

# Activity: Using Helm to Install a Database

## **Configuring Helm**

- In this activity, you will install MariaDB on your cluster with Helm
- Cloud Shell already has Helm installed
  - No need for us to install it
  - We will be using the Bitnami Helm repository
- From Cloud Shell, run the following commands to add the Bitnami repo:
   helm repo add bitnami https://charts.bitnami.com/bitnami
   helm repo list
- Run the following command to search for MariaDB:
   helm search repo mariadb
  - This should find a few charts, including one named: bitnami/mariadb

### **Installing MariaDB**

- From Cloud Shell, run the following command to install the chart:
  - helm install database-server bitnami/mariadb
  - This will start the installation of MariaDB
  - You will also see information displayed about how to obtain the database root password
    - It is using Kubernetes secrets

### Viewing the MariaDB Installation

From Cloud Shell, run the following commands view the installation:

```
kubectl get pods
kubectl get statefulsets
kubectl get service
```

- Notice the chart is using a StatefulSet
- That is it!
  - Using Helm is easy

# **Installing Another Chart**

You can list all charts in a repo with:

```
helm search repo
```

Install the Tomcat chart with:

```
helm install tomcat-server bitnami/tomcat
```

• Run the following commands view the installation:

```
kubectl get pods
kubectl get deployments
kubectl get service
```

- Wait for the Tomcat pod and service to be ready
- Try accessing the Tomcat service EXTERNAL-IP in a browser
  - You should see the Tomcat home page



# **Upgrading and Uninstalling a Chart**

- Perform an upgrade on the installed tomcat-server
  - helm upgrade tomcat-server bitnami/tomcat
  - There should not be an upgrade (you just deployed it), but it will try
- Uninstall the tomcat-server
   helm uninstall tomcat-server
- Run the following commands verify it is uninstalled:

```
kubectl get pods
kubectl get deployments
kubectl get service
```

It make take a minute for all the resources to delete

### Clean Up

- Nothing to clean up
- Be sure to leave the MariaDB service running on your cluster
  - We will use it later

#### **Success**

- Congratulations! You have successfully installed a workload with Helm
  - Installed MariaDB using a Helm chart
  - Installed Tomcat using a Helm chart
  - Upgraded an installed chart
  - Uninstalled a chart