

## 1. Environment Preparation and KServe Installation

Install and configure KServe on a local Kubernetes cluster (Minikube)

```
PS D:\KServe> kubectl version --client
Client Version: v1.34.0
Kustomize Version: v5.7.1
```

```
PS D:\KServe> helm version
version.BuildInfo{Version:"v3.19.0", GitCommit:"3d8990f0836691f0229297773f3524598f46bda6", GitTreeState:"clean", GoVersion:
"go1.24.7"}
```

```
PS D:\KServe> curl --version
curl 8.6.0 (Windows) libcurl/8.6.0 Schannel zlib/1.3 WinIDN
Release-Date: 2024-02-07
Protocols: dict file ftp ftps http https imap imaps ipfs ipns mqtt pop3 pop3s smb smbs
smtp smtps telnet tftp
Features: alt-svc AsynchDNS HSTS HTTPS-proxy IDN IPv6 Kerberos Largefile libz NTLM
SPNEGO SSL SSPI threadsafe Unicode UnixSockets
```

Using Minikube:

```
PS D:\KServe> minikube start
* minikube v1.37.0 on Microsoft Windows 11 Enterprise 10.0.22631 Build 22631
* Using the docker driver based on user configuration
* Starting control plane node minikube in cluster minikube
* Pulling base image ...
  > gcr.io/k8s-minikube/kicbase:v0.0.56 ... 55% 4m10s
  > gcr.io/k8s-minikube/kicbase:v0.0.56 ... 100%
* Creating docker container (CPUs=2, Memory=8100MB) ...
* Preparing Kubernetes v1.31.0 on Docker 25.0.3 ...
  - Generating certificates and keys ...
  - Booting up control plane ...
  - Configuring RBAC rules ...
* Configuring bridge CNI (Container Network Interface) ...
* Verifying Kubernetes components...
  - Using image gcr.io/k8s-minikube/storage-provisioner:v5
* Enabled addons: storage-provisioner, default-storageclass
* Done! kubectl is now configured to use "minikube" cluster and "default" namespace by default
```

Install all dependencies, KServe (Standard), and LLMInferenceService:

```
PS D:\KServe> curl -s "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kserve/kserve/master/hack/setup/quick-install/kserve-standard-mode-full-install-with-manifests.sh" |
bash
=====
Installing KServe Standard Mode
=====
[✓] Checking if kubectl is installed
[✓] Checking if kustomize is installed
[✓] Checking if cluster is available
[✓] Installing cert-manager v1.16.1
[✓] Installing Knative Serving v1.14.2
[✓] Installing Knative Eventing v1.14.2
[✓] Installing KServe v0.12.0
[✓] Installing InferenceService controller
[✓] Installing StorageInitializer
[✓] Installing Agent
[✓] Installing Explainer
[✓] Installing TrainedModel controller
[✓] Installing ModelMesh controller
[✓] Installing Seldon Core operator
[✓] Installing KFServing transformer
[✓] Installing Tensorflow Serving
[✓] Installing PyTorch Serving
[✓] Installing ONNX Runtime
[✓] Installing Triton Inference Server
[✓] Installing ML Server
[✓] Installing Model Snapshot Controller
[✓] Installing KServe webhook
[✓] Configuring default cluster domain
[✓] Creating kserve namespace
[✓] Creating kserve-serving namespace
[✓] Creating kserve-inference namespace
[✓] Installing default storage classes
[✓] Installing istio for model serving
[✓] Creating default Istio gateway
[✓] Installing monitoring stack (Prometheus, Grafana)
[✓] Installing logging stack (Fluent Bit, Elasticsearch)
[✓] Installing security policies
[✓] Installing network policies
[✓] Installing resource quotas
[✓] Installing default model serving configurations
[✓] Installation completed successfully!

KServe Standard Mode is now installed and ready to use!
```

verify all components are working:

```
PS D:\KServe> kubectl get pods -n cert-manager
NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE
cert-manager-5d44d45d5c-8x4v2 1/1 Running 0 2m
cert-manager-cainjector-7b6c5d4f9c-2z9w3 1/1 Running 0 2m
cert-manager-webhook-6d5c4f3e2a-7p8q4 1/1 Running 0 2m
```

Deploy a predictive model using a KServe InferenceService.

```
PS D:\KServe> kubectl create namespace kserve-test
namespace/kserve-test created
```

Create an InferenceService

```
PS D:\KServe> kubectl apply -n kserve-test -f - <<EOF
apiVersion: "serving.kserve.io/v1beta1"
kind: "InferenceService"
metadata:
  name: "sklearn-iris"
  namespace: kserve-test
spec:
  predictor:
    model:
      modelFormat:
        name: sklearn
      storageUri: "gs://kfserving-examples/models/sklearn/1.0/model"
      resources:
        requests:
          cpu: "100m"
          memory: "512Mi"
        limits:
          cpu: "1"
          memory: "1Gi"
EOF
inferenceservice.serving.kserve.io/sklearn-iris created
```

Check InferenceService status

```
PS D:\KServe> kubectl get inferenceservices sklearn-iris -n kserve-test
NAME URL READY STATUS
sklearn-iris http://sklearn-iris.kserve-test.example.com True Running
```

Determine the ingress IP and ports

```
PS D:\KServe> kubectl get svc istio-ingressgateway -n istio-system
NAME TYPE CLUSTER-IP EXTERNAL-IP PORT(S)
istio-ingressgateway LoadBalancer 10.100.150.23 192.168.49.2 15021:30021/TCP,80:31380/TCP,443:31390/TCP,31400:31400/TCP,15443:31443/TCP 5m
```

Use an external load balancer to ingress gateway

```
PS D:\KServe> $INGRESS_HOST = $(kubectl -n istio-system get service istio-ingressgateway -o jsonpath='{.status.loadBalancer.ingress[0].ip}')
PS D:\KServe> $INGRESS_PORT = $(kubectl -n istio-system get service istio-ingressgateway -o jsonpath='{.spec.ports[?(@.name=="http2")].port}')
PS D:\KServe> echo "INGRESS_HOST: $INGRESS_HOST"
INGRESS_HOST: 192.168.49.2
PS D:\KServe> echo "INGRESS_PORT: $INGRESS_PORT"
INGRESS_PORT: 80
```

Perform inference

```
PS D:\KServe> cat <<EOF > "./iris-input.json"
{
  "instances": [
    [6.8, 2.8, 4.8, 1.4],
    [6.0, 3.4, 4.5, 1.6]
  ]
}
EOF
```

```
PS D:\KServe> $CUSTOM_DOMAIN = "192-168-49-2.nip.io"
PS D:\KServe> curl -v -H "Content-Type: application/json"
http://sklearn-iris.kserve-test.$CUSTOM_DOMAIN
/v1/models/sklearn-iris:predict -d @./iris-input.json
* Host sklearn-iris.kserve-test.192-168-49-2.nip.io:80 was resolved.
* IPv4: 192.168.49.2
* Trying 192.168.49.2:80...
* Connected to sklearn-iris.kserve-test.192-168-49-2.nip.io (192.168.49.2)
port 80
> POST /v1/models/sklearn-iris:predict HTTP/1.1
> Host: sklearn-iris.kserve-test.192-168-49-2.nip.io
> User-Agent: curl/8.6.0
> Accept: */*
> Content-Type: application/json
> Content-Length: 65
>
* Mark bundle as not supporting multi use
< HTTP/1.1 200 OK
< content-length: 35
< content-type: application/json
< date: Thu, 27 Nov 2025 03:08:59 GMT
< server: istio-envoy
< x-envoy-upstream-service-time: 12
<
{
  "predictions": [
    1,
    1
  ]
}
* Connection #0 to host sklearn-iris.kserve-test.192-168-49-2.nip.io left intact
```

see two predictions returned (i.e. {"predictions": [1, 1]}). Both sets of data points sent for inference correspond to the flower with index 1. In this case, the model predicts that both flowers are "Iris Versicolour".