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# How to Install Kubernetes Cluster on CentOS 7

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# How to install Kubernetes and deploy a cluster with Docker on CentOS 7

<u>Kubernetes</u> (k8s) is an open-source, cloud-native, container orchestration and management platform. It's the go-to way to automate the deployment, scaling, and maintenance of containerised applications across different nodes. From service discovery to auto-restarts, and from resource allocation tracking to compute utilisation and scaling; a well-configured k8s cluster can manage a lot on its own.

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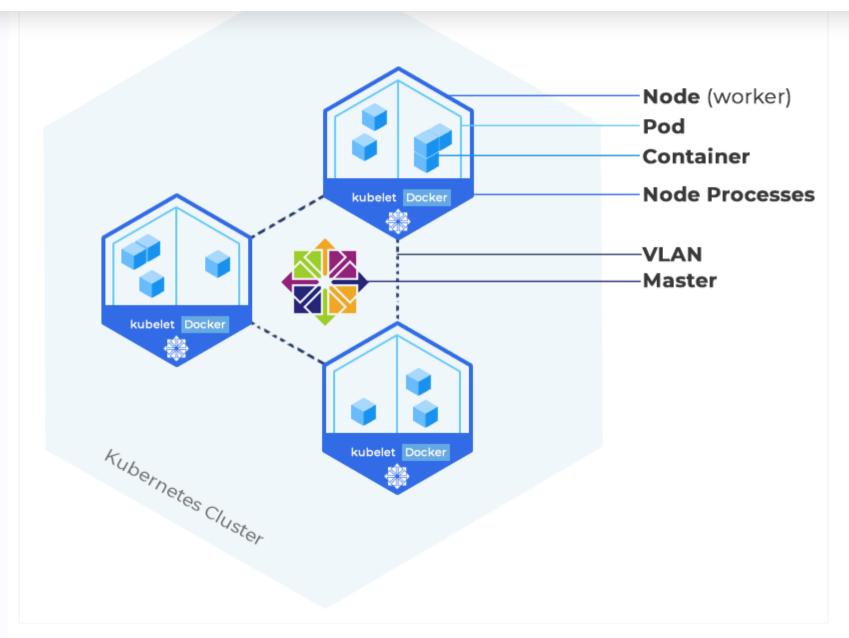
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## What is a Kubernetes Cluster?

A Kubernetes cluster consists of a **Master** and at least one to several **worker** node(s). The Master is the virtual machine (VM) that administers all activities on your cluster. A node is a VM that serves as a **worker** machine in your **k8s** cluster to host running applications. We strongly recommend you only use VMs aka <u>Cloud Servers</u> to run Kubernetes, not **system containers** aka VPS, as these can cause issues with k8s.







A node is comprised of the **Kubelet**, a container runtime, and the kube-proxy. The **k8s** installation's three core modules: Kubelet, **kubeadm**, and **kubectl** are agents that control the node and communicate with the Kubernetes Master. Once they have been installed and other configurations done, you will be able to create your first k8s cluster. You can manage this cluster from the command line on your kubemaster node.

Every Kubernetes instance runs on top of a **container runtime**, which is software responsible for managing container operations. Containers in this case are not virtualised servers but rather a solution that packages code and dependencies to run a single application (service) in an isolated (containerised) environment, essentially disassociating applications from the host machine. The most popular and recommended one is **Docker**, and it's the one we will use for the purpose of this guide. However, if you want to install a different underlying container runtime, you can harness the power of the **Container Runtime Interface** and use basically any runtime you want.

Kubernetes groups containers into pods, its most basic operational unit, which are basically just groups of containers running on the same node. Pods are connected over a network and share storage resources.

In order to connect your nodes or VMs and make them private, make sure to choose a hosting company who provides a Virtual Local Area Network (VLAN) with their VMs. We offer a VLAN add-on to our Cloud Servers for R200 per month.

#### **Prerequisites**

- Multiple CentOS 7 VMs (Cloud Servers) to house the Master and worker nodes.
- Docker or any other container runtime.
- User with **sudo** or **root** privileges on every server.

## How to install Kubernetes on CentOS 7

Step 1. Install Docker on all CentOS 7 VMs Update the package database

sudo yum check-update

#### Install the dependencies

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all -y yum-utils device-mapper-persistent-data lvm2





#### Install the latest Docker version on CentOS 7

```
sudo yum install docker-ce
```

A successful installation output will be concluded with a Complete!

You may be prompted to accept the GPG key, this is to verify that the fingerprint matches. The format will look as follows. If correct, accept it.

```
060A 61C5 1B55 8A7F 742B 77AA C52F EB6B 621E 9F35
```

#### Step 4: Manage Docker Service

Now Docker is installed, but the service is not yet running. Start and enable Docker using the commands

```
sudo systemctl start docker

sudo systemctl enable docker
```

To confirm that Docker is active and running use

```
sudo systemctl status docker
```

```
support@hostafrica:/root$ sudo systemctl status docker
  docker.service - Docker Application Container Engine
   Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/docker.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Wed 2020-05-06 06:58:18 UTC; 55s ago
     Docs: https://docs.docker.com
 Main PID: 4023 (dockerd)
    Tasks: 11
   Memory: 39.3M
   CGroup: /system.slice/docker.service
           4023 /usr/bin/dockerd -H fd:// --containerd=/run/containerd/containerd.sock
May 06 06:58:18 hostafrica dockerd[4023]: time="2020-05-06T06:58:18.120080809Z" level=warni
May 06 06:58:18 hostafrica dockerd[4023]: time="2020-05-06T06:58:18.120086022Z" level=warni
May 06 06:58:18 hostafrica dockerd[4023]: time="2020-05-06T06:58:18.120093930Z" level=warni
May 06 06:58:18 hostafrica dockerd[4023]: time="2020-05-06T06:58:18.124819760Z" level=info
May 06 06:58:18 hostafrica dockerd[4023]: time="2020-05-06T06:58:18.489111154Z" level=info
May 06 06:58:18 hostafrica dockerd[4023]: time="2020-05-06T06:58:18.536356672Z" level=info
May 06 06:58:18 hostafrica dockerd[4023]: time="2020-05-06T06:58:18.558367233Z" level=info
May 06 06:58:18 hostafrica dockerd[4023]: time="2020-05-06T06:58:18.558502443Z" level=info
May 06 06:58:18 hostafrica systemd[1]: Started Docker Application Container Engine.
May 06 06:58:18 hostafrica dockerd[4023]: time="2020-05-06T06:58:18.584003854Z" level=info
lines 1-20/20 (END)
```

#### Step 2. Set up the Kubernetes Repository

Since the Kubernetes packages aren't present in the official CentOS 7 repositories, we will need to add a new repository file. Use the following command to create the file and open it for editing:

```
sudo vi /etc/yum.repos.d/kubernetes.repo
```

Once the file is open, press I key to enter insert mode, and paste the following contents:

```
[kubernetes]
name=Kubernetes
baseurl=https://packages.cloud.google.com/yum/repos/kubernetes-e17-x86_64
enabled=1
gpgcheck=1
repo_gpgcheck=1
gpgkey=https://packages.cloud.google.com/yum/doc/yum-key.gpg https://packages.cloud.google.com/yum/doc/rpm-package-key.gpg
```

Once pasted, press **escape** to exit **insert mode**. Then enter :x to save the file and exit.





```
gpgcheck=1
repo_gpgcheck=1
gpgkey=https://packages.cloud.google.com/yum/doc/yum-key.gpg https://packages.cloud.google.com/yum/doc/rpm-package-key.gpg
```

# Step 3. Install Kubelet on CentOS 7

The first core module that we need to install on every node is Kubelet. Use the following command to do so:

sudo yum install -y kubelet

Once you enter the command, you should see a lot of logs being printed. A successful installation will be indicated by the **Complete!** keyword at the end. See below:

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```
Fingerprint: d0bc 747f d8ca f711 7500 d6fa 3746 c208 a731 7b0f
            : https://packages.cloud.google.com/yum/doc/yum-key.gpg
Retrieving key from https://packages.cloud.google.com/yum/doc/rpm-package-key.gpg
Importing GPG key 0x3E1BA8D5:
            : "Google Cloud Packages RPM Signing Key <gc-team@google.com>"
Fingerprint: 3749 elba 95a8 6ce0 5454 6ed2 f09c 394c 3elb a8d5
            : https://packages.cloud.google.com/yum/doc/rpm-package-key.gpg
Running transaction check
Running transaction test
Transaction test succeeded
Running transaction
 Installing : socat-1.7.3.2-2.el7.x86_64
 Installing : libnetfilter_cttimeout-1.0.0-7.el7.x86_64
 Installing : libnetfilter_queue-1.0.2-2.el7_2.x86_64
 Installing : libnetfilter_cthelper-1.0.0-11.el7.x86_64
 Installing : conntrack-tools-1.4.4-7.el7.x86_64
 Installing : kubernetes-cni-0.8.6-0.x86_64
 Installing : kubelet-1.18.8-0.x86_64
 Verifying: libnetfilter_cthelper-1.0.0-11.el7.x86_64
Verifying: conntrack-tools-1.4.4-7.el7.x86_64
Verifying: libnetfilter_queue-1.0.2-2.el7_2.x86_64
 Verifying : libnetfilter_cttimeout-1.0.0-7.el7.x86_64
 Verifying : socat-1.7.3.2-2.el7.x86_64
 Verifying : kubernetes-cni-0.8.6-0.x86_64
 Verifying : kubelet-1.18.8-0.x86_64
Installed:
 kubelet.x86_64 0:1.18.8-0
Dependency Installed:
 conntrack-tools.x86_64 0:1.4.4-7.el7 kubernetes-cni.x86_64 0:0.8.6-0 libnetfilter_cth
Complete!
[root@hostafrica ~]#
```

#### Step 4. Install kubeadm and kubectl on CentOS 7

kubeadm, the next core module, will also have to be installed on every machine. Use the following command:

```
sudo yum install -y kubeadm
```

Successful installation should result in the following output: (Note that **kubeadm** automatically installs **kubectl** as a dependency)

```
Total
Running transaction check
Running transaction test
Transaction test succeeded
Running transaction
  Installing : kubectl-1.18.8-0.x86_64
  Installing : cri-tools-1.13.0-0.x86_64
  Installing : kubeadm-1.18.8-0.x86_64
  Verifying: kubeadm-1.18.8-0.x86_64
Verifying: cri-tools-1.13.0-0.x86_64
  Verifying: kubectl-1.18.8-0.x86_64
Installed:
  kubeadm.x86_64 0:1.18.8-0
Dependency Installed:
cri-tools.x86_64 0:1.13.0-0
                                                                                                                                    kubectl.x86_64 0:1.18.8-0
Complete!
[root@hostafrica ~]#
```

## Step 5. Set hostnames

On your **Master** node, update your hostname using the following command:

```
sudo hostnamectl set-hostname master-node

sudo exec bash
```

And

```
sudo hostnamectl set-hostname W-node1
```

sudo exec bash

Now open the /etc/hosts file and edit the hostnames for your worker nodes:

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```
10.168.10.209 node2 W-node2
EOF
```

#### Step 6. Disable SElinux

To allow containers to be able to access the file system, we need to enable the "permissive" mode of SElinux. Use the following commands:

(Note: For these commands to take effect, you will have to reboot)

```
sudo setenforce 0

sudo sed -i --follow-symlinks 's/SELINUX=enforcing/SELINUX=disabled/g' /etc/sysconfig/selinux
reboot
```

#### Step 7. Add firewall rules

To allow seamless communication between pods, containers, and VMs, we need to add rules to our firewall on the **Master** node. Use the following commands:

```
sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-port=6443/tcp
sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-port=2379-2380/tcp
sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-port=10250/tcp
sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-port=10251/tcp
sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-port=10252/tcp
sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-port=10255/tcp
sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-port=10255/tcp
sudo firewall-cmd -reload
```

All your firewall rule commands should output success like below:

```
[root@HA-article-centos7 ~]# sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-port=6443/tcp
success
[root@HA-article-centos7 ~]# sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-port=2379-2380/tc
success
[root@HA-article-centos7 ~]# sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-port=10250/tcp
success
[root@HA-article-centos7 ~]# sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-port=10251/tcp
success
[root@HA-article-centos7 ~]# sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-port=10252/tcp
success
[root@HA-article-centos7 ~]# sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-port=10252/tcp
success
```

You will also need to run the following commands on each worker node:

```
sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-port=10251/tcp
sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-port=10255/tcp
sudo firewall-cmd -reload
```

## Step 8. Update iptables config

We need to update the **net.bridge.bridge-nf-call-iptables** parameter in our *sysctl* file to ensure proper processing of packets across all machines. Use the following commands:

```
cat <<EOF > /etc/sysctl.d/k8s.conf
net.bridge.bridge-nf-call-ip6tables = 1
net.bridge.bridge-nf-call-iptables = 1
EOF
sudo sysctl --system
```

You should get the following output:





```
* Applying /usr/lib/sysctl.d/10-default-yama-scope.conf ..
kernel.yama.ptrace_scope = 0
* Applying /usr/lib/sysctl.d/50-default.conf ...
kernel.sysrq = 16
kernel.core_uses_pid = 1
net.ipv4.conf.default.rp_filter = 1
net.ipv4.conf.all.rp_filter = 1
net.ipv4.conf.default.accept_source_route = 0
net.ipv4.conf.all.accept_source_route = 0
net.ipv4.conf.default.promote_secondaries = 1
net.ipv4.conf.all.promote_secondaries = 1
fs.protected_hardlinks = 1
fs.protected_symlinks = 1
* Applying /usr/lib/sysctl.d/99-docker.conf ...
fs.may_detach_mounts = 1
* Applying /etc/sysctl.d/99-sysctl.conf ...
* Applying /etc/sysctl.d/k8s.conf ...
net.bridge.bridge-nf-call-ip6tables = 1
net.bridge.bridge-nf-call-iptables = 1
* Applying /etc/sysctl.conf ...
[root@HA-article-centos7 ~1#
```

## Step 9. Disable swap

For Kubelet to work, we also need to disable **swap** on all of our VMs:

```
sudo sed -i '/swap/d' /etc/fstab

sudo swapoff -a
```

This concludes our installation and configuration of Kubernetes on CentOS 7. We will now share the steps for deploying a k8s cluster.

# Deploying a Kubernetes Cluster on CentOS 7

#### Step 1. kubeadm initialization

To launch a new Kubernetes cluster instance, you need to initialize kubeadm. Use the following command:

```
sudo kubeadm init
```

This command may take several minutes to execute. Upon success, you should get logs similar to those in this screenshot:

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You will also get an auto-generated command at the end of the output. Copy the text following the line Then you can join any number of worker nodes by running the following on each as root: as highlighted in the above screenshot and save it somewhere safe. We will use this to add worker nodes to our cluster.

Note: If you forgot to copy the command, or have misplaced it, don't worry. You can retrieve it again by entering the following command:

```
sudo kubeadm token create --print-join-command
```

## Step 2. Create required directories and start managing Kubernetes cluster

In order to start managing your cluster, you need to create a directory and assume ownership. Run the following commands as a regular user:

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

#### Step 3. Set up Pod network for the Cluster

Pods within a cluster are connected via the pod network. At this point, it's not working. This can be verified by entering the following two commands:

```
sudo kubectl get nodes

sudo kubectl get pods --all-namespaces
```





```
[root@master-node ~]#
[root@master-node ~]#
[root@master-node ~]#
[root@master-node ~]#
[root@master-node ~]# kubectl get pods --all-namespaces
NAMESPACE
                                                                     RESTARTS
                                                          STATUS
                                                                                AGE
kube-system
            coredns-66bff467f8-ptb5g
                                                   \theta/1
                                                           Pending
                                                           Pending
kube-system coredns-66bff467f8-thwkz
                                                  0/1
                                                                                9m59s
kube-system etcd-master-node
                                                   1/1
                                                                                9m57s
                                                           Running
kube-system kube-apiserver-master-node
                                                  1/1
                                                           Running
                                                                               9m57s
kube-system
            kube-controller-manager-master-node 1/1
                                                           Running
                                                                                9m57s
             kube-proxy-4kxnc
kube-system
                                                   1/1
                                                           Running
                                                                                9m59s
             kube-scheduler-master-node
                                                   1/1
                                                           Running
                                                                                9m57s
kube-system
[root@master-node ~]#
```

As you can see, the status of master-node is **NotReady**. The CoreDNS service is also not running. To fix this, run the following commands:

```
sudo export kubever=$(kubectl version | base64 | tr -d '\n')
sudo kubectl apply -f https://cloud.weave.works/k8s/net?k8s-version=$kubever
```

You should get the following output:

```
[root@master-node ~]# export kubever=$(kubectl version | base64 | tr -d '\n')
[root@master-node ~]# kubectl apply -f "https://cloud.weave.works/k8s/net?k8s-version=$kubever"
serviceaccount/weave-net created
clusterrole.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/weave-net created
clusterrolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/weave-net created
role.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/weave-net created
rolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/weave-net created
daemonset.apps/weave-net created
[root@master-node ~]#
```

And now if you verify the statuses of your node and CoreDNS service, you should get Ready and Running like seen below:

```
[root@master-node ~]# kubectl get nodes
             STATUS ROLES
                              AGE VERSION
NAME
                             15m v1.18.8
master-node Ready
                     master
[root@master-node ~]# kubectl get pods --all-namespaces
NAMESPACE
                                                 READY
                                                         STATUS
                                                                  RESTARTS AGE
kube-system coredns-66bff467f8-ptb5g
                                                 1/1
                                                         Running
                                                                             16m
kube-system coredns-66bff467f8-thwkz
                                                 1/1
                                                                             16m
                                                         Running
kube-system etcd-master-node
                                                 1/1
                                                                             16m
                                                         Running
kube-system kube-apiserver-master-node
                                                 1/1
                                                         Running
kube-system kube-controller-manager-master-node
                                                         Running
                                                                             16m
                                                1/1
kube-system
            kube-proxy-4kxnc
                                                 1/1
                                                         Running
                                                                             16m
            kube-scheduler-master-node
                                                 1/1
                                                                             16m
kube-system
                                                         Running
                                                 2/2
                                                                             106s
kube-system
            weave-net-k4db4
                                                         Running
[root@master-node ~]#
```

#### Step 4. Add nodes to your cluster

As a final step, you need to add **worker** nodes to your cluster. We will use the **kubeadm** join auto-generated token in <u>Step</u> <u>1.</u> here. Run your own version of the following command on all of the worker node VMs:

```
sudo kubeadm join 102.130.118.27:6443 --token 848gwg.mpe76povky8qeqvu --discovery-token-ca-cert-hash sha256:f0a16f51dcc077d
```

On successful addition, you should get the following output:

```
[root@HA-article-centos7-slave1 -]# kubeadm join 102.130.118.27:6443 —token 848gwg.mpe76povky8qeqvu —discovery-token-ca-cert—hash sha256:f0a16f51dcc077da9e41f01bdcbc465343668f36d55f41250c570a2be832lea W0819 11:57:16.395830 8797 join.go:346] [preflight] WARNING: JoinControlPane.controlPlane settings will be ignored when control—plane flag is not set. [preflight] Reading configuration from the cluster... [preflight] FYI: You can look at this config file with 'kubectl -n kube-system get cm kubeadm-config -oyaml' [kubelet-start] Downloading configuration for the kubelet from the "kubelet-config-1.18" ConfigNap in the kube-system namespace [kubelet configuration to file "/var/lib/kubelet/config.yaml" [kubelet-start] Writing kubelet environment file with flags to file "/var/lib/kubelet/kubeadm-flags.env" [kubelet-start] Starting the kubelet environment file with flags to file "/var/lib/kubelet/kubeadm-flags.env" [kubelet-start] Waiting for the kubelet to perform the TLS Bootstrap...

This node has joined the cluster:
* Certificate signing request was sent to apiserver and a response was received.
* The Kubelet was informed of the new secure connection details.

Run 'kubectl get nodes' on the control—plane to see this node join the cluster.

[root@HA-article-centos7-slavel -]# ■
```

Running the following command on the master-node should show your newly added node.

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get nodes





w-nodel Ready <none> 84s v1.18.8

To set the role for your worker node, use the following command:

sudo kubectl label node w-node1 node-role.kubernetes.io/worker=worker

Now you're all set up.

Happy Hosting!

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