Lab: Module 5 - Container Orchestrators in Azure

Duration: 120 minutes

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Exercise 1: Create and Scale Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS) Cluster

In this exercise, you will create a Kubernetes cluster on Azure Kubernetes Service and then deploy a **NGINX** container image to that cluster. The container image will be fetched from Docker Hub public registry. You will also learn how the application can be scaled using command line or dashboard.

Tasks

1. Create Linux Kubernetes Cluster on Azure Kubernetes Services

- 1. Sign onto your LOD **Windows VM** and open Chrome on the VM. Navigate to portal.azure.com and sign in with your **Azure Pass** account.
- 2. On Windows server, open PowerShell. Do not do it from Powershell ISE as the IDE won't work as expected with **az** Command Line Interface.
- 3. Login to Azure (the command line will automatically open your browser to login. Once you are logged in, then close the browser and go back to command line).

az login

4. If you have multiple sunscriptions attached to your account, you will see a list of subscriptions once you are logged in. To select the correct subscription, put the name of the subscription in quotes. You can find the **name** field in the output of the az login executed above.

az account set --subscription "<subscription_name>"

5. Create a resource group named (replace initials with your initials so the resource group name is unique) **k8s-win-cluster-rg-INITALS**

```
az group create --name=k8s-aks-cluster-rg-INITALS --location=eastus
```

6. Run the following command to deploy Kubernetes cluster with AKS (replace initials with your initials).

```
az aks create --resource-group k8s-aks-cluster-rg-INITALS --name aks-k8s-cluster --
disable-rbac --node-count 1 --node-vm-size "Standard A1" --generate-ssh-keys
```

Note that this command will generate public/private ssh keys in c:\users\Administrator.ssh folder. It may take approximately 10 minutes for the cluster to provision successfully in the US. If you are located in Europe, the provisioning may take about 30 minutes. In the interest of time, you can start the second exercise while this command is running.

- 7. After the cluster is provisioned successfully you will be shown JSON output describing the AKS cluster.
- 8. Locate and copy the value of **fdqn** attribute from the JSON output. Note that your **fdqn** value may differ from the output shown below.

```
"dnsPrefix": "aks-k8s-cl-k8s-aks-cluster--9bb642",
"fqdn": "aks-k8s-cl-k8s-aks-cluster--9bb642-bd2d483c.hcp.eastus.azmk8s.io",
"kubernetesVersion": "1.7.7",
"linuxProfile": {
                     "aks-k8s-cl-k8s-aks-cluster--9bb642
     adminUsername": "azureuser",
        publicKeys": [
```

9. Install kubectl tool which allows you to run commands against Kubernetes cluster. Skip this step if it is already installed on your machine (run kubect1 to see if the command is recognized).

Windows:

choco install -y kubernetes-cli (requires choco package manager)

Linux:

```
sudo apt-get -y update && sudo apt-get -y upgrade
curl -LO https://storage.googleapis.com/kubernetes-release/release/$(curl -s
https://storage.googleapis.com/kubernetes-
release/release/stable.txt)/bin/linux/amd64/kubectl
chmod +x ./kubectl
sudo mv ./kubectl /usr/local/bin/kubectl
In Linux, due to current bug with azure-cli you need to revert to 2.0.23-1 version.
```

```
sudo apt-get -y purge azure-cli
sudo apt-get -y install azure-cli=2.0.23-1
```

10. Run the following command to download the Kubernetes cluster configuration to the local config file C:\users\Administrator.kube\config

```
az aks get-credentials --resource-group k8s-aks-cluster-rg-INITALS --name aks-k8s-
cluster
```

NOTE: Be aware that you will need the content of .kube/config file while creating Kubernetes service endpoint on Azure DevOps in the DevOps module.

11. Run following command to ensure context is set to the correct cluster:

```
kubectl config set-context aks-k8s-cluster
```

12. You will now test the cluster by running a **nginx** container. First create a new deployment using the following command:

```
kubectl run nginx --image=nginx --replicas=2
```

13. Next, make sure that you can access the container from the external (**public IP**). To do that use the expose command to expose port 80 and enable the external IP (type=LoadBalancer):

```
kubectl expose deployment nginx --port=80 --type=LoadBalancer
```

14. The above command essentially creates a service with the name **nginx**. You can view the service by running following command

```
kubectl get service nginx
```

```
PS C:\Users\super> az aks get-credentials --resource-group k8s-aks-cluster-rg-cat --name aks-k8s-cluster
Merged "aks-k8s-cluster" as current context in C:\Users\super\.kube\config
PS C:\Users\super> kubectl config set-context aks-k8s-cluster
Context "aks-k8s-cluster" modified.
PS C:\Users\super> kubectl run nginx --image=nginx --replicas=2
deployment "nginx" created
PS C:\Users\super> kubectl expose deployment nginx --port=80 --type=LoadBalang..
PS C:\Users\super> kubectl expose deployment nginx --port=80 --type=LoadBalang..
PS C:\Users\super> kubectl get service nginx
NAME TYPE CLUSTER-IP EXTERNAL-IP POST(3) AGE
nginx LoadBalancer 10.0.228.182 <pending> 80:31480/TCP 7s
```

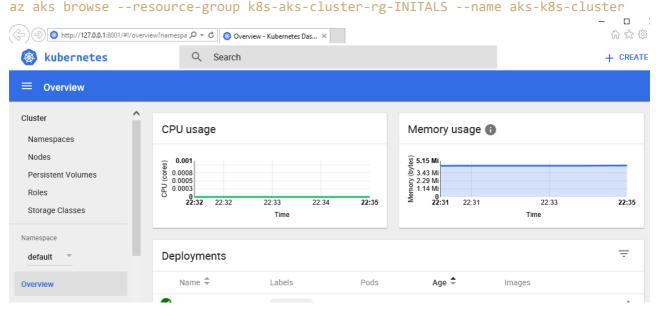
Please wait until **EXTERNAL-IP** for **nginx** service change from to a valid IP address. It may take few minutes and you may have to run the command **kubectl get service nginx** few times to probe the status of external IP assignment. When it is done, it will look like below:

```
PS C:\Users\super> kubectl
                                              EXTERNAL-IP
                             CLÜSTER-IP
                                                                               AGE
nginx
                            10.0.228.182
                                              <pending>
                                                              80:31480/TCP
           LoadBalancer
PS C:\Users\super>
PS C:\Users\super>
  C:\Users\super> kubectl get service nginx
                                              EXTERNAL-IP
                                                                PORT(5)
                                                                                  AGE
nginx
                            10.0.228.182
                                              52.226.33.115
                                                                80:31480/TCP
                                                                                  3m
```

15. You can now simply query the content hosted by nginx by using the **curl** command:

```
curl http://$( kubectl get service nginx -
o=jsonpath='{.status.loadBalancer.ingress[*].ip}')
```

16. Now, to access the dashboard run the following command. Please refresh the opened browser if needed after a couple of seconds.



You can always access the dashboard by browsing to the URL: http://127.0.01:8001. Although this command works with both Windows and Linux you should only run it on Windows as you have access to full browser on Windows running inside the lab virtual machine.

- 17. Stop running by hitting **Ctrl + C**, then **Y** to terminate the batch job.
- 18. Let's check total number of pods running now. You should see two pods ready with a status of running. kubectl get pods
- 19. You will now scale the number of pods using replicaset. You will get more details about the replica set using the following command:

```
kubectl get replicaset
```

20. To scale, run the command and pass the name of deployment that was created earlier:

```
kubectl scale --replicas=3 deployment/nginx
```

21. Now if you run the command to get the number of pods running after scaling, it should return three pods (earlier it was two).

```
kubectl get pods -o wide
```

22. In previous step you have successfully increased the number of pods by increasing the replica set. However, all the pods are running on a single node. You can check that by running the following command:

```
kubectl get nodes
```

This is because cluster was created with a single worker node. You are now going to add one more worker node to the cluster by running following command:

```
az aks scale --node-count=2 --resource-group k8s-aks-cluster-rg-INITALS --name aks-k8s-cluster
```

Please wait while new worker node is successfully added to the cluster. This may take few minutes to complete.

23. If you check the number of nodes again, you should see two worker nodes instead of single worker node running.

Next time when you scale the pods using replica set, second worker node will also participate. You can also look at the maximum pod capacity of a node by running the command:

```
kubectl get node NODE-NAME -o=jsonpath='{.status.capacity.pods}'
```

24. To scale back down to a node count of 1, run the following command:

```
az aks scale --node-count=1 --resource-group k8s-aks-cluster-rg-INITALS --name aks-k8s-cluster
```

25. Finally, remove the deployment and service using the commands below:

```
kubectl delete deployment nginx
kubectl delete service nginx
```

26. Do not delete your deployment in the Azure Portal, you will need the cluster for the CI/CD portion in the next lab.

Exercise 2: Create an Azure Service Fabric Cluster

In this exercise, you will create a Windows Service Fabric cluster on Azure, and then deploy a container image to the cluster. The container image will be fetched from Docker Hub public registry.

Tasks

1. Create Windows Service Fabric Cluster on Azure

1. On Windows server, open PowerShell and navigate to c:\labs\module5.

```
cd c:\labs\module5
```

2. Login to Azure (the command line will automatically open your browser to login. Once you are logged in, then close the browser and go back to command line).

```
az login
```

3. If you have multiple subscriptions attached to your Microsoft account. you will see a list of subscriptions once you are logged in. Set the correct subscription, put the name of the subscription in quotes. You can find the **name** field in the output of the az login executed above.

```
az account set --subscription "subscription_name"
```

4. Run the following command to deploy Kubernetes cluster with AKS (replace **initials** with your initials. **Note that the cluster name has to be unique, so initials might not be enough**. Instead, you might want to put your entire name).

Make sure that initials are lower case or you will see an error saying the dns name with upper case is

invalid.

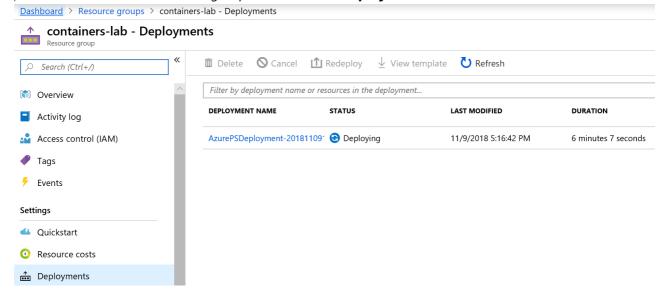
az sf cluster create --resource-group "containers-lab-initials" --location

"eastus" --certificate-output-folder ".\" --vault-name "containers-lab-kv-initials

" --vault-resource-group "containers-lab-initials " --cluster-size 3 --vm-os

"WindowsServer2016DatacenterWithContainers" --vm-password "P@ssw0rd123!" --vmuser-name "myadmin" --certificate-subject-name "containers-lab-initials"

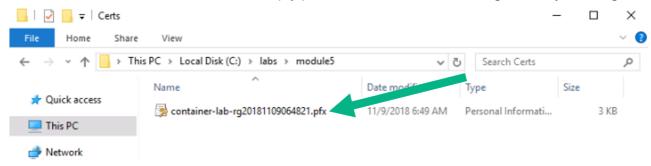
Note that the deployment can last 20 minutes. You can follow the deployment by looking in portal.azure.com in the resource group created, under **Deployments** section.



2. Connect to the Service Fabric Explorer

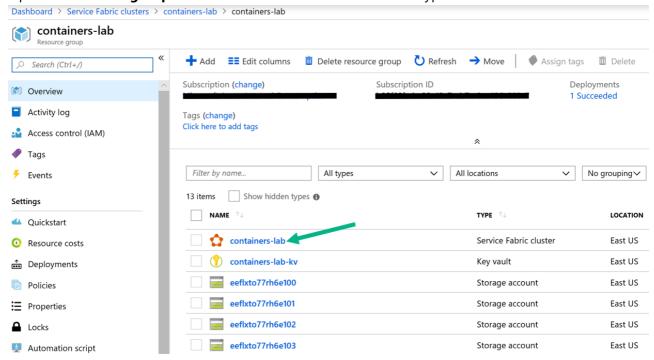
By default, the Service Fabric cluster is set up with certificate-based security. Alternatively, Azure Active Directory can be used to protect the cluster. In our case, we need to install the required certificate to manage the cluster.

1. Double-click on the **PFX** certificate created in by the command in **C:\labs\module5** and install it in the current user store location. Just enter an empty password. The rest of the settings can stay unchanged.

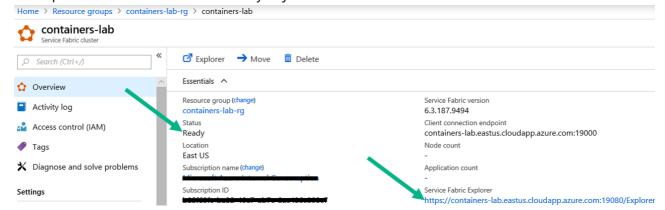


2. Open a browser and navigate to portal.azure.com.

3. Open the **resource group** created and click on the **Service Fabric** type of resource.

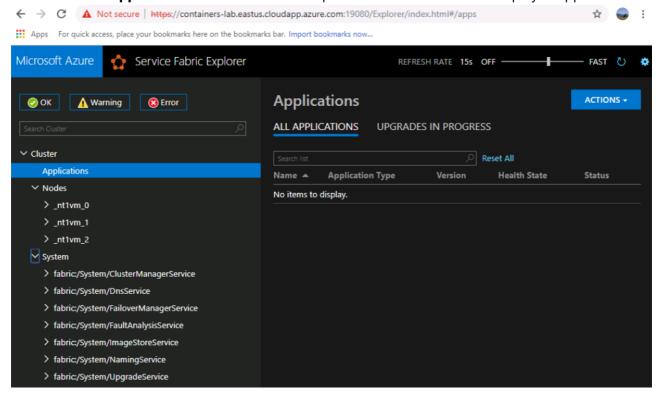


4. Once the Service Fabric cluster is in **Ready** state, click on the **Service Fabric Explorer** link. It will open the explorer. Then select the certificate you just installed to be authorized to access the dashboard.



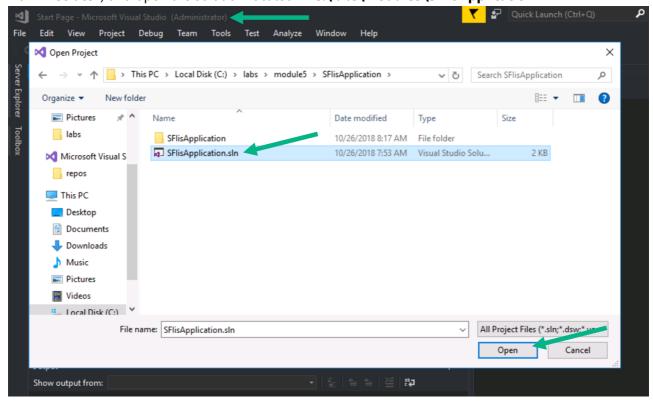
Below is the dashboard that the previous click opens. On the left-hand side, you can see the cluster **Nodes**, as well as the **System** services responsible for the orchestration and management operations in

the cluster. The **Applications** section cannot be expanded because there is no deployed application.



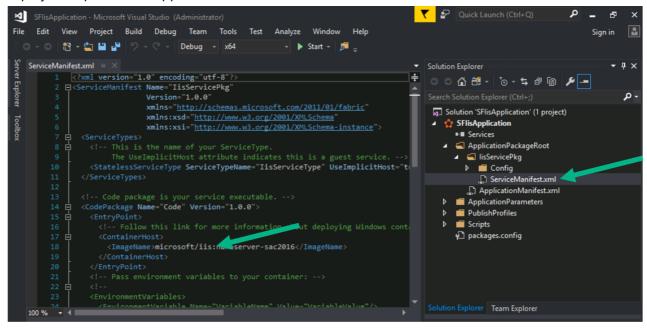
3. Deploy an Application to Azure Service Fabric Cluster

1. Now that your Windows Service Fabric cluster is ready, you will deploy a containerized application located in Docker Hub. Open Visual Studio as **Admin** (right-click on Visual Studio and select **Run as Administrator**) and open the solution located in **C:\labs\module5\SFlisApplication**

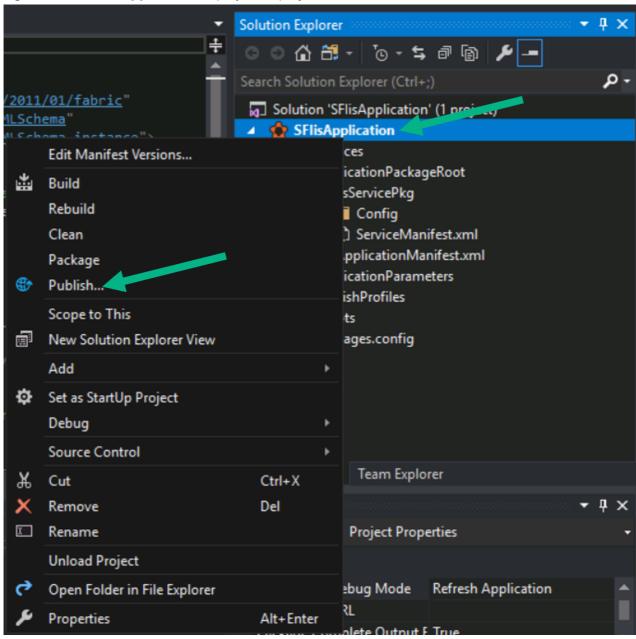


2. This project is an application, composed of a single service packaged in a docker Container. Open the **ServiceManifest.xml** under **ApplicationPackageRoot** - **IisServicePkg**. Note the image that will be

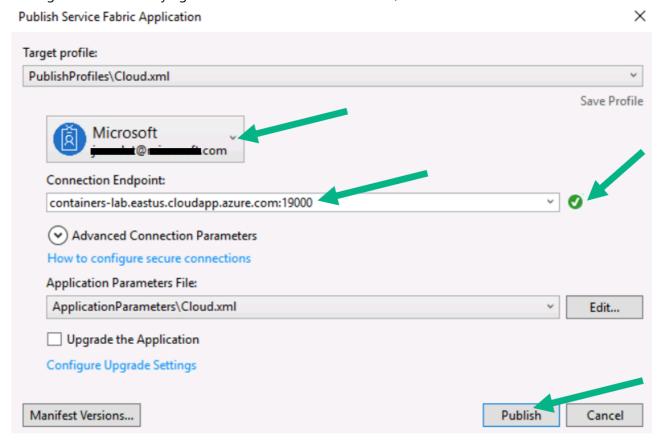
deployed as part of this application: microsoft/iis.



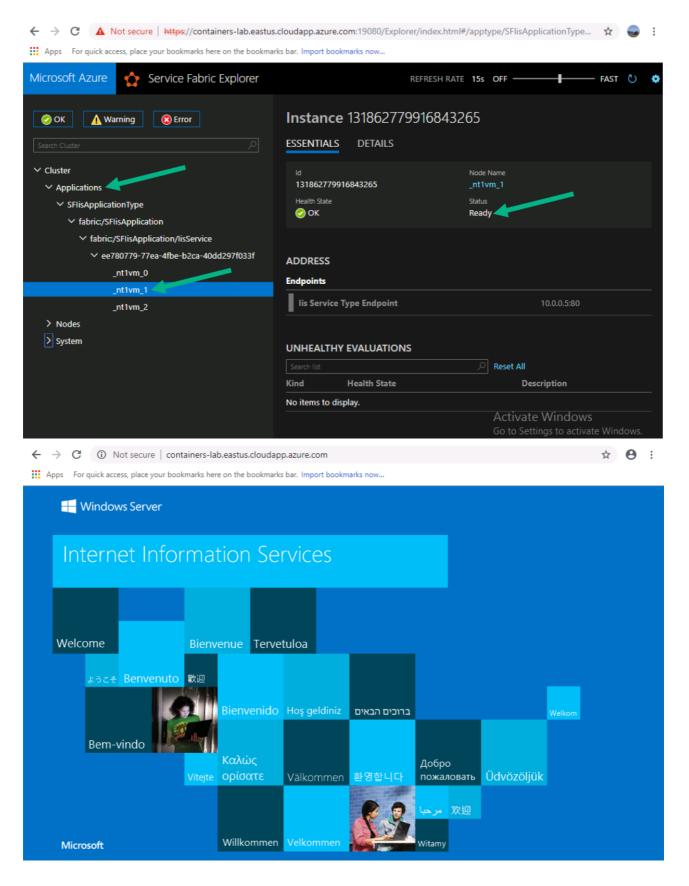
3. Right-click on SFlisApplication deployment project and click Publish...



- 4. Click on the **Microsoft account** drop down and **Add an account**. Then connect with your Microsoft account.
- 5. Click on the **Connection Endpoint** drop down and select your remote Service Fabric cluster. You should see a green checkbox saying that the connection is valid. Then, click on **Publish.**



6. Go back to the **Service Fabric Explorer** page and expand the application all the way down to the node level. While the application is being deployed, the nodes will go from **InBuild** to the **Ready** state. Once all nodes are **Ready**, access the cluster DNS on port 80. It should display the default IIS page.



Exercise 3: Create an Azure Container Service Cluster (Optional)

In this exercise, you will create a Windows Kubernetes cluster on Azure Container Services (ACS), and then deploy a container image to the cluster. The container image will be fetched from Docker Hub public registry.

You need to choose unique DNS name for your cluster. To prevent getting **DnsRecordInUse** error, select a unique name for **--dns-prefix** parameter.

Tasks

1. Create Windows Kubernetes Cluster on Azure Container Services

- 1. On Windows server, open PowerShell.
- 2. Login to Azure and set the correct subscription if you have not already done this, skip if you have done it. You can find the "name" field in the output of the az login executed above.

```
az login
az account set --subscription "subscription_name"
```

3. Create a resource group named **k8s-win-cluster-rg**, and replace **INITIALS** with your initials so that the resource group name is unique.

4. Run the following command to deploy the Kubernetes cluster. You will use one master and two agents in your deployment.

You need to choose unique DNS name for your cluster. To prevent getting **DnsRecordInUse** error, select a unique name for **--dns-prefix** parameter.

Make sure that the value of your **admin-password** is between 8-123 characters long and must contain an uppercase character, a lowercase character, a numeric digit and a special character. You can either keep the default password or change it.

5. Run the following command:

```
az acs create --orchestrator-type=kubernetes --resource-group k8s-win-cluster-rg-INITIALS --name=k8s-win-cluster --dns-prefix=k8s-win-cluster-INITIALS --agent-count=1 --agent-vm-size=Standard_A1 --master-vm-size=Standard_A1 --generate-ssh-keys --windows --admin-username k8s-admin --admin-password *P@ssw0rd123!
```

Note that this command will generate public/private ssh keys in c:\users\Administrator\.ssh folder.

```
Administator Windows PowerShell

S C:\Users\super\ az acs create --orchestrator-type=kubernetes --resource-group k8s-win-cluster-rg --name=k8s-win-cluster

or --dns-prefix=k8s-win-cluster --agent-count=2 --generate-ssh-keys --windows --admin-username k8s-admin --admin-password

created SSH key files: C:\Users\super\.ssh\id_rsa_c:\Users\super\.ssh\id_rsa_pub

creating service principaldone

waiting for ADD role to propagate....done

{| Finished | F
```

6. Run the following command to download the Kubernetes cluster configuration to the local config file **C:\users\Administrator\.kube\config**.

```
az acs kubernetes get-credentials --resource-group=k8s-win-cluster-rg-INITIALS --name=k8s-win-cluster
```

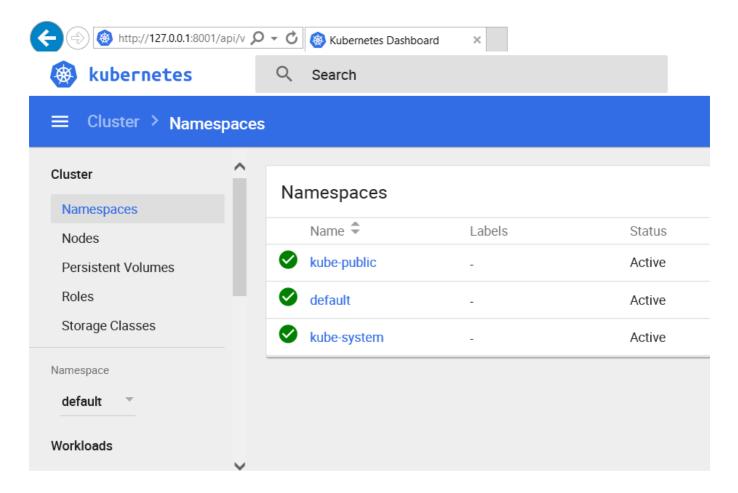
Be aware that you will need the content of .kube/config file while creating Kubernetes service endpoint on VSTS in the DevOps module.

7. Now you can run the following command to open your Kubernetes dashboard.

```
az acs kubernetes browse --name=k8s-win-cluster --resource-group=k8s-win-cluster-rg-INITIALS
```

kubectl recently switched to redirecting to an 'https' protocol instead of 'http' for the '/ui' shortcut. Until the az acs command is updated, we need to manually access

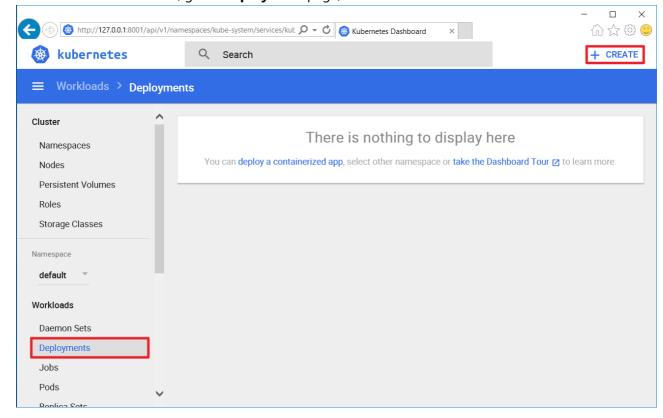
http://localhost:8001/api/v1/namespaces/kube-system/services/kubernetes-dashboard/proxy/#!/namespace?namespace=default instead of the default redirection URL



2. Deploy an Application to Windows Kubernetes Cluster

1. Now your Windows Kubernetes cluster is ready, you will deploy a containerized application located in Docker Hub.

On Kubernetes dashboard, go to **Deployment** page, and then click **Create**.



2. On the **Deploy a Containerized App** dialog box, select the deployment type **Specify app details** below.

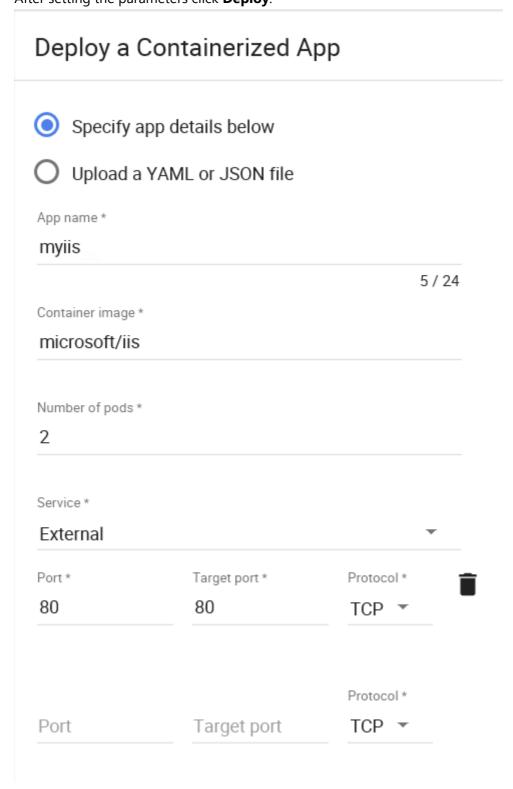
In this task, you will enter application's detail manually. In the future, you can also use YAML or JSON file to perform the deployment. Fill the parameters as follows (also please see screenshot below):

• App name: myiis

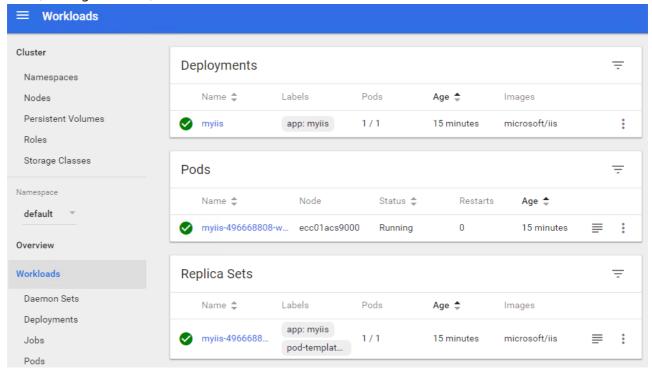
• Container image: microsoft/iis

• Number of pods: 1 or 2

- Service: External (Your application will be accessible using a public IP)
- Set Port (incoming port) and Target port to 80.
 After setting the parameters click Deploy.

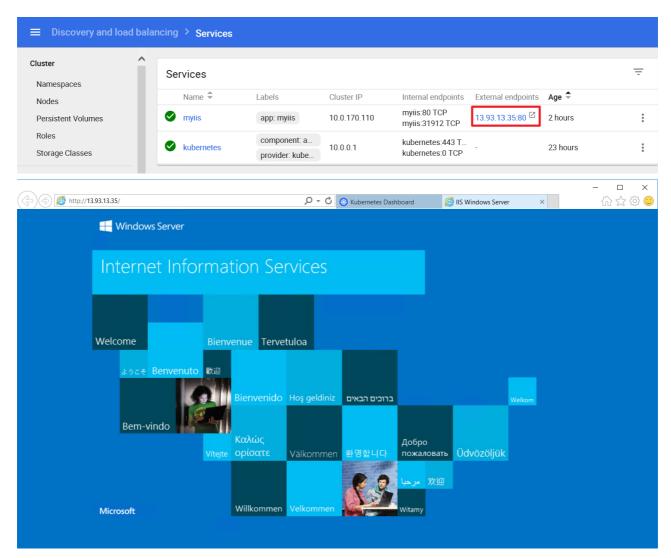


3. You can check the status of your deployment on **Workloads** page. You will notice that the status of your pods changes from **Pending** to **Running**. You do need to keep hitting refresh to get the new status. This deployment can take a while since the images needs to be downloaded from the Docker Hub (nothing is cached).

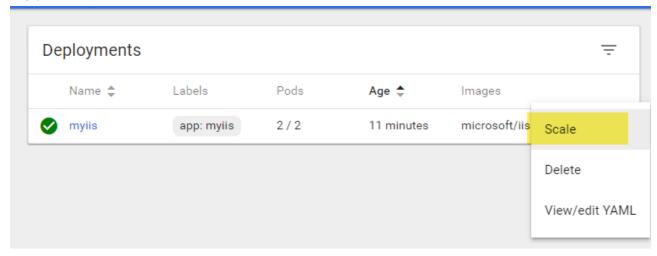


4. After the deployment is completed, go to **Service** page. Click the IP under **External endpoints** column of **myiis** service and you will see the welcome page of IIS server.

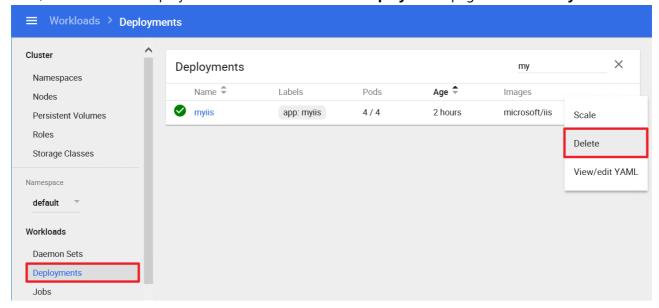
You may need to refresh the **Services** page, if **myiis** service is not listed when you first open the page.



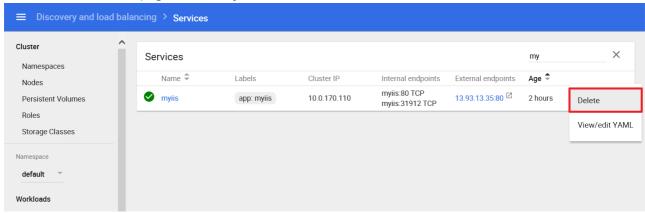
5. On the deployments page, try scaling up the number of pods to **1** or **2**, depending on what you started with.



6. Now, let's delete this deployment and service. Go to the **Deployments** page and delete **myiis**.



7. Then on the **Services** page, delete **myiis** service.



8. You have now completed all the tasks in this exercise.