Step 1: Create Nexus Helm Chart Structure

```
# Navigate to your charts directory
cd ~/devops-helm-charts

# Create Nexus Helm chart
helm create nexus-chart
cd nexus-chart

# Clean up default files
rm -rf templates/tests/
rm templates/NOTES.txt
rm templates/hpa.yaml
rm templates/deployment.yaml
rm templates/service.yaml
rm templates/serviceaccount.yaml
rm templates/serviceaccount.yaml
rm templates/ingress.yaml
```

```
suhaib@IND-147:~/devops-helm-charts/nexus-chart$ tree

charts
Chart.yaml
templates
Lemplates
Lemplates
values.yaml

directories, 3 files
suhaib@IND-147:~/devops-helm-charts/nexus-chart$ |
```

Step 2: Configure Chart.yaml

```
# Chart.yaml - Updated
apiVersion: v2
name: nexus-chart
description: A Helm chart for Nexus Repository Manager with custom confi
guration
type: application
version: 0.2.0 # Increment version
```

```
appVersion: "3.68.1" # Updated to secure version
keywords:
- nexus
- repository
- artifacts
- devops
home: https://www.sonatype.com/nexus/repository-oss
sources:
- https://github.com/sonatype/nexus-public
maintainers:
- name: DevOps Team
email: devops@cprime.com
```

Step 3: Configure values.yaml

```
# values.yaml - Updated configuration
nexus:
 image:
  repository: sonatype/nexus3
  tag: "3.68.1" # Updated to secure version
  pullPolicy: IfNotPresent
 # Add context path configuration
 contextPath: "/"
 # Resource configuration
 resources:
  requests:
   memory: "2Gi"
   cpu: "1000m"
  limits:
   memory: "4Gi"
   cpu: "2000m"
 # Service configuration
 service:
  type: ClusterIP
```

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port: 8081
  targetPort: 8081
  name: nexus-service
 # Persistence configuration
 persistence:
  enabled: true
  storageClass: "standard"
  size: "20Gi"
  accessMode: ReadWriteOnce
 # Security context
 securityContext:
  runAsUser: 997
  runAsGroup: 997
  fsGroup: 997
 # Nexus admin configuration - FIXED
 admin:
  username: "admin"
  randomPassword: true # Changed to true to generate admin.password fi
le
 # Environment variables - FIXED
 env:
  - name: NEXUS_SECURITY_RANDOMPASSWORD
   value: "true" # Changed to true
  - name: NEXUS_JVM_HEAP_MIN
   value: "1024m"
  name: NEXUS_JVM_HEAP_MAX
   value: "2048m"
  - name: NEXUS_CONTEXT_PATH
   value: "/"
# Database configuration (optional external DB)
database:
 external:
  enabled: false
```

```
host: ""
  port: 5432
  name: "nexus"
  username: "nexus"
  password: ""
# Ingress configuration
ingress:
 enabled: true
 className: "nginx"
 annotations:
  nginx.ingress.kubernetes.io/rewrite-target: /
  nginx.ingress.kubernetes.io/ssl-redirect: "false"
  nginx.ingress.kubernetes.io/backend-protocol: "HTTP"
  nginx.ingress.kubernetes.io/proxy-body-size: "0"
  nginx.ingress.kubernetes.io/proxy-read-timeout: "300"
  nginx.ingress.kubernetes.io/proxy-send-timeout: "300"
 hosts:
  - host: nexus.local
   paths:
     - path: /
      pathType: Prefix
 tls:
  - secretName: nexus-tls
   hosts:
     - nexus.local
# Service Account
serviceAccount:
 create: true
 name: "nexus-sa"
 annotations: {}
# RBAC
rbac:
 create: true
 rules:
  - apiGroups: [""]
```

```
resources: ["secrets", "configmaps"]
verbs: ["get", "list", "watch"]
- apiGroups: [""]
resources: ["persistentvolumeclaims"]
verbs: ["get", "list", "watch", "create", "update", "patch"]

# Node selector and tolerations
nodeSelector: {}
tolerations: []
affinity: {}
```

Step 4: Create Template Files

templates/configmap.yaml

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
 name: {{ include "nexus-chart.fullname" . }}-config
 labels:
  {{- include "nexus-chart.labels" . | nindent 4 }}
data:
 nexus.properties:
  # Nexus configuration
  {{- $randomPassword := "false" }}
  {{- range .Values.nexus.env }}
  {{- if eq .name "NEXUS_SECURITY_RANDOMPASSWORD" }}
  {{- $randomPassword = .value }}
  {{- end }}
  {{- end }}
  nexus.security.randompassword={{ $randomPassword }}
  nexus.cleanup.retainDays=30
  nexus.scripts.allowCreation=true
  # Context path configuration - CRITICAL FIX
  nexus-context-path={{ .Values.nexus.contextPath | default "/" }}
  # Application port
```

```
application-port={{ .Values.nexus.service.targetPort | default 8081 }}
  # Essential nexus-args configuration
  nexus-args=${jetty.etc}/jetty.xml,${jetty.etc}/jetty-http.xml,${jetty.etc}/je
tty-requestlog.xml
 {{- if .Values.database.external.enabled }}
 database.properties:
  nexus.datastore.enabled=true
  nexus.datastore.nexus.type=jdbc
  nexus.datastore.nexus.jdbcUrl=jdbc:postgresql://{{ .Values.database.ext
ernal.host }}:{{ .Values.database.external.port }}/{{ .Values.database.extern
al.name }}
  nexus.datastore.nexus.username={{ .Values.database.external.usernam
e }}
  nexus.datastore.nexus.password={{ .Values.database.external.password
}}
 {{- end }}
```

templates/secret.yaml

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
 name: {{ include "nexus-chart.fullname" . }}-secret
 labels:
  {{- include "nexus-chart.labels" . | nindent 4 }}
type: Opaque
data:
 nexus-admin-user: {{ .Values.nexus.admin.username | b64enc | quote }}
 {{- if .Values.nexus.admin.password }}
 nexus-admin-password: {{ .Values.nexus.admin.password | b64enc | quot
e }}
 {{- end }}
 {{- if .Values.database.external.enabled }}
 database-username: {{ .Values.database.external.username | b64enc | qu
ote }}
 database-password: {{ .Values.database.external.password | b64enc | qu
```

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ote }}
{{- end }}
```

templates/pvc.yaml

```
{{- if .Values.nexus.persistence.enabled }}
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
 name: {{ include "nexus-chart.fullname" . }}-pvc
 labels:
  {{- include "nexus-chart.labels" . | nindent 4 }}
spec:
 accessModes:
  - {{ .Values.nexus.persistence.accessMode }}
 resources:
  requests:
   storage: {{ .Values.nexus.persistence.size }}
 {{- if .Values.nexus.persistence.storageClass }}
 storageClassName: {{ .Values.nexus.persistence.storageClass }}
 {{- end }}
{{- end }}
```

templates/serviceaccount.yaml

```
{{- if .Values.serviceAccount.create }}
apiVersion: v1
kind: ServiceAccount
metadata:
  name: {{ include "nexus-chart.fullname" . }}-sa
labels:
  {{- include "nexus-chart.labels" . | nindent 4 }}
{{- with .Values.serviceAccount.annotations }}
annotations:
  {{- toYaml . | nindent 4 }}
{{- end }}
```

```
automountServiceAccountToken: true {{- end }}
```

templates/rbac.yaml

```
{{- if .Values.rbac.create }}
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
kind: ClusterRole
metadata:
 name: {{ include "nexus-chart.fullname" . }}-role
 labels:
  {{- include "nexus-chart.labels" . | nindent 4 }}
{{- with .Values.rbac.rules }}
{{- toYaml . | nindent 2 }}
{{- end }}
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
kind: ClusterRoleBinding
metadata:
 name: {{ include "nexus-chart.fullname" . }}-rolebinding
 labels:
  {{- include "nexus-chart.labels" . | nindent 4 }}
roleRef:
 apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
 kind: ClusterRole
 name: {{ include "nexus-chart.fullname" . }}-role
subjects:
- kind: ServiceAccount
 name: {{ include "nexus-chart.fullname" . }}-sa
 namespace: {{ .Release.Namespace }}
{{- end }}
```

templates/deployment.yaml

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
```

```
metadata:
 name: {{ include "nexus-chart.fullname" . }}
 labels:
  {{- include "nexus-chart.labels" . | nindent 4 }}
spec:
 replicas: 1
 selector:
  matchLabels:
   {{- include "nexus-chart.selectorLabels" . | nindent 6 }}
 template:
  metadata:
   labels:
    {{- include "nexus-chart.selectorLabels" . | nindent 8 }}
  spec:
   {{- if .Values.serviceAccount.create }}
   serviceAccountName: {{ include "nexus-chart.fullname" . }}-sa
   {{- end }}
   securityContext:
    runAsUser: {{ .Values.nexus.securityContext.runAsUser }}
    runAsGroup: {{ .Values.nexus.securityContext.runAsGroup }}
    fsGroup: {{ .Values.nexus.securityContext.fsGroup }}
   containers:
   - name: nexus
    image: "{{ .Values.nexus.image.repository }}:{{ .Values.nexus.image.ta
g }}"
    imagePullPolicy: {{ .Values.nexus.image.pullPolicy }}
    # Fixed startup command with proper nexus-args
    command: ["/opt/sonatype/nexus/bin/nexus"]
    args: ["run"]
    env:
    # Environment variables from values.yaml
    {{- range .Values.nexus.env }}
    - name: {{ .name }}
     value: {{ .value | quote }}
    {{- end }}
    # CRITICAL: Set context path environment variable
    - name: NEXUS_CONTEXT_PATH
     value: {{ .Values.nexus.contextPath | default "/" | quote }}
```

```
# Critical: Set NEXUS ARGS environment variable
    - name: NEXUS_ARGS
     value: "${jetty.etc}/jetty.xml,${jetty.etc}/jetty-http.xml,${jetty.etc}/jett
y-requestlog.xml"
    - name: NEXUS_DATA
     value: "/nexus-data"
    - name: NEXUS_HOME
     value: "/opt/sonatype/nexus"
    ports:
    - containerPort: {{ .Values.nexus.service.targetPort }}
     name: http
    volumeMounts:
    - name: nexus-data
     mountPath: /nexus-data
    - name: nexus-config
     mountPath: /opt/sonatype/nexus/etc/nexus.properties
     subPath: nexus.properties
    {{- if .Values.database.external.enabled }}
    - name: nexus-config
     mountPath: /opt/sonatype/nexus/etc/fabric/nexus-store.properties
     subPath: database.properties
    {{- end }}
    livenessProbe:
     httpGet:
       path: {{ if ne (.Values.nexus.contextPath | default "/") "/" }}{{ .Value
s.nexus.contextPath }}{{ end }}/service/rest/v1/status
       port: http
     initialDelaySeconds: 300
     periodSeconds: 30
     timeoutSeconds: 10
     failureThreshold: 6
    readinessProbe:
     httpGet:
       path: {{ if ne (.Values.nexus.contextPath | default "/") "/" }}{{ .Value
s.nexus.contextPath }}{{ end }}/service/rest/v1/status
       port: http
     initialDelaySeconds: 180
     periodSeconds: 30
```

```
timeoutSeconds: 10
  failureThreshold: 3
 resources:
  {{- toYaml .Values.nexus.resources | nindent 10 }}
volumes:
- name: nexus-config
 configMap:
  name: {{ include "nexus-chart.fullname" . }}-config
  items:
  - key: nexus.properties
   path: nexus.properties
  {{- if .Values.database.external.enabled }}
  - key: database.properties
   path: database.properties
  {{- end }}
{{- if .Values.nexus.persistence.enabled }}
- name: nexus-data
 persistentVolumeClaim:
  claimName: {{ include "nexus-chart.fullname" . }}-pvc
{{- else }}
- name: nexus-data
 emptyDir: {}
{{- end }}
{{- with .Values.nodeSelector }}
nodeSelector:
 {{- toYaml . | nindent 8 }}
{{- end }}
{{- with .Values.affinity }}
affinity:
{{- toYaml . | nindent 8 }}
{{- end }}
{{- with .Values.tolerations }}
tolerations:
 {{- toYaml . | nindent 8 }}
{{- end }}
```

templates/service.yaml

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
name: {{ include "nexus-chart.fullname" . }}-service
labels:
{{- include "nexus-chart.labels" . | nindent 4 }}
spec:
type: {{ .Values.nexus.service.type }}
ports:
- port: {{ .Values.nexus.service.port }}
targetPort: {{ .Values.nexus.service.targetPort }}
protocol: TCP
name: http
selector:
{{- include "nexus-chart.selectorLabels" . | nindent 4 }}
```

templates/ingress.yaml

```
{{- if .Values.ingress.enabled -}}
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: Ingress
metadata:
 name: {{ include "nexus-chart.fullname" . }}-ingress
 labels:
  {{- include "nexus-chart.labels" . | nindent 4 }}
 {{- with .Values.ingress.annotations }}
 annotations:
  {{- toYaml . | nindent 4 }}
 {{- end }}
spec:
 {{- if .Values.ingress.className }}
 ingressClassName: {{ .Values.ingress.className }}
 {{- end }}
 {{- if .Values.ingress.tls }}
 tls:
  {{- range .Values.ingress.tls }}
  - hosts:
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{{- range .hosts }}
    - {{ . | quote }}
     {{- end }}
   secretName: {{ .secretName }}
  {{- end }}
 {{- end }}
 rules:
  {{- range .Values.ingress.hosts }}
  - host: {{ .host | quote }}
   http:
     paths:
      {{- range .paths }}
      - path: {{ .path }}
       pathType: {{ .pathType }}
       backend:
        service:
          name: {{ include "nexus-chart.fullname" $ }}-service
          port:
           number: {{ $.Values.nexus.service.port }}
      {{- end }}
  {{- end }}
{{- end }}
```

```
suhaib@IND-147:~/devops-helm-charts/nexus-chart$ tree

charts
Chart.yaml
templates
configmap.yaml
deployment.yaml
lepheprs.tpl
ingress.yaml
pvc.yaml
secriceaccount.yaml
serviceaccount.yaml
service.yaml
values.yaml
3 directories, 11 files
suhaib@IND-147:~/devops-helm-charts/nexus-chart$
```

Step 5: Deployment Steps

Create TLS Certificate for Ingress

```
# Create self-signed certificate for local development openssl req -x509 -nodes -days 365 -newkey rsa:2048 \
```

```
-keyout nexus-tls.key \
-out nexus-tls.crt \
-subj "/CN=nexus.local/O=nexus.local"

# Create TLS secret in Kubernetes
kubectl create secret tls nexus-tls \
--key nexus-tls.key \
--cert nexus-tls.crt
```

```
suhaib@IND-147:~/devops-helm-charts/nexus-chart$ openssl req -x509 -nodes -days 365 -newkey rsa:2048 \
    -keyout nexus-tls.crt \
    -subj "/CN=nexus.local/0=nexus.local"
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```

Deploy Nexus Using Helm

```
# Validate the Helm chart
helm lint .

# Dry run to check templates
helm install nexus-release . --dry-run --debug

# Install Nexus
helm install nexus-release . --namespace nexus --create-namespace

# Check deployment status
kubectl get pods -n nexus
kubectl get services -n nexus
kubectl get ingress -n nexus
```

```
suhaib@IND-147:~/devops-helm-charts/nexus-chart$ kubectl get pods -n nexus

READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE

nexus-release-nexus-chart-77b6b78c46-f74w6 1/1 Running 0 4m8s

suhaib@IND-147:~/devops-helm-charts/nexus-chart$ kubectl get services -n nexus

NAME TYPE CLUSTER-IP EXTERNAL-IP PORT(S) AGE

nexus-release-nexus-chart-service ClusterIP 10.96.120.65 <none> 8081/TCP 137m

suhaib@IND-147:~/devops-helm-charts/nexus-chart$ kubectl get ingress -n nexus

NAME CLASS HOSTS ADDRESS PORTS AGE

nexus-release-nexus-chart-ingress nginx nexus.local localhost 80, 443 137m

suhaib@IND-147:~/devops-helm-charts/nexus-chart$ |
```

Access Nexus

```
# Add nexus.local to your hosts file (in WSL) echo "127.0.0.1 nexus.local" | sudo tee -a /etc/hosts
```

Port forward if ingress is not working kubectl port-forward -n nexus svc/nexus-release-nexus-chart-service 808 1:8081

Get Nexus admin password (auto-generated on first run) kubectl exec -n nexus deployment/nexus-release-nexus-chart -- cat /nexu s-data/admin.password

Verify Installation

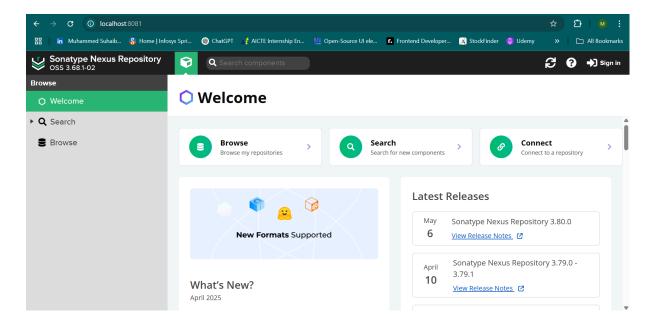
Check all resources kubectl get all -n nexus

Check logs kubectl logs -n nexus deployment/nexus-release-nexus-chart

Check persistent volume kubectl get pv,pvc -n nexus

```
RESTARTS
pod/nexus-release-nexus-chart-77b6b78c46-f74w6
                                                                 1/1
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8081/TCP
                                                                                                                               AGE
138m
service/nexus-release-nexus-chart-service
                                                          ClusterIP
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NAME
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138m
deployment.apps/nexus-release-nexus-chart
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replicaset.apps/nexus-release-nexus-chart-67f9b78cb7
replicaset.apps/nexus-release-nexus-chart-77b6b78c46
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replicaset.apps/nexus-release-nexus-chart-84b5548b68
                                                                                                              124m
 suhaib@IND-147:~/devops-helm-charts/nexus-chart$
```

```
suhaib@IND-147:~/devops-helm-charts/nexus-chart$ kubectl get pv,pvc NAME CAPACITY
                                                                                 nexus
ACCESS MODES
                                                                                                   RECLAIM POLICY
                                                                                                                      STATUS
                                                                                                                                 CLAIM
                                         STORAGECLASS
                                                          REASON
                                                                     AGE
persistentvolume/pvc-0c64b50c-0a45-41f7-a995-eb8b71ecd100
                                                                     10Gi
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                                                                                                                       Bound
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jenkins-release-jenkins-chart-pvc standard
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 standard 139m
uhaib@IND-147:~/devops-helm-charts/nexus-chart$
```



Step 6: Management and Maintenance

Upgrade Nexus

```
# Update values.yaml with new configuration
# Then upgrade
helm upgrade nexus-release . --namespace nexus

# Check upgrade status
helm status nexus-release -n nexus
helm history nexus-release -n nexus
```

```
devops-helm-charts/nexus-chart$ helm status nexus-release -n nexus
NAME: nexus-release
LAST DEPLOYED: Wed Jun 4 15:04:29 2025
NAMESPACE: nexus
STATUS: deployed
REVISION: 4
TEST SUITE: None
     aib@IND-147:~/devops-helm-charts/nexus-chart$ helm history nexus-release -n nexus
 REVISION
                                                                                                                              APP VERSION
                      Wed Jun 4 12:29:01 2025
Wed Jun 4 14:42:09 2025
Wed Jun 4 14:43:02 2025
Wed Jun 4 15:04:29 2025
                                                                     superseded
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Upgrade complete
Upgrade complete
                                                                                           nexus-chart-0.1.0
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3.41.1
                                                                                           nexus-chart-0.1.0
nexus-chart-0.1.0
                                                                    superseded
                                                                     superseded
                                                                                           nexus-chart-0.2.0
                                                                                                                                                     Upgrade complete
```

Backup and Recovery

```
# Create backup script
cat << 'EOF' > backup-nexus.sh
#!/bin/bash
```

```
NAMESPACE="nexus"

PVC_NAME="nexus-release-nexus-chart-pvc"

BACKUP_DIR="/tmp/nexus-backup-$(date +%Y%m%d-%H%M%S)"

mkdir -p $BACKUP_DIR

kubectl exec -n $NAMESPACE deployment/nexus-release-nexus-chart -- \
 tar czf - /nexus-data | tar xzf - -C $BACKUP_DIR

echo "Backup completed: $BACKUP_DIR"

EOF

chmod +x backup-nexus.sh
```

```
suhaib@IND-147:~/devops-helm-charts/nexus-chart$ cat << 'EOF' > backup-nexus.sh
#!/bin/bash
NAMESPACE="nexus"
PVC_NAME="nexus-release-nexus-chart-pvc"
BACKUP_DIR="/tmp/nexus-backup-$(date +%Y%m%d-%H%M%S)"

mkdir -p $BACKUP_DIR
kubectl exec -n $NAMESPACE deployment/nexus-release-nexus-chart -- \
    tar czf - /nexus-data | tar xzf - -C $BACKUP_DIR
echo "Backup completed: $BACKUP_DIR"
EOF
suhaib@IND-147:~/devops-helm-charts/nexus-chart$ chmod +x backup-nexus.sh
suhaib@IND-147:~/devops-helm-charts/nexus-chart$ |
```

Monitoring and Troubleshooting

```
# Monitor Nexus resources
kubectl top pods -n nexus
kubectl describe pod -n nexus nexus-release-nexus-chart-xxx

# Check events
kubectl get events -n nexus --sort-by=.metadata.creationTimestamp

# Debug common issues
kubectl exec -it -n nexus deployment/nexus-release-nexus-chart -- /bin/ba
sh
```

Step 7: Configuration Guide

Repository Configuration

After deployment, access Nexus at http://nexus.local and configure repositories:

- 1. Maven Central Proxy Repository
- 2. Docker Registry
- 3. NPM Registry
- 4. Raw Repository for artifacts

Security Configuration

- 1. Change default admin password
- 2. Create service accounts for CI/CD
- 3. Configure LDAP/Active Directory integration
- 4. Set up repository permissions

Integration with Jenkins

Update Jenkins to use Nexus for artifact storage:

```
# In Jenkins values.yaml
jenkins:
jcasc:
configScripts:
nexus-config: |
unclassified:
globalNexusConfiguration:
nxrmConfigs:
- nxrmUrl: "http://nexus-release-nexus-chart-service.nexus.svc.cl
uster.local:8081"
credentialsId: "nexus-credentials"
```

Step 8: Cleanup

```
# Uninstall Nexus
helm uninstall nexus-release -n nexus

# Delete namespace
kubectl delete namespace nexus
```

```
# Delete TLS secret (if needed)
kubectl delete secret nexus-tls
```

Production Considerations

Resource Scaling

```
nexus:
resources:
requests:
memory: "4Gi"
cpu: "2000m"
limits:
memory: "8Gi"
cpu: "4000m"
```

External Database

For production, use external PostgreSQL:

```
database:
external:
enabled: true
host: "postgres.example.com"
port: 5432
name: "nexus"
username: "nexus"
password: "your-secure-password"
```

High Availability

For HA setup, consider:

- External blob storage (S3, Azure Blob)
- · Database clustering
- Load balancer configuration
- · Multiple replicas with shared storage