

README

Kustomize E2E Demo Project Project name `kustomize-e2e-demo` Goal Demonstrate a complete end-to-end Kustomize workflow: - maintain reusable base manifests - apply environment-specific overlays (dev, prod) - preview generated YAML - deploy, verify, switch versions, and clean up

Project structure

```
text kustomize-e2e-demo/ README.md installation.md base/
namespace.yaml configmap.yaml deployment.yaml service.yaml
kustomization.yaml overlays/ dev/ kustomization.yaml
patch-deployment.yaml prod/ kustomization.yaml patch-deployment.yaml
```

Prerequisites Kubernetes cluster running `kubectl` configured Kustomize available (`kubectl kustomize` or standalone `kustomize`) Installation steps: see `kustomize-e2e-demo/installation.md`.

What base and overlays do

- Base (base/)** Creates namespace `kustomize-demo` Deploys `nginx` app (web) Exposes service `web-svc` Adds base labels Defines default `ConfigMap` values
- Dev overlay (overlays/dev)** Uses namespace `kustomize-dev` Adds suffix `-dev` to resource names Sets replicas to 2 Adds environment: `dev` label Overrides `ConfigMap` message for dev
- Prod overlay (overlays/prod)** Uses namespace `kustomize-prod` Adds suffix `-prod` to resource names Sets replicas to 3 Adds environment: `prod` label Adds CPU/memory requests and limits Overrides `ConfigMap` message for prod

Step 1: Preview generated manifests

```
bash kubectl kustomize kustomize-e2e-demo/overlays/dev
kubectl kustomize kustomize-e2e-demo/overlays/prod (Standalone alternative)
bash kustomize build kustomize-e2e-demo/overlays/dev
kustomize build kustomize-e2e-demo/overlays/prod
```

Step 2: Deploy dev overlay

```
bash kubectl apply -k kustomize-e2e-demo/overlays/dev
```

Verify:

```
bash kubectl get ns | findstr kustomize-dev
kubectl get all -n kustomize-dev
kubectl get deploy,svc,cm -n kustomize-dev
```

Step 3: Deploy prod overlay

```
bash kubectl apply -k kustomize-e2e-demo/overlays/prod
```

Verify:

```
bash kubectl get ns | findstr kustomize-prod
kubectl get all -n kustomize-prod
kubectl get deploy,svc,cm -n kustomize-prod
```

Step 4: Inspect differences quickly

```
bash kubectl get deploy -n kustomize-dev -o wide
kubectl get deploy -n kustomize-prod -o wide
kubectl describe deploy web-dev -n kustomize-dev
kubectl describe deploy web-prod -n kustomize-prod
```

You should see: - dev replicas = 2 - prod replicas = 3 - prod includes resource requests/limits

Step 5: Roll out an image update (example)

Update tag in `overlay kustomization.yaml` then re-apply:

```
bash kubectl apply -k kustomize-e2e-demo/overlays/dev
kubectl rollout status deploy/web-dev -n kustomize-dev
And for prod:
bash kubectl apply -k kustomize-e2e-demo/overlays/prod
kubectl rollout status deploy/web-prod -n kustomize-prod
```

Useful debug commands

```
bash kubectl get events -n kustomize-dev --sort-by=.lastTimestamp
kubectl get events -n kustomize-prod --sort-by=.lastTimestamp
kubectl get pods -n kustomize-dev -o wide
kubectl get pods -n kustomize-prod -o wide
```

Cleanup

```
bash kubectl delete -k kustomize-e2e-demo/overlays/dev --ignore-not-found=true
kubectl delete namespace kustomize-dev --ignore-not-found=true
bash kubectl delete -k kustomize-e2e-demo/overlays/prod --ignore-not-found=true
kubectl delete namespace kustomize-prod --ignore-not-found=true
```

Notes Use overlays for environment-specific configuration only. Keep shared resources and defaults in `base/`. Prefer `kubectl apply -k` for deployment workflows.