

Certified Kubernetes Application Developer (CKAD)

Course Duration: 40 Hours (5 Days)

Overview

The Certified Kubernetes Application Developer (CKAD) course is designed for individuals who want to demonstrate their skills in designing, building, configuring, and Exposing cloud-native applications for Kubernetes. The course goes through a series of modules that cover all aspects needed to become proficient in working with Kubernetes, including core concepts, configuration, multi-container pods, observability, pod design, services & networking, and state persistence. Throughout the course, students gain hands-on experience with Kubernetes security training, learning to secure pods and clusters. They also acquire the competencies expected from a Kubernetes administrator training, such as Managing applications using Kubernetes primitives and ensuring their applications are properly orchestrated and maintained. By the end of the course, learners will have a solid understanding of how to work with Kubernetes in a practical way, which will help them in developing, deploying, and maintaining scalable and highly available applications on the Kubernetes platform.

Audience Profile

The Certified Kubernetes Application Developer (CKAD) course is designed for professionals seeking expertise in building, deploying, and configuring applications in Kubernetes.

- Software Developers and Engineers familiar with containerization concepts
- DevOps Engineers focusing on Continuous Integration and Continuous Deployment (CI/CD) workflows
- Cloud Engineers working with Kubernetes on cloud platforms like AWS, GCP, and Azure
- Systems Administrators looking to manage containerized applications
- IT Professionals seeking to validate their Kubernetes skills with a certification
- Application Architects designing scalable and fault-tolerant applications on Kubernetes
- Site Reliability Engineers (SREs) ensuring application reliability and performance in a Kubernetes environment
- Technical Leads overseeing development teams working with Kubernetes
- Product Managers who need to understand the technical aspects of Kubernetes to manage product lifecycles effectively
- Technical Support Staff aiding for Kubernetes-based applications and infrastructure

Course Syllabus

Module 1 – Core Concepts

- Overview of Container Orchestra on
- Understanding Kubernetes Architecture

Module 2 – Installation, Configuration & Validation

- Design a Kubernetes Cluster
- Lab: Installation of Kubernetes 1-Master and 2-Nodes Cluster
- Lab: Choose a Network Solution and Configure
- Lab: Verify Installation with Kubectl command
- Metal Load Balancer
- Lab: Deploying Metal Load Balancer

Module 3 – Creating Kubernetes Resources

- Understanding Pods, Labels & Selectors
- Lab: Deploying Applications as a Pod
- Lab: Managing Labels & Selector
- Understanding Replica Controller & Replica Set
- Lab: Deploying Replica Controller & Replica Set
- Understanding Services – Cluster IP, Node Port & Load Balancer
- Lab: Creating & Managing ClusterIP, Node Port and Load Balancer
- Understanding Daemon Sets
- Lab: Deploying Applications as Daemon Sets

Module 4 – Scheduling

- Manual Scheduling of Pods
- Taint and Tolerations
- Lab: Using Manual Scheduling or Taints and Tolerations
- Node Selector
- Lab: Using Node Selector to Deploy Pods
- Node Affinity
- Lab: Using Node Affinity to Deploy Pods

Module 5 - Application Lifecycle Management

- Overview of Deployment
- Deployment Strategies – Blue/Green & Canary
- Lab: Deploying Applications as Deployment
- Lab: Implementing Blue-Green Deployment Strategy

Module 6 - Environment Variable

- Plain Key
- Config Map
- Secret
- Lab: Using Plain Keys, Config Map & Generic Secret as Environment Variables
- Lab: Mount Environment Variable as Volumes

Module 7 – Storage

- Understanding Volume Management in K8s
- Types of Volumes Provisioning
- Persistent Volumes
- Persistent Volume Claim
- Lab: Using PV & PVC to attach Persistent Volume to a Pod as Host Path
- Understanding Storage Class

Module 8 – Security

- Understanding Namespace & Use-Cases
- Lab: Creating Namespace & Deploying K8s resources in Different Namespace
- Lab: Creating Service Accounts
- Understanding Role, Cluster Role, Role Binding & Cluster Role Binding
- Lab: Managing Cluster Role and Cluster Role Binding
- Understanding Security Context
- Lab: Adding Security Context to Pod to enable ping

Module 9 – Networking in Kubernetes

- Understand Basics of Kubernetes Networking
- Understand CNI overview
- Understand Pod Networking Concepts
- Lab: Controlling Pod Communication using Network Policies
- CoreDNS overview of K8s
- Understanding Ingress
- Lab: Configure and Manage Ingress Rule

Module 10 – StatefulSet

- Introduction to StatefulSet
- Use cases of StatefulSet
- Manage StatefulSet
- Storage in StatefulSet
- Lab: Deploying and Managing Stateful Sets
- Lab: Creating Persistent Storage in Stateful Sets
- Headless Service
- Lab: Headless Service

Module 11 – Readiness and Liveness Probe

- Introduction to Readiness and Liveness Probe
- Implement Readiness and Liveness in Pod
- Lab: Creating Liveness and Readiness Probe for Pod

Module 12 – Logging and Monitoring

- Understand how to Monitor Application and Cluster Components
- Lab: Understand how to Read Application & Cluster Component Logs
- Lab: Deploying Prometheus & Grafana to Monitor K8s Cluster

Module 13 – Multi Container Pod Design & Jobs

- Understanding Multi-Container Pods
- Creating Multi-Container Pods
- Lab: Sidecar Pattern
- Lab: Deploying Init Container
- Lab: Ambassador Pattern
- Lab: Adapter Pattern
- CronJob
- Lab: Deploying Pod as a CronJob

Module 14 – Helm Package Manager

- Introduction to Helm
- Work with Helm Charts
- Create Helm Charts
- Lab: Installing Helm Package Manager
- Upgrade and Downgrade Helm Charts
- Lab: Deploying Kubernetes Resources using Helm Package Manager

Module 15 – Building Docker Images

- Introduction to Dockerfile
- Dockerfile Instructions Overview
- Lab: Building Container images using Dockerfile
- Build Image Push Image to Centralized Registry
- Lab: Pushing Container Image to a Public Registry