



Get started with Kubernetes clusters in AWS

Cloud Manager

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Get started with Kubernetes clusters in AWS

Requirements for Kubernetes clusters in AWS

You can add managed Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service (EKS) clusters or self-managed Kubernetes clusters on AWS to Cloud Manager. Before you can add the clusters to Cloud Manager, you need to ensure that the following requirements are met.

This topic uses *Kubernetes cluster* where configuration is the same for EKS and self-managed Kubernetes clusters. The cluster type is specified where configuration differs.

Requirements

Astra Trident

The Kubernetes cluster must have NetApp Astra Trident installed. One of the four most recent versions of Astra Trident is required. [Go to the Astra Trident docs for installation steps.](#)

Cloud Volumes ONTAP

Cloud Volumes ONTAP for AWS must be set up as backend storage for the cluster. [Go to the Astra Trident docs for configuration steps.](#)

Cloud Manager Connector

A Connector must be running in AWS with the required permissions. [Learn more below.](#)

Network connectivity

Network connectivity is required between the Kubernetes cluster and the Connector and between the Kubernetes cluster and Cloud Volumes ONTAP. [Learn more below.](#)

RBAC authorization

The Cloud Manager Connector role must be authorized on each Kubernetes cluster. [Learn more below.](#)

Prepare a Connector

A Cloud Manager Connector is required in AWS to discover and manage Kubernetes clusters. You'll need to create a new Connector or use an existing Connector that has the required permissions.

Create a new Connector

Follow the steps in one of the links below.

- [Create a Connector from Cloud Manager](#) (recommended)
- [Create a Connector from the AWS Marketplace](#)
- [Install the Connector on an existing Linux host in AWS](#)

Add the required permissions to an existing Connector

Starting in the 3.9.13 release, any *newly* created Connectors include three new AWS permissions that enable discovery and management of Kubernetes clusters. If you created a Connector prior to this release, then you'll need to modify the existing policy for the Connector's IAM role to provide the permissions.

Steps

1. Go the AWS console and open the EC2 service.
2. Select the Connector instance, click **Security**, and click the name of the IAM role to view the role in the IAM service.

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console interface. On the left is a navigation sidebar with options like 'EC2 Dashboard', 'EC2 Global View', 'Events', 'Tags', 'Limits', and 'Instances'. The 'Instances' section is expanded, showing a list of instances. The 'Cloud-Manager-Connector' instance is selected. The main panel shows the details for this instance, with the 'Security' tab active. Under 'Security details', the 'IAM Role' is listed as 'Cloud-Manager-Operator-P5mGGXw', which is highlighted by a mouse cursor. Other tabs like 'Details', 'Networking', 'Storage', and 'Status checks' are also visible.

Name	Instan...	Instance state
occmAnatoly	i-0984...	Running
Cloud-Manager-Connector	i-03ad...	Running
tomercM231152prod	i-07cd...	Running
tomercCvo	i-0a05...	Running

Instance: i-03adf85b99abdfbfa (Cloud-Manager-Connector)

Security

Security details

IAM Role

[Cloud-Manager-Operator-P5mGGXw](#)

Security groups

3. In the **Permissions** tab, expand the policy and click **Edit policy**.



4. Click **JSON** and add the following permissions under the first set of actions:

```
"eks:ListClusters",  
"eks:DescribeCluster",  
"iam:GetInstanceProfile"
```

[View the full JSON format for the policy.](#)

5. Click **Review policy** and then click **Save changes**.

Review networking requirements

You need to provide network connectivity between the Kubernetes cluster and the Connector and between the Kubernetes cluster and the Cloud Volumes ONTAP system that provides backend storage to the cluster.

- Each Kubernetes cluster must have an inbound connection from the Connector
- The Connector must have an outbound connection to each Kubernetes cluster over port 443

The simplest way to provide this connectivity is to deploy the Connector and Cloud Volumes ONTAP in the same VPC as the Kubernetes cluster. Otherwise, you need to set up a VPC peering connection between the different VPCs.

Here's an example that shows each component in the same VPC.



And here's another example that shows an EKS cluster running in a different VPC. In this example, VPC peering provides a connection between the VPC for the EKS cluster and the VPC for the Connector and Cloud Volumes ONTAP.



Set up RBAC authorization

You need to authorize the Connector role on each Kubernetes cluster so the Connector can discover and manage a cluster.

Steps

1. Create a cluster role and role binding.
 - a. Create a YAML file that includes the following text.

```

apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
kind: ClusterRole
metadata:
  name: cloudmanager-access-clusterrole
rules:
  - apiGroups:
      - ''
    resources:
      - secrets
      - namespaces
      - persistentvolumeclaims
      - persistentvolumes
    verbs:
      - get
      - list
      - create
  - apiGroups:
      - storage.k8s.io
    resources:
      - storageclasses
    verbs:
      - get
      - list
  - apiGroups:
      - trident.netapp.io
    resources:
      - tridentbackends
      - tridentorchestrators
    verbs:
      - get
      - list
---
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
kind: ClusterRoleBinding
metadata:
  name: k8s-access-binding
subjects:
  - kind: Group
    name: cloudmanager-access-group
    apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
roleRef:
  kind: ClusterRole
  name: cloudmanager-access-clusterrole
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io

```

- b. Apply the configuration to a cluster.

```
kubectl apply -f <file-name>
```

2. Create an identity mapping to the permissions group.

Use eksctl

Use eksctl to create an IAM identity mapping between a cluster and the IAM role for the Cloud Manager Connector.

[Go to the eksctl documentation for full instructions.](#)

An example is provided below.

```
eksctl create iamidentitymapping --cluster <eksCluster> --region  
<us-east-2> --arn <ARN of the Connector IAM role> --group  
cloudmanager-access-group --username  
system:node:{{EC2PrivateDNSName}}
```

Edit aws-auth

Directly edit the aws-auth ConfigMap to add RBAC access to the IAM role for the Cloud Manager Connector.

[Go to the AWS EKS documentation for full instructions.](#)

An example is provided below.

```
apiVersion: v1  
data:  
  mapRoles: |  
    - groups:  
      - cloudmanager-access-group  
      rolearn: <ARN of the Connector IAM role>  
      username: system:node:{{EC2PrivateDNSName}}  
kind: ConfigMap  
metadata:  
  creationTimestamp: "2021-09-30T21:09:18Z"  
  name: aws-auth  
  namespace: kube-system  
  resourceVersion: "1021"  
  selfLink: /api/v1/namespaces/kube-system/configmaps/aws-auth  
  uid: dcc31de5-3838-11e8-af26-02e00430057c
```


Add an Amazon Kubernetes cluster to Cloud Manager

You can discover or import Kubernetes clusters to Cloud Manager so you can back up persistent volumes to Amazon S3.

Discover a cluster

You can discover a fully-managed or self-managed Kubernetes cluster. Managed clusters must be discovered; they cannot be imported.

Steps

1. On the **Canvas**, click **Add Working Environment**.
2. Select **Amazon Web Services > Kubernetes Cluster** and click **Next**.

The screenshot shows the 'Add Working Environment' wizard in Cloud Manager. The first step is 'Choose a Location', where 'Microsoft Azure' is selected with a blue checkmark. Below this, the 'Choose Type' section shows four options: 'Cloud Volumes ONTAP Single Node', 'Cloud Volumes ONTAP HA High Availability', 'Azure NetApp Files High Availability', and 'Kubernetes Cluster Any'. The 'Kubernetes Cluster Any' option is selected with a blue checkmark. A 'Next' button is at the bottom.

Add Working Environment

Choose a Location

Microsoft Azure

Amazon Web Services

Google Cloud Platform

On-Premises

Choose Type

Cloud Volumes ONTAP Single Node

Cloud Volumes ONTAP HA High Availability

Azure NetApp Files High Availability

Kubernetes Cluster Any

Next

3. Select **Discover Cluster** and click **Next**.
4. Choose an AWS region, select a Kubernetes cluster, and then click **Next**.



Result

Cloud Manager adds the Kubernetes cluster to the Canvas.



Import a Cluster

You can import a self-managed Kubernetes cluster using a Kubernetes configuration file.

Steps

1. On the **Canvas**, click **Add Working Environment**.
2. Select **Amazon Web Services > Kubernetes Cluster** and click **Next**.
3. Select **Import Cluster** and click **Next**.
4. Upload a Kubernetes configuration file in YAML format.

Add Existing Kubernetes Cluster

Import Kubernetes Cluster

Upload a Kubernetes configuration file that's in YAML format

Kubernetes configuration file

minicubeconfig.txt

Upload

1 Cluster

	Kubernetes Cluster Name	Kubernetes Type	Kubernetes Version
✓	test2	Self Managed	v1.24.0

5. Select the Kubernetes cluster and click **Next**.

Result

Cloud Manager adds the Kubernetes cluster to the Canvas.

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