

# Installation overview

**Astra Control Center** 

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# Installation overview

Choose and complete one of the following Astra Control Center installation procedures:

- Install Astra Control Center using the standard process
- (If you use Red Hat OpenShift) Install Astra Control Center using OpenShift OperatorHub
- Install Astra Control Center with a Cloud Volumes ONTAP storage backend

# Install Astra Control Center using the standard process

To install Astra Control Center, download the installation bundle from the NetApp Support Site and perform the following steps to install Astra Control Center Operator and Astra Control Center in your environment. You can use this procedure to install Astra Control Center in internet-connected or air-gapped environments.

For Red Hat OpenShift environments, you can use an alternative procedure to install Astra Control Center using OpenShift OperatorHub.

### What you'll need

- Before you begin installation, prepare your environment for Astra Control Center deployment.
- If you have configured or want to configure pod security policies in your environment, familiarize yourself
  with pod security policies and how they affect Astra Control Center installation. See Understand pod
  security policy restrictions.
- Ensure all cluster operators are in a healthy state and available.

```
kubectl get clusteroperators
```

• Ensure all API services are in a healthy state and available:

```
kubectl get apiservices
```

- Ensure the Astra FQDN you plan to use is routable to this cluster. This means that you either have a DNS entry in your internal DNS server or you are using a core URL route that is already registered.
- If a cert-manager already exists in the cluster, you need to perform some prerequisite steps so that Astra Control Center does not install its own cert-manager.

#### About this task

The Astra Control Center installation process does the following:

- Installs the Astra components into the netapp-acc (or custom-named) namespace.
- · Creates a default account.
- Establishes a default administrative user email address and default one-time password. This user is assigned the Owner role in the system that is needed for first time login to the UI.
- Helps you determine that all Astra Control Center pods are running.
- · Installs the Astra UI.



(Applies to the Astra Data Store Early Access Program (EAP) release only) If you intend to manage Astra Data Store using Astra Control Center and enable VMware workflows, deploy Astra Control Center only on the poloud namespace and not on the netapp-acc namespace or a custom namespace described in the steps of this procedure.



Do not execute the following command during the entirety of the installation process to avoid deleting all Astra Control Center pods: kubectl delete -f astra control center operator deploy.yaml



If you are using Red Hat's Podman instead of Docker Engine, Podman commands can be used in place of Docker commands.

### **Steps**

To install Astra Control Center, do the following steps:

- Download and unpack the Astra Control Center bundle
- Install the NetApp Astra kubectl plugin
- · Add the images to your local registry
- Set up namespace and secret for registries with auth requirements
- Install the Astra Control Center operator
- Configure Astra Control Center
- Complete Astra Control Center and operator installation
- Verify system status
- · Set up ingress for load balancing
- Log in to the Astra Control Center UI

# Download and unpack the Astra Control Center bundle

- 1. Download the Astra Control Center bundle (astra-control-center-[version].tar.gz) from the NetApp Support Site.
- 2. Download the zip of Astra Control Center certificates and keys from the NetApp Support Site.
- 3. (Optional) Use the following command to verify the signature of the bundle:

```
openssl dgst -sha256 -verify AstraControlCenter-public.pub -signature astra-control-center-[version].tar.gz.sig astra-control-center-[version].tar.gz
```

4. Extract the images:

```
tar -vxzf astra-control-center-[version].tar.gz
```

### Install the NetApp Astra kubectl plugin

The NetApp Astra kubectl command line plugin saves time when performing common tasks associated with deploying and upgrading Astra Control Center.

### What you'll need

NetApp provides binaries for the plugin for different CPU architectures and operating systems. You need to know which CPU and operating system you have before you perform this task. On Linux and Mac operating systems, you can use the uname -a command to gather this information.

### Steps

1. List the available NetApp Astra kubectl plugin binaries, and note the name of the file you need for your operating system and CPU architecture:

```
ls kubectl-astra/
```

2. Copy the file to the same location as the standard kubectl utility. In this example, the kubectl utility is located in the /usr/local/bin directory. Replace <binary-name> with the name of the file you need:

```
cp kubectl-astra/<binary-name> /usr/local/bin/kubectl-astra
```

# Add the images to your local registry

1. Change to the Astra directory:

```
cd acc
```

- 2. Push the package images in the Astra Control Center image directory to your local registry. Make the following substitutions before running the command:
  - Replace BUNDLE\_FILE with the name of the Astra Control bundle file (for example, acc.manifest.bundle.yaml).
  - Replace MY\_REGISTRY with the URL of the Docker repository.
  - Replace MY\_REGISTRY\_USER and MY\_REGISTRY\_PASSWORD with the credentials for the repository.

```
kubectl astra packages push-images -m BUNDLE_FILE -r MY_REGISTRY -u
MY_REGISTRY_USER -p MY_REGISTRY_PASSWORD
```

# Set up namespace and secret for registries with auth requirements

- 1. If you use a registry that requires authentication, you need to do the following:
  - a. Create the netapp-acc-operator namespace:

kubectl create ns netapp-acc-operator

### Response:

```
namespace/netapp-acc-operator created
```

b. Create a secret for the netapp-acc-operator namespace. Add Docker information and run the following command:

```
kubectl create secret docker-registry astra-registry-cred -n netapp-
acc-operator --docker-server=[your_registry_path] --docker
-username=[username] --docker-password=[token]
```

### Sample response:

```
secret/astra-registry-cred created
```

c. Create the netapp-acc (or custom named) namespace.

```
kubectl create ns [netapp-acc or custom namespace]
```

### Sample response:

```
namespace/netapp-acc created
```

d. Create a secret for the netapp-acc (or custom named) namespace. Add Docker information and run the following command:

```
kubectl create secret docker-registry astra-registry-cred -n [netapp-
acc or custom namespace] --docker-server=[your_registry_path]
--docker-username=[username] --docker-password=[token]
```

### Response

```
secret/astra-registry-cred created
```

e. (Optional) If you want the cluster to be automatically managed by Astra Control Center after installation, make sure that you provide the kubeconfig as a secret within the Astra Control Center namespace you intend to deploy into using this command:

kubectl create secret generic [acc-kubeconfig-cred or custom secret
name] --from-file=<path-to-your-kubeconfig> -n [netapp-acc or custom
namespace]

### **Install the Astra Control Center operator**

1. Edit the Astra Control Center operator deployment YAML (astra\_control\_center\_operator\_deploy.yaml) to refer to your local registry and secret.

```
vim astra_control_center_operator_deploy.yaml
```



An annotated sample YAML follows these steps.

a. If you use a registry that requires authentication, replace the default line of imagePullSecrets: [] with the following:

```
imagePullSecrets:
   - name: <name_of_secret_with_creds_to_local_registry>
```

- b. Change [your\_registry\_path] for the kube-rbac-proxy image to the registry path where you pushed the images in a previous step.
- c. Change [your\_registry\_path] for the acc-operator-controller-manager image to the registry path where you pushed the images in a previous step.
- d. (For installations using Astra Data Store preview) See this known issue regarding storage class provisioners and additional changes you will need to make to the YAML.

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  labels:
    control-plane: controller-manager
  name: acc-operator-controller-manager
 namespace: netapp-acc-operator
spec:
 replicas: 1
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      control-plane: controller-manager
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        control-plane: controller-manager
    spec:
      containers:
      - args:
        - --secure-listen-address=0.0.0.0:8443
        - --upstream=http://127.0.0.1:8080/
        - --logtostderr=true
        - -v=10
        image: [your registry path]/kube-rbac-proxy:v4.8.0
        name: kube-rbac-proxy
        ports:
        - containerPort: 8443
         name: https
      - args:
        - --health-probe-bind-address=:8081
        - --metrics-bind-address=127.0.0.1:8080
        - --leader-elect
        command:
        - /manager
        env:
        - name: ACCOP LOG LEVEL
          value: "2"
        image: [your registry path]/acc-operator:[version x.y.z]
        imagePullPolicy: IfNotPresent
      imagePullSecrets: []
```

2. Install the Astra Control Center operator:

```
kubectl apply -f astra_control_center_operator_deploy.yaml
```

### Sample response:

```
namespace/netapp-acc-operator created
customresourcedefinition.apiextensions.k8s.io/astracontrolcenters.astra.
netapp.io created
role.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/acc-operator-leader-election-role created
clusterrole.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/acc-operator-manager-role created
clusterrole.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/acc-operator-metrics-reader
created
clusterrole.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/acc-operator-proxy-role created
rolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/acc-operator-leader-election-
rolebinding created
clusterrolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/acc-operator-manager-
rolebinding created
clusterrolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/acc-operator-proxy-
rolebinding created
configmap/acc-operator-manager-config created
service/acc-operator-controller-manager-metrics-service created
deployment.apps/acc-operator-controller-manager created
```

### **Configure Astra Control Center**

1. Edit the Astra Control Center custom resource (CR) file (astra\_control\_center\_min.yaml) to make account, autoSupport, registry, and other necessary configurations:



astra\_control\_center\_min.yaml is the default CR and is suitable for most installations. Familiarize yourself with all CR options and their potential values to ensure you deploy Astra Control Center correctly for your environment. If additional customizations are required for your environment, you can use astra\_control\_center.yaml as an alternative CR.

vim astra control center min.yaml



If you are using a registry that does not require authorization, you must delete the secret line within imageRegistry or the installation will fail.

- a. Change [your\_registry\_path] to the registry path where you pushed the images in the previous step.
- b. Change the accountName string to the name you want to associate with the account.
- c. Change the astraAddress string to the FQDN you want to use in your browser to access Astra. Do not use http://orhttps://in the address. Copy this FQDN for use in a later step.
- d. Change the email string to the default initial administrator address. Copy this email address for use in a later step.

- e. Change enrolled for AutoSupport to false for sites without internet connectivity or retain true for connected sites.
- f. If you use an external cert-manager, add the following lines to spec:

```
spec:
  crds:
  externalCertManager: true
```

- g. (Optional) Add a first name firstName and last name lastName of the user associated with the account. You can perform this step now or later within the UI.
- h. (Optional) Change the storageClass value to another Trident storageClass resource if required by your installation.
- i. (Optional) If you want the cluster to be automatically managed by Astra Control Center after installation and you have already created the secret containing the kubeconfig for this cluster, provide the name of the secret by adding a new field to this YAML file called astraKubeConfigSecret: "acckubeconfig-cred or custom secret name"
- j. Complete one of the following steps:
  - Other ingress controller (ingressType:Generic): This is the default action with Astra Control Center. After Astra Control Center is deployed, you will need to configure the ingress controller to expose Astra Control Center with a URL.

The default Astra Control Center installation sets up its gateway (service/traefik) to be of the type ClusterIP. This default installation requires you to additionally set up a Kubernetes IngressController/Ingress to route traffic to it. If you want to use an ingress, see Set up ingress for load balancing.

• Service load balancer (ingressType:AccTraefik): If you don't want to install an IngressController or create an Ingress resource, set ingressType to AccTraefik.

This deploys the Astra Control Center traefik gateway as a Kubernetes LoadBalancer type service.

Astra Control Center uses a service of the type "LoadBalancer" (svc/traefik in the Astra Control Center namespace), and requires that it be assigned an accessible external IP address. If load balancers are permitted in your environment and you don't already have one configured, you can use MetalLB or another external service load balancer to assign an external IP address to the service. In the internal DNS server configuration, you should point the chosen DNS name for Astra Control Center to the load-balanced IP address.



For details about the service type of "LoadBalancer" and ingress, see Requirements.

```
apiVersion: astra.netapp.io/v1
kind: AstraControlCenter
metadata:
  name: astra
spec:
  accountName: "Example"
  astraVersion: "ASTRA VERSION"
  astraAddress: "astra.example.com"
  astraKubeConfigSecret: "acc-kubeconfig-cred or custom secret name"
  ingressType: "Generic"
  autoSupport:
    enrolled: true
  email: "[admin@example.com]"
  firstName: "SRE"
  lastName: "Admin"
  imageRegistry:
    name: "[your registry path]"
    secret: "astra-registry-cred"
  storageClass: "ontap-gold"
```

# **Complete Astra Control Center and operator installation**

1. If you didn't already do so in a previous step, create the netapp-acc (or custom) namespace:

```
kubectl create ns [netapp-acc or custom namespace]
```

### Sample response:

```
namespace/netapp-acc created
```

2. Install Astra Control Center in the netapp-acc (or your custom) namespace:

```
kubectl apply -f astra_control_center_min.yaml -n [netapp-acc or custom
namespace]
```

### Sample response:

```
astracontrolcenter.astra.netapp.io/astra created
```

# **Verify system status**



If you prefer to use OpenShift, you can use comparable oc commands for verification steps.

1. Verify that all system components installed successfully.

```
kubectl get pods -n [netapp-acc or custom namespace]
```

Each pod should have a status of Running. It may take several minutes before the system pods are deployed.

# Sample response

NAME	READY	STATUS	
RESTARTS AGE			
acc-helm-repo-5f75c5f564-bzqmt	1/1	Running	0
11m			
activity-6b8f7cccb9-mlrn4	1/1	Running	0
9m2s			
api-token-authentication-6hznt	1/1	Running	0
8m50s			
api-token-authentication-qpfgb	1/1	Running	0
8m50s			
api-token-authentication-sqnb7	1/1	Running	0
8m50s		_	
asup-5578bbdd57-dxkbp	1/1	Running	0
9m3s		3	
authentication-56bff4f95d-mspmq	1/1	Running	0
7m31s	ŕ	. ,	
bucketservice-6f7968b95d-9rrrl	1/1	Running	0
8m36s	_, _	- 1 (3-1-1-2-1-9	Ü
cert-manager-5f6cf4bc4b-82khn	1/1	Running	0
6m19s	± / ±	1(0111111111111111111111111111111111111	Ü
cert-manager-cainjector-76cf976458-sdrbc	1/1	Running	0
6m19s	Τ/ Τ	ranning	O
cert-manager-webhook-5b7896bfd8-2n45j	1/1	Running	0
6m19s	±/,±	Rumming	O
certificates-1a599d9f76-ab6sk	2/2	Running	0
8m35s	2/2	Rullilling	U
	2/2	Dunning	0
certificates-1a599d9f76-ab8fj 8m52s	2/2	Running	0
	C-1 1/1	D	0
certificates-expiry-check-123312101-fc26	6j 1/1	Running	0
8m19s	1 /1		0
cloud-extension-749d9f684c-8bdhq	1/1	Running	0
9m6s	1 / 1		0
cloud-insights-service-7d58687d9-h5tzw	1/1	Running	2
8m56s	- 1 -	_	0
composite-compute-968c79cb5-nv714	1/1	Running	0
9m11s			
composite-volume-7687569985-jg9gg	1/1	Running	0
8m33s			
credentials-5c9b75f4d6-nx9cz	1/1	Running	0
8m42s			
entitlement-6c96fd8b78-zt7f8	1/1	Running	0
8m28s			
features-5f7bfc9f68-gsjnl	1/1	Running	0
8m57s			

fluent-bit-ds-h88p7		1/1	Running	0
7m22s		1 /1	D	0
fluent-bit-ds-krhnj 7m23s		1/1	Running	0
fluent-bit-ds-15bjj		1/1	Running	0
7m22s		± / ±	ramining	
fluent-bit-ds-lrclb		1/1	Running	0
7m23s			J	
fluent-bit-ds-s5t4n		1/1	Running	0
7m23s				
fluent-bit-ds-zpr6v		1/1	Running	0
7m22s		1 /1	- ·	
graphql-server-5f5976f4bd-vbb4z 7m13s		1/1	Running	0
identity-56f78b8f9f-8h9p9		1/1	Running	0
8m29s		± / ±	ramining	
influxdb2-0		1/1	Running	0
11m				
keycloak-operator-5d47896894-74c	gq5	1/1	Running	0
8m23s				
krakend-6f8d995b4d-5khkl		1/1	Running	0
7m7s		1/1	Running	0
license-5b5db87c97-jmxzc 9m		1/1	Rullillig	0
login-ui-57b57c74b8-6xtv7		1/1	Running	0
7m10s			,	
loki-0		1/1	Running	0
11m				
metrics-facade-db5c565d-5rncg		2/2	Running	0
7m39s		0.40		
monitoring-operator-9dbc9c76d-8z7m33s	znck	2/2	Running	0
nats-0		1/1	Running	0
11m		-/-		
nats-1		1/1	Running	0
10m				
nats-2		1/1	Running	0
10m				
nautilus-6b9d88bc86-h8kfb		1/1	Running	0
8m6s nautilus-6b9d88bc86-vn68r		1 /1	Dunning	0
nautilus-6090880C86-Vn68r 8m35s		1/1	Running	0
openapi-b87d77dd8-5dz9h		1/1	Running	0
9m7s		·	9	
packages-94b56b6b8-jb9rk		2/2	Running	0
10m				

polaris-consul-server-0	1/1	Running	0
polaris-consul-consul-server-1	1/1	Running	0
polaris-consul-consul-server-2	1/1	Running	0
polaris-keycloak-0 7m22s	1/1	Running	0
polaris-keycloak-1 7m19s	1/1	Running	0
polaris-keycloak-2 7m17s	1/1	Running	0
polaris-keycloak-db-0 7m16s	1/1	Running	0
polaris-keycloak-db-1 7m13s	1/1	Running	0
polaris-keycloak-db-2 7m10s	1/1	Running	0
polaris-mongodb-0	2/2	Running	0
polaris-mongodb-1 10m	2/2	Running	0
polaris-mongodb-2	2/2	Running	0
polaris-ui-84dc87847f-zrg8w	1/1	Running	0
7m12s polaris-vault-0	1/1	Running	0
11m polaris-vault-1	1/1	Running	0
11m polaris-vault-2	1/1	Running	0
11m public-metrics-657698b66f-67pgt	1/1	Running	0
8m47s storage-backend-metrics-6848b9fd87-w7x8r	1/1	Running	0
8m39s storage-provider-5ff5868cd5-r9hj7	1/1	Running	0
8m45s telegraf-ds-dw4hg	1/1	Running	0
7m23s telegraf-ds-k92gn	1/1	Running	0
7m23s telegraf-ds-mmxjl	1/1	Running	0
7m23s telegraf-ds-nhs8s	1/1	Running	0
7m23s			

telegraf-ds-rj7lw	1/1	Running	0
7m23s			
telegraf-ds-tqrkb	1/1	Running	0
7m23s			
telegraf-rs-9mwgj	1/1	Running	0
7m23s			
telemetry-service-56c49d689b-ffrzx	1/1	Running	0
8m42s			
tenancy-767c77fb9d-g9ctv	1/1	Running	0
8m52s			
traefik-5857d87f85-7pmx8	1/1	Running	0
6m49s			
traefik-5857d87f85-cpxgv	1/1	Running	0
5m34s			
trident-svc-595f84dd78-zb816	1/1	Running	0
8m54s			
vault-controller-86c94fbf4f-krttq	1/1	Running	0
9m24s			

2. (Optional) To ensure the installation is completed, you can watch the acc-operator logs using the following command.

```
kubectl logs deploy/acc-operator-controller-manager -n netapp-acc-operator -c manager -f
```



accHost cluster registration is one of the last operations, and if it fails it will not cause deployment to fail. In the event of a cluster registration failure indicated in the logs, you can attempt registration again through the add cluster workflow in the UI or API.

3. When all the pods are running, verify installation success by retrieving the AstraControlCenter instance installed by the Astra Control Center Operator.

```
kubectl get acc -o yaml -n [netapp-acc or custom namespace]
```

- 4. In the YAML, check the status.deploymentState field in the response for the Deployed value. If deployment was unsuccessful, an error message appears instead.
- 5. To get the one-time password you will use when you log in to Astra Control Center, copy the status.uuid value. The password is ACC-followed by the UUID value (ACC-[UUID] or, in this example, ACC-9aa5fdae-4214-4cb7-9976-5d8b4c0ce27f).

```
name: astra
 namespace: netapp-acc
 resourceVersion: "104424560"
 uid: 9aa5fdae-4214-4cb7-9976-5d8b4c0ce27f
spec:
 accountName: Example
 additionalValues: {}
 astraAddress: astra.example.com
 astraKubeConfigSecret: ""
 astraResourcesScaler: "Off"
 astraVersion: 22.08.0-18
 autoSupport:
   enrolled: true
   url: https://support.netapp.com/asupprod/post/1.0/postAsup
 avpDeploy: false
 crds: {}
 email: admin@example.com
 firstName: SRE
 imageRegistry:
    name: registry name/astra
 ingressType: AccTraefik
 lastName: Admin
 mtls:
    certDuration: 2140h0m0s
   enabled: true
status:
 accConditionHistory:
   items:
    - astraVersion: 22.08.0-18
      condition:
        lastTransitionTime: "2022-08-05T18:03:46Z"
        message: Deploying is currently in progress.
        reason: InProgress
        status: "False"
        type: Ready
      generation: 2
      observedSpec:
        accountName: Example
        additionalValues: {}
        astraAddress: astra.example.com
        astraKubeConfigSecret: ""
        astraResourcesScaler: "Off"
        astraVersion: 22.08.0-18
        autoSupport:
```

```
enrolled: true
     url: https://support.netapp.com/asupprod/post/1.0/postAsup
    crds: {}
    email: admin@example.com
   firstName: SRE
   imageRegistry:
     name: registry name/astra
   lastName: Admin
   mtls:
    certDuration: 2140h0m0s
    enabled: true
 timestamp: "2022-08-05T18:03:46Z"
- astraVersion: 22.08.0-18
 condition:
   lastTransitionTime: "2022-08-05T18:03:46Z"
   message: Deploying is currently in progress.
   reason: InProgress
   status: "True"
   type: Deploying
 generation: 2
 observedSpec:
   accountName: Example
   additionalValues: {}
   astraAddress: astra.example.com
   astraKubeConfigSecret: ""
   astraResourcesScaler: "Off"
   astraVersion: 22.08.0-18
   autoSupport:
     enrolled: true
     url: https://support.netapp.com/asupprod/post/1.0/postAsup
   avpDeploy: false
   crds: {}
   email: admin@example.com
   firstName: SRE
   imageRegistry:
     name: registry name/astra
   lastName: Admin
   mtls:
      certDuration: 2140h0m0s
     enabled: true
 timestamp: "2022-08-05T18:03:46Z"
- astraVersion: 22.08.0-18
 condition:
   lastTransitionTime: "2022-08-05T18:16:50Z"
   message: Post Install was successful
   observedGeneration: 2
```

```
reason: Complete
   status: "True"
   type: PostInstallComplete
 generation: 2
 observedSpec:
   accountName: Example
   additionalValues: {}
   astraAddress: astra.example.com
   astraKubeConfigSecret: ""
   astraResourcesScaler: "Off"
   astraVersion: 22.08.0-18
   autoSupport:
     enrolled: true
     url: https://support.netapp.com/asupprod/post/1.0/postAsup
   avpDeploy: false
   crds: {}
   email: admin@example.com
   firstName: SRE
   imageRegistry:
     name: registry name/astra
   ingressType: AccTraefik
   lastName: Admin
   mtls:
     certDuration: 2140h0m0s
     enabled: true
 timestamp: "2022-08-05T18:16:50Z"
- astraVersion: 22.08.0-18
 condition:
   lastTransitionTime: "2022-08-05T18:03:46Z"
   message: Deploying succeeded.
   reason: Complete
   status: "False"
   type: Deploying
 generation: 2
 observedSpec:
   accountName: Example
   additionalValues: {}
   astraAddress: astra.example.com
   astraKubeConfigSecret: ""
   astraResourcesScaler: "Off"
   astraVersion: 22.08.0-18
   autoSupport:
     enrolled: true
     url: https://support.netapp.com/asupprod/post/1.0/postAsup
   avpDeploy: false
   crds: {}
```

```
email: admin@example.com
    firstName: SRE
   imageRegistry:
     name: registry name/astra
   ingressType: AccTraefik
   lastName: Admin
   mtls:
     certDuration: 2140h0m0s
     enabled: true
 timestamp: "2022-08-05T18:16:50Z"
- astraVersion: 22.08.0-18
 condition:
   lastTransitionTime: "2022-08-05T18:03:46Z"
   message: Astra is deployed
   reason: Complete
   status: "True"
   type: Deployed
 generation: 2
 observedSpec:
   accountName: Example
   additionalValues: {}
   astraAddress: astra.example.com
   astraKubeConfigSecret: ""
   astraResourcesScaler: "Off"
   astraVersion: 22.08.0-18
   autoSupport:
     enrolled: true
     url: https://support.netapp.com/asupprod/post/1.0/postAsup
   avpDeploy: false
   crds: {}
   email: admin@example.com
   firstName: SRE
   imageRegistry:
     name: registry_name/astra
   ingressType: AccTraefik
   lastName: Admin
   mtls:
     certDuration: 2140h0m0s
     enabled: true
 timestamp: "2022-08-05T18:16:50Z"
- astraVersion: 22.08.0-18
 condition:
   lastTransitionTime: "2022-08-05T18:16:50Z"
   message: Astra is deployed
   reason: Complete
   status: "True"
```

```
type: Ready
    generation: 2
    observedSpec:
      accountName: Example
      additionalValues: {}
      astraAddress: astra.example.com
      astraKubeConfigSecret: ""
      astraResourcesScaler: "Off"
      astraVersion: 22.08.0-18
      autoSupport:
        enrolled: true
        url: https://support.netapp.com/asupprod/post/1.0/postAsup
      avpDeploy: false
      crds: {}
      email: admin@example.com
      firstName: SRE
      imageRegistry:
        name: registry name/astra
      ingressType: AccTraefik
      lastName: Admin
      mtls:
        certDuration: 2140h0m0s
        enabled: true
    timestamp: "2022-08-05T18:16:50Z"
certManager: deploy
cluster:
  type: OCP
 vendorVersion: 4.9.29
 version: v1.22.5+a36406b
conditions:
- lastTransitionTime: "2022-08-05T18:23:41Z"
 message: Astra is deployed
 reason: Complete
 status: "True"
 type: Ready
- lastTransitionTime: "2022-08-05T18:23:41Z"
 message: Deploying succeeded.
 reason: Complete
 status: "False"
 type: Deploying
- lastTransitionTime: "2022-08-05T18:23:41Z"
 message: Post Install was successful
 observedGeneration: 2
 reason: Complete
 status: "True"
  type: PostInstallComplete
```

```
- lastTransitionTime: "2022-08-05T18:23:41Z"
     message: Astra is deployed
     reason: Complete
     status: "True"
     type: Deployed
   deploymentState: Deployed
   observedGeneration: 2
   observedSpec:
     accountName: Example
     additionalValues: {}
     astraAddress: astra.example.com
     astraKubeConfigSecret: ""
     astraResourcesScaler: "Off"
     astraVersion: 22.08.0-18
     autoSupport:
       enrolled: true
       url: https://support.netapp.com/asupprod/post/1.0/postAsup
     avpDeploy: false
     crds: {}
     email: admin@example.com
     firstName: SRE
     imageRegistry:
       name: registry name/astra
     ingressType: AccTraefik
     lastName: Admin
     mtls:
       certDuration: 2140h0m0s
       enabled: true
   observedVersion: 22.08.0-18
   postInstall: Complete
   serviceMesh:
     type: None
   uuid: 9aa5fdae-4214-4cb7-9976-5d8b4c0ce27f
kind: List
metadata:
resourceVersion: ""
 selfLink: ""
```

# Set up ingress for load balancing

You can set up a Kubernetes ingress controller that manages external access to services, such as load balancing in a cluster.

This procedure explains how to set up an ingress controller (ingressType:Generic). This is the default action with Astra Control Center. After Astra Control Center is deployed, you will need to configure the ingress controller to expose Astra Control Center with a URL.



If you don't want to set up an ingress controller, you can set ingressType:AccTraefik). Astra Control Center uses a service of the type "LoadBalancer" (svc/traefik in the Astra Control Center namespace), and requires that it be assigned an accessible external IP address. If load balancers are permitted in your environment and you don't already have one configured, you can use MetalLB or another external service load balancer to assign an external IP address to the service. In the internal DNS server configuration, you should point the chosen DNS name for Astra Control Center to the load-balanced IP address. For details about the service type of "LoadBalancer" and ingress, see Requirements.

The steps differ depending on the type of ingress controller you use:

- · Istio ingress
- Nginx ingress controller
- · OpenShift ingress controller

### What you'll need

- The required ingress controller should already be deployed.
- The ingress class corresponding to the ingress controller should already be created.
- You are using Kubernetes versions between and including v1.19 and v1.22.

### Steps for Istio ingress

1. Configure Istio ingress.



This procedure assumes that Istio is deployed using the "default" configuration profile.

2. Gather or create the desired certificate and private key file for the Ingress Gateway.

You can use a CA-signed or self-signed certificate. The common name must be the Astra address (FQDN).

Sample command:

```
openssl req -x509 -nodes -days365-newkey rsa:2048 -keyout tls.key -out tls.crt
```

3. Create a secret tls secret name of type kubernetes.io/tls for a TLS private key and certificate in the istio-system namespace as described in TLS secrets.

Sample command:

```
kubectl create secret tls [tls secret name]
--key="tls.key"
--cert="tls.crt" -n istio-system
```



The name of the secret should match the <code>spec.tls.secretName</code> provided in <code>istio-ingress.yaml</code> file.

4. Deploy an ingress resource in netapp-acc (or custom-named) namespace using either the v1beta1 (deprecated in Kubernetes version less than or 1.22) or v1 resource type for either a deprecated or a new schema:

Output:

```
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1beta1
kind: IngressClass
metadata:
  name: istio
spec:
  controller: istio.io/ingress-controller
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1beta1
kind: Ingress
metadata:
 name: ingress
  namespace: istio-system
  ingressClassName: istio
 tls:
  - hosts:
   - <ACC addess>
    secretName: [tls secret name]
  rules:
  - host: [ACC addess]
    http:
      paths:
      - path: /
        pathType: Prefix
        backend:
          serviceName: traefik
          servicePort: 80
```

For the v1 new schema, follow this sample:

```
kubectl apply -f istio-Ingress.yaml
```

Output:

```
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: IngressClass
metadata:
  name: istio
spec:
  controller: istio.io/ingress-controller
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: Ingress
metadata:
  name: ingress
  namespace: istio-system
spec:
  ingressClassName: istio
  tls:
  - hosts:
    - <ACC addess>
    secretName: [tls secret name]
  rules:
  - host: [ACC addess]
    http:
      paths:
      - path: /
        pathType: Prefix
        backend:
          service:
            name: traefik
            port:
              number: 80
```

- 5. Deploy Astra Control Center as usual.
- 6. Check the status of the ingress:

```
kubectl get ingress -n netapp-acc

NAME CLASS HOSTS ADDRESS PORTS AGE
ingress istio astra.example.com 172.16.103.248 80, 443 1h
```

### Steps for Nginx ingress controller

- 1. Create a secret of type kubernetes.io/tls for a TLS private key and certificate in netapp-acc (or custom-named) namespace as described in TLS secrets.
- 2. Deploy an ingress resource in netapp-acc (or custom-named) namespace using either the v1beta1 (deprecated in Kubernetes version less than or 1.22) or v1 resource type for either a deprecated or a new schema:

a. For a v1beta1 deprecated schema, follow this sample:

```
apiVersion: extensions/v1beta1
kind: Ingress
metadata:
 name: ingress-acc
 namespace: [netapp-acc or custom namespace]
 annotations:
    kubernetes.io/ingress.class: [class name for nginx controller]
spec:
 tls:
  - hosts:
   - <ACC address>
    secretName: [tls secret name]
 rules:
  - host: [ACC address]
   http:
      paths:
      - backend:
        serviceName: traefik
        servicePort: 80
        pathType: ImplementationSpecific
```

b. For the v1 new schema, follow this sample:

```
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: Ingress
metadata:
  name: netapp-acc-ingress
  namespace: [netapp-acc or custom namespace]
spec:
  ingressClassName: [class name for nginx controller]
  - hosts:
    - <ACC address>
    secretName: [tls secret name]
  rules:
  - host: <ACC addess>
    http:
      paths:
        - path:
          backend:
            service:
              name: traefik
              port:
                number: 80
          pathType: ImplementationSpecific
```

### Steps for OpenShift ingress controller

- 1. Procure your certificate and get the key, certificate, and CA files ready for use by the OpenShift route.
- 2. Create the OpenShift route:

```
oc create route edge --service=traefik
--port=web -n [netapp-acc or custom namespace]
--insecure-policy=Redirect --hostname=<ACC address>
--cert=cert.pem --key=key.pem
```

# Log in to the Astra Control Center UI

After installing Astra Control Center, you will change the password for the default administrator and log in to the Astra Control Center UI dashboard.

### **Steps**

- In a browser, enter the FQDN you used in the astraAddress in the astra\_control\_center\_min.yaml CR when you installed Astra Control Center.
- 2. Accept the self-signed certificates when prompted.



You can create a custom certificate after login.

 At the Astra Control Center login page, enter the value you used for email in astra\_control\_center\_min.yaml CR when you installed Astra Control Center, followed by the onetime password (ACC-[UUID]).



If you enter an incorrect password three times, the admin account will be locked for 15 minutes.

- 4. Select Login.
- 5. Change the password when prompted.



If this is your first login and you forget the password and no other administrative user accounts have yet been created, contact NetApp Support for password recovery assistance.

6. (Optional) Remove the existing self-signed TLS certificate and replace it with a custom TLS certificate signed by a Certificate Authority (CA).

### Troubleshoot the installation

If any of the services are in Error status, you can inspect the logs. Look for API response codes in the 400 to 500 range. Those indicate the place where a failure happened.

### Steps

1. To inspect the Astra Control Center operator logs, enter the following:

```
kubectl logs --follow -n netapp-acc-operator (kubectl get pods -n netapp-acc-operator -o name) -c manager
```

### What's next

Complete the deployment by performing setup tasks.

# **Understand Astra Control Center cluster CR options**

You can use the following Astra Control Center cluster CR options to create custom configurations during deployment.

Setting	Туре	Use	Value Example	Description
astraVersion	string	Required	1.5.2	Version of AstraControlCenter to deploy. You are provided a Helm repository with a corresponding version.

Setting	Туре	Use	Value Example	Description
astraAddress	string	Required	astra.example.com	Defines how Astra will be found in the data center. This IP address and/or DNS A record must be created prior to provisioning Astra Control Center.
accountName	string	Required	Example	Astra Control Center account name. There can be only one.
email	string	Required	admin@example.co m	The username of the administrator to be added as the first user of Astra. This email address will be notified by Astra Control as events warrant.
firstName	string	Required	SRE	The first name of the administrator supporting Astra.
lastName	string	Required	Admin	The last name of the administrator supporting Astra.
storageClass	string	Optional (this is the default value)	ontap-gold	The storage class to be used for PVCs. If not set, the default storage class will be used.
volumeReclaimPolic y	Undefined	Optional	Retain	Reclaim policy to be set for persistent volumes.
astraResourcesScal er	string	Required	Default	Scaling options for AstraControlCenter Resource limits. See setting complexities to understand how this settings affects others settings.

Setting	Туре	Use	Value Example	Description
astraKubeConfigSec ret	string	Required	acc-kubeconfig-cred	If this value is present and a secret exists, the operator will attempt to add that KubeConfig to become the first managed cluster.
ingressType	string	Optional	Generic (this is the default value)	The type of ingress Astra Control Center should be configured for. Valid values are Generic and AccTraefik. See setting complexities to understand how this settings affects others settings.
avpDeploy	Boolean	Optional	true (this is the default value)	Option that allows a user to disable deployment of Astra Plugin for VMware vSphere operator.
imageRegistry	Undefined	Optional		The container image registry that is hosting the Astra application images, Astra Control Center Operator, and Astra Control Center Helm Repository.
imageRegistry.name	string	Required if you are using imageRegistry	example.registry.co m/astra	The name of the image registry. Do not prefix with protocol.
imageRegistry.secret	string	Required if you are using imageRegistry	astra-registry-cred	The name of the Kubernetes secret used to authenticate with the image registry.
autoSupport	Undefined	Required		Indicates participation status in NetApp's pro- active support application, NetApp Active IQ. An internet connection is required (port 442) and all support data is anonymized.

Setting	Туре	Use	Value Example	Description
autoSupport.enrolled	Boolean	Optional, but either enrolled or url fields must be selected	false (this value is the default)	Enrolled determines if you want to send anonymous data to NetApp for support purposes. The default election is false and indicates no support data will be sent to NetApp.
autoSupport.url	string	Optional, but either enrolled or url fields must be selected	https://support.netap p.com/asupprod/ post/1.0/postAsup	URL determines where the anonymous data will be sent.
crds	Undefined	Undefined		Options for how Astra Control Center should handle CRDs.
crds.externalTraefik	Boolean	Optional	True (this value is the default)	By default, Astra Control Center will install the required Traefik CRDs. CRDs are cluster-wide objects and installing them may have an impact on other parts of the cluster. You can use this flag to signal to Astra Control Center that these CRDs will be installed and managed by the cluster administrator outside of Astra Control Center.

Setting	Туре	Use	Value Example	Description
crds.externalCertMa nager	Boolean	Optional	True (this value is the default)	By default, Astra Control Center will install the required cert-manager CRDs. CRDs are cluster- wide objects and installing them may have an impact on other parts of the cluster. You can use this flag to signal to Astra Control Center that these CRDs will be installed and managed by the cluster administrator outside of Astra Control Center.
crds.shouldUpgrade	Boolean	Optional	Undefined	Determines if CRDs should be upgraded when Astra Control Center is upgraded.
mtls				Options for how Astra Control Center should implement service to service mTLS in the cluster. See setting complexities to understand how this settings affects others settings
mtls.enabled	Boolean	Optional	true (this value is the default)	By default, Astra Control Center uses mTLS for service-to- service communication. This option should be disabled when using a service mesh to encrypt service-to- service communication instead.

Setting	Туре	Use	Value Example	Description
mtls.certDuration	string	Optional	2140h (this value is the default duration)	The duration of time in hours to use as a certificate lifespan when issuing service TLS certificates. This setting only works when mtls.enabled is set to true.

### Configuration combinations and incompatibilities

Some Astra Control Center cluster CR configuration settings greatly affect the way Astra Control Center is installed and could conflict with other settings. The content that follows describes important configuration settings and how to avoid incompatible combinations.

#### astraResourcesScaler

By default, Astra Control Center deploys with resource requests set for most of the components within Astra. This configuration allows the Astra Control Center software stack to perform better in environments under increased application load and scale.

However, in scenarios using smaller development or test clusters, the CR field AstraResourcesScalar may be set to Off. This disables resource requests and allows for deployment on smaller clusters.

### ingressType

There are two valid values for ingressType:

- Generic
- AccTraefik

### Generic (default)

When ingressType is set to Generic, Astra Control does not install any ingress resources. The assumption is that the user has a common way of securing and routing traffic through their network to applications running on Kubernetes clusters and they want to use the same mechanisms here. When the user creates an ingress to route traffic to Astra Control, the ingress needs to point to the internal traefik service on port 80. Here is an example of an Nginx ingress resource that works with the Generic ingressType setting.

```
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: Ingress
metadata:
  name: netapp-acc-ingress
  namespace: [netapp-acc or custom namespace]
spec:
  ingressClassName: [class name for nginx controller]
  - hosts:
    - <ACC address>
    secretName: [tls secret name]
  rules:
  - host: <ACC addess>
    http:
      paths:
        - path:
          backend:
            service:
              name: traefik
              port:
                number: 80
          pathType: ImplementationSpecific
```



When mTLS is disabled using the mtls.enabled setting in the CR, you must use ingressType: Generic.

#### **AccTraefik**

When ingressType is set to AccTraefik, Astra Control Center deploys its Traefik gateway as a Kubernetes LoadBalancer type service. Users need to provide an external Load Balancer (like MetalLB) for Astra Control Center to get an external IP.

#### mtls

The settings used in the CR determine how intra-application communication is secured. It is very important for the user to know ahead of time whether they will be using a service mesh or not.

• enabled=true: When this setting is enabled, Astra will deploy an internal service-to-service communication network that secures all traffic within the application.



Do not cover Astra Control Center in a service mesh while this setting is true.

• enabled=false: When this setting is disabled, Astra Control Center will not secure internal traffic and you must secure Astra namespaces independently with a service mesh.



When mTLS is disabled using the mtls.enabled setting in the CR, you must use ingressType: Generic.



### Understand pod security policy restrictions

Astra Control Center supports privilege limitation through pod security policies (PSPs). Pod security policies enable you to limit what users or groups are able to run containers and what privileges those containers can have.

Some Kubernetes distributions, such as RKE2, have a default pod security policy that is too restrictive, and causes problems when installing Astra Control Center.

You can use the information and examples included here to understand the pod security policies that Astra Control Center creates, and configure pod security policies that provide the protection you need without interfering with Astra Control Center functions.

### **PSPs installed by Astra Control Center**

Astra Control Center creates several pod security policies during installation. Some of these are permanent, and some of them are created during certain operations and are removed once the operation is complete.

### PSPs created during installation

During Astra Control Center installation, the Astra Control Center operator installs a custom pod security policy, a Role object, and a RoleBinding object to support the deployment of Astra Control Center services in the Astra Control Center namespace.

The new policy and objects have the following attributes:

NAME			PRIV	CAPS	SELINUX	RUNASUSER
FSGROUP	SUPGROUP	READON	LYROOTFS	VOLUMES		
avp-psp			false		RunAsAny	RunAsAny
RunAsAny	RunAsAny	false		*		
netapp-ast	ra-deployment	-psp	false		RunAsAny	RunAsAny
RunAsAny	RunAsAny	false		*		
NAME netapp-ast	cra-deployment	role		CREATED <i>F</i> 2022-06-2	27T19:34:58Z	
	get rolebindi	ng				
<pre>\$ kubectl</pre>				ROLE		
\$ kubectl NAME						
NAME AGE	cra-deployment	-rb		Role/neta	app-astra-depi	loyment-role

### PSPs created during backup operations

During backup operations, Astra Control Center creates a dynamic pod security policy, a ClusterRole object,

and a RoleBinding object. These support the backup process, which happens in a separate namespace.

The new policy and objects have the following attributes:

\$ kubectl get psp NAME PRIV CAPS SELINUX RUNASUSER FSGROUP READONLYROOTFS SUPGROUP VOLUMES netapp-astra-backup false DAC READ SEARCH RunAsAny RunAsAny RunAsAny RunAsAny false \$ kubectl get role CREATED AT NAME 2022-07-21T00:00:00Z netapp-astra-backup \$ kubectl get rolebinding

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### PSPs created during cluster management

netapp-astra-backup

NAME

When you manage a cluster, Astra Control Center installs the netapp-monitoring operator in the managed cluster. This operator creates a pod security policy, a ClusterRole object, and a RoleBinding object to deploy telemetry services in the Astra Control Center namespace.

Role/netapp-astra-backup

The new policy and objects have the following attributes:

ROLE

\$ kubectl get psp NAME PRIV CAPS SELINUX RUNASUSER FSGROUP SUPGROUP READONLYROOTFS VOLUMES netapp-monitoring-psp-nkmo true AUDIT WRITE, NET ADMIN, NET RAW RunAsAny RunAsAny RunAsAny RunAsAny false \$ kubectl get role NAME CREATED AT netapp-monitoring-role-privileged 2022-07-21T00:00:00Z \$ kubectl get rolebinding NAME ROLE AGE netapp-monitoring-role-binding-privileged Role/netappmonitoring-role-privileged 2m5s

#### **Enable network communication between namespaces**

Some environments use NetworkPolicy constructs to restrict traffic between namespaces. The Astra Control Center operator, Astra Control Center, and the Astra Plugin for VMware vSphere are all in different namespaces. The services in these different namespaces need to be able to communicate with one another. To enable this communication, follow these steps.

#### **Steps**

1. Delete any NetworkPolicy resources that exist in the Astra Control Center namespace:

```
$kubectl get networkpolicy -n netapp-acc
```

2. For each NetworkPolicy object that is returned by the preceding command, use the following command to delete it. Replace <OBJECT\_NAME> with the name of the returned object:

```
$kubectl delete networkpolicy <OBJECT_NAME> -n netapp-acc
```

3. Apply the following resource file to configure the acc-avp-network-policy object to allow Astra Plugin for VMware vSphere services to make requests to Astra Control Center services. Replace the information in brackets <> with information from your environment:

```
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: acc-avp-network-policy
  namespace: <ACC NAMESPACE NAME> # REPLACE THIS WITH THE ASTRA CONTROL
CENTER NAMESPACE NAME
spec:
 podSelector: {}
  policyTypes:
    - Ingress
  ingress:
    - from:
        - namespaceSelector:
            matchLabels:
              kubernetes.io/metadata.name: <PLUGIN NAMESPACE NAME> #
REPLACE THIS WITH THE ASTRA PLUGIN FOR VMWARE VSPHERE NAMESPACE NAME
```

4. Apply the following resource file to configure the acc-operator-network-policy object to allow the Astra Control Center operator to communicate with Astra Control Center services. Replace the information in brackets <> with information from your environment:

```
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: acc-operator-network-policy
  namespace: <acc Namespace Name> # REPLACE THIS WITH THE ASTRA CONTROL
CENTER NAMESPACE NAME
spec:
  podSelector: {}
  policyTypes:
    - Ingress
  ingress:
    - from:
        - namespaceSelector:
            matchLabels:
              kubernetes.io/metadata.name: <NETAPP-ACC-OPERATOR> #
REPLACE THIS WITH THE OPERATOR NAMESPACE NAME
```

#### Remove resource limitations

Some environments use the ResourceQuotas and LimitRanges objects to prevent the resources in a namespace from consuming all available CPU and memory on the cluster. Astra Control Center does not set maximum limits, so it will not be in compliance with those resources. You need to remove them from the namespaces where you plan to install Astra Control Center.

You can use the following steps to retrieve and remove these quotas and limits. In these examples, the command output is shown immediately after the command.

#### Steps

1. Get the resource quotas in the netapp-acc namespace:

```
NAME AGE REQUEST LIMIT pods-high 16s requests.cpu: 0/20, requests.memory: 0/100Gi limits.cpu: 0/200, limits.memory: 0/1000Gi pods-low 15s requests.cpu: 0/1, requests.memory: 0/1Gi limits.cpu: 0/2, limits.memory: 0/2Gi pods-medium 16s requests.cpu: 0/10, requests.memory: 0/20Gi limits.cpu: 0/20, limits.memory: 0/200Gi
```

2. Delete all of the resource quotas by name:

```
$ kubectl delete resourcequota pods-high -n netapp-acc
resourcequota "pods-high" deleted

$ kubectl delete resourcequota pods-low -n netapp-acc
resourcequota "pods-low" deleted

$ kubectl delete resourcequota pods-medium -n netapp-acc
resourcequota "pods-medium" deleted
```

3. Get the limit ranges in the netapp-acc namespace:

4. Delete the limit ranges by name:

```
$kubectl delete limitrange cpu-limit-range -n netapp-acc
```

# Configure an external cert-manager

If a cert-manager already exists in your Kubernetes cluster, you need to perform some prerequisite steps so that Astra Control Center does not install its own cert-manager.

#### Steps

1. Confirm that you have a cert-manager installed:

```
kubectl get pods -A | grep 'cert-manager'
```

## Sample response:

```
cert-manager essential-cert-manager-84446f49d5-sf2zd 1/1
Running 0 6d5h
cert-manager essential-cert-manager-cainjector-66dc99cc56-9ldmt 1/1
Running 0 6d5h
cert-manager essential-cert-manager-webhook-56b76db9cc-fjqrq 1/1
Running 0 6d5h
```

2. Create a certificate/key pair for the astraAddress FQDN:

```
openssl req -x509 -nodes -days 365 -newkey rsa:2048 -keyout tls.key -out tls.crt
```

## Sample response:

```
Generating a 2048 bit RSA private key
.....+++
writing new private key to 'tls.key'
```

3. Create a secret with previously generated files:

```
kubectl create secret tls selfsigned-tls --key tls.key --cert tls.crt -n
<cert-manager-namespace>
```

Sample response:

```
secret/selfsigned-tls created
```

4. Create a ClusterIssuer file that is **exactly** the following but includes the namespace location where your cert-manager pods are installed:

```
apiVersion: cert-manager.io/v1
kind: ClusterIssuer
metadata:
   name: astra-ca-clusterissuer
   namespace: <cert-manager-namespace>
spec:
   ca:
    secretName: selfsigned-tls
```

```
kubectl apply -f ClusterIssuer.yaml
```

Sample response:

```
clusterissuer.cert-manager.io/astra-ca-clusterissuer created
```

5. Verify that the ClusterIssuer has come up correctly. Ready must be True before you can proceed:

```
kubectl get ClusterIssuer
```

## Sample response:

```
NAME READY AGE
astra-ca-clusterissuer True 9s
```

6. Complete the Astra Control Center installation process. There is a required configuration step for the Astra Control Center cluster YAML in which you change the CRD value to indicate that the cert-manager is externally installed. You must complete this step during installation so that Astra Control Center recognizes the external cert-manager.

# Install Astra Control Center using OpenShift OperatorHub

If you use Red Hat OpenShift, you can install Astra Control Center using the Red Hat certified operator. Use this procedure to install Astra Control Center from the Red Hat Ecosystem Catalog or using the Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform.

After you complete this procedure, you must return to the installation procedure to complete the remaining steps to verify installation success and log on.

## What you'll need

- Before you begin installation, prepare your environment for Astra Control Center deployment.
- From your OpenShift cluster, ensure all cluster operators are in a healthy state (available is true):

```
oc get clusteroperators
```

• From your OpenShift cluster, ensure all API services are in a healthy state (available is true):

```
oc get apiservices
```

- Create an FQDN address for Astra Control Center in your data center.
- Obtain the necessary permissions and access to the Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform to perform the installation steps described.
- If a cert-manager already exists in the cluster, you need to perform some prerequisite steps so that Astra Control Center does not install its own cert-manager.

#### **Steps**

- · Download and unpack the Astra Control Center bundle
- Install the NetApp Astra kubectl plugin
- · Add the images to your local registry
- · Find the operator install page

- Install the operator
- Install Astra Control Center

# **Download and unpack the Astra Control Center bundle**

- 1. Download the Astra Control Center bundle (astra-control-center-[version].tar.gz) from the NetApp Support Site.
- 2. Download the zip of Astra Control Center certificates and keys from the NetApp Support Site.
- 3. (Optional) Use the following command to verify the signature of the bundle:

```
openssl dgst -sha256 -verify AstraControlCenter-public.pub -signature astra-control-center-[version].tar.gz.sig astra-control-center-[version].tar.gz
```

4. Extract the images:

```
tar -vxzf astra-control-center-[version].tar.gz
```

# Install the NetApp Astra kubectl plugin

The NetApp Astra kubectl command line plugin saves time when performing common tasks associated with deploying and upgrading Astra Control Center.

#### What you'll need

NetApp provides binaries for the plugin for different CPU architectures and operating systems. You need to know which CPU and operating system you have before you perform this task. On Linux and Mac operating systems, you can use the <code>uname -a command</code> to gather this information.

#### **Steps**

1. List the available NetApp Astra kubectl plugin binaries, and note the name of the file you need for your operating system and CPU architecture:

```
ls kubectl-astra/
```

2. Copy the file to the same location as the standard kubectl utility. In this example, the kubectl utility is located in the /usr/local/bin directory. Replace <binary-name> with the name of the file you need:

```
cp kubectl-astra/<binary-name> /usr/local/bin/kubectl-astra
```

# Add the images to your local registry

1. Change to the Astra directory:

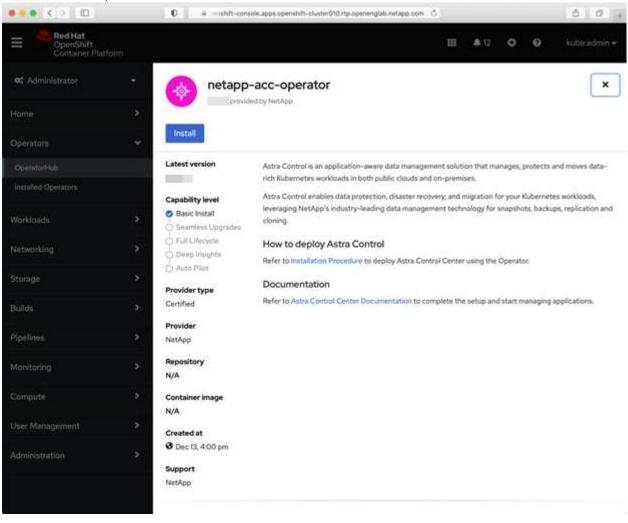
cd acc

- 2. Push the package images in the Astra Control Center image directory to your local registry. Make the following substitutions before running the command:
  - Replace BUNDLE\_FILE with the name of the Astra Control bundle file (for example, acc.manifest.bundle.yaml).
  - Replace MY\_REGISTRY with the URL of the Docker repository.
  - Replace MY\_REGISTRY\_USER and MY\_REGISTRY\_PASSWORD with the credentials for the repository.

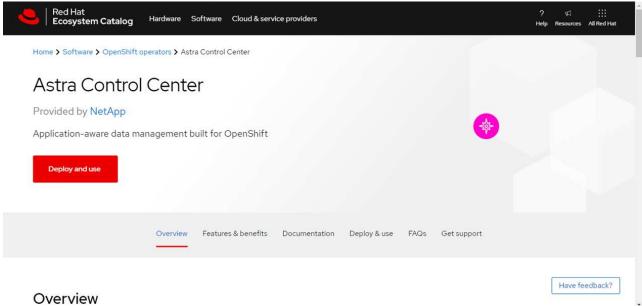
kubectl astra packages push-images -m BUNDLE\_FILE -r MY\_REGISTRY -u
MY\_REGISTRY\_USER -p MY\_REGISTRY\_PASSWORD

# Find the operator install page

- 1. Complete one of the following procedures to access the operator install page:
  - ° From Red Hat Openshift web console:



- a. Log in to the OpenShift Container Platform UI.
- b. From the side menu, select **Operators > OperatorHub**.
- c. Select the NetApp Astra Control Center operator.
- d. Select Install.
- ° From Red Hat Ecosystem Catalog:



- a. Select the NetApp Astra Control Center operator.
- b. Select **Deploy and Use**.

# Install the operator

1. Complete the **Install Operator** page and install the operator:



The operator will be available in all cluster namespaces.

- a. Select the operator namespace or netapp-acc-operator namespace will be created automatically as part of the operator installation.
- b. Select a manual or automatic approval strategy.



Manual approval is recommended. You should only have a single operator instance running per cluster.

c. Select Install.



If you selected a manual approval strategy, you will be prompted to approve the manual install plan for this operator.

2. From the console, go to the OperatorHub menu and confirm that the operator installed successfully.

#### **Install Astra Control Center**

1. From the console within the details view of the Astra Control Center operator, select Create instance in

the Provided APIs section.

- 2. Complete the Create AstraControlCenter form field:
  - a. Keep or adjust the Astra Control Center name.
  - b. (Optional) Enable or disable Auto Support. Retaining Auto Support functionality is recommended.
  - c. Enter the Astra Control Center address. Do not enter http://orhttps://in the address.
  - d. Enter the Astra Control Center version; for example, 21.12.60.
  - e. Enter an account name, email address, and admin last name.
  - f. Retain the default volume reclaim policy.
  - g. In **Image Registry**, enter your local container image registry path. Do not enter http://orhttps://in the address.
  - h. If you use a registry that requires authentication, enter the secret.
  - i. Enter the admin first name.
  - j. Configure resources scaling.
  - k. Retain the default storage class.
  - I. Define CRD handling preferences.
- 3. Select Create.

#### What's next

Verify the successful installation of Astra Control Center and complete the remaining steps to log in. Additionally, you will complete the deployment by also performing setup tasks.

# Install Astra Control Center with a Cloud Volumes ONTAP storage backend

With Astra Control Center, you can manage your apps in a hybrid cloud environment with self-managed Kubernetes clusters and Cloud Volumes ONTAP instances. You can deploy Astra Control Center in your onpremise Kubernetes clusters or in one of the self-managed Kubernetes clusters in the cloud environment.

With one of these deployments, you can perform app data management operations using Cloud Volumes ONTAP as a storage backend. You can also configure an S3 bucket as the backup target.

To install Astra Control Center in Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Microsoft Azure with a Cloud Volumes ONTAP storage backend, perform the following steps depending on your cloud environment.

- Deploy Astra Control Center in Amazon Web Services
- Deploy Astra Control Center in Microsoft Azure

# **Deploy Astra Control Center in Amazon Web Services**

You can deploy Astra Control Center on a self-managed Kubernetes cluster hosted on an Amazon Web Services (AWS) public cloud.

Only self-managed OpenShift Container Platform (OCP) clusters are supported for deploying Astra Control Center.

## What you'll need for AWS

Before you deploy Astra Control Center in AWS, you will need the following items:

- Astra Control Center license. See Astra Control Center licensing requirements.
- Meet Astra Control Center requirements.
- NetApp Cloud Central account
- Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform (OCP) permissions (on namespace level to create pods)
- AWS credentials, Access ID and Secret Key with permissions that enable you to create buckets and connectors
- · AWS account Elastic Container Registry (ECR) access and login
- AWS hosted zone and Route 53 entry required to access the Astra Control UI

## Operational environment requirements for AWS

Astra Control Center requires the following operational environment for AWS:

Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform 4.8



Ensure that the operating environment you choose to host Astra Control Center meets the basic resource requirements outlined in the environment's official documentation.

Astra Control Center requires the following resources in addition to the environment's resource requirements:

Component	Requirement
Backend NetApp Cloud Volumes ONTAP storage capacity	At least 300GB available
Worker nodes (AWS EC2 requirement)	At least 3 worker nodes total, with 4 vCPU cores and 12GB RAM each
Load balancer	Service type "LoadBalancer" available for ingress traffic to be sent to services in the operational environment cluster
FQDN	A method for pointing the FQDN of Astra Control Center to the load balanced IP address
•	Astra Trident 21.04 or newer installed and configured and NetApp ONTAP version 9.5 or newer as a storage backend

Component	Requirement
Image registry	You must have an existing private registry, such as AWS Elastic Container Registry, to which you can push Astra Control Center build images. You need to provide the URL of the image registry where you will upload the images.  The Astra Control Center hosted cluster and the managed cluster must have access to the same image registry to be able to back up and restore apps using the Restic- based image.
Astra Trident / ONTAP configuration	Astra Control Center requires that a storage class be created and set as the default storage class. Astra Control Center supports the following ONTAP Kubernetes storage classes that are created when you import your Kubernetes cluster into NetApp Cloud Manager. These are provided by Astra Trident:  • vsaworkingenvironment-<>-ha-nas csi.trident.netapp.io  • vsaworkingenvironment-<>-ha-san csi.trident.netapp.io  • vsaworkingenvironment-<>-single-nas csi.trident.netapp.io  • vsaworkingenvironment-<>-single-san csi.trident.netapp.io



These requirements assume that Astra Control Center is the only application running in the operational environment. If the environment is running additional applications, adjust these minimum requirements accordingly.



The AWS registry token expires in 12 hours, after which you will have to renew the Docker image registry secret.

## Overview of deployment for AWS

Here is an overview of the process to install Astra Control Center for AWS with Cloud Volumes ONTAP as a storage backend.

Each of these steps is explained in more detail below.

- 1. Ensure that you have sufficient IAM permissions.
- 2. Install a RedHat OpenShift cluster on AWS.
- 3. Configure AWS.
- 4. Configure NetApp Cloud Manager.
- 5. Install Astra Control Center.

#### Ensure that you have sufficient IAM permissions

Ensure that you have sufficient IAM roles and permissions that enable you to install a RedHat OpenShift cluster and a NetApp Cloud Manager Connector.

See Initial AWS credentials.

#### Install a RedHat OpenShift cluster on AWS

Install a RedHat OpenShift Container Platform cluster on AWS.

For installation instructions, see Installing a cluster on AWS in OpenShift Container Platform.

## **Configure AWS**

Next, configure AWS to create a virtual network, set up EC2 compute instances, create an AWS S3 bucket, create an Elastic Container Register (ECR) to host the Astra Control Center images, and push the images to this registry.

Follow the AWS documentation to complete the following steps. See AWS installation documentation.

- 1. Create an AWS virtual network.
- 2. Review the EC2 compute instances. This can be a bare metal server or VMs in AWS.
- If the instance type does not already match the Astra minimum resource requirements for master and worker nodes, change the instance type in AWS to meet the Astra requirements. See Astra Control Center requirements.
- 4. Create at least one AWS S3 bucket to store your backups.
- 5. Create an AWS Elastic Container Registry (ECR) to host all the ACC images.



If you do not create the ECR, Astra Control Center cannot access monitoring data from a cluster containing Cloud Volumes ONTAP with an AWS backend. The issue is caused when the cluster you try to discover and manage using Astra Control Center does not have AWS ECR access.

Push the ACC images to your defined registry.



The AWS Elastic Container Registry (ECR) token expires after 12 hours and causes crosscluster clone operations to fail. This issue occurs when managing a storage backend from Cloud Volumes ONTAP configured for AWS. To correct this issue, authenticate with the ECR again and generate a new secret for clone operations to resume successfully.

Here's an example of an AWS deployment:



#### **Configure NetApp Cloud Manager**

Using Cloud Manager, create a workspace, add a connector to AWS, create a working environment, and import the cluster.

Follow the Cloud Manager documentation to complete the following steps. See the following:

- Getting started with Cloud Volumes ONTAP in AWS.
- Create a connector in AWS using Cloud Manager

#### Steps

- 1. Add your credentials to Cloud Manager.
- 2. Create a workspace.
- 3. Add a connector for AWS. Choose AWS as the Provider.
- 4. Create a working environment for your cloud environment.
  - a. Location: "Amazon Web Services (AWS)"
  - b. Type: "Cloud Volumes ONTAP HA"
- 5. Import the OpenShift cluster. The cluster will connect to the working environment you just created.
  - a. View the NetApp cluster details by selecting K8s > Cluster list > Cluster Details.

- b. In the upper right corner, note the Trident version.
- c. Note the Cloud Volumes ONTAP cluster storage classes showing NetApp as the provisioner.

This imports your Red Hat OpenShift cluster and assigns it a default storage class. You select the storage class.

Trident is automatically installed as part of the import and discovery process.

6. Note all the persistent volumes and volumes in this Cloud Volumes ONTAP deployment.



Cloud Volumes ONTAP can operate as a single node or in High Availability. If HA is enabled, note the HA status and node deployment status running in AWS.

#### Install Astra Control Center

Follow the standard Astra Control Center installation instructions.

# **Deploy Astra Control Center in Microsoft Azure**

You can deploy Astra Control Center on a self-managed Kubernetes cluster hosted on a Microsoft Azure public cloud.

## What you'll need for Azure

Before you deploy Astra Control Center in Azure, you will need the following items:

- Astra Control Center license. See Astra Control Center licensing requirements.
- Meet Astra Control Center requirements.
- NetApp Cloud Central account
- Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform (OCP) 4.8
- Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform (OCP) permissions (on namespace level to create pods)
- Azure credentials with permissions that enable you to create buckets and connectors

## Operational environment requirements for Azure

Ensure that the operating environment you choose to host Astra Control Center meets the basic resource requirements outlined in the environment's official documentation.

Astra Control Center requires the following resources in addition to the environment's resource requirements:

See Astra Control Center operational environment requirements.

Component	Requirement
Backend NetApp Cloud Volumes ONTAP storage capacity	At least 300GB available
Worker nodes (Azure compute requirement)	At least 3 worker nodes total, with 4 vCPU cores and 12GB RAM each
Load balancer	Service type "LoadBalancer" available for ingress traffic to be sent to services in the operational environment cluster

Component	Requirement
FQDN (Azure DNS zone)	A method for pointing the FQDN of Astra Control Center to the load balanced IP address
Astra Trident (installed as part of the Kubernetes cluster discovery in NetApp Cloud Manager)	Astra Trident 21.04 or newer installed and configured and NetApp ONTAP version 9.5 or newer will be used as a storage backend
Image registry	You must have an existing private registry, such as Azure Container Registry (ACR), to which you can push Astra Control Center build images. You need to provide the URL of the image registry where you will upload the images.  You need to enable anonymous access to pull Restic images for backups.
Astra Trident / ONTAP configuration	Astra Control Center requires that a storage class be created and set as the default storage class. Astra Control Center supports the following ONTAP Kubernetes storage classes that are created when you import your Kubernetes cluster into NetApp Cloud Manager. These are provided by Astra Trident:  * vsaworkingenvironment-<>-ha-nas csi.trident.netapp.io  * vsaworkingenvironment-<>-ha-san csi.trident.netapp.io  * vsaworkingenvironment-<>-single-nas csi.trident.netapp.io  * vsaworkingenvironment-<>-single-san csi.trident.netapp.io



These requirements assume that Astra Control Center is the only application running in the operational environment. If the environment is running additional applications, adjust these minimum requirements accordingly.

# **Overview of deployment for Azure**

Here is an overview of the process to install Astra Control Center for Azure.

Each of these steps is explained in more detail below.

- 1. Install a RedHat OpenShift cluster on Azure.
- 2. Create Azure resource groups.
- 3. Ensure that you have sufficient IAM permissions.
- 4. Configure Azure.
- 5. Configure NetApp Cloud Manager.

6. Install and configure Astra Control Center.

#### Install a RedHat OpenShift cluster on Azure

The first step is to install a RedHat OpenShift cluster on Azure.

For installation instructions, see the following:

- Installing OpenShift cluster on Azure.
- · Installing an Azure account.

#### **Create Azure resource groups**

Create at least one Azure resource group.



OpenShift might create its own resource groups. In addition to these, you should also define Azure resource groups. Refer to OpenShift documentation.

You might want to create a platform cluster resource group and a target app OpenShift cluster resource group.

## Ensure that you have sufficient IAM permissions

Ensure that you have sufficient IAM roles and permissions that enable you to install a RedHat OpenShift cluster and a NetApp Cloud Manager Connector.

See Azure credentials and permissions.

#### **Configure Azure**

Next, configure Azure to create a virtual network, set up compute instances, create an Azure Blob container, create an Azure Container Register (ACR) to host the Astra Control Center images, and push the images to this registry.

Follow the Azure documentation to complete the following steps. See Installing OpenShift cluster on Azure.

- 1. Create an Azure virtual network.
- 2. Review the compute instances. This can be a bare metal server or VMs in Azure.
- If the instance type does not already match the Astra minimum resource requirements for master and worker nodes, change the instance type in Azure to meet the Astra requirements. See Astra Control Center requirements.
- 4. Create at least one Azure Blob container to store your backups.
- 5. Create a storage account. You will need a storage account to create a container to be used as a bucket in Astra Control Center.
- Create a secret, which is required for bucket access.
- 7. Create an Azure Container Registry (ACR) to host all the Astra Control Center images.
- Set up ACR access for Docker push/pull all the Astra Control Center images.
- 9. Push the ACC images to this registry by entering the following script:

```
az acr login -n <AZ ACR URL/Location>
This script requires ACC manifest file and your Azure ACR location.
```

#### Example:

```
manifestfile=astra-control-center-<version>.manifest
AZ_ACR_REGISTRY=<target image repository>
ASTRA_REGISTRY=<source ACC image repository>

while IFS= read -r image; do
    echo "image: $ASTRA_REGISTRY/$image $AZ_ACR_REGISTRY/$image"
    root_image=${image*:*}
    echo $root_image
    docker pull $ASTRA_REGISTRY/$image
    docker tag $ASTRA_REGISTRY/$image $AZ_ACR_REGISTRYY/$image
    docker push $AZ_ACR_REGISTRY/$image
    docker push $AZ_ACR_REGISTRY/$image

done < astra-control-center-22.04.41.manifest</pre>
```

10. Set up DNS zones.

## **Configure NetApp Cloud Manager**

Using Cloud Manager, create a workspace, add a connector to Azure, create a working environment, and import the cluster.

Follow the Cloud Manager documentation to complete the following steps. See Getting started with Cloud Manager in Azure.

#### What you'll need

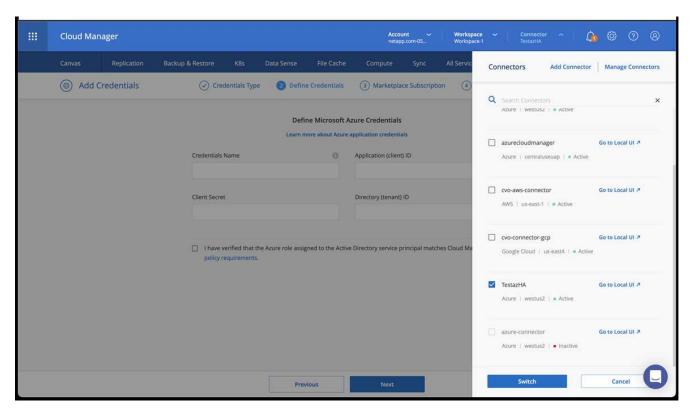
Access to the Azure account with the required IAM permissions and roles

#### Steps

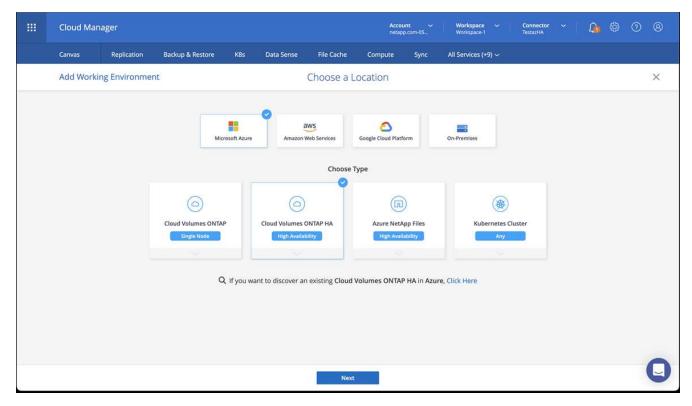
- 1. Add your credentials to Cloud Manager.
- 2. Add a connector for Azure. See Cloud Manager policies.
  - a. Choose Azure as the Provider.
  - b. Enter Azure credentials, including the application ID, client secret, and directory (tenant) ID.

See Creating a connector in Azure from Cloud Manager.

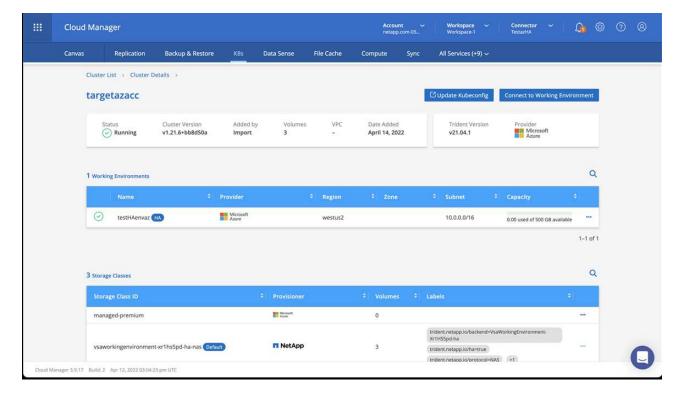
3. Ensure that the connector is running and switch to that connector.



- 4. Create a working environment for your cloud environment.
  - a. Location: "Microsoft Azure".
  - b. Type: "Cloud Volumes ONTAP HA".



- 5. Import the OpenShift cluster. The cluster will connect to the working environment you just created.
  - a. View the NetApp cluster details by selecting K8s > Cluster list > Cluster Details.



- b. In the upper right corner, note the Trident version.
- c. Note the Cloud Volumes ONTAP cluster storage classes showing NetApp as the provisioner.

This imports your Red Hat OpenShift cluster and assigns a default storage class. You select the storage class.

Trident is automatically installed as part of the import and discovery process.

- 6. Note all the persistent volumes and volumes in this Cloud Volumes ONTAP deployment.
- 7. Cloud Volumes ONTAP can operate as a single node or in High Availability. If HA is enabled, note the HA status and node deployment status running in Azure.

#### **Install and configure Astra Control Center**

Install Astra Control Center with the standard installation instructions.

Using Astra Control Center, add an Azure bucket. See Set up Astra Control Center and add buckets.

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