



Red Hat build of Keycloak 26.0 on OpenShift Create

Deployment Document: Keycloak with PostgreSQL on OpenShift

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Cluster Environment: *OpenShift v4.18*

Namespace: *keycloak-sso*

1. Objective

Deploy and configure Keycloak (Red Hat build of Keycloak) with a PostgreSQL database backend in an OpenShift environment using secure TLS communication and Kubernetes secrets for credentials.

2. TLS & Secret Configuration

2.1 TLS Secret Creation

```
Unset
oc create secret tls my-tls-secret \
  --cert=apps.crt \
  --key=apps.key \
  -n keycloak-sso
```

2.2 Database Credentials Secret

```
Unset
oc create secret generic keycloak-db-secret \
  --from-literal=username=keycloak \
  --from-literal=password=keycloak \
  -n keycloak-sso
```

3. PostgreSQL Deployment

Resource File: *postgres.yaml*

StatefulSet + PVC + Service

```
Unset
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: StatefulSet
metadata:
  name: postgresql-db
spec:
  serviceName: postgresql-db-service
  replicas: 1
```

```
selector:
  matchLabels:
    app: postgresql-db
template:
  metadata:
    labels:
      app: postgresql-db
  spec:
    containers:
      - name: postgresql-db
        image: postgres:latest
        ports:
          - containerPort: 5432
            name: postgres
        env:
          - name: POSTGRES_USER
            valueFrom:
              secretKeyRef:
                name: keycloak-db-secret
                key: username
          - name: POSTGRES_PASSWORD
            valueFrom:
              secretKeyRef:
                name: keycloak-db-secret
                key: password
          - name: POSTGRES_DB
            value: keycloak
          - name: PGDATA
            value: /data/pgdata
        volumeMounts:
          - name: postgres-storage
            mountPath: /data
    volumeClaimTemplates:
      - metadata:
          name: postgres-storage
        spec:
          accessModes: [ "ReadWriteOnce" ]
          resources:
            requests:
              storage: 5Gi
---
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
  name: postgresql-db-service
spec:
  selector:
    app: postgresql-db
  type: ClusterIP
  ports:
    - port: 5432
      targetPort: 5432
```

4. Keycloak Deployment

Resource File: `rhbk.yaml`

```
Unset
apiVersion: k8s.keycloak.org/v2alpha1
kind: Keycloak
metadata:
  name: sso-keycloak
  namespace: keycloak-sso
  labels:
    app: sso
spec:
  http:
    tlsSecret: my-tls-secret
  hostname:
    hostname: keycloak.apps.ocp4.ipa.prodevans.com
  db:
    vendor: postgres
    host: postgresql-db-service
    usernameSecret:
      name: keycloak-db-secret
      key: username
    passwordSecret:
      name: keycloak-db-secret
      key: password
  instances: 1
```

5. Routes and Services

Keycloak Services

```
Unset
oc get svc
```

Name	Type	Port(s)	Cluster IP
postgresql-db-service	ClusterIP	5432/TCP	172.30.168.66
sso-keycloak-service	ClusterIP	8443/TCP, 9000/TCP	172.30.142.229
sso-keycloak-discovery	ClusterIP	7800/TCP	None

Ingress Route

```
Unset
oc get route
```

Name	Host	Port	Termination
sso-keycloak-ingress-jqghx keycloak.apps.ocp4.ipa.prodevans.com	https	passthrough/Redirect	

6. Access and Admin Role Setup

Admin CLI Access using `kcadm.sh`

```
Unset
./kcadm.sh add-roles --username admin --rolename admin -r master \
--config /tmp/kcadm.config --insecure
```

Note: TLS verification is skipped in non-production. For production, configure a truststore properly.

Verify Roles

```
Unset
./kcadm.sh get-roles --username admin -r master \
--config /tmp/kcadm.config --insecure
```

Example Output:

```
Unset
[
  {
    "name": "admin",
    "composite": true
  },
  {
    "name": "default-roles-master",
    "composite": true
  }
]
```

7. Resource Status Summary

```
Unset
oc get all -n keycloak-sso
```

Resource	Name	Status
Pod	postgresql-db-0	Running

Pod	sso-keycloak-0	Running
StatefulSet	postgresql-db	1/1
StatefulSet	sso-keycloak	1/1
Deployment	rhbk-operator	1/1
PersistentVolumeClaim	postgres-storage-*	Bound

8. Notes

- PVC is backed by NFS (RWX mode).
- TLS is configured via passthrough route; browser warning may occur without proper certs.
- All passwords and usernames are stored securely via Kubernetes secrets.
- PostgreSQL is deployed as a `StatefulSet` for persistence.

9. Recommendations for Production

- Replace `latest` tag for PostgreSQL image with a fixed, tested version.
- Use a proper CA-signed TLS certificate.
- Enable truststore in `kcadm.sh` usage.
- Configure Keycloak backup and monitoring.
- Implement RBAC and audit logging.

The screenshot displays the Red Hat Keycloak Admin Console interface. The top navigation bar includes the Red Hat logo and the text 'Red Hat build of Keycloak'. The left sidebar contains a menu with options like 'Keycloak Common master', 'Manage', 'Clients', 'Client scopes', 'Realm roles', 'Users', 'Groups', 'Sessions', 'Events', 'Configure', 'Realm settings', 'Authentication', 'Identity providers', and 'User federation'. The main content area shows the 'Admin' user details, with the 'Role mapping' tab selected. The 'Role mapping' tab displays a table with columns for 'Name', 'Inherited', and 'Description'. The table lists two roles: 'admin' (role_admin) and 'default-roles-master' (role_default-roles). The 'admin' role is checked, and the 'default-roles-master' role is unchecked. The 'Inherited' column shows 'False' for both roles. The 'Description' column shows 'role_admin' and 'role_default-roles' respectively. The interface also includes a search bar, a 'Hide inherited roles' checkbox, and buttons for 'Assign role', 'Unassign', and 'Refresh'.