kind Kubernetes in Docker

START HERE

`kind` **`create cluster`**
Make a cluster

`kind` **`get kubeconfig`**
Print kubeconfig

`kubectl cluster-info --context kind-kind`
Check access

`kind` **`delete cluster`**
Tear it down

`kind` **`get clusters`**
List clusters

`kind` **`load docker-image`** *`<image>`*
Load a local image

`kind` **`create cluster --config`** *`<file>`*
Multi-node setup

`kind` **`export logs`** *`<dir>`*
Collect logs

CONCEPTS

Each kind node is a container. Your cluster lives inside Docker (or Podman), so it needs no VM and starts in under a minute.

Docker / Podman host runtime
Node container kindest/node image
Kubernetes kubelet, pods

Loaded images with a :latest tag are pulled anyway. Use a versioned tag or imagePullPolicy: IfNotPresent.

Contexts are named kind-<name>, so the default cluster is kind-kind.

CLUSTERS

`kind` **`create cluster`**
Create a cluster named kind

`kind` **`create cluster --name`** *`<name>`*
Create a named cluster

`kind` **`get clusters`**
List clusters

CLUSTERS (cont.)

`kind` **`delete cluster`**
Delete the default cluster

`kind` **`delete cluster --name`** *`<name>`*
Delete a named cluster
Deleting a cluster that does not exist is not an error.

`kind` **`create cluster --image kindest/node:`***`<tag>`*
Pick the Kubernetes version

`kind` **`create cluster --wait 5m`**
Block until the control plane is ready
Needs a unit: 30s or 5m, not 30.

`kind` **`get nodes --name`** *`<name>`*
List node containers

`kind` **`delete clusters --all`**
Delete every cluster

`kind` **`version`**
Show the kind version

CONFIG FILE

`kind` **`create cluster --config`** *`<file>`*
Create from a config file

CONFIG FILE (cont.)

`nodes: [{role: control-plane}, {role: worker}]`
Add worker nodes

`extraPortMappings: [{containerPort, hostPort}]`
Publish a node port on the host

`image: kindest/node:`*`<tag>`***`@sha256:`***`<digest>`**
Pin a node image

`featureGates: {`*`<Gate>`***`: true}`**
Enable a feature gate

Use three control-plane nodes in the config for an HA control plane.

IMAGES

`kind` **`load docker-image`** *`<image>`*
Copy a local image into the nodes

`kind` **`load docker-image`** *`<image>`* **`--name`** *`<name>`*
Load into a named cluster

`kind` **`load image-archive`** *`<file.tar>`*
Load an image from a tarball

IMAGES (cont.)

`docker exec -it `*`<name>`***`-control-plane crictl images`**
List images inside a node

`kind` **`build node-image`**
Build a node image from Kubernetes source
Needs a lot of RAM on Docker Desktop (6 GB minimum).

KUBECONFIG

`kubectl cluster-info --context kind-`*`<name>`*
Check you can reach the cluster

`kubectl config use-context kind-`*`<name>`*
Switch kubectl to this cluster

`kind` **`get kubeconfig --name`** *`<name>`*
Print the kubeconfig

`kind` **`export kubeconfig --name`** *`<name>`*
Write the context into your kubeconfig

KUBECONFIG (cont.)

`kind` **`create cluster --kubeconfig`** *`<file>`*
Write to a separate file
Loads only that file; KUBECONFIG merges several.

DEBUGGING

`kind` **`export logs`** *`<dir>`*
Dump node and pod logs to a folder

`docker exec -it `*`<name>`***`-control-plane bash`**
Shell into a node

`docker ps --filter name=`*`<name>`*
See the node containers

`KIND_EXPERIMENTAL_PROVIDER=podman kind create cluster`
Use Podman instead of Docker
Podman and nerdctl run rootless and need extra setup.

`kind` **`create cluster -v 5`**
Verbose output

Behind a proxy, set HTTP_PROXY, HTTPS_PROXY and NO_PROXY before creating the cluster.

RECIPES

Three nodes with ports 80 and 443

```
cat <<EOF > kind.yaml
kind: Cluster
apiVersion: kind.x-k8s.io/
v1alpha4
nodes:
- role: control-plane
  extraPortMappings:
  - {containerPort: 80,
hostPort: 80}
  - {containerPort: 443,
hostPort: 443}
- role: worker
- role: worker
EOF
kind create cluster --name dev
--config kind.yaml
```

Test a local image

```
docker build -t myapp:dev .
kind load docker-image
myapp:dev --name dev
kubectl create deployment myapp
--image=myapp:dev
# set imagePullPolicy:
IfNotPresent so it is not
pulled
```

Throwaway CI cluster

```
kind create cluster --name ci
--wait 5m
kubectl --context kind-ci get
nodes
# run tests ...
kind export logs ./logs --name
ci
kind delete cluster --name ci
```