

Secret

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Secret in kubernetes

- A Secret is an object that contains a small amount of sensitive data such as a password, a token, or a key.
- Pod to use a Secret:
 - As [files](#) in a [volume](#) mounted on one or more of its containers.
 - As [container environment variable](#).
- You can specify the data and/or the stringData field when creating a configuration file for a Secret. The data and the stringData fields are optional.
- Individual secrets are limited to 1MiB in size.

Secret in Data/StringData

- The `kubernetes.io/basic-auth` type is provided for storing credentials needed for basic authentication. When using this Secret type, the data field of the Secret must contain one of the following two keys:
 - `username`: the user name for authentication
 - `password`: the password or token for authentication
- Both values for the above two keys are base64 encoded strings. You can, of course, provide the clear text content using the `stringData` for Secret creation.

Manifest file

apiVersion: v1

kind: Secret

metadata:

 name: secret-basic-auth

type: kubernetes.io/basic-auth

stringData:

 username: admin # required field for kubernetes.io/basic-auth

 password: t0p-Secret # required field for kubernetes.io/basic-auth

Ssh authentication security

- The builtin type `kubernetes.io/ssh-auth` is provided for storing data used in SSH authentication. When using this Secret type, you will have to specify a `ssh-privatekey` key-value pair in the data (or `stringData`) field as the SSH credential to use.

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: secret-ssh-auth
type: kubernetes.io/ssh-auth
data:
  # the data is abbreviated in this example
  ssh-privatekey: |
    MIIEpQIBAAKCAQEAlqb/Y ...
```

TLS Secret

- Kubernetes provides a builtin Secret type `kubernetes.io/tls` for storing a certificate and its associated key that are typically used for TLS.
- Using this type of Secret, the `tls.key` and the `tls.crt` key must be provided in the `data` field of the Secret configuration

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: secret-tls
type: kubernetes.io/tls
data:
  # the data is abbreviated in this example
  tls.crt: |
    MIIC2DCCAcCgAwIBAgIBATANBgkqh ...
  tls.key: |
    MIIEpgIBAAKCAQE7yn3bRHQ5FHMQ ...
```

BootStrap Token

- A bootstrap token Secret can be created by explicitly specifying the Secret type to `bootstrap.kubernetes.io/token`. This type of Secret is designed for tokens used during the node bootstrap process.

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: bootstrap-token-5emitj
  namespace: kube-system
type: bootstrap.kubernetes.io/token
data:
  auth-extra-groups: c3lzdGVtOmJvb3RzdHJhcHB1cnM6a3ViZWFKbTpkZWZhdWx0LW5vZGUTdG9rZW4=
  expiration: MjAyMC0wOS0xM1QwNDozOToxMFo=
  token-id: NwVtaXRq
  token-secret: a3E0Z2l0dnN6emduMXAwcg==
  usage-bootstrap-authentication: dHJ1ZQ==
  usage-bootstrap-signing: dHJ1ZQ==
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token-id: A random 6 character string as the token identifier. Required.

token-secret: A random 16 character string as the actual token secret. Required.

description: A human-readable string that describes what the token is used for. Optional.

expiration: An absolute UTC time using RFC3339 specifying when the token should be expired. Optional.

usage-bootstrap-<usage>: A boolean flag indicating additional usage for the bootstrap token.

auth-extra-groups: A comma-separated list of group names that will be authenticated as in addition to the system:bootstrappers group.

Secret using kubectl command

- [echo -n 'admin' > ./username.txt](#)
- [echo -n '1f2d1e2e67df' > ./password.txt](#)
- <https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/configmap-secret/managing-secret-using-kubectl/>
- kubectl create secret generic db-user-pass \
--from-file=./username.txt \
--from-file=./password.txt