



# Installing Black Duck using Kubernetes

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## Black Duck documentation

The documentation for Black Duck consists of online help and these documents:

Title	File	Description
Release Notes	release_notes.pdf	Contains information about the new and improved features, resolved issues, and known issues in the current and previous releases.
Installing Black Duck using Docker Swarm	install_swarm.pdf	Contains information about installing and upgrading Black Duck using Docker Swarm.
Getting Started	getting_started.pdf	Provides first-time users with information on using Black Duck.
Scanning Best Practices	scanning_best_practices.pdf	Provides best practices for scanning.
Getting Started with the SDK	getting_started_sdk.pdf	Contains overview information and a sample use case.
Report Database	report_db.pdf	Contains information on using the report database.
User Guide	user_guide.pdf	Contains information on using Black Duck's UI.

The installation methods for installing Black Duck software in a Kubernetes or OpenShift environment are Synopsysctl and Helm. Click the following links to view the documentation.

- [Helm](#) is a package manager for Kubernetes that you can use to install Black Duck.
- [Synopsysctl](#) is a cloud-native administration command-line tool for deploying Black Duck software in Kubernetes and Red Hat [OpenShift](#).

Black Duck integration documentation can be found on [Confluence](#).

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# Chapter 1: Installing using Synopsysctl

Kubernetes is an orchestration tool used for managing cloud workloads through containers.

## Installing using synopsysctl

Use synopsysctl to install Black Duck on Kubernetes or OpenShift.

Synopsysctl is a command line tool that assists in the deployment and management of Synopsys software in Kubernetes and OpenShift clusters. After synopsysctl is installed, you can leverage it to easily deploy and manage Synopsys software.

- Click [here](#) for an overview of synopsysctl.
- Click [here](#) for documentation about installing and using synopsysctl.

**Note:** For scalability sizing guidelines, see the Container Scalability section of the Black Duck Release Notes.

**Caution:** Do not delete data from the Black Duck database (bds\_hub) unless directed to do so by a Synopsys Technical Support representative. Be sure to follow appropriate backup procedures. Deletion of data will cause errors ranging from UI problems to complete failure of Black Duck to start. Synopsys Technical Support cannot recreate deleted data. If no backups are available, Synopsys will provide support on a best-effort basis.

## Chapter 2: Hardware requirements

As of version 2022.4.0, the minimum recommended hardware requirements increased from 7 CPU cores & 28.5GB of RAM to 14 CPU cores and 38 GB of RAM. You can still manually change the hardware requirements and resource allocation using the provided helm charts or swarm configuration files. However, the current Black Duck default templates match the new recommendations. For the short to medium term we expect Black Duck to still be able to run successfully on the lesser requirements, but this may change over time. In the future, Black Duck will no longer be officially supporting nor testing with the older hardware specification. Customers who do not have available hardware to meet the new requirements will either need to add additional hardware or modify the orchestration files manually before updating to 2022.4.0.

Name	Scans/Hour	Black Duck Services	PostgreSQL	Total
10sph	10	CPU: 12 core Memory: 30 GB	CPU: 2 core Memory: 8 GB	CPU: 14 core Memory: 38 GB
120sph	120	CPU: 13 core Memory: 46 GB	CPU: 4 core Memory: 16 GB	CPU: 17 core Memory: 62 GB
250sph	250	CPU: 17 core Memory: 118 GB	CPU: 6 core Memory: 24 GB	CPU: 23 core Memory: 142 GB
500sph	500	CPU: 28 core Memory: 210 GB	CPU: 10 core Memory: 40 GB	CPU: 38 core Memory: 250 GB
1000sph	1000	CPU: 47 core Memory: 411 GB	CPU: 18 core Memory: 72 GB	CPU: 65 core Memory: 483 GB
1500sph	1500	CPU: 66 core Memory: 597 GB	CPU: 26 core Memory: 104 GB	CPU: 92 core Memory: 701 GB
2000sph	2000	CPU: 66 core Memory: 597 GB	CPU: 34 core Memory: 136 GB	CPU: 100 core Memory: 733 GB

This new guidance is based current Black Duck 2022.2.0 architecture. It is possible this guidance will be further refined for subsequent releases. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Product Management.



**Note:** The amount of required disk space is dependent on the number of projects being managed, so individual requirements can vary. Consider that each project requires approximately 200 MB.

Black Duck Software recommends monitoring disk utilization on Black Duck servers to prevent disks from reaching capacity which could cause issues with Black Duck.

BDBA scaling is done by adjusting the number of binaryscanner replicas and by adding PostgreSQL resources based on the expected number of binary scans per hour that will be performed. For every 15 binary scans per hour, add the following:

- One binaryscanner replica
- One CPU for PostgreSQL
- 4GB memory to PostgreSQL

If your anticipated scan rate is not a multiple of 15, round up. For example, 24 binary scans per hour would require the following:

- Two binaryscanner replicas,
- Two additional CPUs for PostgreSQL, and
- 8GB additional memory for PostgreSQL.

This guidance is valid when binary scans are 20% or less of the total scan volume (by count of scans).

**Note:** Installing Black Duck Alert requires 1 GB of additional memory.

## Chapter 3: PostgreSQL versions

Black Duck 2022.2.0 supports new PostgreSQL features and functionality to improve the performance and reliability of the Black Duck service. As of Black Duck 2022.2.0, PostgreSQL container 11 is the currently supported version of PostgreSQL for the internal PostgreSQL container.

Customers upgrading from older versions of Black Duck (prior to 2022.2.0), will require a migration to PostgreSQL 11. The Black Duck 2022.2.0 update migrates the internal Black Duck PostgreSQL database container to version 11 of PostgreSQL. If you use the database container and deploy on OpenShift, you need to run a one-time migration job as documented in the Black Duck release notes and installation guide.

**Note:** For PostgreSQL sizing guidelines, see [Black Duck Hardware Scaling Guidelines](#).

If you choose to run your own external PostgreSQL instance, Synopsys recommends PostgreSQL 14 for new installs. Due to an index corruption bug in PostgreSQL 14.0 through 14.3, the minimum supported version of PostgreSQL 14 is 14.4.

**Caution:** Do not run antivirus scans on the PostgreSQL data directory. Antivirus software opens lots of files, puts locks on files, etc. Those things interfere with PostgreSQL operations. Specific errors vary by product but usually involve the inability of PostgreSQL to access its data files. One example is that PostgreSQL fails with "too many open files in the system."

### General Migration Process

The guidance here applies to upgrading from any PG 9.6 based Hub (releases prior to 2022.2.0) to 2022.2.0 or later.

1. The migration is performed by the new blackduck-postgres-upgrader container.
2. The folder layout of the PostgreSQL data volume is rearranged to make future PostgreSQL version upgrades simpler.
3. The UID of the owner of the data volume is changed. The new default UID is 1001, but see the deployment-specific instructions.
4. pg\_upgrade is run to migrate the PG 9.6 database to PG 11.
5. Plain ANALYZE is run on the PG 11 database to initialize query planner statistics.
6. blackduck-postgres-upgrader exits.

## Chapter 4: Installing Black Duck using Helm

A Helm chart describes a Kubernetes set of resources that are required for Helm to deploy Black Duck.

Helm charts are available here: <https://sig-repo.synopsys.com/artifactory/sig-cloudnative>

Click [here](#) for instructions about installing Black Duck using Helm. The Helm chart bootstraps a Black Duck deployment on a Kubernetes cluster using Helm package manager.

### Migrating on Kubernetes with Helm

This migration replaces the use of a CentOS PostgreSQL container with a Synopsys-provided container. Also, the synopsys-init container is replaced with the blackduck-postgres-waiter container.

**Important:** Customers with non-core PostgreSQL extensions are STRONGLY encouraged to uninstall them before migrating and reinstall them after the migration completes successfully; otherwise, the migration is likely to fail.

**Important:** Customers with replication set up will need to follow the instructions in the [pg\\_upgrade documentation](#) BEFORE they migrate. If the preparations described there are not made, the migration will likely succeed, but the replication setup will break.

The migration is performed by a one-time job:

1. Stop Black Duck; e.g.,

```
kubectl scale --replicas=0 -n <your_namespace> deployments --selector app=blackduck
```

2. Run the upgrade job; e.g.,

```
helm upgrade <your_deployment_name> . -n <your_namespace> <your_normal_helm_options> --set status=Stopped --set runPostgresMigration=true
```

3. Restart Black Duck as normal with helm upgrade.

On plain Kubernetes, the container of the upgrade job will run as root unless overridden. However, the only requirement is that the job runs as the same UID as the owner of the PostgreSQL data volume (which is UID=26 by default).