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A Scheduling Simulator for Capacity Estimation of Kubernetes Clusters

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Introduction

- Work at Red Hat
- Core contributor to Kubernetes and OpenShift
- Descheduler
 - https://github.com/kubernetes-incubator/descheduler
- Cluster Capacity
 - https://github.com/kubernetes-incubator/cluster-capacity



- Motivation
- Design
- Features
- Usage
- Demo

Motivation: Why?

- A bit of history
- Capacity planning
 - How much capacity is left in a cluster?
 - When to add more capacity to a cluster?
- Workload types
 - Uniform and Variable
- Lightweight
 - Simple, easy to use

Motivation: Why?

- Capacity
 - Consumable resources
 - CPU, Memory, Storage, GPUs etc.

Capacity in terms of individual resources ?

Motivation: Why?





- Resource based approach
- Scheduler based approach

Design: Resource based approach



• Minimum among instances for all resources

Is it enough to consider resources only?

Design: Impact on Scheduling

- Fragmentation
 - CPU example
 - Input pod's CPU request: 500m



Design: Impact on Scheduling

- Admission Plugins
 - PodNodeSelectors
 - PodTolerationRestrictions
 - Others



Design: Impact on Scheduling

- Node selector and affinities
- Node taints and pod tolerations
- Pod affinities or anti-affinities
- Max number of pods on a node
- Pod's storage requirements (PVC, Volumes)

Design: Scheduler based

- Architecture
 - Creates an instance of the default scheduler
 - Maintains local resource store
 - Fetches initial state from cluster
 - Schedules input pod one by one
 - Does not bind to nodes
 - Stops when no more pods can be scheduled

Features

- Proactive approach
- Run via command line or or as a pod
- Custom scheduler policy
 - Scheduler config file as input
- Max limit
 - Is it possible to schedule this many instances?
- Pod's resource requirements from LimitRange
- Distribution on each node
- Currently considers uniform workloads



• Running as a command line tool

\$ cluster-capacity --kubeconfig <path-to-kubeconfig> --podspec <path-to-pod-spec>

- Output is the number of pods that can be scheduled
- Resource requests must be specified
 - Pod spec
 - LimitRange
- --verbose flag
 - Shows distribution of pods among nodes

Usage (Best Practices)

- Running as a pod in a Job
 - CC_INCLUSTER environment : true
 - Service account
 - Separate service account
 - Minimum required RBAC permissions
 - RBAC permissions: cluster role
 - resources: ["pods", "nodes", "persistentvolumeclaims", "persistentvolumes", "services"]
 - verbs: ["get", "watch", "list"]
 - Input pod spec
 - Mounted as a ConfigMap



- Tested with Kubernetes and OpenShift clusters
- Rebased to Kubernetes 1.7
- In OpenShift since 3.6

Future

- Admission plugins
- ReplicaSets, Delpoyment, Jobs, StatefulSets
- Variable workloads
 - Accept a list (sequence) of pods
- Your use cases
- Multiple schedulers



Demo

Resources

- Design
 - https://github.com/kubernetes-incubator/cluster-capacity/blob/master/doc/cluster-capacity.md
- Kubernetes incubator repo
 - https://github.com/kubernetes-incubator/cluster-capacity/

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- How to use with OpenShift
 - https://docs.openshift.com/container-platform/3.6/admin_guide/cluster_capacity.html
- Container image
 - docker.io/aveshagarwal/cluster-capacity
 - https://store.docker.com/community/images/openshift/origin-cluster-capacity



Questions?