Kubernetes Cheat Sheet



Installation

Install the kubectl command line tool to interact with the Kubernetes API: https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/tools/#kubectl

Enable autocompletion in bash:

composer completion bash | sudo tee /etc/bash_completion.d/kubectl

Global flags	
Flag	Description
namespace <namespace></namespace>	The name of the namespace to use
context <context></context>	The name of the context to use
help	Show information about a given command

Context and configuration	
Command	Description
kubectl config get-contexts	List all contexts
kubectl config current-context	Display the current context
<pre>kubectl config use-context <context></context></pre>	Switch to another context
<pre>kubectl config delete-context <context></context></pre>	Delete the specified context from the kubeconfig

Display resources	
Command	Description
kubectl get <resource></resource>	List all resources of this type in the current namespace
kubectl get <resource> -o wide</resource>	List all resources with more details
kubectl get <resource> -A</resource>	List all resources of this type in all namespaces
<pre>kubectl get <resource> <name></name></resource></pre>	List a particular resource
kubectl get <resource> <name> -o yaml</name></resource>	Print a particular resource in YAML format
<pre>kubectl get <resource> <name> -l <key1>=<value1></value1></key1></name></resource></pre>	List resources where label <key1> contains <value1></value1></key1>
kubectl describe <resource></resource>	Show detailed information about a resource

Apply configuration manifests	
Command	Description
kubectl apply -f <file></file>	Apply a manifest from a file
kubectl apply -f <dir></dir>	Apply all manifests in a directory
kubectl apply -k <dir></dir>	Apply resources from a kustomize directory

Create resources manually	
Command	Description
kubectl run <name>image=<image/></name>	Start a pod
<pre>kubectl create deployment <name>image=<image/></name></pre>	Create a deployment
kubectl expose pod <pod>port=<port></port></pod>	Create a service for an existing pod
<pre>kubectl expose deployment <name>port=<port></port></name></pre>	Create a service for an existing deployment
kubectl create ingress <name> rule=<host path="svc:port"></host></name>	Create an ingress that routes traffic to a service
<pre>kubectl create job <name>image=<image/></name></pre>	Create a job
<pre>kubectl create job <name>from=cronjob/<name></name></name></pre>	Create a job from a cronjob
<pre>kubectl create cronjob <name>image=<image/>schedule=<schedule></schedule></name></pre>	Create a cronjob, using a schedule in Cron format
<pre>kubectl create secret generic <name>from-literal=<key>=<value></value></key></name></pre>	Create a secret containing <key> and <value></value></key>
<pre>kubectl create secret docker-registry <name>docker-server=<server>docker-username=<username>docker-password=<password></password></username></server></name></pre>	Create a secret for a Docker registry

Generate YAML configuration manifests	
Command	Description
<pre>kubectl create deployment <name>image=<image/>dry-run=client -o yaml</name></pre>	Generate a deployment manifest
<pre>kubectl expose deployment <name>port=<port>dry-run=client -o yaml</port></name></pre>	Generate a service manifest for a deployment

Edit resources	
Command	Description
<pre>kubectl edit <resource> <name></name></resource></pre>	Edit a resource in a text editor
<pre>kubectl set image <resource> <name> <container>=<image/></container></name></resource></pre>	Update the image of a container in a pod

Set labels and annotations	
Command	Description
<pre>kubectl label <resource> <name> <key>=<value></value></key></name></resource></pre>	Add a label to a resource
<pre>kubectl annotate <resource> <name> <key>=<value></value></key></name></resource></pre>	Add an annotation to a resource

Delete resources	
Command	Description
<pre>kubectl delete <resource> <name></name></resource></pre>	Delete a particular resource
kubectl delete <resource>all</resource>	Delete all resources of a particular type in the current namespace
kubectl delete -f <file></file>	Delete a resource from a file

Manage deployments	
Command	Description
kubectl rollout status deployment <name></name>	Show the status of a deployment rollout
<pre>kubectl rollout history deployment <name></name></pre>	View the rollout history of a deployment
kubectl rollout undo deployment <name></name>	Undo a previous rollout deployment
<pre>kubectl rollout restart deployment <name></name></pre>	Restart a deployment
<pre>kubectl scale deployment <name>replicas=<n></n></name></pre>	Scale a deployment to <n> replicas</n>
<pre>kubectl autoscale deployment <name>min=<min>max=<max></max></min></name></pre>	Autoscale a deployment between <n> and <n> replicas</n></n>

Execute commands	
Command	Description
<pre>kubectl exec <pod> <command/></pod></pre>	Execute a command in a running pod
kubectl exec -it <pod> sh</pod>	Open a shell in a running pod

View logs	
Command	Description
kubectl logs <pod></pod>	Print the logs for a pod
kubectl logs -f <pod></pod>	Print the logs for a pod and keep streaming

Resource usage	
Command	Description
kubectl top node	Show resource (CPU/memory) usage of nodes
kubectl top pod	Show resource (CPU/memory) usage of pods

Other commands	
Command	Description
kubectl version	Show the version of the client and server
kubectl api-resources	Print the supported API resources on the server