

Days: 5

Prerequisites: This course requires completion of the following prerequisites: Linux concepts and command-line proficiency; general networking proficiency.

Audience: The primary audience for this course is anyone who is preparing to build and run Kubernetes clusters.

Description: This four-day course is the first step in learning about Containers and Kubernetes Fundamentals and Cluster Operations. Through a series of lectures and lab exercises, the fundamental concepts of containers and Kubernetes are presented and put to practice by containerizing and deploying a two-tier application into Kubernetes.

Course Objectives: Upon completing this course, the learner will be able to meet these overall objectives:

- Build, test, and publish Docker container images
- Become familiar with YAML files that define Kubernetes objects
- Understand Kubernetes core user-facing concepts, including pods, services, and deployments
- Use kubectl, the Kubernetes CLI, and become familiar with its commands and options
- Understand the architecture of Kubernetes (Control plane and its components, worker nodes, and kubelet)
- Learn how to troubleshoot issues with deployments on Kubernetes
- Apply resource requests, limits, and probes to deployments
- Manage dynamic application configuration using ConfigMaps and Secrets
- Deploy other workloads, including DaemonSets, Jobs, and CronJobs
- Learn about user-facing security using SecurityContext, RBAC, and NetworkPolicies

OUTLINE:

MODULE 1: COURSE INTRODUCTION

- Introductions and objectives

MODULE 2: CONTAINERS

- What and Why containers
- Building images
- Running containers
- Registry and image management

MODULE 3: KUBERNETES OVERVIEW

- Kubernetes project
- Plugin interfaces
- Building Kubernetes
- Kubectl CLI

MODULE 4: BEYOND KUBERNETES BASICS

- Kubernetes objects
- YAML
- Pods, replicas, and deployments

- Services
- Deployment management
- Rolling updates
- Controlling deployments
- Pod and container configurations

MODULE 5: KUBERNETES NETWORKING

- Networking within a pod
- Pod-to-Pod Networking
- Services to Pods
- ClusterIP, NodePort, and LoadBalancer
- Ingress controllers
- Service Discovery via DNS

MODULE 6: STATEFUL APPLICATIONS IN KUBERNETES

- Stateless versus Stateful
- Volumes

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- Persistent volumes claims
- StorageClasses
- StatefulSets

MODULE 7: ADDITIONAL KUBERNETES CONSIDERATIONS

- Dynamic configuration
- ConfigMaps
- Secrets
- Jobs, CronJobs

MODULE 8: SECURITY

- Network policy
- Applying a NetworkPolicy
- SecurityContext
- runAsUser/Group
- Service accounts
- Role-based access control

MODULE 9: LOGGING AND MONITORING

- Logging for various objects
- Sidecar logging
- Node logging
- Audit logging
- Monitoring architecture
- Monitoring solutions
- Octant
- VMware vRealize® Operations
Manager™

MODULE 10: CLUSTER OPERATIONS

- Onboarding new applications
- Backups
- Upgrading
- Drain and cordon commands
- Impact of an upgrade to running
applications
- Troubleshooting commands
- VMware Tanzu™ portfolio
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