

Certificate Creation:

→ kubernetes certificate creations:

- First use OpenSSL to create a private key using following command:

```
openssl genrsa -out ca.key 2048 ↵
```

- Now we will create a certificate signing request:

```
openssl req -new -key ca.key -subj "/CN=KUBERNETES-CA"  
-out ca.csr ↵
```

- Now we sign the certificate using x509 command. Self signing can be done by supplying the signing key as your own private key

```
openssl x509 -req ca.csr -signkey ca.key -out ca.crt ↵
```

- Now to create client certificate, we do the same thing but for a user or client

① generate key using openssl:

```
openssl genrsa -out admin.key 2048
```

② generate a CSR

```
openssl req -new -key admin.key -subj \
"/CN=kube-admin" -out admin.csr
```

* The name "kube-admin" can be anything

▷ But that is the name client uses to authenticate

▷ This is the name that you will see in logs. so use something relevant

③ generate a signed certificate. But here we will use CA certificate and CA key

```
openssl x509 -req -in admin.csr -CA ca.crt -CAkey ca.key \
-out admin.crt
```

→ To differentiate between admin user and other users, you can specify extra parameters in certificate signing request to specify group

An example of using certificates

→ when making a request, we can now use the key, certificate and ca certificate to authenticate any request:

```
curl https://<ip>:6443/api/v1/pods \
--key admin.key --cert admin.crt \
--cacert ca.crt ↵
```

→ If there are many domain names, all the names need to be specified in the certificate signing request or in a config

file to used for CSR.

To Add a new user kube cluster

→ The user first creates a CSR certificate using following 2 steps

→ `openssl genrsa -out jane.key 2048` ↩

→ `openssl req -new jane.key -subj "/CN=jane" -out jane.csr`

→ The admin takes the CSR file and creates an object of type certificate signing request

→ This object is created like any other kube object, using a manifest file yaml

→ The `request` field in the yaml file should be the content of the `-csr` file that was created (but encoded as base64)

→ kube admin can use following command to see all the requests

`kubectl get csr` ↩

→ Admin can approve using

`krbctl certificate approve (name) ←`

→ Krbc signs the certificate using CA key pair and generates a certificate for user
This can be extracted and shared w/ user
→ To view the certificate

`krbctl get csr (name) -o yaml ←`

The certificate is in the **status** field and is Base64 encoded. Decode the content to extract the certificate

- All certificate related operations is managed by **KCM**
- The CA server root certificates are specified in KCM description