

# Kubeconfig

- Any request to the Kubeapiserver needs to be authenticated using client key, client certificate and CA cert.
  - they can be supplied through the command line or for the curl command, can be supplied as header
  - For kubectl, it is tedious to type out the file everytime. So, there is a facility to provide a file with all the values as --kubeconfig file
  - By default, kubectl looks for config file at **\$HOME/.kube/config**
  - The config file is json formatted file that contains info about clusters, contexts, users etc.
  - There can be multiple kubeconfig file in a system. Kubeconfig that is not default can be specified using --kubeconfig flag on kubectl command.
  - The default location of the config can be updated by updating **KUBECONFIG** variable without overwriting or changing the default kubeconfig.

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