

Lab 13: Kubernetes StatefulSet

Overview

In this lab, you'll explore Kubernetes StatefulSets, focusing on managing stateful applications with guarantees about the ordering and uniqueness of a set of Pods.

Task 1: Implement StatefulSet in Helm Chart

6 Points:

1. Understand StatefulSets:

- Read about StatefulSet objects:
 - [Concept](#)
 - [Tutorial](#)

2. Update Helm Chart:

- Rename `deployment.yml` to `statefulset.yml`.
- Create a manifest for StatefulSet following the tutorial.
- Test with command: `helm install --dry-run --debug name_of_your_chart path_to_your_chart`.
- Fix any issues and deploy it.
- Apply best practices by moving values to variables in `values.yml` meaningfully.

Task 2: StatefulSet Exploration and Optimization

4 Points:

1. Research and Documentation:

- Create `13.md` report.
- Include the output of `kubectl get po,sts,svc,pvc` commands.
- Use `minikube service name_of_your_statefulset` command to access your app.
- Access the root path of your app from different tabs and modes in your browser.
- Check the content of your file in each pod, e.g., `kubectl exec pod/demo-0 -- cat visits`, and provide the output for all replicas.
- Describe and explain differences in the report.

2. Ordering Guarantee and Parallel Operations:

- Explain why ordering guarantees are unnecessary for your app.
- Implement a way to instruct the StatefulSet controller to launch or terminate all Pods in parallel.

List of Requirements:

- Outputs of commands in [13.md](#).
- Results of the "number of visits" command for each pod, with an explanation in [13.md](#).
- Answers to questions in point 2 of [13.md](#).
- Implementation of parallel launch and terminate.

Bonus Task: Update Strategies

2.5 Points:

1. Apply the main steps to your extra app.
2. Explore Update Strategies:
 - Read about update strategies.
 - Describe your understanding of kinds and differences in the report.

Guidelines:

- Maintain clear and organized documentation.
- Use appropriate naming conventions for files and folders.
- For your repository PR, ensure it's from the [lab13](#) branch to the main branch.

Note: Understanding StatefulSets and their optimization is crucial for managing stateful applications in Kubernetes. Explore the bonus tasks to further enhance your skills.