Kubernetes On-Premises Cluster Setup Using kubeadm (RPM-based Linux)

System Requirements

- Linux servers: CentOS 7/8, RHEL, Rocky Linux, AlmaLinux
- At least 1 Master + 1 Worker node
- Static IP addresses configured
- sudo/root access on all machines
- Internet access for downloading packages

1. Configure Static IP (All Nodes)

nmcli con show
nmcli con mod "System eth0" ipv4.addresses 192.168.1.10/24
nmcli con mod "System eth0" ipv4.gateway 192.168.1.1
nmcli con mod "System eth0" ipv4.dns "8.8.8.8 1.1.1.1"
nmcli con mod "System eth0" ipv4.method manual
nmcli con up "System eth0"

2. Disable Swap (All Nodes)

sudo swapoff -a sudo sed -i '/ swap / s/^/#/' /etc/fstab

3. Set Hostnames (All Nodes)

sudo hostnamectl set-hostname master-node sudo hostnamectl set-hostname worker-node1

4. Enable Required Kernel Modules and Sysctl (All Nodes)

cat <<EOF | sudo tee /etc/modules-load.d/k8s.conf br_netfilter EOF

cat <<EOF | sudo tee /etc/sysctl.d/k8s.conf net.bridge.bridge-nf-call-ip6tables = 1 net.bridge.bridge-nf-call-iptables = 1 net.ipv4.ip_forward = 1 EOF

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sudo modprobe br_netfilter
sudo sysctl --system
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5. Install Container Runtime: containerd (All Nodes)

sudo yum install -y yum-utils device-mapper-persistent-data lvm2
sudo yum-config-manager --add-repo https://download.docker.com/linux/centos/docker-ce.repo
sudo yum install -y containerd.io
sudo mkdir -p /etc/containerd
containerd config default | sudo tee /etc/containerd/config.toml
sudo systemctl restart containerd
sudo systemctl enable containerd

6. Install Kubernetes Components (All Nodes)

cat <<EOF | sudo tee /etc/yum.repos.d/kubernetes.repo
[kubernetes]</pre>

name=Kubernetes

baseurl=https://packages.cloud.google.com/yum/repos/kubernetes-el7-x86_64

enabled=1

gpgcheck=1

repo_gpgcheck=1

gpgkey=https://packages.cloud.google.com/yum/doc/yum-key.gpg \

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EOF

sudo yum install -y kubelet kubeadm kubectl --disableexcludes=kubernetes sudo systemctl enable --now kubelet

7. Initialize Kubernetes Master Node (Master Only)

sudo kubeadm init --pod-network-cidr=10.244.0.0/16

mkdir -p \$HOME/.kube sudo cp -i /etc/kubernetes/admin.conf \$HOME/.kube/config sudo chown \$(id -u):\$(id -g) \$HOME/.kube/config

8. Install Pod Network (Master Only)

kubectl apply -f

https://raw.githubusercontent.com/coreos/flannel/master/Documentation/kube-flannel.yml

9. Join Worker Nodes (Worker Only)

sudo kubeadm join 192.168.1.10:6443 --token <token> \
--discovery-token-ca-cert-hash sha256:<hash>

10. Verify the Cluster (Master Only)

kubectl get nodes

Optional: Enable Bash Completion

echo "source <(kubectl completion bash)" >> ~/.bashrc source ~/.bashrc