

KUBECTL OVERVIEW AND MINIKUBE INSTALLATION WITH ROLLING UPDATES

Training Material



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Chapter 1: Kubernetes kubectl Overview and Key Commands

1.1 Introduction to kubectl

The kubectl command-line tool enables direct interaction with Kubernetes clusters. It supports resource management, application deployment, and logs access, allowing users to control various aspects of Kubernetes environments.

1.2 Basic kubectl Commands for Cluster Management

- **Get cluster information**: kubectl cluster-info
- List all resources: kubectl get all
- **Get nodes in the cluster**: kubectl get nodes
- **Describe a node**: kubectl describe node <node-name>

1.3 Managing Pods and Deployments with kubectl

- Create a pod: kubectl run <pod-name> --image=<image-name>
- Delete a pod: kubectl delete pod <pod-name>
- **Create a deployment**: kubectl create deployment <deployment-name> --image=<image-name>
- Scale a deployment: kubectl scale deployment <deployment-name> -- replicas=<number>

1.4 Service Management and Networking Commands

- **Expose a deployment as a service**: kubectl expose deployment <deployment-name> -- type=<service-type> --port=<port>
- **View service details**: kubectl get service <service-name>
- Access an external service URL: kubectl port-forward service/<service-name> <local-port>:<container-port>

1.5 Namespace Management with kubectl

- Create a namespace: kubectl create namespace <namespace-name>
- View all namespaces: kubectl get namespaces
- **Delete a namespace**: kubectl delete namespace < namespace-name >

Chapter 2: Installing kubectl and Minikube on Local Environments

2.1 Installing kubectl on Windows

Windows:

Download the binary and add it to your PATH.

2.2 Verifying kubectl Installation

Run the following command to verify installation:

kubectl version --client

2.3 Installing Minikube on Windows

Windows:

Download the executable from Minikube releases.

2.4 Verifying Minikube Installation

Check installation with:

minikube version

Chapter 3: Starting and Configuring Minikube Cluster

3.1 Initializing a Minikube Cluster

To start Minikube with a specific driver:

minikube start --driver=<driver-name>

Common drivers include docker and virtualbox.

3.2 Starting, Stopping, and Deleting a Minikube Cluster

• **Start Minikube**: minikube start

• **Stop Minikube**: minikube stop

• **Delete Cluster**: minikube delete

3.3 Accessing the Kubernetes Dashboard with Minikube

To open the Minikube dashboard:

minikube dashboard

3.4 Advanced Minikube Cluster Configuration

- Specify Kubernetes version: minikube start --kubernetes-version=<version>
- Enable Ingress:

minikube addons enable ingress

Chapter 4: Essential Minikube Commands and Usage

4.1 Rolling Updates and Rollback Concepts

Rolling updates are the default deployment strategy in Kubernetes, offering an easy way to minimize downtime.

• Rolling Updates:

- Kubernetes handles this by controlling the number of Pods updated at a time using parameters like maxSurge and maxUnavailable.
- maxSurge: Specifies the maximum number of Pods created above the desired amount during the update.
- o maxUnavailable: Determines the maximum number of Pods that can be unavailable during the update.

Rollbacks:

- o In case of a failure, you can rollback to the previous stable version.
- Kubernetes maintains a history of deployments, enabling you to revert to a previous state if the update fails.

4.2 Managing Services in Minikube

Access services using:

minikube service <service-name>

Minikube opens a local URL for the specified service.

4.3 Enabling and Managing Add-ons in Minikube

Enable add-ons such as metrics-server or dashboard with:

minikube addons enable <addon-name>

4.4 Accessing and Viewing Minikube Logs

To view Minikube logs for debugging:

minikube logs