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MidoNet is a network virtualization software for Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS) clouds.

It decouples your IaaS cloud from your network hardware, creating an intelligent software abstraction layer between your end hosts and your physical network.

This guide walks through the minimum installation and configuration steps necessary to use MidoNet with OpenStack.



Caution

This document is a DRAFT. It may be MISSING relevant information or contain UNTESTED information. Use it at your own risk.



Note

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Preface

Conventions

The MidoNet documentation uses several typesetting conventions.

Notices

Notices take these forms:



Note

A handy tip or reminder.



Important

Something you must be aware of before proceeding.



Warning

Critical information about the risk of data loss or security issues.

Command prompts

\$ prompt

Any user, including the root user, can run commands that are prefixed with the \$ prompt.

prompt

The root user must run commands that are prefixed with the # prompt. You can also prefix these commands with the **sudo** command, if available, to run them.

1. Architecture

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This guide assumes the following example system architecture.

OpenStack Controller Node:

- Controller Node (**controller**)

Compute Node:

- Compute Node (**compute1**)

Since MidoNet is a distributed system, it does not have the concept of a Network Node as being used with the default OpenStack networking plugin. Instead it uses two or more Gateway Nodes that utilize [Quagga](#) to provide connectivity to external networks via the Border Gateway Protocol (BGP).

- Gateway Node 1 (**gateway1**)
- Gateway Node 2 (**gateway2**)

Three or more hosts are being used for the MidoNet Network State Database (NSDB) cluster which utilizes [ZooKeeper](#) and [Cassandra](#) to store virtual network topology and connection state information:

- NSDB Node 1 (**nsdb1**)
- NSDB Node 2 (**nsdb2**)
- NSDB Node 3 (**nsdb3**)



Important

Ideally, both the ZooKeeper transaction log and Cassandra data files need their own dedicated disks, with additional disks for other services on the host. However, for small POCs and small deployments, it is ok to share the Cassandra disk with other services and just leave the ZooKeeper transaction log on its own.

The *MidoNet Agent (Midolman)* has to be installed on all nodes where traffic enters or leaves the virtual topology. In this guide this are the **controller**, **gateway1**, **gateway2** and **compute1** hosts.

The *Midonet Cluster* can be installed on a separate host, but this guide assumes it to be installed on the **controller** host.

The *Midonet Command Line Interface (CLI)* can be installed on any host that has connectivity to the MidoNet Cluster. This guide assumes it to be installed on the **controller** host.

The *Midonet Neutron Plugin* replaces the ML2 Plugin and has to be installed on the **controller**.

Hosts and Services

Controller Node (controller)

- General
 - Database (MariaDB)
 - Message Broker (RabbitMQ)
- OpenStack
 - Identity Service (Keystone)
 - Image Service (Glance)
 - Compute (Nova)
 - Networking (Neutron)
 - Neutron Server
 - DHCP Agent
 - Metadata Agent
 - Dashboard (Horizon)
- MidoNet
 - Cluster
 - CLI
 - Neutron Plugin

Compute Node (compute1)

- OpenStack
 - Compute (Nova)
 - Networking (Neutron)
- MidoNet
 - Agent (Midolman)

NSDB Nodes (nsdb1, nsdb2, nsdb3)

- Network State Database (NSDB)
 - Network Topology (ZooKeeper)
 - Network State Information (Cassandra)

Gateway Nodes (gateway1, gateway2)

- BGP Daemon (Quagga)
- MidoNet
 - Agent (Midolman)

2. Basic Environment Configuration

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Networking Configuration



Important

All hostnames must be resolvable, either via DNS or locally.

This guide assumes that you follow the instructions in [OpenStack Networking \(neutron\)](#) of the OpenStack Documentation.

Repository Configuration

Configure necessary software repositories and update installed packages.

1. Configure Ubuntu repositories

Edit the `/etc/apt/sources.list` file to contain the following:

```
# Ubuntu Main Archive
deb http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ trusty main
deb http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu trusty-security main

# Ubuntu Universe Archive
deb http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ trusty universe
deb http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu trusty-security universe
```

2. Configure Ubuntu Cloud Archive repository

Create the `/etc/apt/sources.list.d/cloudarchive-kilo.list` file and edit it to contain the following:

```
# Ubuntu Cloud Archive
deb http://ubuntu-cloud.archive.canonical.com/ubuntu trusty-updates/kilo
main
```

Install the repository's key:

```
# apt-get update
# apt-get install ubuntu-cloud-keyring
```

3. Configure DataStax repository

Create the `/etc/apt/sources.list.d/datastax.list` file and edit it to contain the following:

```
# DataStax (Apache Cassandra)
deb http://debian.datastax.com/community 2.0 main
```

Download and install the repository's key:


```
# curl -L https://debian.datastax.com/debian/repo_key | apt-key add -
```

4. Configure Java 8 repository

Since Ubuntu 14.04 does not provide a Java 8 runtime environment in its repositories, we are going to use the [Launchpad PPA for OpenJDK](#).

Create the `/etc/apt/sources.list.d/openjdk-8.list` file and edit it to contain the following:

```
# OpenJDK 8
deb http://ppa.launchpad.net/openjdk-r/ppa/ubuntu trusty main
```

Download and install the repository's key:

```
# apt-key adv --keyserver hkp://keyserver.ubuntu.com:80 --recv-keys
0x86F44E2A
```

5. Configure MidoNet repositories

Create the `/etc/apt/sources.list.d/midonet.list` file and edit it to contain the following:

```
# MidoNet
deb http://builds.midonet.org/midonet-5 stable main

# MidoNet OpenStack Integration
deb http://builds.midonet.org/openstack-kilo stable main

# MidoNet 3rd Party Tools and Libraries
deb http://builds.midonet.org/misc stable main
```

Download and install the repositories' key:

```
# curl -L http://builds.midonet.org/midorepo.key | apt-key add -
```

6. Install available updates

```
# apt-get update
# apt-get dist-upgrade
```

7. If necessary, reboot the system

```
# reboot
```

3. OpenStack Installation

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Important

Follow the [OpenStack Kilo Installation Guide for Ubuntu 14.04 \(LTS\)](#) , but note the following differences.

Identity Service (Keystone)



Important

Follow the OpenStack documentation's [Chapter 3. Add the Identity service](#) instructions, but **note the following differences and additions**.

1. Verify operation

Do **not** apply step '1. For security reasons, disable the temporary authentication token mechanism'.

The MidoNet API uses the Keystone admin token for authentication purposes, therefore `admin_token_auth` has to be kept in the corresponding configuration sections.

2. Create MidoNet API Service

As Keystone admin, execute the following command:

```
$ openstack service create --name midonet --description "MidoNet API Service" midonet
```

3. Create MidoNet Administrative User

As Keystone admin, execute the following commands:

```
$ openstack user create --password-prompt midonet
$ openstack role add --project service --user midonet admin
```

Compute Services (Nova)



Important

Follow the OpenStack documentation's [Chapter 5. Add the Compute service](#) instructions, but **note the following differences**.

Controller Node



Note

Follow the OpenStack documentation's [Install and configure controller node](#) instructions as is.

Compute Node



Important

Follow the OpenStack documentation's [Install and configure a compute node](#) instructions, but **note the following additions**.

1. Configure libvirt

Edit the `/etc/libvirt/qemu.conf` file to contain the following:

```
user = "root"
group = "root"

cgroup_device_acl = [
    "/dev/null", "/dev/full", "/dev/zero",
    "/dev/random", "/dev/urandom",
    "/dev/ptmx", "/dev/kvm", "/dev/kqemu",
    "/dev/rtc", "/dev/hpet", "/dev/vfio/vfio",
    "/dev/net/tun"
]
```

2. Restart the libvirt service

```
# service libvirt-bin restart
```

1. Install nova-rootwrap network filters

```
# apt-get install nova-network
```

2. Restart the Compute service

```
# service nova-compute restart
```

Networking Services (Neutron)



Important

Follow the OpenStack documentation's [Chapter 6. OpenStack Networking \(neutron\)](#) instructions, but **note the following differences**.

Controller Node



Important

Follow the OpenStack documentation's [Install and configure controller node](#) instructions, but **note the following differences and additions**.

1. To configure prerequisites

Apply as is.

2. To install the Networking components

Do not apply.

- a. Instead, install the following packages:

```
# apt-get install neutron-server python-neutronclient python-neutron-  
plugin-midonet  
# apt-get purge neutron-plugin-ml2
```

3. To configure the Networking server component

Do not apply step 'd. Enable the Modular Layer 2 (ML2) plug-in, router service, and overlapping IP addresses'.

- a. Instead, edit the `/etc/neutron/neutron.conf` file and configure the following key in the `[DEFAULT]` section:

```
[DEFAULT]  
...  
core_plugin = midonet.neutron.plugin_v2.MidonetPluginV2
```



Note

Make sure to not leave any space at the starting of lines in any configuration file (this applies to all configuration files).

4. To configure the Modular Layer 2 (ML2) plug-in

Do not apply.

Instead, perform the following steps.

- a. Create the directory for the MidoNet plugin:

```
mkdir /etc/neutron/plugins/midonet
```

- b. Create the `/etc/neutron/plugins/midonet/midonet.ini` file and edit it to contain the following:

```
[DATABASE]  
sql_connection = mysql://neutron:NEUTRON_DBPASS@controller/neutron  
  
[MIDONET]  
# MidoNet API URL  
midonet_uri = http://controller:8181/midonet-api  
# MidoNet administrative user in Keystone  
username = midonet  
password = MIDONET_PASS  
# MidoNet administrative user's tenant  
project_id = service
```

- c. Edit the `/etc/default/neutron-server` file to contain the following:

```
NEUTRON_PLUGIN_CONFIG="/etc/neutron/plugins/midonet/midonet.ini"
```

5. To configure Compute to use Networking

Apply as is.

6. Configure Load-Balancer-as-a-Service (LBaaS)

Additionally to the OpenStack Installation Guide, configure Load-Balancer-as-a-Service (LBaaS) as described in [the section called "Configure Load-Balancer-as-a-Service \(LBaaS\)" \[9\]](#).

7. To finalize installation

Do **not** apply.

Instead, perform the following steps.

a. Populate the database:

```
# su -s /bin/sh -c "neutron-db-manage --config-file /etc/neutron/  
neutron.conf --config-file /etc/neutron/plugins/midonet/midonet.ini  
upgrade head" neutron
```

```
# midonet-db-manage upgrade head
```

b. Restart the Compute service:

```
# service nova-api restart
```

c. Restart the Networking service:

```
# service neutron-server restart
```

Configure Load-Balancer-as-a-Service (LBaaS)



Important

Follow the OpenStack documentation's [Configure Load-Balancer-as-a-Service \(LBaaS\)](#) instructions, but **note the following differences**.

1. Install the agent

Do **not** apply.

Instead install the package `python-neutron-lbaas`

```
# yum install python-neutron-lbaas
```

2. Enable the HAProxy plug-in by using the `service_provider` option in the `/etc/neutron/neutron.conf` file:

Do **not** apply.

Instead, set `service_provider` as follows:

```
[service_providers]  
service_provider = LOADBALANCER:Midonet:midonet.neutron.services.  
loadbalancer.driver.MidonetLoadbalancerDriver:default
```

3. Enable the load-balancing plug-in by using the `service_plugins` option in the `/etc/neutron/neutron.conf` file:

Apply as is.

4. Enable the HAProxy load balancer in the `/etc/neutron/lbaas_agent.ini` file:

Do **not** apply.

5. **Select the required driver in the `/etc/neutron/lbaas_agent.ini` file:**

Do not apply.

6. **Create the required tables in the database:**

Do not apply.

7. **Apply the settings by restarting the `neutron-server` and `neutron-lbaas-agent` services.**

Do not apply.

8. **Enable load balancing in the Project section of the dashboard.**

Apply as is.

9. **To finalize installation**

Finalize the installation as described in [Neutron Controller Node Installation](#).

Compute Node



Important

Follow the OpenStack documentation's [Install and configure compute node](#) instructions, but **note the following differences**.

1. **To configure prerequisites**

Do not apply.

2. **To install the Networking components**

Do not apply.

3. **To configure the Networking common components**

Do not apply.

4. **To configure the Modular Layer 2 (ML2) plug-in**

Do not apply.

5. **To configure the Open vSwitch (OVN) service**

Do not apply.

6. **To configure Compute to use Networking**

Apply as is.

7. **To finalize the installation**

Do not apply.

a. Instead, restart the following service:

```
# service nova-compute restart
```

4. MidoNet Installation

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NSDB Nodes

ZooKeeper Installation

1. Install ZooKeeper packages

```
# apt-get install openjdk-7-jre-headless
# apt-get install zookeeper zookeeperd zkdump
```

2. Configure ZooKeeper

a. Common Configuration

Edit the `/etc/zookeeper/conf/zoo.cfg` file to contain the following:

```
server.1=nsdb1:2888:3888
server.2=nsdb2:2888:3888
server.3=nsdb3:2888:3888
```



Important

For production deployments it is recommended to configure the storage of snapshots in a different disk than the commit log. This can be set by changing the parameter `dataDir` in `zoo.cfg` to a different disk.

b. Node-specific Configuration

i. **NSDB Node 1**

Create the `/var/lib/zookeeper/myid` file and edit it to contain the host's ID:

```
# echo 1 > /var/lib/zookeeper/myid
```

ii. NSDB Node 2

Create the `/var/lib/zookeeper/myid` file and edit it to contain the host's ID:

```
# echo 2 > /var/lib/zookeeper/myid
```

iii. NSDB Node 3

Create the `/var/lib/zookeeper/myid` file and edit it to contain the host's ID:

```
# echo 3 > /var/lib/zookeeper/myid
```

3. Restart ZooKeeper

```
# service zookeeper restart
```

4. Verify ZooKeeper Operation

After installation of all nodes has been completed, verify that ZooKeeper is operating properly.

A basic check can be done by executing the `ruok` (Are you ok?) command on all nodes. This will reply with `imok` (I am ok.) if the server is running in a non-error state:

```
$ echo ruok | nc 127.0.0.1 2181
imok
```

More detailed information can be requested with the `stat` command, which lists statistics about performance and connected clients:

```
$ echo stat | nc 127.0.0.1 2181
Zookeeper version: 3.4.5--1, built on 06/10/2013 17:26 GMT
Clients:
 /127.0.0.1:34768[0](queued=0,recved=1,sent=0)
 /192.0.2.1:49703[1](queued=0,recved=1053,sent=1053)

Latency min/avg/max: 0/4/255
Received: 1055
Sent: 1054
Connections: 2
Outstanding: 0
Zxid: 0x260000013d
Mode: follower
Node count: 3647
```

Cassandra Installation

1. Install Cassandra packages

```
# apt-get install openjdk-7-jre-headless
# apt-get install dsc20
```

2. Configure Cassandra

a. Common Configuration

Edit the `/etc/cassandra/cassandra.yaml` file to contain the following:

```
# The name of the cluster.
cluster_name: 'midonet'

...

# Addresses of hosts that are deemed contact points.
seed_provider:
  - class_name: org.apache.cassandra.locator.SimpleSeedProvider
    parameters:
      - seeds: "nsdb1,nsdb2,nsdb3"
```

b. Node-specific Configuration

i. NSDB Node 1

Edit the `/etc/cassandra/cassandra.yaml` file to contain the following:

```
# Address to bind to and tell other Cassandra nodes to connect to.
listen_address: nsdb1

...

# The address to bind the Thrift RPC service.
rpc_address: nsdb1
```

ii. NSDB Node 2

Edit the `/etc/cassandra/cassandra.yaml` file to contain the following:

```
# Address to bind to and tell other Cassandra nodes to connect to.
listen_address: nsdb2

...

# The address to bind the Thrift RPC service.
rpc_address: nsdb2
```

iii. NSDB Node 3

Edit the `/etc/cassandra/cassandra.yaml` file to contain the following:

```
# Address to bind to and tell other Cassandra nodes to connect to.
listen_address: nsdb3

...

# The address to bind the Thrift RPC service.
rpc_address: nsdb3
```

3. Clean existing data and restart Cassandra

```
# service cassandra stop
# rm -rf /var/lib/cassandra/*
# service cassandra start
```

4. Verify Cassandra Operation

After installation of all nodes has been completed, verify that Cassandra is operating properly.



Important

If Cassandra fails to start and prints a "buffer overflow" error message in its log file, you may try associating `127.0.0.1` with the hostname in `etc/hosts` (so that `hostname -i` will show `127.0.0.1`). This may solve the Cassandra start problem.

A basic check can be done by executing the `nodetool status` command. This will reply with `UN` (Up / Normal) in the first column if the servers are running in a non-error state:

```
$ nodetool -host 127.0.0.1 status
[...]
Status=Up/Down
|/ State=Normal/Leaving/Joining/Moving
```


5. Start the MidoNet Cluster

```
# service midonet-cluster start
```

MidoNet CLI Installation

1. Install MidoNet CLI package

```
# apt-get install python-midonetclient
```

2. Configure MidoNet CLI

Create the `~/.midonetcrc` file and edit it to contain the following:

```
[cli]
api_url = http://controller:8181/midonet-api
username = admin
password = ADMIN_PASS
project_id = admin
```

Midolman Installation

The *MidoNet Agent (Midolman)* has to be installed on all nodes where traffic enters or leaves the virtual topology, in this guide this are the **gateway1**, **gateway2** and **compute1** nodes.

1. Install Midolman package

```
# apt-get install openjdk-8-jre-headless
# apt-get install midolman
```

2. Configure resource usage

Run these steps on **each agent host** in order to configure resource usage.



Important

For production environments the **large** templates are strongly recommended.

a. Midolman resource template

Run the following command to configure the Midolman resource template:

```
$ mn-conf template-set -h local -t TEMPLATE_NAME
```

Replace **TEMPLATE_NAME** with one of the following templates:

```
agent-compute-large
agent-compute-medium
agent-gateway-large
agent-gateway-medium
default
```

b. Java Virtual Machine (JVM) resource template

Replace the default `/etc/midolman/midolman-env.sh` file with one of the below to configure the JVM resource template:

```
/etc/midolman/midolman-env.sh.compute.large
/etc/midolman/midolman-env.sh.compute.medium
```

```
/etc/midolman/midolman-env.sh.gateway.large
/etc/midolman/midolman-env.sh.gateway.medium
```

3. Configure MidoNet Metadata Proxy for all agents

This step needs to happen only once, it will set up MidoNet Metadata Proxy for all MidoNet Agent nodes.

Run the following commands to set the cloud-wide values for the MidoNet Metadata Proxy:

```
$ echo "agent.openstack.metadata.nova_metadata_url : \"http://  
/nova_metadata_host:nova_metadata_port\" | mn-conf set  
$ echo "agent.openstack.metadata.shared_secret : shared_secret" | mn-  
conf set  
$ echo "agent.openstack.metadata.enabled : true" | mn-conf set
```

nova_metadata_host, **nova_metadata_port**, and **shared_secret** should be replaced with appropriate values. They need to match with the corresponding Nova Metadata API configuration.

nova_metadata_host and **nova_metadata_port** specify the address on which Nova accepts Metadata API requests. **shared_secret** has to be the same as specified by the "metadata_proxy_shared_secret" field in the "neutron" section of nova.conf.

The Nova side of the configuration for the metadata service is same as when using Neutron Metadata Proxy. See the OpenStack documentation for details:

Cloud Administrator Guide: Configure Metadata

4. Start Midolman

```
# service midolman start
```

MidoNet Host Registration

1. Launch MidoNet CLI

```
$ midonet-cli
midonet>
```

2. Create tunnel zone

MidoNet supports the Virtual Extensible LAN (VXLAN) and Generic Routing Encapsulation (GRE) protocols to communicate to other hosts within a tunnel zone.

To use the VXLAN protocol, create the tunnel zone with type 'vxlan':

```
midonet> tunnel-zone create name tz type vxlan
tzzone0
```

To use the GRE protocol, create the tunnel zone with type 'gre':

```
midonet> tunnel-zone create name tz type gre
tzone0
```



Important

Make sure to allow GRE/VXLAN traffic for all hosts that belong to the tunnel zone. For VXLAN MidoNet uses UDP port 6677 as default.

1. Add hosts to tunnel zone

```
midonet> list tunnel-zone
tzone tzone0 name tz type vxlan

midonet> list host
host host0 name controller alive true
host host1 name gateway1 alive true
host host2 name gateway2 alive true
host host3 name compute1 alive true

midonet> tunnel-zone tzone0 add member host host0
address ip_address_of_host0
zone tzone0 host host0 address ip_address_of_host0

midonet> tunnel-zone tzone0 add member host host1
address ip_address_of_host1
zone tzone0 host host1 address ip_address_of_host1

midonet> tunnel-zone tzone0 add member host host2
address ip_address_of_host2
zone tzone0 host host2 address ip_address_of_host2

midonet> tunnel-zone tzone0 add member host host3
address ip_address_of_host3
zone tzone0 host host3 address ip_address_of_host3
```

5. Initial Network Configuration



Important

Follow the OpenStack documentation's [Create initial networks](#) instructions, but **note the following differences**.

1. To create the external network

Use the following command to create the external network:

```
$ neutron net-create ext-net --router:external
```

6. Edge Router Setup

Prior to v5.0, with Neutron, you could set up the gateway in only one way, which was to have a special singleton gateway router called the Provider Router created implicitly when an external network was created in Neutron. The provider router sits at the edge of the cloud and interfaces with the uplink router. The Provider Router is where BGP was typically configured. The biggest limitation of this approach was that it took away the scenario in which you wanted to have an L2 network at the edge instead of a router. Another limitation was that only one such router could exist for the entire cloud.

These limitations are removed in v5.0, where you could design your gateway to be either L2 network or router with as many routers as you wish, all using the Neutron API.

There are two main changes:

Edge Router

The Provider Router is no longer implicitly created upon the external network creation. Instead, the edge gateway routers, called the Edge Routers, are created explicitly using standard Neutron API. With this approach, multiple Edge Routers can be created, and they are optional.

Gateway Virtual Topology

In the previous model, the Provider Router was connected directly to the tenant routers, with the external networks hanging off of the Provider Router.

In the new model, the external networks exist between the edge and the tenant routers.

To create the gateway topology issue the following Neutron commands.

Create a standard neutron router:

```
neutron router-create <EDGE_ROUTER_NAME>
```

Attach the edge router to an external network:

```
neutron router-interface-add <EDGE_ROUTER_ID> <EXT_SUBNET_ID>
```

Create a special network called uplink network, representing the physical network outside of the cloud:

```
neutron net-create <UPLINK_NET_NAME> --tenant_id admin --  
provider:network_type uplink
```

Create a subnet for the uplink network matching the CIDR used in the uplink network (could just be /30 if linked directly to another router):

```
neutron subnet-create --tenant_id admin --disable-dhcp --name  
<UPLINK_SUBNET_NAME> <UPLINK_NET_NAME> <CIDR>
```

Create a port on the uplink network with a specific IP that you want to use and the binding details so that this virtual port gets bound to a specific NIC on the gateway host:

```
neutron port-create <UPLINK_NET_ID> --binding:host_id <HOST_NAME> --  
binding:profile type=dict interface_name=<INTERFACE_NAME> --fixed-ip  
ip_address=<IP_ADDR>
```

Attach the uplink port to the Edge Router:

```
neutron router-interface-add <EDGE_ROUTER_ID> port=<UPLINK_PORT_ID>
```



```
midonet> port-group pgroup0 list member
port-group pgroup0 port router0:port0
port-group pgroup0 port router0:port1
```

8. Further Steps

MidoNet installation and integration into OpenStack is completed.



Note

Consult the **Operations Guide** for further instructions on operating MidoNet.