# Container Orchestration with

**Chapter 3** 

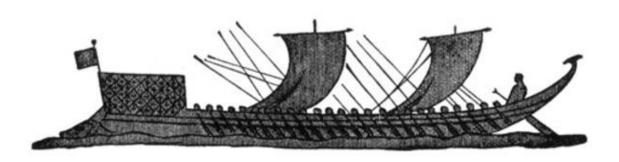
Kubernetes

## **Learning Topics**

- Overview of Kubernetes
- Kubernetes Architecture
- Kubernetes Installation Bare Metal
- Key Components
- Deploy Dockerized Apps
- Horizontal Pod AutoScaler

## Kubernetes Meaning

Greek for "pilot" or "Helmsman of a ship"





### **K8s History**

- Project that was spun out of Google as an open source container orchestration platform.
- Built from the lessons learned in the experiences of developing and running Google's Borg and Omega.
- Designed from the ground-up as a loosely coupled collection of components centered around deploying, maintaining and scaling workloads.

## **K8s History**

- Contributors include Google, CodeOS, Redhat, Mesosphere,
   Microsoft, HP, IBM, VMWare, Pivotal, SaltStack etc.
- Kubernetes is loosely coupled, meaning that all the components have little knowledge of each other and function independently.
  - This makes them easy to replace and integrate with a wide variety of systems
- Written in Go Language

## Who Manages Kubernetes



- Sub-Foundation of Linux Foundation
- A Vendor Neutral Entity to Manage "Cloud Native" Projects
- Focused on
  - Containers
  - Dynamic Orchestration
  - Many More Services

#### **Container Issues**

**Scheduling**: Where should my containers run?

Lifecycle and health: Keep my containers running despite failures

**Discovery**: Where are my containers now?

**Monitoring**: What's happening with my containers?

Auth{n,z}: Control who can do things to my containers

Aggregates: Compose sets of containers into jobs

**Scaling**: Making jobs bigger or smaller

### What Does Kubernetes Do?

- Groups containers that make up an application into logical units for easy management and discovery
- It acts as an engine for resolving state by converging actual and the desired state of the system
- It is declarative, you tell it what you want it to be, and it figures it out
  - e.g. 'I want 3 instances of x' and it just does it, if something dies, it brings it back to get to 3

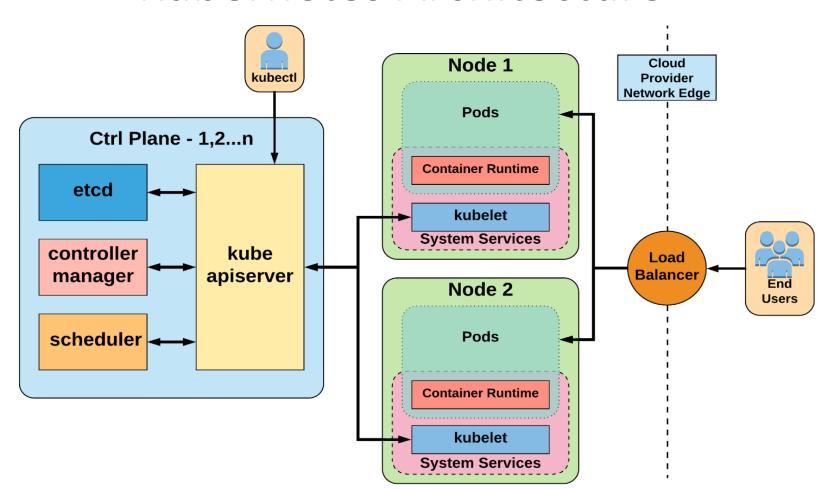
### Most Popular Use Cases

- Autoscale Workloads
- Blue/Green Deployments
- Scheduled Cronjobs
- Manage Stateless Applications
- Easily Integrate and Support 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Apps
- Provide Native Methods of Service Discovery

#### **Kubernetes Features**

- Kubernetes is an open-source system for
  - Automating Deployment
  - Scaling
  - Management
  - of containerized applications
- Kubernetes can scale without increasing your ops team

#### **Kubernetes Architecture**



## **Key Terminologies**

- Pod A group of Containers
- Labels Labels for identifying pods
- **Kubelet** Container Agent
- Proxy A load balancer for Pods
- etcd A metadata service
- cAdvisor Container Advisor provides resource usage/performance statistics
- Replication Controller Manages replication of pods
- Scheduler Schedules pods in worker nodes
- API Server Kubernetes API server

## **Control Plane Components**

#### Kube-apiserver

- Gate keeper for everything in kubernetes
- EVERYTHING interacts with kubernetes through the apiserver

#### Etcd

- Distributed storage back end for kubernetes
- The apiserver is the only thing that talks to it

#### Kube-controller-manager

The home of the core controllers

#### . Kube-scheduler

Handles placement

### Kube-apiserver

- Provides a forward facing REST interface into the kubernetes control plane and datastore.
- All clients and other applications interact with kubernetes strictly through the API Server.
- Handles authn, authz, request validation, mutation and admission control and serves as a generic front end to the backing datastore

#### etcd

- etcd acts as the cluster datastore.
- Purpose in relation to Kubernetes is to provide a strong, consistent, highly durable and highly available key-value store for persisting cluster state.
- Stores objects and config information.

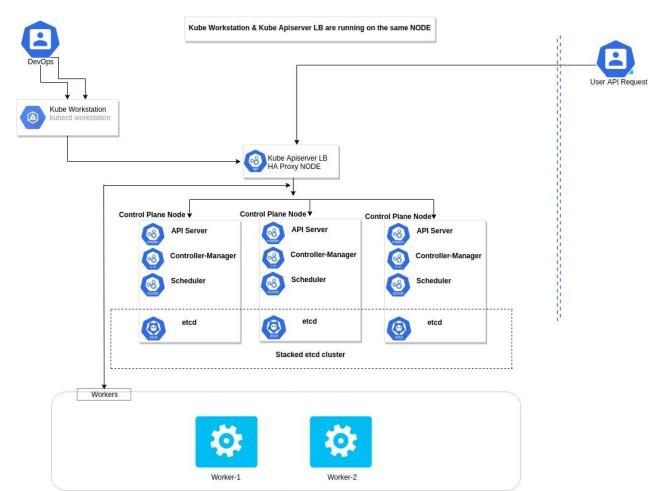
## Kube-controller-manager

- Its the director behind the scenes
- Serves as the primary daemon that manages all core component control loops.
- Monitors the cluster state via the apiserver and steers the cluster towards the desired state.
- Does NOT handle scheduling, just decides what the desired state of the cluster should look like
  - e.g. receives request for a deployment, produces replicaset,
     then produces pods

#### Kube-scheduler

- Scheduler decides which nodes should run which pods
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#### **HA Cluster Architecture**



## **Node Components**

#### . Kubelet

Agent running on every node, including the control plane

### . Kube-proxy

- The network 'plumber' for Kubernetes services
- Enables in-cluster load-balancing and service discovery

#### . Container Runtime Engine

The containerizer itself - typically docker

### Pods

- Smallest Unit of Work
- Collection of One or More Containers
- Share Volumes, Network Namespace
- Part of Single Context, Managed Together
- Ephemeral in Nature

### Kubelet

- Acts as the node agent responsible for managing the lifecycle of every pod on its host.
- Kubelet understands YAML container manifests that it can read from several sources:
  - file path
  - HTTP Endpoint
  - etcd watch acting on any changes
  - HTTP Server mode accepting container manifests over a simple API.
- The single host daemon required for a being a part of a kubernetes cluster

## Kube-proxy

- Manages the network rules on each node.
- Performs connection forwarding or load balancing for Kubernetes cluster services.
- Creates the rules on the host to map and expose services
- Available Proxy Modes:
  - Userspace
  - iptables
  - ipvs (default if supported)

### **Container Runtime Engine**

- A container runtime is a CRI (Container Runtime Interface) compatible application that executes and manages containers.
  - Containerd (docker)
- Kubernetes functions with multiple different containerizers
- Interacts with them through the CRI container runtime interface
- CRI creates a 'shim' to talk between kubelet and the container runtime

#### Lab – K8 Installation

- 1. Use your own Azure account
- 2. Create a resource group, launch all VMs in this resource group
- 3. Create HA Proxy LB Server
- 4. Create first master node
- 5. Create second and third master node
- **6.** Setup stacked control plane
- 7. Initiate cluster
- 8. Setup worker nodes
- 9. Setup HA Proxy as workstation

### HA Proxy LB Server

- 1. Open ports
  - Http, Https and SSH
  - Open 6443 after VM is provisioned (default port for Kubeapi)
- 2. Ssh to VM
  - Bind port 6643

#### **Create 3 Master Nodes**

- 1. Open ports
- 2. Ssh to VM
  - Add Kubernetes certificates
  - Install kubectl, kubeadm, kubelet and CNI (Container Networking Interface)
  - Install Docker
- **3.** Repeat for other 2 master nodes

### Setup Control Plane

- 1. Ssh to HAProxy VM
- 2. Update config file
  - Update IP addresses to private IP addresses of HAProxy and 3 Master VMs
  - Restart HAProxy service

#### **Initiate Cluster**

- 1. Ssh to First Master VM
- 2. Note API Version is set as "Stable"
- **3.** Create cluster
- 4. Save "Join" command that will be used later
- 5. Install CNI

## **Copy Certificate**

- 1. Applicable on Master 2 and Master 3
- 2. Copy certificate files from Master 1 to Master 2 and Master 3

#### Join Master VMs

- 1. Applicable on Master 2 and Master 3
- 2. Run kubeadm join command on these two VMs using token generated on Master 1

### Setup Worker Nodes

- 1. Create two VMs
- 2. Open ports for Kubelet API and for NodePort services
- 3. Install Docker, kubeadm, kubelet and CNI
- 4. Run Join Token command from Master 1 VM

### Setup HAProxy VM as Workstation

- 1. Create two VMs
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- 3. Install Docker, kubeadm, kubelet and CNI
- 4. Run Join Token command from Master 1 VM

### Lab – K8 Dashboard

Use your own Azure account

## **API Server**

#### **API Overview**

- The REST API (API-Server) is the keystone of Kubernetes
- Every component communicates with API-Server
- Everything within Kubernetes is an API Object
- Object Oriented Application Architecture

### **API Groups**

- Every object in kubernetes belongs to an API Group
- The API Group is a REST compatible path

#### Format:

/apis/<group>/<version>/<resource>

#### **Examples:**

/apis/apps/v1/deployments

/apis/batch/v1beta1/cronjobs

## **API Versioning**

- 3 tiers of API Maturity Level
  - 1. Alpha May be buggy, disabled by default
  - 2. Beta Code is well tested, enabled by default
  - 3. Stable Released, stable and API schema will not change.

## **Kubernetes Objects**

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- Persistent entities in the kubernetes system
- Kubernetes uses these entities to represent the state of cluster
  - What containerized applications are running (and on which nodes)
  - The resources available to those applications
  - The policies around how those applications behave, such as restart policies, upgrades, and fault-tolerance

## Kubernetes Objects Cont.

#### Record of Intent

- Once object is created, kubernetes will constantly work to ensure that object exists
- Tells about desired state of cluster
- Need to use kubernetes API to create/modify/delete objects
- Includes 2 nested object fields
  - Spec You must provide, describes your desired state for the object
  - Status Describes actual state of the object, supplied and updated by kubernetes

## **Describe Kubernetes Objects**

- Often, information is provided in a .yaml file to kubectl
- Kubectl converts the information to JSON when making the API request.

#### **Example Object** apiVersion: v1 kind: Pod metadata: name: pod-example spec: containers: - name: nginx image: nginx:stable-alpine ports: - containerPort: 80

#### **Example Status Snippet** status: conditions: - lastProbeTime: null lastTransitionTime: 2018-02-14T14:15:527 status: "True" type: Ready - lastProbeTime: null lastTransitionTime: 2018-02-14T14:15:49Z status: "True" type: Initialized - lastProbeTime: null lastTransitionTime: 2018-02-14T14:15:49Z status: "True" type: PodScheduled

# **Replica Sets**

## **Replica Sets**

- Primary method of managing pod replicas and their lifecycle
- Includes their scheduling, scaling, and deletion.
- Their job is simple: Always ensure the desired number of pods are running.
- You define the number of pods you want running with the replicas field.
- Pods are created with name based off replicaset name + random 5 character string

### Replica Sets Cont.

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: ReplicaSet
metadata:
 name: rs-example
spec:
 replicas: 3
 selector:
  matchLabels:
   app: nginx
   env: prod
 template:
  metadata:
   labels:
    app: nginx
    env: prod
  spec:
   containers:
   - name: nginx
    image: nginx:stable-alpine
    ports:
    - containerPort: 80
```

```
$ kubectl get pods

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE

rs-example-9l4dt 1/1 Running 0 1h

rs-example-b7bcg 1/1 Running 0 1h

rs-example-mkll2 1/1 Running 0 1h
```

```
$ kubectl describe rs rs-example
           rs-example
Namespace: default
Selector: app=nginx,env=prod
Labels:
          app=nginx
        env=prod
Annotations: <none>
Replicas: 3 current / 3 desired
Pods Status: 3 Running / 0 Waiting / 0 Succeeded / 0 Failed
Pod Template:
 Labels: app=nginx
      env=prod
 Containers:
  nainx:
             nginx:stable-alpine
  Image:
            80/TCP
  Environment: <none>
  Mounts:
              <none>
 Volumes:
              <none>
                                            Message
 Type Reason
 Normal SuccessfulCreate 16s replicaset-controller Created pod: rs-example-mkll2
 Normal SuccessfulCreate 16s replicaset-controller Created pod: rs-example-b7bcg
 Normal SuccessfulCreate 16s replicaset-controller Created pod: rs-example-9l4dt
```

## **Deployments**

## **Deployments**

- Declarative method of managing Pods via ReplicaSets
- Provides rollback functionality and update control
- Updates are managed through the pod-template-hash label
- Each iteration creates a unique label that is assigned to both the ReplicaSet and subsequent Pods



### Lab 3 – Deploy Java App on K8 Cluster

Use your Java app image from Docker lab

#### Lab 4 – Deploy .NET App on K8 Cluster

• Use your .NET app image from Docker lab

### Lab 5 – Deploy Python App on K8 Cluster

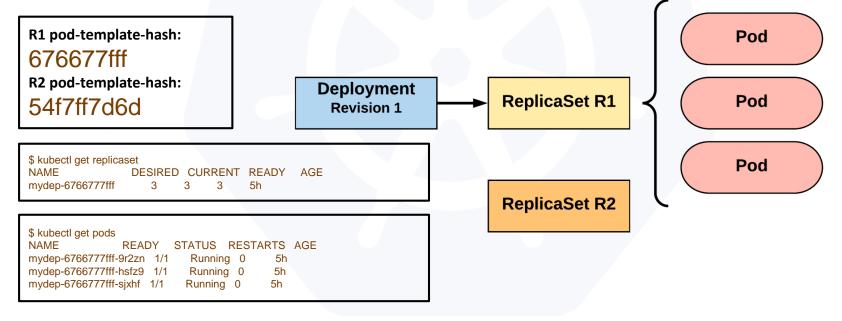
Use your Python app image from Docker lab

## **Deployments Cont.**

- **revisionHistoryLimit**: The number of previous iterations of the Deployment to retain.
- **strategy**: Describes the method of updating the Pods based on the type. Valid options are **Recreate** or **RollingUpdate**.
  - Recreate: All existing Pods are killed before the new ones are created.
  - RollingUpdate: Cycles through updating the Pods according to the parameters: maxSurge and maxUnavailable.
- maxSurge == how many ADDITIONAL replicas we want to spin up while updating

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
 name: deploy-example
spec:
 replicas: 3
 revisionHistoryLimit: 3
 selector:
  matchLabels:
   app: nginx
   env: prod
 strategy:
  type: RollingUpdate
  rollingUpdate:
   maxSurge: 1
    maxUnavailable: 0
 template:
  <pod template>
```

Updating pod template generates a new **ReplicaSet** revision.



New **ReplicaSet** is initially scaled up based on maxSurge.

R1 pod-template-hash:

676677fff

R2 pod-template-hash:

54f7ff7d6d

Deployment Revision 2

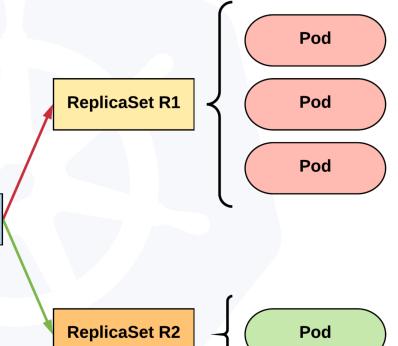
 \$ kubectl get replicaset

 NAME
 DESIRED
 CURRENT
 READY
 AGE

 mydep-54f7ff7d6d
 1
 1
 5s

 mydep-6766777fff
 2
 3
 3
 5h

\$ kubectl get pods NAME RFADY STATUS RESTARTS AGE mydep-54f7ff7d6d-9gvII 1/1 2s Running 0 mydep-6766777fff-9r2zn 1/1 Running 0 5h Running 0 5h mydep-6766777fff-hsfz9 1/1 mydep-6766777fff-sjxhf 1/1 Running 0



Phase out of old Pods managed by maxSurge and maxUnavailable.

R1 pod-template-hash:

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R2 pod-template-hash:

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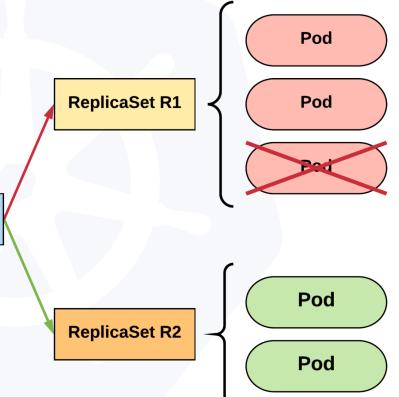
Deployment Revision 2

 \$ kubectl get replicaset
 NAME
 DESIRED
 CURRENT
 READY
 AGE

 mydep-54f7ff7d6d
 2
 2
 2
 8s

 mydep-6766777fff
 2
 2
 2
 5h

\$ kubectl get pods
NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE
mydep-54f7ff7d6d-ggvll 1/1
mydep-54f7ff7d6d-cqvlq 1/1
mydep-6766777fff-9r2zn 1/1
mydep-6766777fff-hsfz9 1/1
Running 0 5h
mydep-6766777fff-hsfz9 1/1
Running 0 5h



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54f7ff7d6d

Deployment Revision 2

 \$ kubectl get replicaset

 NAME
 DESIRED
 CURRENT
 READY
 AGE

 mydep-54f7ff7d6d
 3
 3
 10s

 mydep-6766777fff
 0
 1
 1
 5h

\$ kubectl get pods
NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE
mydep-54f7ff7d6d-9gvll 1/1 Running 0 7s
mydep-54f7ff7d6d-cqvlq 1/1 Running 0 5s
mydep-54f7ff7d6d-gccr6 1/1 Running 0 2s
mydep-6766777fff-9r2zn 1/1 Running 0 5h

**Pod** ReplicaSet R1 **Pod** ReplicaSet R2 **Pod Pod** 

Phase out of old Pods managed by maxSurge and maxUnavailable.

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676677fff

R2 pod-template-hash:

54f7ff7d6d

**Deployment Revision 2** 

\$ kubectl get replicaset NAME

DESIRED **RFADY** AGF

mydep-54f7ff7d6d 13s mydep-6766777fff 5h

\$ kubectl get pods

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE

mydep-54f7ff7d6d-9qvII 1/1 Running 0 mydep-54f7ff7d6d-cgvlg 1/1 Running 0 mydep-54f7ff7d6d-gccr6 1/1

Running 0

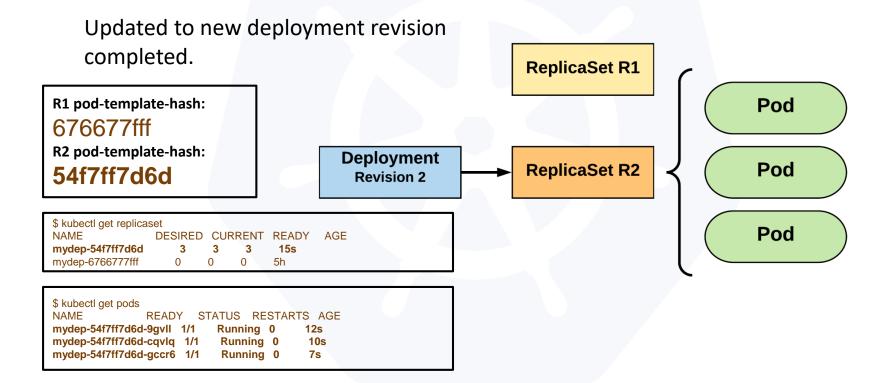
ReplicaSet R1

ReplicaSet R2

Pod

**Pod** 

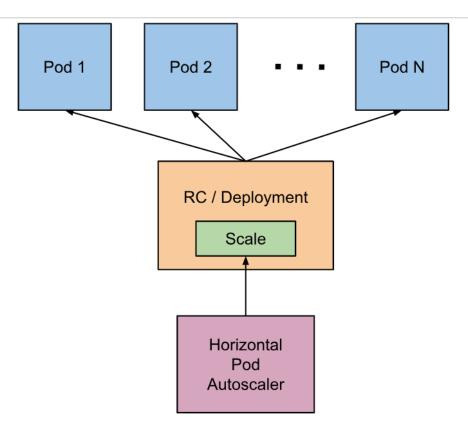
Pod



**Horizontal Pod Autoscaling (HPA)** 

## Horizontal Pod Autoscaling (HPA)

- The Horizontal Pod Autoscaler automatically scales the number of pods in a replication controller, deployment or replica set based on observed CPU utilization or other metrics
- The Horizontal Pod Autoscaler is implemented as a Kubernetes API resource and a controller



#### Lab 4 – Auto Scale Pods

- 1. Deploy your app
- 2. Add load on your app
- Number of Pods will go up, automatically, based on load
- 4. Reduce load on your app
- 5. Number of Pods will go down, automatically, based on load

**Monitoring Kubernetes** 

#### Monitoring Challenges for Kubernetes

- 1. Many, smaller pieces to monitor
- 2. Keeping track of pods and containers
- 3. Health of deployed applications and containers
- 4. Availability of resources in a deployment/cluster

#### Monitoring Kubernetes – Data Sources

- 1. K8 Hosts Running Kubelet
- 2. K8 Process i.e. Kubelet Metrics : give you details on a Kubernetes node and the jobs it's running
  - 1. Metrics for apiserver
  - 2. kube-scheduler
  - 3. kube-controller-manager
- 3. Kubelet's Built-in **cAdvisor**: collects, aggregates, processes, and exports metrics for your running containers
- **4. Kube-state Metrics**: gives you information at the cluster level

#### **Metrics Server**

- Cluster-wide aggregator of resource usage data
- Metric server collects metrics from the Summary API, exposed by kubelet on each node
  - 5000 nodes clusters with 30 pods per node, supported by kubernetes 1.6
  - To collect 10 metrics from each pod per node
    - 10 x 5000 x 30 / 60 = 25000 metrics per second by average
  - This required a new server instead of API service, hence metrics server was created

#### Lab 5 – Monitor K8

- 1. Uses Prometheus & Grafana
- 2. Monitor Nodes
- 3. Monitor Pods
- 4. Monitor Deployments
- 5. And Much More

## **Storage Options**

## **Storage**

- Many workloads require exchanging data between containers, or persisting some form of data
- 4 types of storage
  - 1. Volumes
  - 2. Persistent Volumes
  - 3. Persistent Volume Claims
  - 4. Storage Classes

#### **Persistent Volume**

- A **PersistentVolume** (PV) represents a storage resource
- PVs are a **cluster wide resource** linked to a backing storage provider: NFS, GCEPersistentDisk, RBD etc.
- Generally provisioned by an administrator
- Their lifecycle is handled independently from a pod
- CANNOT be attached to a Pod directly. Relies on a PersistentVolumeClaim

#### Persistent Volume Cont.

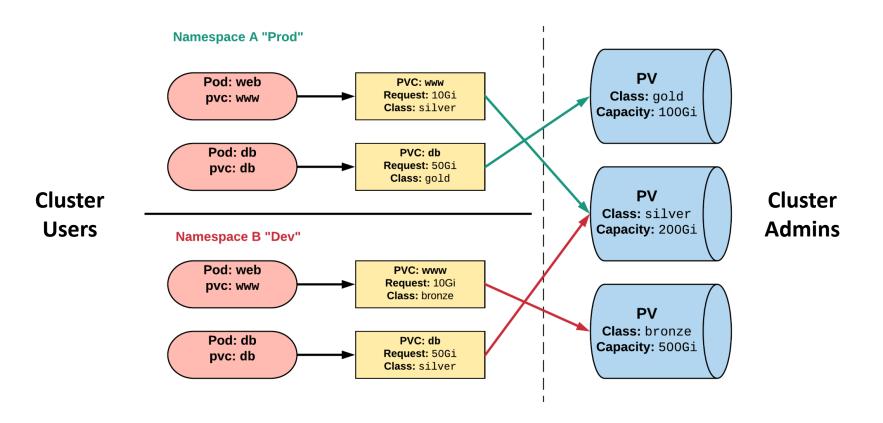
- You define the capacity, whether you want a filesystem or a block device, and the access mode
  - RWO only a single pod will be able to (through a PVC) mount this.
  - ROM many pods can mount this, but none can write.
  - RWM many pods can mount and write.

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolume
metadata:
 name: nfsserver
spec:
 capacity:
  storage: 50Gi
 volumeMode: Filesystem
 accessModes:
  - ReadWriteOnce
  - ReadWriteMany
 persistentVolumeReclaimPolicy: Delete
 storageClassName: slow
 mountOptions:
  - hard
  - nfsvers=4.1
 nfs:
  path: /exports
  server: 172.22.0.42
```

#### **Persistent Volume Claims**

- A **PersistentVolumeClaim** (PVC) is a **namespace** request for storage.
- Satisfies a set of requirements instead of mapping to a storage resource directly.
- Ensures that an application's 'claim' for storage is portable across numerous backends or providers.
- PVCs can be named the same to make things consistent but point to different storage classes

#### Persistent Volume & Claims



#### Persistent Volume Phases

#### **Available**

PV is ready and available to be consumed.

#### **Bound**

The PV has been bound to a claim.

#### Released

The binding PVC has been deleted, and the PV is pending reclamation.

#### **Failed**

An error has been encountered attempting to reclaim the PV.

## Lab 6 – Running Stateful Apps on K8

# **Kubernetes Networking**

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### Pod Network

 Cluster-wide network used for pod-to-pod communication managed by a CNI (*Container Network Interface*) plugin.

### Service Network

 Cluster-wide range of Virtual IPs managed by kubeproxy for service discovery.

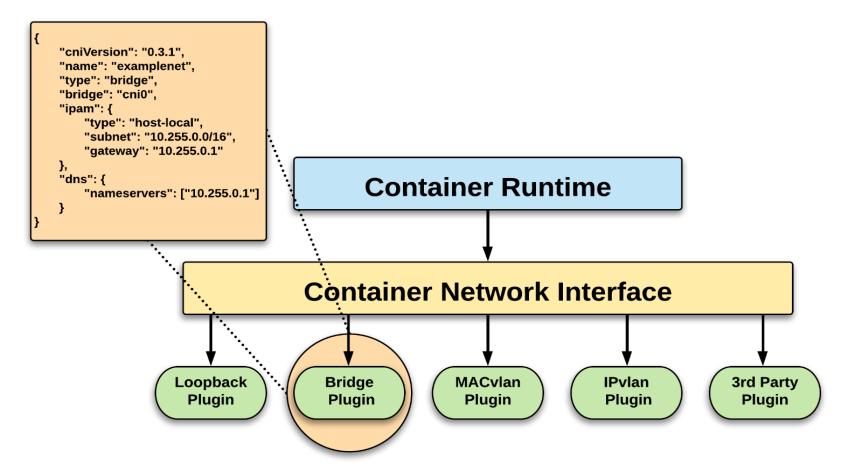
# **Kubernetes Networking**

- Unlike Docker, every pod gets its own cluster wide unique IP, and makes use of the CNI plugin
- Services are a separate range of static non-routable virtual IPs that are used like an internal LB or static IP
- Service IPs are special and can't be treated like a normal IP, they
  are a 'mapping' stored and managed by kube-proxy
  - Pod IPs are pingable
  - Service IPs are not

## Container Network Interface (CNI)

- Pod networking within Kubernetes is plumbed via the Container Network Interface (CNI).
- Functions as an interface between the container runtime and a network implementation plugin.
- CNCF Project
- Uses a simple JSON Schema.
- CNI runtime focuses solely on container lifecycle connectivity

### **CNI Overview**



# **CNI Plugins**

- Amazon ECS
- Calico
- Cillium
- Contiv
- Contrail
- Flannel

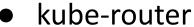




cilium

aws







- OpenVSwitch
- Romana
- Weave



















## **Fundamental Networking Rules**

- All containers within a pod can communicate with each other unimpeded.
- All Pods can communicate with all other Pods without NAT.
- All nodes can communicate with all Pods (and vice-versa) without NAT.
- The IP that a Pod sees itself as is the same IP that others see it as.
- Pods are given a cluster unique IP for the duration of its lifecycle.

## Fundamental Networking Rules - II

#### Container-to-Container

- Containers within a pod exist within the same network namespace and share an IP.
- Enables intrapod communication over localhost.

### Pod-to-Pod

- Allocated cluster unique IP for the duration of its life cycle.
- Pods themselves are fundamentally ephemeral.

## Fundamental Networking Rules - III

#### Pod-to-Service

- managed by kube-proxy and given a persistent cluster unique IP
- exists beyond a Pod's lifecycle
- kubernetes creates a cluster-wide IP that can map to n-number of pods

#### External-to-Service

- Handled by kube-proxy.
- Works in cooperation with a cloud provider or other external entity (load balancer).

# **Kubernetes Services**

### **Services**

- A kubernetes Service is an abstraction which defines a logical set of Pods and a policy by which to access them
- Unified method of accessing the exposed workloads of Pods
- Durable resource
- Uses kube-proxy to provide simple load balancing

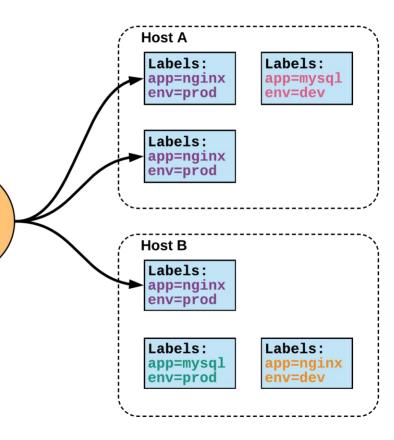
# Services (Proxy)

app=nginx

 Unified Method of Accessing Exposed Workloads of Pods

 Internal Load Balancer to Your Pod(s)

 Create a service, reference the pods, for e.g. 3, and (internally) it will load balance across the 3.



## **Service Types**

- 4 Major Publishing Service Types
  - 1. ClusterIP (default)
  - 2. NodePort
  - 3. LoadBalancer
  - 4. Ingress

### **ClusterIP Service**

- ClusterIP is an internal LB for your application
- Exposes a service on a strictly cluster internal virtual IP

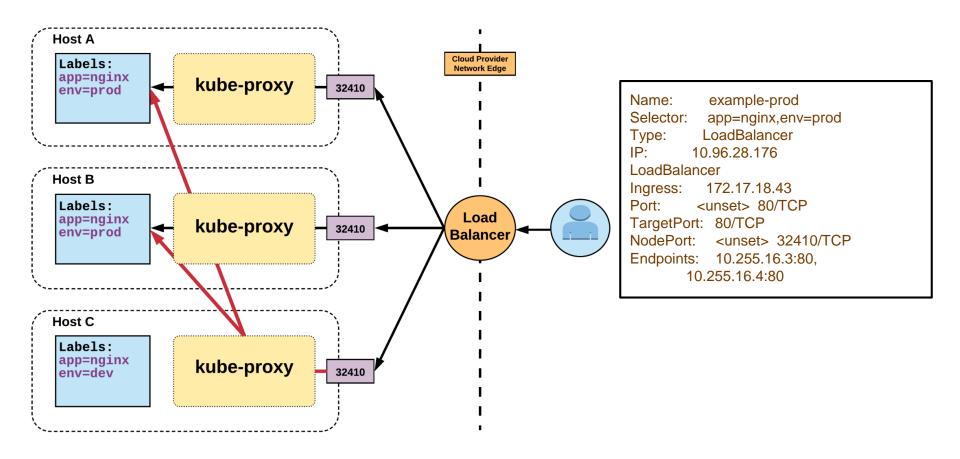
### **NodePort Service**

- Exposes the service on each Node's IP at a static port (the NodePort)
- NodePort behaves just like ClusterIP, except it also exposes the service on a (random or specified) port on every Node in your cluster.
- Port can either be statically defined, or dynamically taken from a range between 30000-32767.
- You'll be able to contact the NodePort service, from outside the cluster, by requesting <NodeIP>:<NodePort>

## **LoadBalancer Service**

- Exposes the service externally using a cloud provider's load balancer
- NodePort and ClusterIP services, to which the external load balancer will route, are automatically created.

### LoadBalancer Service Cont.



### **ExternalName Service**

- Maps the service to the contents of the externalName field (e.g. app1.prod.example.com)
- ExternalName is used to reference endpoints OUTSIDE the cluster.
- Creates an internal CNAME DNS entry that aliases another.

## **Ingress**

- An API object that manages external access to the services in a cluster, typically HTTP
- Traffic routing is controlled by rules defined on the ingress resource
- An ingress does not expose arbitrary ports or protocols
- In order for the ingress resource to work, the cluster must have an ingress controller running

## **Kubernetes Best Practices**

- Configure Health Checks
- Use Multiple Clusters
- Begin with One Container in One Pod
- Keep Your Images Small

## Path Forward

- Start with a managed service
- Docker Documentation (Docker.com)
- K8 Documentation (Kuberntes.IO)
- Automate Image Creation, Storage and Deployment
- Create and Use Official Images Repository
- Use Docker Swarm for Small Workloads
- Start with Stateless Applications

# This concludes Chapter 3 **Container Orchestration with**

Kubernetes