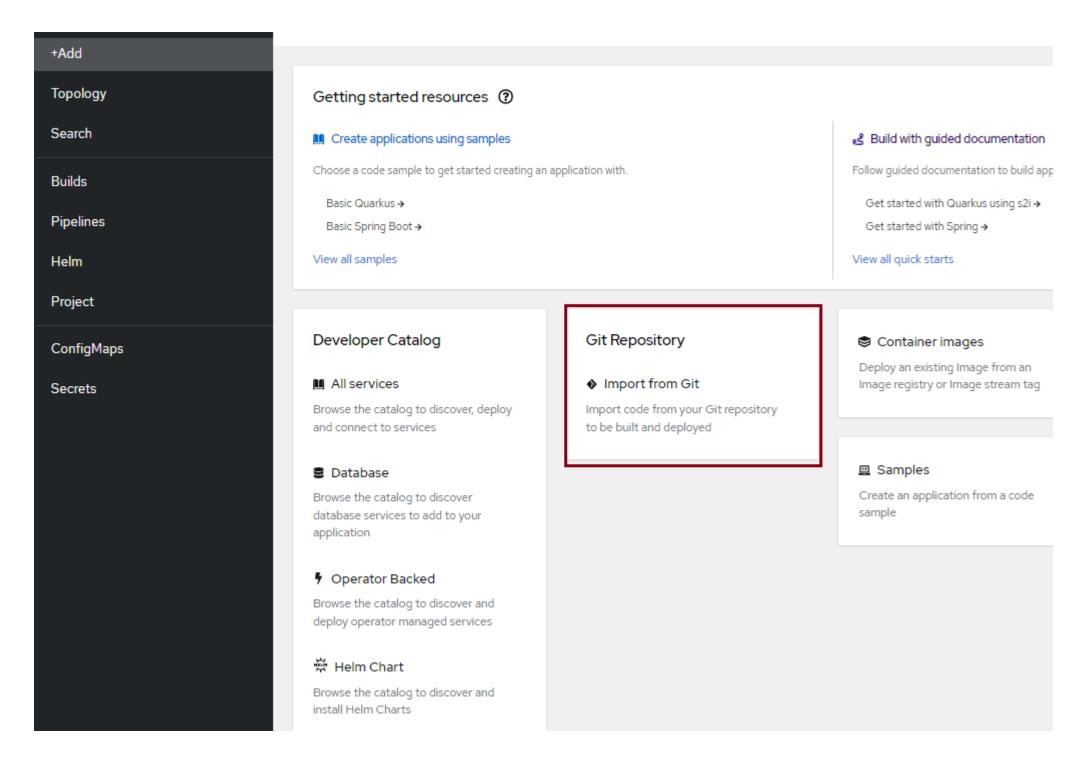
- 3. Familiarize yourself with the items in the left navigation menu. You can see Operators, many different Kubernetes objects, and some OpenShift-specific objects, all of which we have talked about in this course. There won't yet be many instances of these objects, but they will fill up once we deploy our application.
- 4. Notice the word "Administrator" at the top left. This indicates that you are in the Administrator perspective. There is also a Developer perspective. Each perspective provides workflows specific to that persona. **Switch to the Developer perspective** to begin deploying an application. (If it says "Developer" already, don't change it.)



Deploy an application in the web console

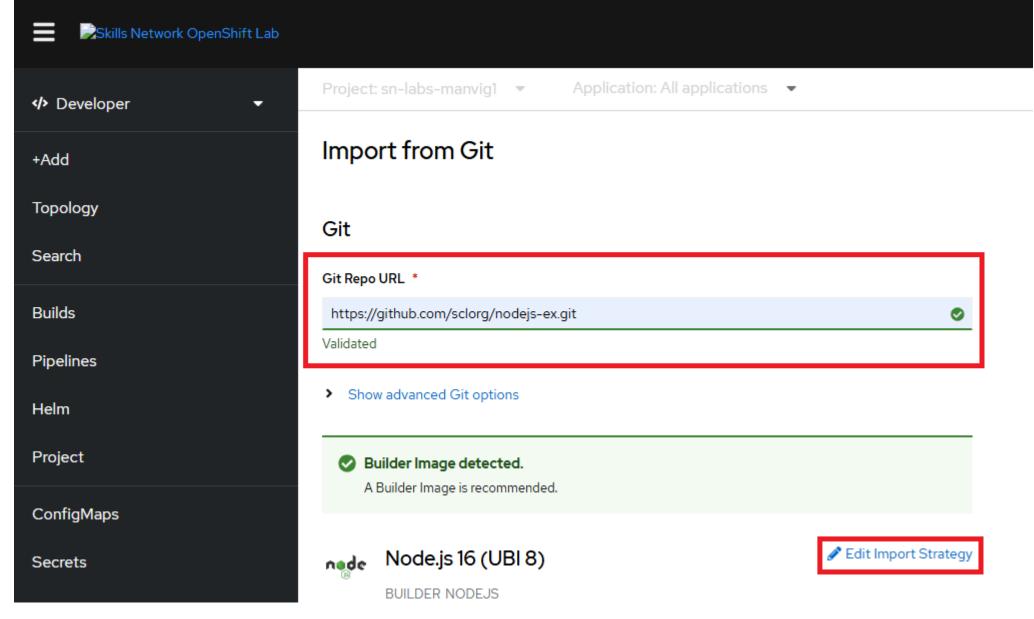
The Developer perspective provides workflows specific to developer use cases, such as the ability to create and deploy applications. Let's start here! You are likely in the "Topology" view, which provides a visual representation of applications. If not, switch to it to take a look.

- 1. Let us add a new application to this project. There are several ways to add a new application in Openshift.
- 2. Click the **+Add** button to add a new application.
- 3. Select **Git Repository (Import from Git)** among the options.

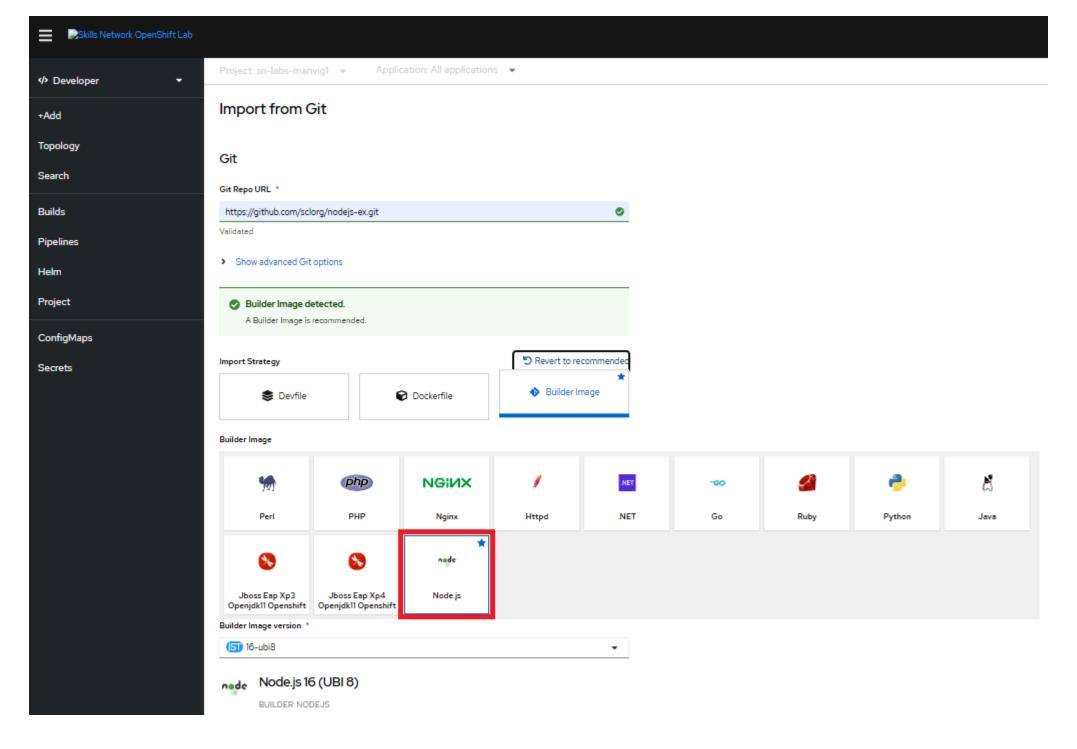


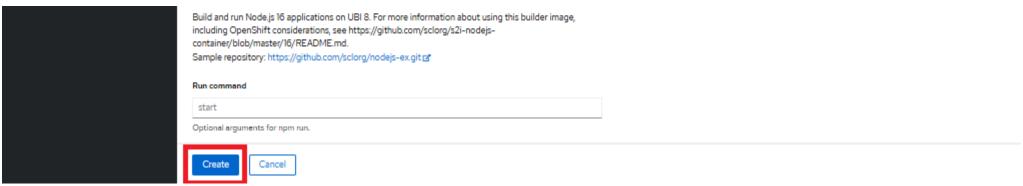
- 4. You will be redirected to **Import from Git** window. OpenShift will deploy an application using only one input from you: the application source.
- 5. In the **Git Repo URL** box, paste the sample one mentioned below.

https://github.com/sclorg/nodejs-ex.git



Note: Click on the Edit Import Strategy to see the various builder images. We shall be using the Node.js image for our application. Ensure that this image has been selected.

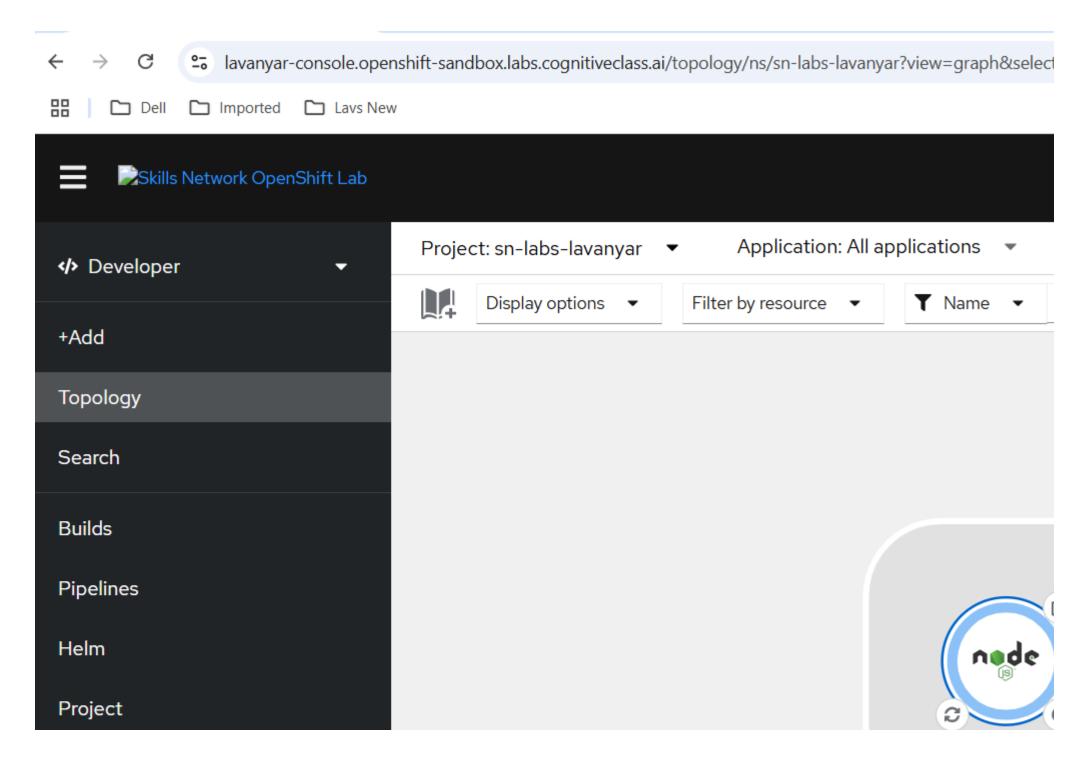


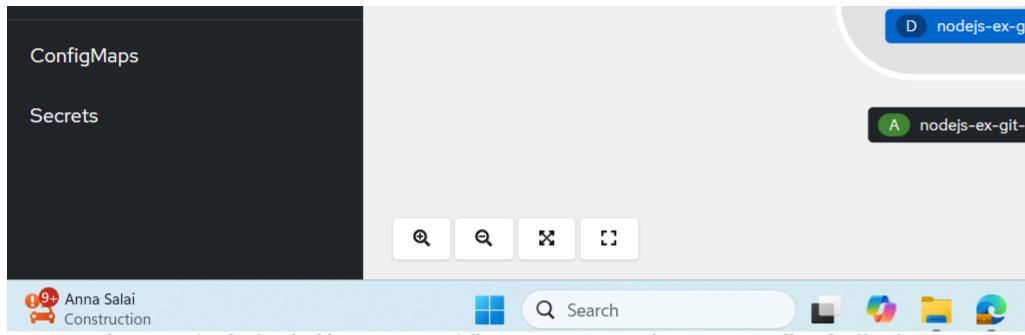


6. Keep the rest of the default options as they already are. Then scroll down and click **Create**.

In the Topology view, you should now see your newly created application.

NOTE: It will take several minutes for the application to appear. Refresh the browser if within 3 minutes, you don't see any application.





Note: Please wait for the first build to run successfully. You may temporarily see **ImagePullBackOff** and **ErrImagePull** errors while waiting.

View application in the web console

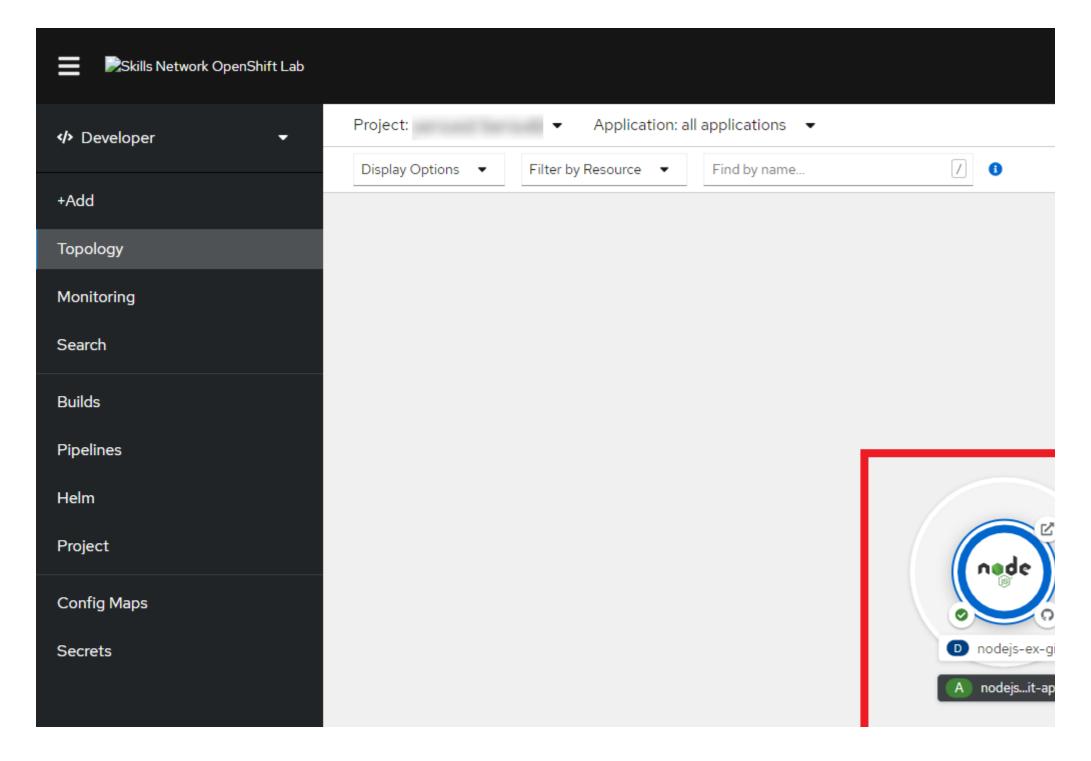
The Topology view provides quick links to a lot of important parts of an application:

- The outer circle gets the information on the application.
- The inner circle with the Node.js logo gives information about the Deployment.
- The GitHub icon is used to access the code repository.
- The check mark shows the most recent build (you will see circular arrows if the build is in progress).
- The arrow coming out of a box can be used to view the application in the browser if the application is externally available.

Let's try some specific steps:

1. Click the inner circle with the Node.js logo to bring up information on the Deployment and observe the four resources associated with this Deployment: a Pod that runs the containerized application; a Build that uses the s2i strategy to

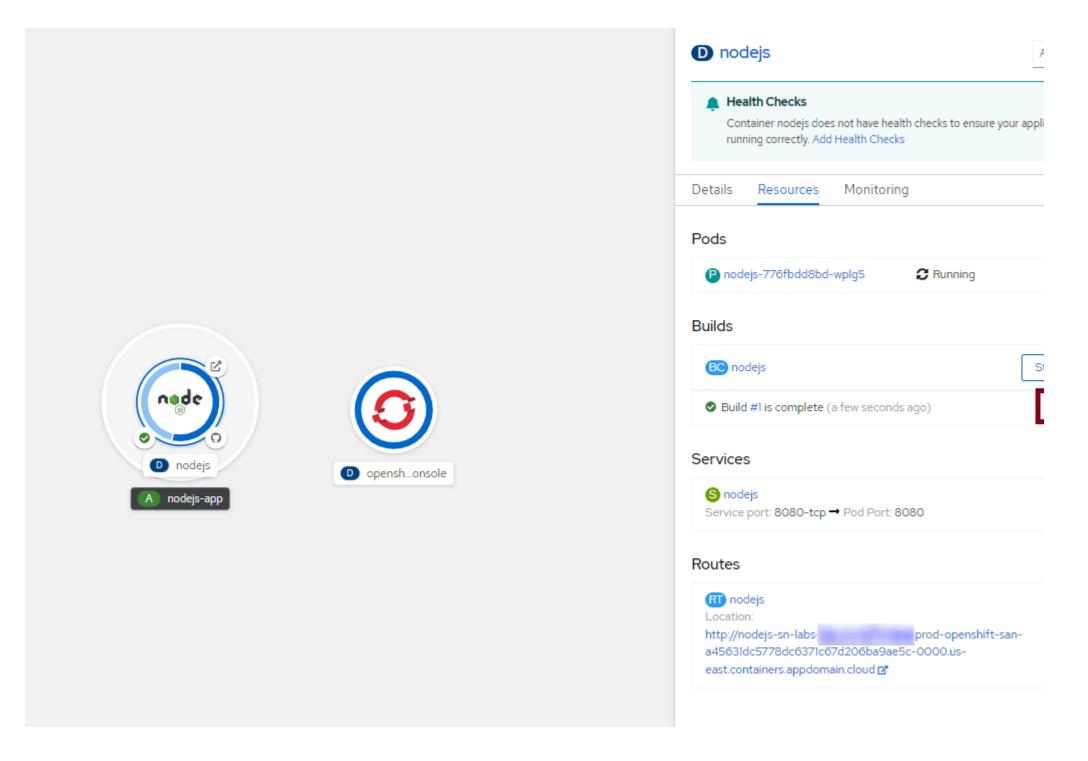
build the application into a container image; a Service that exposes the application as a network service; and a Route that provides an externally reachable hostname.



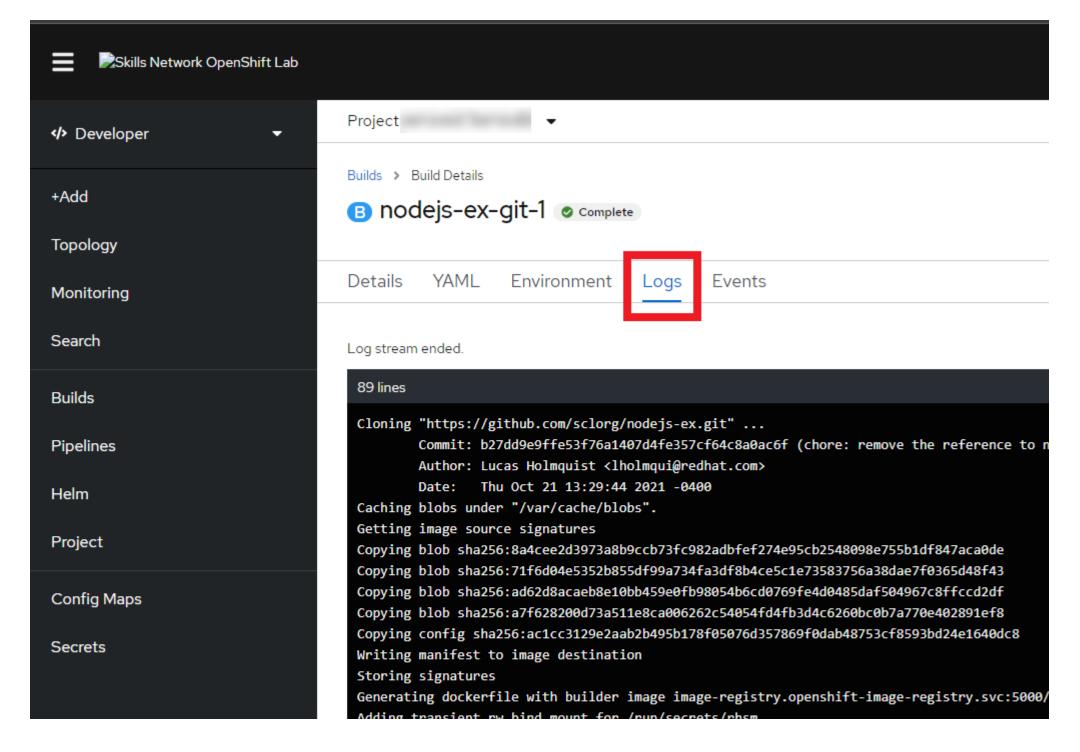


Note: Please wait for status of the pod to change to 'Running' and for the Build to complete.

2. Click **View logs** on the line that says **Build #1**.



3. Read the logs to see a few key completed steps. The repository is cloned, a Dockerfile is generated, an image is built, and the image is pushed to the internal registry.



```
Adding transient rw bind mount for /run/secrets/etc-pki-entitlement
Adding transient rw bind mount for /run/secrets/redhat.repo

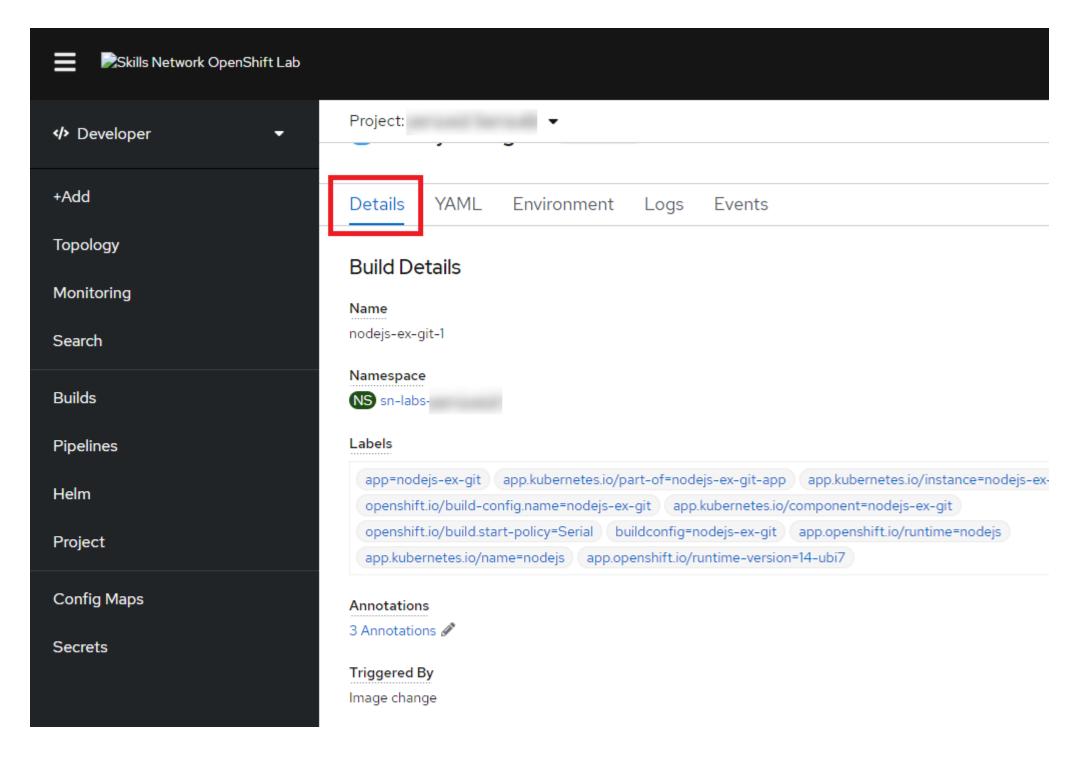
STEP 1: FROM image-registry.openshift-image-registry.svc:5000/openshift/nodejs@sha256:0442

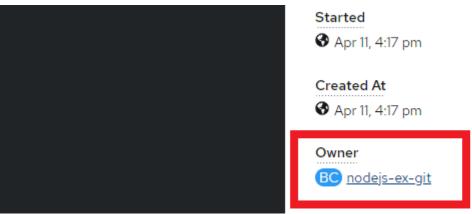
STEP 2: LABEL "io.openshift.build.commit.author"="Lucas Holmquist <lholmqui@redhat.com>"

STEP 3: ENV OPENSHIFT_BUILD_NAME="nodejs-ex-git-1" OPENSHIFT_BUILD_NAMESPACE="sn-labs-STEP 4: USER root

STEP 5: COPY upload/src /tmp/src
```

- 4. Click the **Details** tab for this Build.
- 5. And then click the link under **Owner** (at the very bottom) that says BC (Build Config).



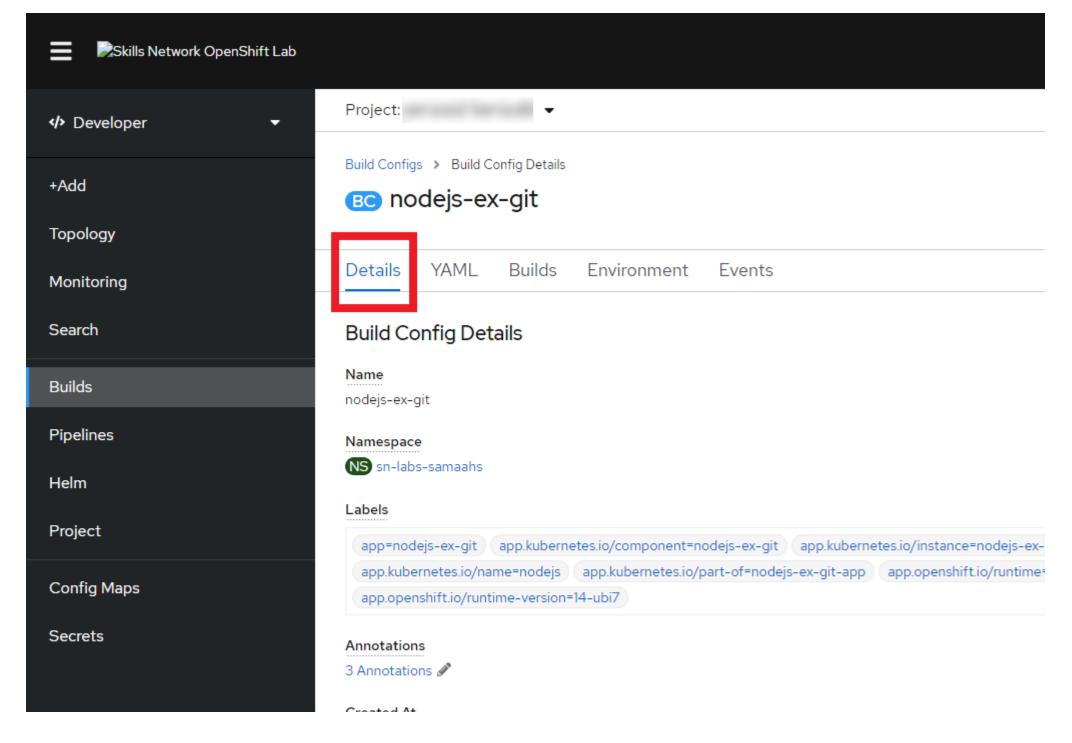


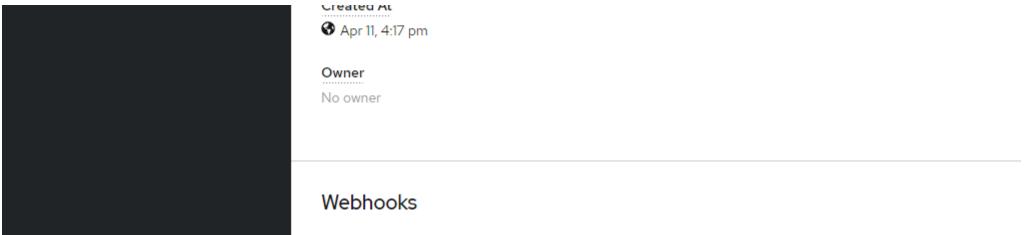
6. If you look at the **Details** and **YAML** tabs, you'll see many concepts that we talked about in this module: triggers, build strategy, webhooks, and more.

Details YAML Environment Logs Events

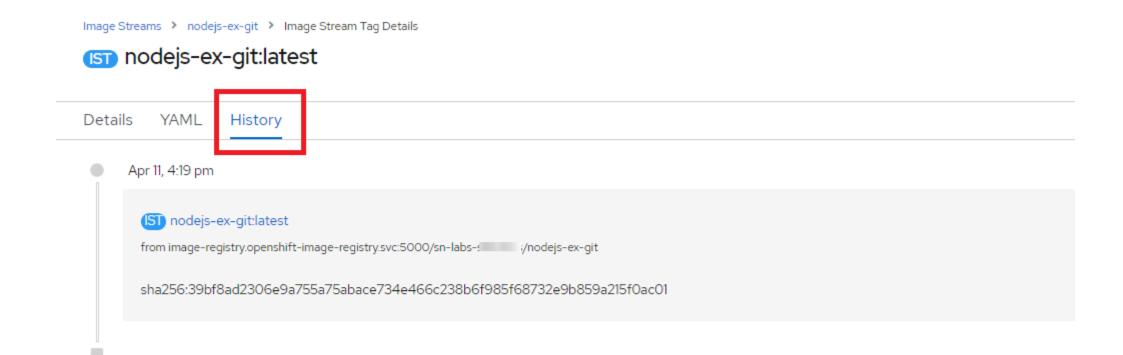
```
kind: Build
     apiVersion: build.openshift.io/v1
     metadata:
 4
       annotations:
         openshift.io/build-config.name: nodejs
 5
 6
         openshift.io/build.number: '1'
         openshift.io/build.pod-name: nodejs-1-build
 8
       resourceVersion: '334028934'
 9
       name: nodejs-1
       uid: efb13c7a-6803-488c-b58a-a1e2cd554401
10
11
       creationTimestamp: '2022-03-31T08:57:35Z'
12
       generation: 2
13
       namespace: sn-labs
14
       ownerReferences:
         - apiVersion: build.openshift.io/v1
15
16
           kind: BuildConfig
17
           name: nodejs
           uid: 6dc83d68-d0da-46fe-a6c6-331dfa841fc7
18
19
           controller: true
20
       labels:
21
         app: nodejs
22
         app.kubernetes.io/part-of: nodejs-app
23
         app.kubernetes.io/instance: nodejs
24
         openshift.io/build-config.name: nodejs
25
         app.kubernetes.io/component: nodejs
         openshift.io/build.start-policy: Serial
26
27
         buildconfig: node;s
         app.openshift.io/runtime: nodejs
28
29
         app.kubernetes.io/name: nodejs
         app.openshift.io/runtime-version: 14-ubi7
30
31
     spec:
       nodeSelector: null
32
33
       output:
34
           kind: ImageStreamTag
35
           name: 'nodejs:latest'
36
37
         pushSecret:
           name: builder-dockercfg-j9s2b
38
```

7. On the **Details** tab, click the link under **Output To** that says IST (ImageStreamTag).



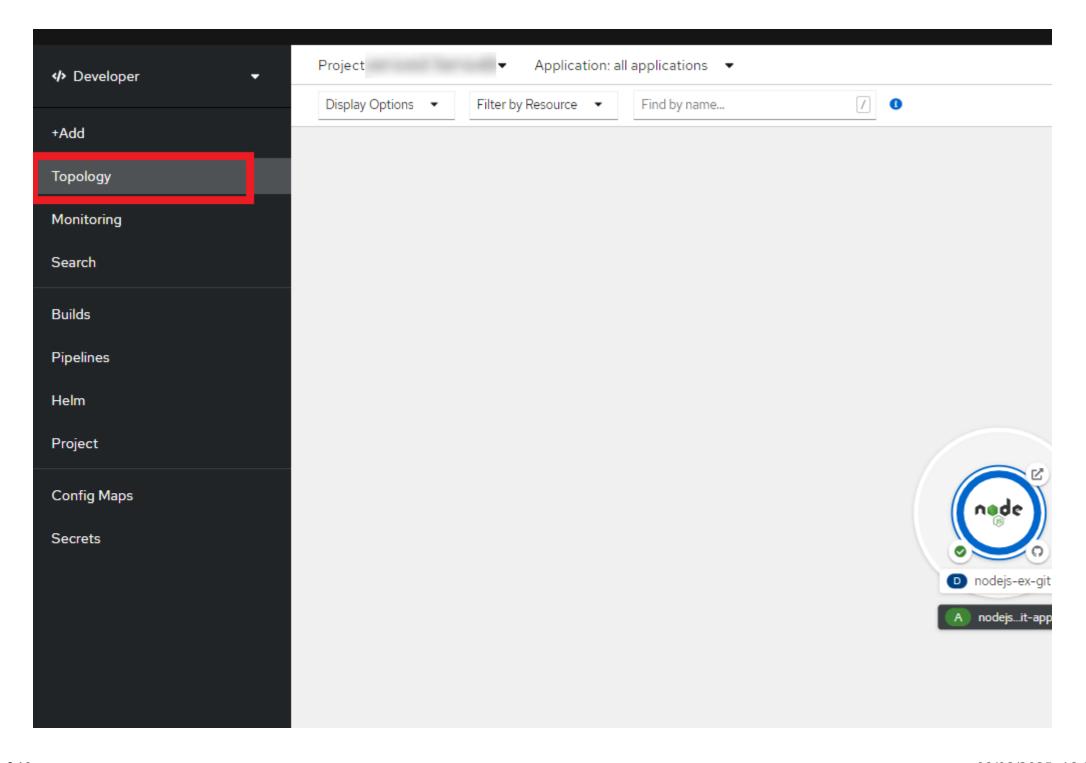


8. You can now see the ImageStreamTag that was created as an output of the build. Click the **History** tab to see the image in the internal registry to which this ImageStreamTag points.



9. Return to the Topology view and click on your Deployment info. Click the Route that OpenShift automatically created for you. This will open the application in the browser.

Note: Please note down this URL as it will be used in the next section





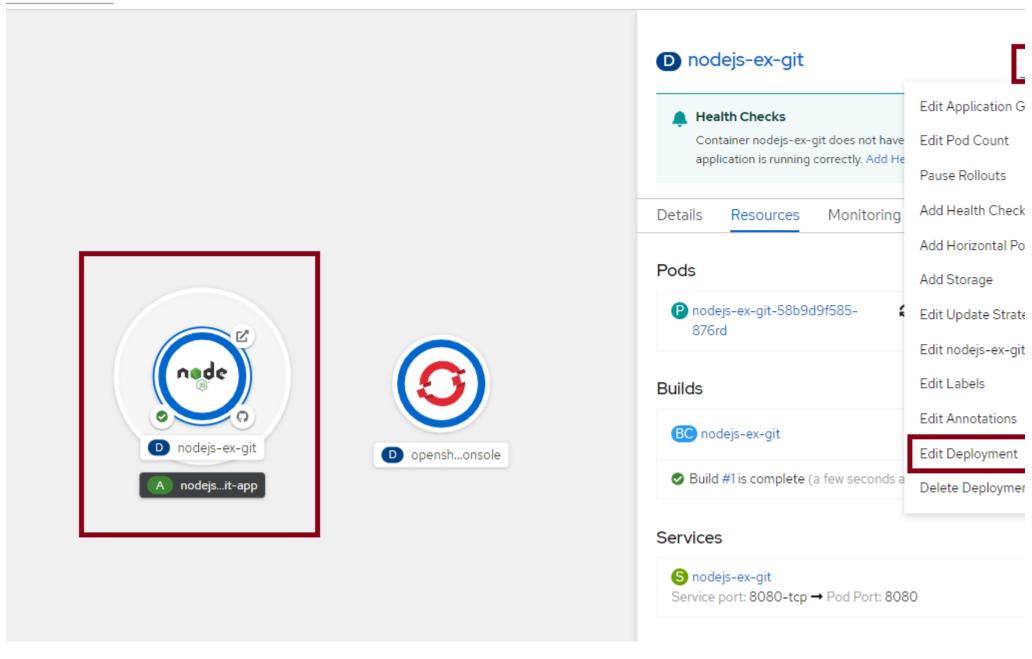
Autoscaling the nodejs-ex-git application

Now that the nodejs-ex-git app is successfully up and running, let's set up a horizontal pod autoscaler (HPA) so that it can handle any load that comes its way. Make sure to keep the nodejs-ex-git app open in a browser tab so that it continues to make requests and consume resources so that it can be successfully autoscaled.

First, we need to set resource requests and limits for the containers that will run. If a container requests a resource like CPU or memory, Kubernetes will only schedule it on a node that can give it that resource. On the other hand, limits prevent a container from consuming more than a certain amount of a resource.

In this case, we're going to request 3 millicores of CPU and 40 MB of RAM. We'll limit the containers to 30 millicores and 100 MB. These numbers are contrived in order to ensure that the app scales.

1. From the Topology view, click the nodejs-ex-git Deployment. Then click Actions > Edit Deployment.



2. In the template.spec.containers section, find resources: {}. Replace that with the following text. Make sure the spacing is correct as YAML uses strict indentation.

resources: limits:

cpu: 30m

memory: 100Mi

requests: cpu: 3m

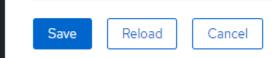
memory: 40Mi

```
Deployment > Deployment Details
```



Details YAML Replica Sets Pods Environment Events

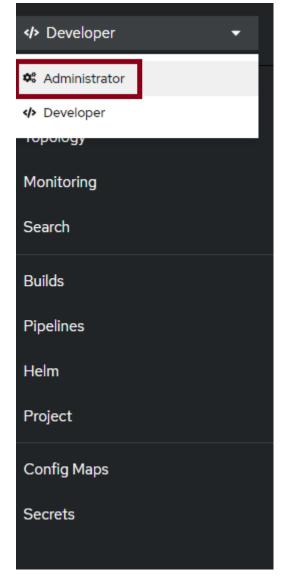
```
140
            creationTimestamp: null
            labels:
141
              app: nodejs-ex-git
142
              deploymentconfig: nodejs-ex-git
143
144
          spec:
145
            containers:
146
              - name: nodejs-ex-git
147
                image: >-
                  image-registry.openshift-image-registry.svc:5000/sn-labs- /nodejs-ex-git@sha25
148
149
                  - containerPort: 8080
150
                protocol: TCP
151
152
                resources:
                  limits:
153
154
                    cpu: 30m
                    memory: 100Mi
155
156
                  requests:
157
                    cpu: 3m
                   memory: 40Mi
158
                terminationMessagePath: /dev/termination-log
159
160
                terminationMessagePolicy: File
161
                imagePullPolicy: Always
            restartPolicy: Always
162
            terminationGracePeriodSeconds: 30
163
            dnsPolicy: ClusterFirst
164
            securityContext: {}
165
            schedulerName: default-scheduler
166
167
        strategy:
         type: RollingUpdate
168
```



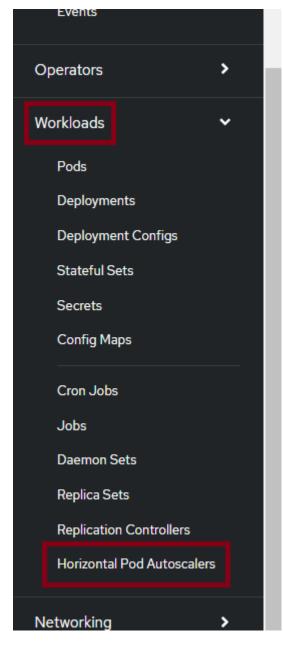
3. Click Save.

```
140
            creationTimestamp: null
141
            labels:
              app: nodejs-ex-git
142
              deploymentconfig: nodejs-ex-git
143
144
          spec:
145
            containers:
              - name: nodejs-ex-git
146
147
                image: >-
                  image-registry.openshift-image-registry.svc:5000/sn-labs-
148
149
                ports:
                  - containerPort: 8080
150
151
                    protocol: TCP
152
                resources:
153
                  limits:
                    cpu: 30m
154
                    memory: 100Mi
155
                  requests:
156
157
                    cpu: 3m
                    memory: 40Mi
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                terminationMessagePath: /dev/termination-log
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                terminationMessagePolicy: File
160
                imagePullPolicy: Always
161
            restartPolicy: Always
162
            terminationGracePeriodSeconds: 30
163
            dnsPolicy: ClusterFirst
164
            securityContext: {}
165
166
            schedulerName: default-scheduler
        strategy:
167
          type: RollingUpdate
168
          Reload
                      Cancel
Save
```

4. Switch to the Administrator perspective.



5. Select Workloads > Horizontal Pod Autoscalers



6. Click Create Horizontal Pod Autoscaler

Horizontal Pod Autoscalers

No Horizontal Pod Autoscalers Found

7. Paste the following YAML into the editor

```
apiVersion: autoscaling/v2
kind: HorizontalPodAutoscaler
metadata:
  name: nodejs-ex-git-hpa
spec:
  scaleTargetRef:
    apiVersion: apps/vl
    kind: Deployment
    name: nodejs-ex-git
 minReplicas: 1
 maxReplicas: 3
  metrics:
    - type: Resource
      resource:
        name: cpu
        target:
          type: Utilization
          averageUtilization: 10
```

```
apiVersion: autoscaling/v2
     kind: HorizontalPodAutoscaler
 2
     metadata:
 3
       name: nodejs-ex-git-hpa
 4
 5
     spec:
       scaleTargetRef:
 6
         apiVersion: apps/v1
 7
         kind: Deployment
 8
         name: nodejs-ex-git
 9
       minReplicas: 1
10
       maxReplicas: 3
11
       metrics:
12
13
          - type: Resource
14
           resource:
15
              name: cpu
16
              target:
                type: Utilization
17
                averageUtilization: 10
18
```

This HPA indicates that we're going to scale based on CPU usage. Generally you want to scale when your CPU utilization is in the 50-90% range. For this example, we're going to use 10% so that the app is more likely to need scaling. The minReplicas and maxReplicas fields indicate that the Deployment should have between one and three replicas at any given time depending on load.

8. Click Create

```
Alt + F1 Accessibility help | ? View shortcuts
      apiVersion: autoscaling/v2
      kind: HorizontalPodAutoscaler
  2
      metadata:
  3
        name: nodejs-ex-git-hpa
  4
  5
      spec:
        scaleTargetRef:
  6
          apiVersion: apps/v1
  7
          kind: Deployment
  8
          name: nodejs-ex-git
  9
        minReplicas: 1
10
        maxReplicas: 3
11
        metrics:
12
13
          - type: Resource
14
            resource:
15
              name: cpu
16
               target:
                 type: Utilization
17
                 averageUtilization: 10
18
                                                                                       ♣ Download
Create
            Cancel
```

9. Run the below command on the terminal in Theia to increase the load on the nodejs-ex-git and view the Autoscaling:

```
for i in $(seq 1000); do curl -s -L <your app URL> & done
```

Note: Replace <your app URL> with the URL that you obtained in Step 9 of the previous section.

```
theia@theiaopenshift-nikeshkr:/home/project$ for i in $(seq 1000); do cu
labs-nikeshkr.labs-prod-openshift-san-a45631dc5778dc6371c67d206ba9ae5c-@
loud/ & done
```

The command will keep giving an output as below indicating successful load generation:

theia@theiaopenshift-nikeshkr: /home/project × [965] 2531 [966] 2533 [967] 2536 [968] 2537 [969] 2538 [970] 2539 [971] 2540 2541 [972] [973] 2543 [974] 2553 [975] 2554 [976] 2556 [977] 2558 [978] 2559 [979] 2560 [980] 2561 [981] 2562 [982] 2563 [983] 2564 [984] 2565 [985] 2572 [986] 2575 [987] 2576 [988] 2577

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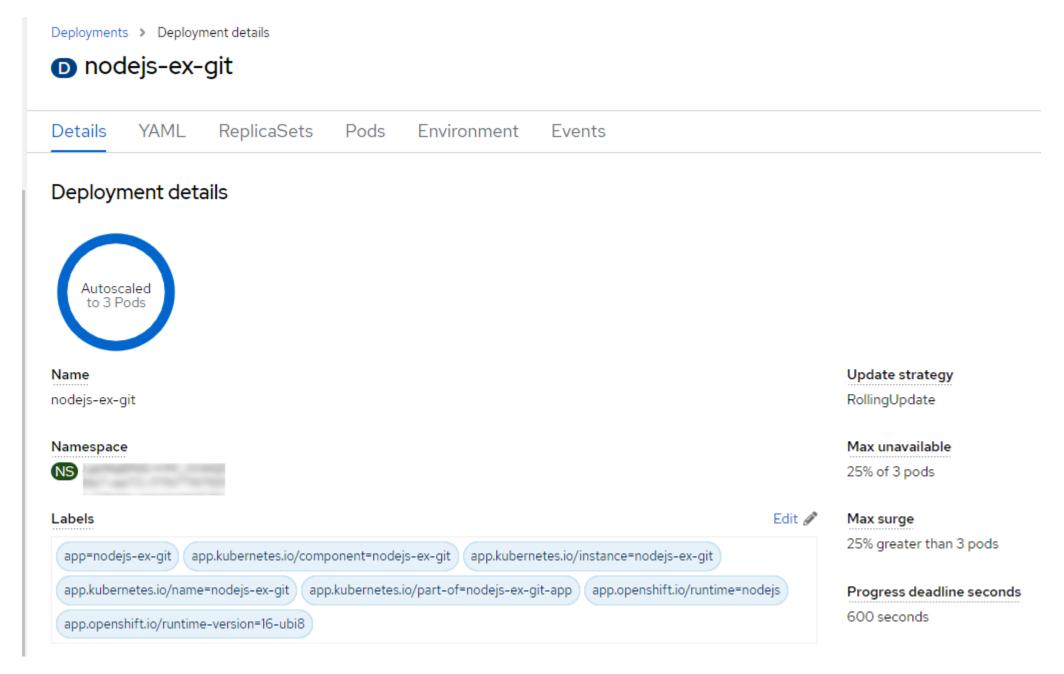
Note: You can also verify autoscaling by directly executing your app URL in your browser. Add some fruit names along with their quantities on the application UI, and click 'Save'. Although the added fruits may not appear on the UI, this action will trigger a load change, causing the pods to autoscale to 3 after some time.

10. Click on nodejs-ex-git under Scale Target.

Horizontal Pod Autoscalers



11. If you wait, you'll see both Current Replicas and Desired Replicas become three. This is because the HPA detected sufficient load to trigger a scale up to the maximum number of Pods, which is three. You can also view the Last Scale Time as well as the current and target CPU utilization. The target is obviously 1% since that's what we set it to. Note that it can take a few minutes to trigger the scale up.



Wow! OpenShift did some pretty incredible work on your behalf. All it needed was a code repository and it was able to build the code into a container image, push that image to a registry, create a Deployment that references that image, and also

expose the application to the internet with a hostname.

Congratulations! You have completed the lab for the fourth module of this course.

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