

## Getting Started with Flink

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# Deploying a Flink application

This Getting Started guide walks you through how to deploy a Flink application on a Kubernetes cluster using the CSA Operator.

## What is Apache Flink?

Flink is a distributed processing engine and a scalable data analytics framework. You can use Flink to process data streams at a large scale and to deliver real-time analytical insights about your processed data with your streaming application.

Flink is designed to run in all common cluster environments, perform computations at in-memory speed and at any scale. Furthermore, Flink provides communication, fault tolerance, and data distribution for distributed computations over data streams. A large variety of enterprises choose Flink as a stream processing platform due to its ability to handle scale, stateful stream processing, and event time.

## About this task

This Getting Started guide walks you through how to deploy a Flink application on a Kubernetes cluster using the CSA Operator. The Getting Started guide uses the Flink Kubernetes Tutorial from the *Flink tutorials public repository*.



**Note:** The following steps require internet connectivity. In an air-gapped environment additional steps are required to build the repository. For more information, see the *Installing CSA Operator in an air-gapped environment*.

## Procedure

1. Clone the Flink Tutorials repository, and build the tutorial Docker image that contains the built Flink JAR file.

```
git clone https://github.com/cloudera/flink-tutorials.git -b CSA-OPERATOR-1.0.0
cd flink-tutorials/flink-kubernetes-tutorial
mvn clean package
docker build -t flink-kubernetes-tutorial .
```

2. Tag the tutorial image to attach the required information about the Docker registry that you will use in the next step.

```
docker image tag flink-kubernetes-tutorial [***REGISTRY HOST***]:[***PORT***]/[***PROJECT***]/flink-kubernetes-tutorial:latest
```

3. Push the newly tagged tutorial image to your Docker registry. This way the Kubernetes nodes can download the image from the (local or public) Docker registry.

```
docker push [***REGISTRY HOST***]:[***PORT***]/[***PROJECT***]/flink-kubernetes-tutorial:latest
```

You will see the Image successfully pushed message when the image is correctly pushed.

4. Create the FlinkDeployment configuration file by saving the following example as flink-deployment.yaml. Make sure to set spec.image to the image that you have pushed in the previous step.

```
apiVersion: flink.apache.org/v1beta1
kind: FlinkDeployment
metadata:
  name: flink-kubernetes-tutorial
spec:
```

```

image: [***REGISTRY HOST***]:[***PORT***]/[***PROJECT***]/flink-kuber
netes-tutorial:latest
flinkVersion: vl_18
flinkConfiguration:
  taskmanager.numberOfTaskSlots: "4"
serviceAccount: flink
mode: native
jobManager:
  resource:
    memory: "2048m"
    cpu: 1
taskManager:
  resource:
    memory: "2048m"
    cpu: 1
job:
  args: ["--rowsPerSec", "10"]
  jarURI: local:///opt/flink/usrlib/flink-kubernetes-tutorial.jar
  parallelism: 4
  state: running
  upgradeMode: stateless

```

5. Run the Flink job by applying the FlinkDeployment configuration file to the cluster using the following command:

```
kubectl -n flink apply -f flink-deployment.yaml
```

The Flink Operator automatically recognizes the new resource and starts the execution of the Flink job, which is reflected by JOB STATUS switching to RUNNING:

```

kubectl -n flink get FlinkDeployment
NAME                                JOB STATUS  LIFECYCLE STATE
flink-kubernetes-tutorial          RUNNING     STABLE

```

6. Configure access to the Flink Dashboard at <http://localhost:8081> (or IP address/domain name of your machine, if it differs from localhost) using port-forwarding with the following command:

```
kubectl -n flink port-forward service/flink-kubernetes-tutorial-rest 8081:8081
```

All requests to the <http://localhost:8081> URL will be forwarded to the Flink service while the kubectl command is running. To stop the port-forwarding, exit the kubectl command by pressing CTRL+C.

### Related Information

[Flink tutorials public repository](#)

[Installing CSA Operator in an air-gapped environment](#)