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Unable to create windows nodepool on GKE cluster #632

[Closed](#)**abdelhegazi** opened this issue on Aug 17, 2020 · 9 comments**abdelhegazi** commented on Aug 17, 2020 • edited ▼

In GKE "This is my first time to provision a cluster with windows node_pool"
I am calling module

```
source = "terraform-google-modules/kubernetes-engine/google//modules/beta-private-cluster-update-variant"
version = "9.2.0"
```

I had to define two pools one for linux pool required by GKE and the windows one we require, terraform always succeeds in provisioning the linux node_pool but fails to provision the windows one and the error message

```
module.gke.google_container_cluster.primary: Still modifying... [id=projects/uk-xxx-xx-xxx-b821/locations/europe-west2/clusters/gke-nonpci-dev, 24m31s elapsed]
module.gke.google_container_cluster.primary: Still modifying... [id=projects/uk-xxx-xx-xxx-b821/locations/europe-west2/clusters/gke-nonpci-dev, 24m41s elapsed]
module.gke.google_container_cluster.primary: Still modifying... [id=projects/uk-xxx-xx-xxx-b821/locations/europe-west2/clusters/gke-nonpci-dev, 24m51s elapsed]
module.gke.google_container_cluster.primary: Modifications complete after 24m58s [id=projects/xx-xxx-xx-xxx-b821/locations/europe-west2/clusters/gke-nonpci-dev]
module.gke.google_container_node_pool.pools["windows-node-pool"]: Creating...
```

```
Error: error creating NodePool: googleapi: Error 400: Workload Identity is not supported on Windows nodes. Create the nodepool without workload identity by specifying --workload-metadata=GCE_METADATA., badRequest
```

```
on .terraform\modules\gke\terraform-google-kubernetes-engine-9.2.0\modules\beta-private-cluster-update-variant\cluster.tf line 341, in resource
"google_container_node_pool" "pools":
341: resource "google_container_node_pool" "pools" {
```

I tried many places to set this metadata values but I couldn't get it right:

From terraform side :

I tried also setting `enable_shielded_nodes = false` but this didn't really help much.

I tried to test this if it is doable even through the command line this was my command line

```
C:\>gcloud container node-pools --region europe-west2 list
NAME                                MACHINE_TYPE  DISK_SIZE_GB  NODE_VERSION
default-node-pool-d916             n1-standard-2  100           1.17.9-gke.600
```

```
C:\>gcloud container node-pools --region europe-west2 create window-node-pool --
cluster=gke-nonpci-dev --image-type=WINDOWS_SAC --no-enable-autoupgrade --machine-
type=n1-standard-2
```

WARNING: Starting in 1.12, new node pools will be created with their legacy Compute Engine instance metadata APIs disabled by default. To create a node pool with legacy instance metadata endpoints disabled, run `node-pools create` with the flag `--metadata disable-legacy-endpoints=true`.

This will disable the autorepair feature for nodes. Please see <https://cloud.google.com/kubernetes-engine/docs/node-auto-repair> for more information on node autorepairs.

ERROR: (gcloud.container.node-pools.create) ResponseError: code=400, message=Workload Identity is not supported on Windows nodes. Create the nodepool without workload identity by specifying `--workload-metadata=GCE_METADATA`.

```
C:\>gcloud container node-pools --region europe-west2 create window-node-pool --
cluster=gke-nonpci-dev --image-type=WINDOWS_SAC --no-enable-autoupgrade --machine-
type=n1-standard-2 --workload-metadata=GCE_METADATA --metadata disable-legacy-
endpoints=true
```

This will disable the autorepair feature for nodes. Please see <https://cloud.google.com/kubernetes-engine/docs/node-auto-repair> for more information on node autorepairs.

ERROR: (gcloud.container.node-pools.create) ResponseError: code=400, message=Service account "874988475980-compute@developer.gserviceaccount.com" does not exist.

```
C:\>gcloud auth list
```

Credentialed Accounts

```
ACTIVE  ACCOUNT
```

```
*       tf-xxx-xxx-xx-xxx@xx-xxx-xx-xxx-xxxx.iam.gserviceaccount.com
```

This service account from running `gcloud auth list` is the one I am running terraform with but I don't know where is this one in the error message coming from, even though trying to create the windows nodepool through command line as shown above also didn't work I am a bit stuck and I don't know what to do.

As module 9.2.0 is a stable module for us through all our linux based clusters we setup before, hence I thought this may be an old version for a windows node_pool I used the 11.0.0 instead to see if this would make it any different but ended up with a different error

```
module.gke.google_container_node_pool.pools["default-node-pool"]: Refreshing state...
[id=projects/uk-tix-p1-npe-b821/locations/europe-west2/clusters/gke-nonpci-
dev/nodePools/default-node-pool-d916]
```

```

.terraform/modules/gke.gcloud_delete_default_kube_dns_configmap/terraform-google-gcloud-1.4.1/scripts/check_env.sh: %1 is not a valid Win32 application.

```

```

on .terraform\modules\gke.gcloud_delete_default_kube_dns_configmap\terraform-google-gcloud-1.4.1\main.tf line 70, in data "external" "env_override":

```

```

70: data "external" "env_override" {

```

```

Error: failed to execute ".terraform/modules/gke.gcloud_wait_for_cluster/terraform-google-gcloud-1.3.0/scripts/check_env.sh": fork/exec

```

```

.terraform/modules/gke.gcloud_wait_for_cluster/terraform-google-gcloud-1.3.0/scripts/check_env.sh: %1 is not a valid Win32 application.

```

```

on .terraform\modules\gke.gcloud_wait_for_cluster\terraform-google-gcloud-1.3.0\main.tf line 70, in data "external" "env_override":

```

```

70: data "external" "env_override" {

```

This how I set node_pools parameters

```

node_pools = [
  {
    name           = "linux-node-pool"
    machine_type   = var.nodepool_instance_type
    min_count      = 1
    max_count      = 10
    disk_size_gb   = 100
    disk_type      = "pd-standard"
    image_type     = "COS"
    auto_repair    = true
    auto_upgrade   = true
    service_account = google_service_account.gke_cluster_sa.email
    preemptible    = var.preemptible
    initial_node_count = 1
  },
  {
    name           = "windows-node-pool"
    machine_type   = var.nodepool_instance_type
    min_count      = 1
    max_count      = 10
    disk_size_gb   = 100
    disk_type      = "pd-standard"
    image_type     = var.nodepool_image_type
    auto_repair    = true
    auto_upgrade   = true
    service_account = google_service_account.gke_cluster_sa.email
    preemptible    = var.preemptible
    initial_node_count = 1
  }
]

cluster_resource_labels = var.cluster_resource_labels

# health check and webhook firewall rules
node_pools_tags = {

```

```

node_pools_metadata = {
  all = {
//      workload-metadata = "GCE_METADATA"
  }

  linux-node-pool = {
    ssh-keys = join("\n", [for user, key in var.node_ssh_keys : "${user}:${key}"])
    block-project-ssh-keys = true
  }

  windows-node-pool = {
    workload-metadata = "GCE_METADATA"
  }
}

```

- this is a shared VPC where I provision my cluster with cluster version: 1.17.9-gke.600

Also scrolling through some SOF posts someone suggested setting `enable_shielded_nodes = false` but it didn't really make much of a help with same error message I got earlier regarding the setting the metadata to `GCE_METADATA`

bharathkkb commented on Aug 18, 2020

Hi **@abdelhegazi**

Have you tried setting `identity_namespace = null` and `node_metadata="SECURE"` in the `beta-private-cluster-update-variant` module? This should disable WI.

abdelhegazi commented on Aug 18, 2020 • edited ▼

Hi **@bharathkkb** Thanks a lot but I tried this before and today again it didn't really work out.

This is how i set these two parameters where I am calling the module also I tried even to be more specific by setting the default values of these variable from within the module itself after it has been called by `terraform init` but still no difference same error message comes out.

```

...
istio = var.istio
remove_default_node_pool = true
enable_shielded_nodes = false

node_metadata = "SECURE"
identity_namespace = null

node_pools = [
  {

```

```

    max_count      = 10
    disk_size_gb   = 100
    disk_type      = "pd-standard"
    image_type     = "COS"                                     # GCP-GKE-006
    auto_repair    = true                                     # GCP-GKE-035
    auto_upgrade   = true                                     # GCP-GKE-008
    service_account = google_service_account.gke_cluster_sa.email
    preemptible    = var.preemptible
    initial_node_count = 1
  },
  {
    name           = "windows-node-pool"
    machine_type   = var.nodepool_instance_type
    min_count      = 1
    max_count      = 10
    disk_size_gb   = 100
    disk_type      = "pd-standard"
    image_type     = var.nodepool_image_type                 # GCP-GKE-006
    auto_repair    = true
    auto_upgrade   = true                                     # GCP-GKE-008
    service_account = google_service_account.gke_cluster_sa.email
    preemptible    = var.preemptible
    initial_node_count = 1
  }
]

cluster_resource_labels = var.cluster_resource_labels

node_pools_metadata = {
  all = {
    workload-metadata = "GCE_METADATA"
  }

  linux-node-pool = {
    ssh-keys = join("\n", [for user, key in var.node_ssh_keys : "${user}:${key}"])
    block-project-ssh-keys = true
    workload-metadata = "GCE_METADATA"
  }

  windows-node-pool = {
    workload-metadata = "GCE_METADATA"
  }
}
...

```

And this is the error message, same as before as usual it only provisioned the linux one but not the windows node_pool

```

module.gke.google_container_node_pool.pools["linux-node-pool"]: Creation complete
after 1m32s [id=projects/xxx-xxx-xxx-xxx/locations/europe-west2/clusters/gke-nonpci-
dev/nodePools/linux-node-pool-dd44]

```

```

Error: error creating NodePool: googleapi: Error 400: Workload Identity is not
supported on Windows nodes. Create the nodepool without workload identity by

```

```
private_cluster_update_variant_cluster {
  line 336, in resource
"google_container_node_pool" "pools":
  336: resource "google_container_node_pool" "pools" {
```

Looks to me this didn't actually disable WIs on neither on the cluster nor the nodes

abdelhegazi commented on Aug 19, 2020 • edited ▾

just an update, this command seems to have worked finally but from the command line, how on earth this is different to what I have done before to the terraform parameters, its all the same, and here sure the workload-metadata is very specific to that node-pool but I really struggle to get this through to terraform

```
gcloud container node-pools --region europe-west2 create windows-nodepool --image-
type=WINDOWS_SAC --no-enable-autoupgrade --machine-type=n1-standard-2 --workload-
metadata=GCE_METADATA --service-account=xx-xx-xx-p1-xxx@xx-xx-xx-xx-
xx.iam.gserviceaccount.com --cluster gke-nonpci-dev --metadata disable-legacy-
endpoints=true
```

Any idea on translating these to terraform, thanks ?

bharathkbb commented on Aug 19, 2020

@abdelhegazi I was able to make it would with these settings. Notable changes include enable_integrity_monitoring = false on Windows pool, node_metadata = "EXPOSE", network_policy = false, identity_namespace = null etc. Full config below. I think the error being surfaced is not entirely correct, but it probably requires a fix at the GKE API layer. Let me know if this works for you.

```
region                = var.region
network               = var.network
subnetwork            = var.subnetwork
ip_range_pods         = var.ip_range_pods
ip_range_services     = var.ip_range_services
service_account       = var.compute_engine_service_account
enable_private_endpoint = true
enable_private_nodes   = true
network_policy        = false
master_ipv4_cidr_block = "172.16.0.0/28"
enable_shielded_nodes = false
node_metadata          = "EXPOSE"
identity_namespace    = null

master_authorized_networks = [
  {
    cidr_block = data.google_compute_subnetwork.subnetwork.ip_cidr_range
```

```
node_pools = [
  {
    name           = "linux-node-pool"
    min_count      = 1
    max_count      = 10
    disk_size_gb   = 100
    disk_type      = "pd-standard"
    image_type     = "COS"
    initial_node_count = 1
  },
  {
    name           = "windows-node-pool"
    min_count      = 1
    max_count      = 10
    disk_size_gb   = 100
    disk_type      = "pd-standard"
    image_type     = "WINDOWS_SAC"
    initial_node_count = 1
    enable_integrity_monitoring = false
  }
]
```



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abdelhegazi commented on Aug 19, 2020 • edited ▼

Thanks a lot **@bharathkbb**

This definitely got the cluster happy with both node_pools provisioned through terraform, I don't how to report this to you guys, is there any process to make this in process or at least to make sure the APIs are addressing this issue. I honestly didn't expect I need to disable WI on the whole cluster I thought disabling it only on the windows one should be enough and also having cluster up without network policy is what do you think about that :)

Really appreciate your responses to my issue.

Name	Status	Version	Number of nodes	Machine type	Image type	Autoscaling
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linux-node-pool-88ba	OK	1.17.9-gke.600	3 (1 per zone)	n1-standard-2	Container-Optimized OS (cos)	1 - 10 nodes per zone
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windows-node-pool-060b	Provisioning	1.17.9-gke.600	3 (1 per zone)	n1-standard-2	Windows Semi-Annual Channel	1 - 10 nodes per zone
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@abdelhegazi Glad it worked 😊 As this more of feature request/enhancement territory, I believe [GCP support](#) would be the best way.

abdelhegazi commented on Aug 19, 2020

Thanks a lot **@bharathkbb** really appreciate your help in sorting this out.
Have a great day and I will close this issue.

 **abdelhegazi** closed this as completed on Aug 19, 2020

  **abdelhegazi** mentioned this issue on Aug 25, 2020

Unable to create GKE Nodepool with windows LTSC nodepool as image_type #587

✓ Closed

  **bharathkbb** mentioned this issue on Oct 4, 2020

initial code commit #695

❌ Closed

kansberry commented on Feb 5, 2021 • edited ▼

I just wanted to comment on this. I have setup a GKE cluster using the "safer-cluster" module with a mix of Linux and Windows Node pools. This module uses the beta-private-cluster module. After reading through this chain of messages and reviewing the scripts, I finally came up with a combination that appears to work without removing workload identity from the entire cluster. I did this by making changes to the node_pools array. I did not have to set network_policy to false or identity_namespace to "null".

@bharathkbb, can you verify that is what I did with settings below?

```
zones                = var.zones
network              = var.network_name
network_project_id   = var.network_project_id
add_cluster_firewall_rules = true
subnetwork           = var.subnet_name
ip_range_pods        = var.ip_range_pods_name
ip_range_services    = var.ip_range_services_name
master_ipv4_cidr_block = var.master_ipv4_cidr_block
default_max_pods_per_node = var.default_max_pods_per_node
enable_private_endpoint = true
master_authorized_networks = [{
  cidr_block   = "${module.bastion.ip_address}/32"
  display_name = "Bastion Host"
}]
```



```
node_pools_tags = {
  all = ["allow-google-apis", "allow-lb"]
}

node_pools = [
  {
    name          = "lin-8c-32g-np1"
    autoscaling   = true
    min_count     = 2
    max_count     = 4
    auto_upgrade  = false
    auto_repair   = true
    machine_type  = "n2-standard-8"
    node_metadata = "GKE_METADATA_SERVER"
  },
  {
    name          = "lin-4c-16g-np1"
    min_count     = 1
    max_count     = 8
    auto_upgrade  = false
    auto_repair   = true
    machine_type  = "n2-standard-4"
    node_metadata = "GKE_METADATA_SERVER"
  },
  {
    name          = "lin-2c-8g-np1"
    min_count     = 1
    max_count     = 8
    auto_upgrade  = false
    auto_repair   = true
    machine_type  = "n2-standard-2"
    node_metadata = "GKE_METADATA_SERVER"
  },
  {
    name          = "win-4c-16g-np1"
    min_count     = 1
    max_count     = 4
    auto_upgrade  = false
    auto_repair   = true
    machine_type  = "n2-standard-4"
    image_type    = "WINDOWS_LTSC"
    node_metadata = "EXPOSE"
    enable_integrity_monitoring = false
  },
  {
    name          = "win-2c-8g-np1"
    min_count     = 1
    max_count     = 4
    auto_upgrade  = false
    auto_repair   = true
    machine_type  = "n2-standard-2"
    image_type    = "WINDOWS_LTSC"
    node_metadata = "EXPOSE"
    enable_integrity_monitoring = false
  }
]
```

navnitDevOps commented on NOV 30, 2021

Hi
i am still facing issue when i am trying to create nodepools with gke-version 1.21.5-gke.1802 and using COS image

Error: error creating NodePool: googleapi: Error 500: Internal error encountered., backendError
anyone has any solution for this ???

Assignees

No one assigned

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Development

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