# Zero to Cloud-Native with IBM Cloud

# Part 7: Preparing to Deploy the Application

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# 1 - Preparing to Deploy the Application

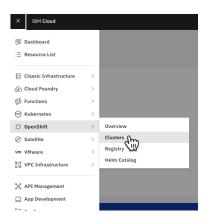
Now that we have provisioned all the IBM Cloud Services our application will use and we have a solid development environment setup, we can now configure all the services so we can deploy our tutorial application.

# 1-1 RedHat OpenShift on IBM Cloud

Starting with RedHat OpenShift on IBM Cloud, there are a couple of things we need to do to prepare our cluster to deploy our application.

To begin with, we are going to install IBM Log Analysis with LogDNA and IBM Monitoring with SysDig. Future sections will go through a deep dive on using both LogDNA and SysDig. This section will just go through the install process so logs and metric data will start flowing to LogDNA and SysDig.

To get started, we are going to navigate to our OpenShift cluster. From the IBM Cloud Console, click on the hamburger menu -> OpenShift -> clusters.



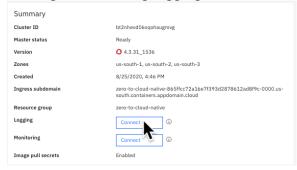
The next screen will show a list of all your clusters. Click on the zero-to-cloud-native cluster.



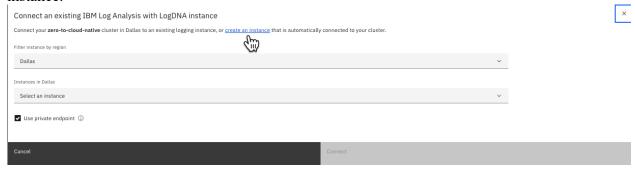
The next screen will show an Overview of your cluster. You can high level information about the status of your cluster, CPU and memory usage.

### 2 Configure Logging

We will start by configuring logging for our cluster. IBM Cloud OpenShift has made it incredibly easy to enable Logging and Monitoring with tight integration to both services. Starting with enabling logging, click on 'Connect' next to Logging.



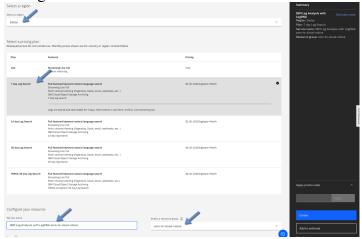
On the next screen you will have an option to either create new instance of IBM Log Analysis with LogDNA or create a new instance. We will be creating a new instance, click on create an instance.



On the next screen, enter Dallas or the same region you have been using throughout the tutorial. Select 7 day Log Search as we will be going through more advanced features of LogDNA such as integrating alerts with Slack in future tutorials.

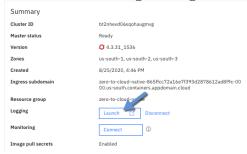
Give the service a meaningful name, I will use IBM Log Analysis with LogDNA-zero-to-cloud-native.

Finally, make sure to select the zero-to-cloud-native resource group we have been using throughout the tutorial.



After entering all these settings click create.

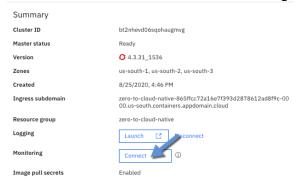
You will now see on the cluster overview screen that you can launch the Logging dashboard. Future tutorials will go through how to use IBM Log Analysis with LogDNA.



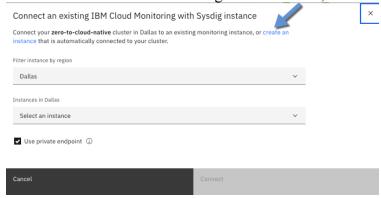
### 3 - Configure Monitoring

Next, we will follow a similar process to connect the IBM Cloud Monitoring with SysDig service.

# Click the connect button next to Monitoring.



As with LogDNA we can either connect SysDig to an existing instance or create a new instance. In this tutorial we will be creating a new instance, click on create an instance.

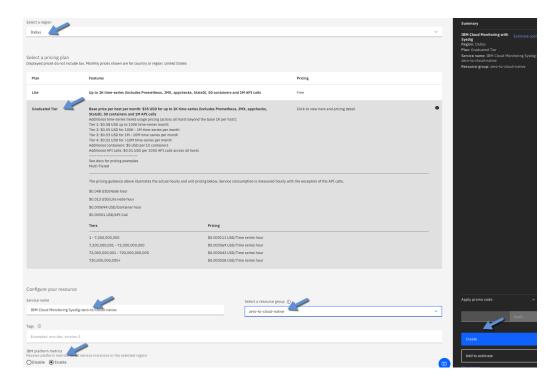


On the next screen, enter Dallas or the same region you have been using throughout the tutorial. Select Graduated Tier as the tutorial uses advance features of SysDig.

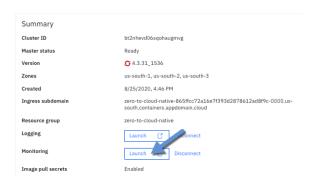
Give the service a meaningful name, I will use IBM Cloud Monitoring Sysdig-zero-to-cloud-native

Make sure to select the zero-to-cloud-native resource group we have been using throughout the tutorial.

Finally, enable IBM platform metrics so we can have a single dashboard which will also monitor all the cloud services we have deployed.



After entering all these settings, click Create. As we saw with Logging, the Monitoring line will now have an option to Launch the monitoring dashboard. A future tutorial will go through a deep dive on using SysDig to monitor our application.

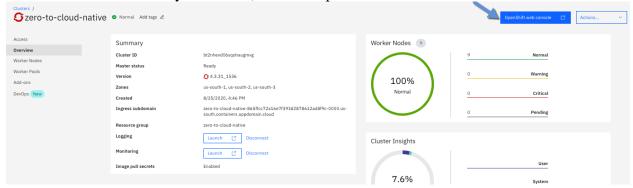


### 4 - OpenShift

### 4 – 1 Create an OpenShift Project

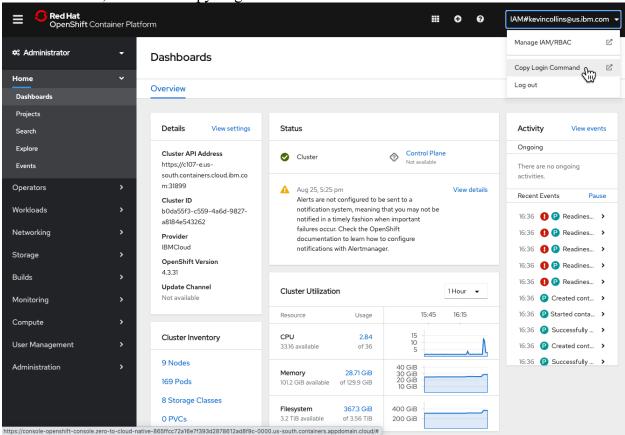
Next, we need to create a namespace or OpenShift project where our application will run. To create a new OpenShift project, we need to first log into our OpenShift cluster and retrieve a login token.

From the detailed view of your cluster, click on OpenShift web console.



This will launch the OpenShift web console. To retrieve a login token, click on you IBM Cloud

IAM user name, and select Copy Login Command.



This will bring you to a page where you need to click Display Token.

Clicking Display Token will give you a screen like the one below.



Copy the Log in with this token field.

Next, open up your iTerm2 terminal and paste the login command you just copied. Being the first time you log into the cluster, you will be on the default project.

```
kevincollins on } master [x²] via ● vi2.14.1 at @ cloudpak-provisioner/c106-e-us-south-containers-cloud-ibm-com:31793/IAM#kevincollins@us.ibm.com (cloudpak-provisioner) → oc login --token=AGj7PCR2RYGUes91lBw2Mcjbx7dIzCiFbTVRlkxBneE --server=https://c107-e.us-south.containers.cloud.ibm.com:31899
Logged into "https://c107-e.us-south.containers.cloud.ibm.com:31899" as "IAM#kevincollins@us.ibm.com" using the token provided.

You have access to 58 projects, the list has been suppressed. You can list all projects with 'oc projects'
Using project "default".
```

Next, we need to create our zero-to-cloud-native project. In the terminal type:

```
oc new-project zero-to-cloud-native
```

```
kevincollins on ‡ master [x?] via • v12.14.1 at  default/c107-e-us-south-containers-cloud-ibm-com:31899/IAM#kevincollins@us.ibm.com
→ oc new-project zero-to-cloud-native
Now using project "zero-to-cloud-native" on server "https://c107-e.us-south.containers.cloud.ibm.com:31899".
```

# 4 – 2 Create Image Pull Secrets

While we are in the terminal, we also need to copy the image pull secret from the default namespace to the zero-to-cloud-native namespace we just created. The image pull secret allows our cluster to pull images from the IBM Cloud Container Registry. When you create an Managed OpenShift Cluster an image pull secret named all-icr-io is created in the default namespace automatically. In order for to us the IBM Cloud Container Registry, we need to copy this secret to the new namespace we created. Enter the command below in your terminal to copy the image pull secret from the default namespace to the namespace we just created.

```
kubectl get secret all-icr-io -n default -o yaml | sed 's/default/zero-to-
cloud-native/g' | kubectl create -n zero-to-cloud-native -f -
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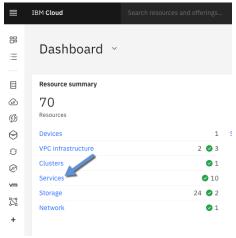
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kevincollins on | master [x?] via • v12.14.1 at | zero-to-cloud-native/c107-e-us-south-containers-cloud-lbm-com:31899/IAM#kevincollins@us.lbm.com (zero-to-cloud-native) | kubectl get secret all-icr-io -n default -o yaml | sed 's/default/zero-to-cloud-native/g' | kubectl create -n zero-to-cloud-native -f - secret/all-icr-io created
```

This will create an image pull secret in our newly created namespace so that we can pull images from IBM Cloud Container Registry.

# 5 - Configure IBM Cloud Messages with RabbitMQ

Our zero-to-cloud-native application will use message queues to communicate between the frontend and backend microservices. We will need to create message queue that our microservices will use before we deploy our code.

From the dashboard view on IBM Cloud, click on Services.



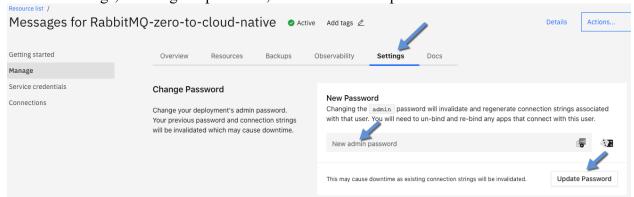
Under services, find and click on your Messages for RabbitMQ instance.



#### 5 -1 Create an admin password

The first thing we need to do is generate an admin password for our Rabbit MQ Instance.

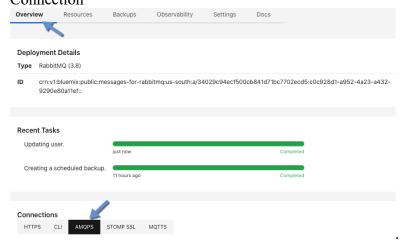
Click on settings, enter a good password, and click create Update Password.



**IMPORTANT:** Throughout this tutorial, there are several settings that you will need to remember for access later on. Create a temporary text file to store these settings. The first that you will need to remember is the **admin password for RabbitMQ**.

#### 5 – 2 Rabbit MQ Certificate, Hostname and Port

Next, we will be storing the TLS certificate that we created for RabbitMQ in our instance of certificate manager that we are using to manage all of our certificates. To do so we will need to download the certificate. To do so, click back to the Overview view and click on the AMQPS Connection



Scroll down to TLS certificate section and click Download. While you on this screen, also note the Hostname and Port number as we will need this in the next section. Make sure you are on the AMQPS tab. Our application will use the Python Pika library which will use the AMQPS connection.

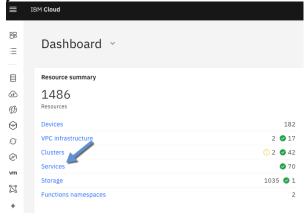


**IMPORTANT:** add the RabbitMQ **Hostname** and **port** to your temporary file, you will need these values later.

Also note where you saved the certificate. Navigate to the directory where you saved the certificate file and rename the file so it ends with .pem.

# 5 – 3 Add RabbitMQ Certificate to Certificate Manager

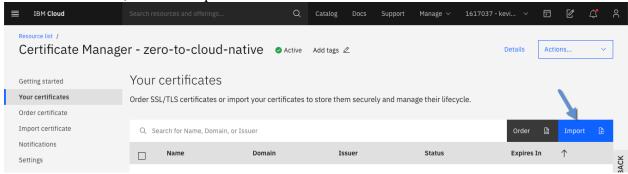
Next, we will add the Messages for RabbitMQ certificate to Certificate Manager. Navigate to your IBM Cloud Dashboard and click on Services.



Next, click on your Certificate Manager instance.

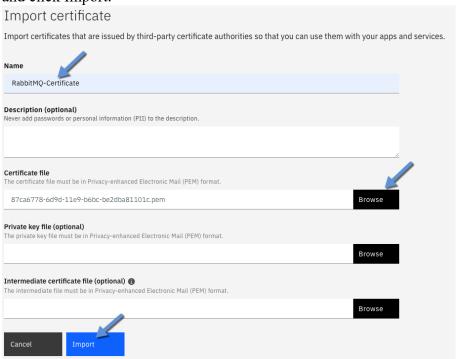


On the next screen, click on Import.

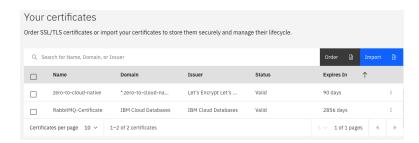


Enter a name that so that you can find the certificate for RabbitMQ later. I will name the certificate RabbitMQ-Certificate.

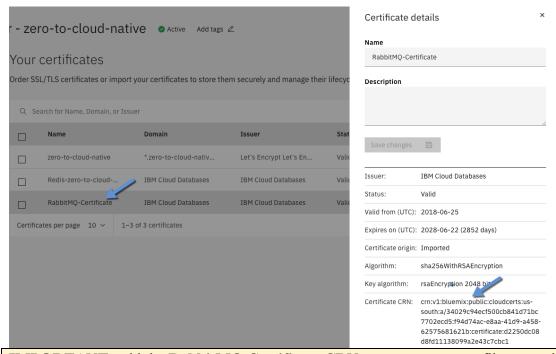
Next, click browse to find the certificate file you downloaded and renamed in the previous step and click Import.



On the next page, you should see two certificates. One for the domain we created in Part 3, and the newly created RabbitMQ Certificate.



To access the contents of the certificate later on from Certificate Manager, we will need to use the Certificate ID or CRN. Click on the name you gave for the RabbitMQ Certificate. This will bring up a second window that will show the Certificate CRN.

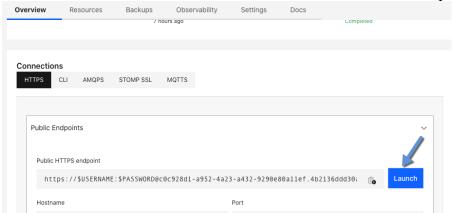


**IMPORTANT:** add the **RabbitMQ Certificate CRN** to your temporary file, you will need this value later.

#### 5 – 4 – Create RabbitMQ Queue

Next, we need to create our RabbitMQ Queue. The microservices that we will be using a queue are 'get OpenShift tokens' and 'get OpenShift versions'. Using the domain driven model, we can view both of these microservices as an 'OpenShift' domain. As these are both very quick realtime APIs, we can combine them together in a single microservice sharing a single queue.

To create a queue, navigate back to your Messages by RabbitMQ service. Scrolling down to the Connections section, click on Launch next to the Public HTTPS endpoint.



On the next login screen, you will get a warning that the site is not secure. Just ignore that and continue to the site. Enter the admin username and password you saved from the earlier step.



On the next page, click on Queues.



Next, click on Add a new queue.



On the next screen, you need to give your queue a name. I'm going to treat this environment as a dev environment so taking into consideration which microservice this queue will service, I am going to name the queue dev-ocp-realtime-02cn

▼ Add a new queue	
Type:	Classic 🕶
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Durability:	Durable ~
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	Dead letter exchange ?   Dead letter routing key ?   Single active consumer ?   Maximum priority ?
	Lazy mode ? Master locator ?
Add queue	

After entering a name, click on Add Queue.

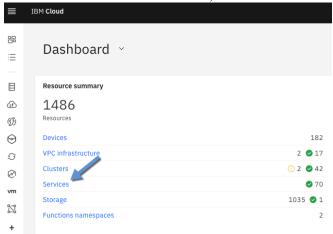
**IMPORTANT:** add the **RabbitMQ Queue** name to your temporary file, you will need this value later.

That finishes the setup and configuration of Messages by RabbitMQ! Overall, a very quick and easy process for setting up RabbitMQ. The service not only provisioned an instance of Rabbit MQ, but is also encrypting all the data on queues with an encryption key we create in part 3 of the series, and will automatically we be backed up with encryption.

# 6 - Configure IBM Cloud Databases for Redis

Our cloud-native application architecture will use Redis as a caching database to store versions of OpenShift supported by IBM Cloud. To use Redis in our application, we will need to get the TLS certificate for our service and store it in our certificate manager instance.

# From the IBM Cloud dashboard, click on Services.



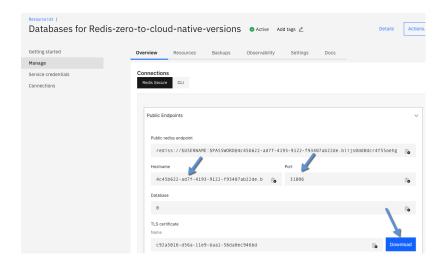
# Under services, click on your instance of Databases for Redis.



# 6-1 Obtain Redis Certificate, Hostname and Port

After clicking on the service, you will see an Overview screen for the service. As we did with the RabbitMQ, scroll down to the TLS certificate and click Download.

**IMPORTANT:** add the Redis **Hostname** and **Port number** to your temporary file, you will need these values later.



Navigate to where you saved the certificate, and like we did with RabbitMQ, rename the certificate so is ends with .pem.

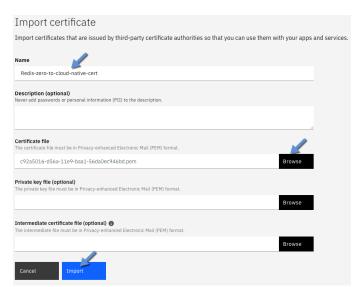
# 6 – 2 Add Redis Certificate to Certificate Manager

Now that we have the certificate, we need to store the certificate in our certificate manage instance.

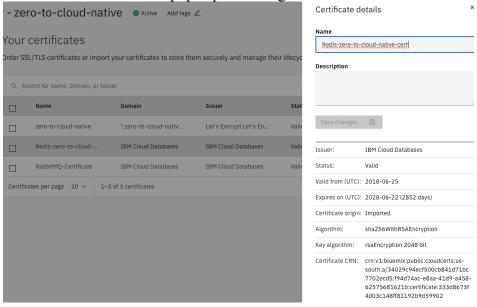
Going back to certificate manager, click on Import.



Give your certificate a meaningful name. I will be using Redis-zero-to-cloud-native-cert. Select the certificate file you downloaded and renamed and click Import.



As we did with the Rabbit MQ certificate, we need to copy the certificate CRN for our Redis certificate. Click on the Redis certificate row in certificate manager and then copy the certificate CRN value the screen the pops up on the right-hand side.

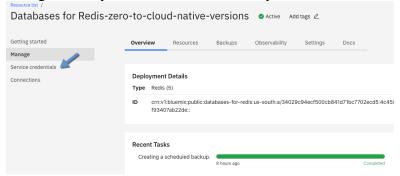


**IMPORTANT:** add the **Redis Certificate** CRN to your temporary file, you will need this value later.

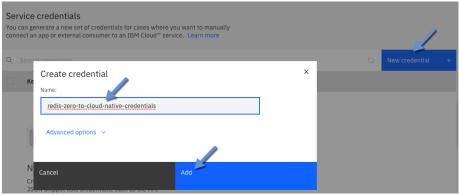
#### 6 – 3 Create Redis Service Credentials

We also need to create service credentials for our Redis Instance.

Going back to your Redis instance from your resource list, click on Service Credentials.



On the next screen, click New Credential, give your service credentials a good name, and click Add.



Expand the service credentials and scroll down to the authentication section and note the username and password. Make sure to store this user id and password in a place you will remember as we will be using it in the next section.

```
"rediss": {
    "authentication": {
        "method": "direct".
        "password": "e526c54063b3cfd12c0cf31a8728f39ad26cadef5ae5a974eca1b51f4b9e13c0",
        "username": "admin"
}
```

**IMPORTANT:** add the Redis **username** ( should be admin ), and **password** to your temporary file, you will need these values later.

And that is it, Redis is ready to be used.

# 7 - Configure App to Log with LogDNA

There will be a future part of this series that will go through a deep dive in using LogDNA. However, in able for our application to send meaningful messages to LogDNA, there are a couple of things we need to do.

First, we need to retrieve our LogDNA API key. From the IBM Cloud hamburger menu, select Observability.



# Click on Logging.



On the next screen, click on the options icon and select view Key.



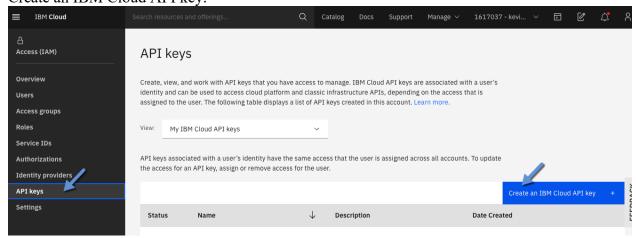
Click on show key and copy the key to a temporary file that we will use later.

**IMPORTANT:** add the LogDNA Key to your temporary file, you will need these values later.

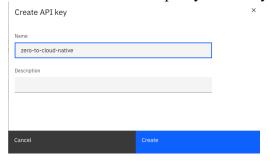


# 8 - Create an IBM Cloud API Key

If you don't already have an API Key, you will need to create one. From the IBM Cloud Console, select Manage and then Access (IAM). On the next screen, click API keys and then Create an IBM Cloud API key.



On the next screen, give your API Key a name and click create copy and paste it in a file that you won't lose. We will be using this API key throughout the tutorial so make sure to store it somewhere so that you won't lose it. Do not share this API key with anyone as the API key will allow whoever has it do pretty much anything to your IBM Cloud account.



**IMPORTANT:** add the API Key you just created to your temporary file, you will need this value later.

#### 9 - Container Registry

Before we can deploy our images into a container registry, we will need to create a namespace in IBM Cloud to store our images. To create a container registry namespace, start iTerm2 and login into IBM Cloud with the following command.

ic login --apikey=<apikey you copied above>

Next, we need to log into the container registry.

ic cr login

Now, we can create a new container registry namespace.

ic cr namespace-add zero-to-cloud-native

Note that you cannot have the same container registry namespace as someone else. You will need to create a unique name, suggestion is to use zero-to-cloud-native + your initials

**IMPORTANT:** note the namespace you just create in your temporary file, you will need this value later.

That completes the setup and configuration of all the services our application will use, next up we will go through the code base and then deploy the application.