



# developers documentation

your secret weapon

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**since we only have 25 minutes...**





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*yes, I'm quoting myself*

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Some documentation is so bad it almost puts me off wanting to use whatever it is I'm looking for.

But sometimes.... I can't just move on to another thing 🧐

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**Brian P. Hogan**

@bphogan

I am in the foulest of foul moods.

I have attempted to get local versions of three open source learning management systems running locally by following their docs, and they all failed.

Every single one.

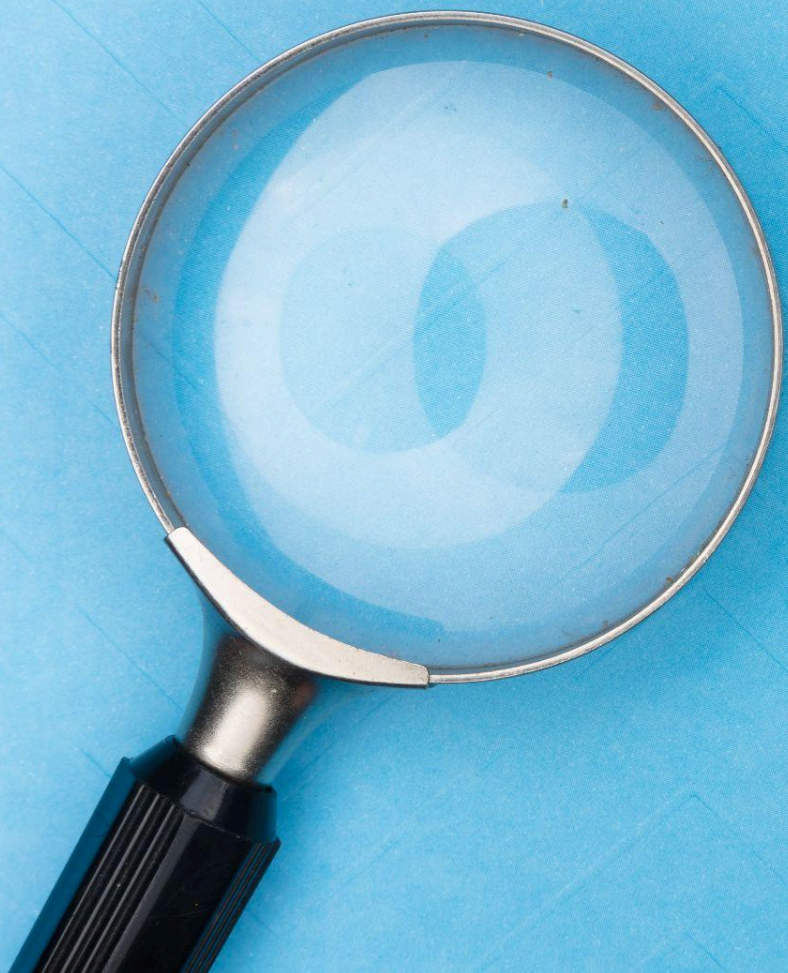
Bad documentation wastes so much time.

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# Install kubefirst From the CLI

Using the CLI to create your cluster directly without using the UI is a perfect alternative for automation. The end result will be the same, a new production-ready management Kubernetes cluster, but you won't have access to the useful additional features available within the UI.

## Prerequisites

### kubefirst

[macOS & Linux \(Homebrew\)](#)   [Linux \(manually\)](#)   [Windows](#)

If you are on macOS or Linux, and have [Homebrew](#) installed, you can run:

```
brew install kubefirst/tools/kubefirst
```

To upgrade an existing kubefirst CLI to the latest version run:

```
brew update
brew upgrade kubefirst
```

## Docker Desktop

Install Docker Desktop.

### INFO

If you are a Windows user, you need to be sure to enable Docker support in WSL2 distributions. More information in the [Docker documentation](#).

### Docker Resources Allocation

The more resources you give Docker, the faster your cluster creation will go, but here are the minimum requirements:

- CPU: 5 Cores
- Memory (RAM): 5 GB
- Swap: 1 GB
- Virtual Disk limit (for Docker images & containers): 10 GB

If you pull multiple images from Docker Hub, you may reach the [rate limit](#): to help this issue not happening, we suggest you log in to your account (you can [create a free one](#)) in Docker Desktop. At the time of writing this docs, the limit is doubled when signed in.

## Civo Prerequisites

For kubefirst to be able to provision your Civo cloud resources:

- A [Civo account](#) in which you are an account owner.
- A publicly routable DNS.
- A [Civo token](#).

### INFO

kubefirst is keeping low the resources needed to create your Kubernetes cluster, but if you are already using Civo, note that you may have exceeding quota issues during the creation process.

Civo has a quota based on a combined allocation of instances/Kubernetes nodes, CPUs, RAM usage, and other resources. All customers start with a [basic quota level](#), but you can [request quota increase](#).

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## GitHub Prerequisites

- A [GitHub organisation](#).
- A GitHub [personal access token](#) for your `kbot` account.

## Create your new kubefirst cluster

Adjust the following command with your GitHub and Civo tokens in addition to the appropriate values for your new platform.

```
export GITHUB_TOKEN=ghp_XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
export CIVO_TOKEN=XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
```

```
kubefirst civo create \
  --alerts-email yourdistro@your-company.io \
  --github-org your-github-org \
  --domain-name your-domain.io \
  --cluster-name kubefirst
```



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```
78 // ... trim(preg_replace('/\\\\\\\\/', '/', $image_src), '/');
79
80 $_SESSION['_CAPTCHA']['config'] = serialize($captcha_config);
81
82 return array(
83     'code' => $captcha_config['code'],
84     'image_src' => $image_src
85 );
86
87
88 if( !function_exists('hex2rgb') ) {
89     function hex2rgb($hex_str, $return_string = false, $separator = ',') {
90         $hex_str = preg_replace("/[^0-9A-Fa-f]/", '', $hex_str); // Gets a proper hex string
91         $rgb_array = array();
92         if( strlen($hex_str) == 6 ) {
93             $color_val = hexdec($hex_str);
94             $rgb_array['r'] = 0xFF & ($color_val >> 0x10);
95             $rgb_array['g'] = 0xFF & ($color_val >> 0x8);
96             $rgb_array['b'] = 0xFF & $color_val;
97         } elseif( strlen($hex_str) == 3 ) {
98             $rgb_array['r'] = hexdec(str_repeat(substr($hex_str, 0, 1), 2));
99             $rgb_array['g'] = hexdec(str_repeat(substr($hex_str, 1, 1), 2));
100             $rgb_array['b'] = hexdec(str_repeat(substr($hex_str, 2, 1), 2));
101         } else {
102             return false;
103         }
104         return $return_string ? implode($separator, $rgb_array) : $rgb_array;
105     }
106 }
107
108 // Draw the image
109 if( isset($_GET['code']) ) {
110     // ...
111 }
```

**UPDATE**



**Brian P. Hogan**

@bphogan

Docs get out of date with the codebase because product does not integrate the docs into the release schedule.

Very few places will let docs block a product release. And if product allows changes right up till release day, docs will always trail.

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**container**





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