

Kubernetes: Node Affinity vs Taints & Tolerations (Explained with Multiple Scenarios)





Worker Node 1 labels:

node-type:general



Worker Node 2 labels:

node-type:high-cpu

Taint:

colour: Green



Worker Node 3

labels:

node-type:high-memory

Taint:

colour:Blue

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s	Type of Pods	Happens
1	General Pod, no affinity, no toleration	Runs in Worker Node 1
2	Pod with Node Affinity(high-cpu), no toleration (requiredDuringSchedulingIgnoreDuringExecution)	Stays unscheduled since required node is tainted
3	Pod with Node Affinity(high-cpu), no toleration (preferredDuringSchedulingIgnoreDuringExecution)	Tries to place in high- cpu node as pod not has toleration it goes to 1
4	Pod withTolerations: colour: Green, no affinity	Scheduled on 1 or 2
5	Pod with Tolerations: colour: Green, colour: Blue, no affinity	Scheduled on any node (1 or 2 or 3)
6	Pod with Node Affinity(high-cpu) (requiredDuringSchedulingIgnoreDuringExecution) & Toleratons: colour: Green	Scheduled on Worker Node 2