

Install using Trident operator

Astra Trident

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Manually deploy the Trident operator and install Trident

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cd trident-installer
```

Step 2: Create the TridentOrchestrator CRD

Create the TridentOrchestrator Custom Resource Definition (CRD). You will create a TridentOrchestrator Custom Resources later. Use the appropriate CRD YAML version in deploy/crds to create the TridentOrchestrator CRD.

```
kubectl create -f
deploy/crds/trident.netapp.io_tridentorchestrators_crd_post1.16.yaml
```

Step 3: Deploy the Trident operator

The Astra Trident installer provides a bundle file that can be used to install the operator and create associated objects. The bundle file is an easy way to deploy the operator and install Astra Trident using a default configuration.

• For clusters running Kubernetes 1.24 or lower, use bundle pre 1 25.yaml.

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Steps

1. Create the resources and deploy the operator:

```
kubectl create -f deploy/<bundle>.yaml
```

To deploy the operator in a namespace other than the trident namespace, update serviceaccount.yaml, clusterrolebinding.yaml and operator.yaml and generate your bundle file using the kustomization.yaml:

kubectl kustomize deploy/ > deploy/<bundle>.yaml

2. Verify the operator was deployed.



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Step 4: Create the TridentOrchestrator and install Trident

You can now create the TridentOrchestrator and install Astra Trident. Optionally, you can customize your Trident installation using the attributes in the TridentOrchestrator spec.

```
kubectl create -f deploy/crds/tridentorchestrator cr.yaml
tridentorchestrator.trident.netapp.io/trident created
kubectl describe torc trident
           trident
Name:
Namespace:
Labels:
          <none>
Annotations: <none>
API Version: trident.netapp.io/v1
       TridentOrchestrator
Kind:
. . .
Spec:
 Debug:
          true
 Namespace: trident
Status:
  Current Installation Params:
                              false
   Autosupport Hostname:
   Autosupport Image:
                             netapp/trident-autosupport:23.01
   Autosupport Proxy:
   Autosupport Serial Number:
   Debug:
                              true
   Image Pull Secrets:
   Image Registry:
   k8sTimeout:
   Kubelet Dir:
                         /var/lib/kubelet
   Log Format:
                         text
   Silence Autosupport: false
   Trident Image: netapp/trident:23.01.1
 Message:
                           Trident installed Namespace:
trident
  Status:
                           Installed
 Version:
                           v23.01.1
Events:
    Type Reason Age From Message ---- ----- Normal
    Installing 74s trident-operator.netapp.io Installing Trident Normal
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trident-node-linux-mr6zc	2/2	Running	0
1m			
trident-node-linux-xrp7w	2/2	Running	0
1m	0.40	_	
trident-node-linux-zh2jt	2/2	Running	0
1m	1/1	Running	0
trident-operator-766f7b8658-ldzsv 3m	1/1	Rullillig	U
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```

Step 3: Update the registry location in the operator

In /deploy/operator.yaml, update image: docker.io/netapp/trident-operator:23.01.1 to reflect the location of your image registry. Your Trident and CSI images can be located in one registry or different registries, but all CSI images must be located in the same registry. For example:

• image: <your-registry>/trident-operator:23.01.1 if your images are all located in one registry.

• image: <your-registry>/netapp/trident-operator:23.01.1 if your Trident image is located in a different registry from your CSI images.

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Step 5: Update the image registry location in the TridentOrchestrator

Your Trident and CSI images can be located in one registry or different registries, but all CSI images must be located in the same registry. Update <code>deploy/crds/tridentorchestrator_cr.yaml</code> to add the additional location specs based on your registry configuration.

Images in one registry

```
imageRegistry: "<your-registry>"
autosupportImage: "<your-registry>/trident-autosupport:23.01"
tridentImage: "<your-registry>/trident:23.01.1"
```

Images in different registries

You must append sig-storage to the imageRegistry to use different registry locations.

```
imageRegistry: "<your-registry>/sig-storage"
autosupportImage: "<your-registry>/netapp/trident-autosupport:23.01"
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Step 6: Create the TridentOrchestrator and install Trident

You can now create the TridentOrchestrator and install Astra Trident. Optionally, you can further customize your Trident installation using the attributes in the TridentOrchestrator spec. The following example shows an installation where Trident and CSI images are located in different registries.

kubectl create -f deploy/crds/tridentorchestrator cr.yaml tridentorchestrator.trident.netapp.io/trident created kubectl describe torc trident trident Name: Namespace: Labels: <none> Annotations: <none> API Version: trident.netapp.io/v1 TridentOrchestrator Kind: . . . Spec: Autosupport Image: <pour-registry>/netapp/trident-autosupport:23.01 Debua: Image Registry: <your-registry>/sig-storage Namespace: trident Trident Image: <your-registry>/netapp/trident:23.01.1 Status: Current Installation Params: IPv6: false Autosupport Hostname: Autosupport Image: <your-registry>/netapp/tridentautosupport:23.01 Autosupport Proxy: Autosupport Serial Number: Debug: true Http Request Timeout: 90s Image Pull Secrets: Image Registry: <your-registry>/sig-storage k8sTimeout: 30 Kubelet Dir: /var/lib/kubelet Log Format: text Probe Port: 17546 Silence Autosupport: false Trident Image: <your-registry>/netapp/trident:23.01.1 Trident installed Message: trident Namespace: Status: Installed Version: v23.01.1 Events: Type Reason Age From Message ---- ---- ---- Normal Installing 74s trident-operator.netapp.io Installing Trident Normal Installed 67s trident-operator.netapp.io Trident installed

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1m			
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trident-operator-766f7b8658-ldzsv	1/1	Running	0
3m			

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Deploy Trident operator using Helm (Standard mode)

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Before you begin

In addition to the deployment prerequisites you need Helm version 3.

Steps

1. Add the Astra Trident Helm repository:

```
helm repo add netapp-trident https://netapp.github.io/trident-helm-chart
```

2. Use helm install and specify a name for your deployment as in the following example where 23.01.1 is the version of Astra Trident you are installing.

```
helm install <name> netapp-trident/trident-operator --version 23.01.1 --create-namespace --namespace <trident-namespace>
```



If you already created a namespace for Trident, the --create-namespace parameter will not create an additional namespace.

You can use helm list to review installation details such as name, namespace, chart, status, app version, and revision number.

Pass configuration data during install

There are two ways to pass configuration data during the install:

Option	Description
values (or -f)	Specify a YAML file with overrides. This can be specified multiple times and the rightmost file will take precedence.
set	Specify overrides on the command line.

For example, to change the default value of debug, run the following --set command where 23.01.1 is the version of Astra Trident you are installing:

```
helm install <name> netapp-trident/trident-operator --version 23.01.1 --create-namespace --namespace --set tridentDebug=true
```



The values.yaml file, which is part of the Helm chart provides the list of keys and their default values.

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2. Use helm install and specify a name for your deployment and image registry location. Your Trident and CSI images can be located in one registry or different registries, but all CSI images must be located in the same registry. In the examples, 23.01.1 is the version of Astra Trident you are installing.

Images in one registry

helm install <name> netapp-trident/trident-operator --version
23.01.1 --set imageRegistry=<your-registry> --create-namespace
--namespace <trident-namespace>

Images in different registries

You must append sig-storage to the imageRegistry to use different registry locations.

```
helm install <name> netapp-trident/trident-operator --version
23.01.1 --set imageRegistry=<your-registry>/sig-storage --set
operatorImage=<your-registry>/netapp/trident-operator:23.01.1 --set
tridentAutosupportImage=<your-registry>/netapp/trident-
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Now you can create create a backend and storage class, provision a volume, and mount the volume in a pod.

Customize Trident operator installation

The Trident operator allows you to customize Astra Trident installation using the attributes in the TridentOrchestrator spec.

If you want to customize the installation beyond what TridentOrchestrator arguments allow, you should consider using tridentctl to generate custom YAML manifests that you can modify as needed.



spec.namespace is specified in TridentOrchestrator to signify which namespace where Astra Trident is installed. This parameter cannot be updated after Astra Trident is installed. Attempting to do so causes the TridentOrchestrator status to change to Failed. Astra Trident is not intended to be migrated across namespaces.

Configuration options

This table details TridentOrchestrator attributes:

Parameter	Description	Default
namespace	Namespace to install Astra Trident in	"default"
debug	Enable debugging for Astra Trident	false
windows	Setting to true enables installation on Windows worker nodes.	false
IPv6	Install Astra Trident over IPv6	false
k8sTimeout	Timeout for Kubernetes operations	30sec
silenceAutosupport	Don't send autosupport bundles to NetApp automatically	false
enableNodePrep	Manage worker node dependencies automatically (BETA)	false
autosupportImage	The container image for Autosupport Telemetry	"netapp/trident-autosupport:23.01"
autosupportProxy	The address/port of a proxy for sending Autosupport Telemetry	"http://proxy.example.com:8888"

Parameter	Description	Default
uninstall	A flag used to uninstall Astra Trident	false
logFormat	Astra Trident logging format to be used [text,json]	"text"
tridentImage	Astra Trident image to install	"netapp/trident:21.04"
imageRegistry	Path to internal registry, of the format <registry fqdn="">[:port][/subpath]</registry>	"k8s.gcr.io/sig-storage (k8s 1.19+) or quay.io/k8scsi"
kubeletDir	Path to the kubelet directory on the host	"/var/lib/kubelet"
wipeout	A list of resources to delete to perform a complete removal of Astra Trident	
imagePullSecrets	Secrets to pull images from an internal registry	
imagePullPolicy	Sets the image pull policy for the the Trident operator. Valid values are: Always to always pull the image.	IfNotPresent
	IfNotPresent to pull the image only if it does not already exist on the node. Never to never pull the image.	
controllerPluginNodeSelect or	Additional node selectors for pods running the Trident Controller CSI Plugin. Follows same format as pod.spec.nodeSelector.	No default; optional
controllerPluginToleration s	Overrides tolerations for pods running the Trident Controller CSI Plugin. Follows the same format as pod.spec.Tolerations.	No default; optional
nodePluginNodeSelector	Additional node selectors for pods running the Trident Node CSI Plugin. Follows same format as pod.spec.nodeSelector.	No default; optional
nodePluginTolerations	Overrides tolerations for pods running the Trident Node CSI Plugin. Follows the same format as pod.spec.Tolerations.	No default; optional



For more information on formatting pod parameters, see Assigning Pods to Nodes.

Sample configurations

You can use the attributes mentioned above when defining TridentOrchestrator to customize your installation.

Example 1: Basic custom configuration

This is an example for a basic custom configuration.

```
cat deploy/crds/tridentorchestrator_cr_imagepullsecrets.yaml
apiVersion: trident.netapp.io/v1
kind: TridentOrchestrator
metadata:
   name: trident
spec:
   debug: true
   namespace: trident
   imagePullSecrets:
   - thisisasecret
```

Example 2: Deploy with node selectors

This example illustrates how Trident can be deployed with node selectors:

```
apiVersion: trident.netapp.io/v1
kind: TridentOrchestrator
metadata:
   name: trident
spec:
   debug: true
   namespace: trident
   controllerPluginNodeSelector:
      nodetype: master
   nodePluginNodeSelector:
      storage: netapp
```

Example 3: Deploy on Windows worker nodes

This example illustrates deployment on a Windows worker node.

```
cat deploy/crds/tridentorchestrator_cr.yaml
```

apiVersion: trident.netapp.io/v1

kind: TridentOrchestrator

metadata:

name: trident

spec:

debug: true

namespace: trident

windows: true

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