



# **Deploy MariaDB from a Helm chart**

Astra

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# Deploy MariaDB from a Helm chart

Learn how to deploy MariaDB from the Bitnami Helm chart. After you deploy MariaDB on your cluster, you can manage the application with Astra.

MariaDB is a validated app for Astra. [Learn the difference between Validated and Standard apps.](#)



Applications deployed from Google Marketplace have not been validated. Some users report issues with discovery and/or backup with Google Marketplace deployments of Postgres, MariaDB, and MySQL.

## Requirements

- A GKE cluster which has been added to Astra.
- Updated versions of Helm (version 3.2+) and Kubectl installed.
- Kubeconfig configured using the gcloud tool with a command like `gcloud container clusters get-credentials my-cluster-name`

## Install MariaDB

Two important notes on this process:

- You must deploy your app after the cluster is added to Astra, not before.
- You must deploy the Helm chart in a namespace other than the default.

Add the Bitnami chart repo:

```
helm repo add bitnami https://charts.bitnami.com/bitnami
```

Deploy MariaDB with the command:

```
helm install mariadb bitnami/mariadb --namespace testdb --create-namespace  
--set db.database=test_db,db.user=test_db_user,db.password=NKhjs2wQPt8 >  
/dev/null 2>&1
```

This does the following:

- Creates the `testdb` namespace.
- Deploys MariaDB on the `testdb` namespace.
- Creates a database named `test_db`
- Creates a user `test_db_user` with password `NKhjs2wQPt8`



This method of setting the password at deployment is insecure. We do not recommend this for a production environment.

After the pods are online, you can manage the app with Astra. Astra allows you to manage an app at the namespace level or using a helm label

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