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This document provides instructions and guidance on post installation activities for OpenShift Container Platform.

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# **CHAPTER 1. CONFIGURING A PRIVATE CLUSTER**

After you install an OpenShift Container Platform version 4.7 cluster, you can set some of its core components to be private.



#### **IMPORTANT**

You can configure this change for only clusters that use infrastructure that you provision to a cloud provider.

#### 1.1. ABOUT PRIVATE CLUSTERS

By default, OpenShift Container Platform is provisioned using publicly-accessible DNS and endpoints. You can set the DNS, Ingress Controller, and API server to private after you deploy your cluster.

#### **DNS**

If you install OpenShift Container Platform on installer-provisioned infrastructure, the installation program creates records in a pre-existing public zone and, where possible, creates a private zone for the cluster's own DNS resolution. In both the public zone and the private zone, the installation program or cluster creates DNS entries for \*.apps, for the Ingress object, and api, for the API server.

The \*.apps records in the public and private zone are identical, so when you delete the public zone, the private zone seamlessly provides all DNS resolution for the cluster.

#### **Ingress Controller**

Because the default **Ingress** object is created as public, the load balancer is internet-facing and in the public subnets. You can replace the default Ingress Controller with an internal one.

#### **API** server

By default, the installation program creates appropriate network load balancers for the API server to use for both internal and external traffic.

On Amazon Web Services (AWS), separate public and private load balancers are created. The load balancers are identical except that an additional port is available on the internal one for use within the cluster. Although the installation program automatically creates or destroys the load balancer based on API server requirements, the cluster does not manage or maintain them. As long as you preserve the cluster's access to the API server, you can manually modify or move the load balancers. For the public load balancer, port 6443 is open and the health check is configured for HTTPS against the /readyz path.

On Google Cloud Platform, a single load balancer is created to manage both internal and external API traffic, so you do not need to modify the load balancer.

On Microsoft Azure, both public and private load balancers are created. However, because of limitations in current implementation, you just retain both load balancers in a private cluster.

# 1.2. SETTING DNS TO PRIVATE

After you deploy a cluster, you can modify its DNS to use only a private zone.

#### Procedure

1. Review the **DNS** custom resource for your cluster:

\$ oc get dnses.config.openshift.io/cluster -o yaml

# Example output

```
apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1
kind: DNS
metadata:
 creationTimestamp: "2019-10-25T18:27:09Z"
 generation: 2
 name: cluster
 resourceVersion: "37966"
 selfLink: /apis/config.openshift.io/v1/dnses/cluster
 uid: 0e714746-f755-11f9-9cb1-02ff55d8f976
spec:
 baseDomain: <base_domain>
 privateZone:
  tags:
   Name: <infrastructureID>-int
   kubernetes.io/cluster/<infrastructureID>: owned
 publicZone:
  id: Z2XXXXXXXXXA4
status: {}
```

Note that the **spec** section contains both a private and a public zone.

2. Patch the **DNS** custom resource to remove the public zone:

```
$ oc patch dnses.config.openshift.io/cluster --type=merge --patch='{"spec": {"publicZone": null}}' dns.config.openshift.io/cluster patched
```

Because the Ingress Controller consults the **DNS** definition when it creates **Ingress** objects, when you create or modify **Ingress** objects, only private records are created.



# **IMPORTANT**

DNS records for the existing Ingress objects are not modified when you remove the public zone.

3. Optional: Review the **DNS** custom resource for your cluster and confirm that the public zone was removed:

\$ oc get dnses.config.openshift.io/cluster -o yaml

# **Example output**

```
apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1
kind: DNS
metadata:
creationTimestamp: "2019-10-25T18:27:09Z"
generation: 2
name: cluster
resourceVersion: "37966"
selfLink: /apis/config.openshift.io/v1/dnses/cluster
uid: 0e714746-f755-11f9-9cb1-02ff55d8f976
spec:
```

```
baseDomain: <base_domain>
privateZone:
  tags:
    Name: <infrastructureID>-int
    kubernetes.io/cluster/<infrastructureID>-wfpg4: owned
status: {}
```

#### 1.3. SETTING THE INGRESS CONTROLLER TO PRIVATE

After you deploy a cluster, you can modify its Ingress Controller to use only a private zone.

#### Procedure

1. Modify the default Ingress Controller to use only an internal endpoint:

```
$ oc replace --force --wait --filename - <<EOF
apiVersion: operator.openshift.io/v1
kind: IngressController
metadata:
namespace: openshift-ingress-operator
name: default
spec:
endpointPublishingStrategy:
type: LoadBalancerService
loadBalancer:
scope: Internal
EOF
```

# **Example output**

ingresscontroller.operator.openshift.io "default" deleted ingresscontroller.operator.openshift.io/default replaced

The public DNS entry is removed, and the private zone entry is updated.

# 1.4. RESTRICTING THE API SERVER TO PRIVATE

After you deploy a cluster to Amazon Web Services (AWS) or Microsoft Azure, you can reconfigure the API server to use only the private zone.

#### **Prerequisites**

- Install the OpenShift CLI (oc).
- Have access to the web console as a user with **admin** privileges.

#### **Procedure**

- 1. In the web portal or console for AWS or Azure, take the following actions:
  - a. Locate and delete appropriate load balancer component.

- For AWS, delete the external load balancer. The API DNS entry in the private zone already points to the internal load balancer, which uses an identical configuration, so you do not need to modify the internal load balancer.
- For Azure, delete the **api-internal** rule for the load balancer.
- b. Delete the **api.\$clustername.\$yourdomain** DNS entry in the public zone.
- 2. From your terminal, list the cluster machines:

\$ oc get machine -n openshift-machine-api

## **Example output**

```
NAME STATE TYPE REGION ZONE AGE
lk4pj-master-0 running m4.xlarge us-east-1 us-east-1a 17m
lk4pj-master-1 running m4.xlarge us-east-1 us-east-1b 17m
lk4pj-master-2 running m4.xlarge us-east-1 us-east-1a 17m
lk4pj-worker-us-east-1a-5fzfj running m4.xlarge us-east-1 us-east-1a 15m
lk4pj-worker-us-east-1a-vbghs running m4.xlarge us-east-1 us-east-1a 15m
lk4pj-worker-us-east-1b-zgpzg running m4.xlarge us-east-1 us-east-1b 15m
```

You modify the control plane machines, which contain **master** in the name, in the following step.

- 3. Remove the external load balancer from each control plane machine.
  - a. Edit a control plane **Machine** object to remove the reference to the external load balancer.
    - \$ oc edit machines -n openshift-machine-api <master\_name> 1
    - Specify the name of the control plane, or master, **Machine** object to modify.
  - b. Remove the lines that describe the external load balancer, which are marked in the following example, and save and exit the object specification:

```
spec:
providerSpec:
value:
...
loadBalancers:
- name: lk4pj-ext 1
type: network
- name: lk4pj-int
type: network
```

1 2 Delete this line.

c. Repeat this process for each of the machines that contains **master** in the name.

# CHAPTER 2. POST-INSTALLATION MACHINE CONFIGURATION TASKS

There are times when you need to make changes to the operating systems running on OpenShift Container Platform nodes. This can include changing settings for network time service, adding kernel arguments, or configuring journaling in a specific way.

Aside from a few specialized features, most changes to operating systems on OpenShift Container Platform nodes can be done by creating what are referred to as **MachineConfig** objects that are managed by the Machine Config Operator.

Tasks in this section describe how to use features of the Machine Config Operator to configure operating system features on OpenShift Container Platform nodes.

#### 2.1. UNDERSTANDING THE MACHINE CONFIG OPERATOR

# 2.1.1. Machine Config Operator

#### Purpose

The Machine Config Operator manages and applies configuration and updates of the base operating system and container runtime, including everything between the kernel and kubelet.

There are four components:

- machine-config-server: Provides Ignition configuration to new machines joining the cluster.
- machine-config-controller: Coordinates the upgrade of machines to the desired configurations defined by a MachineConfig object. Options are provided to control the upgrade for sets of machines individually.
- **machine-config-daemon**: Applies new machine configuration during update. Validates and verifies the state of the machine to the requested machine configuration.
- **machine-config**: Provides a complete source of machine configuration at installation, first start up, and updates for a machine.

# **Project**

openshift-machine-config-operator

# 2.1.2. Machine config overview

The Machine Config Operator (MCO) manages updates to systemd, CRI-O and Kubelet, the kernel, Network Manager and other system features. It also offers a **MachineConfig** CRD that can write configuration files onto the host (see machine-config-operator). Understanding what MCO does and how it interacts with other components is critical to making advanced, system-level changes to an OpenShift Container Platform cluster. Here are some things you should know about MCO, machine configs, and how they are used:

- A machine config can make a specific change to a file or service on the operating system of each system representing a pool of OpenShift Container Platform nodes.
- MCO applies changes to operating systems in pools of machines. All OpenShift Container
  Platform clusters start with worker and master node pools. By adding more role labels, you can
  configure custom pools of nodes. For example, you can set up a custom pool of worker nodes

that includes particular hardware features needed by an application. However, examples in this section focus on changes to the default pool types.

- Some machine configuration must be in place before OpenShift Container Platform is installed
  to disk. In most cases, this can be accomplished by creating a machine config that is injected
  directly into the OpenShift Container Platform installer process, instead of running as a postinstallation machine config. In other cases, you might need to do bare metal installation where
  you pass kernel arguments at OpenShift Container Platform installer start-up, to do such things
  as setting per-node individual IP addresses or advanced disk partitioning.
- MCO manages items that are set in machine configs. Manual changes you do to your systems
  will not be overwritten by MCO, unless MCO is explicitly told to manage a conflicting file. In other
  words, MCO only makes specific updates you request, it does not claim control over the whole
  node.
- Manual changes to nodes are strongly discouraged. If you need to decommission a node and start a new one, those direct changes would be lost.
- MCO is only supported for writing to files in /etc and /var directories, although there are symbolic links to some directories that can be writeable by being symbolically linked to one of those areas. The /opt directory is an example.
- Ignition is the configuration format used in MachineConfigs. See the Ignition Configuration Specification v3.2.0 for details.
- Although Ignition config settings can be delivered directly at OpenShift Container Platform
  installation time, and are formatted in the same way that MCO delivers Ignition configs, MCO
  has no way of seeing what those original Ignition configs are. Therefore, you should wrap Ignition
  config settings into a machine config before deploying them.
- When a file managed by MCO changes outside of MCO, the Machine Config Daemon (MCD) sets the node as **degraded**. It will not overwrite the offending file, however, and should continue to operate in a **degraded** state.
- A key reason for using a machine config is that it will be applied when you spin up new nodes for a pool in your OpenShift Container Platform cluster. The **machine-api-operator** provisions a new machine and MCO configures it.

MCO uses Ignition as the configuration format. OpenShift Container Platform 4.6 moved from Ignition config specification version 2 to version 3.

#### 2.1.2.1. What can you change with machine configs?

The kinds of components that MCO can change include:

- **config**: Create Ignition config objects (see the Ignition configuration specification) to do things like modify files, systemd services, and other features on OpenShift Container Platform machines, including:
  - Configuration files: Create or overwrite files in the /var or /etc directory.
  - **systemd units**: Create and set the status of a systemd service or add to an existing systemd service by dropping in additional settings.
  - users and groups: Change ssh keys in the passwd section post-installation.

- kernelArguments: Add arguments to the kernel command line when OpenShift Container Platform nodes boot.
- **kernelType**: Optionally identify a non-standard kernel to use instead of the standard kernel. Use **realtime** to use the RT kernel (for RAN). This is only supported on select platforms.
- **fips**: Enable FIPS mode. FIPS should be set at installation-time setting and not a post-installation procedure.
- **extensions**: Extend RHCOS features by adding selected pre-packaged software. For this feature, available extensions include usbquard and kernel modules.
- Custom resources (for Container Runtime and Kubelet): Outside of machine configs, MCO
  manages two special custom resources for modifying CRI-O container runtime settings
  (Container Runtime CR) and the Kubelet service (Kubelet CR).

The MCO is not the only Operator that can change operating system components on OpenShift Container Platform nodes. Other Operators can modify operating system-level features as well. One example is the Node Tuning Operator, which allows you to do node-level tuning through Tuned daemon profiles.

Tasks for the MCO configuration that can be done post-installation are included in the following procedures. See descriptions of RHCOS bare metal installation for system configuration tasks that must be done during or before OpenShift Container Platform installation.

# 2.1.2.2. Project

See the openshift-machine-config-operator GitHub site for details.

# 2.1.3. Checking machine config pool status

To see the status of the Machine Config Operator, its sub-components, and the resources it manages, use the following **oc** commands:

#### Procedure

1. To see the number of MCO-managed nodes available on your cluster for each pool, type:

NAME	machineconfigpool CONFIG U MACHINECOUNT UPD		_			DED MACH ADEDMACH	
master 0	rendered-master-dd 4h42m	True	False	False	3	3	3
worker 0	rendered-worker-fde 4h42m	True	False	False	3	3	3

In the previous output, there are three master and three worker nodes. All machines are updated and none are currently updating. Because all nodes are **Updated** and **Ready** and none are **Degraded**, you can tell that there are no issues.

2. To see each existing **machineconfig**, type:

\$ oc get machineconfigs	3			
NAME	GENERATEDBYCONTROLLER	IGNITI	ONVERSION	AGE
00-master	2c9371fbb673b97a6fe8b1c52	3.1.0	5h18m	

 00-worker
 2c9371fbb673b97a6fe8b1c52...
 3.1.0
 5h18m

 01-master-container-runtime
 2c9371fbb673b97a6fe8b1c52...
 3.1.0
 5h18m

 01-master-kubelet
 2c9371fbb673b97a6fe8b1c52...
 3.1.0
 5h18m

 ...
 rendered-master-dde...
 2c9371fbb673b97a6fe8b1c52...
 3.1.0
 5h18m

 rendered-worker-fde...
 2c9371fbb673b97a6fe8b1c52...
 3.1.0
 5h18m

Note that the **machineconfigs** listed as **rendered** are not meant to be changed or deleted. Expect them to be hidden at some point in the future.

3. Check the status of worker (or change to master) to see the status of that pool of nodes:

\$ oc describe mcp worker ...

Degraded Machine Count: 0
Machine Count: 3
Observed Generation: 2
Ready Machine Count: 3
Unavailable Machine Count: 0
Updated Machine Count: 3
Events: <none>

After=network-online.target crio.service

4. You can view the contents of a particular machine config (in this case, **01-master-kubelet**). The trimmed output from the following **oc describe** command shows that this **machineconfig** contains both configuration files (**cloud.conf** and **kubelet.conf**) and a systemd service (Kubernetes Kubelet):

```
$ oc describe machineconfigs 01-master-kubelet
Name:
           01-master-kubelet
Spec:
 Config:
  Ignition:
   Version: 3.1.0
  Storage:
   Files:
    Contents:
     Source: data:,
    Mode:
              420
    Overwrite: true
    Path:
            /etc/kubernetes/cloud.conf
    Contents:
     Source:
data:,kind%3A%20KubeletConfiguration%0AapiVersion%3A%20kubelet.config.k8s.io%2Fv1bet
a1%0Aauthentication%3A%0A%20%20x509%3A%0A%20%20%20%20clientCAFile%3A%20
%2Fetc%2Fkubernetes%2Fkubelet-ca.crt%0A%20%20anonymous...
    Mode:
              420
    Overwrite: true
             /etc/kubernetes/kubelet.conf
    Path:
  Systemd:
   Units:
    Contents: [Unit]
Description=Kubernetes Kubelet
Wants=rpc-statd.service network-online.target crio.service
```

```
ExecStart=/usr/bin/hyperkube \
kubelet \
--config=/etc/kubernetes/kubelet.conf \ ...
```

If something goes wrong with a machine config that you apply, you can always back out that change. For example, if you had run **oc create -f ./myconfig.yaml** to apply a machine config, you could remove that machine config by typing:

\$ oc delete -f ./myconfig.yaml

If that was the only problem, the nodes in the affected pool should return to a non-degraded state. This actually causes the rendered configuration to roll back to its previously rendered state.

If you add your own machine configs to your cluster, you can use the commands shown in the previous example to check their status and the related status of the pool to which they are applied.

#### 2.2. USING MACHINECONFIG OBJECTS TO CONFIGURE NODES

You can use the tasks in this section to create **MachineConfig** objects that modify files, systemd unit files, and other operating system features running on OpenShift Container Platform nodes. For more ideas on working with machine configs, see content related to adding or updating SSH authorized keys, verifying image signatures, enabling SCTP, and configuring iSCSI initiatornames for OpenShift Container Platform.

OpenShift Container Platform version 4.7 supports Ignition specification version 3.2. All new machine configs you create going forward should be based on Ignition specification version 3.2. If you are upgrading your OpenShift Container Platform cluster, any existing Ignition specification version 2.x machine configs will be translated automatically to specification version 3.2.

# 2.2.1. Configuring chrony time service

You can set the time server and related settings used by the chrony time service (**chronyd**) by modifying the contents of the **chrony.conf** file and passing those contents to your nodes as a machine config.

#### **Procedure**

1. Create the contents of the **chrony.conf** file and encode it as base64. For example:

```
$ cat << EOF | base64
pool 0.rhel.pool.ntp.org iburst 1
driftfile /var/lib/chrony/drift
makestep 1.0 3
rtcsync
logdir /var/log/chrony
EOF
```

Specify any valid, reachable time source, such as the one provided by your DHCP server. Alternately, you can specify any of the following NTP servers: **1.rhel.pool.ntp.org**, **2.rhel.pool.ntp.org**, or **3.rhel.pool.ntp.org**.

#### **Example output**

ICAgIHNlcnZlciBjbG9jay5yZWRoYXQuY29tIGlidXJzdAogICAgZHJpZnRmaWxlIC92YXIvbGli L2Nocm9ueS9kcmlmdAogICAgbWFrZXN0ZXAgMS4wIDMKICAgIHJ0Y3N5bmMKICAgIGxvZ2 RpciAv dmFyL2xvZy9jaHJvbnkK

2. Create the **MachineConfig** object file, replacing the base64 string with the one you just created. This example adds the file to **master** nodes. You can change it to **worker** or make an additional MachineConfig for the **worker** role. Create MachineConfig files for each type of machine that your cluster uses:

```
$ cat << EOF > ./99-masters-chrony-configuration.yaml
apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1
kind: MachineConfig
metadata:
 labels:
  machineconfiguration.openshift.io/role: master
 name: 99-masters-chrony-configuration
spec:
 config:
  ignition:
   config: {}
   security:
    tls: {}
   timeouts: {}
   version: 3.2.0
  networkd: {}
  passwd: {}
  storage:
   files:
   - contents:
     source: data:text/plain;charset=utf-
8;base64,ICAgIHNlcnZlciBjbG9jay5yZWRoYXQuY29tIGlidXJzdAogICAgZHJpZnRmaWxIIC92Y
XIvbGliL2Nocm9ueS9kcmlmdAogICAgbWFrZXN0ZXAgMS4wIDMKICAgIHJ0Y3N5bmMKICAg
IGxvZ2RpciAvdmFyL2xvZy9jaHJvbnkK
    mode: 420
    overwrite: true
    path: /etc/chrony.conf
 oslmageURL: ""
EOF
```

- 3. Make a backup copy of the configuration files.
- 4. Apply the configurations in one of two ways:
  - If the cluster is not up yet, after you generate manifest files, add this file to the <installation directory>/openshift directory, and then continue to create the cluster.
  - If the cluster is already running, apply the file:

\$ oc apply -f ./99-masters-chrony-configuration.yaml

# 2.2.2. Adding kernel arguments to nodes

In some special cases, you might want to add kernel arguments to a set of nodes in your cluster. This should only be done with caution and clear understanding of the implications of the arguments you set.



#### **WARNING**

Improper use of kernel arguments can result in your systems becoming unbootable.

Examples of kernel arguments you could set include:

- **selinux=0**: Disables Security Enhanced Linux (SELinux). While not recommended for production, disabling SELinux can improve performance by 2% 3%.
- nosmt: Disables symmetric multithreading (SMT) in the kernel. Multithreading allows multiple
  logical threads for each CPU. You could consider nosmt in multi-tenant environments to reduce
  risks from potential cross-thread attacks. By disabling SMT, you essentially choose security over
  performance.

See Kernel.org kernel parameters for a list and descriptions of kernel arguments.

In the following procedure, you create a **MachineConfig** object that identifies:

- A set of machines to which you want to add the kernel argument. In this case, machines with a worker role.
- Kernel arguments that are appended to the end of the existing kernel arguments.
- A label that indicates where in the list of machine configs the change is applied.

#### **Prerequisites**

Have administrative privilege to a working OpenShift Container Platform cluster.

#### **Procedure**

1. List existing **MachineConfig** objects for your OpenShift Container Platform cluster to determine how to label your machine config:

\$ oc get MachineConfig

#### **Example output**

NAME IGNITIONVERSION AGE	GENERATEDBYCONTROLLER
00-master	52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8c9 3.2.0
33m 00-worker	52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8c9 3.2.0
33m 01-master-container-runtime	52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8c9
3.2.0 33m	
01-master-kubelet 3.2.0 33m	52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8c9
01-worker-container-runtime	52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8c9
3.2.0 33m 01-worker-kubelet	52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8c9

3.2.0 33m 99-master-generated-registries 52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8c9 3.2.0 33m 99-master-ssh 3.1.0 40m 99-worker-generated-registries 52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8c9 3.2.0 33m 99-worker-ssh 3.1.0 40m rendered-master-23e785de7587df95a4b517e0647e5ab7 33m rendered-worker-5d596d9293ca3ea80c896a1191735bb1 33m

2. Create a **MachineConfig** object file that identifies the kernel argument (for example, **05-worker-kernelarg-selinuxoff.yaml**)

apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1
kind: MachineConfig
metadata:
labels:
machineconfiguration.openshift.io/role: worker1
name: 05-worker-kernelarg-selinuxoff2
spec:
config:
ignition:
version: 3.1.0
kernelArguments:
- selinux=03

- 1 Applies the new kernel argument only to worker nodes.
- Named to identify where it fits among the machine configs (05) and what it does (adds a kernel argument to turn off SELinux).
- 3 Identifies the exact kernel argument as **selinux=0**.
- 3. Create the new machine config:

\$ oc create -f 05-worker-kernelarg-selinuxoff.yaml

4. Check the machine configs to see that the new one was added:

\$ oc get MachineConfig

#### Example output

NAME IGNITIONVERSION AGE	GENERATEDBYCONTROLLER	
00-master	52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8c9	3.2.0
00-worker 33m	52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8c9	3.2.0
01-master-container-runtime 3.2.0 33m	52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b69353	34c8c9

01-master-kubelet 52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8c9 3.2.0 33m 01-worker-container-runtime 52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8c9 3.2.0 33m 52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8c9 01-worker-kubelet 3.2.0 33m 05-worker-kernelarg-selinuxoff 3.1.0 105s 99-master-generated-registries 52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8c9 33m 3.2.0 99-master-ssh 3.1.0 40m 99-worker-generated-registries 52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8c9 33m 99-worker-ssh 3.1.0 40m rendered-master-23e785de7587df95a4b517e0647e5ab7 52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8c9 3.2.0 33m rendered-worker-5d596d9293ca3ea80c896a1191735bb1 52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8c9 3.2.0 33m

5. Check the nodes:

\$ oc get nodes

# **Example output**

NAME STAT	US	ROLES AC	GE VE	RSION	
ip-10-0-136-161.ec2.internal	Ready	worker	28m	v1.20.0	
ip-10-0-136-243.ec2.internal	Ready	master	34m	v1.20.0	
ip-10-0-141-105.ec2.internal	Ready, Schedu	ılingDisabled	worke	er 28m	v1.20.0
ip-10-0-142-249.ec2.internal	Ready	master	34m	v1.20.0	
ip-10-0-153-11.ec2.internal	Ready	worker	28m	v1.20.0	
ip-10-0-153-150.ec2.internal	Ready	master	34m	v1.20.0	

You can see that scheduling on each worker node is disabled as the change is being applied.

6. Check that the kernel argument worked by going to one of the worker nodes and listing the kernel command line arguments (in /proc/cmdline on the host):

\$ oc debug node/ip-10-0-141-105.ec2.internal

#### **Example output**

```
Starting pod/ip-10-0-141-105ec2internal-debug ... To use host binaries, run `chroot /host`
```

```
sh-4.2# cat /host/proc/cmdline
BOOT_IMAGE=/ostree/rhcos-... console=tty0 console=ttyS0,115200n8
rootflags=defaults,prjquota rw root=UUID=fd0... ostree=/ostree/boot.0/rhcos/16...
coreos.oem.id=qemu coreos.oem.id=ec2 ignition.platform.id=ec2 selinux=0
```

sh-4.2# exit

You should see the **selinux=0** argument added to the other kernel arguments.

# 2.2.3. Enabling multipathing with kernel arguments on RHCOS

RHCOS supports multipathing on the primary disk, allowing stronger resilience to hardware failure to achieve higher host availability.



#### **IMPORTANT**

Multipathing is only supported when it is activated using the machine config as documented in the following procedure. It must be enabled after RHCOS installation.



#### **IMPORTANT**

On IBM Z and LinuxONE, you can enable multipathing only if you configured your cluster for it during installation. For more information, see "Creating Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS (RHCOS) machines" in *Installing a cluster with z/VM on IBM Z and LinuxONE*.

#### **Prerequisites**

- You have a running OpenShift Container Platform cluster that uses version 4.7 or later.
- You are logged in to the cluster as a user with administrative privileges.

#### **Procedure**

- 1. To enable multipathing on master nodes:
  - Create a machine config file, such as 99-master-kargs-mpath.yaml, that instructs the cluster to add the master label and that identifies the multipath kernel argument, for example:

apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1 kind: MachineConfig metadata: labels: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/role: "master" name: 99-master-kargs-mpath spec:

kernelArguments:

- 'rd.multipath=default'
- 'root=/dev/disk/by-label/dm-mpath-root'
- 2. To enable multipathing on worker nodes:
  - Create a machine config file, such as 99-worker-kargs-mpath.yaml, that instructs the cluster to add the worker label and that identifies the multipath kernel argument, for example:

apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1 kind: MachineConfig metadata: labels: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/role: "worker" name: 99-worker-kargs-mpath spec:

# kernelArguments:

- 'rd.multipath=default'
- 'root=/dev/disk/by-label/dm-mpath-root'
- 3. Create the new machine config by using either the master or worker YAML file you previously created:

\$ oc create -f ./99-master-kargs-mpath.yaml

4. Check the machine configs to see that the new one was added:

\$ oc get MachineConfig

# **Example output**

NAME	GENERATEDBYCONTROLLER	
IGNITIONVERSION AGE		
00-master	52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8c9 3.2	.0
33m		
00-worker	52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8c9 3.2	.0
33m		
01-master-container-runtime	52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8d	c9
3.2.0 33m		
01-master-kubelet	52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8c9	
3.2.0 33m		
01-worker-container-runtime	52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8d	<b>c</b> 9
3.2.0 33m		
01-worker-kubelet	52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8c9	
3.2.0 33m		
99-master-kargs-mpath	52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8c9	9
3.2.0 105s		
99-master-generated-registries	52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8	c9
3.2.0 33m		
99-master-ssh	3.2.0 40m	
99-worker-generated-registries	52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12b693534c8	c9
3.2.0 33m		
99-worker-ssh	3.2.0 40m	
rendered-master-23e785de7587df	95a4b517e0647e5ab7	
52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12	2b693534c8c9 3.2.0 33m	
rendered-worker-5d596d9293ca3e	ea80c896a1191735bb1	
52dd3ba6a9a527fc3ab42afac8d12	2b693534c8c9 3.2.0 33m	

# 5. Check the nodes:

\$ oc get nodes

# **Example output**

NAME	STAT	US	ROLES	AG	E VE	R	SION		
ip-10-0-136-161	.ec2.internal	Ready	wor	ker	28m	v1	.20.0		
ip-10-0-136-243	3.ec2.internal	Ready	mas	ster	34m	v1	.20.0		
ip-10-0-141-105	s.ec2.internal	Ready.S	SchedulingDisab	led	worke	er	28m	v1.20.0	

```
ip-10-0-142-249.ec2.internal Ready master 34m v1.20.0 ip-10-0-153-11.ec2.internal Ready worker 28m v1.20.0 ip-10-0-153-150.ec2.internal Ready master 34m v1.20.0
```

You can see that scheduling on each worker node is disabled as the change is being applied.

6. Check that the kernel argument worked by going to one of the worker nodes and listing the kernel command line arguments (in /proc/cmdline on the host):

```
$ oc debug node/ip-10-0-141-105.ec2.internal
```

#### Example output

```
Starting pod/ip-10-0-141-105ec2internal-debug ...
To use host binaries, run `chroot /host`

sh-4.2# cat /host/proc/cmdline
...
rd.multipath=default root=/dev/disk/by-label/dm-mpath-root
...
sh-4.2# exit
```

You should see the added kernel arguments.

# 2.2.4. Adding a real-time kernel to nodes

Some OpenShift Container Platform workloads require a high degree of determinism. While Linux is not a real-time operating system, the Linux real-time kernel includes a preemptive scheduler that provides the operating system with real-time characteristics.

If your OpenShift Container Platform workloads require these real-time characteristics, you can switch your machines to the Linux real-time kernel. For OpenShift Container Platform, 4.7 you can make this switch using a **MachineConfig** object. Although making the change is as simple as changing a machine config **kernelType** setting to **realtime**, there are a few other considerations before making the change:

- Currently, real-time kernel is supported only on worker nodes, and only for radio access network (RAN) use.
- The following procedure is fully supported with bare metal installations that use systems that are certified for Red Hat Enterprise Linux for Real Time 8.
- Real-time support in OpenShift Container Platform is limited to specific subscriptions.
- The following procedure is also supported for use with Google Cloud Platform.

#### **Prerequisites**

- Have a running OpenShift Container Platform cluster (version 4.4 or later).
- Log in to the cluster as a user with administrative privileges.

#### Procedure

Create a machine config for the real-time kernel: Create a YAML file (for example, 99-worker-realtime.yaml) that contains a MachineConfig object for the realtime kernel type. This example tells the cluster to use a real-time kernel for all worker nodes:

```
$ cat << EOF > 99-worker-realtime.yaml
apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1
kind: MachineConfig
metadata:
labels:
machineconfiguration.openshift.io/role: "worker"
name: 99-worker-realtime
spec:
kernelType: realtime
EOF
```

2. Add the machine config to the cluster. Type the following to add the machine config to the cluster:

\$ oc create -f 99-worker-realtime.yaml

3. Check the real-time kernel: Once each impacted node reboots, log in to the cluster and run the following commands to make sure that the real-time kernel has replaced the regular kernel for the set of nodes you configured:

\$ oc get nodes

## **Example output**

```
NAME STATUS ROLES AGE VERSION ip-10-0-143-147.us-east-2.compute.internal Ready worker 103m v1.20.0 ip-10-0-146-92.us-east-2.compute.internal Ready worker 101m v1.20.0 ip-10-0-169-2.us-east-2.compute.internal Ready worker 102m v1.20.0
```

\$ oc debug node/ip-10-0-143-147.us-east-2.compute.internal

#### **Example output**

```
Starting pod/ip-10-0-143-147us-east-2computeinternal-debug ...
To use host binaries, run `chroot /host`

sh-4.4# uname -a
Linux <worker_node> 4.18.0-147.3.1.rt24.96.el8_1.x86_64 #1 SMP PREEMPT RT
Wed Nov 27 18:29:55 UTC 2019 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
```

The kernel name contains **rt** and text "PREEMPT RT" indicates that this is a real-time kernel.

4. To go back to the regular kernel, delete the **MachineConfig** object:

\$ oc delete -f 99-worker-realtime.yaml

# 2.2.5. Configuring journald settings

If you need to configure settings for the **journald** service on OpenShift Container Platform nodes, you can do that by modifying the appropriate configuration file and passing the file to the appropriate pool of nodes as a machine config.

This procedure describes how to modify **journald** rate limiting settings in the /etc/systemd/journald.conf file and apply them to worker nodes. See the journald.conf man page for information on how to use that file.

#### **Prerequisites**

- Have a running OpenShift Container Platform cluster (version 4.4 or later).
- Log in to the cluster as a user with administrative privileges.

#### Procedure

1. Create the contents of the /etc/systemd/journald.conf file and encode it as base64. For example:

```
$ cat > /tmp/jrnl.conf <<EOF
# Disable rate limiting
RateLimitInterval=1s
RateLimitBurst=10000
Storage=volatile
Compress=no
MaxRetentionSec=30s
EOF
```

2. Convert the temporary **journal.conf** file to base64 and save it into a variable ( **jrnl cnf**):

```
$ export jrnl_cnf=$( cat /tmp/jrnl.conf | base64 -w0 )
$ echo $jrnl_cnf
IyBEaXNhYmxIIHJhdGUgbGltaXRpbmcKUmF0ZUxpbWI0SW50ZXJ2YWw9MXMKUmF0ZUxp
bWI0QnVyc3Q9MTAwMDAKU3RvcmFnZT12b2xhdGlsZQpDb21wcmVzcz1ubwpNYXhSZXRlb
nRpb25TZWM9MzBzCg==
```

3. Create the machine config, including the encoded contents of **journald.conf** (**jrnl\_cnf** variable):

```
$ cat > /tmp/40-worker-custom-journald.yaml << EOF
apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1
kind: MachineConfig
metadata:
 labels:
  machineconfiguration.openshift.io/role: worker
 name: 40-worker-custom-journald
spec:
 config:
  ignition:
   config: {}
   security:
    tls: {}
   timeouts: {}
   version: 3.1.0
  networkd: {}
```

```
passwd: {}
storage:
files:
    - contents:
        source: data:text/plain;charset=utf-8;base64,${jrnl_cnf}
        verification: {}
filesystem: root
        mode: 420
        path: /etc/systemd/journald.conf
systemd: {}
osImageURL: ""
EOF
```

4. Apply the machine config to the pool:

\$ oc apply -f /tmp/40-worker-custom-journald.yaml

5. Check that the new machine config is applied and that the nodes are not in a degraded state. It might take a few minutes. The worker pool will show the updates in progress, as each node successfully has the new machine config applied:

```
$ oc get machineconfigpool
NAME CONFIG UPDATED UPDATING DEGRADED MACHINECOUNT
READYMACHINECOUNT UPDATEDMACHINECOUNT DEGRADEDMACHINECOUNT
AGE
master rendered-master-35 True False False 3 3 3 0
34m
worker rendered-worker-d8 False True False 3 1 1 0
34m
```

6. To check that the change was applied, you can log in to a worker node:

```
$ oc get node | grep worker ip-10-0-0-1.us-east-2.compute.internal Ready worker 39m v0.0.0-master+$Format:%h$ $ oc debug node/ip-10-0-0-1.us-east-2.compute.internal Starting pod/ip-10-0-141-142us-east-2computeinternal-debug ... ... sh-4.2# chroot /host sh-4.4# cat /etc/systemd/journald.conf # Disable rate limiting RateLimitInterval=1s RateLimitBurst=10000 Storage=volatile Compress=no MaxRetentionSec=30s sh-4.4# exit
```

# 2.2.6. Adding extensions to RHCOS

RHCOS is a minimal container-oriented RHEL operating system, designed to provide a common set of capabilities to OpenShift Container Platform clusters across all platforms. While adding software packages to RHCOS systems is generally discouraged, the MCO provides an **extensions** feature you can use to add a minimal set of features to RHCOS nodes.

Currently, the following extension is available:

• **usbguard**: Adding the **usbguard** extension protects RHCOS systems from attacks from intrusive USB devices. See USBGuard for details.

The following procedure describes how to use a machine config to add one or more extensions to your RHCOS nodes.

# **Prerequisites**

- Have a running OpenShift Container Platform cluster (version 4.6 or later).
- Log in to the cluster as a user with administrative privileges.

#### **Procedure**

Create a machine config for extensions: Create a YAML file (for example, 80-extensions.yaml)
that contains a MachineConfig extensions object. This example tells the cluster to add the
usbguard extension.

```
$ cat << EOF > 80-extensions.yaml
apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1
kind: MachineConfig
metadata:
labels:
    machineconfiguration.openshift.io/role: worker
    name: 80-worker-extensions
spec:
    config:
    ignition:
        version: 3.1.0
    extensions:
        - usbguard
EOF
```

2. Add the machine config to the cluster. Type the following to add the machine config to the cluster:

```
$ oc create -f 80-extensions.yaml
```

This sets all worker nodes to have rpm packages for **usbguard** installed.

3. Check that the extensions were applied:

\$ oc get machineconfig 80-worker-extensions

#### **Example output**

```
NAME GENERATEDBYCONTROLLER IGNITIONVERSION AGE 80-worker-extensions 3.1.0 57s
```

4. Check that the new machine config is now applied and that the nodes are not in a degraded state. It may take a few minutes. The worker pool will show the updates in progress, as each machine successfully has the new machine config applied:

\$ oc get machineconfigpool

#### **Example output**

NAME CONFI	G UPDATE	D UPD	ATING [	DEGRAD	ED MACHIN	IECOUNT	
READYMACHIN	NECOUNT UPDAT	EDMAC	CHINEC	OUNT DE	EGRADEDM	1ACHINECOL	JNT
AGE							
	d-master-35 True	False	False	3	3	3	0
34m		_					
worker rendered	d-worker-d8 False	True	False	3	1	1	0
34m							

5. Check the extensions. To check that the extension was applied, run:

\$ oc get node | grep worker

# **Example output**

NAME STATUS ROLES AGE VERSION ip-10-0-169-2.us-east-2.compute.internal Ready worker 102m v1.18.3

\$ oc debug node/ip-10-0-169-2.us-east-2.compute.internal

# **Example output**

...
To use host binaries, run `chroot /host` sh-4.4# chroot /host sh-4.4# rpm -q usbguard usbguard-0.7.4-4.el8.x86\_64.rpm

Use the "Configuring chrony time service" section as a model for how to go about adding other configuration files to OpenShift Container Platform nodes.

#### 2.3. CONFIGURING MCO-RELATED CUSTOM RESOURCES

Besides managing **MachineConfig** objects, the MCO manages two custom resources (CRs): **KubeletConfig** and **ContainerRuntimeConfig**. Those CRs let you change node-level settings impacting how the Kubelet and CRI-O container runtime services behave.

# 2.3.1. Creating a KubeletConfig CRD to edit kubelet parameters

The kubelet configuration is currently serialized as an Ignition configuration, so it can be directly edited. However, there is also a new **kubelet-config-controller** added to the Machine Config Controller (MCC). This allows you to create a **KubeletConfig** custom resource (CR) to edit the kubelet parameters.

#### Procedure

1. Run:

\$ oc get machineconfig

This provides a list of the available machine configuration objects you can select. By default, the two kubelet-related configs are **01-master-kubelet** and **01-worker-kubelet**.

2. To check the current value of max pods per node, run:

# oc describe node <node-ip> | grep Allocatable -A6

Look for value: pods: <value>.

For example:

# oc describe node ip-172-31-128-158.us-east-2.compute.internal | grep Allocatable -A6

# **Example output**

```
Allocatable:
attachable-volumes-aws-ebs: 25
cpu: 3500m
hugepages-1Gi: 0
hugepages-2Mi: 0
memory: 15341844Ki
pods: 250
```

3. To set the max pods per node on the worker nodes, create a custom resource file that contains the kubelet configuration. For example, **change-maxPods-cr.yaml**:

```
apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1 kind: KubeletConfig metadata: name: set-max-pods spec: machineConfigPoolSelector: matchLabels: custom-kubelet: large-pods kubeletConfig: maxPods: 500
```

The rate at which the kubelet talks to the API server depends on queries per second (QPS) and burst values. The default values, **50** for **kubeAPIQPS** and **100** for **kubeAPIBurst**, are good enough if there are limited pods running on each node. Updating the kubelet QPS and burst rates is recommended if there are enough CPU and memory resources on the node:

```
apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1
kind: KubeletConfig
metadata:
name: set-max-pods
spec:
machineConfigPoolSelector:
matchLabels:
custom-kubelet: large-pods
kubeletConfig:
maxPods: <pod_count>
kubeAPIBurst: <burst_rate>
kubeAPIQPS: <QPS>
```

- a. Run:
  - \$ oc create -f change-maxPods-cr.yaml
- b. Run:
  - \$ oc get kubeletconfig

This should return **set-max-pods**.

Depending on the number of worker nodes in the cluster, wait for the worker nodes to be rebooted one by one. For a cluster with 3 worker nodes, this could take about 10 to 15 minutes.

- 4. Check for **maxPods** changing for the worker nodes:
  - \$ oc describe node
  - a. Verify the change by running:
    - \$ oc get kubeletconfigs set-max-pods -o yaml

This should show a status of True and type:Success

#### **Procedure**

By default, only one machine is allowed to be unavailable when applying the kubelet-related configuration to the available worker nodes. For a large cluster, it can take a long time for the configuration change to be reflected. At any time, you can adjust the number of machines that are updating to speed up the process.

- 1. Run:
  - \$ oc edit machineconfigpool worker
- 2. Set **maxUnavailable** to the desired value.

spec:

maxUnavailable: <node\_count>



#### **IMPORTANT**

When setting the value, consider the number of worker nodes that can be unavailable without affecting the applications running on the cluster.

# 2.3.2. Creating a ContainerRuntimeConfig CR to edit CRI-O parameters

You can change some of the settings associated with the OpenShift Container Platform CRI-O runtime for the nodes associated with a specific machine config pool (MCP). Using a **ContainerRuntimeConfig** custom resource (CR), you set the configuration values and add a label to match the MCP. The MCO then rebuilds the **crio.conf** and **storage.conf** configuration files on the associated nodes with the updated values.



#### **NOTE**

To revert the changes implemented by using a **ContainerRuntimeConfig** CR, you must delete the CR. Removing the label from the machine config pool does not revert the changes.

You can modify the following settings by using a **ContainerRuntimeConfig** CR:

- **PIDs limit** The **pidsLimit** parameter sets the CRI-O **pids\_limit** parameter, which is maximum number of processes allowed in a container. The default is 1024 (**pids\_limit = 1024**).
- Log level: The logLevel parameter sets the CRI-O log\_level parameter, which is the level of verbosity for log messages. The default is info (log\_level = info). Other options include fatal, panic, error, warn, debug, and trace.
- Overlay size: The overlaySize parameter sets the CRI-O Overlay storage driver size parameter, which is the maximum size of a container image. The default is 10 GB (size = "10G").
- Maximum log size: The logSizeMax parameter sets the CRI-O log\_size\_max parameter, which is the maximum size allowed for the container log file. The default is unlimited (log\_size\_max = -1). If set to a positive number, it must be at least 8192 to not be smaller than the ConMon read buffer. ConMon is a program that monitors communications between a container manager (such as Podman or CRI-O) and the OCI runtime (such as runc or crun) for a single container.

You can create multiple **ContainerRuntimeConfig** CRs, as needed, with a limit of ten. For the first **ContainerRuntimeConfig** CR, the MCO creates a machine config appended with **containerruntime**. With each subsequent CR, the controller creates a new **containerruntime** machine config with a numeric suffix. For example, if you have a **containerruntime** machine config with a **-2** suffix, the next **containerruntime** machine config is appended with **-3**.

You can also edit an existing **ContainerRuntimeConfig** CRs to edit existing settings or add new settings instead of creating a new CR. It is recommended to create a new CR to modify a different machine config pool, rather than add additional labels to an existing CR.

If you want to delete the machine configs, you should delete them in reverse order to avoid exceeding the limit. For example, you should delete the **containerruntime-3** machine config before deleting the **containerruntime-2** machine config.



#### NOTE

If you have a machine config with a **containerruntime-9** suffix, the next machine config is appended with **containerruntime-10** and will fail as it exceeds the limit, even if there are fewer than 10 **containerruntime** machine configs.

#### Example showing multiple ContainerRuntimeConfig CRs

\$ oc get ctrcfg

#### **Example output**

NAME AGE ctr-pid 24m ctr-overlay 15m ctr-level 5m45s

# Example showing multiple containerruntime machine configs

\$ oc get mc | grep container

## Example output

 01-master-container-runtime 57m	b5c5119de007945b6fe6fb215db3b8e2ceb12511	3.2.0				
 01-worker-container-runtime 57m	b5c5119de007945b6fe6fb215db3b8e2ceb12511	3.2.0				
 99-worker-generated-containerruntime 3.2.0 26m	b5c5119de007945b6fe6fb215db3b8e2ceb12511					
99-worker-generated-containerruntime-1 3.2.0 17m	b5c5119de007945b6fe6fb215db3b8e2ceb12	2511				
99-worker-generated-containerruntime-2 3.2.0 7m26s	b5c5119de007945b6fe6fb215db3b8e2ceb12	2511				

The following example raises the **pids\_limit** to 2048, sets the **log\_level** to **debug**, sets the overlay size to 8 GB, and sets the **log\_size\_max** to unlimited:

# Example ContainerRuntimeConfig CR

apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1
kind: ContainerRuntimeConfig
metadata:
name: overlay-size
spec:
machineConfigPoolSelector:
matchLabels:
pools.operator.machineconfiguration.openshift.io/worker: "1
containerRuntimeConfig:
pidsLimit: 2048 2
logLevel: debug 3
overlaySize: 8G 4
logSizeMax: "-1" 5

- Specifies the machine config pool label.
- Optional: Specifies the level of verbosity for log messages.
- Optional: Specifies the maximum size allowed for the container log file. If set to a positive number, it must be at least **8192**.
- 4 Optional: Specifies the maximum size of a container image.
- Optional: Specifies the maximum number of processes allowed in a container.

# **Procedure**

To change CRI-O settings using the **ContainerRuntimeConfig** CR:

1. Create a YAML file for the **ContainerRuntimeConfig** CR:

```
apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1
kind: ContainerRuntimeConfig
metadata:
name: overlay-size
spec:
machineConfigPoolSelector:
matchLabels:
pools.operator.machineconfiguration.openshift.io/worker: "1
containerRuntimeConfig: 2
pidsLimit: 2048
logLevel: debug
overlaySize: 8G
logSizeMax: "-1"
```

- Specify a label for the machine config pool that you want you want to modify.
- 2 Set the parameters as needed.
- 2. Create the **ContainerRuntimeConfig** CR:

```
$ oc create -f <file_name>.yaml
```

- 3. Verify that the CR is created:
  - \$ oc get ContainerRuntimeConfig

#### **Example output**

```
NAME AGE overlay-size 3m19s
```

- 4. Check that a new **containerruntime** machine config is created:
  - \$ oc get machineconfigs | grep containerrun

#### **Example output**

99-worker-generated-containerruntime 2c9371fbb673b97a6fe8b1c52691999ed3a1bfc2 3.1.0 31s

- 5. Monitor the machine config pool until all are shown as ready:
  - \$ oc get mcp worker

# Example output

NAME CONFIG UPDATED UPDATING DEGRADED MACHINECOUNT

READYMACHINECOUNT UPDATEDMACHINECOUNT DEGRADEDMACHINECOUNT AGE worker rendered-worker-169 False True False 3 1 1 0

- 6. Verify that the settings were applied in CRI-O:
  - a. Open an oc debug session to a node in the machine config pool and run chroot /host.

\$ oc debug node/<node\_name>

sh-4.4# chroot /host

b. Verify the changes in the **crio.conf** file:

sh-4.4# crio config | egrep 'log\_level|pids\_limit|log\_size\_max'

# **Example output**

```
pids_limit = 2048
log_size_max = -1
log_level = "debug"
```

c. Verify the changes in the `storage.conf` file:

sh-4.4# head -n 7 /etc/containers/storage.conf

# **Example output**

```
[storage]
driver = "overlay"
runroot = "/var/run/containers/storage"
graphroot = "/var/lib/containers/storage"
[storage.options]
additionalimagestores = []
size = "8G"
```

# **CHAPTER 3. POST-INSTALLATION CLUSTER TASKS**

After installing OpenShift Container Platform, you can further expand and customize your cluster to your requirements.

## 3.1. AVAILABLE CLUSTER CUSTOMIZATIONS

You complete most of the cluster configuration and customization after you deploy your OpenShift Container Platform cluster. A number of *configuration resources* are available.



#### **NOTE**

If you install your cluster on IBM Z, not all features and functions are available.

You modify the configuration resources to configure the major features of the cluster, such as the image registry, networking configuration, image build behavior, and the identity provider.

For current documentation of the settings that you control by using these resources, use the **oc explain** command, for example **oc explain builds --api-version=config.openshift.io/v1** 

# 3.1.1. Cluster configuration resources

All cluster configuration resources are globally scoped (not namespaced) and named cluster.

Resource name	Description
apiserver.config .openshift.io	Provides API server configuration such as certificates and certificate authorities.
authentication.c onfig.openshift.i o	Controls the identity provider and authentication configuration for the cluster.
build.config.ope nshift.io	Controls default and enforced configuration for all builds on the cluster.
console.config.	Configures the behavior of the web console interface, including the logout behavior.
featuregate.conf ig.openshift.io	Enables FeatureGates so that you can use Tech Preview features.
image.config.op enshift.io	Configures how specific image registries should be treated (allowed, disallowed, insecure, CA details).
ingress.config.o penshift.io	Configuration details related to routing such as the default domain for routes.
oauth.config.op enshift.io	Configures identity providers and other behavior related to internal OAuth server flows.

Resource name	Description
project.config.o penshift.io	Configures how projects are created including the project template.
proxy.config.op enshift.io	Defines proxies to be used by components needing external network access. Note: not all components currently consume this value.
scheduler.confi g.openshift.io	Configures scheduler behavior such as policies and default node selectors.

# 3.1.2. Operator configuration resources

These configuration resources are cluster-scoped instances, named **cluster**, which control the behavior of a specific component as owned by a particular Operator.

Resource name	Description
consoles.operat or.openshift.io	Controls console appearance such as branding customizations
config.imagereg istry.operator.o penshift.io	Configures internal image registry settings such as public routing, log levels, proxy settings, resource constraints, replica counts, and storage type.
config.samples. operator.opens hift.io	Configures the Samples Operator to control which example image streams and templates are installed on the cluster.

# 3.1.3. Additional configuration resources

These configuration resources represent a single instance of a particular component. In some cases, you can request multiple instances by creating multiple instances of the resource. In other cases, the Operator can use only a specific resource instance name in a specific namespace. Reference the component-specific documentation for details on how and when you can create additional resource instances.

Resource name	Instance name	Namespace	Description
alertmana ger.monit oring.core os.com	main	openshift- monitorin g	Controls the Alertmanager deployment parameters.

Resource name	Instance name	Namespace	Description
ingressco ntroller.op erator.ope nshift.io	default	openshift- ingress- operator	Configures Ingress Operator behavior such as domain, number of replicas, certificates, and controller placement.

# 3.1.4. Informational Resources

You use these resources to retrieve information about the cluster. Do not edit these resources directly.

Resource name	Instance name	Description
clusterversio n.config.ope nshift.io	version	In OpenShift Container Platform 4.7, you must not customize the <b>ClusterVersion</b> resource for production clusters. Instead, follow the process to update a cluster.
dns.config.o penshift.io	cluster	You cannot modify the DNS settings for your cluster. You can view the DNS Operator status.
infrastructur e.config.ope nshift.io	cluster	Configuration details allowing the cluster to interact with its cloud provider.
network.conf ig.openshift.i o	cluster	You cannot modify your cluster networking after installation. To customize your network, follow the process to customize networking during installation.

# 3.2. UPDATING THE GLOBAL CLUSTER PULL SECRET

You can update the global pull secret for your cluster.



# **WARNING**

Cluster resources must adjust to the new pull secret, which can temporarily limit the usability of the cluster.

Updating the global pull secret causes the Machine Config Operator to drain the nodes, apply the change, and uncordon the nodes.



#### **NOTE**

As of OpenShift Container Platform 4.7, changes to the global pull secret no longer trigger a reboot.

# **Prerequisites**

- You have a new or modified pull secret file to upload.
- You have access to the cluster as a user with the **cluster-admin** role.

#### **Procedure**

• Enter the following command to update the global pull secret for your cluster:

\$ oc set data secret/pull-secret -n openshift-config --from-file=.dockerconfigjson=<pull-secret-location> 1



Provide the path to the new pull secret file.

This update is rolled out to all nodes, which can take some time depending on the size of your cluster. During this time, nodes are drained and pods are rescheduled on the remaining nodes.

## 3.3. ADJUST WORKER NODES

If you incorrectly sized the worker nodes during deployment, adjust them by creating one or more new machine sets, scale them up, then scale the original machine set down before removing them.

# 3.3.1. Understanding the difference between machine sets and the machine config pool

**MachineSet** objects describe OpenShift Container Platform nodes with respect to the cloud or machine provider.

The **MachineConfigPool** object allows **MachineConfigController** components to define and provide the status of machines in the context of upgrades.

The **MachineConfigPool** object allows users to configure how upgrades are rolled out to the OpenShift Container Platform nodes in the machine config pool.

The **NodeSelector** object can be replaced with a reference to the **MachineSet** object.

# 3.3.2. Scaling a machine set manually

If you must add or remove an instance of a machine in a machine set, you can manually scale the machine set.

This guidance is relevant to fully automated, installer-provisioned infrastructure installations. Customized, user-provisioned infrastructure installations does not have machine sets.

#### **Prerequisites**

• Install an OpenShift Container Platform cluster and the oc command line.

• Log in to **oc** as a user with **cluster-admin** permission.

#### **Procedure**

1. View the machine sets that are in the cluster:

\$ oc get machinesets -n openshift-machine-api

The machine sets are listed in the form of **<clusterid>-worker-<aws-region-az>**.

2. Scale the machine set:

\$ oc scale --replicas=2 machineset <machineset> -n openshift-machine-api

Or:

\$ oc edit machineset <machineset> -n openshift-machine-api

You can scale the machine set up or down. It takes several minutes for the new machines to be available.

# 3.3.3. The machine set deletion policy

**Random**, **Newest**, and **Oldest** are the three supported deletion options. The default is **Random**, meaning that random machines are chosen and deleted when scaling machine sets down. The deletion policy can be set according to the use case by modifying the particular machine set:

spec:

deletePolicy: <delete\_policy>
replicas: <desired\_replica\_count>

Specific machines can also be prioritized for deletion by adding the annotation **machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-delete-machine** to the machine of interest, regardless of the deletion policy.



#### **IMPORTANT**

By default, the OpenShift Container Platform router pods are deployed on workers. Because the router is required to access some cluster resources, including the web console, do not scale the worker machine set to **0** unless you first relocate the router pods.



#### **NOTE**

Custom machine sets can be used for use cases requiring that services run on specific nodes and that those services are ignored by the controller when the worker machine sets are scaling down. This prevents service disruption.

## 3.4. CREATING INFRASTRUCTURE MACHINE SETS

You can create a **MachineSet** object to host only infrastructure components. You apply specific Kubernetes labels to these machines and then update the infrastructure components to run on only those machines. These infrastructure nodes are not counted toward the total number of subscriptions

that are required to run the environment.

# 3.4.1. OpenShift Container Platform infrastructure components

The following infrastructure workloads do not incur OpenShift Container Platform worker subscriptions:

- Kubernetes and OpenShift Container Platform control plane services that run on masters
- The default router
- The integrated container image registry
- The cluster metrics collection, or monitoring service, including components for monitoring userdefined projects
- Cluster aggregated logging
- Service brokers
- Red Hat Quay
- Red Hat OpenShift Container Storage
- Red Hat Advanced Cluster Manager

Any node that runs any other container, pod, or component is a worker node that your subscription must cover.

# 3.4.2. Creating default cluster-wide node selectors

You can use default cluster-wide node selectors on pods together with labels on nodes to constrain all pods created in a cluster to specific nodes.

With cluster-wide node selectors, when you create a pod in that cluster, OpenShift Container Platform adds the default node selectors to the pod and schedules the pod on nodes with matching labels.

You configure cluster-wide node selectors by editing the Scheduler Operator custom resource (CR). You add labels to a node, a machine set, or a machine config. Adding the label to the machine set ensures that if the node or machine goes down, new nodes have the label. Labels added to a node or machine config do not persist if the node or machine goes down.



#### **NOTE**

You can add additional key/value pairs to a pod. But you cannot add a different value for a default key.

#### **Procedure**

To add a default cluster-wide node selector:

- 1. Edit the Scheduler Operator CR to add the default cluster-wide node selectors:
  - \$ oc edit scheduler cluster

Example Scheduler Operator CR with a node selector

```
apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1
kind: Scheduler
metadata:
name: cluster
...
spec:
defaultNodeSelector: type=user-node,region=east 1
mastersSchedulable: false
policy:
name: ""
```

Add a node selector with the appropriate **<key>:<value>** pairs.

After making this change, wait for the pods in the **openshift-kube-apiserver** project to redeploy. This can take several minutes. The default cluster-wide node selector does not take effect until the pods redeploy.

- 2. Add labels to a node by using a machine set or editing the node directly:
  - Use a machine set to add labels to nodes managed by the machine set when a node is created:
    - a. Run the following command to add labels to a **MachineSet** object:

```
$ oc patch MachineSet <name> --type='json' -
p='[{"op":"add","path":"/spec/template/spec/metadata/labels", "value":{"<key>"="
<value>","<key>"="<value>"}}]' -n openshift-machine-api
```

Add a **<key>/<value>** pair for each label.

For example:

```
\ oc patch MachineSet ci-ln-l8nry52-f76d1-hl7m7-worker-c --type='json' - p='[{"op":"add","path":"/spec/template/spec/metadata/labels", "value":{"type":"user-node","region":"east"}}]' -n openshift-machine-api
```

b. Verify that the labels are added to the **MachineSet** object by using the **oc edit** command:

For example:

\$ oc edit MachineSet ci-ln-l8nry52-f76d1-hl7m7-worker-c -n openshift-machine-api

#### Example output

```
apiVersion: machine.openshift.io/v1beta1 kind: MachineSet metadata: ... spec: ... template:
```

metadata:
...
spec:
metadata:
labels:
region: east
type: user-node

c. Redeploy the nodes associated with that machine set by scaling down to **0** and scaling up the nodes:

For example:

\$ oc scale --replicas=0 MachineSet ci-In-l8nry52-f76d1-hl7m7-worker-c -n openshift-machine-api

\$ oc scale --replicas=1 MachineSet ci-ln-l8nry52-f76d1-hl7m7-worker-c -n openshift-machine-api

- d. When the nodes are ready and available, verify that the label is added to the nodes by using the **oc get** command:
  - \$ oc get nodes -l <key>=<value>

For example:

\$ oc get nodes -I type=user-node

## Example output

NAME STATUS ROLES AGE VERSION ci-ln-l8nry52-f76d1-hl7m7-worker-c-vmqzp Ready worker 61s v1.18.3+002a51f

- Add labels directly to a node:
  - a. Edit the **Node** object for the node:

\$ oc label nodes <name> <key>=<value>

For example, to label a node:

 $\$  oc label nodes ci-ln-l8nry52-f76d1-hl7m7-worker-b-tgq49 type=user-node region=east

- b. Verify that the labels are added to the node using the **oc get** command:
  - \$ oc get nodes -l <key>=<value>,<key>=<value>

For example:

\$ oc get nodes -I type=user-node,region=east

## **Example output**

NAME STATUS ROLES AGE VERSION ci-ln-l8nry52-f76d1-hl7m7-worker-b-tgq49 Ready worker 17m v1.18.3+002a51f

## 3.5. MOVING RESOURCES TO INFRASTRUCTURE MACHINE SETS

Some of the infrastructure resources are deployed in your cluster by default. You can move them to the infrastructure machine sets that you created.

# 3.5.1. Moving the router

You can deploy the router pod to a different machine set. By default, the pod is deployed to a worker node.

#### **Prerequisites**

• Configure additional machine sets in your OpenShift Container Platform cluster.

#### **Procedure**

1. View the **IngressController** custom resource for the router Operator:

\$ oc get ingresscontroller default -n openshift-ingress-operator -o yaml

The command output resembles the following text:

```
apiVersion: operator.openshift.io/v1
kind: IngressController
metadata:
 creationTimestamp: 2019-04-18T12:35:39Z
 - ingresscontroller.operator.openshift.io/finalizer-ingresscontroller
 generation: 1
 name: default
 namespace: openshift-ingress-operator
 resourceVersion: "11341"
 selfLink: /apis/operator.openshift.io/v1/namespaces/openshift-ingress-
operator/ingresscontrollers/default
 uid: 79509e05-61d6-11e9-bc55-02ce4781844a
spec: {}
status:
 availableReplicas: 2
 conditions:
 - lastTransitionTime: 2019-04-18T12:36:15Z
  status: "True"
  type: Available
 domain: apps.<cluster>.example.com
 endpointPublishingStrategy:
  type: LoadBalancerService
 selector: ingresscontroller.operator.openshift.io/deployment-ingresscontroller=default
```

2. Edit the ingresscontroller resource and change the nodeSelector to use the infra label:

\$ oc edit ingresscontroller default -n openshift-ingress-operator

Add the **nodeSelector** stanza that references the **infra** label to the **spec** section, as shown:

spec:
nodePlacement:
nodeSelector:
matchLabels:
node-role.kubernetes.io/infra: ""

- 3. Confirm that the router pod is running on the **infra** node.
  - a. View the list of router pods and note the node name of the running pod:

\$ oc get pod -n openshift-ingress -o wide

## **Example output**

NAME READY **STATUS** RESTARTS AGE IΡ NODE NOMINATED NODE READINESS GATES router-default-86798b4b5d-bdlvd 1/1 28s 10.130.2.4 ip-10-Running 0-217-226.ec2.internal <none> <none> router-default-955d875f4-255g8 0/1 Terminating 0 19h 10.129.2.4 ip-10-0-148-172.ec2.internal <none> <none>

In this example, the running pod is on the ip-10-0-217-226.ec2.internal node.

b. View the node status of the running pod:

\$ oc get node <node\_name> 1

Specify the <node\_name> that you obtained from the pod list.

## **Example output**

NAME STATUS ROLES AGE VERSION ip-10-0-217-226.ec2.internal Ready infra,worker 17h v1.20.0

Because the role list includes **infra**, the pod is running on the correct node.

# 3.5.2. Moving the default registry

You configure the registry Operator to deploy its pods to different nodes.

## **Prerequisites**

Configure additional machine sets in your OpenShift Container Platform cluster.

## **Procedure**

1. View the **config/instance** object:

\$ oc get configs.imageregistry.operator.openshift.io cluster -o yaml

# Example output

```
apiVersion: imageregistry.operator.openshift.io/v1
kind: Config
metadata:
 creationTimestamp: 2019-02-05T13:52:05Z
 finalizers:
 - imageregistry.operator.openshift.io/finalizer
 generation: 1
 name: cluster
 resourceVersion: "56174"
 selfLink: /apis/imageregistry.operator.openshift.io/v1/configs/cluster
 uid: 36fd3724-294d-11e9-a524-12ffeee2931b
spec:
 httpSecret: d9a012ccd117b1e6616ceccb2c3bb66a5fed1b5e481623
 logging: 2
 managementState: Managed
 proxy: {}
 replicas: 1
 requests:
  read: {}
  write: {}
 storage:
   bucket: image-registry-us-east-1-c92e88cad85b48ec8b312344dff03c82-392c
   region: us-east-1
status:
```

2. Edit the config/instance object:

\$ oc edit configs.imageregistry.operator.openshift.io cluster

3. Add the following lines of text the **spec** section of the object:

```
nodeSelector:
node-role.kubernetes.io/infra: ""
```

- 4. Verify the registry pod has been moved to the infrastructure node.
  - a. Run the following command to identify the node where the registry pod is located:
    - \$ oc get pods -o wide -n openshift-image-registry
  - b. Confirm the node has the label you specified:
    - \$ oc describe node <node\_name>

Review the command output and confirm that **node-role.kubernetes.io/infra** is in the **LABELS** list.

# 3.5.3. Creating infrastructure machine sets for production environments

In a production deployment, deploy at least three machine sets to hold infrastructure components. Both

the logging aggregation solution and the service mesh deploy Elasticsearch, and Elasticsearch requires three instances that are installed on different nodes. For high availability, install deploy these nodes to different availability zones. Since you need different machine sets for each availability zone, create at least three machine sets.

# 3.5.3.1. Creating a machine set

In addition to the ones created by the installation program, you can create your own machine sets to dynamically manage the machine compute resources for specific workloads of your choice.

# **Prerequisites**

- Deploy an OpenShift Container Platform cluster.
- Install the OpenShift CLI (oc).
- Log in to **oc** as a user with **cluster-admin** permission.

#### **Procedure**

1. Create a new YAML file that contains the machine set custom resource (CR) sample, as shown, and is named **<file\_name>.yaml**.

Ensure that you set the **<clusterID>** and **<role>** parameter values.

a. If you are not sure about which value to set for a specific field, you can check an existing machine set from your cluster.

\$ oc get machinesets -n openshift-machine-api

## **Example output**

NAME	DESIRE	)	CURRENT	RI	EADY	AVAILABLE	AGE
agl030519-vplxk-worker	-us-east-1a	1	1	1	1	55m	
agl030519-vplxk-worker	-us-east-1b	1	1	1	1	55m	
agl030519-vplxk-worker	-us-east-1c	1	1	1	1	55m	
agl030519-vplxk-worker	-us-east-1d	0	0			55m	
agl030519-vplxk-worker	-us-east-1e	0	0			55m	
agl030519-vplxk-worker	-us-east-1f	0	0			55m	

b. Check values of a specific machine set:

\$ oc get machineset <machineset\_name> -n \ openshift-machine-api -o yaml

## Example output

```
template:
metadata:
labels:
machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-cluster: agl030519-vplxk 1
```

machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machine-role: worker 2 machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machine-type: worker machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machineset: agl030519-vplxk-worker-us-east-1a

- The cluster ID.
- 2 A default node label.
- 2. Create the new MachineSet CR:
  - \$ oc create -f <file\_name>.yaml
- 3. View the list of machine sets:
  - \$ oc get machineset -n openshift-machine-api

# **Example output**

NAME	DESIRED	)	CURREN	ΙT	READY	AVAILABLE	AGE
agl030519-vplxk-infra-us-	east-1a	1	1	1	1	11m	
agl030519-vplxk-worker-u	ıs-east-1a	1	1		1 1	55m	
agl030519-vplxk-worker-u	ıs-east-1b	1	1		1 1	55m	
agl030519-vplxk-worker-u	ıs-east-1c	1	1	-	1 1	55m	
agl030519-vplxk-worker-u	ıs-east-1d	0	0			55m	
agl030519-vplxk-worker-u	ıs-east-1e	0	0			55m	
agl030519-vplxk-worker-u	ıs-east-1f	0	0			55m	

When the new machine set is available, the **DESIRED** and **CURRENT** values match. If the machine set is not available, wait a few minutes and run the command again.

4. After the new machine set is available, check status of the machine and the node that it references:

\$ oc describe machine <name> -n openshift-machine-api

For example:

\$ oc describe machine agl030519-vplxk-infra-us-east-1a -n openshift-machine-api

# **Example output**

status:

addresses:

address: 10.0.133.18type: InternalIPaddress: ""

type: ExternalDNS

- address: ip-10-0-133-18.ec2.internal

type: InternalDNS

lastUpdated: "2019-05-03T10:38:17Z"

nodeRef: kind: Node name: ip-10-0-133-18.ec2.internal

uid: 71fb8d75-6d8f-11e9-9ff3-0e3f103c7cd8

providerStatus:

apiVersion: awsproviderconfig.openshift.io/v1beta1

conditions:

 lastProbeTime: "2019-05-03T10:34:31Z" lastTransitionTime: "2019-05-03T10:34:31Z" message: machine successfully created reason: MachineCreationSucceeded

status: "True"

type: MachineCreation

instanceld: i-09ca0701454124294

instanceState: running

kind: AWSMachineProviderStatus

5. View the new node and confirm that the new node has the label that you specified:

\$ oc get node <node\_name> --show-labels

Review the command output and confirm that **node-role.kubernetes.io**/<**your\_label>** is in the **LABELS** list.



## **NOTE**

Any change to a machine set is not applied to existing machines owned by the machine set. For example, labels edited or added to an existing machine set are not propagated to existing machines and nodes associated with the machine set.

# 3.5.4. Creating machine sets for different clouds

Use the sample machine set for your cloud.

## 3.5.4.1. Sample YAML for a machine set custom resource on AWS

This sample YAML defines a machine set that runs in the **us-east-1a** Amazon Web Services (AWS) zone and creates nodes that are labeled with **node-role.kubernetes.io**/<**role>: ""** 

In this sample, **<infrastructureID>** is the infrastructure ID label that is based on the cluster ID that you set when you provisioned the cluster, and **<role>** is the node label to add.

apiVersion: machine.openshift.io/v1beta1
kind: MachineSet
metadata:
labels:
 machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-cluster: <infrastructureID> 1
 name: <infrastructureID>-<role>-<zone> 2
 namespace: openshift-machine-api
spec:
 replicas: 1
 selector:
 matchLabels:
 machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-cluster: <infrastructureID> 3
 machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machineset: <infrastructureID>-<role>-<zone> 4
template:

```
metadata:
 labels:
  machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-cluster: <infrastructureID> 5
  machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machine-role: <role> 6
  machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machine-type: <role> 7
  machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machineset: <infrastructureID>-<role>-<zone> 8
spec:
 metadata:
  labels:
   node-role.kubernetes.io/<role>: "" 9
 providerSpec:
  value:
   ami:
    id: ami-046fe691f52a953f9 10
   apiVersion: awsproviderconfig.openshift.io/v1beta1
   blockDevices:
    - ebs:
       iops: 0
       volumeSize: 120
       volumeType: gp2
   credentialsSecret:
    name: aws-cloud-credentials
   deviceIndex: 0
   iamInstanceProfile:
    id: <infrastructureID>-worker-profile 111
   instanceType: m4.large
   kind: AWSMachineProviderConfig
   placement:
    availabilityZone: us-east-1a
    region: us-east-1
   securityGroups:
    - filters:
       - name: tag:Name
        values:
         - <infrastructureID>-worker-sg 12
   subnet:
    filters:
      - name: tag:Name
       values:
        - <infrastructureID>-private-us-east-1a 13
   tags:
    - name: kubernetes.io/cluster/<infrastructureID> 14
      value: owned
   userDataSecret:
    name: worker-user-data
```

1 3 5 11 12 13 14 Specify the infrastructure ID that is based on the cluster ID that you set when you provisioned the cluster. If you have the OpenShift CLI installed, you can obtain the infrastructure ID by running the following command:

\$ oc get -o jsonpath='{.status.infrastructureName}{"\n"}' infrastructure cluster

248 Specify the infrastructure ID, node label, and zone.

- 679 Specify the node label to add.
- Specify a valid Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS (RHCOS) AMI for your AWS zone for your OpenShift Container Platform nodes.

Machine sets running on AWS support non-guaranteed Spot Instances. You can save on costs by using Spot Instances at a lower price compared to On-Demand Instances on AWS. Configure Spot Instances by adding **spotMarketOptions** to the **MachineSet** YAML file.

# 3.5.4.2. Sample YAML for a machine set custom resource on Azure

This sample YAML defines a machine set that runs in the **1** Microsoft Azure zone in the **centralus** region and creates nodes that are labeled with **node-role.kubernetes.io**/<**role>: ""** 

In this sample, **<infrastructureID>** is the infrastructure ID label that is based on the cluster ID that you set when you provisioned the cluster, and **<role>** is the node label to add.

```
apiVersion: machine.openshift.io/v1beta1
kind: MachineSet
metadata:
 labels:
  machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-cluster: <infrastructureID> 1
  machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machine-role: <role> 2
  machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machine-type: <role> 3
 name: <infrastructureID>-<role>-<region> 4
 namespace: openshift-machine-api
spec:
 replicas: 1
 selector:
  matchLabels:
   machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-cluster: <infrastructureID> 5
   machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machineset: <infrastructureID>-<role>-<region> 6
 template:
  metadata:
   creationTimestamp: null
   labels:
     machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-cluster: <infrastructureID> 7
     machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machine-role: <role> 8
     machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machine-type: <role> 9
     machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machineset: <infrastructureID>-<role>-<region> 10
   metadata:
     creationTimestamp: null
      node-role.kubernetes.io/<role>: "" 11
   providerSpec:
     value:
      apiVersion: azureproviderconfig.openshift.io/v1beta1
      credentialsSecret:
       name: azure-cloud-credentials
       namespace: openshift-machine-api
      image:
       offer: ""
```

```
publisher: ""
       resourceID: /resourceGroups/<infrastructureID>-
rg/providers/Microsoft.Compute/images/<infrastructureID>
       version: ""
      internalLoadBalancer: ""
      kind: AzureMachineProviderSpec
      location: centralus
      managedIdentity: <infrastructureID>-identity 12
       creationTimestamp: null
      natRule: null
      networkResourceGroup: ""
      osDisk:
       diskSizeGB: 128
       managedDisk:
        storageAccountType: Premium LRS
       osType: Linux
      publicIP: false
      publicLoadBalancer: ""
      resourceGroup: <infrastructureID>-rg 13
      sshPrivateKey: ""
      sshPublicKey: ""
      subnet: <infrastructureID>-<role>-subnet 14 15
      userDataSecret:
       name: <role>-user-data 16
      vmSize: Standard D2s v3
      vnet: <infrastructureID>-vnet 17
      zone: "1" 18
```

- 1 5 7 12 13 14 17 Specify the infrastructure ID that is based on the cluster ID that you set when you provisioned the cluster. If you have the OpenShift CLI installed, you can obtain the infrastructure ID by running the following command:
  - \$ oc get -o jsonpath='{.status.infrastructureName}{"\n"}' infrastructure cluster
- 2 3 8 9 11 15 16 Specify the node label to add.
- 4 6 10 Specify the infrastructure ID, node label, and region.
- Specify the zone within your region to place Machines on. Be sure that your region supports the zone that you specify.

Machine sets running on Azure support non-guaranteed Spot VMs. You can save on costs by using Spot VMs at a lower price compared to standard VMs on Azure. You can configure Spot VMs by adding **spotVMOptions** to the **MachineSet** YAML file.

## 3.5.4.3. Sample YAML for a machine set custom resource on GCP

This sample YAML defines a machine set that runs in Google Cloud Platform (GCP) and creates nodes that are labeled with **node-role.kubernetes.io**/<**role>: ""** 

In this sample, **<infrastructureID>** is the infrastructure ID label that is based on the cluster ID that you set when you provisioned the cluster, and **<role>** is the node label to add.

```
apiVersion: machine.openshift.io/v1beta1
kind: MachineSet
metadata:
 labels:
  machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-cluster: <infrastructureID> 1
 name: <infrastructureID>-w-a 2
 namespace: openshift-machine-api
spec:
 replicas: 1
 selector:
  matchLabels:
   machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-cluster: <infrastructureID> 3
   machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machineset: <infrastructureID>-w-a 4
 template:
  metadata:
   creationTimestamp: null
   labels:
     machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-cluster: <infrastructureID> 5
     machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machine-role: <role> 6
     machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machine-type: <role> 7
     machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machineset: <infrastructureID>-w-a
  spec:
   metadata:
    labels:
      node-role.kubernetes.io/<role>: "" 9
   providerSpec:
      apiVersion: gcpprovider.openshift.io/v1beta1
      canIPForward: false
      credentialsSecret:
       name: gcp-cloud-credentials
      deletionProtection: false
      disks:
      - autoDelete: true
       boot: true
       image: <path_to_image> 10
       labels: null
       sizeGb: 128
       type: pd-ssd
      kind: GCPMachineProviderSpec
      machineType: n1-standard-4
      metadata:
       creationTimestamp: null
      networkInterfaces:
      - network: <infrastructureID>-network 11
       subnetwork: <infrastructureID>-<role>-subnet 12
      projectID: project_name
      region: us-central1
      serviceAccounts:
      - email: <infrastructureID>-w@<project_name>.iam.gserviceaccount.com 14 15
       - https://www.googleapis.com/auth/cloud-platform
      - <infrastructureID>-<role> 16
```

userDataSecret: name: worker-user-data zone: us-central1-a

1 2 3 4 5 8 11 14 Specify the infrastructure ID that is based on the cluster ID that you set when you provisioned the cluster. If you have the OpenShift CLI installed, you can obtain the infrastructure ID by running the following command:

\$ oc get -o jsonpath='{.status.infrastructureName}{"\n"}' infrastructure cluster

- 12.16 Specify the infrastructure ID and node label.
- 6 7 9 Specify the node label to add.
- 13,15 Specify the name of the GCP project that you use for your cluster.
- Specify the path to the image that is used in current machine sets. If you have the OpenShift CLI installed, you can obtain the path to the image by running the following command:

```
$ oc -n openshift-machine-api \
  -o jsonpath='{.spec.template.spec.providerSpec.value.disks[0].image}{"\n"}' \
  get machineset/<infrastructureID>-worker-a
```

Machine sets running on GCP support non-guaranteed preemptible VM instances. You can save on costs by using preemptible VM instances at a lower price compared to normal instances on GCP. You can configure preemptible VM instances by adding **preemptible** to the **MachineSet** YAML file.

## 3.5.4.4. Sample YAML for a machine set custom resource on vSphere

This sample YAML defines a machine set that runs on VMware vSphere and creates nodes that are labeled with **node-role.kubernetes.io/<role>: ""**.

In this sample, **<infrastructure\_id>** is the infrastructure ID label that is based on the cluster ID that you set when you provisioned the cluster, and **<role>** is the node label to add.

```
apiVersion: machine.openshift.io/v1beta1
kind: MachineSet
metadata:
 creationTimestamp: null
 labels:
  machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-cluster: <infrastructure_id> 1
 name: <infrastructure_id>-<role> 2
 namespace: openshift-machine-api
spec:
 replicas: 1
 selector:
  matchLabels:
   machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-cluster: <infrastructure_id> 3
   machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machineset: <infrastructure id>-<role> 4
 template:
  metadata:
   creationTimestamp: null
   labels:
```

```
machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-cluster: <infrastructure_id> 5
  machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machine-role: <role> 6
  machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machine-type: <role> 7
  machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machineset: <infrastructure id>-<role> 8
spec:
 metadata:
  creationTimestamp: null
  labels:
   node-role.kubernetes.io/<role>: "" 9
 providerSpec:
  value:
   apiVersion: vsphereprovider.openshift.io/v1beta1
   credentialsSecret:
    name: vsphere-cloud-credentials
   diskGiB: 120
   kind: VSphereMachineProviderSpec
   memoryMiB: 8192
   metadata:
    creationTimestamp: null
   network:
    devices:
    - networkName: "<vm_network_name>" 10
   numCPUs: 4
   numCoresPerSocket: 1
   snapshot: ""
   template: <vm_template_name> 111
   userDataSecret:
    name: worker-user-data
   workspace:
    datacenter: <vcenter_datacenter_name> 12
    datastore: <vcenter datastore name> 13
    folder: <vcenter_vm_folder_path> 14
    resourcepool: <vsphere_resource_pool> 15
    server: <vcenter_server_ip> 16
```

- 1 3 5 Specify the infrastructure ID that is based on the cluster ID that you set when you provisioned the cluster. If you have the OpenShift CLI (oc) installed, you can obtain the infrastructure ID by running the following command:
  - \$ oc get -o jsonpath='{.status.infrastructureName}{"\n"}' infrastructure cluster
- 2 4 8 Specify the infrastructure ID and node label.
- 6 7 9 Specify the node label to add.
- Specify the vSphere VM network to deploy the machine set to.
- Specify the vSphere VM template to use, such as **user-5ddjd-rhcos**.
- Specify the vCenter Datacenter to deploy the machine set on.
- Specify the vCenter Datastore to deploy the machine set on.
- Specify the path to the vSphere VM folder in vCenter, such as /dc1/vm/user-inst-5ddjd.

- 15
- Specify the vSphere resource pool for your VMs.
- 16

Specify the vCenter server IP or fully qualified domain name.

## 3.6. CREATING AN INFRASTRUCTURE NODE



#### **IMPORTANT**

See Creating infrastructure machine sets for installer-provisioned infrastructure environments or for any cluster where the master nodes are managed by the machine API.

Requirements of the cluster dictate that infrastructure, also called **infra** nodes, be provisioned. The installer only provides provisions for master and worker nodes. Worker nodes can be designated as infrastructure nodes or application, also called **app**, nodes through labeling.

#### **Procedure**

- 1. Add a label to the worker node that you want to act as application node:
  - \$ oc label node <node-name> node-role.kubernetes.io/app=""
- 2. Add a label to the worker nodes that you want to act as infrastructure nodes:
  - \$ oc label node <node-name> node-role.kubernetes.io/infra=""
- 3. Check to see if applicable nodes now have the **infra** role and **app** roles:
  - \$ oc get nodes
- 4. Create a default node selector so that pods without a node selector are assigned a subset of nodes to be deployed on, for example by default deployment in worker nodes. As an example, the **defaultNodeSelector** to deploy pods on worker nodes by default would look like:
  - defaultNodeSelector: node-role.kubernetes.io/app=
- 5. Move infrastructure resources to the newly labeled **infra** nodes.

## 3.7. CREATING INFRASTRUCTURE MACHINES

If you need infrastructure machines to have dedicated configurations, then you must create an infra pool.

## Procedure

- 1. Create a machine config pool that contains both the worker role and your custom role as machine config selector:
  - \$ cat infra.mcp.yaml

# **Example output**

apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1
kind: MachineConfigPool
metadata:
name: infra
spec:
machineConfigSelector:
matchExpressions:
- {key: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/role, operator: In, values: [worker,infra]}
nodeSelector:
matchLabels:
node-role.kubernetes.io/infra: ""

2. After you have the YAML file, you can create the machine config pool:

\$ oc create -f infra.mcp.yaml

3. Check the machine configs to ensure that the infrastructure configuration rendered successfully:

\$ oc get machineconfig

# **Example output**

NAME	GENER	RATEDBYCO	NTROL	LER	
IGNITIONVERSION CREATED					
00-master	365c1c	cfd14de5b0e3	3b85e0f	c815b0060f3	36ab955
2.2.0 31d					
00-worker	365c1c	fd14de5b0e3	3b85e0f	c815b0060f3	6ab955
2.2.0 31d					
01-master-container-runtime					
365c1cfd14de5b0e3b85e0fc815b0060f3	86ab955	2.2.0	31d		
01-master-kubelet	365	c1cfd14de5b	0e3b85	e0fc815b006	0f36ab955
2.2.0 31d					
01-worker-container-runtime					
365c1cfd14de5b0e3b85e0fc815b0060f3	86ab955	2.2.0	31d		
01-worker-kubelet	365	c1cfd14de5b	0e3b85	e0fc815b006	0f36ab955
2.2.0 31d					
99-master-1ae2a1e0-a115-11e9-8f14-00	05056899	9d54-registrie	es		
365c1cfd14de5b0e3b85e0fc815b0060f3	86ab955	2.2.0	31d		
99-master-ssh				2.2.0	31d
99-worker-1ae64748-a115-11e9-8f14-00		•	S		
365c1cfd14de5b0e3b85e0fc815b0060f3	86ab955	2.2.0	31d		
99-worker-ssh				2.2.0	31d
rendered-infra-4e48906dca84ee702959					
365c1cfd14de5b0e3b85e0fc815b0060f3		_	23m		
rendered-master-072d4b2da7f88162636					
5b6fb8349a29735e48446d435962dec45		_	31d		
rendered-master-3e88ec72aed3886dec					
02c07496ba0417b3e12b78fb32baf6293			31d		
rendered-master-419bee7de96134963a			47.1		
365c1cfd14de5b0e3b85e0fc815b0060f3		_	17d		
rendered-master-53f5c91c7661708adce	18/3900	UI4UID			

365c1cfd14de5b0e3b85e0fc815b0060f36ab955 2.2.0	13d
rendered-master-a6a357ec18e5bce7f5ac426fc7c5ffcd	
365c1cfd14de5b0e3b85e0fc815b0060f36ab955 2.2.0	7d3h
rendered-master-dc7f874ec77fc4b969674204332da037	
5b6fb8349a29735e48446d435962dec4547d3090 2.2.0	31d
rendered-worker-1a75960c52ad18ff5dfa6674eb7e533d	
5b6fb8349a29735e48446d435962dec4547d3090 2.2.0	31d
rendered-worker-2640531be11ba43c61d72e82dc634ce6	
5b6fb8349a29735e48446d435962dec4547d3090 2.2.0	31d
rendered-worker-4e48906dca84ee702959c71a53ee80e7	
365c1cfd14de5b0e3b85e0fc815b0060f36ab955 2.2.0	7d3h
rendered-worker-4f110718fe88e5f349987854a1147755	
365c1cfd14de5b0e3b85e0fc815b0060f36ab955 2.2.0	17d
rendered-worker-afc758e194d6188677eb837842d3b379	
02c07496ba0417b3e12b78fb32baf6293d314f79 2.2.0	31d
rendered-worker-daa08cc1e8f5fcdeba24de60cd955cc3	
365c1cfd14de5b0e3b85e0fc815b0060f36ab955 2.2.0	13d

4. Optional: To deploy changes to a custom pool, create a machine config that uses the custom pool name as the label, such as **infra**. Note that this is not required and only shown for instructional purposes. In this manner, you can apply any custom configurations specific to only your infra nodes.

\$ cat infra.mc.yaml

# **Example output**

```
apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1
kind: MachineConfig
metadata:
 labels:
  machineconfiguration.openshift.io/role: infra
 name: 51-infra
spec:
 config:
  ignition:
   version: 2.2.0
  storage:
   files:
   - contents:
      source: data:,infra
     filesystem: root
     mode: 0644
     path: /etc/infratest
```

5. Apply the machine config, then verify that the infra-labeled nodes are updated with the configuration file:

\$ oc create -f infra.mc.yaml

# 3.8. ABOUT THE CLUSTER AUTOSCALER

The cluster autoscaler adjusts the size of an OpenShift Container Platform cluster to meet its current deployment needs. It uses declarative, Kubernetes-style arguments to provide infrastructure

management that does not rely on objects of a specific cloud provider. The cluster autoscaler has a cluster scope, and is not associated with a particular namespace.

The cluster autoscaler increases the size of the cluster when there are pods that failed to schedule on any of the current nodes due to insufficient resources or when another node is necessary to meet deployment needs. The cluster autoscaler does not increase the cluster resources beyond the limits that you specify.



#### **IMPORTANT**

Ensure that the **maxNodesTotal** value in the **ClusterAutoscaler** resource definition that you create is large enough to account for the total possible number of machines in your cluster. This value must encompass the number of control plane machines and the possible number of compute machines that you might scale to.

The cluster autoscaler decreases the size of the cluster when some nodes are consistently not needed for a significant period, such as when it has low resource use and all of its important pods can fit on other nodes.

If the following types of pods are present on a node, the cluster autoscaler will not remove the node:

- Pods with restrictive pod disruption budgets (PDBs).
- Kube-system pods that do not run on the node by default.
- Kube-system pods that do not have a PDB or have a PDB that is too restrictive.
- Pods that are not backed by a controller object such as a deployment, replica set, or stateful set.
- Pods with local storage.
- Pods that cannot be moved elsewhere because of a lack of resources, incompatible node selectors or affinity, matching anti-affinity, and so on.
- Unless they also have a "cluster-autoscaler.kubernetes.io/safe-to-evict": "true" annotation, pods that have a "cluster-autoscaler.kubernetes.io/safe-to-evict": "false" annotation.

If you configure the cluster autoscaler, additional usage restrictions apply:

- Do not modify the nodes that are in autoscaled node groups directly. All nodes within the same node group have the same capacity and labels and run the same system pods.
- Specify requests for your pods.
- If you have to prevent pods from being deleted too quickly, configure appropriate PDBs.
- Confirm that your cloud provider quota is large enough to support the maximum node pools that you configure.
- Do not run additional node group autoscalers, especially the ones offered by your cloud provider.

The horizontal pod autoscaler (HPA) and the cluster autoscaler modify cluster resources in different ways. The HPA changes the deployment's or replica set's number of replicas based on the current CPU load. If the load increases, the HPA creates new replicas, regardless of the amount of resources available

to the cluster. If there are not enough resources, the cluster autoscaler adds resources so that the HPA-created pods can run. If the load decreases, the HPA stops some replicas. If this action causes some nodes to be underutilized or completely empty, the cluster autoscaler deletes the unnecessary nodes.

The cluster autoscaler takes pod priorities into account. The Pod Priority and Preemption feature enables scheduling pods based on priorities if the cluster does not have enough resources, but the cluster autoscaler ensures that the cluster has resources to run all pods. To honor the intention of both features, the cluster autoscaler includes a priority cutoff function. You can use this cutoff to schedule "best-effort" pods, which do not cause the cluster autoscaler to increase resources but instead run only when spare resources are available.

Pods with priority lower than the cutoff value do not cause the cluster to scale up or prevent the cluster from scaling down. No new nodes are added to run the pods, and nodes running these pods might be deleted to free resources.

#### 3.8.1. Cluster Autoscaler resource definition

This **ClusterAutoscaler** resource definition shows the parameters and sample values for the cluster autoscaler.

```
apiVersion: "autoscaling.openshift.io/v1"
kind: "ClusterAutoscaler"
metadata:
 name: "default"
spec:
 podPriorityThreshold: -10 1
 resourceLimits:
  maxNodesTotal: 24 2
  cores:
   min: 8 3
   max: 128 4
  memory:
   min: 4 5
   max: 256 6
  gpus:
   - type: nvidia.com/gpu 7
    min: 0 8
    max: 16 9
   - type: amd.com/gpu 10
    min: 0 111
    max: 4 12
 scaleDown: 13
  enabled: true 14
  delayAfterAdd: 10m 15
  delayAfterDelete: 5m 16
  delayAfterFailure: 30s 17
  unneededTime: 60s 18
```

- Specify the priority that a pod must exceed to cause the cluster autoscaler to deploy additional nodes. Enter a 32-bit integer value. The **podPriorityThreshold** value is compared to the value of the **PriorityClass** that you assign to each pod.
- 2 Specify the maximum number of nodes to deploy. This value is the total number of machines that

are deployed in your cluster, not just the ones that the autoscaler controls. Ensure that this value is large enough to account for all of your control plane and compute machines and the total number of replicas that you specify in your **MachineAutoscaler** resources.

- Specify the minimum number of cores to deploy.
- Specify the maximum number of cores to deploy.
- Specify the minimum amount of memory, in GiB, in the cluster.
- 6 Specify the maximum amount of memory, in GiB, in the cluster.
- 7 10 Optionally, specify the type of GPU node to deploy. Only **nvidia.com/gpu** and **amd.com/gpu** are valid types.
- 8 11 Specify the minimum number of GPUs to deploy.
- 9 12 Specify the maximum number of GPUs to deploy.
- In this section, you can specify the period to wait for each action by using any valid ParseDuration interval, including **ns**, **us**, **ms**, **s**, **m**, and **h**.
- Specify whether the cluster autoscaler can remove unnecessary nodes.
- Optionally, specify the period to wait before deleting a node after a node has recently been added. If you do not specify a value, the default value of **10m** is used.
- Specify the period to wait before deleting a node after a node has recently been *deleted*. If you do not specify a value, the default value of **10s** is used.
- Specify the period to wait before deleting a node after a scale down failure occurred. If you do not specify a value, the default value of **3m** is used.
- Specify the period before an unnecessary node is eligible for deletion. If you do not specify a value, the default value of **10m** is used.



#### **NOTE**

When performing a scaling operation, the cluster autoscaler remains within the ranges set in the **ClusterAutoscaler** resource definition, such as the minimum and maximum number of cores to deploy or the amount of memory in the cluster. However, the cluster autoscaler does not correct the current values in your cluster to be within those ranges.

# 3.8.2. Deploying the cluster autoscaler

To deploy the cluster autoscaler, you create an instance of the **ClusterAutoscaler** resource.

#### **Procedure**

- 1. Create a YAML file for the **ClusterAutoscaler** resource that contains the customized resource definition.
- 2. Create the resource in the cluster:

\$ oc create -f <filename>.yaml



<filename> is the name of the resource file that you customized.

# 3.9. ABOUT THE MACHINE AUTOSCALER

The machine autoscaler adjusts the number of Machines in the machine sets that you deploy in an OpenShift Container Platform cluster. You can scale both the default **worker** machine set and any other machine sets that you create. The machine autoscaler makes more Machines when the cluster runs out of resources to support more deployments. Any changes to the values in **MachineAutoscaler** resources, such as the minimum or maximum number of instances, are immediately applied to the machine set they target.



#### **IMPORTANT**

You must deploy a machine autoscaler for the cluster autoscaler to scale your machines. The cluster autoscaler uses the annotations on machine sets that the machine autoscaler sets to determine the resources that it can scale. If you define a cluster autoscaler without also defining machine autoscalers, the cluster autoscaler will never scale your cluster.

#### 3.9.1. Machine Autoscaler resource definition

This **MachineAutoscaler** resource definition shows the parameters and sample values for the machine autoscaler.

apiVersion: "autoscaling.openshift.io/v1beta1"

kind: "MachineAutoscaler"

metadata:

name: "worker-us-east-1a" 1

namespace: "openshift-machine-api"

spec:

minReplicas: 1 2 maxReplicas: 12 3 scaleTargetRef: 4

apiVersion: machine.openshift.io/v1beta1

kind: MachineSet 5

name: worker-us-east-1a 6

- 1 Specify the machine autoscaler name. To make it easier to identify which machine set this machine autoscaler scales, specify or include the name of the machine set to scale. The machine set name takes the following form: <clusterid>-<machineset>-<aws-region-az>
- 2 Specify the minimum number machines of the specified type that must remain in the specified zone after the cluster autoscaler initiates cluster scaling. If running in AWS, GCP, Azure, or RHOSP, this value can be set to **0**. For other providers, do not set this value to **0**.
- 3 Specify the maximum number machines of the specified type that the cluster autoscaler can deploy in the specified AWS zone after it initiates cluster scaling. Ensure that the **maxNodesTotal** value in the **ClusterAutoscaler** resource definition is large enough to allow the machine autoscaler to deploy this number of machines.
- In this section, provide values that describe the existing machine set to scale.
- The **kind** parameter value is always **MachineSet**.



The **name** value must match the name of an existing machine set, as shown in the **metadata.name** parameter value.

# 3.9.2. Deploying the machine autoscaler

To deploy the machine autoscaler, you create an instance of the **Machine Autoscaler** resource.

#### **Procedure**

- 1. Create a YAML file for the **MachineAutoscaler** resource that contains the customized resource definition.
- 2. Create the resource in the cluster:
  - \$ oc create -f <filename>.yaml
  - <filename> is the name of the resource file that you customized.

# 3.10. ENABLING TECHNOLOGY PREVIEW FEATURES USING FEATUREGATES

You can turn on a subset of the current Technology Preview features on for all nodes in the cluster by editing the **FeatureGate** custom resource (CR).

# 3.10.1. Understanding feature gates

You can use the **FeatureGate** custom resource (CR) to enable specific feature sets in your cluster. A feature set is a collection of OpenShift Container Platform features that are not enabled by default.

For example, the **TechPreviewNoUpgrade** feature set allows you to enable a subset of the current Technology Preview features on test clusters, where you can fully test them, while leaving the features disabled on production clusters.

You can activate any of the following feature sets by using the **FeatureGate** CR:

Feature Set	Description
IPv6DualStackNoUpgrade	Enables the dual-stack networking mode in your cluster. Dual-stack networking supports the use of IPv4 and IPv6 simultaneously. Enabling this feature set is <i>not supported</i> , cannot be undone, and prevents upgrades. This feature set is not recommended on production clusters.

Feature Set	Description
TechPreviewNoUpgrade	Enables Technology Preview features that are not part of the default features. Enabling this feature set cannot be undone and prevents upgrades. This feature set is not recommended on production clusters.  The following Technology Preview features are enabled by this feature set:  RotateKubeletServerCertificate. Enables the rotation of the server TLS certificate on the kubelet.  Pod PID limits (SupportPodPidsLimit) Enables limiting process IDs (PIDs) in pods.

# 3.10.2. Enabling feature sets using the CLI

You can use the OpenShift CLI (oc) to enable feature sets for all of the nodes in a cluster by editing the **FeatureGate** custom resource (CR).

# **Prerequisites**

• You have installed the OpenShift CLI (oc).

## Procedure

To enable feature sets:

1. Edit the **FeatureGate** CR, named **cluster**, in the **openshift-config** project:

\$ oc edit featuregate cluster -n openshift-config

# Sample FeatureGate custom resource

apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1

kind: FeatureGate

metadata:

name: cluster 1

spec:

featureSet: TechPreviewNoUpgrade 2

- The name of the **FeatureGate** CR must be **cluster**.
- Add the feature sets that you want to enable in a comma-separated list:
  - **IPv6DualStackNoUpgrade** enables the dual-stack networking mode.
  - **TechPreviewNoUpgrade** enables specific Technology Preview features.



#### **NOTE**

Enabling the **TechPreviewNoUpgrade** or **IPv6DualStackNoUpgrade** feature sets cannot be undone and prevents upgrades. These feature sets are not recommended on production clusters.

## 3.11. ETCD TASKS

Back up etcd, enable or disable etcd encryption, or defragment etcd data.

# 3.11.1. About etcd encryption

By default, etcd data is not encrypted in OpenShift Container Platform. You can enable etcd encryption for your cluster to provide an additional layer of data security. For example, it can help protect the loss of sensitive data if an etcd backup is exposed to the incorrect parties.

When you enable etcd encryption, the following OpenShift API server and Kubernetes API server resources are encrypted:

- Secrets
- Config maps
- Routes
- OAuth access tokens
- OAuth authorize tokens

When you enable etcd encryption, encryption keys are created. These keys are rotated on a weekly basis. You must have these keys to restore from an etcd backup.

# 3.11.2. Enabling etcd encryption

You can enable etcd encryption to encrypt sensitive resources in your cluster.



#### **WARNING**

It is not recommended to take a backup of etcd until the initial encryption process is complete. If the encryption process has not completed, the backup might be only partially encrypted.

## **Prerequisites**

• Access to the cluster as a user with the **cluster-admin** role.

# **Procedure**

1. Modify the **APIServer** object:

\$ oc edit apiserver

2. Set the **encryption** field type to **aescbc**:

spec:

encryption:

type: aescbc 1

- The **aescbc** type means that AES-CBC with PKCS#7 padding and a 32 byte key is used to perform the encryption.
- 3. Save the file to apply the changes.

The encryption process starts. It can take 20 minutes or longer for this process to complete, depending on the size of your cluster.

- 4. Verify that etcd encryption was successful.
  - a. Review the **Encrypted** status condition for the OpenShift API server to verify that its resources were successfully encrypted:

The output shows **EncryptionCompleted** upon successful encryption:

EncryptionCompleted
All resources encrypted: routes.route.openshift.io

If the output shows **EncryptionInProgress**, encryption is still in progress. Wait a few minutes and try again.

b. Review the **Encrypted** status condition for the Kubernetes API server to verify that its resources were successfully encrypted:

The output shows **EncryptionCompleted** upon successful encryption:

EncryptionCompleted
All resources encrypted: secrets, configmaps

If the output shows **EncryptionInProgress**, encryption is still in progress. Wait a few minutes and try again.

c. Review the **Encrypted** status condition for the OpenShift OAuth API server to verify that its resources were successfully encrypted:

 $\label{lem:condition} $$ oc get authentication.operator.openshift.io -o=jsonpath='{range .items[0].status.conditions[?(@.type=="Encrypted")]}{.reason}{"\n"}{.message}{"\n"}'$ 

The output shows **EncryptionCompleted** upon successful encryption:

EncryptionCompleted
All resources encrypted: oauthaccesstokens.oauth.openshift.io,
oauthauthorizetokens.oauth.openshift.io

If the output shows **EncryptionInProgress**, encryption is still in progress. Wait a few minutes and try again.

# 3.11.3. Disabling etcd encryption

You can disable encryption of etcd data in your cluster.

# **Prerequisites**

• Access to the cluster as a user with the **cluster-admin** role.

#### **Procedure**

- 1. Modify the **APIServer** object:
  - \$ oc edit apiserver
- 2. Set the **encryption** field type to **identity**:

spec:
encryption:
type: identity 1

- The **identity** type is the default value and means that no encryption is performed.
- 3. Save the file to apply the changes.

  The decryption process starts. It can take 20 minutes or longer for this process to complete, depending on the size of your cluster.
- 4. Verify that etcd decryption was successful.
  - a. Review the **Encrypted** status condition for the OpenShift API server to verify that its resources were successfully decrypted:

 $\label{lem:conditions} $\ oc\ get\ openshiftapiserver\ -o=jsonpath='\{range\ .items[0].status.conditions[?\ (@.type=="Encrypted")]\}{.reason}{"\n"}{.message}{"\n"}'$ 

The output shows **DecryptionCompleted** upon successful decryption:

DecryptionCompleted
Encryption mode set to identity and everything is decrypted

If the output shows **DecryptionInProgress**, decryption is still in progress. Wait a few minutes and try again.

b. Review the **Encrypted** status condition for the Kubernetes API server to verify that its resources were successfully decrypted:

\$ oc get kubeapiserver -o=jsonpath='{range .items[0].status.conditions[? (@.type=="Encrypted")]}{.reason}{"\n"}{.message}{"\n"}'

The output shows **DecryptionCompleted** upon successful decryption:

DecryptionCompleted
Encryption mode set to identity and everything is decrypted

If the output shows **DecryptionInProgress**, decryption is still in progress. Wait a few minutes and try again.

c. Review the **Encrypted** status condition for the OpenShift OAuth API server to verify that its resources were successfully decrypted:

\$ oc get authentication.operator.openshift.io -o=jsonpath='{range .items[0].status.conditions[?(@.type=="Encrypted")]}{.reason}{"\n"}{.message}{"\n"}'

The output shows **DecryptionCompleted** upon successful decryption:

DecryptionCompleted
Encryption mode set to identity and everything is decrypted

If the output shows **DecryptionInProgress**, decryption is still in progress. Wait a few minutes and try again.

# 3.11.4. Backing up etcd data

Follow these steps to back up etcd data by creating an etcd snapshot and backing up the resources for the static pods. This backup can be saved and used at a later time if you need to restore etcd.



## **IMPORTANT**

Only save a backup from a single master host. Do not take a backup from each master host in the cluster.

#### **Prerequisites**

- You have access to the cluster as a user with the **cluster-admin** role.
- You have checked whether the cluster-wide proxy is enabled.

## TIP

You can check whether the proxy is enabled by reviewing the output of **oc get proxy cluster -o yaml**. The proxy is enabled if the **httpProxy**, **httpsProxy**, and **noProxy** fields have values set.

#### **Procedure**

- 1. Start a debug session for a master node:
  - \$ oc debug node/<node\_name>
- 2. Change your root directory to the host:

sh-4.2# chroot /host

- 3. If the cluster-wide proxy is enabled, be sure that you have exported the **NO\_PROXY**, **HTTP\_PROXY**, and **HTTPS\_PROXY** environment variables.
- 4. Run the **cluster-backup.sh** script and pass in the location to save the backup to.

sh-4.4# /usr/local/bin/cluster-backup.sh /home/core/assets/backup

## Example script output

1bf371f1b5a483927cd01bb593b0e12cff406eb8d7d0acf4ab079c36a0abd3f7

etcdctl version: 3.3.18 API version: 3.3

found latest kube-apiserver-pod: /etc/kubernetes/static-pod-resources/kube-apiserver-pod-7 found latest kube-controller-manager-pod: /etc/kubernetes/static-pod-resources/kube-controller-manager-pod-8

found latest kube-scheduler-pod: /etc/kubernetes/static-pod-resources/kube-scheduler-pod-6 found latest etcd-pod: /etc/kubernetes/static-pod-resources/etcd-pod-2 Snapshot saved at /home/core/assets/backup/snapshot\_2020-03-18\_220218.db snapshot db and kube resources are successfully saved to /home/core/assets/backup

In this example, two files are created in the /home/core/assets/backup/ directory on the master host:

- **snapshot\_<datetimestamp>.db**: This file is the etcd snapshot.
- **static\_kuberesources\_<datetimestamp>.tar.gz**: This file contains the resources for the static pods. If etcd encryption is enabled, it also contains the encryption keys for the etcd snapshot.



## NOTE

If etcd encryption is enabled, it is recommended to store this second file separately from the etcd snapshot for security reasons. However, this file is required to restore from the etcd snapshot.

Keep in mind that etcd encryption only encrypts values, not keys. This means that resource types, namespaces, and object names are unencrypted.

## 3.11.5. Defragmenting etcd data

Manual defragmentation must be performed periodically to reclaim disk space after etcd history compaction and other events cause disk fragmentation.

History compaction is performed automatically every five minutes and leaves gaps in the back-end database. This fragmented space is available for use by etcd, but is not available to the host file system. You must defragment etcd to make this space available to the host file system.

Because etcd writes data to disk, its performance strongly depends on disk performance. Consider defragmenting etcd every month, twice a month, or as needed for your cluster. You can also monitor the **etcd\_db\_total\_size\_in\_bytes** metric to determine whether defragmentation is necessary.



#### **WARNING**

Defragmenting etcd is a blocking action. The etcd member will not response until defragmentation is complete. For this reason, wait at least one minute between defragmentation actions on each of the pods to allow the cluster to recover.

Follow this procedure to defragment etcd data on each etcd member.

## **Prerequisites**

• You have access to the cluster as a user with the **cluster-admin** role.

#### **Procedure**

- 1. Determine which etcd member is the leader, because the leader should be defragmented last.
  - a. Get the list of etcd pods:

\$ oc get pods -n openshift-etcd -o wide | grep -v quorum-guard | grep etcd

## **Example output**

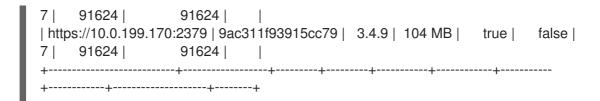
```
etcd-ip-10-0-159-225.example.redhat.com
                                    3/3 Running
                                                                175m
                                                         0
10.0.159.225 ip-10-0-159-225.example.redhat.com <none>
                                                         <none>
etcd-ip-10-0-191-37.example.redhat.com
                                                               173m
                                          3/3
                                               Running
10.0.191.37 ip-10-0-191-37.example.redhat.com <none>
                                                       <none>
etcd-ip-10-0-199-170.example.redhat.com
                                         3/3
                                                Running 0
                                                                176m
10.0.199.170 ip-10-0-199-170.example.redhat.com <none>
                                                         <none>
```

b. Choose a pod and run the following command to determine which etcd member is the leader:

\$ oc rsh -n openshift-etcd etcd-ip-10-0-159-225.us-west-1.compute.internal etcdctl endpoint status --cluster -w table

# **Example output**

Defaulting container name to etcdctl. Use 'oc describe pod/etcd-ip-10-0-159-225.example.redhat.com -n openshift-etcd' to see all of the containers in this pod. ENDPOINT | ID | VERSION | DB SIZE | IS LEADER | IS LEARNER | RAFT TERM | RAFT INDEX | RAFT APPLIED INDEX | ERRORS | +----+ | https://10.0.191.37:2379 | 251cd44483d811c3 | 3.4.9 | 104 MB | false | false | 91624 | | https://10.0.159.225:2379 | 264c7c58ecbdabee | 3.4.9 | 104 MB | false | false |



Based on the **IS LEADER** column of this output, the **https://10.0.199.170:2379** endpoint is the leader. Matching this endpoint with the output of the previous step, the pod name of the leader is **etcd-ip-10-0-199-170.example.redhat.com**.

- 2. Defragment an etcd member.
  - a. Connect to the running etcd container, passing in the name of a pod that is not the leader:
    - \$ oc rsh -n openshift-etcd etcd-ip-10-0-159-225.example.redhat.com
  - b. Unset the **ETCDCTL\_ENDPOINTS** environment variable:
    - sh-4.4# unset ETCDCTL\_ENDPOINTS
  - c. Defragment the etcd member:
    - sh-4.4# etcdctl --command-timeout=30s --endpoints=https://localhost:2379 defrag

## **Example output**

Finished defragmenting etcd member[https://localhost:2379]

If a timeout error occurs, increase the value for **--command-timeout** until the command succeeds.

d. Verify that the database size was reduced:

sh-4.4# etcdctl endpoint status -w table --cluster

## **Example output**

This example shows that the database size for this etcd member is now 41 MB as opposed to the starting size of 104 MB.

- e. Repeat these steps to connect to each of the other etcd members and defragment them. Always defragment the leader last.
  - Wait at least one minute between defragmentation actions to allow the etcd pod to recover. Until the etcd pod recovers, the etcd member will not respond.
- 3. If any **NOSPACE** alarms were triggered due to the space quota being exceeded, clear them.
  - a. Check if there are any NOSPACE alarms:
    - sh-4.4# etcdctl alarm list

## **Example output**

- memberID:12345678912345678912 alarm:NOSPACE
- b. Clear the alarms:
  - sh-4.4# etcdctl alarm disarm

## 3.11.6. Restoring to a previous cluster state

You can use a saved etcd backup to restore back to a previous cluster state. You use the etcd backup to restore a single control plane host. Then the etcd cluster Operator handles scaling to the remaining master hosts.



#### **IMPORTANT**

When you restore your cluster, you must use an etcd backup that was taken from the same z-stream release. For example, an OpenShift Container Platform 4.7.2 cluster must use an etcd backup that was taken from 4.7.2.

#### Prerequisites

- Access to the cluster as a user with the **cluster-admin** role.
- SSH access to master hosts.
- A backup directory containing both the etcd snapshot and the resources for the static pods, which were from the same backup. The file names in the directory must be in the following formats: snapshot\_<datetimestamp>.db and static\_kuberesources\_<datetimestamp>.tar.gz.

### **Procedure**

- 1. Select a control plane host to use as the recovery host. This is the host that you will run the restore operation on.
- 2. Establish SSH connectivity to each of the control plane nodes, including the recovery host. The Kubernetes API server becomes inaccessible after the restore process starts, so you cannot access the control plane nodes. For this reason, it is recommended to establish SSH connectivity to each control plane host in a separate terminal.



#### **IMPORTANT**

If you do not complete this step, you will not be able to access the master hosts to complete the restore procedure, and you will be unable to recover your cluster from this state.

- Copy the etcd backup directory to the recovery control plane host.
   This procedure assumes that you copied the **backup** directory containing the etcd snapshot and the resources for the static pods to the /home/core/ directory of your recovery control plane host.
- 4. Stop the static pods on all other control plane nodes.



#### **NOTE**

It is not required to manually stop the pods on the recovery host. The recovery script will stop the pods on the recovery host.

- a. Access a control plane host that is not the recovery host.
- b. Move the existing etcd pod file out of the kubelet manifest directory:
  - [core@ip-10-0-154-194 ~]\$ sudo mv /etc/kubernetes/manifests/etcd-pod.yaml /tmp
- c. Verify that the etcd pods are stopped.
  - [core@ip-10-0-154-194 ~]\$ sudo crictl ps | grep etcd | grep -v operator

The output of this command should be empty. If it is not empty, wait a few minutes and check again.

- d. Move the existing Kubernetes API server pod file out of the kubelet manifest directory:
  - [core@ip-10-0-154-194  $\sim$ ]\$ sudo mv /etc/kubernetes/manifests/kube-apiserver-pod.yaml /tmp
- e. Verify that the Kubernetes API server pods are stopped.
  - [core@ip-10-0-154-194 ~]\$ sudo crictl ps | grep kube-apiserver | grep -v operator

The output of this command should be empty. If it is not empty, wait a few minutes and check again.

- f. Move the etcd data directory to a different location:
  - [core@ip-10-0-154-194 ~]\$ sudo mv /var/lib/etcd/ /tmp
- q. Repeat this step on each of the other master hosts that is not the recovery host.
- 5. Access the recovery control plane host.
- 6. If the cluster-wide proxy is enabled, be sure that you have exported the **NO\_PROXY**, **HTTP\_PROXY**, and **HTTPS\_PROXY** environment variables.

#### TIP

You can check whether the proxy is enabled by reviewing the output of **oc get proxy cluster -o yaml**. The proxy is enabled if the **httpProxy**, **httpsProxy**, and **noProxy** fields have values set.

7. Run the restore script on the recovery control plane host and pass in the path to the etcd backup directory:

[core@ip-10-0-143-125 ~]\$ sudo -E /usr/local/bin/cluster-restore.sh /home/core/backup

## Example script output

- ...stopping kube-scheduler-pod.yaml
- ...stopping kube-controller-manager-pod.yaml
- ...stopping etcd-pod.yaml
- ...stopping kube-apiserver-pod.yaml

Waiting for container etcd to stop

.complete

Waiting for container etcdctl to stop

.....complete

Waiting for container etcd-metrics to stop

complete

Waiting for container kube-controller-manager to stop

complete

Waiting for container kube-apiserver to stop

......complete

Waiting for container kube-scheduler to stop

complete

Moving etcd data-dir /var/lib/etcd/member to /var/lib/etcd-backup

starting restore-etcd static pod

starting kube-apiserver-pod.yaml

static-pod-resources/kube-apiserver-pod-7/kube-apiserver-pod.yaml

starting kube-controller-manager-pod.yaml

static-pod-resources/kube-controller-manager-pod-7/kube-controller-manager-pod.yaml

starting kube-scheduler-pod.yaml

static-pod-resources/kube-scheduler-pod-8/kube-scheduler-pod.yaml

- 8. Restart the kubelet service on all master hosts.
  - a. From the recovery host, run the following command:

[core@ip-10-0-143-125 ~]\$ sudo systemctl restart kubelet.service

- b. Repeat this step on all other master hosts.
- 9. Verify that the single member control plane has started successfully.
  - a. From the recovery host, verify that the etcd container is running.

[core@ip-10-0-143-125 ~]\$ sudo crictl ps | grep etcd | grep -v operator

#### Example output

3ad41b7908e32

36f86e2eeaaffe662df0d21041eb22b8198e0e58abeeae8c743c3e6e977e8009 About a minute ago Running etcd 0 7c05f8af362f0 0

b. From the recovery host, verify that the etcd pod is running.

[core@ip-10-0-143-125  $\sim$ ]\$ oc get pods -n openshift-etcd | grep -v etcd-quorum-guard | grep etcd



#### **NOTE**

If you attempt to run **oc login** prior to running this command and receive the following error, wait a few moments for the authentication controllers to start and try again.

Unable to connect to the server: EOF

## **Example output**

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE etcd-ip-10-0-143-125.ec2.internal 1/1 Running 1 2m47s

If the status is **Pending**, or the output lists more than one running etcd pod, wait a few minutes and check again.

10. Force etcd redeployment.

In a terminal that has access to the cluster as a **cluster-admin** user, run the following command:

\$ oc patch etcd cluster -p='{"spec": {"forceRedeploymentReason": "recovery-'"\$( date --rfc-3339=ns )"""}}' --type=merge 1

The **forceRedeploymentReason** value must be unique, which is why a timestamp is appended.

When the etcd cluster Operator performs a redeployment, the existing nodes are started with new pods similar to the initial bootstrap scale up.

11. Verify all nodes are updated to the latest revision.
In a terminal that has access to the cluster as a **cluster-admin** user, run the following command:

 $\label{lem:conditions} $$ oc get etcd -o=jsonpath='{range .items[0].status.conditions[? (@.type=="NodeInstallerProgressing")]}{.reason}{"\n"}{.message}{"\n"}'$ 

Review the **NodeInstallerProgressing** status condition for etcd to verify that all nodes are at the latest revision. The output shows **AllNodesAtLatestRevision** upon successful update:

AllNodesAtLatestRevision 3 nodes are at revision 7 1

In this example, the latest revision number is **7**.

If the output includes multiple revision numbers, such as **2 nodes are at revision 6**; **1 nodes are at revision 7**, this means that the update is still in progress. Wait a few minutes and try again.

12. After etcd is redeployed, force new rollouts for the control plane. The Kubernetes API server will reinstall itself on the other nodes because the kubelet is connected to API servers using an internal load balancer.

In a terminal that has access to the cluster as a **cluster-admin** user, run the following commands.

a. Update the **kubeapiserver**:

\$ oc patch kubeapiserver cluster -p='{"spec": {"forceRedeploymentReason": "recovery-""\$( date --rfc-3339=ns )"""}}' --type=merge

Verify all nodes are updated to the latest revision.

\$ oc get kubeapiserver -o=jsonpath='{range .items[0].status.conditions[? (@.type=="NodeInstallerProgressing")]}{.reason}{"\n"}{.message}{"\n"}'

Review the **NodeInstallerProgressing** status condition to verify that all nodes are at the latest revision. The output shows **AllNodesAtLatestRevision** upon successful update:

AllNodesAtLatestRevision 3 nodes are at revision 7

1 In this example, the latest revision number is **7**.

If the output includes multiple revision numbers, such as **2 nodes are at revision 6**; **1 nodes are at revision 7**, this means that the update is still in progress. Wait a few minutes and try again.

b. Update the **kubecontrollermanager**:

\$ oc patch kubecontrollermanager cluster -p='{"spec": {"forceRedeploymentReason": "recovery-""\$( date --rfc-3339=ns )"""}}' --type=merge

Verify all nodes are updated to the latest revision.

Review the **NodeInstallerProgressing** status condition to verify that all nodes are at the latest revision. The output shows **AllNodesAtLatestRevision** upon successful update:

AllNodesAtLatestRevision 3 nodes are at revision 7

In this example, the latest revision number is **7**.

If the output includes multiple revision numbers, such as **2 nodes are at revision 6**; **1 nodes are at revision 7**, this means that the update is still in progress. Wait a few minutes and try again.

#### c. Update the kubescheduler:

 $\$  oc patch kubescheduler cluster -p='{"spec": {"forceRedeploymentReason": "recovery-""\$( date --rfc-3339=ns )"""}}' --type=merge

Verify all nodes are updated to the latest revision.

 $oc\ get\ kubescheduler\ -o=jsonpath='{range\ .items[0].status.conditions[? (@.type=="NodeInstallerProgressing")]}{.reason}{"\n"}{.message}{"\n"}'$ 

Review the **NodeInstallerProgressing** status condition to verify that all nodes are at the latest revision. The output shows **AllNodesAtLatestRevision** upon successful update:

AllNodesAtLatestRevision 3 nodes are at revision 7

In this example, the latest revision number is **7**.

If the output includes multiple revision numbers, such as **2 nodes are at revision 6**; **1 nodes are at revision 7**, this means that the update is still in progress. Wait a few minutes and try again.

13. Verify that all master hosts have started and joined the cluster.

In a terminal that has access to the cluster as a **cluster-admin** user, run the following command:

\$ oc get pods -n openshift-etcd | grep -v etcd-quorum-guard | grep etcd

## **Example output**

etcd-ip-10-0-143-125.ec2.internal	2/2	Running	0	9h
etcd-ip-10-0-154-194.ec2.internal	2/2	Running	0	9h
etcd-ip-10-0-173-171.ec2.internal	2/2	Running	0	9h

Note that it might take several minutes after completing this procedure for all services to be restored. For example, authentication by using **oc login** might not immediately work until the OAuth server pods are restarted.

## 3.12. POD DISRUPTION BUDGETS

Understand and configure pod disruption budgets.

# 3.12.1. Understanding how to use pod disruption budgets to specify the number of pods that must be up

A pod disruption budget is part of the Kubernetes API, which can be managed with **oc** commands like other object types. They allow the specification of safety constraints on pods during operations, such as draining a node for maintenance.

**PodDisruptionBudget** is an API object that specifies the minimum number or percentage of replicas that must be up at a time. Setting these in projects can be helpful during node maintenance (such as scaling a cluster down or a cluster upgrade) and is only honored on voluntary evictions (not on node failures).

A **PodDisruptionBudget** object's configuration consists of the following key parts:

- A label selector, which is a label query over a set of pods.
- An availability level, which specifies the minimum number of pods that must be available simultaneously, either:
  - **minAvailable** is the number of pods must always be available, even during a disruption.
  - maxUnavailable is the number of pods can be unavailable during a disruption.



#### NOTE

A **maxUnavailable** of **0%** or **0** or a **minAvailable** of **100%** or equal to the number of replicas is permitted but can block nodes from being drained.

You can check for pod disruption budgets across all projects with the following:

\$ oc get poddisruptionbudget --all-namespaces

## Example output

NAMESPACE NAME MIN-AVAILABLE SELECTOR another-project another-pdb 4 bar=foo test-project my-pdb 2 foo=bar

The **PodDisruptionBudget** is considered healthy when there are at least **minAvailable** pods running in the system. Every pod above that limit can be evicted.



#### NOTE

Depending on your pod priority and preemption settings, lower-priority pods might be removed despite their pod disruption budget requirements.

## 3.12.2. Specifying the number of pods that must be up with pod disruption budgets

You can use a **PodDisruptionBudget** object to specify the minimum number or percentage of replicas that must be up at a time.

#### Procedure

To configure a pod disruption budget:

1. Create a YAML file with the an object definition similar to the following:

apiVersion: policy/v1beta1 1 kind: PodDisruptionBudget metadata: name: my-pdb

spec:
minAvailable: 2 2
selector: 3
matchLabels:
foo: bar

- PodDisruptionBudget is part of the policy/v1beta1 API group.
- The minimum number of pods that must be available simultaneously. This can be either an integer or a string specifying a percentage, for example, **20%**.
- A label query over a set of resources. The result of **matchLabels** and **matchExpressions** are logically conjoined.

Or:

apiVersion: policy/v1beta1
kind: PodDisruptionBudget
metadata:
name: my-pdb
spec:
maxUnavailable: 25%
selector: 3
matchLabels:
foo: bar

- PodDisruptionBudget is part of the policy/v1beta1 API group.
- The maximum number of pods that can be unavailable simultaneously. This can be either an integer or a string specifying a percentage, for example, **20%**.
- A label query over a set of resources. The result of **matchLabels** and **matchExpressions** are logically conjoined.
- 2. Run the following command to add the object to project:

\$ oc create -f </path/to/file> -n <project\_name>

## 3.13. ROTATING OR REMOVING CLOUD PROVIDER CREDENTIALS

After installing OpenShift Container Platform, some organizations require the rotation or removal of the cloud provider credentials that were used during the initial installation.

To allow the cluster to use the new credentials, you must update the secrets that the Cloud Credential Operator (CCO) uses to manage cloud provider credentials.

## 3.13.1. Rotating cloud provider credentials manually

If your cloud provider credentials are changed for any reason, you must manually update the secret that the Cloud Credential Operator (CCO) uses to manage cloud provider credentials.

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The process for rotating cloud credentials depends on the mode that the CCO is configured to use. After you rotate credentials for a cluster that is using mint mode, you must manually remove the component credentials that were created by the removed credential.

## **Prerequisites**

- Your cluster is installed on a platform that supports rotating cloud credentials manually with the CCO mode that you are using:
  - For mint mode, AWS, Azure, and GCP are supported.
  - For passthrough mode, AWS, Azure, GCP, Red Hat OpenStack Platform (RHOSP), Red Hat Virtualization (RHV), and VMware vSphere are supported.
- You have changed the credentials that are used to interface with your cloud provider.
- The new credentials have sufficient permissions for the mode CCO is configured to use in your cluster.

#### Procedure

- 1. In the Administrator perspective of the web console, navigate to Workloads → Secrets.
- 2. In the table on the **Secrets** page, find the root secret for your cloud provider.

Platform	, 5 ,	Secret name
AWS		aws-creds
Azure		azure-credentials
GCP		gcp-credentials





- 4. Record the contents of the **Value** field or fields. You can use this information to verify that the value is different after updating the credentials.
- 5. Update the text in the **Value** field or fields with the new authentication information for your cloud provider, and then click **Save**.
- 6. If the CCO for your cluster is configured to use mint mode, delete each component secret that is referenced by the individual **CredentialsRequest** objects.
  - a. Log in to the OpenShift Container Platform CLI as a user with the cluster-admin role.
  - b. Get the names and namespaces of all referenced component secrets:

\$ oc -n openshift-cloud-credential-operator get CredentialsRequest -o json | jq -r '.items[] | select (.spec[].kind=="rovider\_spec>") | .spec.secretRef'

Where **rovider\_spec>** is the corresponding value for your cloud provider: **AWSProviderSpec** for AWS, **AzureProviderSpec** for Azure, or **GCPProviderSpec** for GCP.

## Partial example output for AWS

```
{
    "name": "ebs-cloud-credentials",
    "namespace": "openshift-cluster-csi-drivers"
}
{
    "name": "cloud-credential-operator-iam-ro-creds",
    "namespace": "openshift-cloud-credential-operator"
}
...
```

c. Delete each of the referenced component secrets:

\$ oc delete secret <secret\_name> -n <secret\_namespace>

Where **<secret\_name>** is the name of a secret and **<secret\_namespace>** is the namespace that contains the secret.

# Example deletion of an AWS secret

\$ oc delete secret ebs-cloud-credentials -n openshift-cluster-csi-drivers

You do not need to manually delete the credentials from your provider console. Deleting the referenced component secrets will cause the CCO to delete the existing credentials from the platform and create new ones.

- 7. To verify that the credentials have changed:
  - a. In the Administrator perspective of the web console, navigate to Workloads → Secrets.
  - b. Verify that the contents of the **Value** field or fields are different than the previously recorded information.

## 3.13.2. Removing cloud provider credentials

After installing an OpenShift Container Platform cluster with the Cloud Credential Operator (CCO) in mint mode, you can remove the administrator-level credential secret from the **kube-system** namespace in the cluster. The administrator-level credential is required only during changes that require its elevated permissions, such as upgrades.



#### NOTE

Prior to a non z-stream upgrade, you must reinstate the credential secret with the administrator-level credential. If the credential is not present, the upgrade might be blocked.

## Prerequisites

• Your cluster is installed on a platform that supports removing cloud credentials from the CCO. Supported platforms are AWS and GCP.

#### Procedure

- 1. In the Administrator perspective of the web console, navigate to Workloads → Secrets.
- 2. In the table on the **Secrets** page, find the root secret for your cloud provider.

Platform	Secret name
AWS	aws-creds
GCP	gcp-credentials



in the same row as the secret and select **Delete Secret**.

#### Additional resources

- About the Cloud Credential Operator
- Amazon Web Services (AWS) secret format
- Microsoft Azure secret format
- Google Cloud Platform (GCP) secret format

# **CHAPTER 4. POST-INSTALLATION NODE TASKS**

After installing OpenShift Container Platform, you can further expand and customize your cluster to your requirements through certain node tasks.

# 4.1. ADDING RHEL COMPUTE MACHINES TO AN OPENSHIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM CLUSTER

Understand and work with RHEL compute nodes.

## 4.1.1. About adding RHEL compute nodes to a cluster

In OpenShift Container Platform 4.7, you have the option of using Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) machines as compute machines, which are also known as worker machines, in your cluster if you use a user-provisioned infrastructure installation. You must use Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS (RHCOS) machines for the control plane, or master, machines in your cluster.

As with all installations that use user-provisioned infrastructure, if you choose to use RHEL compute machines in your cluster, you take responsibility for all operating system life cycle management and maintenance, including performing system updates, applying patches, and completing all other required tasks.



#### **IMPORTANT**

Because removing OpenShift Container Platform from a machine in the cluster requires destroying the operating system, you must use dedicated hardware for any RHEL machines that you add to the cluster.



#### **IMPORTANT**

Swap memory is disabled on all RHEL machines that you add to your OpenShift Container Platform cluster. You cannot enable swap memory on these machines.

You must add any RHEL compute machines to the cluster after you initialize the control plane.

## 4.1.2. System requirements for RHEL compute nodes

The Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) compute, or worker, machine hosts in your OpenShift Container Platform environment must meet the following minimum hardware specifications and system-level requirements:

- You must have an active OpenShift Container Platform subscription on your Red Hat account. If you do not, contact your sales representative for more information.
- Production environments must provide compute machines to support your expected workloads.
  As a cluster administrator, you must calculate the expected workload and add about 10 percent
  for overhead. For production environments, allocate enough resources so that a node host
  failure does not affect your maximum capacity.
- Each system must meet the following hardware requirements:
  - Physical or virtual system, or an instance running on a public or private laaS.
  - Base OS: RHEL 7.9 with "Minimal" installation option.



#### **IMPORTANT**

Adding RHEL 7 compute machines to an OpenShift Container Platform cluster is deprecated. Deprecated functionality is still included in OpenShift Container Platform and continues to be supported; however, it will be removed in a future release of this product and is not recommended for new deployments.

In addition, you must not upgrade your compute machines to RHEL 8 because support is not available in this release.

For the most recent list of major functionality that has been deprecated or removed within OpenShift Container Platform, refer to the *Deprecated and removed features* section of the OpenShift Container Platform release notes.

- If you deployed OpenShift Container Platform in FIPS mode, you must enable FIPS on the RHEL machine before you boot it. See Enabling FIPS Mode in the RHEL 7 documentation.
- NetworkManager 1.0 or later.
- 1vCPU.
- Minimum 8 GB RAM.
- Minimum 15 GB hard disk space for the file system containing /var/.
- Minimum 1 GB hard disk space for the file system containing /usr/local/bin/.
- Minimum 1 GB hard disk space for the file system containing the system's temporary directory. The system's temporary directory is determined according to the rules defined in the tempfile module in Python's standard library.
- Each system must meet any additional requirements for your system provider. For example, if
  you installed your cluster on VMware vSphere, your disks must be configured according to its
  storage guidelines and the disk.enableUUID=true attribute must be set.
- Each system must be able to access the cluster's API endpoints by using DNS-resolvable host names. Any network security access control that is in place must allow the system access to the cluster's API service endpoints.

## 4.1.2.1. Certificate signing requests management

Because your cluster has limited access to automatic machine management when you use infrastructure that you provision, you must provide a mechanism for approving cluster certificate signing requests (CSRs) after installation. The **kube-controller-manager** only approves the kubelet client CSRs. The **machine-approver** cannot guarantee the validity of a serving certificate that is requested by using kubelet credentials because it cannot confirm that the correct machine issued the request. You must determine and implement a method of verifying the validity of the kubelet serving certificate requests and approving them.

## 4.1.3. Preparing the machine to run the playbook

Before you can add compute machines that use Red Hat Enterprise Linux as the operating system to an OpenShift Container Platform 4.7 cluster, you must prepare a machine to run the playbook from. This machine is not part of the cluster but must be able to access it.

#### **Prerequisites**

- Install the OpenShift CLI (oc) on the machine that you run the playbook on.
- Log in as a user with **cluster-admin** permission.

#### Procedure

- 1. Ensure that the **kubeconfig** file for the cluster and the installation program that you used to install the cluster are on the machine. One way to accomplish this is to use the same machine that you used to install the cluster.
- 2. Configure the machine to access all of the RHEL hosts that you plan to use as compute machines. You can use any method that your company allows, including a bastion with an SSH proxy or a VPN.
- 3. Configure a user on the machine that you run the playbook on that has SSH access to all of the RHFL hosts.



#### **IMPORTANT**

If you use SSH key-based authentication, you must manage the key with an SSH agent.

- 4. If you have not already done so, register the machine with RHSM and attach a pool with an **OpenShift** subscription to it:
  - a. Register the machine with RHSM:
    - # subscription-manager register --username=<user\_name> --password=<password>
  - b. Pull the latest subscription data from RHSM:
    - # subscription-manager refresh
  - c. List the available subscriptions:
    - # subscription-manager list --available --matches '\*OpenShift\*'
  - d. In the output for the previous command, find the pool ID for an OpenShift Container Platform subscription and attach it:
    - # subscription-manager attach --pool=<pool\_id>
- 5. Enable the repositories required by OpenShift Container Platform 4.7:

```
# subscription-manager repos \
    --enable="rhel-7-server-rpms" \
    --enable="rhel-7-server-extras-rpms" \
    --enable="rhel-7-server-ansible-2.9-rpms" \
    --enable="rhel-7-server-ose-4.7-rpms"
```

6. Install the required packages, including **openshift-ansible**:

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# yum install openshift-ansible openshift-clients jq

The **openshift-ansible** package provides installation program utilities and pulls in other packages that you require to add a RHEL compute node to your cluster, such as Ansible, playbooks, and related configuration files. The **openshift-clients** provides the **oc** CLI, and the **jq** package improves the display of JSON output on your command line.

## 4.1.4. Preparing a RHEL compute node

Before you add a Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) machine to your OpenShift Container Platform cluster, you must register each host with Red Hat Subscription Manager (RHSM), attach an active OpenShift Container Platform subscription, and enable the required repositories.

- 1. On each host, register with RHSM:
  - # subscription-manager register --username=<user\_name> --password=<password>
- 2. Pull the latest subscription data from RHSM:
  - # subscription-manager refresh
- 3. List the available subscriptions:
  - # subscription-manager list --available --matches '\*OpenShift\*'
- 4. In the output for the previous command, find the pool ID for an OpenShift Container Platform subscription and attach it:
  - # subscription-manager attach --pool=<pool\_id>
- 5. Disable all yum repositories:
  - a. Disable all the enabled RHSM repositories:
    - # subscription-manager repos --disable="\*"
  - b. List the remaining yum repositories and note their names under **repo id**, if any:
    - # yum repolist
  - c. Use **yum-config-manager** to disable the remaining yum repositories:
    - # yum-config-manager --disable <repo\_id>

Alternatively, disable all repositories:

# yum-config-manager --disable \\*

Note that this might take a few minutes if you have a large number of available repositories

6. Enable only the repositories required by OpenShift Container Platform 4.7:

# subscription-manager repos \

```
--enable="rhel-7-server-rpms" \
--enable="rhel-7-fast-datapath-rpms" \
--enable="rhel-7-server-extras-rpms" \
--enable="rhel-7-server-optional-rpms" \
--enable="rhel-7-server-ose-4.7-rpms"
```

7. Stop and disable firewalld on the host:

# systemctl disable --now firewalld.service



#### **NOTE**

You must not enable firewalld later. If you do, you cannot access OpenShift Container Platform logs on the worker.

## 4.1.5. Adding a RHEL compute machine to your cluster

You can add compute machines that use Red Hat Enterprise Linux as the operating system to an OpenShift Container Platform 4.7 cluster.

## **Prerequisites**

- You installed the required packages and performed the necessary configuration on the machine that you run the playbook on.
- You prepared the RHEL hosts for installation.

#### **Procedure**

Perform the following steps on the machine that you prepared to run the playbook:

1. Create an Ansible inventory file that is named /<path>/inventory/hosts that defines your compute machine hosts and required variables:

```
[all:vars]
ansible_user=root 1
#ansible_become=True 2

openshift_kubeconfig_path="~/.kube/config" 3

[new_workers] 4
mycluster-rhel7-0.example.com
mycluster-rhel7-1.example.com
```

- Specify the user name that runs the Ansible tasks on the remote compute machines.
- If you do not specify **root** for the **ansible\_user**, you must set **ansible\_become** to **True** and assign the user sudo permissions.
- 3 Specify the path and file name of the **kubeconfig** file for your cluster.
- 4 List each RHEL machine to add to your cluster. You must provide the fully-qualified domain name for each host. This name is the host name that the cluster uses to access the machine, so set the correct public or private name to access the machine.

- 2. Navigate to the Ansible playbook directory:
  - \$ cd /usr/share/ansible/openshift-ansible
- 3. Run the playbook:
  - \$ ansible-playbook -i /<path>/inventory/hosts playbooks/scaleup.yml
  - For **<path>**, specify the path to the Ansible inventory file that you created.

# 4.1.6. Required parameters for the Ansible hosts file

You must define the following parameters in the Ansible hosts file before you add Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) compute machines to your cluster.

Paramter	Description	Values
ansible_user	The SSH user that allows SSH-based authentication without requiring a password. If you use SSH key-based authentication, then you must manage the key with an SSH agent.	A user name on the system. The default value is <b>root</b> .
ansible_becom e	If the values of <b>ansible_user</b> is not root, you must set <b>ansible_become</b> to <b>True</b> , and the user that you specify as the <b>ansible_user</b> must be configured for passwordless sudo access.	<b>True</b> . If the value is not <b>True</b> , do not specify and define this parameter.
openshift_kube config_path	Specifies a path and file name to a local directory that contains the <b>kubeconfig</b> file for your cluster.	The path and name of the configuration file.

# 4.1.7. Optional: Removing RHCOS compute machines from a cluster

After you add the Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) compute machines to your cluster, you can optionally remove the Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS (RHCOS) compute machines to free up resources.

## **Prerequisites**

• You have added RHEL compute machines to your cluster.

## Procedure

- 1. View the list of machines and record the node names of the RHCOS compute machines:
  - \$ oc get nodes -o wide
- 2. For each RHCOS compute machine, delete the node:

- a. Mark the node as unschedulable by running the **oc adm cordon** command:
  - \$ oc adm cordon <node\_name> 1
  - Specify the node name of one of the RHCOS compute machines.
- b. Drain all the pods from the node:
  - \$ oc adm drain <node\_name> --force --delete-local-data --ignore-daemonsets 1
  - Specify the node name of the RHCOS compute machine that you isolated.
- c. Delete the node:
  - \$ oc delete nodes <node\_name> 1
  - Specify the node name of the RHCOS compute machine that you drained.
- 3. Review the list of compute machines to ensure that only the RHEL nodes remain:
  - \$ oc get nodes -o wide
- 4. Remove the RHCOS machines from the load balancer for your cluster's compute machines. You can delete the virtual machines or reimage the physical hardware for the RHCOS compute machines.

# 4.2. ADDING RHCOS COMPUTE MACHINES TO AN OPENSHIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM CLUSTER

You can add more Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS (RHCOS) compute machines to your OpenShift Container Platform cluster on bare metal.

Before you add more compute machines to a cluster that you installed on bare metal infrastructure, you must create RHCOS machines for it to use. You can either use an ISO image or network PXE booting to create the machines.

# 4.2.1. Prerequisites

- You installed a cluster on bare metal.
- You have installation media and Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS (RHCOS) images that you used to create your cluster. If you do not have these files, you must obtain them by following the instructions in the installation procedure.

# 4.2.2. Creating more RHCOS machines using an ISO image

You can create more Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS (RHCOS) compute machines for your bare metal cluster by using an ISO image to create the machines.

## **Prerequisites**

• Obtain the URL of the Ignition config file for the compute machines for your cluster. You uploaded this file to your HTTP server during installation.

#### Procedure

- 1. Use the ISO file to install RHCOS on more compute machines. Use the same method that you used when you created machines before you installed the cluster:
  - Burn the ISO image to a disk and boot it directly.
  - Use ISO redirection with a LOM interface.
- 2. After the instance boots, press the **TAB** or **E** key to edit the kernel command line.
- 3. Add the parameters to the kernel command line:
  - coreos.inst.install\_dev=sda 1 coreos.inst.ignition\_url=http://example.com/worker.ign 2
  - Specify the block device of the system to install to.
  - 2 Specify the URL of the compute Ignition config file. Only HTTP and HTTPS protocols are supported.
- 4. Press **Enter** to complete the installation. After RHCOS installs, the system reboots. After the system reboots, it applies the Ignition config file that you specified.
- 5. Continue to create more compute machines for your cluster.

## 4.2.3. Creating more RHCOS machines by PXE or iPXE booting

You can create more Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS (RHCOS) compute machines for your bare metal cluster by using PXE or iPXE booting.

## **Prerequisites**

- Obtain the URL of the Ignition config file for the compute machines for your cluster. You uploaded this file to your HTTP server during installation.
- Obtain the URLs of the RHCOS ISO image, compressed metal BIOS, **kernel**, and **initramfs** files that you uploaded to your HTTP server during cluster installation.
- You have access to the PXE booting infrastructure that you used to create the machines for your OpenShift Container Platform cluster during installation. The machines must boot from their local disks after RHCOS is installed on them.
- If you use UEFI, you have access to the **grub.conf** file that you modified during OpenShift Container Platform installation.

### Procedure

- 1. Confirm that your PXE or iPXE installation for the RHCOS images is correct.
  - For PXE:

DEFAULT pxeboot
TIMEOUT 20
PROMPT 0
LABEL pxeboot

KERNEL http://<HTTP\_server>/rhcos-<version>-live-kernel-<architecture> 1
APPEND initrd=http://<HTTP\_server>/rhcos-<version>-live-initramfs.
<architecture>.img coreos.inst.install\_dev=/dev/sda
coreos.inst.ignition\_url=http://<HTTP\_server>/worker.ign
coreos.live.rootfs\_url=http://<HTTP\_server>/rhcos-<version>-live-rootfs.
<architecture>.img 2

- Specify the location of the live **kernel** file that you uploaded to your HTTP server.
- Specify locations of the RHCOS files that you uploaded to your HTTP server. The initrd parameter value is the location of the live initramfs file, the coreos.inst.ignition\_url parameter value is the location of the worker Ignition config file, and the coreos.live.rootfs\_url parameter value is the location of the live rootfs file. The coreos.inst.ignition\_url and coreos.live.rootfs\_url parameters only support HTTP and HTTPS.

This configuration does not enable serial console access on machines with a graphical console. To configure a different console, add one or more **console=** arguments to the **APPEND** line. For example, add **console=tty0 console=tty50** to set the first PC serial port as the primary console and the graphical console as a secondary console. For more information, see How does one set up a serial terminal and/or console in Red Hat Enterprise Linux?.

#### • For iPXE:

kernel http://<HTTP\_server>/rhcos-<version>-live-kernel-<architecture> initrd=main coreos.inst.install\_dev=/dev/sda coreos.inst.ignition\_url=http://<HTTP\_server>/worker.ign coreos.live.rootfs\_url=http://<HTTP\_server>/rhcos-<version>-live-rootfs.<architecture>.img



initrd --name main http://<HTTP\_server>/rhcos-<version>-live-initramfs.<architecture>.img



- Specify locations of the RHCOS files that you uploaded to your HTTP server. The **kernel** parameter value is the location of the **kernel** file, the **initrd=main** argument is needed for booting on UEFI systems, the **coreos.inst.ignition\_url** parameter value is the location of the worker Ignition config file, and the **coreos.live.rootfs\_url** parameter value is the location of the live **rootfs** file. The **coreos.inst.ignition\_url** and **coreos.live.rootfs\_url** parameters only support HTTP and HTTPS.
- 2 Specify the location of the **initramfs** file that you uploaded to your HTTP server.

This configuration does not enable serial console access on machines with a graphical console. To configure a different console, add one or more **console=** arguments to the **kernel** line. For example, add **console=tty0 console=tty50** to set the first PC serial port as the primary console and the graphical console as a secondary console. For more information, see How does one set up a serial terminal and/or console in Red Hat Enterprise Linux?.

1. Use the PXE or iPXE infrastructure to create the required compute machines for your cluster.

## 4.2.4. Approving the certificate signing requests for your machines

When you add machines to a cluster, two pending certificate signing requests (CSRs) are generated for each machine that you added. You must confirm that these CSRs are approved or, if necessary, approve them yourself. The client requests must be approved first, followed by the server requests.

## **Prerequisites**

• You added machines to your cluster.

#### **Procedure**

1. Confirm that the cluster recognizes the machines:

\$ oc get nodes

## **Example output**

```
NAME STATUS ROLES AGE VERSION master-0 Ready master 63m v1.20.0 master-1 Ready master 63m v1.20.0 master-2 Ready master 64m v1.20.0 worker-0 NotReady worker 76s v1.20.0 worker-1 NotReady worker 70s v1.20.0
```

The output lists all of the machines that you created.



#### **NOTE**

The preceding output might not include the compute nodes, also known as worker nodes, until some CSRs are approved.

2. Review the pending CSRs and ensure that you see the client requests with the **Pending** or **Approved** status for each machine that you added to the cluster:

\$ oc get csr

## **Example output**

```
NAME AGE REQUESTOR CONDITION csr-8b2br 15m system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrapper Pending csr-8vnps 15m system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrapper Pending ...
```

In this example, two machines are joining the cluster. You might see more approved CSRs in the list.

3. If the CSRs were not approved, after all of the pending CSRs for the machines you added are in **Pending** status, approve the CSRs for your cluster machines:



#### **NOTE**

Because the CSRs rotate automatically, approve your CSRs within an hour of adding the machines to the cluster. If you do not approve them within an hour, the certificates will rotate, and more than two certificates will be present for each node. You must approve all of these certificates. After you approve the initial CSRs, the subsequent node client CSRs are automatically approved by the cluster **kube-controller-manager**.



#### **NOTE**

For clusters running on platforms that are not machine API enabled, such as bare metal and other user-provisioned infrastructure, you must implement a method of automatically approving the kubelet serving certificate requests (CSRs). If a request is not approved, then the **oc exec**, **oc rsh**, and **oc logs** commands cannot succeed, because a serving certificate is required when the API server connects to the kubelet. Any operation that contacts the Kubelet endpoint requires this certificate approval to be in place. The method must watch for new CSRs, confirm that the CSR was submitted by the **node-bootstrapper** service account in the **system:node** or **system:admin** groups, and confirm the identity of the node.

- To approve them individually, run the following command for each valid CSR:
  - \$ oc adm certificate approve <csr\_name> 1
  - **csr\_name>** is the name of a CSR from the list of current CSRs.
- To approve all pending CSRs, run the following command:

 $\ cos get csr -o go-template='{{range .items}}{{if not .status}}{{.metadata.name}}{{"\n"}} {{end}}{{end}}' | xargs --no-run-if-empty oc adm certificate approve}$ 



#### NOTE

Some Operators might not become available until some CSRs are approved.

- 4. Now that your client requests are approved, you must review the server requests for each machine that you added to the cluster:
  - \$ oc get csr

#### Example output

NAME AGE REQUESTOR CONDITION csr-bfd72 5m26s system:node:ip-10-0-50-126.us-east-2.compute.internal Pending csr-c57lv 5m26s system:node:ip-10-0-95-157.us-east-2.compute.internal Pending ...

- 5. If the remaining CSRs are not approved, and are in the **Pending** status, approve the CSRs for your cluster machines:
  - To approve them individually, run the following command for each valid CSR:
    - \$ oc adm certificate approve <csr\_name> 1
    - **csr\_name>** is the name of a CSR from the list of current CSRs.
  - To approve all pending CSRs, run the following command:

 $\ c = \c -o go-template='{{range .items}}{{if not .status}}{{.metadata.name}}{{"\n"}} {{end}}{{end}}' | xargs oc adm certificate approve}$ 

- 6. After all client and server CSRs have been approved, the machines have the **Ready** status. Verify this by running the following command:
  - \$ oc get nodes

## **Example output**

```
NAME STATUS ROLES AGE VERSION master-0 Ready master 73m v1.20.0 master-1 Ready master 73m v1.20.0 master-2 Ready master 74m v1.20.0 worker-0 Ready worker 11m v1.20.0 worker-1 Ready worker 11m v1.20.0
```



#### NOTE

It can take a few minutes after approval of the server CSRs for the machines to transition to the **Ready** status.

### Additional information

• For more information on CSRs, see Certificate Signing Requests.

## 4.3. DEPLOYING MACHINE HEALTH CHECKS

Understand and deploy machine health checks.



### **IMPORTANT**

This process is not applicable to clusters where you manually provisioned the machines yourself. You can use the advanced machine management and scaling capabilities only in clusters where the machine API is operational.

#### 4.3.1. About machine health checks

Machine health checks automatically repair unhealthy machines in a particular machine pool.

To monitor machine health, create a resource to define the configuration for a controller. Set a condition to check, such as staying in the **NotReady** status for five minutes or displaying a permanent condition in the node-problem-detector, and a label for the set of machines to monitor.



#### NOTE

You cannot apply a machine health check to a machine with the master role.

The controller that observes a **MachineHealthCheck** resource checks for the defined condition. If a machine fails the health check, the machine is automatically deleted and one is created to take its place. When a machine is deleted, you see a **machine deleted** event.

To limit disruptive impact of the machine deletion, the controller drains and deletes only one node at a time. If there are more unhealthy machines than the **maxUnhealthy** threshold allows for in the targeted pool of machines, remediation stops and therefore enables manual intervention.



#### NOTE

Consider the timeouts carefully, accounting for workloads and requirements.

- Long timeouts can result in long periods of downtime for the workload on the unhealthy machine.
- Too short timeouts can result in a remediation loop. For example, the timeout for checking the **NotReady** status must be long enough to allow the machine to complete the startup process.

To stop the check, remove the resource.

## 4.3.1.1. Limitations when deploying machine health checks

There are limitations to consider before deploying a machine health check:

- Only machines owned by a machine set are remediated by a machine health check.
- Control plane machines are not currently supported and are not remediated if they are unhealthy.
- If the node for a machine is removed from the cluster, a machine health check considers the machine to be unhealthy and remediates it immediately.
- If the corresponding node for a machine does not join the cluster after the **nodeStartupTimeout**, the machine is remediated.
- A machine is remediated immediately if the **Machine** resource phase is **Failed**.

## 4.3.2. Sample MachineHealthCheck resource

The **MachineHealthCheck** resource for all cloud-based installation types, and other than bare metal, resembles the following YAML file:

apiVersion: machine.openshift.io/v1beta1

kind: MachineHealthCheck

metadata:

```
name: example 1
 namespace: openshift-machine-api
spec:
 selector:
  matchLabels:
   machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machine-role: <role> 2
   machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machine-type: <role> 3
   machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machineset: <cluster_name>-<label>-<zone> 4
 unhealthyConditions:
        "Ready"
 - type:
  timeout: "300s" 5
  status: "False"
 - type: "Ready"
  timeout: "300s" 6
  status: "Unknown"
 maxUnhealthy: "40%" 7
 nodeStartupTimeout: "10m" (8)
```

- Specify the name of the machine health check to deploy.
- Specify a label for the machine pool that you want to check.
- Specify the machine set to track in **<cluster\_name>-<label>-<zone>** format. For example, **prod-node-us-east-1a**.
- 5 6 Specify the timeout duration for a node condition. If a condition is met for the duration of the timeout, the machine will be remediated. Long timeouts can result in long periods of downtime for a workload on an unhealthy machine.
- Specify the amount of unhealthy machines allowed in the targeted pool. This can be set as a percentage or an integer.
- Specify the timeout duration that a machine health check must wait for a node to join the cluster before a machine is determined to be unhealthy.



## **NOTE**

The **matchLabels** are examples only; you must map your machine groups based on your specific needs.

## 4.3.2.1. Short-circuiting machine health check remediation

Short circuiting ensures that machine health checks remediate machines only when the cluster is healthy. Short-circuiting is configured through the **maxUnhealthy** field in the **MachineHealthCheck** resource.

If the user defines a value for the **maxUnhealthy** field, before remediating any machines, the **MachineHealthCheck** compares the value of **maxUnhealthy** with the number of machines within its target pool that it has determined to be unhealthy. Remediation is not performed if the number of unhealthy machines exceeds the **maxUnhealthy** limit.



## **IMPORTANT**

If **maxUnhealthy** is not set, the value defaults to **100%** and the machines are remediated regardless of the state of the cluster.

The **maxUnhealthy** field can be set as either an integer or percentage. There are different remediation implementations depending on the **maxUnhealthy** value.

### 4.3.2.1.1. Setting maxUnhealthy by using an absolute value

If maxUnhealthy is set to 2:

- Remediation will be performed if 2 or fewer nodes are unhealthy
- Remediation will not be performed if 3 or more nodes are unhealthy

These values are independent of how many machines are being checked by the machine health check.

#### 4.3.2.1.2. Setting maxUnhealthy by using percentages

If maxUnhealthy is set to 40% and there are 25 machines being checked:

- Remediation will be performed if 10 or fewer nodes are unhealthy
- Remediation will not be performed if 11 or more nodes are unhealthy

If **maxUnhealthy** is set to **40%** and there are 6 machines being checked:

- Remediation will be performed if 2 or fewer nodes are unhealthy
- Remediation will not be performed if 3 or more nodes are unhealthy



#### NOTE

The allowed number of machines is rounded down when the percentage of **maxUnhealthy** machines that are checked is not a whole number.

## 4.3.3. Creating a MachineHealthCheck resource

You can create a **MachineHealthCheck** resource for all **MachineSets** in your cluster. You should not create a **MachineHealthCheck** resource that targets control plane machines.

#### **Prerequisites**

• Install the **oc** command line interface.

#### Procedure

- 1. Create a **healthcheck.yml** file that contains the definition of your machine health check.
- 2. Apply the **healthcheck.yml** file to your cluster:

\$ oc apply -f healthcheck.yml

## 4.3.4. Scaling a machine set manually

If you must add or remove an instance of a machine in a machine set, you can manually scale the machine set.

This guidance is relevant to fully automated, installer-provisioned infrastructure installations. Customized, user-provisioned infrastructure installations does not have machine sets.

#### **Prerequisites**

- Install an OpenShift Container Platform cluster and the oc command line.
- Log in to **oc** as a user with **cluster-admin** permission.

#### **Procedure**

- 1. View the machine sets that are in the cluster:
  - \$ oc get machinesets -n openshift-machine-api

The machine sets are listed in the form of **<clusterid>-worker-<aws-region-az>**.

- 2. Scale the machine set:
  - \$ oc scale --replicas=2 machineset <machineset> -n openshift-machine-api

Or:

\$ oc edit machineset <machineset> -n openshift-machine-api

You can scale the machine set up or down. It takes several minutes for the new machines to be available.

# 4.3.5. Understanding the difference between machine sets and the machine config

**MachineSet** objects describe OpenShift Container Platform nodes with respect to the cloud or machine provider.

The **MachineConfigPool** object allows **MachineConfigController** components to define and provide the status of machines in the context of upgrades.

The **MachineConfigPool** object allows users to configure how upgrades are rolled out to the OpenShift Container Platform nodes in the machine config pool.

The **NodeSelector** object can be replaced with a reference to the **MachineSet** object.

# 4.4. RECOMMENDED NODE HOST PRACTICES

The OpenShift Container Platform node configuration file contains important options. For example, two parameters control the maximum number of pods that can be scheduled to a node: **podsPerCore** and **maxPods**.

When both options are in use, the lower of the two values limits the number of pods on a node. Exceeding these values can result in:

- Increased CPU utilization.
- Slow pod scheduling.
- Potential out-of-memory scenarios, depending on the amount of memory in the node.
- Exhausting the pool of IP addresses.
- Resource overcommitting, leading to poor user application performance.



#### **IMPORTANT**

In Kubernetes, a pod that is holding a single container actually uses two containers. The second container is used to set up networking prior to the actual container starting. Therefore, a system running 10 pods will actually have 20 containers running.



#### NOTE

Disk IOPS throttling from the cloud provider might have an impact on CRI-O and kubelet. They might get overloaded when there are large number of I/O intensive pods running on the nodes. It is recommended that you monitor the disk I/O on the nodes and use volumes with sufficient throughput for the workload.

**podsPerCore** sets the number of pods the node can run based on the number of processor cores on the node. For example, if **podsPerCore** is set to **10** on a node with 4 processor cores, the maximum number of pods allowed on the node will be **40**.

kubeletConfig: podsPerCore: 10

Setting **podsPerCore** to **0** disables this limit. The default is **0**. **podsPerCore** cannot exceed **maxPods**.

**maxPods** sets the number of pods the node can run to a fixed value, regardless of the properties of the node.

kubeletConfig: maxPods: 250

# 4.4.1. Creating a KubeletConfig CRD to edit kubelet parameters

The kubelet configuration is currently serialized as an Ignition configuration, so it can be directly edited. However, there is also a new **kubelet-config-controller** added to the Machine Config Controller (MCC). This allows you to create a **KubeletConfig** custom resource (CR) to edit the kubelet parameters.

#### Procedure

1. Run:

\$ oc get machineconfig

This provides a list of the available machine configuration objects you can select. By default, the two kubelet-related configs are **01-master-kubelet** and **01-worker-kubelet**.

2. To check the current value of max pods per node, run:

# oc describe node <node-ip> | grep Allocatable -A6

Look for value: pods: <value>.

For example:

# oc describe node ip-172-31-128-158.us-east-2.compute.internal | grep Allocatable -A6

## **Example output**

Allocatable:
attachable-volumes-aws-ebs: 25
cpu: 3500m
hugepages-1Gi: 0
hugepages-2Mi: 0
memory: 15341844Ki
pods: 250

3. To set the max pods per node on the worker nodes, create a custom resource file that contains the kubelet configuration. For example, **change-maxPods-cr.yaml**:

apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1 kind: KubeletConfig metadata: name: set-max-pods spec: machineConfigPoolSelector: matchLabels: custom-kubelet: large-pods kubeletConfig: maxPods: 500

The rate at which the kubelet talks to the API server depends on queries per second (QPS) and burst values. The default values, **50** for **kubeAPIQPS** and **100** for **kubeAPIBurst**, are good enough if there are limited pods running on each node. Updating the kubelet QPS and burst rates is recommended if there are enough CPU and memory resources on the node:

```
apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1
kind: KubeletConfig
metadata:
name: set-max-pods
spec:
machineConfigPoolSelector:
matchLabels:
custom-kubelet: large-pods
kubeletConfig:
maxPods: <pod_count>
kubeAPIBurst: <burst_rate>
kubeAPIQPS: <QPS>
```

- a. Run:
  - \$ oc create -f change-maxPods-cr.yaml
- b. Run:
  - \$ oc get kubeletconfig

This should return **set-max-pods**.

Depending on the number of worker nodes in the cluster, wait for the worker nodes to be rebooted one by one. For a cluster with 3 worker nodes, this could take about 10 to 15 minutes.

- 4. Check for **maxPods** changing for the worker nodes:
  - \$ oc describe node
  - a. Verify the change by running:
    - \$ oc get kubeletconfigs set-max-pods -o yaml

This should show a status of True and type:Success

#### **Procedure**

By default, only one machine is allowed to be unavailable when applying the kubelet-related configuration to the available worker nodes. For a large cluster, it can take a long time for the configuration change to be reflected. At any time, you can adjust the number of machines that are updating to speed up the process.

- 1. Run:
  - \$ oc edit machineconfigpool worker
- 2. Set maxUnavailable to the desired value.

spec:

maxUnavailable: <node\_count>



#### **IMPORTANT**

When setting the value, consider the number of worker nodes that can be unavailable without affecting the applications running on the cluster.

## 4.4.2. Control plane node sizing

The control plane node resource requirements depend on the number of nodes in the cluster. The following control plane node size recommendations are based on the results of control plane density focused testing.

Number of worker nodes	CPU cores	Memory (GB)
25	4	16
100	8	32
250	16	96

On a cluster with three masters or control plane nodes, the CPU and memory usage will spike up when one of the nodes is stopped, rebooted or fails because the remaining two nodes must handle the load in order to be highly available. This is also expected during upgrades because the masters are cordoned, drained, and rebooted serially to apply the operating system updates, as well as the the control plane Operators update. To avoid cascading failures on large and dense clusters, keep the overall resource usage on the master nodes to at least half of all available capacity to handle the resource usage spikes. Increase the CPU and memory on the master nodes accordingly.



#### **IMPORTANT**

The node sizing varies depending on the number of nodes and object counts in the cluster. It also depends on whether the objects are actively being created on the cluster. During object creation, the control plane is more active in terms of resource usage compared to when the objects are in the **running** phase.



#### **IMPORTANT**

Because you cannot modify the control plane node size in a running OpenShift Container Platform 4.7 cluster, you must estimate your total node count and use the suggested control plane node size during installation.



#### **IMPORTANT**

The recommendations are based on the data points captured on OpenShift Container Platform clusters with OpenShiftSDN as the network plug-in.



#### **NOTE**

In OpenShift Container Platform 4.7, half of a CPU core (500 millicore) is now reserved by the system by default compared to OpenShift Container Platform 3.11 and previous versions. The sizes are determined taking that into consideration.

# 4.4.3. Setting up CPU Manager

#### **Procedure**

- 1. Optional: Label a node:
  - # oc label node perf-node.example.com cpumanager=true
- 2. Edit the **MachineConfigPool** of the nodes where CPU Manager should be enabled. In this example, all workers have CPU Manager enabled:

# oc edit machineconfigpool worker

3. Add a label to the worker machine config pool:

```
metadata:
    creationTimestamp: 2020-xx-xxx
    generation: 3
    labels:
        custom-kubelet: cpumanager-enabled
```

4. Create a **KubeletConfig**, **cpumanager-kubeletconfig.yaml**, custom resource (CR). Refer to the label created in the previous step to have the correct nodes updated with the new kubelet config. See the **machineConfigPoolSelector** section:

```
apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1 kind: KubeletConfig metadata:
  name: cpumanager-enabled spec:
  machineConfigPoolSelector:
  matchLabels:
    custom-kubelet: cpumanager-enabled kubeletConfig:
    cpuManagerPolicy: static 1 cpuManagerReconcilePeriod: 5s 2
```

- Specify a policy:
  - **none**. This policy explicitly enables the existing default CPU affinity scheme, providing no affinity beyond what the scheduler does automatically.
  - **static**. This policy allows pods with certain resource characteristics to be granted increased CPU affinity and exclusivity on the node.
- Optional. Specify the CPU Manager reconcile frequency. The default is **5s**.
- 5. Create the dynamic kubelet config:
  - # oc create -f cpumanager-kubeletconfig.yaml

This adds the CPU Manager feature to the kubelet config and, if needed, the Machine Config Operator (MCO) reboots the node. To enable CPU Manager, a reboot is not needed.

6. Check for the merged kubelet config:

# oc get machineconfig 99-worker-XXXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-kubelet -o json | grep ownerReference -A7

## **Example output**

```
"kind": "KubeletConfig",
"name": "cpumanager-enabled",
"uid": "7ed5616d-6b72-11e9-aae1-021e1ce18878"
}
```

7. Check the worker for the updated **kubelet.conf**:

# oc debug node/perf-node.example.com sh-4.2# cat /host/etc/kubernetes/kubelet.conf | grep cpuManager

## **Example output**

```
cpuManagerPolicy: static 1 cpuManagerReconcilePeriod: 5s 2
```

- These settings were defined when you created the **KubeletConfig** CR.
- 8. Create a pod that requests a core or multiple cores. Both limits and requests must have their CPU value set to a whole integer. That is the number of cores that will be dedicated to this pod:
  - # cat cpumanager-pod.yaml

## **Example output**

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
 generateName: cpumanager-
spec:
 containers:
 - name: cpumanager
  image: gcr.io/google_containers/pause-amd64:3.0
  resources:
   requests:
    cpu: 1
    memory: "1G"
   limits:
    cpu: 1
    memory: "1G"
 nodeSelector:
  cpumanager: "true"
```

9. Create the pod:

# oc create -f cpumanager-pod.yaml

10. Verify that the pod is scheduled to the node that you labeled:

# oc describe pod cpumanager

## **Example output**

```
Name:
              cpumanager-6cqz7
Namespace:
                default
Priority:
            0
PriorityClassName: <none>
Node: perf-node.example.com/xxx.xx.xx.xxx
Limits:
   cpu:
        1
   memory: 1G
  Requests:
   cpu:
           1
   memory: 1G
QoS Class:
              Guaranteed
Node-Selectors: cpumanager=true
```

11. Verify that the **cgroups** are set up correctly. Get the process ID (PID) of the **pause** process:

```
# |--init.scope | 1 /usr/lib/systemd/systemd --switched-root --system --deserialize 17 | --kubepods.slice | --kubepods-pod69c01f8e_6b74_11e9_ac0f_0a2b62178a22.slice | --crio-b5437308f1a574c542bdf08563b865c0345c8f8c0b0a655612c.scope | --32706 /pause
```

Pods of quality of service (QoS) tier **Guaranteed** are placed within the **kubepods.slice**. Pods of other QoS tiers end up in child **cgroups** of **kubepods**:

```
# cd /sys/fs/cgroup/cpuset/kubepods.slice/kubepods-pod69c01f8e_6b74_11e9_ac0f_0a2b62178a22.slice/crio-b5437308f1ad1a7db0574c542bdf08563b865c0345c86e9585f8c0b0a655612c.scope # for i in `ls cpuset.cpus tasks`; do echo -n "$i "; cat $i ; done
```

## **Example output**

```
cpuset.cpus 1
tasks 32706
```

12. Check the allowed CPU list for the task:

```
# grep ^Cpus_allowed_list /proc/32706/status
```

## **Example output**

```
Cpus_allowed_list: 1
```

13. Verify that another pod (in this case, the pod in the **burstable** QoS tier) on the system cannot run on the core allocated for the **Guaranteed** pod:

# cat /sys/fs/cgroup/cpuset/kubepods.slice/kubepods-besteffort.slice/kubepods-besteffort-podc494a073\_6b77\_11e9\_98c0\_06bba5c387ea.slice/crio-c56982f57b75a2420947f0afc6cafe7534c5734efc34157525fa9abbf99e3849.scope/cpuset.cpus

0
# oc describe node perf-node.example.com

## **Example output**

Capacity: attachable-volumes-aws-ebs: 39 ephemeral-storage: 124768236Ki hugepages-1Gi: hugepages-2Mi: 0 memory: 8162900Ki pods: 250 Allocatable: attachable-volumes-aws-ebs: 39 1500m ephemeral-storage: 124768236Ki hugepages-1Gi: hugepages-2Mi: 0 memory: 7548500Ki pods: 250 ----default cpumanager-6cqz7 1 (66%) 1 (66%) 1G (12%) 1G (12%) 29m Allocated resources: (Total limits may be over 100 percent, i.e., overcommitted.) Resource Requests Limits 1440m (96%) 1 (66%) cpu

This VM has two CPU cores. The **system-reserved** setting reserves 500 millicores, meaning that half of one core is subtracted from the total capacity of the node to arrive at the **Node Allocatable** amount. You can see that **Allocatable CPU** is 1500 millicores. This means you can run one of the CPU Manager pods since each will take one whole core. A whole core is equivalent to 1000 millicores. If you try to schedule a second pod, the system will accept the pod, but it will never be scheduled:

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE cpumanager-6cqz7 1/1 Running 0 33m cpumanager-7qc2t 0/1 Pending 0 11s

## 4.5. HUGE PAGES

Understand and configure huge pages.

## 4.5.1. What huge pages do

Memory is managed in blocks known as pages. On most systems, a page is 4Ki. 1Mi of memory is equal to 256 pages; 1Gi of memory is 256,000 pages, and so on. CPUs have a built-in memory management unit that manages a list of these pages in hardware. The Translation Lookaside Buffer (TLB) is a small

hardware cache of virtual-to-physical page mappings. If the virtual address passed in a hardware instruction can be found in the TLB, the mapping can be determined quickly. If not, a TLB miss occurs, and the system falls back to slower, software-based address translation, resulting in performance issues. Since the size of the TLB is fixed, the only way to reduce the chance of a TLB miss is to increase the page size.

A huge page is a memory page that is larger than 4Ki. On x86\_64 architectures, there are two common huge page sizes: 2Mi and 1Gi. Sizes vary on other architectures. To use huge pages, code must be written so that applications are aware of them. Transparent Huge Pages (THP) attempt to automate the management of huge pages without application knowledge, but they have limitations. In particular, they are limited to 2Mi page sizes. THP can lead to performance degradation on nodes with high memory utilization or fragmentation due to defragmenting efforts of THP, which can lock memory pages. For this reason, some applications may be designed to (or recommend) usage of pre-allocated huge pages instead of THP.

## 4.5.2. How huge pages are consumed by apps

Nodes must pre-allocate huge pages in order for the node to report its huge page capacity. A node can only pre-allocate huge pages for a single size.

Huge pages can be consumed through container-level resource requirements using the resource name **hugepages-<size>**, where size is the most compact binary notation using integer values supported on a particular node. For example, if a node supports 2048KiB page sizes, it exposes a schedulable resource **hugepages-2Mi**. Unlike CPU or memory, huge pages do not support over-commitment.

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
 generateName: hugepages-volume-
spec:
 containers:
 - securityContext:
   privileged: true
  image: rhel7:latest
  command:
  - sleep
  - inf
  name: example
  volumeMounts:
  - mountPath: /dev/hugepages
   name: hugepage
  resources:
   limits:
    hugepages-2Mi: 100Mi 1
    memory: "1Gi"
    cpu: "1"
 volumes:
 - name: hugepage
  emptyDir:
   medium: HugePages
```

Specify the amount of memory for **hugepages** as the exact amount to be allocated. Do not specify this value as the amount of memory for **hugepages** multiplied by the size of the page. For example, given a huge page size of 2MB, if you want to use 100MB of huge-page-backed RAM for your application, then you would allocate 50 huge pages. OpenShift Container Platform handles

the math for you. As in the above example, you can specify 100MB directly.

## Allocating huge pages of a specific size

Some platforms support multiple huge page sizes. To allocate huge pages of a specific size, precede the huge pages boot command parameters with a huge page size selection parameter **hugepagesz=<size>**. The **<size>** value must be specified in bytes with an optional scale suffix [ **kKmMgG**]. The default huge page size can be defined with the **default\_hugepagesz=<size>** boot parameter.

#### Huge page requirements

- Huge page requests must equal the limits. This is the default if limits are specified, but requests are not
- Huge pages are isolated at a pod scope. Container isolation is planned in a future iteration.
- **EmptyDir** volumes backed by huge pages must not consume more huge page memory than the pod request.
- Applications that consume huge pages via shmget() with SHM\_HUGETLB must run with a supplemental group that matches proc/sys/vm/hugetlb\_shm\_group.

#### Additional resources

Configuring Transparent Huge Pages

# 4.5.3. Configuring huge pages

Nodes must pre-allocate huge pages used in an OpenShift Container Platform cluster. There are two ways of reserving huge pages: at boot time and at run time. Reserving at boot time increases the possibility of success because the memory has not yet been significantly fragmented. The Node Tuning Operator currently supports boot time allocation of huge pages on specific nodes.

#### 4.5.3.1. At boot time

#### **Procedure**

To minimize node reboots, the order of the steps below needs to be followed:

- 1. Label all nodes that need the same huge pages setting by a label.
  - \$ oc label node <node\_using\_hugepages> node-role.kubernetes.io/worker-hp=
- 2. Create a file with the following content and name it hugepages-tuned-boottime.yaml:

```
apiVersion: tuned.openshift.io/v1
kind: Tuned
metadata:
name: hugepages 1
namespace: openshift-cluster-node-tuning-operator
spec:
profile: 2
- data: |
[main]
```

```
summary=Boot time configuration for hugepages
include=openshift-node
[bootloader]
cmdline_openshift_node_hugepages=hugepagesz=2M hugepages=50 3
name: openshift-node-hugepages
recommend:
- machineConfigLabels: 4
machineconfiguration.openshift.io/role: "worker-hp"
```

- Set the **name** of the Tuned resource to **hugepages**.
- Set the **profile** section to allocate huge pages.

profile: openshift-node-hugepages

- Note the order of parameters is important as some platforms support huge pages of various sizes.
- Enable machine config pool based matching.
- 3. Create the Tuned hugepages profile
  - \$ oc create -f hugepages-tuned-boottime.yaml
- 4. Create a file with the following content and name it hugepages-mcp.yaml:

```
apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1
kind: MachineConfigPool
metadata:
name: worker-hp
labels:
worker-hp: ""
spec:
machineConfigSelector:
matchExpressions:
- {key: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/role, operator: In, values: [worker,worker-hp]}
nodeSelector:
matchLabels:
node-role.kubernetes.io/worker-hp: ""
```

5. Create the machine config pool:

\$ oc create -f hugepages-mcp.yaml

Given enough non-fragmented memory, all the nodes in the **worker-hp** machine config pool should now have 50 2Mi huge pages allocated.

\$ oc get node <node\_using\_hugepages> -o jsonpath="{.status.allocatable.hugepages-2Mi}" 100Mi



#### **WARNING**

This functionality is currently only supported on Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS (RHCOS) 8.x worker nodes. On Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7.x worker nodes the Tuned [bootloader] plug-in is currently not supported.

## 4.6. UNDERSTANDING DEVICE PLUG-INS

The device plug-in provides a consistent and portable solution to consume hardware devices across clusters. The device plug-in provides support for these devices through an extension mechanism, which makes these devices available to Containers, provides health checks of these devices, and securely shares them.



#### **IMPORTANT**

OpenShift Container Platform supports the device plug-in API, but the device plug-in Containers are supported by individual vendors.

A device plug-in is a gRPC service running on the nodes (external to the **kubelet**) that is responsible for managing specific hardware resources. Any device plug-in must support following remote procedure calls (RPCs):

```
service DevicePlugin {
   // GetDevicePluginOptions returns options to be communicated with Device
   // Manager
   rpc GetDevicePluginOptions(Empty) returns (DevicePluginOptions) {}
   // ListAndWatch returns a stream of List of Devices
   // Whenever a Device state change or a Device disappears, ListAndWatch
   // returns the new list
   rpc ListAndWatch(Empty) returns (stream ListAndWatchResponse) {}
   // Allocate is called during container creation so that the Device
   // Plug-in can run device specific operations and instruct Kubelet
   // of the steps to make the Device available in the container
   rpc Allocate(AllocateRequest) returns (AllocateResponse) {}
   // PreStartcontainer is called, if indicated by Device Plug-in during
   // registration phase, before each container start. Device plug-in
   // can run device specific operations such as reseting the device
   // before making devices available to the container
   rpc PreStartcontainer(PreStartcontainerRequest) returns (PreStartcontainerResponse) {}
```

# Example device plug-ins

- Nvidia GPU device plug-in for COS-based operating system
- Nvidia official GPU device plug-in

- Solarflare device plug-in
- KubeVirt device plug-ins: vfio and kvm



#### **NOTE**

For easy device plug-in reference implementation, there is a stub device plug-in in the Device Manager code:

vendor/k8s.io/kubernetes/pkg/kubelet/cm/deviceplugin/device\_plugin\_stub.go.

# 4.6.1. Methods for deploying a device plug-in

- Daemon sets are the recommended approach for device plug-in deployments.
- Upon start, the device plug-in will try to create a UNIX domain socket at /var/lib/kubelet/device-plugin/ on the node to serve RPCs from Device Manager.
- Since device plug-ins must manage hardware resources, access to the host file system, as well as socket creation, they must be run in a privileged security context.
- More specific details regarding deployment steps can be found with each device plug-in implementation.

# 4.6.2. Understanding the Device Manager

Device Manager provides a mechanism for advertising specialized node hardware resources with the help of plug-ins known as device plug-ins.

You can advertise specialized hardware without requiring any upstream code changes.



## **IMPORTANT**

OpenShift Container Platform supports the device plug-in API, but the device plug-in Containers are supported by individual vendors.

Device Manager advertises devices as **Extended Resources**. User pods can consume devices, advertised by Device Manager, using the same **Limit/Request** mechanism, which is used for requesting any other **Extended Resource**.

Upon start, the device plug-in registers itself with Device Manager invoking **Register** on the /var/lib/kubelet/device-plugins/kubelet.sock and starts a gRPC service at /var/lib/kubelet/device-plugins/<plugins/splugin>.sock for serving Device Manager requests.

Device Manager, while processing a new registration request, invokes **ListAndWatch** remote procedure call (RPC) at the device plug-in service. In response, Device Manager gets a list of **Device** objects from the plug-in over a gRPC stream. Device Manager will keep watching on the stream for new updates from the plug-in. On the plug-in side, the plug-in will also keep the stream open and whenever there is a change in the state of any of the devices, a new device list is sent to the Device Manager over the same streaming connection.

While handling a new pod admission request, Kubelet passes requested **Extended Resources** to the Device Manager for device allocation. Device Manager checks in its database to verify if a corresponding plug-in exists or not. If the plug-in exists and there are free allocatable devices as well as per local cache, **Allocate** RPC is invoked at that particular device plug-in.

Additionally, device plug-ins can also perform several other device-specific operations, such as driver installation, device initialization, and device resets. These functionalities vary from implementation to implementation.

# 4.6.3. Enabling Device Manager

Enable Device Manager to implement a device plug-in to advertise specialized hardware without any upstream code changes.

Device Manager provides a mechanism for advertising specialized node hardware resources with the help of plug-ins known as device plug-ins.

- 1. Obtain the label associated with the static **MachineConfigPool** CRD for the type of node you want to configure. Perform one of the following steps:
  - a. View the machine config:
    - # oc describe machineconfig <name>

For example:

# oc describe machineconfig 00-worker

## **Example output**

Name: 00-worker

Namespace:

machineconfiguration.openshift.io/role=worker Labels:

Label required for the Device Manager.

#### **Procedure**

1. Create a custom resource (CR) for your configuration change.

#### Sample configuration for a Device Manager CR

apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1

kind: KubeletConfig

metadata:

name: devicemgr 1

machineConfigPoolSelector:

matchLabels:

machineconfiguration.openshift.io: devicemgr (2)

kubeletConfig:

feature-gates:

- DevicePlugins=true 3
- Assign a name to CR.
- Enter the label from the Machine Config Pool.

- 3 Set **DevicePlugins** to 'true`.
- 2. Create the Device Manager:
  - \$ oc create -f devicemgr.yaml

## **Example output**

- kubeletconfig.machineconfiguration.openshift.io/devicemgr created
- 3. Ensure that Device Manager was actually enabled by confirming that /var/lib/kubelet/device-plugins/kubelet.sock is created on the node. This is the UNIX domain socket on which the Device Manager gRPC server listens for new plug-in registrations. This sock file is created when the Kubelet is started only if Device Manager is enabled.

## 4.7. TAINTS AND TOLERATIONS

Understand and work with taints and tolerations.

# 4.7.1. Understanding taints and tolerations

A taint allows a node to refuse a pod to be scheduled unless that pod has a matching toleration.

You apply taints to a node through the **Node** specification (**NodeSpec**) and apply tolerations to a pod through the **Pod** specification (**PodSpec**). When you apply a taint a node, the scheduler cannot place a pod on that node unless the pod can tolerate the taint.

## Example taint in a node specification

```
spec:
....
template:
....
spec:
taints:
- effect: NoExecute
key: key1
value: value1
```

#### Example toleration in a Pod spec

```
spec:
....
template:
....
spec
tolerations:
- key: "key1"
operator: "Equal"
value: "value1"
```

effect: "NoExecute" tolerationSeconds: 3600

Taints and tolerations consist of a key, value, and effect.

Table 4.1. Taint and toleration components

Parameter	Description	
key	The <b>key</b> is any string, up to 253 characters. The key must begin with a letter or number, and may contain letters, numbers, hyphens, dots, and underscores.	
value	The <b>value</b> is any string, up to 63 characters. The value must begin with a letter or number, and may contain letters, numbers, hyphens, dots, and underscores.	
effect	The effect is one of the following:	
	NoSchedule [1]	<ul> <li>New pods that do not match the taint are not scheduled onto that node.</li> <li>Existing pods on the node remain.</li> </ul>
	PreferNoSchedule	<ul> <li>New pods that do not match the taint might be scheduled onto that node, but the scheduler tries not to.</li> <li>Existing pods on the node remain.</li> </ul>
	NoExecute	<ul> <li>New pods that do not match the taint cannot be scheduled onto that node.</li> <li>Existing pods on the node that do not have a matching toleration are removed.</li> </ul>
operator		
operator	Equal	The <b>key/value/effect</b> parameters must match. This is the default.
	Exists	The <b>key/effect</b> parameters must match. You must leave a blank <b>value</b> parameter, which matches any.

 If you add a NoSchedule taint to a master node, the node must have the noderole.kubernetes.io/master=:NoSchedule taint, which is added by default.
 For example:

apiVersion: v1

```
kind: Node
metadata:
annotations:
machine.openshift.io/machine: openshift-machine-api/ci-ln-62s7gtb-f76d1-v8jxv-master-0
machineconfiguration.openshift.io/currentConfig: rendered-master-
cdc1ab7da414629332cc4c3926e6e59c
...
spec:
taints:
- effect: NoSchedule
key: node-role.kubernetes.io/master
...
```

#### A toleration matches a taint:

- If the **operator** parameter is set to **Equal**:
  - the **key** parameters are the same;
  - the value parameters are the same;
  - the **effect** parameters are the same.
- If the **operator** parameter is set to **Exists**:
  - the **key** parameters are the same;
  - the **effect** parameters are the same.

The following taints are built into OpenShift Container Platform:

- **node.kubernetes.io/not-ready**: The node is not ready. This corresponds to the node condition **Ready=False**.
- **node.kubernetes.io/unreachable**: The node is unreachable from the node controller. This corresponds to the node condition **Ready=Unknown**.
- **node.kubernetes.io/out-of-disk**: The node has insufficient free space on the node for adding new pods. This corresponds to the node condition **OutOfDisk=True**.
- **node.kubernetes.io/memory-pressure**: The node has memory pressure issues. This corresponds to the node condition **MemoryPressure=True**.
- node.kubernetes.io/disk-pressure: The node has disk pressure issues. This corresponds to the node condition DiskPressure=True.
- node.kubernetes.io/network-unavailable: The node network is unavailable.
- node.kubernetes.io/unschedulable: The node is unschedulable.
- **node.cloudprovider.kubernetes.io/uninitialized**: When the node controller is started with an external cloud provider, this taint is set on a node to mark it as unusable. After a controller from the cloud-controller-manager initializes this node, the kubelet removes this taint.

#### 4.7.1.1. Understanding how to use toleration seconds to delay pod evictions

You can specify how long a pod can remain bound to a node before being evicted by specifying the

**tolerationSeconds** parameter in the **Pod** specification or **MachineSet** object. If a taint with the **NoExecute** effect is added to a node, a pod that does tolerate the taint, which has the **tolerationSeconds** parameter, the pod is not evicted until that time period expires.

## Example output

```
spec:
....
template:
....
spec
tolerations:
- key: "key1"
operator: "Equal"
value: "value1"
effect: "NoExecute"
tolerationSeconds: 3600
```

Here, if this pod is running but does not have a matching toleration, the pod stays bound to the node for 3,600 seconds and then be evicted. If the taint is removed before that time, the pod is not evicted.

## 4.7.1.2. Understanding how to use multiple taints

You can put multiple taints on the same node and multiple tolerations on the same pod. OpenShift Container Platform processes multiple taints and tolerations as follows:

- 1. Process the taints for which the pod has a matching toleration.
- 2. The remaining unmatched taints have the indicated effects on the pod:
  - If there is at least one unmatched taint with effect **NoSchedule**, OpenShift Container Platform cannot schedule a pod onto that node.
  - If there is no unmatched taint with effect **NoSchedule** but there is at least one unmatched taint with effect **PreferNoSchedule**, OpenShift Container Platform tries to not schedule the pod onto the node.
  - If there is at least one unmatched taint with effect **NoExecute**, OpenShift Container Platform evicts the pod from the node if it is already running on the node, or the pod is not scheduled onto the node if it is not yet running on the node.
    - Pods that do not tolerate the taint are evicted immediately.
    - Pods that tolerate the taint without specifying tolerationSeconds in their Pod specification remain bound forever.
    - Pods that tolerate the taint with a specified tolerationSeconds remain bound for the specified amount of time.

#### For example:

- Add the following taints to the node:
  - \$ oc adm taint nodes node1 key1=value1:NoSchedule
    - \$ oc adm taint nodes node1 key1=value1:NoExecute

\$ oc adm taint nodes node1 key2=value2:NoSchedule

• The pod has the following tolerations:

```
spec:
....
template:
....
spec
tolerations:
- key: "key1"
operator: "Equal"
value: "value1"
effect: "NoSchedule"
- key: "key1"
operator: "Equal"
value: "value1"
effect: "NoExecute"
```

In this case, the pod cannot be scheduled onto the node, because there is no toleration matching the third taint. The pod continues running if it is already running on the node when the taint is added, because the third taint is the only one of the three that is not tolerated by the pod.

## 4.7.1.3. Understanding pod scheduling and node conditions (taint node by condition)

The Taint Nodes By Condition feature, which is enabled by default, automatically taints nodes that report conditions such as memory pressure and disk pressure. If a node reports a condition, a taint is added until the condition clears. The taints have the **NoSchedule** effect, which means no pod can be scheduled on the node unless the pod has a matching toleration.

The scheduler checks for these taints on nodes before scheduling pods. If the taint is present, the pod is scheduled on a different node. Because the scheduler checks for taints and not the actual node conditions, you configure the scheduler to ignore some of these node conditions by adding appropriate pod tolerations.

To ensure backward compatibility, the daemon set controller automatically adds the following tolerations to all daemons:

- node.kubernetes.io/memory-pressure
- node.kubernetes.io/disk-pressure
- node.kubernetes.io/out-of-disk (only for critical pods)
- node.kubernetes.io/unschedulable (1.10 or later)
- node.kubernetes.io/network-unavailable (host network only)

You can also add arbitrary tolerations to daemon sets.

## 4.7.1.4. Understanding evicting pods by condition (taint-based evictions)

The Taint-Based Evictions feature, which is enabled by default, evicts pods from a node that experiences specific conditions, such as **not-ready** and **unreachable**. When a node experiences one of

these conditions, OpenShift Container Platform automatically adds taints to the node, and starts evicting and rescheduling the pods on different nodes.

Taint Based Evictions have a **NoExecute** effect, where any pod that does not tolerate the taint is evicted immediately and any pod that does tolerate the taint will never be evicted, unless the pod uses the **tolerationSeconds** parameter.

The **tolerationSeconds** parameter allows you to specify how long a pod stays bound to a node that has a node condition. If the condition still exists after the **tolerationSeconds** period, the taint remains on the node and the pods with a matching toleration are evicted. If the condition clears before the **tolerationSeconds** period, pods with matching tolerations are not removed.

If you use the **tolerationSeconds** parameter with no value, pods are never evicted because of the not ready and unreachable node conditions.



#### NOTE

OpenShift Container Platform evicts pods in a rate-limited way to prevent massive pod evictions in scenarios such as the master becoming partitioned from the nodes.

OpenShift Container Platform automatically adds a toleration for **node.kubernetes.io/not-ready** and **node.kubernetes.io/unreachable** with **tolerationSeconds=300**, unless the **Pod** configuration specifies either toleration.

spec:

template:

... spec

tolerations:

key: node.kubernetes.io/not-ready

operator: Exists effect: NoExecute

tolerationSeconds: 300 1

- key: node.kubernetes.io/unreachable

operator: Exists effect: NoExecute tolerationSeconds: 300



These tolerations ensure that the default pod behavior is to remain bound for five minutes after one of these node conditions problems is detected.

You can configure these tolerations as needed. For example, if you have an application with a lot of local state, you might want to keep the pods bound to node for a longer time in the event of network partition, allowing for the partition to recover and avoiding pod eviction.

Pods spawned by a daemon set are created with **NoExecute** tolerations for the following taints with no **tolerationSeconds**:

- node.kubernetes.io/unreachable
- node.kubernetes.io/not-ready

As a result, daemon set pods are never evicted because of these node conditions.

## 4.7.1.5. Tolerating all taints

You can configure a pod to tolerate all taints by adding an **operator: "Exists"** toleration with no **key** and **value** parameters. Pods with this toleration are not removed from a node that has taints.

## Pod spec for tolerating all taints

```
spec:
....
template:
....
spec
tolerations:
- operator: "Exists"
```

# 4.7.2. Adding taints and tolerations

You add tolerations to pods and taints to nodes to allow the node to control which pods should or should not be scheduled on them. For existing pods and nodes, you should add the toleration to the pod first, then add the taint to the node to avoid pods being removed from the node before you can add the toleration.

#### **Procedure**

1. Add a toleration to a pod by editing the **Pod** spec to include a **tolerations** stanza:

# Sample pod configuration file with an Equal operator

```
spec:
....
template:
....
spec:
tolerations:
- key: "key1" 1
value: "value1"
operator: "Equal"
effect: "NoExecute"
tolerationSeconds: 3600 2
```

- The toleration parameters, as described in the **Taint and toleration components** table.
- The **tolerationSeconds** parameter specifies how long a pod can remain bound to a node before being evicted.

For example:

## Sample pod configuration file with an Exists operator

```
spec:
....
template:
....
```

spec:

tolerations:

- key: "key1"

operator: "Exists" 1
effect: "NoExecute"
tolerationSeconds: 3600

1

The **Exists** operator does not take a **value**.

This example places a taint on **node1** that has key **key1**, value **value1**, and taint effect **NoExecute**.

2. Add a taint to a node by using the following command with the parameters described in the **Taint and toleration components** table:

\$ oc adm taint nodes <node\_name> <key>=<value>:<effect>

For example:

\$ oc adm taint nodes node1 key1=value1:NoExecute

This command places a taint on **node1** that has key **key1**, value **value1**, and effect **NoExecute**.



#### NOTE

If you add a **NoSchedule** taint to a master node, the node must have the **node-role.kubernetes.io/master=:NoSchedule** taint, which is added by default.

For example:

apiVersion: v1
kind: Node
metadata:
annotations:
machine.openshift.io/machine: openshift-machine-api/ci-In-62s7gtb-f76d1-v8jxv-master-0
machineconfiguration.openshift.io/currentConfig: rendered-master-cdc1ab7da414629332cc4c3926e6e59c
...
spec:
taints:
- effect: NoSchedule
key: node-role.kubernetes.io/master

The tolerations on the Pod match the taint on the node. A pod with either toleration can be scheduled onto **node1**.

# 4.7.3. Adding taints and tolerations using a machine set

You can add taints to nodes using a machine set. All nodes associated with the **MachineSet** object are updated with the taint. Tolerations respond to taints added by a machine set in the same manner as taints added directly to the nodes.

#### **Procedure**

1. Add a toleration to a pod by editing the **Pod** spec to include a **tolerations** stanza:

## Sample pod configuration file with Equal operator

```
spec:
....
template:
....
spec:
tolerations:
- key: "key1" 1
value: "value1"
operator: "Equal"
effect: "NoExecute"
tolerationSeconds: 3600 2
```

- The toleration parameters, as described in the **Taint and toleration components** table.
- The **tolerationSeconds** parameter specifies how long a pod is bound to a node before being evicted.

For example:

## Sample pod configuration file with Exists operator

```
spec:
....
template:
....
spec:
tolerations:
- key: "key1"
operator: "Exists"
effect: "NoExecute"
tolerationSeconds: 3600
```

- 2. Add the taint to the **MachineSet** object:
  - a. Edit the **MachineSet** YAML for the nodes you want to taint or you can create a new **MachineSet** object:
    - \$ oc edit machineset <machineset>
  - b. Add the taint to the **spec.template.spec** section:

# Example taint in a node specification

```
spec:
....
template:
....
spec:
```

taints:

- effect: NoExecute

key: key1 value: value1

....

This example places a taint that has the key **key1**, value **value1**, and taint effect **NoExecute** on the nodes.

c. Scale down the machine set to 0:

\$ oc scale --replicas=0 machineset <machineset> -n openshift-machine-api

Wait for the machines to be removed.

d. Scale up the machine set as needed:

\$ oc scale --replicas=2 machineset <machineset> -n openshift-machine-api

Wait for the machines to start. The taint is added to the nodes associated with the **MachineSet** object.

# 4.7.4. Binding a user to a node using taints and tolerations

If you want to dedicate a set of nodes for exclusive use by a particular set of users, add a toleration to their pods. Then, add a corresponding taint to those nodes. The pods with the tolerations are allowed to use the tainted nodes, or any other nodes in the cluster.

If you want ensure the pods are scheduled to only those tainted nodes, also add a label to the same set of nodes and add a node affinity to the pods so that the pods can only be scheduled onto nodes with that label.

#### **Procedure**

To configure a node so that users can use only that node:

- 1. Add a corresponding taint to those nodes: For example:
  - \$ oc adm taint nodes node1 dedicated=groupName:NoSchedule
- 2. Add a toleration to the pods by writing a custom admission controller.

# 4.7.5. Controlling nodes with special hardware using taints and tolerations

In a cluster where a small subset of nodes have specialized hardware, you can use taints and tolerations to keep pods that do not need the specialized hardware off of those nodes, leaving the nodes for pods that do need the specialized hardware. You can also require pods that need specialized hardware to use specific nodes.

You can achieve this by adding a toleration to pods that need the special hardware and tainting the nodes that have the specialized hardware.

#### **Procedure**

To ensure nodes with specialized hardware are reserved for specific pods:

1. Add a toleration to pods that need the special hardware. For example:

```
spec:
....
template:
....
spec:
tolerations:
- key: "disktype"
value: "ssd"
operator: "Equal"
effect: "NoSchedule"
tolerationSeconds: 3600
```

2. Taint the nodes that have the specialized hardware using one of the following commands:

\$ oc adm taint nodes <node-name> disktype=ssd:NoSchedule

Or:

\$ oc adm taint nodes <node-name> disktype=ssd:PreferNoSchedule

# 4.7.6. Removing taints and tolerations

You can remove taints from nodes and tolerations from pods as needed. You should add the toleration to the pod first, then add the taint to the node to avoid pods being removed from the node before you can add the toleration.

#### **Procedure**

To remove taints and tolerations:

1. To remove a taint from a node:

\$ oc adm taint nodes <node-name> <key>-

For example:

\$ oc adm taint nodes ip-10-0-132-248.ec2.internal key1-

## **Example output**

node/ip-10-0-132-248.ec2.internal untainted

2. To remove a toleration from a pod, edit the **Pod** spec to remove the toleration:

```
spec:
....
template:
....
```

spec:

tolerations:

- key: "key2" operator: "Exists" effect: "NoExecute"

tolerationSeconds: 3600

## 4.8. TOPOLOGY MANAGER

Understand and work with Topology Manager.

## 4.8.1. Topology Manager policies

Topology Manager aligns **Pod** resources of all Quality of Service (QoS) classes by collecting topology hints from Hint Providers, such as CPU Manager and Device Manager, and using the collected hints to align the **Pod** resources.



#### **NOTE**

To align CPU resources with other requested resources in a **Pod** spec, the CPU Manager must be enabled with the **static** CPU Manager policy.

Topology Manager supports four allocation policies, which you assign in the **cpumanager-enabled** custom resource (CR):

## none policy

This is the default policy and does not perform any topology alignment.

#### best-effort policy

For each container in a pod with the **best-effort** topology management policy, kubelet calls each Hint Provider to discover their resource availability. Using this information, the Topology Manager stores the preferred NUMA Node affinity for that container. If the affinity is not preferred, Topology Manager stores this and admits the pod to the node.

#### restricted policy

For each container in a pod with the **restricted** topology management policy, kubelet calls each Hint Provider to discover their resource availability. Using this information, the Topology Manager stores the preferred NUMA Node affinity for that container. If the affinity is not preferred, Topology Manager rejects this pod from the node, resulting in a pod in a **Terminated** state with a pod admission failure.

# single-numa-node policy

For each container in a pod with the **single-numa-node** topology management policy, kubelet calls each Hint Provider to discover their resource availability. Using this information, the Topology Manager determines if a single NUMA Node affinity is possible. If it is, the pod is admitted to the node. If a single NUMA Node affinity is not possible, the Topology Manager rejects the pod from the node. This results in a pod in a Terminated state with a pod admission failure.

## 4.8.2. Setting up Topology Manager

To use Topology Manager, you must configure an allocation policy in the **cpumanager-enabled** custom resource (CR). This file might exist if you have set up CPU Manager. If the file does not exist, you can create the file.

#### **Prequisites**

• Configure the CPU Manager policy to be **static**. Refer to Using CPU Manager in the Scalability and Performance section.

#### **Procedure**

To activate Topololgy Manager:

1. Configure the Topology Manager allocation policy in the **cpumanager-enabled** custom resource (CR).

\$ oc edit KubeletConfig cpumanager-enabled

```
apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1
kind: KubeletConfig
metadata:
name: cpumanager-enabled
spec:
machineConfigPoolSelector:
matchLabels:
custom-kubelet: cpumanager-enabled
kubeletConfig:
cpuManagerPolicy: static 1
cpuManagerReconcilePeriod: 5s
topologyManagerPolicy: single-numa-node 2
```

- This parameter must be **static**.
- Specify your selected Topology Manager allocation policy. Here, the policy is **single-numa-node**. Acceptable values are: **default**, **best-effort**, **restricted**, **single-numa-node**.

# 4.8.3. Pod interactions with Topology Manager policies

The example **Pod** specs below help illustrate pod interactions with Topology Manager.

The following pod runs in the **BestEffort** QoS class because no resource requests or limits are specified.

```
spec:
containers:
- name: nginx
image: nginx
```

The next pod runs in the **Burstable** QoS class because requests are less than limits.

```
spec:
containers:
- name: nginx
image: nginx
resources:
limits:
memory: "200Mi"
requests:
memory: "100Mi"
```

If the selected policy is anything other than **none**, Topology Manager would not consider either of these **Pod** specifications.

The last example pod below runs in the Guaranteed QoS class because requests are equal to limits.

```
spec:
containers:
- name: nginx
image: nginx
resources:
limits:
memory: "200Mi"
cpu: "2"
example.com/device: "1"
requests:
memory: "200Mi"
cpu: "2"
example.com/device: "1"
```

Topology Manager would consider this pod. The Topology Manager consults the CPU Manager static policy, which returns the topology of available CPUs. Topology Manager also consults Device Manager to discover the topology of available devices for example.com/device.

Topology Manager will use this information to store the best Topology for this container. In the case of this pod, CPU Manager and Device Manager will use this stored information at the resource allocation stage.

## 4.9. RESOURCE REQUESTS AND OVERCOMMITMENT

For each compute resource, a container may specify a resource request and limit. Scheduling decisions are made based on the request to ensure that a node has enough capacity available to meet the requested value. If a container specifies limits, but omits requests, the requests are defaulted to the limits. A container is not able to exceed the specified limit on the node.

The enforcement of limits is dependent upon the compute resource type. If a container makes no request or limit, the container is scheduled to a node with no resource guarantees. In practice, the container is able to consume as much of the specified resource as is available with the lowest local priority. In low resource situations, containers that specify no resource requests are given the lowest quality of service.

Scheduling is based on resources requested, while quota and hard limits refer to resource limits, which can be set higher than requested resources. The difference between request and limit determines the level of overcommit; for instance, if a container is given a memory request of 1Gi and a memory limit of 2Gi, it is scheduled based on the 1Gi request being available on the node, but could use up to 2Gi; so it is 200% overcommitted.

# 4.10. CLUSTER-LEVEL OVERCOMMIT USING THE CLUSTER RESOURCE OVERRIDE OPERATOR

The Cluster Resource Override Operator is an admission webhook that allows you to control the level of overcommit and manage container density across all the nodes in your cluster. The Operator controls how nodes in specific projects can exceed defined memory and CPU limits.

You must install the Cluster Resource Override Operator using the OpenShift Container Platform console or CLI as shown in the following sections. During the installation, you create a

**ClusterResourceOverride** custom resource (CR), where you set the level of overcommit, as shown in the following example:

apiVersion: operator.autoscaling.openshift.io/v1 kind: ClusterResourceOverride

metadata:

- name: cluster 1

spec:

memoryRequestToLimitPercent: 50 2 cpuRequestToLimitPercent: 25 3 limitCPUToMemoryPercent: 200 4

- The name must be cluster.
- Optional. If a container memory limit has been specified or defaulted, the memory request is overridden to this percentage of the limit, between 1-100. The default is 50.
- Optional. If a container CPU limit has been specified or defaulted, the CPU request is overridden to this percentage of the limit, between 1-100. The default is 25.
- Optional. If a container memory limit has been specified or defaulted, the CPU limit is overridden to a percentage of the memory limit, if specified. Scaling 1Gi of RAM at 100 percent is equal to 1 CPU core. This is processed prior to overriding the CPU request (if configured). The default is 200.



#### **NOTE**

The Cluster Resource Override Operator overrides have no effect if limits have not been set on containers. Create a **LimitRange** object with default limits per individual project or configure limits in **Pod** specs for the overrides to apply.

When configured, overrides can be enabled per-project by applying the following label to the Namespace object for each project:

apiVersion: v1 kind: Namespace metadata:

- - - -

labels:

clusterresourceoverrides.admission.autoscaling.openshift.io/enabled: "true"

....

The Operator watches for the **ClusterResourceOverride** CR and ensures that the **ClusterResourceOverride** admission webhook is installed into the same namespace as the operator.

## 4.10.1. Installing the Cluster Resource Override Operator using the web console

You can use the OpenShift Container Platform web console to install the Cluster Resource Override Operator to help control overcommit in your cluster.

#### **Prerequisites**

• The Cluster Resource Override Operator has no effect if limits have not been set on containers. You must specify default limits for a project using a **LimitRange** object or configure limits in **Pod** specs for the overrides to apply.

#### **Procedure**

To install the Cluster Resource Override Operator using the OpenShift Container Platform web console:

- 1. In the OpenShift Container Platform web console, navigate to Home → Projects
  - a. Click Create Project.
  - b. Specify **clusterresourceoverride-operator** as the name of the project.
  - c. Click Create.
- 2. Navigate to **Operators** → **OperatorHub**.
  - a. Choose **ClusterResourceOverride Operator** from the list of available Operators and click **Install**.
  - b. On the **Install Operator** page, make sure **A specific Namespace on the cluster** is selected for **Installation Mode**.
  - c. Make sure clusterresourceoverride-operator is selected for Installed Namespace.
  - d. Select an Update Channel and Approval Strategy.
  - e. Click Install.
- 3. On the Installed Operators page, click ClusterResourceOverride.
  - a. On the ClusterResourceOverride Operator details page, click Create Instance.
  - b. On the **Create ClusterResourceOverride** page, edit the YAML template to set the overcommit values as needed:

```
apiVersion: operator.autoscaling.openshift.io/v1
kind: ClusterResourceOverride
metadata:
name: cluster 1
spec:
podResourceOverride:
spec:
memoryRequestToLimitPercent: 50 2
cpuRequestToLimitPercent: 25 3
limitCPUToMemoryPercent: 200 4
```

- The name must be **cluster**.
- Optional. Specify the percentage to override the container memory limit, if used, between 1-100. The default is 50.
- Optional. Specify the percentage to override the container CPU limit, if used, between 1-100. The default is 25.

- 4
- Optional. Specify the percentage to override the container memory limit, if used. Scaling 1Gi of RAM at 100 percent is equal to 1 CPU core. This is processed prior to
- c. Click Create.
- 4. Check the current state of the admission webhook by checking the status of the cluster custom resource:
  - a. On the ClusterResourceOverride Operator page, click cluster.
  - b. On the ClusterResourceOverride Details age, click YAML. The mutatingWebhookConfigurationRef section appears when the webhook is called.

```
apiVersion: operator.autoscaling.openshift.io/v1
kind: ClusterResourceOverride
metadata:
 annotations:
  kubectl.kubernetes.io/last-applied-configuration: |
{"apiVersion":"operator.autoscaling.openshift.io/v1","kind":"ClusterResourceOverride","met
adata":{"annotations":{},"name":"cluster"},"spec":{"podResourceOverride":{"spec":
{"cpuRequestToLimitPercent":25,"limitCPUToMemoryPercent":200,"memoryRequestToLi
mitPercent":50}}}}
 creationTimestamp: "2019-12-18T22:35:02Z"
 generation: 1
 name: cluster
 resourceVersion: "127622"
 selfLink: /apis/operator.autoscaling.openshift.io/v1/clusterresourceoverrides/cluster
 uid: 978fc959-1717-4bd1-97d0-ae00ee111e8d
 podResourceOverride:
  spec:
   cpuRequestToLimitPercent: 25
   limitCPUToMemoryPercent: 200
   memoryRequestToLimitPercent: 50
status:
  mutatingWebhookConfigurationRef: 1
   apiVersion: admissionregistration.k8s.io/v1beta1
   kind: MutatingWebhookConfiguration
   name: clusterresourceoverrides.admission.autoscaling.openshift.io
   resourceVersion: "127621"
   uid: 98b3b8ae-d5ce-462b-8ab5-a729ea8f38f3
```

Reference to the **ClusterResourceOverride** admission webhook.

# 4.10.2. Installing the Cluster Resource Override Operator using the CLI

You can use the OpenShift Container Platform CLI to install the Cluster Resource Override Operator to help control overcommit in your cluster.

#### **Prerequisites**

• The Cluster Resource Override Operator has no effect if limits have not been set on containers. You must specify default limits for a project using a **LimitRange** object or configure limits in **Pod** specs for the overrides to apply.

#### **Procedure**

To install the Cluster Resource Override Operator using the CLI:

- 1. Create a namespace for the Cluster Resource Override Operator:
  - a. Create a **Namespace** object YAML file (for example, **cro-namespace.yaml**) for the Cluster Resource Override Operator:

apiVersion: v1 kind: Namespace metadata:

name: clusterresourceoverride-operator

b. Create the namespace:

\$ oc create -f <file-name>.yaml

For example:

\$ oc create -f cro-namespace.yaml

- 2. Create an Operator group:
  - a. Create an **OperatorGroup** object YAML file (for example, cro-og.yaml) for the Cluster Resource Override Operator:

apiVersion: operators.coreos.com/v1

kind: OperatorGroup

metadata:

name: clusterresourceoverride-operator namespace: clusterresourceoverride-operator

spec:

targetNamespaces:

- clusterresourceoverride-operator
- b. Create the Operator Group:

\$ oc create -f <file-name>.yaml

For example:

\$ oc create -f cro-og.yaml

- 3. Create a subscription:
  - a. Create a **Subscription** object YAML file (for example, cro-sub.yaml) for the Cluster Resource Override Operator:

apiVersion: operators.coreos.com/v1alpha1

kind: Subscription

metadata:

name: clusterresourceoverride

namespace: clusterresourceoverride-operator

spec:

channel: "4.7"

name: clusterresourceoverride source: redhat-operators

sourceNamespace: openshift-marketplace

b. Create the subscription:

\$ oc create -f <file-name>.yaml

For example:

\$ oc create -f cro-sub.yaml

- 4. Create a **ClusterResourceOverride** custom resource (CR) object in the **clusterresourceoverride-operator** namespace:
  - a. Change to the **clusterresourceoverride-operator** namespace.

\$ oc project clusterresourceoverride-operator

b. Create a **ClusterResourceOverride** object YAML file (for example, cro-cr.yaml) for the Cluster Resource Override Operator:

apiVersion: operator.autoscaling.openshift.io/v1

kind: ClusterResourceOverride

metadata:

name: cluster 1

spec:

podResourceOverride:

spec:

memoryRequestToLimitPercent: 50 2

cpuRequestToLimitPercent: 25 3

limitCPUToMemoryPercent: 200 4

- The name must be **cluster**.
- Optional. Specify the percentage to override the container memory limit, if used, between 1-100. The default is 50.
- Optional. Specify the percentage to override the container CPU limit, if used, between 1-100. The default is 25.
- Optional. Specify the percentage to override the container memory limit, if used. Scaling 1Gi of RAM at 100 percent is equal to 1 CPU core. This is processed prior to overriding the CPU request, if configured. The default is 200.
- c. Create the ClusterResourceOverride object:

\$ oc create -f <file-name>.yaml

For example:

\$ oc create -f cro-cr.yaml

5. Verify the current state of the admission webhook by checking the status of the cluster custom resource.

\$ oc get clusterresourceoverride cluster -n clusterresourceoverride-operator -o yaml

The mutatingWebhookConfigurationRef section appears when the webhook is called.

## **Example output**

```
apiVersion: operator.autoscaling.openshift.io/v1
kind: ClusterResourceOverride
metadata:
 annotations:
  kubectl.kubernetes.io/last-applied-configuration: |
{"apiVersion":"operator.autoscaling.openshift.io/v1","kind":"ClusterResourceOverride","metadat
a":{"annotations":{},"name":"cluster"},"spec":{"podResourceOverride":{"spec":
{"cpuRequestToLimitPercent":25,"limitCPUToMemoryPercent":200,"memoryRequestToLimitPe
rcent":50}}}}
 creationTimestamp: "2019-12-18T22:35:02Z"
 generation: 1
 name: cluster
 resourceVersion: "127622"
 selfLink: /apis/operator.autoscaling.openshift.io/v1/clusterresourceoverrides/cluster
 uid: 978fc959-1717-4bd1-97d0-ae00ee111e8d
 podResourceOverride:
  spec:
   cpuRequestToLimitPercent: 25
   limitCPUToMemoryPercent: 200
   memoryRequestToLimitPercent: 50
status:
  mutatingWebhookConfigurationRef: 1
   apiVersion: admissionregistration.k8s.io/v1beta1
   kind: MutatingWebhookConfiguration
   name: clusterresourceoverrides.admission.autoscaling.openshift.io
   resourceVersion: "127621"
   uid: 98b3b8ae-d5ce-462b-8ab5-a729ea8f38f3
```

Reference to the **ClusterResourceOverride** admission webhook.

## 4.10.3. Configuring cluster-level overcommit

The Cluster Resource Override Operator requires a **ClusterResourceOverride** custom resource (CR) and a label for each project where you want the Operator to control overcommit.

## **Prerequisites**

• The Cluster Resource Override Operator has no effect if limits have not been set on containers. You must specify default limits for a project using a **LimitRange** object or configure limits in **Pod** specs for the overrides to apply.

#### **Procedure**

To modify cluster-level overcommit:

1. Edit the ClusterResourceOverride CR:

apiVersion: operator.autoscaling.openshift.io/v1 kind: ClusterResourceOverride metadata:
- name: cluster spec:
 memoryRequestToLimitPercent: 50 1 cpuRequestToLimitPercent: 25 2 limitCPUToMemoryPercent: 200 3

- Optional. Specify the percentage to override the container memory limit, if used, between 1-100. The default is 50.
- Optional. Specify the percentage to override the container CPU limit, if used, between 1-100. The default is 25.
- Optional. Specify the percentage to override the container memory limit, if used. Scaling 1Gi of RAM at 100 percent is equal to 1 CPU core. This is processed prior to overriding the CPU request, if configured. The default is 200.
- 2. Ensure the following label has been added to the Namespace object for each project where you want the Cluster Resource Override Operator to control overcommit:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Namespace
metadata:
....
labels:
clusterresourceoverrides.admission.autoscaling.openshift.io/enabled: "true" 1
....
```

1 Add this label to each project.

## 4.11. NODE-LEVEL OVERCOMMIT

You can use various ways to control overcommit on specific nodes, such as quality of service (QOS) guarantees, CPU limits, or reserve resources. You can also disable overcommit for specific nodes and specific projects.

# 4.11.1. Understanding compute resources and containers

The node-enforced behavior for compute resources is specific to the resource type.

## 4.11.1.1 Understanding container CPU requests

A container is guaranteed the amount of CPU it requests and is additionally able to consume excess CPU available on the node, up to any limit specified by the container. If multiple containers are attempting to use excess CPU, CPU time is distributed based on the amount of CPU requested by each container.

For example, if one container requested 500m of CPU time and another container requested 250m of CPU time, then any extra CPU time available on the node is distributed among the containers in a 2:1 ratio. If a container specified a limit, it will be throttled not to use more CPU than the specified limit. CPU requests are enforced using the CFS shares support in the Linux kernel. By default, CPU limits are enforced using the CFS quota support in the Linux kernel over a 100ms measuring interval, though this can be disabled.

## 4.11.1.2. Understanding container memory requests

A container is guaranteed the amount of memory it requests. A container can use more memory than requested, but once it exceeds its requested amount, it could be terminated in a low memory situation on the node. If a container uses less memory than requested, it will not be terminated unless system tasks or daemons need more memory than was accounted for in the node's resource reservation. If a container specifies a limit on memory, it is immediately terminated if it exceeds the limit amount.

## 4.11.2. Understanding overcomitment and quality of service classes

A node is overcommitted when it has a pod scheduled that makes no request, or when the sum of limits across all pods on that node exceeds available machine capacity.

In an overcommitted environment, it is possible that the pods on the node will attempt to use more compute resource than is available at any given point in time. When this occurs, the node must give priority to one pod over another. The facility used to make this decision is referred to as a Quality of Service (QoS) Class.

For each compute resource, a container is divided into one of three QoS classes with decreasing order of priority:

Table 4.2. Quality of Service Classes

Priority	Class Name	Description
1 (highest)	Guarantee d	If limits and optionally requests are set (not equal to 0) for all resources and they are equal, then the container is classified as <b>Guaranteed</b> .
2	Burstable	If requests and optionally limits are set (not equal to 0) for all resources, and they are not equal, then the container is classified as <b>Burstable</b> .

Priority	Class Name	Description
3 (lowest)	BestEffort	If requests and limits are not set for any of the resources, then the container is classified as <b>BestEffort</b> .

Memory is an incompressible resource, so in low memory situations, containers that have the lowest priority are terminated first:

- **Guaranteed** containers are considered top priority, and are guaranteed to only be terminated if they exceed their limits, or if the system is under memory pressure and there are no lower priority containers that can be evicted.
- **Burstable** containers under system memory pressure are more likely to be terminated once they exceed their requests and no other **BestEffort** containers exist.
- **BestEffort** containers are treated with the lowest priority. Processes in these containers are first to be terminated if the system runs out of memory.

## 4.11.2.1. Understanding how to reserve memory across quality of service tiers

You can use the **qos-reserved** parameter to specify a percentage of memory to be reserved by a pod in a particular QoS level. This feature attempts to reserve requested resources to exclude pods from lower OoS classes from using resources requested by pods in higher QoS classes.

OpenShift Container Platform uses the **qos-reserved** parameter as follows:

- A value of qos-reserved=memory=100% will prevent the Burstable and BestEffort QOS classes from consuming memory that was requested by a higher QoS class. This increases the risk of inducing OOM on BestEffort and Burstable workloads in favor of increasing memory resource guarantees for Guaranteed and Burstable workloads.
- A value of **qos-reserved=memory=50%** will allow the **Burstable** and **BestEffort** QOS classes to consume half of the memory requested by a higher QoS class.
- A value of qos-reserved=memory=0% will allow a Burstable and BestEffort QoS classes to
  consume up to the full node allocatable amount if available, but increases the risk that a
  Guaranteed workload will not have access to requested memory. This condition effectively
  disables this feature.

## 4.11.3. Understanding swap memory and QOS

You can disable swap by default on your nodes to preserve quality of service (QOS) guarantees. Otherwise, physical resources on a node can oversubscribe, affecting the resource guarantees the Kubernetes scheduler makes during pod placement.

For example, if two guaranteed pods have reached their memory limit, each container could start using swap memory. Eventually, if there is not enough swap space, processes in the pods can be terminated due to the system being oversubscribed.

Failing to disable swap results in nodes not recognizing that they are experiencing **MemoryPressure**, resulting in pods not receiving the memory they made in their scheduling request. As a result, additional pods are placed on the node to further increase memory pressure, ultimately increasing your risk of

experiencing a system out of memory (OOM) event.



## **IMPORTANT**

If swap is enabled, any out-of-resource handling eviction thresholds for available memory will not work as expected. Take advantage of out-of-resource handling to allow pods to be evicted from a node when it is under memory pressure, and rescheduled on an alternative node that has no such pressure.

# 4.11.4. Understanding nodes overcommitment

In an overcommitted environment, it is important to properly configure your node to provide best system behavior.

When the node starts, it ensures that the kernel tunable flags for memory management are set properly. The kernel should never fail memory allocations unless it runs out of physical memory.

To ensure this behavior, OpenShift Container Platform configures the kernel to always overcommit memory by setting the **vm.overcommit\_memory** parameter to **1**, overriding the default operating system setting.

OpenShift Container Platform also configures the kernel not to panic when it runs out of memory by setting the **vm.panic\_on\_oom** parameter to **0**. A setting of 0 instructs the kernel to call oom\_killer in an Out of Memory (OOM) condition, which kills processes based on priority

You can view the current setting by running the following commands on your nodes:

\$ sysctl -a |grep commit

#### **Example output**

vm.overcommit\_memory = 1

\$ sysctl -a |grep panic

#### Example output

vm.panic\_on\_oom = 0



#### **NOTE**

The above flags should already be set on nodes, and no further action is required.

You can also perform the following configurations for each node:

- Disable or enforce CPU limits using CPU CFS quotas
- Reserve resources for system processes
- Reserve memory across quality of service tiers

# 4.11.5. Disabling or enforcing CPU limits using CPU CFS quotas

Nodes by default enforce specified CPU limits using the Completely Fair Scheduler (CFS) quota support in the Linux kernel.

If you disable CPU limit enforcement, it is important to understand the impact on your node:

- If a container has a CPU request, the request continues to be enforced by CFS shares in the Linux kernel.
- If a container does not have a CPU request, but does have a CPU limit, the CPU request defaults to the specified CPU limit, and is enforced by CFS shares in the Linux kernel.
- If a container has both a CPU request and limit, the CPU request is enforced by CFS shares in the Linux kernel, and the CPU limit has no impact on the node.

## **Prerequisites**

- 1. Obtain the label associated with the static **MachineConfigPool** CRD for the type of node you want to configure. Perform one of the following steps:
  - a. View the machine config pool:
    - \$ oc describe machineconfigpool <name>

For example:

\$ oc describe machineconfigpool worker

# **Example output**

apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1

kind: MachineConfigPool

metadata:

creationTimestamp: 2019-02-08T14:52:39Z

generation: 1 labels:

custom-kubelet: small-pods 1

- If a label has been added it appears under labels.
- b. If the label is not present, add a key/value pair:

\$ oc label machineconfigpool worker custom-kubelet=small-pods

#### **Procedure**

1. Create a custom resource (CR) for your configuration change.

## Sample configuration for a disabling CPU limits

apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1

kind: KubeletConfig

metadata:

name: disable-cpu-units 1

spec:
machineConfigPoolSelector:
matchLabels:
custom-kubelet: small-pods 2
kubeletConfig:
cpuCfsQuota: 3
- "false"

- 1 Assign a name to CR.
- Specify the label to apply the configuration change.
- 3 Set the **cpuCfsQuota** parameter to **false**.

# 4.11.6. Reserving resources for system processes

To provide more reliable scheduling and minimize node resource overcommitment, each node can reserve a portion of its resources for use by system daemons that are required to run on your node for your cluster to function. In particular, it is recommended that you reserve resources for incompressible resources such as memory.

#### **Procedure**

To explicitly reserve resources for non-pod processes, allocate node resources by specifying resources available for scheduling. For more details, see Allocating Resources for Nodes.

# 4.11.7. Disabling overcommitment for a node

When enabled, overcommitment can be disabled on each node.

#### **Procedure**

To disable overcommitment in a node run the following command on that node:

\$ sysctl -w vm.overcommit\_memory=0

## 4.12. PROJECT-LEVEL LIMITS

To help control overcommit, you can set per-project resource limit ranges, specifying memory and CPU limits and defaults for a project that overcommit cannot exceed.

For information on project-level resource limits, see Additional Resources.

Alternatively, you can disable overcommitment for specific projects.

# 4.12.1. Disabling overcommitment for a project

When enabled, overcommitment can be disabled per-project. For example, you can allow infrastructure components to be configured independently of overcommitment.

#### **Procedure**

To disable overcommitment in a project:

- 1. Edit the project object file
- 2. Add the following annotation:

quota.openshift.io/cluster-resource-override-enabled: "false"

3. Create the project object:

\$ oc create -f <file-name>.yaml

## 4.13. FREEING NODE RESOURCES USING GARBAGE COLLECTION

Understand and use garbage collection.

# 4.13.1. Understanding how terminated containers are removed though garbage collection

Container garbage collection can be performed using eviction thresholds.

When eviction thresholds are set for garbage collection, the node tries to keep any container for any pod accessible from the API. If the pod has been deleted, the containers will be as well. Containers are preserved as long the pod is not deleted and the eviction threshold is not reached. If the node is under disk pressure, it will remove containers and their logs will no longer be accessible using **oc logs**.

- eviction-soft A soft eviction threshold pairs an eviction threshold with a required administrator-specified grace period.
- eviction-hard A hard eviction threshold has no grace period, and if observed, OpenShift Container Platform takes immediate action.

If a node is oscillating above and below a soft eviction threshold, but not exceeding its associated grace period, the corresponding node would constantly oscillate between **true** and **false**. As a consequence, the scheduler could make poor scheduling decisions.

To protect against this oscillation, use the **eviction-pressure-transition-period** flag to control how long OpenShift Container Platform must wait before transitioning out of a pressure condition. OpenShift Container Platform will not set an eviction threshold as being met for the specified pressure condition for the period specified before toggling the condition back to false.

# 4.13.2. Understanding how images are removed though garbage collection

Image garbage collection relies on disk usage as reported by **cAdvisor** on the node to decide which images to remove from the node.

The policy for image garbage collection is based on two conditions:

- The percent of disk usage (expressed as an integer) which triggers image garbage collection. The default is **85**.
- The percent of disk usage (expressed as an integer) to which image garbage collection attempts to free. Default is **80**.

For image garbage collection, you can modify any of the following variables using a custom resource.

#### Table 4.3. Variables for configuring image garbage collection

Setting	Description	
imageMinimumGCA ge	The minimum age for an unused image before the image is removed by garbage collection. The default is <b>2m</b> .	
imageGCHighThresh oldPercent	The percent of disk usage, expressed as an integer, which triggers image garbage collection. The default is <b>85</b> .	
imageGCLowThresh oldPercent	The percent of disk usage, expressed as an integer, to which image garbage collection attempts to free. The default is <b>80</b> .	

Two lists of images are retrieved in each garbage collector run:

- 1. A list of images currently running in at least one pod.
- 2. A list of images available on a host.

As new containers are run, new images appear. All images are marked with a time stamp. If the image is running (the first list above) or is newly detected (the second list above), it is marked with the current time. The remaining images are already marked from the previous spins. All images are then sorted by the time stamp.

Once the collection starts, the oldest images get deleted first until the stopping criterion is met.

# 4.13.3. Configuring garbage collection for containers and images

As an administrator, you can configure how OpenShift Container Platform performs garbage collection by creating a **kubeletConfig** object for each machine config pool.



#### **NOTE**

OpenShift Container Platform supports only one **kubeletConfig** object for each machine config pool.

You can configure any combination of the following:

- soft eviction for containers
- hard eviction for containers
- eviction for images

For soft container eviction you can also configure a grace period before eviction.

#### **Prerequisites**

- Obtain the label associated with the static **MachineConfigPool** CRD for the type of node you want to configure. Perform one of the following steps:
  - a. View the machine config pool:

\$ oc describe machineconfigpool <name>

#### For example:

\$ oc describe machineconfigpool worker

## Example output

Name: worker Namespace:

Labels: custom-kubelet=small-pods 1

- 1 If a label has been added it appears under **Labels**.
- b. If the label is not present, add a key/value pair:

\$ oc label machineconfigpool worker custom-kubelet=small-pods

#### **Procedure**

1. Create a custom resource (CR) for your configuration change.

## Sample configuration for a container garbage collection CR:

apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1 kind: KubeletConfig metadata: name: worker-kubeconfig 1 spec: machineConfigPoolSelector: matchLabels: custom-kubelet: small-pods 2 kubeletConfig: evictionSoft: 3 memory.available: "500Mi" 4 nodefs.available: "10%" nodefs.inodesFree: "5%" imagefs.available: "15%" imagefs.inodesFree: "10%" evictionSoftGracePeriod: 5 memory.available: "1m30s" nodefs.available: "1m30s" nodefs.inodesFree: "1m30s" imagefs.available: "1m30s" imagefs.inodesFree: "1m30s" evictionHard: memory.available: "200Mi" nodefs.available: "5%" nodefs.inodesFree: "4%" imagefs.available: "10%" imagefs.inodesFree: "5%" evictionPressureTransitionPeriod: 0s 6

imageMinimumGCAge: 5m 7 imageGCHighThresholdPercent: 80 8 imageGCLowThresholdPercent: 75 9

- Name for the object.
- Selector label.
- Type of eviction: EvictionSoft and EvictionHard.
- Eviction thresholds based on a specific eviction trigger signal.
- Grace periods for the soft eviction. This parameter does not apply to **eviction-hard**.
- 6 The duration to wait before transitioning out of an eviction pressure condition
- The minimum age for an unused image before the image is removed by garbage collection.
- 8 The percent of disk usage (expressed as an integer) which triggers image garbage collection.
- The percent of disk usage (expressed as an integer) to which image garbage collection attempts to free.
- 2. Create the object:

\$ oc create -f <file-name>.yaml

For example:

\$ oc create -f gc-container.yaml

## **Example output**

 $kubel et config. machine configuration. open shift. io/gc-container\ created$ 

- 3. Verify that garbage collection is active. The Machine Config Pool you specified in the custom resource appears with **UPDATING** as 'true` until the change is fully implemented:
  - \$ oc get machineconfigpool

## **Example output**

NAME CONFIG UPDATED UPDATING master rendered-master-546383f80705bd5aeaba93 True False worker rendered-worker-b4c51bb33ccaae6fc4a6a5 False True

#### 4.14. USING THE NODE TUNING OPERATOR

Understand and use the Node Tuning Operator.

The Node Tuning Operator helps you manage node-level tuning by orchestrating the Tuned daemon.

The majority of high-performance applications require some level of kernel tuning. The Node Tuning Operator provides a unified management interface to users of node-level sysctls and more flexibility to add custom tuning specified by user needs.

The Operator manages the containerized Tuned daemon for OpenShift Container Platform as a Kubernetes daemon set. It ensures the custom tuning specification is passed to all containerized Tuned daemons running in the cluster in the format that the daemons understand. The daemons run on all nodes in the cluster, one per node.

Node-level settings applied by the containerized Tuned daemon are rolled back on an event that triggers a profile change or when the containerized Tuned daemon is terminated gracefully by receiving and handling a termination signal.

The Node Tuning Operator is part of a standard OpenShift Container Platform installation in version 4.1 and later.

# 4.14.1. Accessing an example Node Tuning Operator specification

Use this process to access an example Node Tuning Operator specification.

#### **Procedure**

1. Run:

\$ oc get Tuned/default -o yaml -n openshift-cluster-node-tuning-operator

The default CR is meant for delivering standard node-level tuning for the OpenShift Container Platform platform and it can only be modified to set the Operator Management state. Any other custom changes to the default CR will be overwritten by the Operator. For custom tuning, create your own Tuned CRs. Newly created CRs will be combined with the default CR and custom tuning applied to OpenShift Container Platform nodes based on node or pod labels and profile priorities.



#### **WARNING**

While in certain situations the support for pod labels can be a convenient way of automatically delivering required tuning, this practice is discouraged and strongly advised against, especially in large-scale clusters. The default Tuned CR ships without pod label matching. If a custom profile is created with pod label matching, then the functionality will be enabled at that time. The pod label functionality might be deprecated in future versions of the Node Tuning Operator.

# 4.14.2. Custom tuning specification

The custom resource (CR) for the Operator has two major sections. The first section, **profile:**, is a list of Tuned profiles and their names. The second, **recommend:**, defines the profile selection logic.

Multiple custom tuning specifications can co-exist as multiple CRs in the Operator's namespace. The existence of new CRs or the deletion of old CRs is detected by the Operator. All existing custom tuning specifications are merged and appropriate objects for the containerized Tuned daemons are updated.

#### Management state

The Operator Management state is set by adjusting the default Tuned CR. By default, the Operator is in the Managed state and the **spec.managementState** field is not present in the default Tuned CR. Valid values for the Operator Management state are as follows:

- Managed: the Operator will update its operands as configuration resources are updated
- Unmanaged: the Operator will ignore changes to the configuration resources
- Removed: the Operator will remove its operands and resources the Operator provisioned

#### Profile data

The **profile:** section lists Tuned profiles and their names.

```
profile:
- name: tuned_profile_1
data: |
# Tuned profile specification
[main]
summary=Description of tuned_profile_1 profile

[sysctl]
net.ipv4.ip_forward=1
# ... other sysctl's or other Tuned daemon plugins supported by the containerized Tuned

# ...
- name: tuned_profile_n
data: |
# Tuned profile specification
[main]
summary=Description of tuned_profile_n profile

# tuned_profile_n profile settings
```

## Recommended profiles

The **profile:** selection logic is defined by the **recommend:** section of the CR. The **recommend:** section is a list of items to recommend the profiles based on a selection criteria.

```
recommend:
<recommend-item-1>
# ...
<recommend-item-n>
```

The individual items of the list:

```
- machineConfigLabels: 1
   <mcLabels> 2
   match: 3
   <match> 4
   priority: <priority> 5
   profile: <tuned_profile_name> 6
```

- Optional.
- A dictionary of key/value **MachineConfig** labels. The keys must be unique.
- If omitted, profile match is assumed unless a profile with a higher priority matches first or **machineConfigLabels** is set.
- An optional list.
- A Tuned profile to apply on a match. For example **tuned\_profile\_1**.

<match> is an optional list recursively defined as follows:

- label: <label\_name> 1
value: <label\_value> 2
type: <label\_type> 3
<match> 4

- Node or pod label name.
- Optional node or pod label value. If omitted, the presence of **<label\_name>** is enough to match.
- Optional object type (**node** or **pod**). If omitted, **node** is assumed.
- An optional <match> list.

If <match> is not omitted, all nested <match> sections must also evaluate to true. Otherwise, false is assumed and the profile with the respective <match> section will not be applied or recommended. Therefore, the nesting (child <match> sections) works as logical AND operator. Conversely, if any item of the <match> list matches, the entire <match> list evaluates to true. Therefore, the list acts as logical OR operator.

If machineConfigLabels is defined, machine config pool based matching is turned on for the given recommend: list item. <mcLabels> specifies the labels for a machine config. The machine config is created automatically to apply host settings, such as kernel boot parameters, for the profile <tuned\_profile\_name>. This involves finding all machine config pools with machine config selector matching <mcLabels> and setting the profile <tuned\_profile\_name> on all nodes that are assigned the found machine config pools.

The list items **match** and **machineConfigLabels** are connected by the logical OR operator. The **match** item is evaluated first in a short-circuit manner. Therefore, if it evaluates to **true**, the **machineConfigLabels** item is not considered.



#### **IMPORTANT**

When using machine config pool based matching, it is advised to group nodes with the same hardware configuration into the same machine config pool. Not following this practice might result in Tuned operands calculating conflicting kernel parameters for two or more nodes sharing the same machine config pool.

Example: node or pod label based matching

- match:

 label: tuned.openshift.io/elasticsearch match:

label: node-role.kubernetes.io/masterlabel: node-role.kubernetes.io/infra

type: pod priority: 10

profile: openshift-control-plane-es

- match:

label: node-role.kubernetes.io/masterlabel: node-role.kubernetes.io/infra

priority: 20

profile: openshift-control-plane

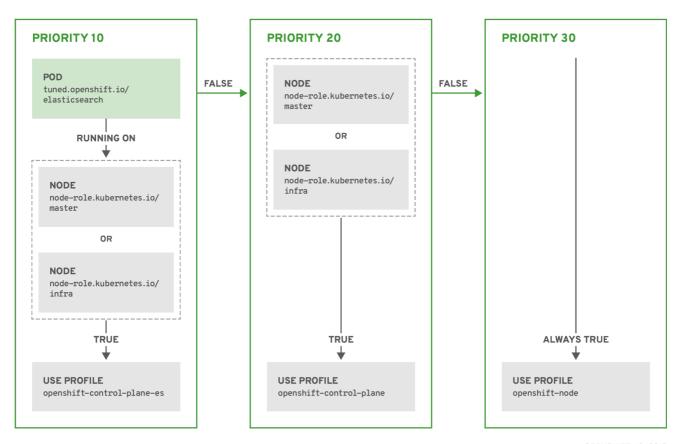
- priority: 30

profile: openshift-node

The CR above is translated for the containerized Tuned daemon into its **recommend.conf** file based on the profile priorities. The profile with the highest priority (**10**) is **openshift-control-plane-es** and, therefore, it is considered first. The containerized Tuned daemon running on a given node looks to see if there is a pod running on the same node with the **tuned.openshift.io/elasticsearch** label set. If not, the entire **<match>** section evaluates as **false**. If there is such a pod with the label, in order for the **<match>** section to evaluate to **true**, the node label also needs to be **node-role.kubernetes.io/master** or **node-role.kubernetes.io/infra**.

If the labels for the profile with priority **10** matched, **openshift-control-plane-es** profile is applied and no other profile is considered. If the node/pod label combination did not match, the second highest priority profile (**openshift-control-plane**) is considered. This profile is applied if the containerized Tuned pod runs on a node with labels **node-role.kubernetes.io/master** or **node-role.kubernetes.io/infra**.

Finally, the profile **openshift-node** has the lowest priority of **30**. It lacks the **<match>** section and, therefore, will always match. It acts as a profile catch-all to set **openshift-node** profile, if no other profile with higher priority matches on a given node.



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# Example: machine config pool based matching

```
apiVersion: tuned.openshift.io/v1
kind: Tuned
metadata:
 name: openshift-node-custom
 namespace: openshift-cluster-node-tuning-operator
spec:
 profile:
 - data: |
   [main]
   summary=Custom OpenShift node profile with an additional kernel parameter
   include=openshift-node
   [bootloader]
   cmdline_openshift_node_custom=+skew_tick=1
  name: openshift-node-custom
 recommend:
 - machineConfigLabels:
   machineconfiguration.openshift.io/role: "worker-custom"
  priority: 20
  profile: openshift-node-custom
```

To minimize node reboots, label the target nodes with a label the machine config pool's node selector will match, then create the Tuned CR above and finally create the custom machine config pool itself.

# 4.14.3. Default profiles set on a cluster

The following are the default profiles set on a cluster.

```
apiVersion: tuned.openshift.io/v1
kind: Tuned
metadata:
 name: default
 namespace: openshift-cluster-node-tuning-operator
 profile:
 - name: "openshift"
  data: |
   [main]
   summary=Optimize systems running OpenShift (parent profile)
   include=${f:virt_check:virtual-guest:throughput-performance}
   [selinux]
   avc_cache_threshold=8192
   [net]
   nf_conntrack_hashsize=131072
   [sysctl]
   net.ipv4.ip forward=1
   kernel.pid max=>4194304
   net.netfilter.nf_conntrack_max=1048576
   net.ipv4.conf.all.arp_announce=2
   net.ipv4.neigh.default.gc thresh1=8192
   net.ipv4.neigh.default.gc thresh2=32768
   net.ipv4.neigh.default.gc thresh3=65536
   net.ipv6.neigh.default.gc_thresh1=8192
   net.ipv6.neigh.default.gc thresh2=32768
   net.ipv6.neigh.default.gc thresh3=65536
   vm.max_map_count=262144
   [sysfs]
   /sys/module/nvme core/parameters/io timeout=4294967295
   /sys/module/nvme core/parameters/max retries=10
 - name: "openshift-control-plane"
  data: |
   [main]
   summary=Optimize systems running OpenShift control plane
   include=openshift
   [sysctl]
   # ktune sysctl settings, maximizing i/o throughput
   # Minimal preemption granularity for CPU-bound tasks:
   # (default: 1 msec# (1 + ilog(ncpus)), units: nanoseconds)
   kernel.sched min granularity ns=10000000
   # The total time the scheduler will consider a migrated process
   # "cache hot" and thus less likely to be re-migrated
   # (system default is 500000, i.e. 0.5 ms)
   kernel.sched migration cost ns=5000000
   # SCHED OTHER wake-up granularity.
   #
```

```
# Preemption granularity when tasks wake up. Lower the value to
  # improve wake-up latency and throughput for latency critical tasks.
  kernel.sched_wakeup_granularity_ns=4000000
- name: "openshift-node"
 data: |
  [main]
  summary=Optimize systems running OpenShift nodes
  include=openshift
  [sysctl]
  net.ipv4.tcp_fastopen=3
  fs.inotify.max_user_watches=65536
  fs.inotify.max_user_instances=8192
recommend:
- profile: "openshift-control-plane"
 priority: 30
 match:
 - label: "node-role.kubernetes.io/master"
 - label: "node-role.kubernetes.io/infra"
- profile: "openshift-node"
 priority: 40
```

# 4.14.4. Supported Tuned daemon plug-ins

Excluding the **[main]** section, the following Tuned plug-ins are supported when using custom profiles defined in the **profile**: section of the Tuned CR:

- audio
- cpu
- disk
- eeepc\_she
- modules
- mounts
- net
- scheduler
- scsi\_host
- selinux
- sysctl
- sysfs
- usb

- video
- vm

There is some dynamic tuning functionality provided by some of these plug-ins that is not supported. The following Tuned plug-ins are currently not supported:

- bootloader
- script
- systemd

See Available Tuned Plug-ins and Getting Started with Tuned for more information.

## 4.15. CONFIGURING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PODS PER NODE

Two parameters control the maximum number of pods that can be scheduled to a node: **podsPerCore** and **maxPods**. If you use both options, the lower of the two limits the number of pods on a node.

For example, if **podsPerCore** is set to **10** on a node with 4 processor cores, the maximum number of pods allowed on the node will be 40.

### **Prerequisites**

- 1. Obtain the label associated with the static **MachineConfigPool** CRD for the type of node you want to configure. Perform one of the following steps:
  - a. View the machine config pool:
    - \$ oc describe machineconfigpool <name>

For example:

\$ oc describe machineconfigpool worker

## Example output

apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1

kind: MachineConfigPool

metadata:

creationTimestamp: 2019-02-08T14:52:39Z

generation: 1

labels:

custom-kubelet: small-pods 1

- If a label has been added it appears under labels.
- b. If the label is not present, add a key/value pair:

\$ oc label machineconfigpool worker custom-kubelet=small-pods

#### **Procedure**

1. Create a custom resource (CR) for your configuration change.

# Sample configuration for a max-pods CR

apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1

kind: KubeletConfig

metadata:

name: set-max-pods 1

spec:

machineConfigPoolSelector:

matchLabels:

custom-kubelet: small-pods 2

kubeletConfig:

podsPerCore: 10 3 maxPods: 250 4

- 1 Assign a name to CR.
- Specify the label to apply the configuration change.
- 3 Specify the number of pods the node can run based on the number of processor cores on the node.
- Specify the number of pods the node can run to a fixed value, regardless of the properties of the node.



#### **NOTE**

Setting **podsPerCore** to **0** disables this limit.

In the above example, the default value for **podsPerCore** is **10** and the default value for **maxPods** is **250**. This means that unless the node has 25 cores or more, by default, **podsPerCore** will be the limiting factor.

2. List the **MachineConfigPool** CRDs to see if the change is applied. The **UPDATING** column reports **True** if the change is picked up by the Machine Config Controller:

\$ oc get machineconfigpools

## **Example output**

NAME CONFIG UPDATED UPDATING DEGRADED master master-9cc2c72f205e103bb534 False False False worker worker-8cecd1236b33ee3f8a5e False True False

Once the change is complete, the **UPDATED** column reports **True**.

\$ oc get machineconfigpools

## **Example output**

NAME CONFIG UPDATED UPDATING DEGRADED

master master-9cc2c72f205e103bb534 False True False worker worker-8cecd1236b33ee3f8a5e True False False

# CHAPTER 5. POST-INSTALLATION NETWORK CONFIGURATION

After installing OpenShift Container Platform, you can further expand and customize your network to your requirements.

## 5.1. CLUSTER NETWORK OPERATOR CONFIGURATION

The configuration for the cluster network is specified as part of the Cluster Network Operator (CNO) configuration and stored in a custom resource (CR) object that is named **cluster**. The CR specifies the fields for the **Network** API in the **operator.openshift.io** API group.

The CNO configuration inherits the following fields during cluster installation from the **Network** API in the **Network.config.openshift.io** API group and these fields cannot be changed:

#### clusterNetwork

IP address pools from which pod IP addresses are allocated.

#### serviceNetwork

IP address pool for services.

#### defaultNetwork.type

Cluster network provider, such as OpenShift SDN or OVN-Kubernetes.



#### **NOTE**

After cluster installation, you cannot modify the fields listed in the previous section.

# 5.2. ENABLING THE CLUSTER-WIDE PROXY

The Proxy object is used to manage the cluster-wide egress proxy. When a cluster is installed or upgraded without the proxy configured, a Proxy object is still generated but it will have a nil **spec**. For example:

apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1 kind: Proxy metadata: name: cluster spec: trustedCA: name: "" status:

A cluster administrator can configure the proxy for OpenShift Container Platform by modifying this **cluster** Proxy object.



#### **NOTE**

Only the Proxy object named **cluster** is supported, and no additional proxies can be created.

#### **Prerequisites**

- Cluster administrator permissions
- OpenShift Container Platform oc CLI tool installed

#### Procedure

1. Create a ConfigMap that contains any additional CA certificates required for proxying HTTPS connections.



#### NOTE

You can skip this step if the proxy's identity certificate is signed by an authority from the RHCOS trust bundle.

a. Create a file called **user-ca-bundle.yaml** with the following contents, and provide the values of your PEM-encoded certificates:

```
apiVersion: v1
data:
ca-bundle.crt: | 1
<MY_PEM_ENCODED_CERTS> 2
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
name: user-ca-bundle 3
namespace: openshift-config 4
```

- This data key must be named ca-bundle.crt.
- One or more PEM-encoded X.509 certificates used to sign the proxy's identity certificate.
- 3 The ConfigMap name that will be referenced from the Proxy object.
- The ConfigMap must be in the **openshift-config** namespace.
- b. Create the ConfigMap from this file:
  - \$ oc create -f user-ca-bundle.yaml
- 2. Use the **oc edit** command to modify the Proxy object:
  - \$ oc edit proxy/cluster
- 3. Configure the necessary fields for the proxy:

```
apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1
kind: Proxy
metadata:
name: cluster
spec:
httpProxy: http://<username>:<pswd>@<ip>:<port> 1
httpsProxy: http://<username>:<pswd>@<ip>:<port> 2
```

noProxy: example.com 3 readinessEndpoints:

- http://www.google.com 4
- https://www.google.com trustedCA:

name: user-ca-bundle 5

- A proxy URL to use for creating HTTP connections outside the cluster. The URL scheme must be **http**.
- A proxy URL to use for creating HTTPS connections outside the cluster. If this is not specified, then **httpProxy** is used for both HTTP and HTTPS connections.
- A comma-separated list of destination domain names, domains, IP addresses or other network CIDRs to exclude proxying.

Preface a domain with . to match subdomains only. For example, .y.com matches x.y.com, but not y.com. Use \* to bypass proxy for all destinations. If you scale up workers that are not included in the network defined by the networking.machineNetwork[].cidr field from the installation configuration, you must add them to this list to prevent connection issues.

This field is ignored if neither the **httpProxy** or **httpsProxy** fields are set.

- One or more URLs external to the cluster to use to perform a readiness check before writing the **httpProxy** and **httpsProxy** values to status.
- A reference to the ConfigMap in the **openshift-config** namespace that contains additional CA certificates required for proxying HTTPS connections. Note that the ConfigMap must already exist before referencing it here. This field is required unless the proxy's identity certificate is signed by an authority from the RHCOS trust bundle.
- 4. Save the file to apply the changes.



#### **NOTE**

The URL scheme must be http. The https scheme is currently not supported.

# 5.3. SETTING DNS TO PRIVATE

After you deploy a cluster, you can modify its DNS to use only a private zone.

#### **Procedure**

1. Review the **DNS** custom resource for your cluster:

\$ oc get dnses.config.openshift.io/cluster -o yaml

#### Example output

apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1

kind: DNS metadata:

creationTimestamp: "2019-10-25T18:27:09Z"

```
generation: 2
name: cluster
resourceVersion: "37966"
selfLink: /apis/config.openshift.io/v1/dnses/cluster
uid: 0e714746-f755-11f9-9cb1-02ff55d8f976
spec:
baseDomain: <base_domain>
privateZone:
tags:
Name: <infrastructureID>-int
kubernetes.io/cluster/<infrastructureID>: owned
publicZone:
id: Z2XXXXXXXXXXXA4
status: {}
```

Note that the **spec** section contains both a private and a public zone.

2. Patch the **DNS** custom resource to remove the public zone:

```
$ oc patch dnses.config.openshift.io/cluster --type=merge --patch='{"spec": {"publicZone": null}}' dns.config.openshift.io/cluster patched
```

Because the Ingress Controller consults the **DNS** definition when it creates **Ingress** objects, when you create or modify **Ingress** objects, only private records are created.



#### **IMPORTANT**

DNS records for the existing Ingress objects are not modified when you remove the public zone.

3. Optional: Review the **DNS** custom resource for your cluster and confirm that the public zone was removed:

\$ oc get dnses.config.openshift.io/cluster -o yaml

# **Example output**

```
apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1
kind: DNS
metadata:
 creationTimestamp: "2019-10-25T18:27:09Z"
 generation: 2
 name: cluster
 resourceVersion: "37966"
 selfLink: /apis/config.openshift.io/v1/dnses/cluster
 uid: 0e714746-f755-11f9-9cb1-02ff55d8f976
spec:
 baseDomain: <base_domain>
 privateZone:
  tags:
   Name: <infrastructureID>-int
   kubernetes.io/cluster/<infrastructureID>-wfpg4: owned
status: {}
```

## 5.4. CONFIGURING INGRESS CLUSTER TRAFFIC

OpenShift Container Platform provides the following methods for communicating from outside the cluster with services running in the cluster:

- If you have HTTP/HTTPS, use an Ingress Controller.
- If you have a TLS-encrypted protocol other than HTTPS, such as TLS with the SNI header, use an Ingress Controller.
- Otherwise, use a load balancer, an external IP, or a node port.

Method	Purpose
Use an Ingress Controller	Allows access to HTTP/HTTPS traffic and TLS-encrypted protocols other than HTTPS, such as TLS with the SNI header.
Automatically assign an external IP by using a load balancer service	Allows traffic to non-standard ports through an IP address assigned from a pool.
Manually assign an external IP to a service	Allows traffic to non-standard ports through a specific IP address.
Configure a <b>NodePort</b>	Expose a service on all nodes in the cluster.

# 5.5. CONFIGURING THE NODE PORT SERVICE RANGE

As a cluster administrator, you can expand the available node port range. If your cluster uses of a large number of node ports, you might need to increase the number of available ports.

The default port range is **30000-32767**. You can never reduce the port range, even if you first expand it beyond the default range.

# 5.5.1. Prerequisites

• Your cluster infrastructure must allow access to the ports that you specify within the expanded range. For example, if you expand the node port range to **30000-32900**, the inclusive port range of **32768-32900** must be allowed by your firewall or packet filtering configuration.

### 5.5.1.1. Expanding the node port range

You can expand the node port range for the cluster.

### **Prerequisites**

- Install the OpenShift CLI (oc).
- Log in to the cluster with a user with cluster-admin privileges.

#### **Procedure**

1. To expand the node port range, enter the following command. Replace **<port>** with the largest port number in the new range.

```
$ oc patch network.config.openshift.io cluster --type=merge -p \
'{
   "spec":
      { "serviceNodePortRange": "30000-<port>" }
}'
```

# **Example output**

network.config.openshift.io/cluster patched

2. To confirm that the configuration is active, enter the following command. It can take several minutes for the update to apply.

```
$ oc get configmaps -n openshift-kube-apiserver config \
-o jsonpath="{.data['config\.yaml']}" | \
grep -Eo ""service-node-port-range":["[[:digit:]]+-[[:digit:]]+"]'
```

## **Example output**

"service-node-port-range":["30000-33000"]

# 5.6. CONFIGURING NETWORK POLICY

As a cluster administrator or project administrator, you can configure network policies for a project.

# 5.6.1. About network policy

In a cluster using a Kubernetes Container Network Interface (CNI) plug-in that supports Kubernetes network policy, network isolation is controlled entirely by **NetworkPolicy** objects. In OpenShift Container Platform 4.7, OpenShift SDN supports using network policy in its default network isolation mode.



## **NOTE**

When using the OpenShift SDN cluster network provider, the following limitations apply regarding network policies:

- Egress network policy as specified by the **egress** field is not supported.
- IPBlock is supported by network policy, but without support for except clauses. If you create a policy with an IPBlock section that includes an except clause, the SDN pods log warnings and the entire IPBlock section of that policy is ignored.



#### **WARNING**

Network policy does not apply to the host network namespace. Pods with host networking enabled are unaffected by network policy rules.

By default, all pods in a project are accessible from other pods and network endpoints. To isolate one or more pods in a project, you can create **NetworkPolicy** objects in that project to indicate the allowed incoming connections. Project administrators can create and delete **NetworkPolicy** objects within their own project.

If a pod is matched by selectors in one or more **NetworkPolicy** objects, then the pod will accept only connections that are allowed by at least one of those **NetworkPolicy** objects. A pod that is not selected by any **NetworkPolicy** objects is fully accessible.

The following example **NetworkPolicy** objects demonstrate supporting different scenarios:

• Deny all traffic:

To make a project deny by default, add a **NetworkPolicy** object that matches all pods but accepts no traffic:

kind: NetworkPolicy

apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1

metadata:

name: deny-by-default

spec:

podSelector: ingress: []

Only allow connections from the OpenShift Container Platform Ingress Controller:
 To make a project allow only connections from the OpenShift Container Platform Ingress Controller, add the following NetworkPolicy object.



## **IMPORTANT**

For the OVN-Kubernetes network provider plug-in, when the Ingress Controller is configured to use the **HostNetwork** endpoint publishing strategy, there is no supported way to apply network policy so that ingress traffic is allowed and all other traffic is denied.

apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1

kind: NetworkPolicy

metadata:

name: allow-from-openshift-ingress

spec: ingress: - from:

- namespaceSelector:

matchLabels:

network.openshift.io/policy-group: ingress

podSelector: {}
policyTypes:
- Ingress

If the Ingress Controller is configured with **endpointPublishingStrategy: HostNetwork**, then the Ingress Controller pod runs on the host network. When running on the host network, the traffic from the Ingress Controller is assigned the **netid:0** Virtual Network ID (VNID). The **netid** for the namespace that is associated with the Ingress Operator is different, so the **matchLabel** in the **allow-from-openshift-ingress** network policy does not match traffic from the **default** Ingress Controller. With OpenShift SDN, the **default** namespace is assigned the **netid:0** VNID and you can allow traffic from the **default** Ingress Controller by labeling your **default** namespace with **network.openshift.io/policy-group: ingress**.

Only accept connections from pods within a project:
 To make pods accept connections from other pods in the same project, but reject all other connections from pods in other projects, add the following **NetworkPolicy** object:

kind: NetworkPolicy
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
 name: allow-same-namespace
spec:
 podSelector:
 ingress:
 - from:
 - podSelector: {}

Only allow HTTP and HTTPS traffic based on pod labels:

To enable only HTTP and HTTPS access to the pods with a specific label (**role=frontend** in following example), add a **NetworkPolicy** object similar to the following:

kind: NetworkPolicy
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
name: allow-http-and-https
spec:
podSelector:
matchLabels:
role: frontend
ingress:
- ports:
- protocol: TCP
port: 80
- protocol: TCP
port: 443

Accept connections by using both namespace and pod selectors:
 To match network traffic by combining namespace and pod selectors, you can use a NetworkPolicy object similar to the following:

kind: NetworkPolicy apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1 metadata:

name: allow-pod-and-namespace-both

```
spec:
podSelector:
matchLabels:
name: test-pods
ingress:
- from:
- namespaceSelector:
matchLabels:
project: project_name
podSelector:
matchLabels:
name: test-pods
```

**NetworkPolicy** objects are additive, which means you can combine multiple **NetworkPolicy** objects together to satisfy complex network requirements.

For example, for the **NetworkPolicy** objects defined in previous samples, you can define both **allow-same-namespace** and **allow-http-and-https** policies within the same project. Thus allowing the pods with the label **role=frontend**, to accept any connection allowed by each policy. That is, connections on any port from pods in the same namespace, and connections on ports **80** and **443** from pods in any namespace.

# 5.6.2. Example NetworkPolicy object

The following annotates an example NetworkPolicy object:

kind: NetworkPolicy apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1 metadata: name: allow-27107 1 spec: podSelector: 2 matchLabels: app: mongodb ingress: - from: - podSelector: (3) matchLabels: app: app ports: 4 - protocol: TCP port: 27017

- The **name** of the NetworkPolicy object.
- A selector describing the pods the policy applies to. The policy object can only select pods in the project that the NetworkPolicy object is defined.
- A selector matching the pods that the policy object allows ingress traffic from. The selector will match pods in any project.
- A list of one or more destination ports to accept traffic on.

# 5.6.3. Creating a network policy

To define granular rules describing ingress network traffic allowed for projects in your cluster, you can create a network policy.

## **Prerequisites**

- Your cluster is using a default CNI network provider that supports NetworkPolicy objects, such
  as the OpenShift SDN network provider with mode: NetworkPolicy set. This mode is the
  default for OpenShift SDN.
- You installed the OpenShift CLI (oc).
- You are logged in to the cluster with a user with **cluster-admin** privileges.

#### **Procedure**

- 1. Create a policy rule:
  - a. Create a <policy-name>.yaml file where <policy-name> describes the policy rule.
  - b. In the file you just created define a policy object, such as in the following example:

```
kind: NetworkPolicy
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
    name: <policy-name> 1
spec:
    podSelector:
    ingress: []
```

- Specify a name for the policy object.
- 2. Run the following command to create the policy object:
  - \$ oc create -f <policy-name>.yaml -n ct>

In the following example, a new **NetworkPolicy** object is created in a project named **project1**:

\$ oc create -f default-deny.yaml -n project1

### **Example output**

networkpolicy "default-deny" created

# 5.6.4. Configuring multitenant isolation by using network policy

You can configure your project to isolate it from pods and services in other project namespaces.

#### **Prerequisites**

- Your cluster is using a cluster network provider that supports NetworkPolicy objects, such as the OVN-Kubernetes network provider or the OpenShift SDN network provider with mode: NetworkPolicy set. This mode is the default for OpenShift SDN.
- You installed the OpenShift CLI (oc).
- You are logged in to the cluster with a user with **cluster-admin** privileges.

#### **Procedure**

- 1. Create the following **NetworkPolicy** objects:
  - a. A policy named allow-from-openshift-ingress.



#### **IMPORTANT**

For the OVN-Kubernetes network provider plug-in, when the Ingress Controller is configured to use the **HostNetwork** endpoint publishing strategy, there is no supported way to apply network policy so that ingress traffic is allowed and all other traffic is denied.

```
$ cat << EOF| oc create -f -
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
   name: allow-from-openshift-ingress
spec:
   ingress:
   - from:
        - namespaceSelector:
        matchLabels:
        network.openshift.io/policy-group: ingress
podSelector: {}
policyTypes:
        - Ingress
EOF</pre>
```

b. A policy named allow-from-openshift-monitoring:

```
$ cat << EOF| oc create -f -
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
   name: allow-from-openshift-monitoring
spec:
   ingress:
   - from:
        - namespaceSelector:
        matchLabels:
        network.openshift.io/policy-group: monitoring
podSelector: {}
policyTypes:
        - Ingress
EOF</pre>
```

c. A policy named allow-same-namespace:

```
$ cat << EOF| oc create -f -
kind: NetworkPolicy
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
   name: allow-same-namespace
spec:
   podSelector:
   ingress:
   - from:
      - podSelector: {}
EOF</pre>
```

- 2. If the **default** Ingress Controller configuration has the **spec.endpointPublishingStrategy: HostNetwork** value set, you must apply a label to the **default** OpenShift Container Platform namespace to allow network traffic between the Ingress Controller and the project:
  - a. Determine if your **default** Ingress Controller uses the **HostNetwork** endpoint publishing strategy:

```
$ oc get --namespace openshift-ingress-operator ingresscontrollers/default \ --output jsonpath='{.status.endpointPublishingStrategy.type}'
```

- b. If the previous command reports the endpoint publishing strategy as **HostNetwork**, set a label on the **default** namespace:
  - \$ oc label namespace default 'network.openshift.io/policy-group=ingress'
- 3. Confirm that the **NetworkPolicy** object exists in your current project by running the following command:
  - \$ oc get networkpolicy <policy-name> -o yaml

In the following example, the allow-from-openshift-ingress NetworkPolicy object is displayed:

\$ oc get -n project1 networkpolicy allow-from-openshift-ingress -o yaml

### **Example output**

```
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
name: allow-from-openshift-ingress
namespace: project1
spec:
ingress:
- from:
- namespaceSelector:
    matchLabels:
    network.openshift.io/policy-group: ingress
podSelector: {}
policyTypes:
- Ingress
```

# 5.6.5. Creating default network policies for a new project

As a cluster administrator, you can modify the new project template to automatically include **NetworkPolicy** objects when you create a new project.

# 5.6.6. Modifying the template for new projects

As a cluster administrator, you can modify the default project template so that new projects are created using your custom requirements.

To create your own custom project template:

#### **Procedure**

- 1. Log in as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges.
- 2. Generate the default project template:
  - \$ oc adm create-bootstrap-project-template -o yaml > template.yaml
- 3. Use a text editor to modify the generated **template.yaml** file by adding objects or modifying existing objects.
- 4. The project template must be created in the **openshift-config** namespace. Load your modified template:
  - \$ oc create -f template.yaml -n openshift-config
- 5. Edit the project configuration resource using the web console or CLI.
  - Using the web console:
    - i. Navigate to the **Administration** → **Cluster Settings** page.
    - ii. Click Global Configuration to view all configuration resources.
    - iii. Find the entry for **Project** and click **Edit YAML**.
  - Using the CLI:
    - i. Edit the **project.config.openshift.io/cluster** resource:
      - \$ oc edit project.config.openshift.io/cluster
- 6. Update the **spec** section to include the **projectRequestTemplate** and **name** parameters, and set the name of your uploaded project template. The default name is **project-request**.

# Project configuration resource with custom project template

```
apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1 kind: Project metadata: ...
```

spec:
projectRequestTemplate:
name: <template\_name>

7. After you save your changes, create a new project to verify that your changes were successfully applied.

## 5.6.6.1. Adding network policies to the new project template

As a cluster administrator, you can add network policies to the default template for new projects. OpenShift Container Platform will automatically create all the **NetworkPolicy** objects specified in the template in the project.

#### **Prerequisites**

- Your cluster is using a default CNI network provider that supports NetworkPolicy objects, such
  as the OpenShift SDN network provider with mode: NetworkPolicy set. This mode is the
  default for OpenShift SDN.
- You installed the OpenShift CLI (oc).
- You must log in to the cluster with a user with **cluster-admin** privileges.
- You must have created a custom default project template for new projects.

#### **Procedure**

- 1. Edit the default template for a new project by running the following command:
  - \$ oc edit template project\_template > -n openshift-config

Replace croject\_template> with the name of the default template that you configured for your cluster. The default template name is project-request.

In the template, add each NetworkPolicy object as an element to the objects parameter. The objects parameter accepts a collection of one or more objects.
 In the following example, the objects parameter collection includes several NetworkPolicy objects.



#### **IMPORTANT**

For the OVN-Kubernetes network provider plug-in, when the Ingress Controller is configured to use the **HostNetwork** endpoint publishing strategy, there is no supported way to apply network policy so that ingress traffic is allowed and all other traffic is denied.

#### objects:

- apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1

kind: NetworkPolicy

metadata:

name: allow-from-same-namespace

spec:

podSelector: ingress:

```
- from:
    - podSelector: {}

- apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
    name: allow-from-openshift-ingress
spec:
    ingress:
    - from:
    - namespaceSelector:
        matchLabels:
        network.openshift.io/policy-group: ingress
podSelector: {}
policyTypes:
    - Ingress
...
```

- 3. Optional: Create a new project to confirm that your network policy objects are created successfully by running the following commands:
  - a. Create a new project:
    - \$ oc new-project <project> 1
    - Replace **<project>** with the name for the project you are creating.
  - b. Confirm that the network policy objects in the new project template exist in the new project:

```
$ oc get networkpolicy
NAME POD-SELECTOR AGE
allow-from-openshift-ingress <none> 7s
allow-from-same-namespace <none> 7s
```

# 5.7. RED HAT OPENSHIFT SERVICE MESH SUPPORTED CONFIGURATIONS

The following are the only supported configurations for the Red Hat OpenShift Service Mesh:

• Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform version 4.x.



## **NOTE**

OpenShift Online and OpenShift Dedicated are not supported for Red Hat OpenShift Service Mesh.

- The deployment must be contained to a single OpenShift Container Platform cluster that is not federated.
- This release of Red Hat OpenShift Service Mesh is only available on OpenShift Container Platform x86 64, IBM Z, and IBM Power Systems.
  - IBM Z is only supported on OpenShift Container Platform 4.6 and later.

- IBM Power Systems is only supported on OpenShift Container Platform 4.6 and later.
- This release only supports configurations where all Service Mesh components are contained in the OpenShift cluster in which it operates. It does not support management of microservices that reside outside of the cluster, or in a multi-cluster scenario.
- This release only supports configurations that do not integrate external services such as virtual machines.

For additional information about Red Hat OpenShift Service Mesh lifecycle and supported configurations, refer to the Support Policy.

# 5.7.1. Supported network configurations

Red Hat OpenShift Service Mesh supports the following network configurations.

- Openshift-SDN
- OVN-Kubernetes is supported as a technology preview in OpenShift Container Platform version 4.7.

# 5.7.2. Supported configurations for Kiali on Red Hat OpenShift Service Mesh

• The Kiali observability console is only supported on the two most recent releases of the Chrome, Edge, Firefox, or Safari browsers.

# 5.7.3. Supported Mixer adapters

- This release only supports the following Mixer adapter:
  - 3scale Istio Adapter

# 5.7.4. Red Hat OpenShift Service Mesh installation activities

To install the Red Hat OpenShift Service Mesh Operator, you must first install these Operators:

- **Elasticsearch** Based on the open source Elasticsearch project that enables you to configure and manage an Elasticsearch cluster for tracing and logging with Jaeger.
- Jaeger based on the open source Jaeger project, lets you perform tracing to monitor and troubleshoot transactions in complex distributed systems.
- **Kiali** based on the open source Kiali project, provides observability for your service mesh. By using Kiali you can view configurations, monitor traffic, and view and analyze traces in a single console.

After you install the OpenShift Elasticsearch, Jaeger, and Kiali Operators, then you install the Red Hat OpenShift Service Mesh Operator. The Service Mesh Operator defines and monitors the **ServiceMeshControlPlane** resources that manage the deployment, updating, and deletion of the Service Mesh components.

• Red Hat OpenShift Service Mesh - based on the open source Istio project, lets you connect, secure, control, and observe the microservices that make up your applications.

#### **Next steps**

• Install Red Hat OpenShift Service Mesh in your OpenShift Container Platform environment.

### 5.8. OPTIMIZING ROUTING

The OpenShift Container Platform HAProxy router scales to optimize performance.

# 5.8.1. Baseline Ingress Controller (router) performance

The OpenShift Container Platform Ingress Controller, or router, is the Ingress point for all external traffic destined for OpenShift Container Platform services.

When evaluating a single HAProxy router performance in terms of HTTP requests handled per second, the performance varies depending on many factors. In particular:

- HTTP keep-alive/close mode
- Route type
- TLS session resumption client support
- Number of concurrent connections per target route
- Number of target routes
- Back end server page size
- Underlying infrastructure (network/SDN solution, CPU, and so on)

While performance in your specific environment will vary, Red Hat lab tests on a public cloud instance of size 4 vCPU/16GB RAM. A single HAProxy router handling 100 routes terminated by backends serving 1kB static pages is able to handle the following number of transactions per second.

In HTTP keep-alive mode scenarios:

Encryption	LoadBalancerService	HostNetwork
none	21515	29622
edge	16743	22913
passthrough	36786	53295
re-encrypt	21583	25198

In HTTP close (no keep-alive) scenarios:

Encryption	LoadBalancerService	HostNetwork
none	5719	8273
edge	2729	4069

Encryption	LoadBalancerService	HostNetwork
passthrough	4121	5344
re-encrypt	2320	2941

Default Ingress Controller configuration with **ROUTER\_THREADS=4** was used and two different endpoint publishing strategies (LoadBalancerService/HostNetwork) were tested. TLS session resumption was used for encrypted routes. With HTTP keep-alive, a single HAProxy router is capable of saturating 1 Gbit NIC at page sizes as small as 8 kB.

When running on bare metal with modern processors, you can expect roughly twice the performance of the public cloud instance above. This overhead is introduced by the virtualization layer in place on public clouds and holds mostly true for private cloud-based virtualization as well. The following table is a guide to how many applications to use behind the router:

Number of applications	Application type
5-10	static file/web server or caching proxy
100-1000	applications generating dynamic content

In general, HAProxy can support routes for 5 to 1000 applications, depending on the technology in use. Ingress Controller performance might be limited by the capabilities and performance of the applications behind it, such as language or static versus dynamic content.

Ingress, or router, sharding should be used to serve more routes towards applications and help horizontally scale the routing tier.

### 5.8.2. Ingress Controller (router) performance optimizations

OpenShift Container Platform no longer supports modifying Ingress Controller deployments by setting environment variables such as ROUTER\_THREADS, ROUTER\_DEFAULT\_TUNNEL\_TIMEOUT, ROUTER\_DEFAULT\_CLIENT\_TIMEOUT, ROUTER\_DEFAULT\_SERVER\_TIMEOUT, and RELOAD INTERVAL.

You can modify the Ingress Controller deployment, but if the Ingress Operator is enabled, the configuration is overwritten.

# 5.9. POST-INSTALLATION RHOSP NETWORK CONFIGURATION

You can configure some aspects of a OpenShift Container Platform on Red Hat OpenStack Platform (RHOSP) cluster after installation.

# 5.9.1. Configuring application access with floating IP addresses

After you install OpenShift Container Platform, configure Red Hat OpenStack Platform (RHOSP) to allow application network traffic.



#### **NOTE**

You do not need to perform this procedure if you provided values for **platform.openstack.apiFloatingIP** and **platform.openstack.ingressFloatingIP** in the **install-config.yaml** file, or **os\_api\_fip** and **os\_ingress\_fip** in the **inventory.yaml** playbook, during installation. The floating IP addresses are already set.

## **Prerequisites**

- OpenShift Container Platform cluster must be installed
- Floating IP addresses are enabled as described in the OpenShift Container Platform on RHOSP installation documentation.

#### **Procedure**

After you install the OpenShift Container Platform cluster, attach a floating IP address to the ingress port:

- 1. Show the port:
  - \$ openstack port show <cluster\_name>-<cluster\_ID>-ingress-port
- 2. Attach the port to the IP address:
  - \$ openstack floating ip set --port <ingress\_port\_ID> <apps\_FIP>
- 3. Add a wildcard **A** record for \*apps. to your DNS file:
  - \*.apps.<cluster\_name>.<base\_domain> IN A <apps\_FIP>



## NOTE

If you do not control the DNS server but want to enable application access for non-production purposes, you can add these hostnames to /etc/hosts:

<apps\_FIP> console-openshift-console.apps.<cluster name>.<base domain>

<apps\_FIP> integrated-oauth-server-openshift-authentication.apps.<cluster name>. <base domain>

<apps\_FIP> oauth-openshift.apps.<cluster name>.<base domain>

<apps\_FIP> prometheus-k8s-openshift-monitoring.apps.<cluster name>.<base domain>

<apps\_FIP> grafana-openshift-monitoring.apps.<cluster name>.<br/>base domain>

<apps\_FIP> <app name>.apps.<cluster name>.<base domain>

# CHAPTER 6. POST-INSTALLATION STORAGE CONFIGURATION

After installing OpenShift Container Platform, you can further expand and customize your cluster to your requirements, including storage configuration.

### 6.1. DYNAMIC PROVISIONING

# 6.1.1. About dynamic provisioning

The **StorageClass** resource object describes and classifies storage that can be requested, as well as provides a means for passing parameters for dynamically provisioned storage on demand. **StorageClass** objects can also serve as a management mechanism for controlling different levels of storage and access to the storage. Cluster Administrators (**cluster-admin**) or Storage Administrators (**storage-admin**) define and create the **StorageClass** objects that users can request without needing any detailed knowledge about the underlying storage volume sources.

The OpenShift Container Platform persistent volume framework enables this functionality and allows administrators to provision a cluster with persistent storage. The framework also gives users a way to request those resources without having any knowledge of the underlying infrastructure.

Many storage types are available for use as persistent volumes in OpenShift Container Platform. While all of them can be statically provisioned by an administrator, some types of storage are created dynamically using the built-in provider and plug-in APIs.

# 6.1.2. Available dynamic provisioning plug-ins

OpenShift Container Platform provides the following provisioner plug-ins, which have generic implementations for dynamic provisioning that use the cluster's configured provider's API to create new storage resources:

Storage type	Provisioner plug-in name	Notes
Red Hat OpenStack Platform (RHOSP) Cinder	kubernetes.io/cinder	
RHOSP Manila Container Storage Interface (CSI)	manila.csi.openstack.org	Once installed, the OpenStack Manila CSI Driver Operator and ManilaDriver automatically create the required storage classes for all available Manila share types needed for dynamic provisioning.
AWS Elastic Block Store (EBS)	kubernetes.io/aws-ebs	For dynamic provisioning when using multiple clusters in different zones, tag each node with Key=kubernetes.io/cluster/ <c luster_name="">,Value= <cluster_id> where <cluster_name> and <cluster_id> are unique per cluster.</cluster_id></cluster_name></cluster_id></c>

Storage type	Provisioner plug-in name	Notes

Azure Disk	kubernetes.io/azure-disk	
Azure File	kubernetes.io/azure-file	The <b>persistent-volume-binder</b> service account requires permissions to create and get secrets to store the Azure storage account and keys.
GCE Persistent Disk (gcePD)	kubernetes.io/gce-pd	In multi-zone configurations, it is advisable to run one OpenShift Container Platform cluster per GCE project to avoid PVs from being created in zones where no node in the current cluster exists.
VMware vSphere	kubernetes.io/vsphere- volume	



## **IMPORTANT**

Any chosen provisioner plug-in also requires configuration for the relevant cloud, host, or third-party provider as per the relevant documentation.

# 6.2. DEFINING A STORAGE CLASS

**StorageClass** objects are currently a globally scoped object and must be created by **cluster-admin** or **storage-admin** users.



#### **IMPORTANT**

The Cluster Storage Operator might install a default storage class depending on the platform in use. This storage class is owned and controlled by the operator. It cannot be deleted or modified beyond defining annotations and labels. If different behavior is desired, you must define a custom storage class.

The following sections describe the basic definition for a **StorageClass** object and specific examples for each of the supported plug-in types.

# 6.2.1. Basic StorageClass object definition

The following resource shows the parameters and default values that you use to configure a storage class. This example uses the AWS ElasticBlockStore (EBS) object definition.

## Sample StorageClass definition

```
kind: StorageClass 1
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1 2
metadata:
name: gp2 3
annotations: 4
storageclass.kubernetes.io/is-default-class: 'true'
...
provisioner: kubernetes.io/aws-ebs 5
parameters: 6
type: gp2
...
```

- (required) The API object type.
- (required) The current apiVersion.
- (required) The name of the storage class.
- (optional) Annotations for the storage class.
- (required) The type of provisioner associated with this storage class.
- 6 (optional) The parameters required for the specific provisioner, this will change from plug-in to plug-in.

# 6.2.2. Storage class annotations

To set a storage class as the cluster-wide default, add the following annotation to your storage class metadata:

storageclass.kubernetes.io/is-default-class: "true"

For example:

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
annotations:
storageclass.kubernetes.io/is-default-class: "true"
```

This enables any persistent volume claim (PVC) that does not specify a specific storage class to automatically be provisioned through the default storage class.



#### NOTE

The beta annotation **storageclass.beta.kubernetes.io/is-default-class** is still working; however, it will be removed in a future release.

To set a storage class description, add the following annotation to your storage class metadata:

kubernetes.io/description: My Storage Class Description

For example:

apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1

kind: StorageClass metadata:

annotations:

kubernetes.io/description: My Storage Class Description

...

# 6.2.3. RHOSP Cinder object definition

#### cinder-storageclass.yaml

kind: StorageClass

apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1

metadata: name: gold

provisioner: kubernetes.io/cinder

parameters: type: fast 1

availability: nova 2

fsType: ext4 3

- Volume type created in Cinder. Default is empty.
- Availability Zone. If not specified, volumes are generally round-robined across all active zones where the OpenShift Container Platform cluster has a node.
- File system that is created on dynamically provisioned volumes. This value is copied to the **fsType** field of dynamically provisioned persistent volumes and the file system is created when the volume is mounted for the first time. The default value is **ext4**.

# 6.2.4. AWS Elastic Block Store (EBS) object definition

## aws-ebs-storageclass.yaml

kind: StorageClass

apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1

metadata: name: slow

provisioner: kubernetes.io/aws-ebs

parameters:

type: io1 1
iopsPerGB: "10" 2
encrypted: "true" 3
kmsKeyld: keyvalue 4
fsType: ext4 5

- (required) Select from **io1**, **gp2**, **sc1**, **st1**. The default is **gp2**. See the AWS documentation for valid Amazon Resource Name (ARN) values.
- (optional) Only for **io1** volumes. I/O operations per second per GiB. The AWS volume plug-in multiplies this with the size of the requested volume to compute IOPS of the volume. The value cap is 20,000 IOPS, which is the maximum supported by AWS. See the AWS documentation for further details.
- (optional) Denotes whether to encrypt the EBS volume. Valid values are **true** or **false**.
- (optional) The full ARN of the key to use when encrypting the volume. If none is supplied, but encypted is set to true, then AWS generates a key. See the AWS documentation for a valid ARN value.
- (optional) File system that is created on dynamically provisioned volumes. This value is copied to the **fsType** field of dynamically provisioned persistent volumes and the file system is created when the volume is mounted for the first time. The default value is **ext4**.

# 6.2.5. Azure Disk object definition

# azure-advanced-disk-storageclass.yaml

apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1

kind: StorageClass

metadata:

name: managed-premium

annotations:

storageclass.kubernetes.io/is-default-class: "true"

provisioner: kubernetes.io/azure-disk

volumeBindingMode: WaitForFirstConsumer 1

allowVolumeExpansion: true

parameters:

kind: Managed 2

storageaccounttype: Premium\_LRS 3

reclaimPolicy: Delete

- 1 Using **WaitForFirstConsumer** is strongly recommended. This provisions the volume while allowing enough storage to schedule the pod on a free worker node from an available zone.
- Possible values are **Shared** (default), **Managed**, and **Dedicated**.



#### **IMPORTANT**

Red Hat only supports the use of kind: Managed in the storage class.

With **Shared** and **Dedicated**, Azure creates unmanaged disks, while OpenShift Container Platform creates a managed disk for machine OS (root) disks. But because Azure Disk does not allow the use of both managed and unmanaged disks on a node, unmanaged disks created with **Shared** or **Dedicated** cannot be attached to OpenShift Container Platform nodes.

- Azure storage account SKU tier. Default is empty. Note that Premium VMs can attach both Standard\_LRS and Premium\_LRS disks, Standard VMs can only attach Standard\_LRS disks, Managed VMs can only attach managed disks, and unmanaged VMs can only attach unmanaged disks.
  - a. If **kind** is set to **Shared**, Azure creates all unmanaged disks in a few shared storage accounts in the same resource group as the cluster.
  - b. If **kind** is set to **Managed**, Azure creates new managed disks.
  - c. If **kind** is set to **Dedicated** and a **storageAccount** is specified, Azure uses the specified storage account for the new unmanaged disk in the same resource group as the cluster. For this to work:
    - The specified storage account must be in the same region.
    - Azure Cloud Provider must have write access to the storage account.
  - d. If **kind** is set to **Dedicated** and a **storageAccount** is not specified, Azure creates a new dedicated storage account for the new unmanaged disk in the same resource group as the cluster.

# 6.2.6. Azure File object definition

The Azure File storage class uses secrets to store the Azure storage account name and the storage account key that are required to create an Azure Files share. These permissions are created as part of the following procedure.

#### **Procedure**

1. Define a **ClusterRole** object that allows access to create and view secrets:

apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1

kind: ClusterRole

metadata:

# name: system:azure-cloud-provider

name: <persistent-volume-binder-role> 1

rules:

- apiGroups: ["]

resources: ['secrets'] verbs: ['get','create']

The name of the cluster role to view and create secrets.

2. Add the cluster role to the service account:

\$ oc adm policy add-cluster-role-to-user <persistent-volume-binder-role>

# **Example output**

system:serviceaccount:kube-system:persistent-volume-binder

3. Create the Azure File **StorageClass** object:

kind: StorageClass

apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1

metadata:

name: <azure-file> 1

provisioner: kubernetes.io/azure-file

parameters:

location: eastus 2

skuName: Standard LRS 3

storageAccount: <storage-account> 4

reclaimPolicy: Delete

volumeBindingMode: Immediate

- 1 Name of the storage class. The persistent volume claim uses this storage class for provisioning the associated persistent volumes.
- Location of the Azure storage account, such as eastus. Default is empty, meaning that a new Azure storage account will be created in the OpenShift Container Platform cluster's location.
- SKU tier of the Azure storage account, such as **Standard\_LRS**. Default is empty, meaning that a new Azure storage account will be created with the **Standard\_LRS** SKU.
- Name of the Azure storage account. If a storage account is provided, then **skuName** and **location** are ignored. If no storage account is provided, then the storage class searches for any storage account that is associated with the resource group for any accounts that match the defined **skuName** and **location**.

#### 6.2.6.1. Considerations when using Azure File

The following file system features are not supported by the default Azure File storage class:

- Symlinks
- Hard links
- Extended attributes
- Sparse files
- Named pipes

Additionally, the owner user identifier (UID) of the Azure File mounted directory is different from the process UID of the container. The **uid** mount option can be specified in the **StorageClass** object to define a specific user identifier to use for the mounted directory.

The following **StorageClass** object demonstrates modifying the user and group identifier, along with enabling symlinks for the mounted directory.

kind: StorageClass

apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1

metadata:

name: azure-file mountOptions: - uid=1500 1 - gid=1500 2

- mfsymlinks 3

provisioner: kubernetes.io/azure-file

parameters: location: eastus

skuName: Standard\_LRS reclaimPolicy: Delete

volumeBindingMode: Immediate

- Specifies the user identifier to use for the mounted directory.
- 2 Specifies the group identifier to use for the mounted directory.
- 3 Enables symlinks.

# 6.2.7. GCE PersistentDisk (gcePD) object definition

### gce-pd-storageclass.yaml

apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1

kind: StorageClass

metadata:

name: standard annotations:

storageclass.kubernetes.io/is-default-class: "true"

provisioner: kubernetes.io/gce-pd

parameters:

type: pd-standard 1 replication-type: none

volumeBindingMode: WaitForFirstConsumer

allowVolumeExpansion: true

reclaimPolicy: Delete

Select either **pd-standard** or **pd-ssd**. The default is **pd-standard**.

# 6.2.8. VMware vSphere object definition

## vsphere-storageclass.yaml

kind: StorageClass

apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1

metadata:

name: slow

provisioner: kubernetes.io/vsphere-volume 1

parameters:

diskformat: thin 2

For more information about using VMware vSphere with OpenShift Container Platform, see the VMware vSphere documentation.

diskformat: thin, zeroedthick and eagerzeroedthick are all valid disk formats. See vSphere docs for additional details regarding the disk format types. The default value is thin.

### 6.3. CHANGING THE DEFAULT STORAGE CLASS

If you are using AWS, use the following process to change the default storage class. This process assumes you have two storage classes defined, **gp2** and **standard**, and you want to change the default storage class from **gp2** to **standard**.

- 1. List the storage class:
  - \$ oc get storageclass

### Example output

NAME TYPE

gp2 (default) kubernetes.io/aws-ebs 1 standard kubernetes.io/aws-ebs

- (default) denotes the default storage class.
- 2. Change the value of the annotation **storageclass.kubernetes.io/is-default-class** to **false** for the default storage class:

 $\$  oc patch storage class gp2 -p '{"metadata": {"annotations": {"storage class.kubernetes.io/isdefault-class": "false"}}}

3. Make another storage class the default by adding or modifying the annotation as **storageclass.kubernetes.io/is-default-class=true**.

\$ oc patch storageclass standard -p '{"metadata": {"annotations": {"storageclass.kubernetes.io/is-default-class": "true"}}}'

- 4. Verify the changes:
  - \$ oc get storageclass

### **Example output**

NAME TYPE

gp2 kubernetes.io/aws-ebs standard (default) kubernetes.io/aws-ebs

# 6.4. OPTIMIZING STORAGE

Optimizing storage helps to minimize storage use across all resources. By optimizing storage, administrators help ensure that existing storage resources are working in an efficient manner.

# 6.5. AVAILABLE PERSISTENT STORAGE OPTIONS

Understand your persistent storage options so that you can optimize your OpenShift Container Platform environment.

Table 6.1. Available storage options

Storage type	Description	Examples
Block	<ul> <li>Presented to the operating system (OS) as a block device</li> <li>Suitable for applications that need full control of storage and operate at a low level on files bypassing the file system</li> <li>Also referred to as a Storage Area Network (SAN)</li> <li>Non-shareable, which means that only one client at a time can mount an endpoint of this type</li> </ul>	AWS EBS and VMware vSphere support dynamic persistent volume (PV) provisioning natively in OpenShift Container Platform.
File	<ul> <li>Presented to the OS as a file system export to be mounted</li> <li>Also referred to as Network Attached Storage (NAS)</li> <li>Concurrency, latency, file locking mechanisms, and other capabilities vary widely between protocols, implementations, vendors, and scales.</li> </ul>	RHEL NFS, NetApp NFS <sup>[1]</sup> , and Vendor NFS
Object	<ul> <li>Accessible through a REST API endpoint</li> <li>Configurable for use in the OpenShift Container Platform Registry</li> <li>Applications must build their drivers into the application and/or container.</li> </ul>	AWS S3

1. NetApp NFS supports dynamic PV provisioning when using the Trident plug-in.



#### **IMPORTANT**

Currently, CNS is not supported in OpenShift Container Platform 4.7.

# 6.6. RECOMMENDED CONFIGURABLE STORAGE TECHNOLOGY

The following table summarizes the recommended and configurable storage technologies for the given OpenShift Container Platform cluster application.

Table 6.2. Recommended and configurable storage technology

Storage type	ROX1	RWX2	Registry	Scaled registry	Metrics <sup>3</sup>	Logging	Apps
Block	Yes <sup>4</sup>	No	Configura ble	Not configura ble	Recomme nded	Recomme nded	Recomme nded
File	Yes <sup>4</sup>	Yes	Configura ble	Configura ble	Configura ble <sup>5</sup>	Configura ble <sup>6</sup>	Recomme nded
Object	Yes	Yes	Recomme nded	Recomme nded	Not configura ble	Not configura ble	Not configura ble <sup>7</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>ReadOnlyMany

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Object storage is not consumed through OpenShift Container Platform's PVs or PVCs. Apps must integrate with the object storage REST API.



## **NOTE**

A scaled registry is an OpenShift Container Platform registry where two or more pod replicas are running.

# 6.6.1. Specific application storage recommendations

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ReadWriteMany

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Prometheus is the underlying technology used for metrics.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This does not apply to physical disk, VM physical disk, VMDK, loopback over NFS, AWS EBS, and Azure Disk.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> For metrics, using file storage with the **ReadWriteMany** (RWX) access mode is unreliable. If you use file storage, do not configure the RWX access mode on any persistent volume claims (PVCs) that are configured for use with metrics.

 $<sup>^{6}</sup>$  For logging, using any shared storage would be an anti-pattern. One volume per elasticsearch is required.



#### **IMPORTANT**

Testing shows issues with using the NFS server on Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) as storage backend for core services. This includes the OpenShift Container Registry and Quay, Prometheus for monitoring storage, and Elasticsearch for logging storage. Therefore, using RHEL NFS to back PVs used by core services is not recommended.

Other NFS implementations on the marketplace might not have these issues. Contact the individual NFS implementation vendor for more information on any testing that was possibly completed against these OpenShift Container Platform core components.

### 6.6.1.1. Registry

In a non-scaled/high-availability (HA) OpenShift Container Platform registry cluster deployment:

- The storage technology does not have to support RWX access mode.
- The storage technology must ensure read-after-write consistency.
- The preferred storage technology is object storage followed by block storage.
- File storage is not recommended for OpenShift Container Platform registry cluster deployment with production workloads.

## 6.6.1.2. Scaled registry

In a scaled/HA OpenShift Container Platform registry cluster deployment:

- The storage technology must support RWX access mode and must ensure read-after-write consistency.
- The preferred storage technology is object storage.
- Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3), Google Cloud Storage (GCS), Microsoft Azure Blob Storage, and OpenStack Swift are supported.
- Object storage should be S3 or Swift compliant.
- For non-cloud platforms, such as vSphere and bare metal installations, the only configurable technology is file storage.
- Block storage is not configurable.

#### 6.6.1.3. Metrics

In an OpenShift Container Platform hosted metrics cluster deployment:

- The preferred storage technology is block storage.
- Object storage is not configurable.



#### **IMPORTANT**

It is not recommended to use file storage for a hosted metrics cluster deployment with production workloads.

## 6.6.1.4. Logging

In an OpenShift Container Platform hosted logging cluster deployment:

- The preferred storage technology is block storage.
- Object storage is not configurable.



#### **IMPORTANT**

Testing shows issues with using the NFS server on RHEL as storage backend for core services. This includes Elasticsearch for logging storage. Therefore, using RHEL NFS to back PVs used by core services is not recommended.

Other NFS implementations on the marketplace might not have these issues. Contact the individual NFS implementation vendor for more information on any testing that was possibly completed against these OpenShift Container Platform core components.

### 6.6.1.5. Applications

Application use cases vary from application to application, as described in the following examples:

- Storage technologies that support dynamic PV provisioning have low mount time latencies, and are not tied to nodes to support a healthy cluster.
- Application developers are responsible for knowing and understanding the storage requirements for their application, and how it works with the provided storage to ensure that issues do not occur when an application scales or interacts with the storage layer.

# 6.6.2. Other specific application storage recommendations

- OpenShift Container Platform Internal etcd: For the best etcd reliability, the lowest consistent latency storage technology is preferable.
- It is highly recommended that you use **etcd** with storage that handles serial writes (fsync) quickly, such as NVMe or SSD. Ceph, NFS, and spinning disks are not recommended.
- Red Hat OpenStack Platform (RHOSP) Cinder: RHOSP Cinder tends to be adept in ROX access mode use cases.
- Databases: Databases (RDBMSs, NoSQL DBs, etc.) tend to perform best with dedicated block storage.

# 6.7. DEPLOY RED HAT OPENSHIFT CONTAINER STORAGE

Red Hat OpenShift Container Storage is a provider of agnostic persistent storage for OpenShift Container Platform supporting file, block, and object storage, either in-house or in hybrid clouds. As a Red Hat storage solution, Red Hat OpenShift Container Storage is completely integrated with OpenShift Container Platform for deployment, management, and monitoring.

If you are looking for Red Hat OpenShift Container Storage information about	See the following Red Hat OpenShift Container Storage documentation:
What's new, known issues, notable bug fixes, and Technology Previews	OpenShift Container Storage 4.5 Release Notes
Supported workloads, layouts, hardware and software requirements, sizing and scaling recommendations	Planning your OpenShift Container Storage 4.5 deployment
Instructions on preparing to deploy when your environment is not directly connected to the internet	Preparing to deploy OpenShift Container Storage 4.5 in a disconnected environment
Instructions on deploying OpenShift Container Storage to use an external Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster	Deploying OpenShift Container Storage 4.5 in external mode
Instructions on deploying OpenShift Container Storage to local storage on bare metal infrastructure	Deploying OpenShift Container Storage 4.5 using bare metal infrastructure
Instructions on deploying OpenShift Container Storage on Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform VMWare vSphere clusters	Deploying OpenShift Container Storage 4.5 on VMWare vSphere
Instructions on deploying OpenShift Container Storage using Amazon Web Services for local or cloud storage	Deploying OpenShift Container Storage 4.5 using Amazon Web Services
Instructions on deploying and managing OpenShift Container Storage on existing Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform Google Cloud clusters	Deploying and managing OpenShift Container Storage 4.5 using Google Cloud
Instructions on deploying and managing OpenShift Container Storage on existing Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform Azure clusters	Deploying and managing OpenShift Container Storage 4.5 using Microsoft Azure
Managing a Red Hat OpenShift Container Storage 4.5 cluster	Managing OpenShift Container Storage 4.5
Monitoring a Red Hat OpenShift Container Storage 4.5 cluster	Monitoring Red Hat OpenShift Container Storage 4.5
Resolve issues encountered during operations	Troubleshooting OpenShift Container Storage 4.5
Migrating your OpenShift Container Platform cluster from version 3 to version 4	Migration

# **CHAPTER 7. PREPARING FOR USERS**

After installing OpenShift Container Platform, you can further expand and customize your cluster to your requirements, including taking steps to prepare for users.

### 7.1. UNDERSTANDING IDENTITY PROVIDER CONFIGURATION

The OpenShift Container Platform control plane includes a built-in OAuth server. Developers and administrators obtain OAuth access tokens to authenticate themselves to the API.

As an administrator, you can configure OAuth to specify an identity provider after you install your cluster.

# 7.1.1. About identity providers in OpenShift Container Platform

By default, only a **kubeadmin** user exists on your cluster. To specify an identity provider, you must create a custom resource (CR) that describes that identity provider and add it to the cluster.



#### **NOTE**

OpenShift Container Platform user names containing /, :, and % are not supported.

# 7.1.2. Supported identity providers

You can configure the following types of identity providers:

Identity provider	Description
HTPasswd	Configure the <b>htpasswd</b> identity provider to validate user names and passwords against a flat file generated using <b>htpasswd</b> .
Keystone	Configure the <b>keystone</b> identity provider to integrate your OpenShift Container Platform cluster with Keystone to enable shared authentication with an OpenStack Keystone v3 server configured to store users in an internal database.
LDAP	Configure the <b>Idap</b> identity provider to validate user names and passwords against an LDAPv3 server, using simple bind authentication.
Basic authentication	Configure a <b>basic-authentication</b> identity provider for users to log in to OpenShift Container Platform with credentials validated against a remote identity provider. Basic authentication is a generic backend integration mechanism.
Request header	Configure a <b>request-header</b> identity provider to identify users from request header values, such as <b>X-Remote-User</b> . It is typically used in combination with an authenticating proxy, which sets the request header value.
GitHub or GitHub Enterprise	Configure a <b>github</b> identity provider to validate user names and passwords against GitHub or GitHub Enterprise's OAuth authentication server.

Identity provider	Description
GitLab	Configure a <b>gitlab</b> identity provider to use GitLab.com or any other GitLab instance as an identity provider.
Google	Configure a <b>google</b> identity provider using Google's OpenID Connect integration.
OpenID Connect	Configure an <b>oidc</b> identity provider to integrate with an OpenID Connect identity provider using an Authorization Code Flow.

After you define an identity provider, you can use RBAC to define and apply permissions .

# 7.1.3. Identity provider parameters

The following parameters are common to all identity providers:

Parameter	Description
name	The provider name is prefixed to provider user names to form an identity name.
mappingMethod	Defines how new identities are mapped to users when they log in. Enter one of the following values:  claim  The default value. Provisions a user with the identity's preferred user name. Fails if a user with that user name is already mapped to another identity.  lookup  Looks up an existing identity, user identity mapping, and user, but does not automatically provision users or identities. This allows cluster administrators to set up identities and users manually, or using an external process. Using this method requires you to manually provision users.  generate  Provisions a user with the identity's preferred user name. If a user with the preferred user name is already mapped to an existing identity, a unique user name is generated. For example, myuser2. This method should not be used in combination with external processes that require exact matches between OpenShift Container Platform user names and identity provider user names, such as LDAP group sync.  add
	Provisions a user with the identity's preferred user name. If a user with that user name already exists, the identity is mapped to the existing user, adding to any existing identity mappings for the user. Required when multiple identity providers are configured that identify the same set of users and map to the same user names.



# **NOTE**

When adding or changing identity providers, you can map identities from the new provider to existing users by setting the **mappingMethod** parameter to **add**.

# 7.1.4. Sample identity provider CR

The following custom resource (CR) shows the parameters and default values that you use to configure an identity provider. This example uses the HTPasswd identity provider.

# Sample identity provider CR

apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1

kind: OAuth metadata: name: cluster spec:

identityProviders:

- name: my\_identity\_provider 1

mappingMethod: claim 2 type: HTPasswd

htpasswd: fileData:

name: htpass-secret 3

- 1 This provider name is prefixed to provider user names to form an identity name.
- Controls how mappings are established between this provider's identities and **User** objects.
- An existing secret containing a file generated using htpasswd.

### 7.2. USING RBAC TO DEFINE AND APPLY PERMISSIONS

Understand and apply role-based access control.

### 7.2.1. RBAC overview

Role-based access control (RBAC) objects determine whether a user is allowed to perform a given action within a project.

Cluster administrators can use the cluster roles and bindings to control who has various access levels to the OpenShift Container Platform platform itself and all projects.

Developers can use local roles and bindings to control who has access to their projects. Note that authorization is a separate step from authentication, which is more about determining the identity of who is taking the action.

Authorization is managed using:

Authorization object	Description
Rules	Sets of permitted verbs on a set of objects. For example, whether a user or service account can <b>create</b> pods.
Roles	Collections of rules. You can associate, or bind, users and groups to multiple roles.
Bindings	Associations between users and/or groups with a role.

There are two levels of RBAC roles and bindings that control authorization:

RBAC level	Description
Cluster RBAC	Roles and bindings that are applicable across all projects. Cluster roles exist clusterwide, and cluster role bindings can reference only cluster roles.
Local RBAC	Roles and bindings that are scoped to a given project. While <i>local roles</i> exist only in a single project, local role bindings can reference <i>both</i> cluster and local roles.

A cluster role binding is a binding that exists at the cluster level. A role binding exists at the project level. The cluster role *view* must be bound to a user using a local role binding for that user to view the project. Create local roles only if a cluster role does not provide the set of permissions needed for a particular situation.

This two-level hierarchy allows reuse across multiple projects through the cluster roles while allowing customization inside of individual projects through local roles.

During evaluation, both the cluster role bindings and the local role bindings are used. For example:

- 1. Cluster-wide "allow" rules are checked.
- 2. Locally-bound "allow" rules are checked.
- 3. Deny by default.

#### 7.2.1.1. Default cluster roles

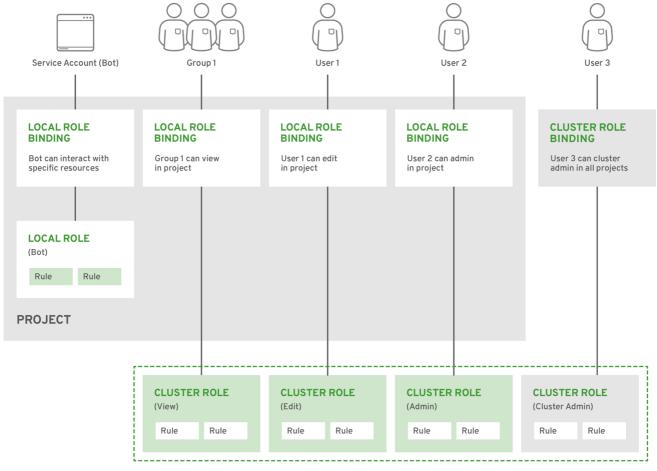
OpenShift Container Platform includes a set of default cluster roles that you can bind to users and groups cluster-wide or locally. You can manually modify the default cluster roles, if required.

Default cluster role	Description
admin	A project manager. If used in a local binding, an <b>admin</b> has rights to view any resource in the project and modify any resource in the project except for quota.
basic-user	A user that can get basic information about projects and users.
cluster-admin	A super-user that can perform any action in any project. When bound to a user with a local binding, they have full control over quota and every action on every resource in the project.
cluster-status	A user that can get basic cluster status information.
edit	A user that can modify most objects in a project but does not have the power to view or modify roles or bindings.
self-provisioner	A user that can create their own projects.

Default cluster role	Description
view	A user who cannot make any modifications, but can see most objects in a project. They cannot view or modify roles or bindings.

Be mindful of the difference between local and cluster bindings. For example, if you bind the **cluster-admin** role to a user by using a local role binding, it might appear that this user has the privileges of a cluster administrator. This is not the case. Binding the **cluster-admin** to a user in a project grants super administrator privileges for only that project to the user. That user has the permissions of the cluster role **admin**, plus a few additional permissions like the ability to edit rate limits, for that project. This binding can be confusing via the web console UI, which does not list cluster role bindings that are bound to true cluster administrators. However, it does list local role bindings that you can use to locally bind **cluster-admin**.

The relationships between cluster roles, local roles, cluster role bindings, local role bindings, users, groups and service accounts are illustrated below.



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# 7.2.1.2. Evaluating authorization

OpenShift Container Platform evaluates authorization by using:

#### Identity

The user name and list of groups that the user belongs to.

#### Action

The action you perform. In most cases, this consists of:

- Project: The project you access. A project is a Kubernetes namespace with additional annotations that allows a community of users to organize and manage their content in isolation from other communities.
- Verb : The action itself: get, list, create, update, delete, deletecollection, or watch.
- Resource name: The API endpoint that you access.

## **Bindings**

The full list of bindings, the associations between users or groups with a role.

OpenShift Container Platform evaluates authorization by using the following steps:

- 1. The identity and the project-scoped action is used to find all bindings that apply to the user or their groups.
- 2. Bindings are used to locate all the roles that apply.
- 3. Roles are used to find all the rules that apply.
- 4. The action is checked against each rule to find a match.
- 5. If no matching rule is found, the action is then denied by default.

#### **TIP**

Remember that users and groups can be associated with, or bound to, multiple roles at the same time.

Project administrators can use the CLI to view local roles and bindings, including a matrix of the verbs and resources each are associated with.



#### **IMPORTANT**

The cluster role bound to the project administrator is limited in a project through a local binding. It is not bound cluster-wide like the cluster roles granted to the **cluster-admin** or **system:admin**.

Cluster roles are roles defined at the cluster level but can be bound either at the cluster level or at the project level.

### 7.2.1.2.1. Cluster role aggregation

The default admin, edit, view, and cluster-reader cluster roles support cluster role aggregation, where the cluster rules for each role are dynamically updated as new rules are created. This feature is relevant only if you extend the Kubernetes API by creating custom resources.

# 7.2.2. Projects and namespaces

A Kubernetes *namespace* provides a mechanism to scope resources in a cluster. The Kubernetes documentation has more information on namespaces.

Namespaces provide a unique scope for:

- Named resources to avoid basic naming collisions.
- Delegated management authority to trusted users.
- The ability to limit community resource consumption.

Most objects in the system are scoped by namespace, but some are excepted and have no namespace, including nodes and users.

A *project* is a Kubernetes namespace with additional annotations and is the central vehicle by which access to resources for regular users is managed. A project allows a community of users to organize and manage their content in isolation from other communities. Users must be given access to projects by administrators, or if allowed to create projects, automatically have access to their own projects.

Projects can have a separate name, displayName, and description.

- The mandatory **name** is a unique identifier for the project and is most visible when using the CLI tools or API. The maximum name length is 63 characters.
- The optional **displayName** is how the project is displayed in the web console (defaults to **name**).
- The optional **description** can be a more detailed description of the project and is also visible in the web console.

Each project scopes its own set of:

Object	Description
Objects	Pods, services, replication controllers, etc.
Policies	Rules for which users can or cannot perform actions on objects.
Constraints	Quotas for each kind of object that can be limited.
Service accounts	Service accounts act automatically with designated access to objects in the project.

Cluster administrators can create projects and delegate administrative rights for the project to any member of the user community. Cluster administrators can also allow developers to create their own projects.

Developers and administrators can interact with projects by using the CLI or the web console.

# 7.2.3. Default projects

OpenShift Container Platform comes with a number of default projects, and projects starting with **openshift-** are the most essential to users. These projects host master components that run as pods and other infrastructure components. The pods created in these namespaces that have a critical pod annotation are considered critical, and the have guaranteed admission by kubelet. Pods created for master components in these namespaces are already marked as critical.



### **NOTE**

You cannot assign an SCC to pods created in one of the default namespaces: **default**, **kube-system**, **kube-public**, **openshift-node**, **openshift-infra**, and **openshift**. You cannot use these namespaces for running pods or services.

# 7.2.4. Viewing cluster roles and bindings

You can use the **oc** CLI to view cluster roles and bindings by using the **oc describe** command.

# **Prerequisites**

- Install the oc CLI.
- Obtain permission to view the cluster roles and bindings.

Users with the **cluster-admin** default cluster role bound cluster-wide can perform any action on any resource, including viewing cluster roles and bindings.

#### Procedure

- 1. To view the cluster roles and their associated rule sets:
  - \$ oc describe clusterrole.rbac

# **Example output**

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subjectrulesreviews.authorization.openshif	t.io []		[]	[create]
buildconfigs.build.openshift.io/instantiate	[]	[	] [(	create]
buildconfigs.build.openshift.io/instantiatebii	nary []		[]	[create]
builds.build.openshift.io/clone	[]	[]	[crea	ate]
imagestreamimports.image.openshift.io	[]		[]	[create]
routes.route.openshift.io/custom-host	[]		[]	[create]
podsecuritypolicyreviews.security.openshif	t.io []			[create]
podsecuritypolicyselfsubjectreviews.security	ty.openshift.i	io []		[create]
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deletecollection patch update]	п	n	Front liet weetels avente
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deletecollection patch update]		F3	
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deletecollection patch update]			
routes/status	[]	[]	[get list watch update]
routes.route.openshift.io/status	[]	[]	[get list watch update]
appliedclusterresourcequotas	[]		
bindings	[]	[]	[get list watch]
builds/log	[]	[]	[get list watch]
deploymentconfigs/log	[]		[get list watch]
deploymentconfigs/status	[]	[]	[get list watch]
events	[]	[]	[get list watch]
imagestreams/status		[]	[get list watch]
limitranges	[]	[]	[get list watch]
namespaces/status		[]	[get list watch]
pods/log	[]	[]	[get list watch]
pods/status	[]	[]	[get list watch]
replicationcontrollers/status	<u>[]</u>		[get list watch]
resourcequotas/status	_ []	_ []	[get list watch]
resourcequotas	[]	[]	[get list watch]
resourcequotausages	_ []	_ []	[get list watch]
rolebindingrestrictions	[]	[]	[get list watch]
deploymentconfigs.apps.openshift.io/l		[]	[] [get list watch]
deploymentconfigs.apps.openshift.io/s	status 	[]	[] [get list watch]
controllerrevisions.apps		[]	[get list watch]
rolebindingrestrictions.authorization.o	•		[] [get list watch]
builds.build.openshift.io/log	[]	[]	[get list watch]
imagestreams.image.openshift.io/stat		[]	[] [get list watch]
appliedclusterresourcequotas.quota.o	•	[]	[] [get list watch]
imagestreams/layers	[]	[]	[get update get]
imagestreams.image.openshift.io/laye			[] [get update get]
builds/details	[]	[]	[update]
builds.build.openshift.io/details		[]	[update]
Name: basic-user			
Name: basic-user Labels: <none></none>			
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Annotations: openshift.io/description: A		-	illionnation about projects.
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pro	jects.pro	ject.openshift.i	0	[]		[]		[list watch]
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pro	jectrequ	ests.project.ope	enshift.io		[]		[]	[list]
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*.*	[] [*]	[] []	[*] [*]					

2. To view the current set of cluster role bindings, which shows the users and groups that are bound to various roles:

\$ oc describe clusterrolebinding.rbac

# Example output

Name: alertmanager-main Labels: <none> Annotations: <none> Role: Kind: ClusterRole Name: alertmanager-main Subjects: Kind Name Namespace ServiceAccount alertmanager-main openshift-monitoring Name: basic-users Labels: <none> Annotations: rbac.authorization.kubernetes.io/autoupdate: true Role: Kind: ClusterRole Name: basic-user Subjects: Kind Name Namespace Group system:authenticated

cloud-credential-operator-rolebinding

Role:

Name: Labels:

<none>

Annotations: <none>

Kind: ClusterRole

Name: cloud-credential-operator-role

Subjects:

Kind Name Namespace

---- ----

ServiceAccount default openshift-cloud-credential-operator

Name: cluster-admin

Labels: kubernetes.io/bootstrapping=rbac-defaults

Annotations: rbac.authorization.kubernetes.io/autoupdate: true

Role:

Kind: ClusterRole Name: cluster-admin

Subjects:

Kind Name Namespace

Group system:masters

Name: cluster-admins

Labels: <none>

Annotations: rbac.authorization.kubernetes.io/autoupdate: true

Role:

Kind: ClusterRole Name: cluster-admin

Subjects:

Kind Name Namespace

---- ----

Group system:cluster-admins

User system:admin

Name: cluster-api-manager-rolebinding

Labels: <none>
Annotations: <none>

Role:

Kind: ClusterRole

Name: cluster-api-manager-role

Subjects:

Kind Name Namespace

----

ServiceAccount default openshift-machine-api

...

# 7.2.5. Viewing local roles and bindings

You can use the **oc** CLI to view local roles and bindings by using the **oc describe** command.

### **Prerequisites**

- Install the oc CLI.
- Obtain permission to view the local roles and bindings:

- Users with the **cluster-admin** default cluster role bound cluster-wide can perform any action on any resource, including viewing local roles and bindings.
- Users with the **admin** default cluster role bound locally can view and manage roles and bindings in that project.

#### **Procedure**

- 1. To view the current set of local role bindings, which show the users and groups that are bound to various roles for the current project:
  - \$ oc describe rolebinding.rbac
- 2. To view the local role bindings for a different project, add the **-n** flag to the command:

\$ oc describe rolebinding.rbac -n joe-project

## **Example output**

Name: admin Labels: <none> Annotations: <none>

Role:

Kind: ClusterRole Name: admin Subjects:

Kind Name Namespace

User kube:admin

Name: system:deployers

Labels: <none>

Annotations: openshift.io/description:

Allows deploymentconfigs in this namespace to rollout pods in this namespace. It is auto-managed by a controller; remove

subjects to disa...

Role:

Kind: ClusterRole Name: system:deployer

Subjects:

Kind Name Namespace

---- ----

ServiceAccount deployer joe-project

Name: system:image-builders

Labels: <none>

Annotations: openshift.io/description:

Allows builds in this namespace to push images to this

namespace. It is auto-managed by a controller; remove subjects

to disable.

Role:

Kind: ClusterRole

Name: system:image-builder

Subjects:

Kind Name Namespace

----

ServiceAccount builder joe-project

Name: system:image-pullers

Labels: <none>

Annotations: openshift.io/description:

Allows all pods in this namespace to pull images from this

namespace. It is auto-managed by a controller; remove subjects

to disable.

Role:

Kind: ClusterRole

Name: system:image-puller

Subjects:

Kind Name Namespace

---- ----

Group system:serviceaccounts:joe-project

# 7.2.6. Adding roles to users

You can use the **oc adm** administrator CLI to manage the roles and bindings.

Binding, or adding, a role to users or groups gives the user or group the access that is granted by the role. You can add and remove roles to and from users and groups using **oc adm policy** commands.

You can bind any of the default cluster roles to local users or groups in your project.

#### Procedure

1. Add a role to a user in a specific project:

\$ oc adm policy add-role-to-user <role> <user> -n project>

For example, you can add the **admin** role to the **alice** user in **joe** project by running:

\$ oc adm policy add-role-to-user admin alice -n joe

2. View the local role bindings and verify the addition in the output:

\$ oc describe rolebinding.rbac -n <p

For example, to view the local role bindings for the **joe** project:

\$ oc describe rolebinding.rbac -n joe

### **Example output**

Name: admin Labels: <none> Annotations: <none>

Role:

Kind: ClusterRole Name: admin

Subjects:

Kind Name Namespace

User kube:admin

Name: admin-0 Labels: <none> Annotations: <none>

Role:

Kind: ClusterRole Name: admin

Subjects:

Kind Name Namespace

User alice 1

Name: system:deployers

Labels: <none>

Annotations: openshift.io/description:

Allows deployment configs in this namespace to rollout pods in this namespace. It is auto-managed by a controller; remove

subjects to disa...

Role:

Kind: ClusterRole Name: system:deployer

Subjects:

Kind Name Namespace

----

ServiceAccount deployer joe

Name: system:image-builders

Labels: <none>

Annotations: openshift.io/description:

Allows builds in this namespace to push images to this

namespace. It is auto-managed by a controller; remove subjects

to disable.

Role:

Kind: ClusterRole

Name: system:image-builder

Subjects:

Kind Name Namespace

---- ----

ServiceAccount builder joe

Name: system:image-pullers

Labels: <none>

Annotations: openshift.io/description:

Allows all pods in this namespace to pull images from this

namespace. It is auto-managed by a controller; remove subjects

to disable.

Role:

Kind: ClusterRole

Name: system:image-puller

Subjects:

Kind Name Namespace

---- ----

Group system:serviceaccounts:joe

The alice user has been added to the admins RoleBinding.

# 7.2.7. Creating a local role

You can create a local role for a project and then bind it to a user.

#### **Procedure**

1. To create a local role for a project, run the following command:

\$ oc create role <name> --verb=<verb> --resource=<resource> -n -project>

In this command, specify:

- <name>, the local role's name
- <verb>, a comma-separated list of the verbs to apply to the role
- <resource>, the resources that the role applies to
- project>, the project name

For example, to create a local role that allows a user to view pods in the **blue** project, run the following command:

- \$ oc create role podview --verb=get --resource=pod -n blue
- 2. To bind the new role to a user, run the following command:

\$ oc adm policy add-role-to-user podview user2 --role-namespace=blue -n blue

# 7.2.8. Creating a cluster role

You can create a cluster role.

### Procedure

1. To create a cluster role, run the following command:

\$ oc create clusterrole <name> --verb=<verb> --resource=<resource>

In this command, specify:

<name>, the local role's name

- **<verb>**, a comma-separated list of the verbs to apply to the role
- <resource>, the resources that the role applies to

For example, to create a cluster role that allows a user to view pods, run the following command:

\$ oc create clusterrole podviewonly --verb=get --resource=pod

# 7.2.9. Local role binding commands

When you manage a user or group's associated roles for local role bindings using the following operations, a project may be specified with the **-n** flag. If it is not specified, then the current project is used.

You can use the following commands for local RBAC management.

Table 7.1. Local role binding operations

Command	Description
\$ oc adm policy who-can <verb> <resource></resource></verb>	Indicates which users can perform an action on a resource.
\$ oc adm policy add-role-to-user <role> <username></username></role>	Binds a specified role to specified users in the current project.
\$ oc adm policy remove-role-from-user <role> <username></username></role>	Removes a given role from specified users in the current project.
\$ oc adm policy remove-user <username></username>	Removes specified users and all of their roles in the current project.
\$ oc adm policy add-role-to-group <i><role></role></i> < groupname>	Binds a given role to specified groups in the current project.
\$ oc adm policy remove-role-from-group <role> <groupname></groupname></role>	Removes a given role from specified groups in the current project.
\$ oc adm policy remove-group <groupname></groupname>	Removes specified groups and all of their roles in the current project.

### 7.2.10. Cluster role binding commands

You can also manage cluster role bindings using the following operations. The -n flag is not used for these operations because cluster role bindings use non-namespaced resources.

# Table 7.2. Cluster role binding operations

Command	Description
\$ oc adm policy add-cluster-role-to-user <role> <username></username></role>	Binds a given role to specified users for all projects in the cluster.
\$ oc adm policy remove-cluster-role-from- user <role> <username></username></role>	Removes a given role from specified users for all projects in the cluster.
\$ oc adm policy add-cluster-role-to-group <role> <groupname></groupname></role>	Binds a given role to specified groups for all projects in the cluster.
\$ oc adm policy remove-cluster-role-from- group <role> <groupname></groupname></role>	Removes a given role from specified groups for all projects in the cluster.

# 7.2.11. Creating a cluster admin

The **cluster-admin** role is required to perform administrator level tasks on the OpenShift Container Platform cluster, such as modifying cluster resources.

## **Prerequisites**

• You must have created a user to define as the cluster admin.

#### Procedure

• Define the user as a cluster admin:

\$ oc adm policy add-cluster-role-to-user cluster-admin <user>

# 7.3. THE KUBEADMIN USER

OpenShift Container Platform creates a cluster administrator, **kubeadmin**, after the installation process completes.

This user has the **cluster-admin** role automatically applied and is treated as the root user for the cluster. The password is dynamically generated and unique to your OpenShift Container Platform environment. After installation completes the password is provided in the installation program's output. For example:

INFO Install complete!

INFO Run 'export KUBECONFIG=<your working directory>/auth/kubeconfig' to manage the cluster with 'oc', the OpenShift CLI.

INFO The cluster is ready when 'oc login -u kubeadmin -p provided>' succeeds (wait a few minutes).

INFO Access the OpenShift web-console here: https://console-openshift-

console.apps.demo1.openshift4-beta-abcorp.com

INFO Login to the console with user: kubeadmin, password: cprovided>

# 7.3.1. Removing the kubeadmin user

After you define an identity provider and create a new **cluster-admin** user, you can remove the **kubeadmin** to improve cluster security.



#### **WARNING**

If you follow this procedure before another user is a **cluster-admin**, then OpenShift Container Platform must be reinstalled. It is not possible to undo this command.

# **Prerequisites**

- You must have configured at least one identity provider.
- You must have added the **cluster-admin** role to a user.
- You must be logged in as an administrator.

#### **Procedure**

- Remove the **kubeadmin** secrets:
  - \$ oc delete secrets kubeadmin -n kube-system

# 7.4. IMAGE CONFIGURATION RESOURCES

Understand and configure image registry settings.

# 7.4.1. Image controller configuration parameters

The **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** resource holds cluster-wide information about how to handle images. The canonical, and only valid name is **cluster**. Its **spec** offers the following configuration parameters.

Parameter Description

Parameter	Description
allowedRegistriesForI mport	Limits the container image registries from which normal users can import images. Set this list to the registries that you trust to contain valid images, and that you want applications to be able to import from. Users with permission to create images or <b>ImageStreamMappings</b> from the API are not affected by this policy. Typically only cluster administrators have the appropriate permissions.  Every element of this list contains a location of the registry specified by the registry domain name. <b>domainName</b> : Specifies a domain name for the registry. In case the registry uses a non-standard <b>80</b> or <b>443</b> port, the port should be included in the domain name as well. <b>insecure</b> : Insecure indicates whether the registry is secure or insecure. By default, if not otherwise specified, the registry is assumed to be secure.
additionalTrustedCA	A reference to a config map containing additional CAs that should be trusted during <b>image stream import</b> , <b>pod image pull</b> , <b>openshift-image-registry pullthrough</b> , and builds.  The namespace for this config map is <b>openshift-config</b> . The format of the config map is to use the registry hostname as the key, and the PEM-encoded
	certificate as the value, for each additional registry CA to trust.
externalRegistryHostn ames	Provides the hostnames for the default external image registry. The external hostname should be set only when the image registry is exposed externally. The first value is used in <b>publicDockerImageRepository</b> field in image streams. The value must be in <b>hostname[:port]</b> format.
registrySources	Contains configuration that determines how the container runtime should treat individual registries when accessing images for builds and pods. For instance, whether or not to allow insecure access. It does not contain configuration for the internal cluster registry.  insecureRegistries: Registries which do not have a valid TLS certificate or only support HTTP connections.  blockedRegistries: Registries for which image pull and push actions are
	denied. All other registries are allowed. <b>allowedRegistries</b> : Registries for which image pull and push actions are allowed. All other registries are blocked.
	<b>containerRuntimeSearchRegistries</b> : Registries for which image pull and push actions are allowed using image short names. All other registries are blocked.
	Either <b>blockedRegistries</b> or <b>allowedRegistries</b> can be set, but not both.



# WARNING

When the **allowedRegistries** parameter is defined, all registries including **registry.redhat.io** and **quay.io** are blocked unless explicitly listed. When using the parameter, to prevent pod failure, declare the **registry.redhat.io** and **quay.io** registries, as they are required by payload images within your environment. For disconnected clusters, mirror registries should also be added.

The **status** field of the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** resource holds observed values from the cluster.

Parameter	Description
internalRegistryHostna me	Set by the Image Registry Operator, which controls the internalRegistryHostname. It sets the hostname for the default internal image registry. The value must be in hostname[:port] format. For backward compatibility, you can still use the OPENSHIFT_DEFAULT_REGISTRY environment variable, but this setting overrides the environment variable.
externalRegistryHostn ames	Set by the Image Registry Operator, provides the external hostnames for the image registry when it is exposed externally. The first value is used in <b>publicDockerImageRepository</b> field in image streams. The values must be in <b>hostname[:port]</b> format.

# 7.4.2. Configuring image settings

You can configure image registry settings by editing the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** custom resource (CR). The Machine Config Operator (MCO) watches the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** CR for any changes to the registries and reboots the nodes when it detects changes.

#### **Procedure**

1. Edit the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** custom resource:

\$ oc edit image.config.openshift.io/cluster

The following is an example image.config.openshift.io/cluster CR:

apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1

kind: Image 1 metadata:

annotations:

release.openshift.io/create-only: "true" creationTimestamp: "2019-05-17T13:44:26Z"

generation: 1 name: cluster

resourceVersion: "8302"

selfLink: /apis/config.openshift.io/v1/images/cluster

uid: e34555da-78a9-11e9-b92b-06d6c7da38dc spec:

allowedRegistriesForImport: 2

- domainName: quay.io

insecure: false

additionalTrustedCA: (3) name: myconfigmap

registrySources: 4 allowedRegistries:

- example.com
- quay.io
- registry.redhat.io insecureRegistries:
- insecure.com

#### status:

internalRegistryHostname: image-registry.openshift-image-registry.svc:5000

- Image: Holds cluster-wide information about how to handle images. The canonical, and only valid name is cluster.
- allowedRegistriesForImport: Limits the container image registries from which normal users may import images. Set this list to the registries that you trust to contain valid images, and that you want applications to be able to import from. Users with permission to create images or **ImageStreamMappings** from the API are not affected by this policy. Typically only cluster administrators have the appropriate permissions.
- additionalTrustedCA: A reference to a config map containing additional certificate authorities (CA) that are trusted during image stream import, pod image pull, openshiftimage-registry pullthrough, and builds. The namespace for this config map is openshiftconfig. The format of the config map is to use the registry hostname as the key, and the PEM certificate as the value, for each additional registry CA to trust.
- registrySources: Contains configuration that determines how the container runtime should treat individual registries when accessing images for builds and pods. For instance, whether or not to allow insecure access. It does not contain configuration for the internal cluster registry. This example lists allowedRegistries, which defines the registries that are allowed to be used. One of the registries listed is insecure.
- 2. To check that the changes are applied, list your nodes:

\$ oc get nodes

### Example output

NAME **STATUS** ROLES AGE VERSION ci-ln-j5cd0qt-f76d1-vfj5x-master-0 master 98m Ready v1.19.0+7070803 ci-ln-j5cd0qt-f76d1-vfj5x-master-1 Ready, Scheduling Disabled master 99m v1.19.0+7070803 ci-ln-j5cd0qt-f76d1-vfj5x-master-2 Ready master 98m v1.19.0+7070803 ci-ln-j5cd0qt-f76d1-vfj5x-worker-b-nsnd4 Ready worker 90m v1.19.0+7070803 ci-ln-j5cd0qt-f76d1-vfj5x-worker-c-5z2gz NotReady,SchedulingDisabled worker 90m

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v1.19.0+7070803
ci-ln-j5cd0qt-f76d1-vfj5x-worker-d-stsjv Ready worker 90m
v1.19.0+7070803
```

## 7.4.2.1. Configuring additional trust stores for image registry access

The **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** custom resource can contain a reference to a config map that contains additional certificate authorities to be trusted during image registry access.

### **Prerequisites**

• The certificate authorities (CA) must be PEM-encoded.

### **Procedure**

You can create a config map in the **openshift-config** namespace and use its name in **AdditionalTrustedCA** in the **image.config.openshift.io** custom resource to provide additional CAs that should be trusted when contacting external registries.

The config map key is the host name of a registry with the port for which this CA is to be trusted, and the base64-encoded certificate is the value, for each additional registry CA to trust.

# Image registry CA config map example

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
name: my-registry-ca
data:
registry.example.com: |
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
...
registry-with-port.example.com..5000: | 1
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
```

If the registry has the port, such as **registry-with-port.example.com:5000**, **:** should be replaced with **..**.

You can configure additional CAs with the following procedure.

1. To configure an additional CA:

\$ oc create configmap registry-config --from-file=<external\_registry\_address>=ca.crt -n openshift-config

\$ oc edit image.config.openshift.io cluster

```
spec:
additionalTrustedCA:
name: registry-config
```

# 7.4.2.2. Allowing insecure registries

You can add insecure registries by editing the image.config.openshift.io/cluster custom resource (CR). OpenShift Container Platform applies the changes to this CR to all nodes in the cluster.

Registries that do not use valid SSL certificates or do not require HTTPS connections are considered insecure.



#### **WARNING**

Insecure external registries should be avoided to reduce possible security risks.

#### **Procedure**

1. Edit the image.config.openshift.io/cluster CR:

\$ oc edit image.config.openshift.io/cluster

The following is an example image.config.openshift.io/cluster CR with an insecure registries list:

apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1 kind: Image metadata: annotations: release.openshift.io/create-only: "true" creationTimestamp: "2019-05-17T13:44:26Z" generation: 1 name: cluster resourceVersion: "8302" selfLink: /apis/config.openshift.io/v1/images/cluster uid: e34555da-78a9-11e9-b92b-06d6c7da38dc spec: registrySources: 1

insecureRegistries: 2

- insecure.com allowedRegistries:
- example.com
- quay.io
- registry.redhat.io
- insecure.com 3

status:

internalRegistryHostname: image-registry.openshift-image-registry.svc:5000

- registrySources: Contains configurations that determine how the container runtime should treat individual registries when accessing images for builds and pods. It does not contain configuration for the internal cluster registry.
- Specify an insecure registry.



Ensure that any insecure registries are included in the allowedRegistries list.



#### **NOTE**

When the **allowedRegistries** parameter is defined, all registries including the registry.redhat.io and quay.io registries are blocked unless explicitly listed. If you use the parameter, to prevent pod failure, add **registry.redhat.io** and **quay.io** to the **allowedRegistries** list, as they are required by payload images within your environment.

The Machine Config Operator (MCO) watches the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** CR for any changes to the registries, then drains and uncordons the nodes when it detects changes. After the nodes return to the **Ready** state, changes to the insecure and blocked registries appear in the **/etc/containers/registries.conf** file on each node.

2. To check that the registries have been added to the policy file, use the following command on a node:

\$ cat /host/etc/containers/registries.conf

The following example indicates that images from the **insecure.com** registry is insecure and is allowed for image pulls and pushes.

## **Example output**

```
unqualified-search-registries = ["registry.access.redhat.com", "docker.io"]

[[registry]]

prefix = ""

location = "insecure.com"

insecure = true
```

### 7.4.2.3. Adding registries that allow image short names

You can add registries to search for an image short name by editing the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** custom resource (CR). OpenShift Container Platform applies the changes to this CR to all nodes in the cluster.

An image short name enables you to search for images without including the fully qualified domain name in the pull spec. For example, you could use **rhel7/etcd** instead of **registry.access.redhat.com/rhe7/etcd**.

You might use short names in situations where using the full path is not practical. For example, if your cluster references multiple internal registries whose DNS changes frequently, you would need to update the fully qualified domain names in your pull specs with each change. In this case, using an image short name might be beneficial.

When pulling or pushing images, the container runtime searches the registries listed under the **registrySources** parameter in the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** CR. If you created a list of registries under the **containerRuntimeSearchRegistries** parameter, when pulling an image with a short name, the container runtime searches those registries.



#### **WARNING**

Using image short names with public registries is strongly discouraged. You should use image short names with only internal or private registries.

If you list public registries under the **containerRuntimeSearchRegistries** parameter, you expose your credentials to all the registries on the list and you risk network and registry attacks. You should always use fully-qualified image names with public registries.

The Machine Config Operator (MCO) watches the **image.config.openshift.io**/**cluster** resource for any changes to the registries. When the MCO detects a change, it drains the nodes, applies the change, and uncordons the nodes. After the nodes return to the **Ready** state, if the

**containerRuntimeSearchRegistries** parameter is added, the MCO creates a file in the /etc/containers/registries.conf.d directory on each node with the listed registries. The file overrides the default list of unqualified search registries in the /host/etc/containers/registries.conf file. There is no way to fall back to the default list of unqualified search registries.

The **containerRuntimeSearchRegistries** parameter works only with the Podman and CRI-O container engines. The registries in the list can be used only in pod specs, not in builds and image streams.

#### **Procedure**

1. Edit the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** custom resource:

\$ oc edit image.config.openshift.io/cluster

The following is an example **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** CR:

```
apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1
kind: Image
metadata:
 annotations:
  release.openshift.io/create-only: "true"
 creationTimestamp: "2019-05-17T13:44:26Z"
 generation: 1
 name: cluster
 resourceVersion: "8302"
 selfLink: /apis/config.openshift.io/v1/images/cluster
 uid: e34555da-78a9-11e9-b92b-06d6c7da38dc
spec:
 allowedRegistriesForImport:
  - domainName: quav.io
   insecure: false
 additionalTrustedCA:
  name: myconfigmap
 registrySources:
  containerRuntimeSearchRegistries: 1
  - "reg1.io"
  - "reg2.io"
  - "reg3.io"
```

allowedRegistries: 2



- example.com
- quay.io
- registry.redhat.io
- "reg1.io"
- "reg2.io"
- "reg3.io"

#### status:

internalRegistryHostname: image-registry.openshift-image-registry.svc:5000

- Specify registries to use with image short names. You should use image short names with only internal or private registries to reduce possible security risks.
- Ensure that any registries listed under **containerRuntimeSearchRegistries** are included in the allowedRegistries list.



### NOTE

When the allowedRegistries parameter is defined, all registries including the registry.redhat.io and quay.io registries are blocked unless explicitly listed. If you use this parameter, to prevent pod failure, add registry.redhat.io and quay.io to the allowedRegistries list, as they are required by payload images within your environment.

- 2. To check that the registries have been added, use the following command on a node:
  - \$ cat /host/etc/containers/registries.conf.d/01-image-searchRegistries.conf

## Example output

unqualified-search-registries = ['reg1.io', 'reg2.io', 'reg3.io']

## 7.4.2.4. Configuring image registry repository mirroring

Setting up container registry repository mirroring enables you to do the following:

- Configure your OpenShift Container Platform cluster to redirect requests to pull images from a repository on a source image registry and have it resolved by a repository on a mirrored image registry.
- Identify multiple mirrored repositories for each target repository, to make sure that if one mirror is down, another can be used.

The attributes of repository mirroring in OpenShift Container Platform include:

- Image pulls are resilient to registry downtimes.
- Clusters in restricted networks can pull images from critical locations, such as quay.io, and have registries behind a company firewall provide the requested images.
- A particular order of registries is tried when an image pull request is made, with the permanent registry typically being the last one tried.

- The mirror information you enter is added to the /etc/containers/registries.conf file on every node in the OpenShift Container Platform cluster.
- When a node makes a request for an image from the source repository, it tries each mirrored repository in turn until it finds the requested content. If all mirrors fail, the cluster tries the source repository. If successful, the image is pulled to the node.

Setting up repository mirroring can be done in the following ways:

- At OpenShift Container Platform installation:
   By pulling container images needed by OpenShift Container Platform and then bringing those
   images behind your company's firewall, you can install OpenShift Container Platform into a
   datacenter that is in a restricted network.
- After OpenShift Container Platform installation:
   Even if you don't configure mirroring during OpenShift Container Platform installation, you can do so later using the ImageContentSourcePolicy object.

The following procedure provides a post-installation mirror configuration, where you create an **ImageContentSourcePolicy** object that identifies:

- The source of the container image repository you want to mirror.
- A separate entry for each mirror repository you want to offer the content requested from the source repository.



#### NOTE

You can only configure global pull secrets for clusters that have an **ImageContentSourcePolicy** object. You cannot add a pull secret to a project.

### **Prerequisites**

• Access to the cluster as a user with the **cluster-admin** role.

#### Procedure

- 1. Configure mirrored repositories, by either:
  - Setting up a mirrored repository with Red Hat Quay, as described in Red Hat Quay
    Repository Mirroring. Using Red Hat Quay allows you to copy images from one repository to
    another and also automatically sync those repositories repeatedly over time.
  - Using a tool such as **skopeo** to copy images manually from the source directory to the mirrored repository.

For example, after installing the skopeo RPM package on a Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7 or RHEL 8 system, use the **skopeo** command as shown in this example:

 $\label{lem:skopeo} $$ skopeo copy \ docker://registry.access.redhat.com/ubi8/ubi-minimal@sha256:5cfbaf45ca96806917830c183e9f37df2e913b187adb32e89fd83fa455eba a6 \ docker://example.io/example/ubi-minimal$ 

In this example, you have a container image registry that is named **example.io** with an

image repository named example to which you want to copy the ubi8/ubi-minimal image from registry.access.redhat.com. After you create the registry, you can configure your OpenShift Container Platform cluster to redirect requests made of the source repository to the mirrored repository.

- 2. Log in to your OpenShift Container Platform cluster.
- 3. Create an ImageContentSourcePolicy file (for example, registryrepomirror.yaml), replacing the source and mirrors with your own registry and repository pairs and images:

apiVersion: operator.openshift.io/v1alpha1

kind: ImageContentSourcePolicy

metadata:

name: ubi8repo

spec:

repositoryDigestMirrors:

- mirrors:
  - example.io/example/ubi-minimal 1

source: registry.access.redhat.com/ubi8/ubi-minimal 2



- example.com/example/ubi-minimal
- source: registry.access.redhat.com/ubi8/ubi-minimal
- Indicates the name of the image registry and repository.
- Indicates the registry and repository containing the content that is mirrored.
- 4. Create the new **ImageContentSourcePolicy** object:
  - \$ oc create -f registryrepomirror.yaml

After the ImageContentSourcePolicy object is created, the new settings are deployed to each node and the cluster starts using the mirrored repository for requests to the source repository.

- 5. To check that the mirrored configuration settings, are applied, do the following on one of the nodes.
  - a. List your nodes:
    - \$ oc get node

### Example output

	NAME S	STATUS	ROLES AC	GE VERSION
	ip-10-0-137-44.ec2.interr	nal Ready	worker	7m v1.20.0
ı	ip-10-0-138-148.ec2.inte	rnal Ready	master	11m v1.20.0
	ip-10-0-139-122.ec2.inte	rnal Ready	master	11m v1.20.0
ı	ip-10-0-147-35.ec2.interr	nal Ready,Sch	nedulingDisabled	worker 7m v1.20.0
ı	ip-10-0-153-12.ec2.interr	nal Ready	worker	7m v1.20.0
	ip-10-0-154-10.ec2.interr	nal Ready	master	11m v1.20.0

You can see that scheduling on each worker node is disabled as the change is being applied.

b. Start the debugging process to access the node:

\$ oc debug node/ip-10-0-147-35.ec2.internal

## **Example output**

Starting pod/ip-10-0-147-35ec2internal-debug ... To use host binaries, run `chroot /host`

c. Access the node's files:

sh-4.2# chroot /host

d. Check the /etc/containers/registries.conf file to make sure the changes were made:

sh-4.2# cat /etc/containers/registries.conf

## **Example output**

```
unqualified-search-registries = ["registry.access.redhat.com", "docker.io"]
[[registry]]
location = "registry.access.redhat.com/ubi8/"
insecure = false
blocked = false
mirror-by-digest-only = true
prefix = ""

[[registry.mirror]]
location = "example.io/example/ubi8-minimal"
insecure = false

[[registry.mirror]]
location = "example.com/example/ubi8-minimal"
insecure = false
```

e. Pull an image digest to the node from the source and check if it is resolved by the mirror. **ImageContentSourcePolicy** objects support image digests only, not image tags.

sh-4.2# podman pull --log-level=debug registry.access.redhat.com/ubi8/ubi-minimal@sha256:5cfbaf45ca96806917830c183e9f37df2e913b187adb32e89fd83fa455ebaa6

### Troubleshooting repository mirroring

If the repository mirroring procedure does not work as described, use the following information about how repository mirroring works to help troubleshoot the problem.

- The first working mirror is used to supply the pulled image.
- The main registry is only used if no other mirror works.
- From the system context, the **Insecure** flags are used as fallback.
- The format of the /etc/containers/registries.conf file has changed recently. It is now version 2 and in TOML format.

### 7.5. OPERATOR INSTALLATION WITH OPERATORHUB

OperatorHub is a user interface for discovering Operators; it works in conjunction with Operator Lifecycle Manager (OLM), which installs and manages Operators on a cluster.

As a cluster administrator, you can install an Operator from OperatorHub using the OpenShift Container Platform web console or CLI. Subscribing an Operator to one or more namespaces makes the Operator available to developers on your cluster.

During installation, you must determine the following initial settings for the Operator:

#### Installation Mode

Choose **All namespaces on the cluster (default)** to have the Operator installed on all namespaces or choose individual namespaces, if available, to only install the Operator on selected namespaces. This example chooses **All namespaces...** to make the Operator available to all users and projects.

## **Update Channel**

If an Operator is available through multiple channels, you can choose which channel you want to subscribe to. For example, to deploy from the **stable** channel, if available, select it from the list.

## Approval Strategy

You can choose automatic or manual updates.

If you choose automatic updates for an installed Operator, when a new version of that Operator is available in the selected channel, Operator Lifecycle Manager (OLM) automatically upgrades the running instance of your Operator without human intervention.

If you select manual updates, when a newer version of an Operator is available, OLM creates an update request. As a cluster administrator, you must then manually approve that update request to have the Operator updated to the new version.

# 7.5.1. Installing from OperatorHub using the web console

You can install and subscribe to an Operator from Operator Hub using the OpenShift Container Platform web console.

## Prerequisites

 Access to an OpenShift Container Platform cluster using an account with cluster-admin permissions.

#### **Procedure**

- 1. Navigate in the web console to the **Operators** → **OperatorHub** page.
- 2. Scroll or type a keyword into the **Filter by keyword** box to find the Operator you want. For example, type **jaeger** to find the Jaeger Operator.
  - You can also filter options by **Infrastructure Features**. For example, select **Disconnected** if you want to see Operators that work in disconnected environments, also known as restricted network environments.
- 3. Select the Operator to display additional information.



#### **NOTE**

Choosing a Community Operator warns that Red Hat does not certify Community Operators; you must acknowledge the warning before continuing.

- 4. Read the information about the Operator and click Install.
- 5. On the **Install Operator** page:
  - a. Select one of the following:
    - All namespaces on the cluster (default)installs the Operator in the default openshiftoperators namespace to watch and be made available to all namespaces in the cluster. This option is not always available.
    - A specific namespace on the clusterallows you to choose a specific, single namespace in which to install the Operator. The Operator will only watch and be made available for use in this single namespace.
  - b. Select an **Update Channel** (if more than one is available).
  - c. Select Automatic or Manual approval strategy, as described earlier.
- 6. Click **Install** to make the Operator available to the selected namespaces on this OpenShift Container Platform cluster.
  - a. If you selected a Manual approval strategy, the upgrade status of the subscription remains
     Upgrading until you review and approve the install plan.

     After approving on the Install Plan page, the subscription upgrade status moves to Up to
     date.
  - b. If you selected an **Automatic** approval strategy, the upgrade status should resolve to **Up to date** without intervention.
- 7. After the upgrade status of the subscription is **Up to date**, select **Operators** → **Installed Operators** to verify that the cluster service version (CSV) of the installed Operator eventually shows up. The **Status** should ultimately resolve to **InstallSucceeded** in the relevant namespace.



#### **NOTE**

For the All namespaces... installation mode, the status resolves to InstallSucceeded in the **openshift-operators** namespace, but the status is Copied if you check in other namespaces.

#### If it does not:

a. Check the logs in any pods in the **openshift-operators** project (or other relevant namespace if **A specific namespace...** installation mode was selected) on the **Workloads** → **Pods** page that are reporting issues to troubleshoot further.

# 7.5.2. Installing from OperatorHub using the CLI

Instead of using the OpenShift Container Platform web console, you can install an Operator from OperatorHub using the CLI. Use the **oc** command to create or update a **Subscription** object.

### **Prerequisites**

- Access to an OpenShift Container Platform cluster using an account with cluster-admin permissions.
- Install the **oc** command to your local system.

#### **Procedure**

1. View the list of Operators available to the cluster from OperatorHub:

\$ oc get packagemanifests -n openshift-marketplace

## **Example output**

```
NAME
                      CATALOG
                                        AGE
3scale-operator
                        Red Hat Operators
                                          91m
advanced-cluster-management
                               Red Hat Operators
amq7-cert-manager
                           Red Hat Operators
                                             91m
couchbase-enterprise-certified Certified Operators 91m
                            Certified Operators 91m
crunchy-postgres-operator
                          Certified Operators 91m
mongodb-enterprise
                    Community Operators 91m
etcd
jaeger
                     Community Operators 91m
                      Community Operators 91m
kubefed
```

Note the catalog for your desired Operator.

2. Inspect your desired Operator to verify its supported install modes and available channels:

\$ oc describe packagemanifests < operator\_name > -n openshift-marketplace

3. An Operator group, defined by an **OperatorGroup** object, selects target namespaces in which to generate required RBAC access for all Operators in the same namespace as the Operator group.

The namespace to which you subscribe the Operator must have an Operator group that matches the install mode of the Operator, either the **AllNamespaces** or **SingleNamespace** mode. If the Operator you intend to install uses the **AllNamespaces**, then the **openshift-operators** namespace already has an appropriate Operator group in place.

However, if the Operator uses the **SingleNamespace** mode and you do not already have an appropriate Operator group in place, you must create one.



### NOTE

The web console version of this procedure handles the creation of the **OperatorGroup** and **Subscription** objects automatically behind the scenes for you when choosing **SingleNamespace** mode.

a. Create an OperatorGroup object YAML file, for example operatorgroup.yaml:

# Example OperatorGroup object

apiVersion: operators.coreos.com/v1

kind: OperatorGroup

metadata:

name: <operatorgroup\_name>
namespace: <namespace>

spec:

targetNamespaces:

- <namespace>

b. Create the **OperatorGroup** object:

\$ oc apply -f operatorgroup.yaml

4. Create a **Subscription** object YAML file to subscribe a namespace to an Operator, for example **sub.yaml**:

# **Example Subscription object**

apiVersion: operators.coreos.com/v1alpha1

kind: Subscription

metadata:

name: <subscription\_name>

namespace: openshift-operators 1

spec:

channel: <channel\_name> 2

name: <operator name> 3

source: redhat-operators 4

sourceNamespace: openshift-marketplace 5

- For **AllNamespaces** install mode usage, specify the **openshift-operators** namespace. Otherwise, specify the relevant single namespace for **SingleNamespace** install mode usage.
- Name of the channel to subscribe to.
- 3 Name of the Operator to subscribe to.
- Name of the catalog source that provides the Operator.
- Namespace of the catalog source. Use **openshift-marketplace** for the default OperatorHub catalog sources.
- 5. Create the **Subscription** object:

\$ oc apply -f sub.yaml

At this point, OLM is now aware of the selected Operator. A cluster service version (CSV) for the Operator should appear in the target namespace, and APIs provided by the Operator should be available for creation.

# Additional resources

• About OperatorGroups

# **CHAPTER 8. CONFIGURING ALERT NOTIFICATIONS**

In OpenShift Container Platform, an alert is fired when the conditions defined in an alerting rule are true. An alert provides a notification that a set of circumstances are apparent within a cluster. Firing alerts can be viewed in the Alerting UI in the OpenShift Container Platform web console by default. After an installation, you can configure OpenShift Container Platform to send alert notifications to external systems.

## 8.1. SENDING NOTIFICATIONS TO EXTERNAL SYSTEMS

In OpenShift Container Platform 4.7, firing alerts can be viewed in the Alerting UI. Alerts are not configured by default to be sent to any notification systems. You can configure OpenShift Container Platform to send alerts to the following receiver types:

- PagerDuty
- Webhook
- Email
- Slack

Routing alerts to receivers enables you to send timely notifications to the appropriate teams when failures occur. For example, critical alerts require immediate attention and are typically paged to an individual or a critical response team. Alerts that provide non-critical warning notifications might instead be routed to a ticketing system for non-immediate review.

### Checking that alerting is operational by using the watchdog alert

OpenShift Container Platform monitoring includes a watchdog alert that fires continuously. Alertmanager repeatedly sends watchdog alert notifications to configured notification providers. The provider is usually configured to notify an administrator when it stops receiving the watchdog alert. This mechanism helps you quickly identify any communication issues between Alertmanager and the notification provider.

### 8.1.1. Configuring alert receivers

You can configure alert receivers to ensure that you learn about important issues with your cluster.

## **Prerequisites**

• You have access to the cluster as a user with the **cluster-admin** role.

### **Procedure**

 In the Administrator perspective, navigate to Administration → Cluster Settings → Global Configuration → Alertmanager.



#### **NOTE**

Alternatively, you can navigate to the same page through the notification drawer. Select the bell icon at the top right of the OpenShift Container Platform web console and choose **Configure** in the **AlertmanagerReceiverNotConfigured** alert.

- 2. Select Create Receiver in the Receivers section of the page.
- 3. In the Create Receiver form, add a Receiver Name and choose a Receiver Type from the list.
- 4. Edit the receiver configuration:
  - For PagerDuty receivers:
    - a. Choose an integration type and add a PagerDuty integration key.
    - b. Add the URL of your PagerDuty installation.
    - c. Select **Show advanced configuration** if you want to edit the client and incident details or the severity specification.
  - For webhook receivers:
    - a. Add the endpoint to send HTTP POST requests to.
    - b. Select **Show advanced configuration** if you want to edit the default option to send resolved alerts to the receiver.
  - For email receivers:
    - a. Add the email address to send notifications to.
    - b. Add SMTP configuration details, including the address to send notifications from, the smarthost and port number used for sending emails, the hostname of the SMTP server, and authentication details.
    - c. Choose whether TLS is required.
    - d. Select **Show advanced configuration** if you want to edit the default option not to send resolved alerts to the receiver or edit the body of email notifications configuration.
  - For Slack receivers:
    - a. Add the URL of the Slack webhook.
    - b. Add the Slack channel or user name to send notifications to.
    - c. Select **Show advanced configuration** if you want to edit the default option not to send resolved alerts to the receiver or edit the icon and username configuration. You can also choose whether to find and link channel names and usernames.
- 5. By default, firing alerts with labels that match all of the selectors will be sent to the receiver. If you want label values for firing alerts to be matched exactly before they are sent to the receiver:
  - a. Add routing label names and values in the Routing Labels section of the form.
  - b. Select **Regular Expression** if want to use a regular expression.
  - c. Select **Add Label** to add further routing labels.
- 6. Select Create to create the receiver.

### 8.2. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Understanding the monitoring stack
- Managing alerts