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Abstract

The intent of this solution guide is to detail the steps necessary to deploy OpenShift Data Foundation for disaster recovery with Advanced Cluster Management to achieve a highly available storage infrastructure. Configuring OpenShift Data Foundation Disaster Recovery solution is a Technology Preview feature. Technology Preview features are not supported with Red Hat production service level agreements (SLAs) and might not be functionally complete. Red Hat does not recommend using them in production. These features provide early access to upcoming product features, enabling customers to test functionality and provide feedback during the development process.

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CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION TO OPENSHIFT DATA FOUNDATION DISASTER RECOVERY

Disaster recovery (DR) is the ability to recover and continue business critical applications from natural or human created disasters. It is a component of the overall business continuance strategy of any major organization as designed to preserve the continuity of business operations during major adverse events.

The OpenShift Data Foundation DR capability enables DR across multiple Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform clusters, and is categorized as follows:

Metro-DR

Metro-DR ensures business continuity during the unavailability of a data center with no data loss. In the public cloud these would be similar to protecting from an Availability Zone failure.

Regional-DR

Regional-DR ensures business continuity during the unavailability of a geographical region, accepting some loss of data in a predictable amount. In the public cloud this would be similar to protecting from a region failure.

Zone failure in Metro-DR and region failure in Regional-DR is usually expressed using the terms, Recovery Point Objective (RPO) and Recovery Time Objective (RTO)

- RPO is a measure of how frequently you take backups or snapshots of persistent data. In practice, the RPO indicates the amount of data that will be lost or need to be reentered after an outage.
- RTO is the amount of downtime a business can tolerate. The RTO answers the question, "How long can it take for our system to recover after we are notified of a business disruption?"

The intent of this guide is to detail the Disaster Recovery steps and commands necessary to be able to failover an application from one OpenShift Container Platform cluster to another and then relocate the same application to the original primary cluster.

CHAPTER 2. DISASTER RECOVERY SUBSCRIPTION REQUIREMENT

Disaster Recovery features supported by Red Hat OpenShift Data Foundation require all of the following prerequisites to successfully implement a disaster recovery solution:

- A valid Red Hat OpenShift Data Foundation Advanced entitlement
- A valid Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes subscription

Any Red Hat OpenShift Data Foundation Cluster containing PVs participating in active replication either as a source or destination requires OpenShift Data Foundation Advanced entitlement. This subscription should be active on both source and destination clusters.

To know how subscriptions for OpenShift Data Foundation work, see knowledgebase article on OpenShift Data Foundation subscriptions.

CHAPTER 3. REGIONAL-DR SOLUTION FOR OPENSHIFT DATA FOUNDATION

3.1. COMPONENTS OF REGIONAL-DR SOLUTION

Regional-DR is composed of Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes and OpenShift Data Foundation components to provide application and data mobility across Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform clusters.

Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes

Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management (RHACM)) provides the ability to manage multiple clusters and application lifecycles. Hence, it serves as a control plane in a multi-cluster environment.

RHACM is split into two parts:

- RHACM Hub: includes components that run on the multi-cluster control plane.
- Managed clusters: includes components that run on the clusters that are managed.

For more information about this product, see RHACM documentation and the RHACM "Manage Applications" documentation.

OpenShift Data Foundation

OpenShift Data Foundation provides the ability to provision and manage storage for stateful applications in an OpenShift Container Platform cluster.



WARNING

The existing users of OpenShift Data Foundation 4.10 cannot upgrade to OpenShift Data Foundation 4.11 due to object storage data accessibility issues which are planned to be fixed in a 4.11.z release.

OpenShift Data Foundation is backed by Ceph as the storage provider, whose lifecycle is managed by Rook in the OpenShift Data Foundation component stack. Ceph-CSI provides the provisioning and management of Persistent Volumes for stateful applications.

OpenShift Data Foundation stack is now enhanced with the following abilities for disaster recovery:

- Enable RBD block pools for mirroring across OpenShift Data Foundation instances (clusters)
- Ability to mirror specific images within an RBD block pool
- Provides csi-addons to manage per Persistent Volume Claim (PVC) mirroring

OpenShift DR

OpenShift DR is a set of orchestrators to configure and manage stateful applications across a set of peer OpenShift clusters which are managed using RHACM and provides cloud-native interfaces to orchestrate the life-cycle of an application's state on Persistent Volumes. These include:

- Protecting an application and its state relationship across OpenShift clusters
- Failing over an application and its state to a peer cluster
- Relocate an application and its state to the previously deployed cluster

OpenShift DR is split into three components:

- ODF Multicluster Orchestrator: Installed on the multi-cluster control plane (RHACM Hub), it orchestrates configuration and peering of OpenShift Data Foundation clusters for Metro and Regional DR relationships
- OpenShift DR Hub Operator: Automatically installed as part of ODF Multicluster Orchestrator installation on the hub cluster to orchestrate failover or relocation of DR enabled applications.
- OpenShift DR Cluster Operator: Automatically installed on each managed cluster that is part of a Metro and Regional DR relationship to manage the lifecycle of all PVCs of an application.

3.2. REGIONAL-DR DEPLOYMENT WORKFLOW

This section provides an overview of the steps required to configure and deploy Regional-DR capabilities using latest version of Red Hat OpenShift Data Foundation across two distinct OpenShift Container Platform clusters. In addition to two managed clusters, a third OpenShift Container Platform cluster will be required to deploy the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management (RHACM).

To configure your infrastructure, perform the below steps in the order given:

- 1. Ensure requirements across the three: Hub, Primary and Secondary Openshift Container Platform clusters that are part of the DR solution are met. See Requirements for enabling Regional-DR.
- Install OpenShift Data Foundation operator and create a storage system on Primary and Secondary managed clusters. See Creating OpenShift Data Foundation cluster on managed clusters.
- 3. Install the ODF Multicluster Orchestrator on the Hub cluster. See Installing ODF Multicluster Orchestrator on Hub cluster.
- 4. Configure SSL access between the Hub, Primary and Secondary clusters. See Configuring SSL access across clusters.
- 5. Enable the Web Console. Enabling Multicluster Web Console
- 6. Create a DRPolicy resource for use with applications requiring DR protection across the Primary and Secondary clusters. See Creating Disaster Recovery Policy on Hub cluster.



NOTE

There can be more than a single policy.

For testing your disaster recovery solution:

- Create a sample application using RHACM console. See Creating sample application.
- Test failover and relocate operations using the sample application between managed clusters. See application failover and relocating an application.

3.3. REQUIREMENTS FOR ENABLING REGIONAL-DR

Disaster Recovery features supported by Red Hat OpenShift Data Foundation require all of the following prerequisites in order to successfully implement a Disaster Recovery solution:

- You must have three OpenShift clusters that have network reachability between them:
 - **Hub cluster** where Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes (RHACM operator) is installed.
 - Primary managed cluster where OpenShift Data Foundation is installed.
 - Secondary managed cluster where OpenShift Data Foundation is installed.
- Ensure that RHACM operator and MultiClusterHub is installed on the Hub cluster. See RHACM installation guide for instructions.
 - Login to the RHACM console using your OpenShift credentials.
 - Find the Route that has been created for the RHACM console:

\$ oc get route multicloud-console -n open-cluster-management -o jsonpath -- template="https://{.spec.host}/multicloud/clusters{'\n'}"

Example Output:

- https://multicloud-console.apps.perf3.example.com/multicloud/clusters
- Open your output link in a browser to login with OpenShift credentials. You should now see your local-cluster imported.



IMPORTANT

It is the user's responsibility to ensure that application traffic routing and redirection are configured appropriately. Configuration and updates to the application traffic routes are currently not supported.

- Ensure that you have either imported or created the Primary managed cluster and the Secondary managed cluster using the RHACM console. For instructions, see Creating a cluster and Importing a target managed cluster to the hub cluster.
- The managed clusters must have non-overlapping networks.
 To connect the managed OpenShift cluster and service networks using the Submariner addons, you need to validate that the two clusters have non-overlapping networks by running the following commands for each of the managed clusters.



NOTE

Version 0.12 of Submariner installed using RHACM 2.5 cluster add-ons, does not support the OpenShift OVNKubernetes CNI plugin. See RHACM 2.5 Release Notes.

\$ oc get networks.config.openshift.io cluster -o json | jq .spec

Example output for Primary cluster:

```
{
    "clusterNetwork": [
      {
         "cidr": "10.5.0.0/16",
         "hostPrefix": 23
      }
    ],
    "externalIP": {
         "policy": {}
      "networkType": "OpenShiftSDN",
      "serviceNetwork": [
         "10.15.0.0/16"
    ]
}
```

Example output for Secondary cluster:

```
{
  "clusterNetwork": [
     {
        "cidr": "10.6.0.0/16",
        "hostPrefix": 23
     }
],
  "externalIP": {
        "policy": {}
},
     "networkType": "OpenShiftSDN",
     "serviceNetwork": [
        "10.16.0.0/16"
]
}
```

For more information, see Submariner add-ons documentation.

Ensure that the Managed clusters can connect using Submariner add-ons. After identifying
and ensuring that the cluster and service networks have non-overlapping ranges, install the
Submariner add-ons for each managed cluster using the RHACM console and Cluster sets.
For instructions, see Submariner documentation.

CAUTION

Do not select **Enable Globalnet** because of overlapping cluster and service networks for the managed clusters. Using **Globalnet** is not supported with Regional Disaster Recovery currently. Ensure that cluster and service networks are non-overlapping before proceeding.

3.4. CREATING AN OPENSHIFT DATA FOUNDATION CLUSTER ON MANAGED CLUSTERS

In order to configure storage replication between the two OpenShift Container Platform clusters, create an OpenShift Data Foundation storage system after you install the OpenShift Data Foundation operator.



NOTE

Refer to OpenShift Data Foundation deployment guides and instructions that are specific to your infrastructure (AWS, VMware, BM, Azure, etc.).

Procedure

 Install and configure the latest OpenShift Data Foundation cluster on each of the managed clusters

For information about the OpenShift Data Foundation deployment, refer to your infrastructure specific deployment guides (for example, AWS, VMware, Bare metal, Azure).

2. Validate the successful deployment of OpenShift Data Foundation on each managed cluster with the following command:

\$ oc get storagecluster -n openshift-storage ocs-storagecluster -o jsonpath='{.status.phase} {"\n"}'

For the Multicloud Gateway (MCG):

\$ oc get noobaa -n openshift-storage noobaa -o jsonpath='{.status.phase}{"\n"}'

If the status result is **Ready** for both queries on the **Primary managed cluster** and the **Secondary managed cluster**, then continue with the next step.



NOTE

In the OpenShift Web Console, navigate to Installed Operators → OpenShift Data
Foundation → Storage System → ocs-storagecluster-storagesystem → Resources
and verify that Status of StorageCluster is Ready and has a green tick mark next to it.

3.5. INSTALLING OPENSHIFT DATA FOUNDATION MULTICLUSTER ORCHESTRATOR OPERATOR

OpenShift Data Foundation Multicluster Orchestrator is a controller that is installed from OpenShift Container Platform's OperatorHub on the Hub cluster.

Procedure

- 1. On the **Hub cluster**, navigate to **OperatorHub** and use the keyword filter to search for **ODF Multicluster Orchestrator**.
- 2. Click ODF Multicluster Orchestrator tile.
- Keep all default settings and click Install.
 Ensure that the operator resources are installed in openshift-operators project and available to all namespaces.



The **ODF Multicluster Orchestrator** also installs the **Openshift DR Hub Operator** on the RHACM hub cluster as a dependency.

4. Verify that the operator **Pods** are in a **Running** state. The **OpenShift DR Hub operator** is also installed at the same time in **openShift-operators** namespace.

\$ oc get pods -n openshift-operators

Example output:

NAME	READY L	JP-TO-E	DATE /	AVAILABLE	AGE
odf-multicluster-console-6845b	795b9-blxrr	1/1	Runnir	ng 0	4d20h
odfmo-controller-manager-f9d9	dfb59-jbrsd	l 1/1	Runnii	ng 0	4d20h
ramen-hub-operator-6fb887f88	5-fss4w	2/2	Runnin	g 0	4d20h

3.6. CONFIGURING SSL ACCESS ACROSS CLUSTERS

Configure network (SSL) access between the **primary and secondary clusters** so that metadata can be stored on the alternate cluster in a Multicloud Gateway (MCG) **object bucket** using a secure transport protocol and in the **Hub cluster** for verifying access to the object buckets.



NOTE

If all of your OpenShift clusters are deployed using a signed and valid set of certificates for your environment then this section can be skipped.

Procedure

1. Extract the ingress certificate for the Primary managed cluster and save the output to **primary.crt**.

\$ oc get cm default-ingress-cert -n openshift-config-managed -o jsonpath="{['data']['cabundle\.crt']}" > primary.crt

2. Extract the ingress certificate for the Secondary managed cluster and save the output to **secondary.crt**.

 $\$ oc get cm default-ingress-cert -n openshift-config-managed -o jsonpath="{['data']['cabundle\.crt']}" > secondary.crt

3. Create a new **ConfigMap** file to hold the remote cluster's certificate bundle with filename **cm-clusters-crt.yaml**.



NOTE

There could be more or less than three certificates for each cluster as shown in this example file. Also, ensure that the certificate contents are correctly indented after you copy and paste from the **primary.crt** and **secondary.crt** files that were created before.

```
apiVersion: v1
data:
 ca-bundle.crt: |
  -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
  <copy contents of cert1 from primary.crt here>
  ----END CERTIFICATE----
  -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
  <copy contents of cert2 from primary.crt here>
  ----END CERTIFICATE----
  -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
  <copy contents of cert3 primary.crt here>
  ----END CERTIFICATE----
  -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
  <copy contents of cert1 from secondary.crt here>
  ----END CERTIFICATE-----
  ----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
  <copy contents of cert2 from secondary.crt here>
  ----END CERTIFICATE-----
  ----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
  <copy contents of cert3 from secondary.crt here>
  ----END CERTIFICATE-----
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
 name: user-ca-bundle
 namespace: openshift-config
```

4. Create the **ConfigMap** on the **Primary managed cluster**, **Secondary managed cluster**, and the **Hub cluster**.

\$ oc create -f cm-clusters-crt.yaml

Example output:

configmap/user-ca-bundle created

5. Patch default proxy resource on the **Primary managed cluster**, **Secondary managed cluster**, and the **Hub cluster**.

\$ oc patch proxy cluster --type=merge --patch='{"spec":{"trustedCA":{"name":"user-cabundle"}}}'

Example output:

proxy.config.openshift.io/cluster patched

3.7. ENABLING MULTICLUSTER WEB CONSOLE

This is a new capability that is required before creating a Data Policy or **DRPolicy**. It is only needed on the **Hub cluster** and **RHACM 2.5** must be installed.



IMPORTANT

Multicluster console is a Technology Preview feature only. Technology Preview features are not supported with Red Hat production service level agreements (SLAs) and might not be functionally complete. Red Hat does not recommend using them in production. These features provide early access to upcoming product features, enabling customers to test functionality and provide feedback during the development process.

Procedure

- 1. Navigate to Administration → Cluster Settings → Configuration → FeatureGate.
- 2. Edit the YAML template as follows:

[...] spec:

featureSet: TechPreviewNoUpgrade

- 3. Click **Save** to enable the multicluster console for all clusters in the RHACM console. Wait for the Nodes to become **Ready**.
- 4. Refresh the web console and verify that the managed cluster names are listed below **All Clusters**.



WARNING

Do not set this feature gate on production clusters. You will not be able to upgrade your cluster after applying the feature gate, and it cannot be undone.

3.8. CREATING DISASTER RECOVERY POLICY ON HUB CLUSTER

Openshift Disaster Recovery Policy (DRPolicy) resource specifies OpenShift Container Platform clusters participating in the disaster recovery solution and the desired replication interval. DRPolicy is a cluster scoped resource that users can apply to applications that require Disaster Recovery solution.

The **ODF MultiCluster Orchestrator** Operator facilitates the creation of each **DRPolicy** and the corresponding **DRClusters** through the **Multicluster Web console**.

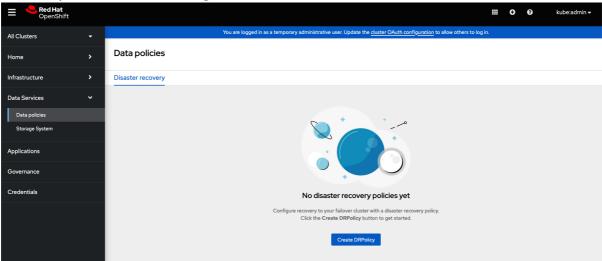
Prerequisites

- Ensure that there is a minimum set of two managed clusters.
- Make sure to login to all the clusters from the **Multicluster Web console**.
 - Click on **All Clusters** to expand the list of managed clusters.

• For each managed cluster listed below **All Clusters**, click on the *<cluster_name>* and then wait for a login screen to appear, where you can login using the credentials of the cluster that you have selected.

Procedure

1. On the OpenShift console, navigate to All Clusters.



- 2. Navigate to Data Services and click Data policies.
- 3. Click Create DRPolicy.
- 4. Enter **Policy name**. Ensure that each DRPolicy has a unique name (for example: **ocp4bos1-ocp4bos2-5m**).
- 5. Select two clusters from the list of managed clusters to which this new policy will be associated with.
- 6. **Replication policy** is automatically set to **Asynchronous**(async) based on the OpenShift clusters selected and a **Sync schedule** option will become available.
- 7. Set Sync schedule.



IMPORTANT

For every desired replication interval a new **DRPolicy** must be created with a unique name (such as: **ocp4bos1-ocp4bos2-10m**). The same clusters can be selected but the **Sync schedule** can be configured with a different replication interval in minutes/hours/days. The minimum is one minute.

- 8. Click Create.
- 9. Verify that the **DRPolicy** is created successfully. Run this command on the **Hub cluster** for each of the DRPolicy resources created.



NOTE

Replace <drpolicy_name> with your unique name.

\$ oc get drpolicy <drpolicy_name> -o jsonpath='{.status.conditions[].reason}{"\n"}'

Example output:

Succeeded



NOTE

When a DRPolicy is created, along with it, two DRCluster resources are also created. It could take up to 10 minutes for all three resources to be validated and for the status to show as **Succeeded**.

- 10. Verify the object bucket access from the **Hub cluster** to both the **Primary managed cluster** and the **Secondary managed cluster**.
 - a. Get the names of the **DRClusters** on the Hub cluster.
 - \$ oc get drclusters

Example output:

NAME AGE ocp4bos1 4m42s ocp4bos2 4m42s

b. Check S3 access to each bucket created on each managed cluster using this **DRCluster** validation command.



NOTE

Replace <drcluster_name> with your unique name.

\$ oc get drcluster <drcluster_name> -o jsonpath='{.status.conditions[2].reason}{"\n"}'

Example output:

Succeeded



NOTE

Make sure to run command for both **DRClusters** on the **Hub cluster**.

11. Verify that the **OpenShift DR Cluster operator** installation was successful on the **Primary** managed cluster and the **Secondary managed cluster**.

\$ oc get csv,pod -n openshift-dr-system

Example output:

NAME DISPLAY VERSION

REPLACES PHASE

clusterserviceversion.operators.coreos.com/odr-cluster-operator.v4.11.0 Openshift DR Cluster Operator 4.11.0 Succeeded

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE pod/ramen-dr-cluster-operator-5564f9d669-f6lbc 2/2 Running 0 5m32s

You can also verify that **OpenShift DR Cluster Operator** is installed successfully on the **OperatorHub** of each managed clusters.

12. Verify that the status of the ODF mirroring **daemon** health on the **Primary managed cluster** and the **Secondary managed cluster**.

\$ oc get cephblockpool ocs-storagecluster-cephblockpool -n openshift-storage -o jsonpath='{.status.mirroringStatus.summary}{"\n"}'

Example output:

{"daemon_health":"OK","health":"OK","image_health":"OK","states":{}}

CAUTION

It could take up to 10 minutes for the **daemon_health** and **health** to go from **Warning** to **OK**. If the status does not become **OK** eventually then use the RHACM console to verify that the Submariner connection between managed clusters is still in a healthy state. Do not proceed until all values are **OK**.

3.9. CREATE SAMPLE APPLICATION FOR TESTING DISASTER RECOVERY SOLUTION

OpenShift Data Foundation disaster recovery (DR) solution supports disaster recovery for applications that are managed by RHACM. See Managing Applications for more details.

This solution orchestrates RHACM application placement, using the PlacementRule, when an application is moved between clusters in a DRPolicy for failover or relocation requirements.

The following sections detail how to apply a **DRPolicy** to an application and how to manage the applications placement life-cycle during and after cluster unavailability.



NOTE

OpenShift Data Foundation DR solution does not support ApplicationSet, which is required for applications that are deployed via ArgoCD.

3.9.1. Creating a sample application

In order to test **failover** from the **Primary managed cluster** to the **Secondary managed cluster** and **relocate**, we need a simple application.

Prerequisites

- When creating an application for general consumption, ensure that:
 - the application is deployed to ONLY one cluster.
 - the application is deployed prior to applying the DRPolicy to the application.

- Use the sample application called **busybox** as an example.
- Ensure all external routes of the application are configured using either Global Traffic Manager (GTM) or Global Server Load Balancing (GLSB) service for traffic redirection when the application fails over or is relocated.

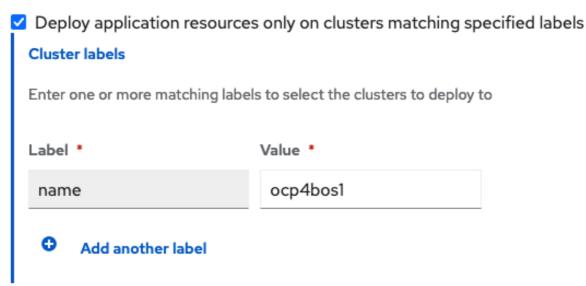
Procedure

1. Log in to the RHACM console using your OpenShift credentials if not already logged in.

\$ oc get route multicloud-console -n open-cluster-management -o jsonpath -- template="https://{.spec.host}/multicloud/applications{'\n'}"

Example Output:

- https://multicloud-console.apps.perf3.example.com/multicloud/applications
- 2. Navigate to Applications and click Create application.
- 3. Select type as **Subscription**.
- 4. Enter your application **Name** (for example, **busybox**) and **Namespace** (for example, **busybox**-sample).
- 5. In the Repository location for resources section, select **Repository type Git**.
- 6. Enter the Git repository URL for the sample application, the github Branch and Path where the resources busybox Pod and PVC will be created.
 Use the sample application repository as https://github.com/red-hat-storage/ocm-ramen-samples/tree/release-4.11 where the Branch is main and Path is busybox-odr.
- 7. Scroll down in the form until you see **Deploy application resources only on clusters matching specified labels** and then add a label with its value set to the **Primary managed cluster** name in **RHACM** cluster list view.



8. Click **Create** which is at the top right hand corner.
On the follow-on screen go to the **Topology** tab. You should see that there are all Green checkmarks on the application topology.



To get more information, click on any of the topology elements and a window will appear on the right of the topology view.

9. Validating the sample application deployment.

Now that the **busybox** application has been deployed to your preferred Cluster, the deployment can be validated.

Login to your managed cluster where **busybox** was deployed by RHACM.

\$ oc get pods,pvc -n busybox-sample

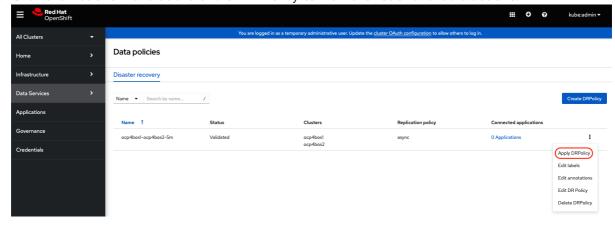
Example output:

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE
pod/busybox 1/1 Running 0 6m

NAME STATUS VOLUME CAPACITY ACCESS
MODES STORAGECLASS AGE
persistentvolumeclaim/busybox-pvc Bound pvc-a56c138a-a1a9-4465-927f-af02afbbff37
5Gi RWO ocs-storagecluster-ceph-rbd 6m

3.9.2. Apply DRPolicy to sample application

- 1. On the Hub cluster go back to the Multicluster Web console, navigate to **All Clusters**.
- 2. Login to all the clusters listed under All Clusters.
- 3. Navigate to **Data Services** and then click **Data policies**.
- 4. Click the Actions menu at the end of DRPolicy to view the list of available actions.



- 5. Click Apply DRPolicy.
- 6. When the **Apply DRPolicy** modal is displayed, select **busybox** application and enter **PVC label** as **appname=busybox**.



When multiple placements rules under the same application or more than one application are selected, all PVCs within the application's namespace will be protected by default.

- 7. Click Apply.
- 8. Verify that a **DRPlacementControl** or **DRPC** was created in the **busybox-sample** namespace on the **Hub cluster** and that it's **CURRENTSTATE** shows as **Deployed**. This resource is used for both failover and relocate actions for this application.

\$ oc get drpc -n busybox-sample

Example output:

NAME AGE PREFERREDCLUSTER FAILOVERCLUSTER
DESIREDSTATE CURRENTSTATE
busybox-placement-1-drpc 6m59s ocp4bos1 Deployed

3.9.3. Deleting sample application

You can delete the sample application **busybox** using the RHACM console.



NOTE

The instructions to delete the sample application should not be executed until the failover and relocate testing is completed and the application is ready to be removed from RHACM and the managed clusters.

Procedure

- 1. On the RHACM console, navigate to **Applications**.
- 2. Search for the sample application to be deleted (for example, **busybox**).
- 3. Click the Action Menu (:) next to the application you want to delete.
- 4. Click Delete application.

When the **Delete application** is selected a new screen will appear asking if the application related resources should also be deleted.

- 5. Select **Remove application related resources** checkbox to delete the Subscription and PlacementRule.
- 6. Click **Delete**. This will delete the busybox application on the Primary managed cluster (or whatever cluster the application was running on).
- 7. In addition to the resources deleted using the RHACM console, the **DRPlacementControl** must also be deleted after deleting the **busybox** application.
 - a. Login to the OpenShift Web console for the Hub cluster and navigate to Installed Operators for the project **busybox-sample**.
 - b. Click OpenShift DR Hub Operator and then click DRPlacementControl tab.

- c. Click the Action Menu (:) next to the **busybox** application DRPlacementControl that you want to delete.
- d. Click Delete DRPlacementControl.
- e. Click Delete.



This process can be used to delete any application with a **DRPlacementControl** resource.

3.10. APPLICATION FAILOVER BETWEEN MANAGED CLUSTERS

A failover is performed when a managed cluster becomes unavailable, due to any reason.

This section provides instructions on how to failover the busybox sample application. The failover method is application based. Each application that is to be protected in this manner must have a corresponding **DRPlacementControl** resource in the application namespace.

3.10.1. Modify DRPlacementControl to failover

Prerequisite

• Before initiating a failover, verify that the PEER READY of **DRPlacementControl** or **DRPC** in the **busybox-sample** namespace on the **Hub cluster** is **True**.

\$ oc get drpc -n busybox-sample -o wide

Example output:

NAME AGE PREFERREDCLUSTER FAILOVERCLUSTER
DESIREDSTATE CURRENTSTATE PROGRESSION START TIME DURATION
PEER READY
busybox-placement-1-drpc 6m59s ocp4bos1 Deployed
Completed <timestamp> <duration> True



NOTE

If PEER READY is not true, see disaster recovery related known issues as documented in Release Notes for possible workarounds.

Procedure

- 1. On the Hub cluster, navigate to **Installed Operators** and then click **Openshift DR Hub Operator**.
- 2. Click **DRPlacementControl** tab.

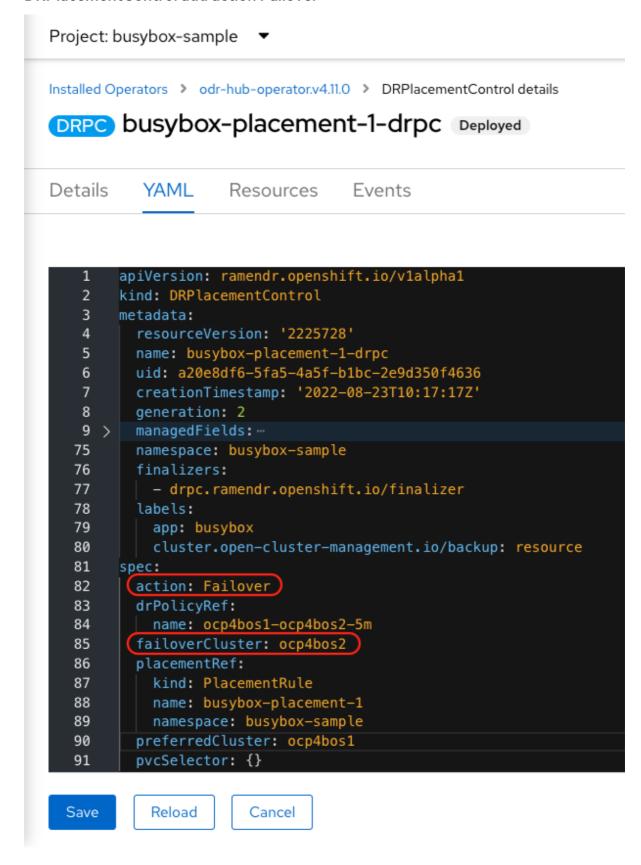


NOTE

Make sure to be in the busybox-sample namespace.

- 3. Click DRPC busybox-placement-1-drpc and then the YAML view.
- 4. Add the **action** and **failoverCluster** details as shown in the screenshot below.

DRPlacementControl add action Failover



The failoverCluster should be the RHACM cluster name for the Secondary managed cluster.

5. Click Save.

6. Verify that the CURRENTSTATE of **DRPlacementControl** or **DRPC** in the **busybox-sample** namespace on the **Hub cluster** is **FailedOver**.

\$ oc get drpc -n busybox-sample

Example output:

NAME AGE PREFERREDCLUSTER FAILOVERCLUSTER DESIREDSTATE CURRENTSTATE busybox-placement-1-drpc 6m59s ocp4bos1 ocp4bos2 Failover FailedOver

7. Verify that for the failover cluster **ocp4bos2** as specified in the YAML file, the application **busybox** is now running in the **Secondary managed cluster**.

\$ oc get pods,pvc -n busybox-sample

Example output:

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE pod/busybox 1/1 Running 0 35s

NAME STATUS VOLUME CAPACITY ACCESS MODES STORAGECLASS AGE persistentvolumeclaim/busybox-pvc Bound pvc-79f2a74d-6e2c-48fb-9ed9-666b74cfa1bb 5Gi RWO ocs-storagecluster-ceph-rbd 35s

8. Verify if **busybox** is running in the **Primary managed cluster**. The **busybox** application should no longer be running on this managed cluster.

\$ oc get pods,pvc -n busybox-sample

Example output:

No resources found in busybox-sample namespace.

9. Verify if the DNS routes for the application are configured correctly. If the external routes are not configured, you can use either Global Traffic Manager (GTM) or Global Server Load Balancing (GLSB) service to reconfigure the routes.



IMPORTANT

Be aware of known DR issues as documented in Known Issues section of Release Notes.

3.11. RELOCATING AN APPLICATION BETWEEN MANAGED CLUSTERS

A relocation operation is very similar to failover. Relocate is application based and uses the **DRPlacementControl** to trigger the relocation.

Relocation is performed once the failed cluster is available and the application resources are cleaned up on the failed cluster.

In this case the action is **Relocate** back to the **preferredCluster**.

3.11.1. Modify DRPlacementControl to Relocate

Prerequisite

• Before initiating a relocate, verify that the PEER READY of **DRPlacementControl** or **DRPC** in the **busybox-sample** namespace on the **Hub cluster** is **True**.

\$ oc get drpc -n busybox-sample -o wide

Example output:

NAME AGE PREFERREDCLUSTER FAILOVERCLUSTER
DESIREDSTATE CURRENTSTATE PROGRESSION START TIME DURATION
PEER READY
busybox-placement-1-drpc 6m59s ocp4bos1 ocp4bos2 Failover
FailedOver Completed <timestamp> <duration> True



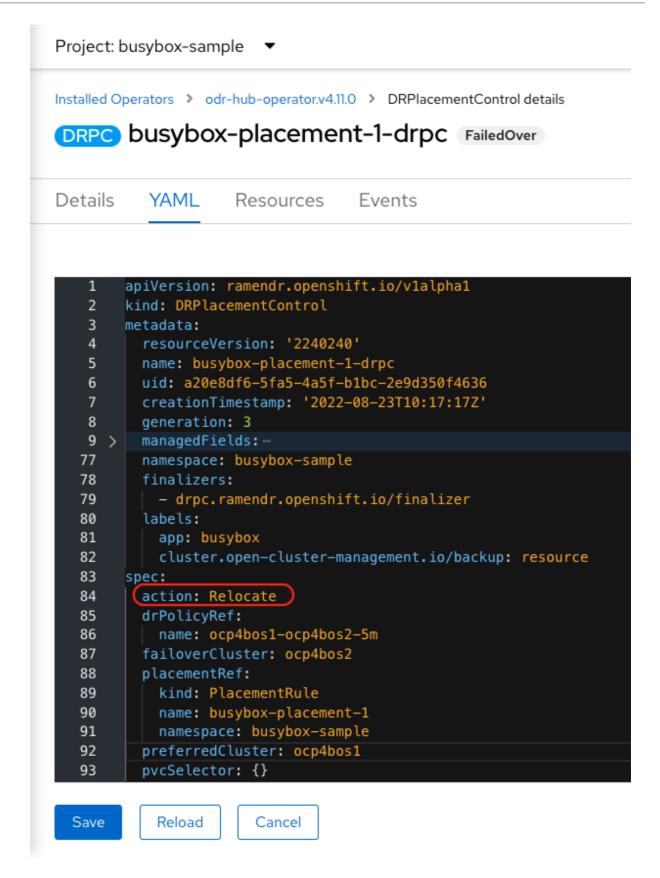
NOTE

If PEER READY is not true, see disaster recovery related known issues as documented in Release Notes for possible workarounds.

Procedure

- 1. On the Hub cluster, navigate to **Installed Operators** and then click **Openshift DR Hub Operator**.
- 2. Click DRPlacementControl tab.
- 3. Click DRPC busybox-placement-1-drpc and then the YAML view.
- 4. Modify action to Relocate.

DRPlacementControl modify action to Relocate



- 5. Click Save.
- 6. Verify that the CURRENTSTATE of **DRPlacementControl** or **DRPC** in the **busybox-sample** namespace on the **Hub cluster** is **Relocated**.
 - \$ oc get drpc -n busybox-sample

Example output:

NAME AGE PREFERREDCLUSTER FAILOVERCLUSTER
DESIREDSTATE CURRENTSTATE
busybox-placement-1-drpc 6m59s ocp4bos1 ocp4bos2 Relocate
Relocated

7. Verify if the application **busybox** is now running in the **Primary managed cluster**. The relocate is to the **preferredCluster ocp4bos1** as specified in the YAML file, which is where the application was running before the failover operation.

\$ oc get pods,pvc -n busybox-sample

Example output:

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE pod/busybox 1/1 Running 0 60s

NAME STATUS VOLUME CAPACITY ACCESS MODES STORAGECLASS AGE persistentvolumeclaim/busybox-pvc Bound pvc-79f2a74d-6e2c-48fb-9ed9-666b74cfa1bb 5Gi RWO ocs-storagecluster-ceph-rbd 61s

8. Verify if **busybox** is running in the **Secondary managed cluster**. The **busybox** application should no longer be running on this managed cluster.

\$ oc get pods,pvc -n busybox-sample

Example output:

No resources found in busybox-sample namespace.

9. Verify if the DNS routes for the application are configured correctly. If the external routes are not configured, you can use either Global Traffic Manager (GTM) or Global Server Load Balancing (GLSB) service to reconfigure the routes.



IMPORTANT

Be aware of known DR issues as documented in Known Issues section of Release Notes.

CHAPTER 4. METRO-DR SOLUTION FOR OPENSHIFT DATA FOUNDATION

4.1. COMPONENTS OF METRO-DR SOLUTION

Metro-DR is composed of Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes, Red Hat Ceph Storage and OpenShift Data Foundation components to provide application and data mobility across OpenShift Container Platform clusters.

Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes

Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management (RHACM) provides the ability to manage multiple clusters and application lifecycles. Hence, it serves as a control plane in a multi-cluster environment.

RHACM is split into two parts:

- RHACM Hub: components that run on the multi-cluster control plane
- Managed clusters: components that run on the clusters that are managed

For more information about this product, see RHACM documentation and the RHACM "Manage Applications" documentation.

Red Hat Ceph Storage

Red Hat Ceph Storage is a massively scalable, open, software-defined storage platform that combines the most stable version of the Ceph storage system with a Ceph management platform, deployment utilities, and support services. It significantly lowers the cost of storing enterprise data and helps organizations manage exponential data growth. The software is a robust and modern petabyte-scale storage platform for public or private cloud deployments.

For more product information, see Red Hat Ceph Storage.

OpenShift Data Foundation

OpenShift Data Foundation provides the ability to provision and manage storage for stateful applications in an OpenShift Container Platform cluster. It is backed by Ceph as the storage provider, whose lifecycle is managed by Rook in the OpenShift Data Foundation component stack and Ceph-CSI provides the provisioning and management of Persistent Volumes for stateful applications.



WARNING

The existing users of OpenShift Data Foundation 4.10 cannot upgrade to OpenShift Data Foundation 4.11 due to object storage data accessibility issues which are planned to be fixed in a 4.11.z release.

OpenShift DR

OpenShift DR is a disaster recovery orchestrator for stateful applications across a set of peer OpenShift clusters which are deployed and managed using RHACM and provides cloud-native interfaces to orchestrate the life-cycle of an application's state on Persistent Volumes. These include:

- Protecting an application and its state relationship across OpenShift clusters
- Failing over an application and its state to a peer cluster
- Relocate an application and its state to the previously deployed cluster

OpenShift DR is split into three components:

- ODF Multicluster Orchestrator: Installed on the multi-cluster control plane (RHACM Hub), it orchestrates configuration and peering of OpenShift Data Foundation clusters for Metro and Regional DR relationships.
- OpenShift DR Hub Operator: Automatically installed as part of ODF Multicluster Orchestrator installation on the hub cluster to orchestrate failover or relocation of DR enabled applications.
- OpenShift DR Cluster Operator: Automatically installed on each managed cluster that is part of a Metro and Regional DR relationship to manage the lifecycle of all PVCs of an application.

4.2. METRO-DR DEPLOYMENT WORKFLOW

This section provides an overview of the steps required to configure and deploy Metro-DR capabilities using latest version of Red Hat OpenShift Data Foundation, Red Hat Ceph Storage (RHCS) and Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management (RHACM) across two distinct OpenShift Container Platform clusters. In addition to two managed clusters, a third OpenShift Container Platform cluster will be required to deploy the Advanced Cluster Management.

To configure your infrastructure, perform the below steps in the order given:

- Ensure requirements across the three: Hub, Primary and Secondary Openshift Container Platform clusters that are part of the DR solution are met. See Requirements for enabling Metro-DR.
- 2. Ensure you meet the requirements for deploying Red Hat Ceph Storage stretch cluster with arbiter. See Requirements for deploying Red Hat Ceph Storage.
- 3. Deploy and configure Red Hat Ceph Storage stretch mode. For instructions on enabling Ceph cluster on two different data centers using stretched mode functionality, see Deploying Red Hat Ceph Storage.
- 4. Install OpenShift Data Foundation operator and create a storage system on Primary and Secondary managed clusters. See Creating OpenShift Data Foundation cluster on managed clusters.
- 5. Install the ODF Multicluster Orchestrator on the Hub cluster. See Installing ODF Multicluster Orchestrator on Hub cluster.
- 6. Configure SSL access between the Hub, Primary and Secondary clusters. See Configuring SSL access across clusters.
- 7. Enable the Web Console. Enabling Multicluster Web Console
- 8. Create a DRPolicy resource for use with applications requiring DR protection across the Primary and Secondary clusters. See Creating Disaster Recovery Policy on Hub cluster.



There can be more than a single policy.

For testing your disaster recovery solution:

- Create a sample application using RHACM console. See Creating sample application.
- Test failover and relocate operations using the sample application between managed clusters. See application failover and relocating an application.

4.3. REQUIREMENTS FOR ENABLING METRO-DR

Disaster Recovery features supported by Red Hat OpenShift Data Foundation require all of the following prerequisites in order to successfully implement a Disaster Recovery solution:

- You must have three OpenShift clusters that have network reachability between them:
 - **Hub cluster** where Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes (RHACM operator) is installed.
 - **Primary managed cluster** where OpenShift Data Foundation is installed.
 - Secondary managed cluster where OpenShift Data Foundation is installed.
- Ensure that RHACM operator and MultiClusterHub is installed on the Hub cluster. See RHACM installation guide for instructions.
 - Login to the RHACM console using your OpenShift credentials.
 - Find the Route that has been created for the RHACM console:

\$ oc get route multicloud-console -n open-cluster-management -o jsonpath -- template="https://{.spec.host}/multicloud/clusters{'\n'}"

Example Output:

- https://multicloud-console.apps.perf3.example.com/multicloud/clusters
- Open your output link in a browser to login with OpenShift credentials. You should now see your local-cluster imported.



IMPORTANT

It is the user's responsibility to ensure that application traffic routing and redirection are configured appropriately. Configuration and updates to the application traffic routes are currently not supported.

• Ensure that you either import or create the **Primary managed cluster** and the **Secondary managed cluster** using the RHACM console. Choose the appropriate options for your environment. After the managed clusters are successfully created or imported, you can see the list of clusters that were imported or created on the console. For instructions, see Creating a cluster and Importing a target managed cluster to the hub cluster.



WARNING

There are distance limitations between the locations where the OpenShift Container Platform managed clusters reside as well as the RHCS nodes. The network latency between the sites must be below 10 milliseconds round-trip time (RTT).

4.4. REQUIREMENTS FOR DEPLOYING RED HAT CEPH STORAGE STRETCH CLUSTER WITH ARBITER

Red Hat Ceph Storage is an open-source enterprise platform that provides unified software-defined storage on standard, economical servers and disks. With block, object, and file storage combined into one platform, Red Hat Ceph Storage efficiently and automatically manages all your data, so you can focus on the applications and workloads that use it.

This section provides a basic overview of the Red Hat Ceph Storage deployment. For more complex deployment, refer to the official documentation guide for Red Hat Ceph Storage 5.



NOTE

Only Flash media is supported since it runs with **min_size=1** when degraded. Use stretch mode only with all-flash OSDs. Using all-flash OSDs minimizes the time needed to recover once connectivity is restored, thus minimizing the potential for data loss.



IMPORTANT

Erasure coded pools cannot be used with stretch mode.

4.4.1. Hardware requirements

For information on minimum hardware requirements for deploying Red Hat Ceph Storage, see Minimum hardware recommendations for containerized Ceph.

Table 4.1. Physical server locations and Ceph component layout for Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster deployment:

Node name	Datacenter	Ceph components
ceph1	DC1	OSD+MON+MGR
ceph2	DC1	OSD+MON
ceph3	DC1	OSD+MDS+RGW
ceph4	DC2	OSD+MON+MGR
ceph5	DC2	OSD+MON

Node name	Datacenter	Ceph components
ceph6	DC2	OSD+MDS+RGW
ceph7	DC3	MON

4.4.2. Software requirements

Use the latest software version of Red Hat Ceph Storage 5

For more information on the supported Operating System versions for Red Hat Ceph Storage, see knowledgebase article on Red Hat Ceph Storage: Supported configurations .

4.4.3. Network configuration requirements

The recommended Red Hat Ceph Storage configuration is as follows:

- You must have two separate networks, one public network and one private network.
- You must have three different datacenters that support VLANS and subnets for Cephs private and public network for all datacenters.



NOTE

You can use different subnets for each of the datacenters.

• The latencies between the two datacenters running the Red Hat Ceph Storage Object Storage Devices (OSDs) cannot exceed 10 ms RTT. For the **arbiter** datacenter, this was tested with values as high up to 100 ms RTT to the other two OSD datacenters.

Here is an example of a basic network configuration that we have used in this guide:

- DC1: Ceph public/private network: 10.0.40.0/24
- DC2: Ceph public/private network: 10.0.40.0/24
- DC3: Ceph public/private network: 10.0.40.0/24

For more information on the required network environment, see Ceph network configuration.

4.5. DEPLOYING RED HAT CEPH STORAGE

4.5.1. Node pre-deployment steps

Before installing the Red Hat Ceph Storage Ceph cluster, perform the following steps to fulfill all the requirements needed.

1. Register all the nodes to the Red Hat Network or Red Hat Satellite and subscribe to a valid pool:

subscription-manager register subscription-manager subscribe --pool=8a8XXXXXX9e0

- 2. Enable access for all the nodes in the Ceph cluster for the following repositories:
 - rhel-8-for-x86_64-baseos-rpms
 - rhel-8-for-x86_64-appstream-rpms

subscription-manager repos --disable="*" --enable="rhel-8-for-x86_64-baseos-rpms" --enable="rhel-8-for-x86_64-appstream-rpms"

3. Update the operating system RPMs to the latest version and reboot if needed:

dnf update -y reboot

4. Select a node from the cluster to be your bootstrap node. **ceph1** is our bootstrap node in this example going forward.

Only on the bootstrap node **ceph1**, enable the **ansible-2.9-for-rhel-8-x86_64-rpms** and **rhceph-5-tools-for-rhel-8-x86_64-rpms** repositories:

subscription-manager repos --enable="ansible-2.9-for-rhel-8-x86_64-rpms" --enable="rhceph-5-tools-for-rhel-8-x86_64-rpms"

- 5. Configure the **hostname** using the bare/short hostname in all the hosts.
 - hostnamectl set-hostname <short_name>
- 6. Verify the hostname configuration for deploying Red Hat Ceph Storage with cephadm.
 - \$ hostname

Example output:

ceph1

7. Modify /etc/hosts file and add the fqdn entry to the 127.0.0.1 IP by setting the DOMAIN variable with our DNS domain name.

DOMAIN="example.domain.com"

cat <<EOF >/etc/hosts

127.0.0.1 \$(hostname).\${DOMAIN} \$(hostname) localhost localhost.localdomain localhost4 localdomain4

::1 \$(hostname).\${DOMAIN} \$(hostname) localhost6 localhost6.localdomain6 EOF

8. Check the long hostname with the **fqdn** using the **hostname -f** option.

\$ hostname -f

Example output:

ceph1.example.domain.com

Note: To know more about why these changes are required, see Fully Qualified Domain Names vs Bare Host Names.

- 9. Run the following steps on bootstrap node. In our example, the bootstrap node is **ceph1**.
 - a. Install the **cephadm-ansible** RPM package:

\$ sudo dnf install -y cephadm-ansible



IMPORTANT

To run the ansible playbooks, you must have **ssh** passwordless access to all the nodes that are configured to the Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster. Ensure that the configured user (for example, **deployment-user**) has root privileges to invoke the **sudo** command without needing a password.

b. To use a custom key, configure the selected user (for example, **deployment-user**) ssh config file to specify the id/key that will be used for connecting to the nodes via ssh:

```
cat <<EOF > ~/.ssh/config
Host ceph*
User deployment-user
IdentityFile ~/.ssh/ceph.pem
EOF
```

c. Build the ansible inventory

```
cat <<EOF > /usr/share/cephadm-ansible/inventory
ceph1
ceph2
ceph3
ceph4
ceph5
ceph6
ceph7
[admin]
ceph1
EOF
```



NOTE

Hosts configured as part of the [admin] group on the inventory file will be tagged as **_admin** by **cephadm**, so they receive the admin ceph keyring during the bootstrap process.

d. Verify that **ansible** can access all nodes using ping module before running the pre-flight playbook.

 $\$ ansible -i /usr/share/cephadm-ansible/inventory -m ping all -b

Example output:

ceph6 | SUCCESS => {

```
"ansible_facts": {
     "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/libexec/platform-python"
  "changed": false,
  "ping": "pong"
ceph4 | SUCCESS => {
  "ansible_facts": {
     "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/libexec/platform-python"
  "changed": false,
  "ping": "pong"
ceph3 | SUCCESS => {
  "ansible_facts": {
     "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/libexec/platform-python"
  "changed": false,
  "ping": "pong"
ceph2 | SUCCESS => {
  "ansible_facts": {
     "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/libexec/platform-python"
  "changed": false,
  "ping": "pong"
ceph5 | SUCCESS => {
  "ansible facts": {
     "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/libexec/platform-python"
  "changed": false,
  "ping": "pong"
ceph1 | SUCCESS => {
  "ansible_facts": {
     "discovered interpreter python": "/usr/libexec/platform-python"
  },
  "changed": false,
  "ping": "pong"
ceph7 | SUCCESS => {
  "ansible_facts": {
     "discovered_interpreter_python": "/usr/libexec/platform-python"
  "changed": false,
  "ping": "pong"
```

e. Run the following ansible playbook.

\$ ansible-playbook -i /usr/share/cephadm-ansible/inventory /usr/share/cephadm-ansible/cephadm-preflight.yml --extra-vars "ceph_origin=rhcs"

The preflight playbook Ansible playbook configures the RHCS **dnf** repository and prepares the storage cluster for bootstrapping. It also installs podman, lvm2, chronyd, and cephadm.

The default location for **cephadm-ansible** and **cephadm-preflight.yml** is /usr/share/cephadm-ansible.

4.5.2. Cluster bootstrapping and service deployment with Cephadm

The cephadm utility installs and starts a single Ceph Monitor daemon and a Ceph Manager daemon for a new Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster on the local node where the cephadm bootstrap command is run.

In this guide we are going to bootstrap the cluster and deploy all the needed Red Hat Ceph Storage services in one step using a cluster specification yaml file.

If you find issues during the deployment, it may be easier to troubleshoot the errors by dividing the deployment into two steps:

- 1. Bootstrap
- 2. Service deployment



NOTE

For additional information on the bootstrapping process, see Bootstrapping a new storage cluster.

Procedure

1. Create json file to authenticate against the container registry using a json file as follows:

```
$ cat <<EOF > /root/registry.json
{
  "url":"registry.redhat.io",
  "username":"User",
  "password":"Pass"
}
EOF
```

2. Create a **cluster-spec.yaml** that adds the nodes to the Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster and also sets specific labels for where the services should run following table 3.1.

```
cat <<EOF > /root/cluster-spec.yaml
service_type: host
addr: 10.0.40.78 ## <XXX.XXX.XXX.XXX>
hostname: ceph1 ## <ceph-hostname-1>
location:
 root: default
 datacenter: DC1
labels:
 - osd
 - mon
 - mgr
service_type: host
addr: 10.0.40.35
hostname: ceph2
location:
 datacenter: DC1
```

```
labels:
 - osd
 - mon
service_type: host
addr: 10.0.40.24
hostname: ceph3
location:
 datacenter: DC1
labels:
 - osd
 - mds
 - rgw
service_type: host
addr: 10.0.40.185
hostname: ceph4
location:
 root: default
 datacenter: DC2
labels:
 - osd
 - mon
- mgr
service_type: host
addr: 10.0.40.88
hostname: ceph5
location:
 datacenter: DC2
labels:
 - osd
 - mon
service_type: host
addr: 10.0.40.66
hostname: ceph6
location:
 datacenter: DC2
labels:
 - osd
 - mds
 - rgw
service_type: host
addr: 10.0.40.221
hostname: ceph7
labels:
- mon
service_type: mon
placement:
 label: "mon"
service_type: mds
service_id: cephfs
```

```
placement:
 label: "mds"
service_type: mgr
service_name: mgr
placement:
 label: "mgr"
service_type: osd
service id: all-available-devices
service_name: osd.all-available-devices
placement:
 label: "osd"
spec:
 data_devices:
  all: true
service_type: rgw
service_id: objectgw
service name: rgw.objectgw
placement:
 count: 2
 label: "rgw"
spec:
 rgw_frontend_port: 8080
EOF
```

3. Retrieve the IP for the NIC with the Red Hat Ceph Storage public network configured from the bootstrap node. After substituting **10.0.40.0** with the subnet that you have defined in your ceph public network, execute the following command.

\$ ip a | grep 10.0.40

Example output:

10.0.40.78

4. Run the **Cephadm** bootstrap command as the **root** user on the node that will be the initial Monitor node in the cluster. The **IP_ADDRESS** option is the node's IP address that you are using to run the **cephadm bootstrap** command.



NOTE

If you have configured a different user instead of **root** for passwordless SSH access, then use the **--ssh-user=** flag with the **cepadm bootstrap** command.

If you are using non default/id_rsa ssh key names, then use **--ssh-private-key** and **--ssh-public-key** options with **cephadm** command.

\$ cephadm bootstrap --ssh-user=deployment-user --mon-ip 10.0.40.78 --apply-spec /root/cluster-spec.yaml --registry-json /root/registry.json



IMPORTANT

If the local node uses fully-qualified domain names (FQDN), then add the **-- allow-fqdn-hostname** option to **cephadm bootstrap** on the command line.

Once the bootstrap finishes, you will see the following output from the previous cephadm bootstrap command:

You can access the Ceph CLI with:

sudo /usr/sbin/cephadm shell --fsid dd77f050-9afe-11ec-a56c-029f8148ea14 -c /etc/ceph/ceph.conf -k /etc/ceph/ceph.client.admin.keyring

Please consider enabling telemetry to help improve Ceph:

ceph telemetry on

For more information see:

https://docs.ceph.com/docs/pacific/mgr/telemetry/

5. Verify the status of Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster deployment using the Ceph CLI client from ceph1:

\$ ceph -s

Example output:

cluster:

id: 3a801754-e01f-11ec-b7ab-005056838602

health: HEALTH_OK

services:

mon: 5 daemons, quorum ceph1,ceph2,ceph4,ceph5,ceph7 (age 4m)

mgr: ceph1.khuuot(active, since 5m), standbys: ceph4.zotfsp

osd: 12 osds: 12 up (since 3m), 12 in (since 4m)

rgw: 2 daemons active (2 hosts, 1 zones)

data:

pools: 5 pools, 107 pgs objects: 191 objects, 5.3 KiB

usage: 105 MiB used, 600 GiB / 600 GiB avail

105 active+clean



NOTE

It may take several minutes for all the services to start.

It is normal to get a global recovery event while you don't have any osds configured.

You can use **ceph orch ps** and **ceph orch Is** to further check the status of the services.

6. Verify if all the nodes are part of the **cephadm** cluster.

\$ ceph orch host Is

Example output:

```
HOST ADDR LABELS STATUS
ceph1 10.0.40.78 _admin osd mon mgr
ceph2 10.0.40.35 osd mon
ceph3 10.0.40.24 osd mds rgw
ceph4 10.0.40.185 osd mon mgr
ceph5 10.0.40.88 osd mon
ceph6 10.0.40.66 osd mds rgw
ceph7 10.0.40.221 mon
```



NOTE

You can run Ceph commands directly from the host because **ceph1** was configured in the **cephadm-ansible** inventory as part of the [admin] group. The Ceph admin keys were copied to the host during the **cephadm bootstrap** process.

7. Check the current placement of the Ceph monitor services on the datacenters.

\$ ceph orch ps | grep mon | awk '{print \$1 " " \$2}'

Example output:

mon.ceph1 ceph1 mon.ceph2 ceph2 mon.ceph4 ceph4 mon.ceph5 ceph5 mon.ceph7 ceph7

8. Check the current placement of the Ceph manager services on the datacenters.

\$ ceph orch ps | grep mgr | awk '{print \$1 " " \$2}'

Example output:

mgr.ceph2.ycgwyz ceph2 mgr.ceph5.kremtt ceph5

9. Check the ceph osd crush map layout to ensure that each host has one OSD configured and its status is **UP**. Also, double-check that each node is under the right datacenter bucket as specified in table 3.1

\$ ceph osd tree

Example output:

ID CLASS WEIGHT TYPE NAME

STATUS REWEIGHT PRI-AFF

```
0.87900 root default
-1
-16
       0.43950
                  datacenter DC1
-11
       0.14650
                    host ceph1
                                up 1.00000 1.00000
 2
    ssd 0.14650
                       osd.2
-3
       0.14650
                    host ceph2
    ssd 0.14650
                       osd.3
                                up 1.00000 1.00000
 3
-13
       0.14650
                    host ceph3
    ssd 0.14650
                       osd.4
                                up 1.00000 1.00000
 4
-17
       0.43950
                  datacenter DC2
-5
       0.14650
                    host ceph4
    ssd 0.14650
                                up 1.00000 1.00000
                       osd.0
       0.14650
                    host ceph5
 1
    ssd 0.14650
                       osd.1
                                up 1.00000 1.00000
                    host ceph6
-7
       0.14650
                       osd.5
    ssd 0.14650
                                up 1.00000 1.00000
```

10. Create and enable a new RDB block pool.

\$ ceph osd pool create rbdpool 32 32 \$ ceph osd pool application enable rbdpool rbd



NOTE

The number 32 at the end of the command is the number of PGs assigned to this pool. The number of PGs can vary depending on several factors like the number of OSDs in the cluster, expected % used of the pool, etc. You can use the following calculator to determine the number of PGs needed: Ceph Placement Groups (PGs) per Pool Calculator.

- 11. Verify that the RBD pool has been created.
 - \$ ceph osd Ispools | grep rbdpool

Example output:

- 3 rbdpool
- 12. Verify that MDS services are active and has located one service on each datacenter.
 - \$ ceph orch ps | grep mds

Example output:

```
mds.cephfs.ceph3.cjpbqo ceph3 running (17m) 117s ago 17m 16.1M - 16.2.9 mds.cephfs.ceph6.lqmgqt ceph6 running (17m) 117s ago 17m 16.1M - 16.2.9
```

13. Create the CephFS volume.

\$ ceph fs volume create cephfs



NOTE

The **ceph fs volume create** command also creates the needed data and meta CephFS pools. For more information, see Configuring and Mounting Ceph File Systems.

14. Check the **Ceph** status to verify how the MDS daemons have been deployed. Ensure that the state is active where **ceph6** is the primary MDS for this filesystem and **ceph3** is the secondary MDS.

\$ ceph fs status

Example output:

```
cephfs - 0 clients
RANK STATE
                 MDS
                            ACTIVITY
                                      DNS INOS DIRS CAPS
0 active cephfs.ceph6.ggjywj Reqs: 0/s 10
                                         13
                                              12
                                                    0
   POOL
             TYPE
                    USED AVAIL
cephfs.cephfs.meta metadata 96.0k 284G
cephfs.cephfs.data data
                        0 284G
 STANDBY MDS
cephfs.ceph3.ogcqkl
```

15. Verify that RGW services are active.

\$ ceph orch ps | grep rgw

Example output:

```
rgw.objectgw.ceph3.kkmxgb ceph3 *:8080 running (7m) 3m ago 7m 52.7M - 16.2.9 rgw.objectgw.ceph6.xmnpah ceph6 *:8080 running (7m) 3m ago 7m 53.3M - 16.2.9
```

4.5.3. Configuring Red Hat Ceph Storage stretch mode

Once the Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster is fully deployed using **cephadm**, use the following procedure to configure the stretch cluster mode. The new stretch mode is designed to handle the 2-site case.

Procedure

1. Check the current election strategy being used by the monitors with the ceph mon dump command. By default in a ceph cluster, the connectivity is set to classic.

ceph mon dump | grep election_strategy

Example output:

dumped monmap epoch 9 election_strategy: 1

2. Change the monitor election to connectivity.

ceph mon set election_strategy connectivity

3. Run the previous ceph mon dump command again to verify the election_strategy value.

\$ ceph mon dump | grep election_strategy

Example output:

dumped monmap epoch 10 election_strategy: 3

To know more about the different election strategies, see Configuring monitor election strategy.

4. Set the location for all our Ceph monitors:

```
ceph mon set_location ceph1 datacenter=DC1 ceph mon set_location ceph2 datacenter=DC1 ceph mon set_location ceph4 datacenter=DC2 ceph mon set_location ceph5 datacenter=DC2 ceph mon set_location ceph7 datacenter=DC3
```

5. Verify that each monitor has its appropriate location.

\$ ceph mon dump

Example output:

```
epoch 17
fsid dd77f050-9afe-11ec-a56c-029f8148ea14
last_changed 2022-03-04T07:17:26.913330+0000
created 2022-03-03T14:33:22.957190+0000
min_mon_release 16 (pacific)
election strategy: 3
0: [v2:10.0.143.78:3300/0,v1:10.0.143.78:6789/0] mon.ceph1; crush location
{datacenter=DC1}
1: [v2:10.0.155.185:3300/0,v1:10.0.155.185:6789/0] mon.ceph4; crush_location
{datacenter=DC2}
2: [v2:10.0.139.88:3300/0,v1:10.0.139.88:6789/0] mon.ceph5; crush_location
{datacenter=DC2}
3: [v2:10.0.150.221:3300/0,v1:10.0.150.221:6789/0] mon.ceph7; crush_location
{datacenter=DC3}
4: [v2:10.0.155.35:3300/0,v1:10.0.155.35:6789/0] mon.ceph2; crush_location
{datacenter=DC1}
```

6. Create a CRUSH rule that makes use of this OSD crush topology by installing the **ceph-base** RPM package in order to use the **crushtool** command:

\$ dnf -y install ceph-base

To know more about CRUSH ruleset, see Ceph CRUSH ruleset.

7. Get the compiled CRUSH map from the cluster:

\$ ceph osd getcrushmap > /etc/ceph/crushmap.bin

8. Decompile the CRUSH map and convert it to a text file in order to be able to edit it:

\$ crushtool -d /etc/ceph/crushmap.bin -o /etc/ceph/crushmap.txt

9. Add the following rule to the CRUSH map at the end of the file /etc/ceph/crushmap.txt.

\$ vim /etc/ceph/crushmap.txt

```
rule stretch_rule {
    id 1
        type replicated
        min_size 1
        max_size 10
        step take DC1
        step chooseleaf firstn 2 type host
        step take DC2
        step chooseleaf firstn 2 type host
        step emit
        step emit
}

# end crush map
```



NOTE

The rule **id** has to be unique. In the example, we only have one more crush rule with id 0 hence we are using id 1. If your deployment has more rules created, then use the next free id.

The CRUSH rule declared contains the following information:

Rule name:

• Description: A unique whole name for identifying the rule.

Value: stretch rule

id:

Description: A unique whole number for identifying the rule.

• Value: 1

type:

• Description: Describes a rule for either a storage drive replicated or erasure-coded.

Value: replicated

min size:

Description: If a pool makes fewer replicas than this number, CRUSH will not select this
rule.

• Value: 1

• max_size:

- Description: If a pool makes more replicas than this number, CRUSH will not select this rule.
- Value: 10

step take DC1

• Description: Takes a bucket name (DC1), and begins iterating down the tree.

step chooseleaf firstn 2 type host

• Description: Selects the number of buckets of the given type, in this case is two different hosts located in DC1.

step emit

• Description: Outputs the current value and empties the stack. Typically used at the end of a rule, but may also be used to pick from different trees in the same rule.

step take DC2

• Description: Takes a bucket name (DC2), and begins iterating down the tree.

step chooseleaf firstn 2 type host

• Description: Selects the number of buckets of the given type, in this case, is two different hosts located in DC2.

• step emit

- Description: Outputs the current value and empties the stack. Typically used at the end of a rule, but may also be used to pick from different trees in the same rule.
- 10. Compile the new CRUSH map from the file /etc/ceph/crushmap.txt and convert it to a binary file called /etc/ceph/crushmap2.bin:
 - \$ crushtool -c /etc/ceph/crushmap.txt -o /etc/ceph/crushmap2.bin
- 11. Inject the new crushmap we created back into the cluster:
 - \$ ceph osd setcrushmap -i /etc/ceph/crushmap2.bin

Example output:

17



NOTE

The number 17 is a counter and it will increase (18,19, and so on) depending on the changes you make to the crush map.

12. Verify that the stretched rule created is now available for use.

ceph osd crush rule Is

Example output:

replicated_rule stretch_rule

13. Enable the stretch cluster mode.

\$ ceph mon enable_stretch_mode ceph7 stretch_rule datacenter

In this example, **ceph7** is the arbiter node, **stretch_rule** is the crush rule we created in the previous step and **datacenter** is the dividing bucket.

14. Verify all our pools are using the **stretch_rule** CRUSH rule we have created in our Ceph cluster:

\$ for pool in \$(rados Ispools);do echo -n "Pool: \${pool}; ";ceph osd pool get \${pool} crush_rule;done

Example output:

Pool: device_health_metrics; crush_rule: stretch_rule
Pool: cephfs.cephfs.meta; crush_rule: stretch_rule
Pool: cephfs.cephfs.data; crush_rule: stretch_rule
Pool: .rgw.root; crush_rule: stretch_rule

Pool: default.rgw.log; crush_rule: stretch_rule
Pool: default.rgw.control; crush_rule: stretch_rule
Pool: default.rgw.meta; crush_rule: stretch_rule

Pool: rbdpool; crush_rule: stretch_rule

This indicates that a working Red Hat Ceph Storage stretched cluster with arbiter mode is now available.

4.6. CREATING AN OPENSHIFT DATA FOUNDATION CLUSTER ON MANAGED CLUSTERS

In order to configure storage replication between the two OpenShift Container Platform clusters, create an OpenShift Data Foundation storage system after you install the OpenShift Data Foundation operator.

Prerequisites

Ensure that you have met the hardware requirements for OpenShift Data Foundation external
deployments. For a detailed description of the hardware requirements, see External mode
requirements.



NOTE

Refer to OpenShift Data Foundation deployment guides and instructions that are specific to your infrastructure (AWS, VMware, BM, Azure, etc.).

Procedure

- 1. Install and configure the latest **OpenShift Data Foundation** cluster on each of the managed clusters.
- After installing the operator, create a StorageSystem using the option Full deployment type and Connect with external storage platform where your Backing storage type is Red Hat Ceph Storage.

For detailed instructions, refer to Deploying OpenShift Data Foundation in external mode .

 At a minimum, you must use the following three flags with the ceph-external-clusterdetails-exporter.py script:

--rbd-data-pool-name

With the name of the RBD pool that was created during RHCS deployment for OpenShift Container Platform. For example, the pool can be called **rbdpool**.

--rgw-endpoint

Provide the endpoint in the format **<ip_address>:<port>**. It is the RGW IP of the RGW daemon running on the same site as the OpenShift Container Platform cluster that you are configuring.

--run-as-user

With a different client name for each site.

The following flags are **optional** if default values were used during the RHCS deployment:

--cephfs-filesystem-name

With the name of the CephFS filesystem we created during RHCS deployment for OpenShift Container Platform, the default filesystem name is **cephfs**.

--cephfs-data-pool-name

With the name of the CephFS data pool we created during RHCS deployment for OpenShift Container Platform, the default pool is called **cephfs.data**.

--cephfs-metadata-pool-name

With the name of the CephFS metadata pool we created during RHCS deployment for OpenShift Container Platform, the default pool is called **cephfs.meta**.

 Run the following command on the bootstrap node, ceph1, to get the IP for the RGW endpoints in datacenter1 and datacenter2:

ceph orch ps | grep rgw.objectgw

Example output:

rgw.objectgw.ceph3.mecpzm ceph3 *:8080 running (5d) 31s ago 7w 204M - 16.2.7-112.el8cp rgw.objectgw.ceph6.mecpzm ceph6 *:8080 running (5d) 31s ago 7w 204M - 16.2.7-112.el8cp

host ceph3 host ceph6

Example output:

ceph3.example.com has address 10.0.40.24 ceph6.example.com has address 10.0.40.66

• Execute the ceph-external-cluster-details-exporter.py with the parameters configured for our first ocp managed cluster cluster1.

python3 ceph-external-cluster-details-exporter.py --rbd-data-pool-name rbdpool --cephfs-filesystem-name cephfs --cephfs-data-pool-name cephfs.cephfs.data --cephfs-metadata-pool-name cephfs.cephfs.meta --rgw-endpoint 10.0.40.24:8080 --run-as-user client.odf.cluster1 > ocp-cluster1.json

 Execute the ceph-external-cluster-details-exporter.py with the parameters configured for our first ocp managed cluster cluster2

python3 ceph-external-cluster-details-exporter.py --rbd-data-pool-name rbdpool --cephfs-filesystem-name cephfs --cephfs-data-pool-name cephfs.cephfs.data --cephfs-metadata-pool-name cephfs.cephfs.meta --rgw-endpoint 10.0.40.66:8080 --run-as-user client.odf.cluster2 > ocp-cluster2.json

- Save the two files generated in the bootstrap cluster (ceph1) **ocp-cluster1.json** and **ocp-cluster2.json** to your local machine.
- Use the contents of file **ocp-cluster1.json** on the OCP console on **cluster1** where external ODF is being deployed.
- Use the contents of file **ocp-cluster2.json** on the OCP console on **cluster2** where external ODF is being deployed.
- 3. Review the settings and then select Create StorageSystem.
- 4. Validate the successful deployment of OpenShift Data Foundation on each managed cluster with the following command:

\$ oc get storagecluster -n openshift-storage ocs-external-storagecluster -o jsonpath='{.status.phase}{"\n"}'

For the Multicloud Gateway (MCG):

If the status result is **Ready** for both queries on the **Primary managed cluster** and the **Secondary managed cluster**, then continue with the next step.



NOTE

In the OpenShift Web Console, navigate to Installed Operators → OpenShift Data Foundation → Storage System → ocs-storagecluster-storagesystem → Resources and verify that Status of StorageCluster is Ready and has a green tick mark next to it.

4.7. INSTALLING OPENSHIFT DATA FOUNDATION MULTICLUSTER ORCHESTRATOR OPERATOR

OpenShift Data Foundation Multicluster Orchestrator is a controller that is installed from OpenShift Container Platform's OperatorHub on the Hub cluster.

Procedure

- On the Hub cluster, navigate to OperatorHub and use the keyword filter to search for ODF Multicluster Orchestrator.
- 2. Click ODF Multicluster Orchestrator tile.
- 3. Keep all default settings and click **Install**. Ensure that the operator resources are installed in **openshift-operators** project and available to all namespaces.



NOTE

The **ODF Multicluster Orchestrator** also installs the **Openshift DR Hub Operator** on the RHACM hub cluster as a dependency.

4. Verify that the operator **Pods** are in a **Running** state. The **OpenShift DR Hub operator** is also installed at the same time in **openshift-operators** namespace.

\$ oc get pods -n openshift-operators

Example output:

NAME	READY U	P-TO-I	DATE A	AVAILABLE	AGE
odf-multicluster-console-6845b795b9-blxrn			Runnir	ng 0	4d20h
odfmo-controller-manager-f9d9dfb59-jbrsd		1/1	Runniı	ng 0	4d20h
ramen-hub-operator-6fb887f885-fss4w		2/2	Runnin	g 0	4d20h

4.8. CONFIGURING SSL ACCESS ACROSS CLUSTERS

Configure network (SSL) access between the **primary and secondary clusters** so that metadata can be stored on the alternate cluster in a Multicloud Gateway (MCG) **object bucket** using a secure transport protocol and in the **Hub cluster** for verifying access to the object buckets.



NOTE

If all of your OpenShift clusters are deployed using a signed and valid set of certificates for your environment then this section can be skipped.

Procedure

1. Extract the ingress certificate for the Primary managed cluster and save the output to **primary.crt**.

\$ oc get cm default-ingress-cert -n openshift-config-managed -o jsonpath="{['data']['cabundle\.crt']}" > primary.crt

2. Extract the ingress certificate for the Secondary managed cluster and save the output to **secondary.crt**.

 $\$ oc get cm default-ingress-cert -n openshift-config-managed -o jsonpath="{['data']['cabundle\.crt']}" > secondary.crt

3. Create a new **ConfigMap** file to hold the remote cluster's certificate bundle with filename **cm-clusters-crt.yaml**.



NOTE

There could be more or less than three certificates for each cluster as shown in this example file. Also, ensure that the certificate contents are correctly indented after you copy and paste from the **primary.crt** and **secondary.crt** files that were created before.

```
apiVersion: v1
data:
 ca-bundle.crt: |
  -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
  <copy contents of cert1 from primary.crt here>
  ----END CERTIFICATE-----
  -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
  <copy contents of cert2 from primary.crt here>
  ----END CERTIFICATE-----
  -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
  <copy contents of cert3 primary.crt here>
  ----END CERTIFICATE----
  -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
  <copy contents of cert1 from secondary.crt here>
  ----END CERTIFICATE----
  -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
  <copy contents of cert2 from secondary.crt here>
  ----END CERTIFICATE----
  -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
  <copy contents of cert3 from secondary.crt here>
  ----END CERTIFICATE-----
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
 name: user-ca-bundle
 namespace: openshift-config
```

4. Create the **ConfigMap** on the **Primary managed cluster**, **Secondary managed cluster**, and the **Hub cluster**.

\$ oc create -f cm-clusters-crt.yaml

Example output:

configmap/user-ca-bundle created

5. Patch default proxy resource on the **Primary managed cluster**, **Secondary managed cluster**, and the **Hub cluster**.

\$ oc patch proxy cluster --type=merge --patch='{"spec":{"trustedCA":{"name":"user-ca-bundle"}}}'

Example output:

proxy.config.openshift.io/cluster patched

4.9. ENABLING MULTICLUSTER WEB CONSOLE

This is a new capability that is required before creating a Data Policy or **DRPolicy**. It is only needed on the **Hub cluster** and **RHACM 2.5** must be installed.



IMPORTANT

Multicluster console is a Technology Preview feature only. Technology Preview features are not supported with Red Hat production service level agreements (SLAs) and might not be functionally complete. Red Hat does not recommend using them in production. These features provide early access to upcoming product features, enabling customers to test functionality and provide feedback during the development process.

Procedure

- 1. Navigate to Administration → Cluster Settings → Configuration → FeatureGate.
- 2. Edit the YAML template as follows:

[...]

featureSet: TechPreviewNoUpgrade

- 3. Click **Save** to enable the multicluster console for all clusters in the RHACM console. Wait for the Nodes to become **Ready**.
- 4. Refresh the web console and verify that the managed cluster names are listed below **All Clusters**.



WARNING

Do not set this feature gate on production clusters. You will not be able to upgrade your cluster after applying the feature gate, and it cannot be undone.

4.10. CREATING DISASTER RECOVERY POLICY ON HUB CLUSTER

Openshift Disaster Recovery Policy (DRPolicy) resource specifies OpenShift Container Platform clusters participating in the disaster recovery solution and the desired replication interval. DRPolicy is a cluster scoped resource that users can apply to applications that require Disaster Recovery solution.

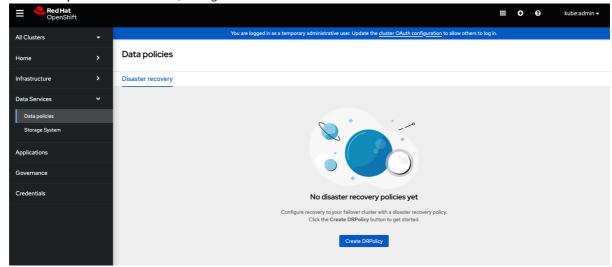
The **ODF MultiCluster Orchestrator** Operator facilitates the creation of each **DRPolicy** and the corresponding **DRClusters** through the **Multicluster Web console**.

Prerequisites

- Ensure that there is a minimum set of two managed clusters.
- Make sure to login to all the clusters from the Multicluster Web console.
 - Click on All Clusters to expand the list of managed clusters.
 - For each managed cluster listed below **All Clusters**, click on the *<cluster_name>* and then wait for a login screen to appear, where you can login using the credentials of the cluster that you have selected.

Procedure

1. On the OpenShift console, navigate to All Clusters.



- 2. Navigate to **Data Services** and click **Data policies**.
- 3. Click Create DRPolicy.
- 4. Enter **Policy name**. Ensure that each DRPolicy has a unique name (for example: **ocp4perf1-ocp4perf2**).
- 5. Select two clusters from the list of managed clusters to which this new policy will be associated with.
- 6. Replication policy is automatically set to sync based on the OpenShift clusters selected.
- 7. Click Create.
- 8. Verify that the **DRPolicy** is created successfully. Run this command on the **Hub cluster** for each of the DRPolicy resources created.



NOTE

Replace <drpolicy_name> with your unique name.

\$ oc get drpolicy <drpolicy_name> -o jsonpath='{.status.conditions[].reason}{"\n"}'

Example output:

Succeeded



NOTE

When a DRPolicy is created, along with it, two DRCluster resources are also created. It could take up to 10 minutes for all three resources to be validated and for the status to show as **Succeeded**.

- 9. Verify the object bucket access from the **Hub cluster** to both the **Primary managed cluster** and the **Secondary managed cluster**.
 - a. Get the names of the **DRClusters** on the Hub cluster.
 - \$ oc get drclusters

Example output:

NAME AGE ocp4perf1 4m42s ocp4perf2 4m42s

b. Check S3 access to each bucket created on each managed cluster using this **DRCluster** validation command.



NOTE

Replace <drcluster_name> with your unique name.

\$ oc get drcluster <drcluster_name> -o jsonpath='{.status.conditions[2].reason}{"\n"}'

Example output:

Succeeded



NOTE

Make sure to run command for both **DRClusters** on the **Hub cluster**.

10. Verify that the **OpenShift DR Cluster operator** installation was successful on the **Primary** managed cluster and the **Secondary managed cluster**.

\$ oc get csv,pod -n openshift-dr-system

Example output:

NAME DISPLAY VERSION REPLACES PHASE

clusterserviceversion.operators.coreos.com/odr-cluster-operator.v4.11.0 Openshift DR

Cluster Operator 4.11.0 Succeeded

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE pod/ramen-dr-cluster-operator-5564f9d669-f6lbc 2/2 Running 0 5m32s

You can also verify that **OpenShift DR Cluster Operator** is installed successfully on the **OperatorHub** of each managed clusters.

4.11. CONFIGURE DRCLUSTERS FOR FENCING AUTOMATION

This configuration is required for enabling fencing prior to application failover. In order to prevent writes to the persistent volume from the cluster which is hit by a disaster, OpenShift DR instructs Red Hat Ceph Storage (RHCS) to fence the nodes of the cluster from the RHCS external storage. This section guides you on how to add the IPs or the IP Ranges for the nodes of the DRCluster.

4.11.1. Add node IP addresses to DRClusters

1. Find the **IP** addresses for all of the OpenShift nodes in the managed clusters by running this command in the **Primary managed cluster** and the **Secondary managed cluster**.

\$ oc get nodes -o jsonpath='{range .items[*]}{.status.addresses[?
(@.type=="ExternalIP")].address}{"\n"}{end}'

Example output:

10.70.56.118

10.70.56.193

10.70.56.154

10.70.56.242

10.70.56.136

10.70.56.99

Once you have the **IP addresses** then the **DRCluster** resources can be modified for each managed cluster.

2. Find the **DRCluster** names on the Hub Cluster.

\$ oc get drcluster

Example output:

NAME AGE ocp4perf1 5m35s ocp4perf2 5m35s

3. Edit each **DRCluster** to add your unique IP addresses after replacing **<drcluster_name>** with your unique name.

\$ oc edit drcluster <drcluster_name>

apiVersion: ramendr.openshift.io/v1alpha1

kind: DRCluster metadata:

```
[...]
spec:
s3ProfileName: s3profile-<drcluster_name>-ocs-external-storagecluster
## Add this section
cidrs:
- <IP_Address1>/32
- <IP_Address2>/32
- <IP_Address3>/32
- <IP_Address4>/32
- <IP_Address5>/32
- <IP_Address5>/32
- <IP_Address6>/32
[...]
```

Example output:

drcluster.ramendr.openshift.io/ocp4perf1 edited



NOTE

There could be more than six IP addresses.

Modify this **DRCluster** configuration also for **IP addresses** on the **Secondary managed clusters** in the peer DRCluster resource (e.g., ocp4perf2).

4.11.2. Add fencing annotations to DRClusters

Add the following annotations to all the DRCluster resources. These annotations include details needed for the **NetworkFence** resource created later in these instructions (prior to testing application failover).



NOTE

Replace *<drcluster_name>* with your unique name.

\$ oc edit drcluster <drcluster_name>

```
apiVersion: ramendr.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: DRCluster
metadata:
## Add this section
annotations:
drcluster.ramendr.openshift.io/storage-clusterid: openshift-storage
drcluster.ramendr.openshift.io/storage-driver: openshift-storage.rbd.csi.ceph.com
drcluster.ramendr.openshift.io/storage-secret-name: rook-csi-rbd-provisioner
drcluster.ramendr.openshift.io/storage-secret-namespace: openshift-storage
[...]
```

Example output:

drcluster.ramendr.openshift.io/ocp4perf1 edited

Make sure to add these annotations for both **DRCluster** resources (for example: **ocp4perf1** and **ocp4perf2**).

4.12. CREATE SAMPLE APPLICATION FOR TESTING DISASTER RECOVERY SOLUTION

OpenShift Data Foundation disaster recovery (DR) solution supports disaster recovery for applications that are managed by RHACM. See Managing Applications for more details.

This solution orchestrates RHACM application placement, using the PlacementRule, when an application is moved between clusters in a DRPolicy for failover or relocation requirements.

The following sections detail how to apply a **DRPolicy** to an application and how to manage the applications placement life-cycle during and after cluster unavailability.



NOTE

OpenShift Data Foundation DR solution does not support ApplicationSet, which is required for applications that are deployed via ArgoCD.

4.12.1. Creating a sample application

In order to test **failover** from the **Primary managed cluster** to the **Secondary managed cluster** and **relocate**, we need a simple application.

Prerequisites

- When creating an application for general consumption, ensure that:
 - the application is deployed to ONLY one cluster.
 - the application is deployed prior to applying the DRPolicy to the application.
- Use the sample application called busybox as an example.
- Ensure all external routes of the application are configured using either Global Traffic Manager (GTM) or Global Server Load Balancing (GLSB) service for traffic redirection when the application fails over or is relocated.

Procedure

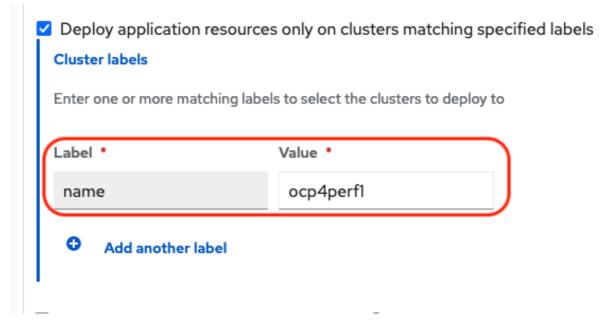
1. Log in to the RHACM console using your OpenShift credentials if not already logged in.

 $\$ oc get route multicloud-console -n open-cluster-management -o jsonpath -- template="https://{.spec.host}/multicloud/applications{'\n'}"

Example Output:

- https://multicloud-console.apps.perf3.example.com/multicloud/applications
- 2. Navigate to Applications and click Create application.
- 3. Select type as **Subscription**.
- 4. Enter your application **Name** (for example, **busybox**) and **Namespace** (for example, **busybox**-sample).

- 5. In the Repository location for resources section, select **Repository type Git**.
- 6. Enter the Git repository URL for the sample application, the github Branch and Path where the resources busybox Pod and PVC will be created.
 Use the sample application repository as https://github.com/red-hat-storage/ocm-ramen-samples/tree/release-4.11 where the Branch is main and Path is busybox-odr-metro.
- 7. Scroll down in the form until you see **Deploy application resources only on clusters matching specified labels** and then add a label with its value set to the **Primary managed cluster** name in **RHACM** cluster list view.



8. Click **Create** which is at the top right hand corner.

On the follow-on screen go to the **Topology** tab. You should see that there are all Green checkmarks on the application topology.



NOTE

To get more information, click on any of the topology elements and a window will appear on the right of the topology view.

9. Validating the sample application deployment.

Now that the **busybox** application has been deployed to your preferred Cluster, the deployment can be validated.

Login to your managed cluster where **busybox** was deployed by RHACM.

\$ oc get pods,pvc -n busybox-sample

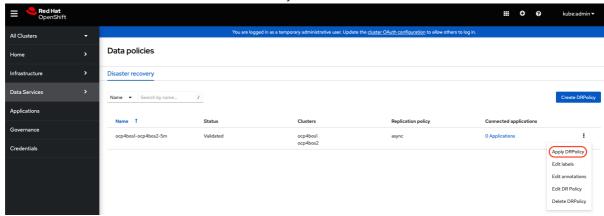
Example output:

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE pod/busybox 1/1 Running 0 6m

NAME STATUS VOLUME CAPACITY ACCESS MODES STORAGECLASS AGE persistentvolumeclaim/busybox-pvc Bound pvc-a56c138a-a1a9-4465-927f-af02afbbff37 5Gi RWO ocs-storagecluster-ceph-rbd 6m

4.12.2. Apply DRPolicy to sample application

- 1. On the Hub cluster go back to the Multicluster Web console, navigate to All Clusters.
- 2. Login to all the clusters listed under All Clusters.
- 3. Navigate to **Data Services** and then click **Data policies**.
- 4. Click the Actions menu at the end of DRPolicy to view the list of available actions.



- 5. Click **Apply DRPolicy**.
- 6. When the **Apply DRPolicy** modal is displayed, select **busybox** application and enter **PVC label** as **appname=busybox**.



NOTE

When multiple placements rules under the same application or more than one application are selected, all PVCs within the application's namespace will be protected by default.

- 7. Click Apply.
- 8. Verify that a **DRPlacementControl** or **DRPC** was created in the **busybox-sample** namespace on the **Hub cluster** and that it's **CURRENTSTATE** shows as **Deployed**. This resource is used for both failover and relocate actions for this application.
 - \$ oc get drpc -n busybox-sample

Example output:

NAME AGE PREFERREDCLUSTER FAILOVERCLUSTER

DESIREDSTATE CURRENTSTATE

busybox-placement-1-drpc 6m59s ocp4perf1 Deployed

4.12.3. Deleting sample application

You can delete the sample application **busybox** using the RHACM console.



NOTE

The instructions to delete the sample application should not be executed until the failover and relocate testing is completed and the application is ready to be removed from RHACM and the managed clusters.

Procedure

- 1. On the RHACM console, navigate to **Applications**.
- 2. Search for the sample application to be deleted (for example, **busybox**).
- 3. Click the Action Menu (:) next to the application you want to delete.
- 4. Click **Delete application**.

When the **Delete application** is selected a new screen will appear asking if the application related resources should also be deleted.

- 5. Select **Remove application related resources** checkbox to delete the Subscription and PlacementRule.
- 6. Click **Delete**. This will delete the busybox application on the Primary managed cluster (or whatever cluster the application was running on).
- 7. In addition to the resources deleted using the RHACM console, the **DRPlacementControl** must also be deleted after deleting the **busybox** application.
 - a. Login to the OpenShift Web console for the Hub cluster and navigate to Installed Operators for the project **busybox-sample**.
 - b. Click OpenShift DR Hub Operator and then click DRPlacementControl tab.
 - c. Click the Action Menu (:) next to the **busybox** application DRPlacementControl that you want to delete.
 - d. Click Delete DRPlacementControl.
 - e. Click Delete.



NOTE

This process can be used to delete any application with a **DRPlacementControl** resource.

4.13. APPLICATION FAILOVER BETWEEN MANAGED CLUSTERS

A failover is performed when a managed cluster becomes unavailable, due to any reason.

This section provides instructions on how to failover the busybox sample application. The failover method is application based. Each application that is to be protected in this manner must have a corresponding **DRPlacementControl** resource in the application namespace.

4.13.1. Enable fencing

In order to failover the OpenShift cluster where the application is currently running all applications must be fenced from communicating with the external OpenShift Data Foundation external storage cluster. This is required to prevent simultaneous writes to the same persistent volume from both managed

clusters.

The OpenShift cluster to **Fence** is the one where the applications are currently running.

Procedure

1. Edit the **DRCluster resource** for this cluster on the **Hub cluster**.

CAUTION

Once the managed cluster is fenced, all communication from applications to the OpenShift Data Foundation external storage cluster will fail and some Pods will be in an unhealthy state (for example: CreateContainerError, CrashLoopBackOff) on the cluster that is now fenced.



NOTE

Replace < drcluster_name > with your unique name.

\$ oc edit drcluster <drcluster_name>

```
apiVersion: ramendr.openshift.io/v1alpha1 kind: DRCluster metadata:
[...] spec:
    ## Add this line clusterFence: Fenced cidrs:
    [...]
```

Example output:

drcluster.ramendr.openshift.io/ocp4perf1 edited

2. Verify the fencing status in the **Hub cluster** for the **Primary managed cluster**.



NOTE

Replace *<drcluster_name>* with your unique name.

\$ oc get drcluster.ramendr.openshift.io <drcluster_name> -o jsonpath='{.status.phase}{"\n"}'

Example output:

Fenced

4.13.2. Modify DRPlacementControl to failover

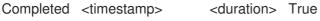
Prerequisite

• Before initiating a failover, verify that the PEER READY of **DRPlacementControl** or **DRPC** in the **busybox-sample** namespace on the **Hub cluster** is **True**.

\$ oc get drpc -n busybox-sample -o wide

Example output:

NAME AGE PREFERREDCLUSTER FAILOVERCLUSTER
DESIREDSTATE CURRENTSTATE PROGRESSION START TIME DURATION
PEER READY
busybox-placement-1-drpc 6m59s ocp4perf1 Deployed





NOTE

If PEER READY is not true, see disaster recovery related known issues as documented in Release Notes for possible workarounds.

Procedure

- 1. On the Hub cluster, navigate to **Installed Operators** and then click **Openshift DR Hub Operator**.
- 2. Click DRPlacementControl tab.

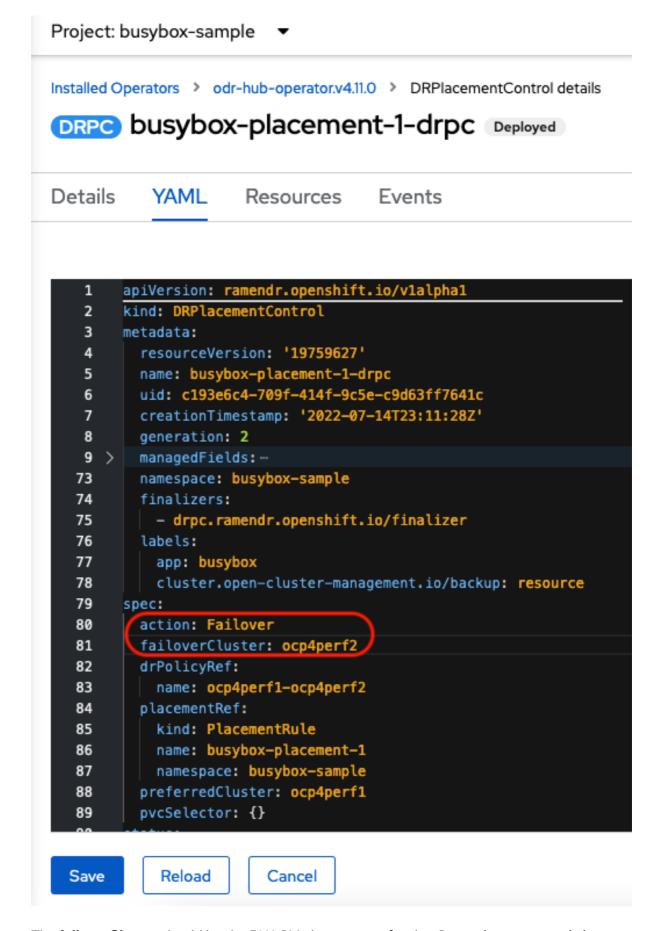


NOTE

Make sure to be in the busybox-sample namespace.

- 3. Click DRPC busybox-placement-1-drpc and then the YAML view.
- 4. Add the action and failoverCluster details as shown in the screenshot below.

DRPlacementControl add action Failover



The failoverCluster should be the RHACM cluster name for the Secondary managed cluster.

- 5. Click Save.
- 6. Verify that the CURRENTSTATE of **DRPlacementControl** or **DRPC** in the **busybox-sample** namespace on the **Hub cluster** is **FailedOver**.

\$ oc get drpc -n busybox-sample (update examples as required)

Example output:

NAME AGE PREFERREDCLUSTER FAILOVERCLUSTER
DESIREDSTATE CURRENTSTATE
busybox-placement-1-drpc 6m59s ocp4perf1 ocp4perf2 Failover FailedOver

7. Verify that for the failover cluster **ocp4perf2** as specified in the YAML file, the application **busybox** is now running in the **Secondary managed cluster**.

\$ oc get pods,pvc -n busybox-sample

Example output:

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE pod/busybox 1/1 Running 0 35s

NAME STATUS VOLUME CAPACITY ACCESS MODES STORAGECLASS AGE persistentvolumeclaim/busybox-pvc Bound pvc-79f2a74d-6e2c-48fb-9ed9-666b74cfa1bb 5Gi RWO ocs-storagecluster-ceph-rbd 35s

8. Verify if **busybox** is running in the **Primary managed cluster**. The **busybox** application should no longer be running on this managed cluster.

\$ oc get pods,pvc -n busybox-sample

Example output:

No resources found in busybox-sample namespace.

9. Verify if the DNS routes for the application are configured correctly. If the external routes are not configured, you can use either Global Traffic Manager (GTM) or Global Server Load Balancing (GLSB) service to reconfigure the routes.



IMPORTANT

Be aware of known DR issues as documented in Known Issues section of Release Notes.

4.14. RELOCATING AN APPLICATION BETWEEN MANAGED CLUSTERS

A relocation operation is very similar to failover. Relocate is application based and uses the **DRPlacementControl** to trigger the relocation.

Relocation is performed once the failed cluster is available and the application resources are cleaned up on the failed cluster.

In this case the action is **Relocate** back to the **preferredCluster**.

4.14.1. Disable fencing

Before a **failback** or **Relocate** action can be successful, the DRCluster for the Primary managed cluster must be **unfenced**.

The OpenShift cluster to be **Unfenced** is the one where applications are not currently running and the cluster that was **Fenced** earlier.

Procedure

1. On the Hub cluster, edit the **DRCluster resource** for this cluster.



NOTE

Replace < drcluster_name > with your unique name.

\$ oc edit drcluster <drcluster_name>

```
apiVersion: ramendr.openshift.io/v1alpha1kind: DRCluster metadata:
[...] spec: cidrs:
[...] ## Modify this line clusterFence: Unfenced
[...]
```

Example output:

drcluster.ramendr.openshift.io/ocp4perf1 edited

2. Gracefully reboot OpenShift Container Platform nodes that were **Fenced**. A reboot is required to resume the I/O operations after unfencing to avoid any further recovery orchestration failures. Reboot all worker nodes of the cluster by following the steps in the procedure, Rebooting a node gracefully.



NOTE

Make sure that all the nodes are initially cordoned and drained before you reboot and perform uncordon operations on the nodes.

3. After all OpenShift nodes are rebooted and are in a **Ready** status, verify that all Pods are in a healthy state by running this command on the Primary managed cluster (or whatever cluster has been Unfenced).

oc get pods -A | egrep -v 'Running|Completed'

Example output:

NAMESPACE NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE

The output for this query should be zero Pods before proceeding to the next step.



IMPORTANT

If there are Pods still in an unhealthy status because of severed storage communication, troubleshoot and resolve before continuing. Because the storage cluster is external to OpenShift, it also has to be properly recovered after a site outage for OpenShift applications to be healthy.

Alternatively, you can use the OpenShift Web Console dashboards and Overview tab to assess the health of applications and the external ODF storage cluster. The detailed OpenShift Data Foundation dashboard is found by navigating to **Storage** → **Data Foundation**

4. Verify that the **Unfenced** cluster is in a healthy state. Validate the fencing status in the Hub cluster for the Primary managed cluster.



NOTE

Replace *<drcluster name>* with your unique name.

 $\label{lem:condition} $$ oc get drcluster.name--o jsonpath='{.status.phase}{"\n"}' o jsonpath='{.status.phase}{"\n"}' o$

Example output:

Unfenced

4.14.2. Modify DRPlacementControl to Relocate

Prerequisite

- Ensure that both managed clusters are up and running.
- Before initiating a relocate, verify that the PEER READY of **DRPlacementControl** or **DRPC** in the **busybox-sample** namespace on the **Hub cluster** is **True**.

\$ oc get drpc -n busybox-sample -o wide

Example output:

NAME AGE PREFERREDCLUSTER FAILOVERCLUSTER
DESIREDSTATE CURRENTSTATE PROGRESSION START TIME DURATION
PEER READY
busybox-placement-1-drpc 6m59s ocp4perf1 ocp4perf2 Failover FailedOver
Completed <timestamp> <duration> True



NOTE

If PEER READY is not true, see disaster recovery related known issues as documented in Release Notes for possible workarounds.

Procedure

- 1. On the Hub cluster, navigate to **Installed Operators** and then click **Openshift DR Hub Operator**.
- 2. Click **DRPlacementControl** tab.
- 3. Click DRPC **busybox-placement-1-drpc** and then the YAML view.
- 4. Modify action to Relocate.

DRPlacementControl modify action to Relocate

Project: busybox-sample Installed Operators > odr-hub-operator.v4.11.0 > DRPlacementControl details DRPC busybox-placement-1-drpc FailedOver Details YAML Resources **Events** apiVersion: ramendr.openshift.io/v1alpha1 2 kind: DRPlacementControl 3 metadata: 4 resourceVersion: '19880202' 5 name: busybox-placement-1-drpc uid: c193e6c4-709f-414f-9c5e-c9d63ff7641c 6 7 creationTimestamp: '2022-07-14T23:11:28Z' 8 generation: 3 9 > managedFields: --75 namespace: busybox-sample finalizers: 76 77 drpc.ramendr.openshift.io/finalizer 78 labels: 79 app: busybox cluster.open-cluster-management.io/backup: resource 80 81 82 action: Relocate 83 drPolicyRef: 84 name: ocp4perf1-ocp4perf2 failoverCluster: ocp4perf2 85 placementRef: 86 87 kind: PlacementRule 88 name: busybox-placement-1 namespace: busybox-sample 89 preferredCluster: ocp4perf1 90 pvcSelector: {} 91

5. Click Save.

Save

Reload

6. Verify that the CURRENTSTATE of **DRPlacementControl** or **DRPC** in the **busybox-sample** namespace on the **Hub cluster** is **Relocated**.

Cancel

\$ oc get drpc -n busybox-sample

Example output:

NAME AGE PREFERREDCLUSTER FAILOVERCLUSTER

DESIREDSTATE CURRENTSTATE

busybox-placement-1-drpc 6m59s ocp4perf1 ocp4perf2 Relocate Relocated

7. Verify if the application **busybox** is now running in the **Primary managed cluster**. The relocate is to the **preferredCluster ocp4perf1** as specified in the YAML file, which is where the application was running before the failover operation.

\$ oc get pods,pvc -n busybox-sample

Example output:

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE pod/busybox 1/1 Running 0 60s

NAME STATUS VOLUME CAPACITY ACCESS MODES STORAGECLASS AGE persistentvolumeclaim/busybox-pvc Bound pvc-79f2a74d-6e2c-48fb-9ed9-666b74cfa1bb 5Gi RWO ocs-storagecluster-ceph-rbd 61s

8. Verify if **busybox** is running in the **Secondary managed cluster**. The **busybox** application should no longer be running on this managed cluster.

\$ oc get pods,pvc -n busybox-sample

Example output:

No resources found in busybox-sample namespace.

 Verify if the DNS routes for the application are configured correctly. If the external routes are not configured, you can use either Global Traffic Manager (GTM) or Global Server Load Balancing (GLSB) service to reconfigure the routes.



IMPORTANT

Be aware of known DR issues as documented in Known Issues section of Release Notes.

CHAPTER 5. TROUBLESHOOTING DISASTER RECOVERY

5.1. TROUBLESHOOTING REGIONAL-DR

5.1.1. RBD mirroring scheduling is getting stopped for some images

Problem

There are a few common causes for RBD mirroring scheduling getting stopped for some images. After marking the applications for mirroring, for some reason, if it is not replicated, use the toolbox pod and run the following command to see which image scheduling is stopped.

\$ rbd snap ls <poolname/imagename> -all

Resolution

- Restart the manager daemon on the primary cluster
- Disable and immediately re-enable mirroring on the affected images on the primary cluster

BZ reference: [2067095 and 2121514]

5.1.2. Relocation failure

Problem

Relocation stalls forever when the relocation is initiated before the peer (target cluster) is in a clean state.

Resolution

- 1. Check the condition **Status** by running the following command:
 - \$ oc get drpc -A -o wide
- 2. Change **DRPC.Spec.Action** back to **Failover**, and wait until the **PeerReady** condition status is **TRUE**. Use this command to change the action:

\$ oc patch drpc <drpc_name> --type json -p "[{'op': 'add', 'path': '/spec/failoverCluster', 'value': "<failoverCluster_name>"}]" -n <application_namespace>

\$ oc patch drpc <drpc_name> --type json -p "[{'op': 'add', 'path': '/spec/action', 'value':
'Failover'}]" -n <application_namespace>

3. Failover verification

To verify if workload has failed over, run the following command to check the status of the available condition in the DRPC resource:

JSONPATH='{range @.status.conditions[*]}{@.type}={@.status};{end}' && oc get drpc busybox-drpc -n busybox-sample -o jsonpath="\$JSONPATH" | grep "Available=True"

BZ reference: [2056871]

5.1.3. rbd-mirror daemon health is in warning state

Problem

There appears to be numerous cases where WARNING gets reported if mirror service ::get_mirror_service_status calls Ceph monitor to get service status for rbd-mirror.

Following a network disconnection, rbd-mirror daemon health is in the warning state while the connectivity between both the managed clusters is fine.

Resolution

Run the following command in the toolbox and look for leader:false

rbd mirror pool status --verbose ocs-storagecluster-cephblockpool | grep 'leader: '

If you see the following in the output:

leader: false	It indicates that there is a daemon startup issue and the most likely root cause could be due to problems reliably connecting to the secondary cluster. Workaround: Move the rbd-mirror pod to a different node by simply deleting the pod and verify that it has been rescheduled on another node.
leader: true or no output	Contact Red Hat Support

BZ reference: [2118627]

5.1.4. statefulset application stuck after failover

Problem

Application is in **terminating** state after failover or relocate.

Resolution

Delete the application's persistent volume claim (pvc) using this command:

\$ oc delete pvc <namespace/name>

BZ reference: [2087782]

5.1.5. Application is not running after failover

Problem

After failing over an application, the mirrored RBDs can be attached but the filesystems that are still in use cannot be mounted.

Resolution

 Scale down the RBD mirror daemon deployment to 0 until the application pods can recover from the above error.

- \$ oc scale deployment rook-ceph-rbd-mirror-a -n openshift-storage -replicas=0
- 2. Post recovery, scale the RBD mirror daemon deployment back to 1.

\$ oc scale deployment rook-ceph-rbd-mirror-a -n openshift-storage -replicas=1

BZ reference: [2007376]

5.2. TROUBLESHOOTING METRO-DR

5.2.1. A statefulset application stuck after failover

Problem

Application is in terminating state after failover or relocate.

Resolution

- 1. If the workload uses **StatefulSets**, then run the following command before failing back or relocating to another cluster:
 - \$ oc get drpc -n <namespace> -o wide
 - If PeerReady is TRUE then you can proceed with the failback or relocation.
 - If PeerReady is FALSE then run the following command on the peer cluster:
 - \$ oc get pvc -n <namespace>

For each bounded PVC for that namespace that belongs to the StatefulSet, run

\$ oc delete pvc <pvcname> -n namespace

Once all PVCs are deleted, Volume Replication Group (VRG) transitions to secondary, and then gets deleted.

- 2. Run the following command again
 - \$ oc get drpc -n <namespace> -o wide

After a few seconds to a few minutes, the PeerReady column changes to **TRUE**. Then you can proceed with the failback or relocation.

BZ reference: [2118270]

5.2.2. DR policies protect all applications in the same namespace

Problem

While only single application is selected to be used by a DR policy, all applications in the same namespace will be protected. This results in PVCs, that match the **DRPlacementControl spec.pvcSelector** across multiple workloads or if the selector is missing across all workloads,

replication management to potentially manage each PVC multiple times and cause data corruption or invalid operations based on individual **DRPlacementControl** actions.

Resolution

Label PVCs that belong to a workload uniquely, and use the selected label as the DRPlacementControl **spec.pvcSelector** to disambiguate which DRPlacementControl protects and manages which subset of PVCs within a namespace. It is not possible to specify the **spec.pvcSelector** field for the DRPlacementControl using the user interface, hence the DRPlacementControl for such applications must be deleted and created using the command line.

BZ reference: [2111163]

5.2.3. During failback of an application stuck in Relocating state

Problem

This issue might occur after performing failover and failback of an application (all nodes or cluster are up). When performing failback application stuck in the **Relocating** state with a message of **Waiting** for PV restore to complete.

Resolution

Use S3 client or equivalent to clean up the duplicate PV objects from the s3 store. Keep only the one that has a timestamp closer to the failover or relocate time.

BZ reference: [2120201]