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# **Activity: Modifying the Events-API App to use the Database**

# Events-API Environment Variables

- The Events-API app was written to look for several environment variables
  - DBHOST, DBUSER, DBPASSWORD, DBDATABASE
  - These variables tell it how to connect to a database
  - If these variables do not exist, the event data is stored in a local array
    - That is what has been happening so far in the class
- Now that we have a MariaDB running, we just need to set the environment variables for the database
  - The app will then start storing the event data in the database

# Modify the api-deployment.yaml

- Edit your `api-deployment.yaml` file
  - At the end of the file, add the highlighted lines shown here
    - That sets 4 environment variables
  - Be sure to note the indentation
- Then reapply the file:  
`kubectl apply -f api-deployment.yaml`
- This should cause the pods for this deployment to be replaced

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.....
spec:
  containers:
  - image: EVENTS-API-IMAGE-URL-HERE
    name: events-api
    ports:
    - containerPort: 8082
    env:
    - name: DBHOST
      value: "database-server-mariadb.default"
    - name: DBUSER
      value: "root"
    - name: DBPASSWORD
      valueFrom:
        secretKeyRef:
          name: database-server-mariadb
          key: mariadb-root-password
    - name: DBDATABASE
      value: "events_db"
```

# Testing the Database

- List the pods and verify the events-api pod(s) were replaced:  
`kubectl get pods`
- Test the application by viewing the External IP in a browser
  - If you need the IP again: `kubectl get service`
- The DB initialization job added 2 rows to the database that have “(DB)” in their title
  - This is just so you can verify the DB is working
- Try adding some new events

## Doug's Events App

Add an event

### Company Pet Show (DB)

Super-fun with furry friends!

When: November 6 at Noon  
Where: Reston Dog Park

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Likes: 0  
2021-10-03T21:15:08.000Z

### Company Picnic (DB)

Come for free food and drinks

# Experiment with Replicas

- Scale the events-web service:
  - Modify the web-deployment.yaml to have 3 replicas
  - Apply the file and test the application
  - Everything should still work fine
- Scale the events-api service:
  - Modify the api-deployment.yaml to have 3 replicas
  - Apply the file and test the application
  - Everything should still work fine
  - This is because the events-api service is now storing state in a database

# Clean Up

- There is no need to clean up the deployments, services, or pods
- Leave them running on your cluster

# Success

- **Congratulations!** You have successfully added a database to the Kubernetes services