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Abstract

This document provides an overview of hardware enablement in OpenShift Container Platform.

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CHAPTER 1. ABOUT SPECIALIZED HARDWARE AND DRIVER ENABLEMENT

Many applications require specialized hardware or software that depends on kernel modules or drivers. You can use driver containers to load out-of-tree kernel modules on Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS (RHCOS) nodes. To deploy out-of-tree drivers during cluster installation, use the **kmods-via-containers** framework. To load drivers or kernel modules on an existing OpenShift Container Platform cluster, OpenShift Container Platform offers several tools:

- The Driver Toolkit is a container image that is a part of every OpenShift Container Platform release. It contains the kernel packages and other common dependencies that are needed to build a driver or kernel module. The Driver Toolkit can be used as a base image for driver container image builds on OpenShift Container Platform.
- The Special Resource Operator (SRO) orchestrates the building and management of driver containers to load kernel modules and drivers on an existing OpenShift or Kubernetes cluster.
- The Node Feature Discovery (NFD) Operator adds node labels for CPU capabilities, kernel version, PCIe device vendor IDs, and more.

CHAPTER 2. DRIVER TOOLKIT

Learn about the Driver Toolkit and how you can use it as a base image for driver containers for enabling special software and hardware devices on Kubernetes.



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2.1. ABOUT THE DRIVER TOOLKIT

Background

The Driver Toolkit is a container image in the OpenShift Container Platform payload used as a base image on which you can build driver containers. The Driver Toolkit image contains the kernel packages commonly required as dependencies to build or install kernel modules, as well as a few tools needed in driver containers. The version of these packages will match the kernel version running on the Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS (RHCOS) nodes in the corresponding OpenShift Container Platform release.

Driver containers are container images used for building and deploying out-of-tree kernel modules and drivers on container operating systems like RHCOS. Kernel modules and drivers are software libraries running with a high level of privilege in the operating system kernel. They extend the kernel functionalities or provide the hardware-specific code required to control new devices. Examples include hardware devices like Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGA) or GPUs, and software-defined storage (SDS) solutions, such as Lustre parallel file systems, which require kernel modules on client machines. Driver containers are the first layer of the software stack used to enable these technologies on Kubernetes.

The list of kernel packages in the Driver Toolkit includes the following and their dependencies:

- kernel-core
- kernel-devel
- kernel-headers
- kernel-modules
- kernel-modules-extra

In addition, the Driver Toolkit also includes the corresponding real-time kernel packages:

- kernel-rt-core
- kernel-rt-devel
- kernel-rt-modules
- kernel-rt-modules-extra

The Driver Toolkit also has several tools which are commonly needed to build and install kernel modules, including:

- elfutils-libelf-devel
- kmod
- binutilskabi-dw
- kernel-abi-whitelists
- dependencies for the above

Purpose

Prior to the Driver Toolkit's existence, you could install kernel packages in a pod or build config on OpenShift Container Platform using entitled builds or by installing from the kernel RPMs in the hosts **machine-os-content**. The Driver Toolkit simplifies the process by removing the entitlement step, and avoids the privileged operation of accessing the machine-os-content in a pod. The Driver Toolkit can also be used by partners who have access to pre-released OpenShift Container Platform versions to prebuild driver-containers for their hardware devices for future OpenShift Container Platform releases.

The Driver Toolkit is also used by the Special Resource Operator (SRO), which is currently available as a community Operator on OperatorHub. SRO supports out-of-tree and third-party kernel drivers and the support software for the underlying operating system. Users can create *recipes* for SRO to build and deploy a driver container, as well as support software like a device plug-in, or metrics. Recipes can include a build config to build a driver container based on the Driver Toolkit, or SRO can deploy a prebuilt driver container.

2.2. PULLING THE DRIVER TOOLKIT CONTAINER IMAGE

The **driver-toolkit** image is available from the Container images section of the Red Hat Ecosystem Catalog and in the OpenShift Container Platform release payload. The image corresponding to the most recent minor release of OpenShift Container Platform will be tagged with the version number in the catalog. The image URL for a specific release can be found using the **oc adm** CLI command.

2.2.1. Pulling the Driver Toolkit container image from registry.redhat.io

Instructions for pulling the **driver-toolkit** image from **registry.redhat.io** with podman or in OpenShift Container Platform can be found on the Red Hat Ecosystem Catalog. The driver-toolkit image for the latest minor release will be tagged with the minor release version on registry.redhat.io for example **registry.redhat.io/openshift4/driver-toolkit-rhel8:v4.9**.

2.2.2. Finding the Driver Toolkit image URL in the payload

Prerequisites

- You obtained the image pull secret needed to perform an installation of OpenShift Container Platform, from the Pull Secret page on the Red Hat OpenShift Cluster Manager site.
- You installed the OpenShift CLI (oc).

Procedure

1. The image URL of the **driver-toolkit** corresponding to a certain release can be extracted from the release image using the **oc adm** command:

\$ oc adm release info 4.9.0 --image-for=driver-toolkit

Example output

quay.io/openshift-release-dev/ocp-v4.0-art-dev@sha256:0fd84aee79606178b6561ac71f8540f404d518ae5deff45f6d6ac8f02636c7f4

2. This image can be pulled using a valid pull secret, such as the pull secret required to install OpenShift Container Platform.

\$ podman pull --authfile=path/to/pullsecret.json quay.io/openshift-release-dev/ocp-v4.0-art-dev@sha256:<SHA>

2.3. USING THE DRIVER TOOLKIT

As an example, the Driver Toolkit can be used as the base image for building a very simple kernel module called simple-kmod.



NOTE

The Driver Toolkit contains the necessary dependencies, **openssl**, **mokutil**, and **keyutils**, needed to sign a kernel module. However, in this example, the simple-kmod kernel module is not signed and therefore cannot be loaded on systems with **Secure Boot** enabled.

2.3.1. Build and run the simple-kmod driver container on a cluster

Prerequisites

- You have a running OpenShift Container Platform cluster.
- You set the Image Registry Operator state to **Managed** for your cluster.
- You installed the OpenShift CLI (oc).
- You are logged into the OpenShift CLI as a user with cluster-admin privileges.

Procedure

Create a namespace. For example:

\$ oc new-project simple-kmod-demo

 The YAML defines an ImageStream for storing the simple-kmod driver container image, and a BuildConfig for building the container. Save this YAML as 0000-buildconfig.yaml.template.

apiVersion: image.openshift.io/v1

kind: ImageStream

metadata: labels:

app: simple-kmod-driver-container name: simple-kmod-driver-container namespace: simple-kmod-demo

```
spec: {}
apiVersion: build.openshift.io/v1
kind: BuildConfig
metadata:
 labels:
  app: simple-kmod-driver-build
 name: simple-kmod-driver-build
 namespace: simple-kmod-demo
spec:
 nodeSelector:
  node-role.kubernetes.io/worker: ""
 runPolicy: "Serial"
 triggers:
  - type: "ConfigChange"
  - type: "ImageChange"
 source:
  git:
   ref: "master"
   uri: "https://github.com/openshift-psap/kvc-simple-kmod.git"
  type: Git
  dockerfile: |
   FROM DRIVER_TOOLKIT_IMAGE
   WORKDIR /build/
   RUN yum -y install git make sudo gcc \
   && yum clean all \
   && rm -rf /var/cache/dnf
   # Expecting kmod software version as an input to the build
   ARG KMODVER
   # Grab the software from upstream
   RUN git clone https://github.com/openshift-psap/simple-kmod.git
   WORKDIR simple-kmod
   # Prep and build the module
   RUN make buildprep KVER=$(rpm -q --qf "%{VERSION}-%{RELEASE}.%{ARCH}"
kernel-core) KMODVER=${KMODVER} \
   && make all
                  KVER=$(rpm -q --qf "%{VERSION}-%{RELEASE}.%{ARCH}" kernel-
core) KMODVER=${KMODVER} \
   && make install KVER=$(rpm -g --gf "%{VERSION}-%{RELEASE}.%{ARCH}" kernel-
core) KMODVER=${KMODVER}
   # Add the helper tools
   WORKDIR /root/kvc-simple-kmod
   ADD Makefile.
   ADD simple-kmod-lib.sh.
   ADD simple-kmod-wrapper.sh.
   ADD simple-kmod.conf.
   RUN mkdir -p /usr/lib/kvc/ \
   && mkdir -p /etc/kvc/ \
   && make install
   RUN systemctl enable kmods-via-containers@simple-kmod
```

strategy:
dockerStrategy:
buildArgs:
- name: KMODVER
value: DEMO
output:

to:

kind: ImageStreamTag

name: simple-kmod-driver-container:demo

2. Substitute the correct driver toolkit image for the OpenShift Container Platform version you are running in place of "DRIVER_TOOLKIT_IMAGE" with the following commands.

\$ OCP_VERSION=\$(oc get clusterversion/version -ojsonpath={.status.desired.version})

\$ DRIVER_TOOLKIT_IMAGE=\$(oc adm release info \$OCP_VERSION --image-for=driver-toolkit)

\$ sed "s#DRIVER_TOOLKIT_IMAGE#\${DRIVER_TOOLKIT_IMAGE}#" 0000-buildconfig.yaml.template > 0000-buildconfig.yaml

3. Create the image stream and build config with

\$ oc create -f 0000-buildconfig.yaml

- 4. After the builder pod completes successfully, deploy the driver container image as a **DaemonSet**.
 - a. The driver container must run with the privileged security context in order to load the kernel modules on the host. The following YAML file contains the RBAC rules and the **DaemonSet** for running the driver container. Save this YAML as **1000-drivercontainer.yaml**.

apiVersion: v1 kind: ServiceAccount metadata: name: simple-kmod-driver-container apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1 kind: Role metadata: name: simple-kmod-driver-container rules: - apiGroups: - security.openshift.io resources: - securitycontextconstraints verbs: - use resourceNames: - privileged apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1 kind: RoleBinding metadata:

```
name: simple-kmod-driver-container
roleRef:
 apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
 kind: Role
 name: simple-kmod-driver-container
subjects:
- kind: ServiceAccount
 name: simple-kmod-driver-container
- system:serviceaccount:simple-kmod-demo:simple-kmod-driver-container
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: DaemonSet
metadata:
 name: simple-kmod-driver-container
spec:
 selector:
  matchLabels:
   app: simple-kmod-driver-container
 template:
  metadata:
   labels:
    app: simple-kmod-driver-container
   serviceAccount: simple-kmod-driver-container
   serviceAccountName: simple-kmod-driver-container
   - image: image-registry.openshift-image-registry.svc:5000/simple-kmod-
demo/simple-kmod-driver-container:demo
    name: simple-kmod-driver-container
    imagePullPolicy: Always
    command: ["/sbin/init"]
    lifecycle:
      preStop:
       exec:
        command: ["/bin/sh", "-c", "systemctl stop kmods-via-containers@simple-kmod"]
    securityContext:
      privileged: true
   nodeSelector:
    node-role.kubernetes.io/worker: ""
```

b. Create the RBAC rules and daemon set:

\$ oc create -f 1000-drivercontainer.yaml

- 5. After the pods are running on the worker nodes, verify that the **simple_kmod** kernel module is loaded successfully on the host machines with **Ismod**.
 - a. Verify that the pods are running:

\$ oc get pod -n simple-kmod-demo

Example output

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE

```
simple-kmod-driver-build-1-build 0/1 Completed 0 6m simple-kmod-driver-container-b22fd 1/1 Running 0 40s simple-kmod-driver-container-jz9vn 1/1 Running 0 40s simple-kmod-driver-container-p45cc 1/1 Running 0 40s
```

b. Execute the **Ismod** command in the driver container pod:

\$ oc exec -it pod/simple-kmod-driver-container-p45cc -- Ismod | grep simple

Example output

```
simple_procfs_kmod 16384 0
simple_kmod 16384 0
```

2.4. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

• For more information about configuring registry storage for your cluster, see Image Registry Operator in OpenShift Container Platform.

CHAPTER 3. SPECIAL RESOURCE OPERATOR

Learn about the Special Resource Operator (SRO) and how you can use it to build and manage driver containers for loading kernel modules and device drivers on nodes in an OpenShift Container Platform cluster.



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3.1. ABOUT THE SPECIAL RESOURCE OPERATOR

The Special Resource Operator (SRO) helps you manage the deployment of kernel modules and drivers on an existing OpenShift Container Platform cluster. The SRO can be used for a case as simple as building and loading a single kernel module, or as complex as deploying the driver, device plug-in, and monitoring stack for a hardware accelerator.

For loading kernel modules, the SRO is designed around the use of driver containers. Driver containers are increasingly being used in cloud-native environments, especially when run on pure container operating systems, to deliver hardware drivers to the host. Driver containers extend the kernel stack beyond the out-of-the-box software and hardware features of a specific kernel. Driver containers work on various container-capable Linux distributions. With driver containers, the host operating system stays clean and there is no clash between different library versions or binaries on the host.

3.2. INSTALLING THE SPECIAL RESOURCE OPERATOR

As a cluster administrator, you can install the Special Resource Operator (SRO) by using the OpenShift CLI or the web console.

3.2.1. Installing the Special Resource Operator by using the CLI

As a cluster administrator, you can install the Special Resource Operator (SRO) by using the OpenShift CLI.

Prerequisites

- You have a running OpenShift Container Platform cluster.
- You installed the OpenShift CLI (oc).
- You are logged into the OpenShift CLI as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges.
- You installed the Node Feature Discovery (NFD) Operator.

Procedure

- 1. Create a namespace for the Special Resource Operator:
 - a. Create the following Namespace custom resource (CR) that defines the openshiftspecial-resource-operator namespace, and then save the YAML in the sronamespace.yaml file:

apiVersion: v1 kind: Namespace metadata:

name: openshift-special-resource-operator

b. Create the namespace by running the following command:

\$ oc create -f sro-namespace.yaml

- 2. Install the SRO in the namespace you created in the previous step:
 - a. Create the following **OperatorGroup** CR and save the YAML in the **sro-operatorgroup.yaml** file:

apiVersion: operators.coreos.com/v1

kind: OperatorGroup

metadata:

generateName: openshift-special-resource-operator-

name: openshift-special-resource-operator namespace: openshift-special-resource-operator

spec:

targetNamespaces:

- openshift-special-resource-operator
- b. Create the operator group by running the following command:

\$ oc create -f sro-operatorgroup.yaml

c. Run the following **oc get** command to get the **channel** value required for the next step:

\$ oc get packagemanifest openshift-special-resource-operator -n openshift-marketplace - o jsonpath='{.status.defaultChannel}'

Example output

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d. Create the following **Subscription** CR and save the YAML in the **sro-sub.yaml** file:

Example Subscription CR

apiVersion: operators.coreos.com/v1alpha1

kind: Subscription

metadata:

name: openshift-special-resource-operator namespace: openshift-special-resource-operator

spec:

channel: "4.9" 1

installPlanApproval: Automatic

name: openshift-special-resource-operator

source: redhat-operators

sourceNamespace: openshift-marketplace

- Replace the channel value with the output from the previous command.
- e. Create the subscription object by running the following command:
 - \$ oc create -f sro-sub.yaml
- f. Switch to the **openshift-special-resource-operator** project:
 - \$ oc project openshift-special-resource-operator

Verification

• To verify that the Operator deployment is successful, run:

\$ oc get pods

Example output

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE special-resource-controller-manager-7bfb544d45-xx62r 2/2 Running 0 2m28s

A successful deployment shows a **Running** status.

3.2.2. Installing the Special Resource Operator by using the web console

As a cluster administrator, you can install the Special Resource Operator (SRO) by using the OpenShift Container Platform web console.

Prerequisites

• You installed the Node Feature Discovery (NFD) Operator.

Procedure

- 1. Log in to the OpenShift Container Platform web console.
- 2. Create the required namespace for the Special Resource Operator:
 - a. Navigate to **Administration** → **Namespaces** and click **Create Namespace**.
 - b. Enter openshift-special-resource-operator in the Name field and click Create.
- 3. Install the Special Resource Operator:
 - a. In the OpenShift Container Platform web console, click **Operators** → **OperatorHub**.

- b. Choose **Special Resource Operator** from the list of available Operators, and then click **Install**.
- c. On the **Install Operator** page, select **a specific namespace on the cluster** select the namespace created in the previous section, and then click **Install**.

Verification

To verify that the Special Resource Operator installed successfully:

- 1. Navigate to the **Operators** → **Installed Operators** page.
- 2. Ensure that **Special Resource Operator** is listed in the **openshift-special-resource-operator** project with a **Status** of **InstallSucceeded**.



NOTE

During installation, an Operator might display a **Failed** status. If the installation later succeeds with an **InstallSucceeded** message, you can ignore the **Failed** message.

- 3. If the Operator does not appear as installed, to troubleshoot further:
 - a. Navigate to the **Operators** → **Installed Operators** page and inspect the **Operator Subscriptions** and **Install Plans** tabs for any failure or errors under **Status**.
 - b. Navigate to the **Workloads** → **Pods** page and check the logs for pods in the **openshift-special-resource-operator** project.



NOTE

The Node Feature Discovery (NFD) Operator is a dependency of the Special Resource Operator (SRO). If the NFD Operator is not installed before installing the SRO, the Operator Lifecycle Manager will automatically install the NFD Operator. However, the required Node Feature Discovery operand will not be deployed automatically. The Node Feature Discovery Operator documentation provides details about how to deploy NFD by using the NFD Operator.

3.3. USING THE SPECIAL RESOURCE OPERATOR

The Special Resource Operator (SRO) is used to manage the build and deployment of a driver container. The objects required to build and deploy the container can be defined in a Helm chart.

The examples in this section use the simple-kmod kernel module to demonstrate how to use the SRO to build and run a driver container. In the first example, the SRO image contains a local repository of Helm charts including the templates for deploying the simple-kmod kernel module. In this case, a **SpecialResource** manifest is used to deploy the driver container. In the second example, the simple-kmod **SpecialResource** object points to a **ConfigMap** object that is created to store the Helm charts.

3.3.1. Building and running the simple-kmod SpecialResource by using the templates from the SRO image

The SRO image contains a local repository of Helm charts including the templates for deploying the simple-kmod kernel module. In this example, the simple-kmod kernel module is used to show how the SRO can manage a driver container that is defined in the internal SRO repository.

Prerequisites

- You have a running OpenShift Container Platform cluster.
- You set the Image Registry Operator state to **Managed** for your cluster.
- You installed the OpenShift CLI (oc).
- You are logged into the OpenShift CLI as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges.
- You installed the Node Feature Discovery (NFD) Operator.
- You installed the Special Resource Operator.

Procedure

1. To deploy the simple-kmod using the SRO image's local Helm repository, use the following **SpecialResource** manifest. Save this YAML as **simple-kmod-local.yaml**.

```
apiVersion: sro.openshift.io/v1beta1
kind: SpecialResource
metadata:
 name: simple-kmod
spec:
 namespace: simple-kmod
 chart:
  name: simple-kmod
  version: 0.0.1
  repository:
   name: example
   url: file:///charts/example
  kind: Values
  apiVersion: sro.openshift.io/v1beta1
  kmodNames: ["simple-kmod", "simple-procfs-kmod"]
  buildArgs:
  - name: "KMODVER"
   value: "SRO"
 driverContainer:
  source:
   git:
    ref: "master"
     uri: "https://github.com/openshift-psap/kvc-simple-kmod.git"
```

2. Create the SpecialResource:

\$ oc create -f simple-kmod-local.yaml

The **simple-kmod** resources are deployed in the **simple-kmod** namespace as specified in the object manifest. After a short time, the build pod for the **simple-kmod** driver container starts running. The build completes after a few minutes, and then the driver container pods start running.

3. Use the **oc get pods** command to display the status of the pods:

```
$ oc get pods -n simple-kmod
```

Example output

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE simple-kmod-driver-build-12813789169ac0ee-1-build 0/1 Completed 0 7m12s simple-kmod-driver-container-12813789169ac0ee-mjsnh 1/1 Running 0 8m2s simple-kmod-driver-container-12813789169ac0ee-qtkff 1/1 Running 0 8m2s

4. To display the logs of the simple-kmod driver container image build, use the **oc logs** command, along with the build pod name obtained above:

\$ oc logs pod/simple-kmod-driver-build-12813789169ac0ee-1-build -n simple-kmod

5. To verify that the simple-kmod kernel modules are loaded, execute the **Ismod** command in one of the driver container pods that was returned from the **oc get pods** command above:

\$ oc exec -n simple-kmod -it pod/simple-kmod-driver-container-12813789169ac0ee-mjsnh -- lsmod | grep simple

Example output

simple_procfs_kmod 16384 0 simple_kmod 16384 0



NOTE

If you want to remove the simple-kmod kernel module from the node, delete the simple-kmod **SpecialResource** API object using the **oc delete** command. The kernel module is unloaded when the driver container pod is deleted.

3.3.2. Building and running the simple-kmod SpecialResource by using a config map

In this example, the simple-kmod kernel module is used to show how the SRO can manage a driver container which is defined in Helm chart templates stored in a config map.

Prerequisites

- You have a running OpenShift Container Platform cluster.
- You set the Image Registry Operator state to Managed for your cluster.
- You installed the OpenShift CLI (oc).
- You are logged into the OpenShift CLI as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges.
- You installed the Node Feature Discovery (NFD) Operator.
- You installed the Special Resource Operator.
- You installed the Helm CLI (helm).

Procedure

- To create a simple-kmod **SpecialResource** object, define an image stream and build config to build the image, and a service account, role, role binding, and daemon set to run the container. The service account, role, and role binding are required to run the daemon set with the privileged security context so that the kernel module can be loaded.
 - a. Create a templates directory, and change into it:
 - \$ mkdir -p chart/simple-kmod-0.0.1/templates
 - \$ cd chart/simple-kmod-0.0.1/templates
 - b. Save this YAML template for the image stream and build config in the **templates** directory as **0000-buildconfig.yaml**:

```
apiVersion: image.openshift.io/v1
kind: ImageStream
metadata:
 labels:
  app: {{.Values.specialresource.metadata.name}}-
{{.Values.groupName.driverContainer}} 1
 name: {{.Values.specialresource.metadata.name}}-
{{.Values.groupName.driverContainer}} 2
spec: {}
apiVersion: build.openshift.io/v1
kind: BuildConfig
metadata:
 labels:
  app: {{.Values.specialresource.metadata.name}}-{{.Values.groupName.driverBuild}}
 name: {{.Values.specialresource.metadata.name}}-{{.Values.groupName.driverBuild}}
 annotations:
  specialresource.openshift.io/wait: "true"
  specialresource.openshift.io/driver-container-vendor: simple-kmod
  specialresource.openshift.io/kernel-affine: "true"
 nodeSelector:
  node-role.kubernetes.io/worker: ""
 runPolicy: "Serial"
 triggers:
  - type: "ConfigChange"
  - type: "ImageChange"
 source:
  git:
   ref: {{.Values.specialresource.spec.driverContainer.source.git.ref}}
   uri: {{.Values.specialresource.spec.driverContainer.source.git.uri}}
  type: Git
 strategy:
  dockerStrategy:
   dockerfilePath: Dockerfile.SRO
   buildArgs:
    - name: "IMAGE"
      value: {{ .Values.driverToolkitImage }}
    {{- range $arg := .Values.buildArgs }}
```

```
- name: {{ $arg.name }}
     value: {{ $arg.value }}
     {{- end }}
     - name: KVER
     value: {{ .Values.kernelFullVersion }}
output:
    to:
     kind: ImageStreamTag
     name: {{.Values.specialresource.metadata.name}}-
     {{.Values.groupName.driverContainer}}:v{{.Values.kernelFullVersion}}
```

- 12345 The templates such as {{.Values.specialresource.metadata.name}} are filled in by the SRO, based on fields in the SpecialResource CR and variables known to the Operator such as {{.Values.KernelFullVersion}}.
- c. Save the following YAML template for the RBAC resources and daemon set in the **templates** directory as **1000-driver-container.yaml**:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: ServiceAccount
metadata:
name: {{.Values.specialresource.metadata.name}}-
{{.Values.groupName.driverContainer}}
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
kind: Role
metadata:
 name: {{.Values.specialresource.metadata.name}}-
{{.Values.groupName.driverContainer}}
rules:
- apiGroups:
 - security.openshift.io
 resources:
 - securitycontextconstraints
 verbs:
 - use
 resourceNames:
 - privileged
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
kind: RoleBinding
metadata:
 name: {{.Values.specialresource.metadata.name}}-
{{.Values.groupName.driverContainer}}
roleRef:
 apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
 kind: Role
 name: {{.Values.specialresource.metadata.name}}-
{{.Values.groupName.driverContainer}}
subjects:
- kind: ServiceAccount
 name: {{.Values.specialresource.metadata.name}}-
{{.Values.groupName.driverContainer}}
 namespace: {{.Values.specialresource.spec.namespace}}
```

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: DaemonSet
metadata:
 labels:
  app: {{.Values.specialresource.metadata.name}}-
{{.Values.groupName.driverContainer}}
 name: {{.Values.specialresource.metadata.name}}-
{{.Values.groupName.driverContainer}}
 annotations:
  specialresource.openshift.io/wait: "true"
  specialresource.openshift.io/state: "driver-container"
  specialresource.openshift.io/driver-container-vendor: simple-kmod
  specialresource.openshift.io/kernel-affine: "true"
  specialresource.openshift.io/from-configmap: "true"
spec:
 updateStrategy:
  type: OnDelete
 selector:
  matchLabels:
   app: {{.Values.specialresource.metadata.name}}-
{{.Values.groupName.driverContainer}}
 template:
  metadata:
   # Mark this pod as a critical add-on; when enabled, the critical add-on scheduler
   # reserves resources for critical add-on pods so that they can be rescheduled after
   # a failure. This annotation works in tandem with the toleration below.
    scheduler.alpha.kubernetes.io/critical-pod: ""
    app: {{.Values.specialresource.metadata.name}}-
{{.Values.groupName.driverContainer}}
   serviceAccount: {{.Values.specialresource.metadata.name}}-
{{.Values.groupName.driverContainer}}
   serviceAccountName: {{.Values.specialresource.metadata.name}}-
{{.Values.groupName.driverContainer}}
   containers:
   - image: image-registry.openshift-image-
registry.svc:5000/{{.Values.specialresource.spec.namespace}}/{{.Values.specialresource.m
etadata.name}}-{{.Values.groupName.driverContainer}}:v{{.Values.kernelFullVersion}}
     name: {{.Values.specialresource.metadata.name}}-
{{.Values.groupName.driverContainer}}
    imagePullPolicy: Always
    command: ["/sbin/init"]
    lifecycle:
      preStop:
        command: ["/bin/sh", "-c", "systemctl stop kmods-via-
containers@{{.Values.specialresource.metadata.name}}"]
    securityContext:
      privileged: true
   nodeSelector:
    node-role.kubernetes.io/worker: ""
    feature.node.kubernetes.io/kernel-version.full: "{{.Values.KernelFullVersion}}"
```

d. Change into the **chart/simple-kmod-0.0.1** directory:

\$ cd ..

e. Save the following YAML for the chart as **Chart.yaml** in the **chart/simple-kmod-0.0.1** directory:

apiVersion: v2 name: simple-kmod

description: Simple kmod will deploy a simple kmod driver-container

icon: https://avatars.githubusercontent.com/u/55542927

type: application version: 0.0.1 appVersion: 1.0.0

2. From the **chart** directory, create the chart using the **helm package** command:

\$ helm package simple-kmod-0.0.1/

Example output

Successfully packaged chart and saved it to: /data/<username>/git/<github_username>/special-resource-operator/yaml-for-docs/chart/simple-kmod-0.0.1/simple-kmod-0.0.1.tgz

- 3. Create a config map to store the chart files:
 - a. Create a directory for the config map files:
 - \$ mkdir cm
 - b. Copy the Helm chart into the **cm** directory:
 - \$ cp simple-kmod-0.0.1.tgz cm/simple-kmod-0.0.1.tgz
 - c. Create an index file specifying the Helm repo that contains the Helm chart:
 - \$ helm repo index cm --url=cm://simple-kmod/simple-kmod-chart
 - d. Create a namespace for the objects defined in the Helm chart:
 - \$ oc create namespace simple-kmod
 - e. Create the config map object:

 $\$ oc create cm simple-kmod-chart --from-file=cm/index.yaml --from-file=cm/simple-kmod-0.0.1.tgz -n simple-kmod

4. Use the following **SpecialResource** manifest to deploy the simple-kmod object using the Helm chart that you created in the config map. Save this YAML as **simple-kmod-configmap.yaml**:

apiVersion: sro.openshift.io/v1beta1

kind: SpecialResource

metadata:

```
name: simple-kmod
spec:
 #debug: true 1
 namespace: simple-kmod
  name: simple-kmod
  version: 0.0.1
  repository:
   name: example
   url: cm://simple-kmod/simple-kmod-chart 2
 set:
  kind: Values
  apiVersion: sro.openshift.io/v1beta1
  kmodNames: ["simple-kmod", "simple-procfs-kmod"]
  buildArgs:
  name: "KMODVER"
   value: "SRO"
 driverContainer:
  source:
   ait:
    ref: "master"
    uri: "https://github.com/openshift-psap/kvc-simple-kmod.git"
```

- Optional: Uncomment the **#debug: true** line to have the YAML files in the chart printed in full in the Operator logs and to verify that the logs are created and templated properly.
- The **spec.chart.repository.url** field tells the SRO to look for the chart in a config map.
- 5. From a command line, create the **SpecialResource** file:

\$ oc create -f simple-kmod-configmap.yaml

The **simple-kmod** resources are deployed in the **simple-kmod** namespace as specified in the object manifest. After a short time, the build pod for the **simple-kmod** driver container starts running. The build completes after a few minutes, and then the driver container pods start running.

6. Use **oc get pods** command to display the status of the build pods:

\$ oc get pods -n simple-kmod

Example output

```
NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE simple-kmod-driver-build-12813789169ac0ee-1-build 0/1 Completed 0 7m12s simple-kmod-driver-container-12813789169ac0ee-mjsnh 1/1 Running 0 8m2s simple-kmod-driver-container-12813789169ac0ee-qtkff 1/1 Running 0 8m2s
```

7. Use the **oc logs** command, along with the build pod name obtained from the **oc get pods** command above, to display the logs of the simple-kmod driver container image build:

\$ oc logs pod/simple-kmod-driver-build-12813789169ac0ee-1-build -n simple-kmod

8. To verify that the simple-kmod kernel modules are loaded, execute the **Ismod** command in one of the driver container pods that was returned from the **oc get pods** command above:

\$ oc exec -n simple-kmod -it pod/simple-kmod-driver-container-12813789169ac0ee-mjsnh -- lsmod | grep simple

Example output

simple_procfs_kmod 16384 0 simple_kmod 16384 0



NOTE

If you want to remove the simple-kmod kernel module from the node, delete the simple-kmod **SpecialResource** API object using the **oc delete** command. The kernel module is unloaded when the driver container pod is deleted.

3.4. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- For information about restoring the Image Registry Operator state before using the Special Resource Operator, see Image registry removed during installation.
- For details about installing the NFD Operator see Node Feature Discovery (NFD) Operator.

CHAPTER 4. NODE FEATURE DISCOVERY OPERATOR

Learn about the Node Feature Discovery (NFD) Operator and how you can use it to expose node-level information by orchestrating Node Feature Discovery, a Kubernetes add-on for detecting hardware features and system configuration.

4.1. ABOUT THE NODE FEATURE DISCOVERY OPERATOR

The Node Feature Discovery Operator (NFD) manages the detection of hardware features and configuration in an OpenShift Container Platform cluster by labeling the nodes with hardware-specific information. NFD labels the host with node-specific attributes, such as PCI cards, kernel, operating system version, and so on.

The NFD Operator can be found on the Operator Hub by searching for "Node Feature Discovery".

4.2. INSTALLING THE NODE FEATURE DISCOVERY OPERATOR

The Node Feature Discovery (NFD) Operator orchestrates all resources needed to run the NFD daemon set. As a cluster administrator, you can install the NFD Operator by using the OpenShift Container Platform CLI or the web console.

4.2.1. Installing the NFD Operator using the CLI

As a cluster administrator, you can install the NFD Operator using the CLI.

Prerequisites

- An OpenShift Container Platform cluster
- Install the OpenShift CLI (oc).
- Log in as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges.

Procedure

- 1. Create a namespace for the NFD Operator.
 - a. Create the following Namespace custom resource (CR) that defines the openshift-nfd namespace, and then save the YAML in the nfd-namespace.yaml file:

apiVersion: v1 kind: Namespace metadata:

name: openshift-nfd

- b. Create the namespace by running the following command:
 - \$ oc create -f nfd-namespace.yaml
- 2. Install the NFD Operator in the namespace you created in the previous step by creating the following objects:
 - a. Create the following **OperatorGroup** CR and save the YAML in the **nfd-operatorgroup.yaml** file:

apiVersion: operators.coreos.com/v1

kind: OperatorGroup

metadata:

generateName: openshift-nfd-

name: openshift-nfd namespace: openshift-nfd

spec:

targetNamespaces: - openshift-nfd

b. Create the **OperatorGroup** CR by running the following command:

\$ oc create -f nfd-operatorgroup.yaml

c. Run the following command to get the **channel** value required for the next step.

\$ oc get packagemanifest nfd -n openshift-marketplace -o jsonpath='{.status.defaultChannel}'

Example output

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d. Create the following Subscription CR and save the YAML in the nfd-sub.yaml file:

Example Subscription

apiVersion: operators.coreos.com/v1alpha1

kind: Subscription

metadata: name: nfd

namespace: openshift-nfd

spec:

channel: "4.9"

installPlanApproval: Automatic

name: nfd

source: redhat-operators

sourceNamespace: openshift-marketplace

e. Create the subscription object by running the following command:

\$ oc create -f nfd-sub.yaml

f. Change to the **openshift-nfd** project:

\$ oc project openshift-nfd

Verification

• To verify that the Operator deployment is successful, run:

\$ oc get pods

Example output

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE nfd-controller-manager-7f86ccfb58-vgr4x 2/2 Running 0 10m

A successful deployment shows a **Running** status.

4.2.2. Installing the NFD Operator using the web console

As a cluster administrator, you can install the NFD Operator using the web console.



NOTE

It is recommended to create the **Namespace** as mentioned in the previous section.

Procedure

- 1. In the OpenShift Container Platform web console, click **Operators** → **OperatorHub**.
- 2. Choose Node Feature Discovery from the list of available Operators, and then click Install.
- 3. On the **Install Operator** page, select a **specific namespace on the cluster** select the namespace created in the previous section, and then click **Install**.

Verification

To verify that the NFD Operator installed successfully:

- 1. Navigate to the **Operators** → **Installed Operators** page.
- 2. Ensure that **Node Feature Discovery** is listed in the **openshift-nfd** project with a **Status** of **InstallSucceeded**.



NOTE

During installation an Operator might display a **Failed** status. If the installation later succeeds with an **InstallSucceeded** message, you can ignore the **Failed** message.

Troubleshooting

If the Operator does not appear as installed, troubleshoot further:

- Navigate to the Operators → Installed Operators page and inspect the Operator Subscriptions and Install Plans tabs for any failure or errors under Status.
- 2. Navigate to the **Workloads** → **Pods** page and check the logs for pods in the **openshift-nfd** project.

4.3. USING THE NODE FEATURE DISCOVERY OPERATOR

The Node Feature Discovery (NFD) Operator orchestrates all resources needed to run the Node-Feature-Discovery daemon set by watching for a **NodeFeatureDiscovery** CR. Based on the **NodeFeatureDiscovery** CR, the Operator will create the operand (NFD) components in the desired

namespace. You can edit the CR to choose another **namespace**, **image**, **imagePullPolicy**, and **nfd-worker-conf**, among other options.

As a cluster administrator, you can create a **NodeFeatureDiscovery** instance using the OpenShift Container Platform CLI or the web console.

4.3.1. Create a NodeFeatureDiscovery instance using the CLI

As a cluster administrator, you can create a **NodeFeatureDiscovery** CR instance using the CLI.

Prerequisites

- An OpenShift Container Platform cluster
- Install the OpenShift CLI (oc).
- Log in as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges.
- Install the NFD Operator.

Procedure

1. Create the following **NodeFeatureDiscovery** Custom Resource (CR), and then save the YAML in the **NodeFeatureDiscovery.yaml** file:

```
apiVersion: nfd.openshift.io/v1
kind: NodeFeatureDiscovery
metadata:
 name: nfd-instance
 namespace: openshift-nfd
 instance: "" # instance is empty by default
 operand:
  namespace: openshift-nfd
  image: registry.redhat.io/openshift4/ose-node-feature-discovery:v4.9
  imagePullPolicy: Always
 workerConfig:
  configData: |
   #core:
   # labelWhiteList:
   # noPublish: false
   # sleepInterval: 60s
   # sources: [all]
   # klog:
   # addDirHeader: false
   # alsologtostderr: false
   # logBacktraceAt:
   # logtostderr: true
   # skipHeaders: false
   # stderrthreshold: 2
   # v: 0
   # vmodule:
   ## NOTE: the following options are not dynamically run-time configurable
           and require a nfd-worker restart to take effect after being changed
   ##
      logDir:
```

```
# logFile:
# logFileMaxSize: 1800
# skipLogHeaders: false
#sources:
# cpu:
# cpuid:
   NOTE: whitelist has priority over blacklist
    attributeBlacklist:
   - "BMI1"
    - "BMI2"
#
#
   - "CLMUL"
   - "CMOV"
    - "CX16"
    - "ERMS"
    - "F16C"
    - "HTT"
    - "LZCNT"
     - "MMX"
    - "MMXEXT"
    - "NX"
    - "POPCNT"
    - "RDRAND"
     - "RDSEED"
    - "RDTSCP"
#
    - "SGX"
#
    - "SSE"
    - "SSE2"
    - "SSE3"
    - "SSE4.1"
#
    - "SSE4.2"
#
     - "SSSE3"
    attributeWhitelist:
# kernel:
# kconfigFile: "/path/to/kconfig"
# configOpts:
#
  - "NO_HZ"
   - "X86"
    - "DMI"
#
# pci:
# deviceClassWhitelist:
  - "0200"
# - "03"
  - "12"
#
# deviceLabelFields:
   - "class"
   - "vendor"
   - "device"
    - "subsystem_vendor"
#
    - "subsystem_device"
# usb:
# deviceClassWhitelist:
  - "0e"
# - "ef"
  - "fe"
#
   - "ff"
   deviceLabelFields:
```

```
- "class"
      - "vendor"
      - "device"
  # custom:
  # - name: "my.kernel.feature"
    matchOn:
       loadedKMod: ["example_kmod1", "example_kmod2"]
    - name: "my.pci.feature"
      matchOn:
  #
       - pcild:
  #
          class: ["0200"]
          vendor: ["15b3"]
          device: ["1014", "1017"]
  #
      - pcild :
  #
         vendor: ["8086"]
          device: ["1000", "1100"]
  # - name: "my.usb.feature"
      matchOn:
      - usbld:
        class: ["ff"]
  #
       vendor: ["03e7"]
       device: ["2485"]
      - usbld:
  #
       class: ["fe"]
       vendor: ["1a6e"]
  #
       device: ["089a"]
  # - name: "my.combined.feature"
      matchOn:
     - pcild:
  #
          vendor: ["15b3"]
          device: ["1014", "1017"]
         loadedKMod : ["vendor_kmod1", "vendor_kmod2"]
customConfig:
 configData: |
  # - name: "more.kernel.features"
  # matchOn:
  # - loadedKMod: ["example kmod3"]
  # - name: "more.features.by.nodename"
  # value: customValue
     matchOn:
      - nodename: ["special-.*-node-.*"]
```

2. Create the **NodeFeatureDiscovery** CR instance by running the following command:

\$ oc create -f NodeFeatureDiscovery.yaml

Verification

• To verify that the instance is created, run:

```
$ oc get pods
```

Example output

NAME	READY	STATUS F	RESTARTS	AGE
nfd-controller-manager-7f86c	cfb58-vgr	4x 2/2 Rur	nning 0	11m
nfd-master-hcn64	1/1	Running 0	60s	
nfd-master-Innxx	1/1	Running 0	60s	
nfd-master-mp6hr	1/1	Running 0	60s	
nfd-worker-vgcz9	1/1	Running 0	60s	
nfd-worker-xqbws	1/1	Running 0	60s	

A successful deployment shows a **Running** status.

4.3.2. Create a NodeFeatureDiscovery CR using the web console

Procedure

- 1. Navigate to the **Operators** → **Installed Operators** page.
- 2. Find Node Feature Discovery and see a box under Provided APIs.
- 3. Click Create instance.
- 4. Edit the values of the **NodeFeatureDiscovery** CR.
- 5. Click Create.

4.4. CONFIGURING THE NODE FEATURE DISCOVERY OPERATOR

4.4.1. core

The **core** section contains common configuration settings that are not specific to any particular feature source.

core.sleepInterval

core.sleepInterval specifies the interval between consecutive passes of feature detection or redetection, and thus also the interval between node re-labeling. A non-positive value implies infinite sleep interval; no re-detection or re-labeling is done.

This value is overridden by the deprecated **--sleep-interval** command line flag, if specified.

Example usage

sleepInterval: 60s 1



The default value is 60s.

core.sources

core.sources specifies the list of enabled feature sources. A special value all enables all feature sources.

This value is overridden by the deprecated **--sources** command line flag, if specified.

Default: [all]

Example usage

core:

sources:

- system
- custom

core.labelWhiteList

core.labelWhiteList specifies a regular expression for filtering feature labels based on the label name. Non-matching labels are not published.

The regular expression is only matched against the basename part of the label, the part of the name after '/'. The label prefix, or namespace, is omitted.

This value is overridden by the deprecated **--label-whitelist** command line flag, if specified.

Default: null

Example usage

core:

labelWhiteList: '^cpu-cpuid'

core.noPublish

Setting core.noPublish to true disables all communication with the nfd-master. It is effectively a dry run flag; **nfd-worker** runs feature detection normally, but no labeling requests are sent to **nfd-master**.

This value is overridden by the **--no-publish** command line flag, if specified.

Example:

Example usage

core:

noPublish: true 1



The default value is false.

core.klog

The following options specify the logger configuration, most of which can be dynamically adjusted at run-time.

The logger options can also be specified using command line flags, which take precedence over any corresponding config file options.

core.klog.addDirHeader

If set to true, core.klog.addDirHeader adds the file directory to the header of the log messages.

Default: false

Run-time configurable: yes

core.klog.alsologtostderr

Log to standard error as well as files.

Default: false

Run-time configurable: yes

core.klog.logBacktraceAt

When logging hits line file:N, emit a stack trace.

Default: empty

Run-time configurable: yes

core.klog.logDir

If non-empty, write log files in this directory.

Default: empty

Run-time configurable: no

core.klog.logFile

If not empty, use this log file.

Default: empty

Run-time configurable: no

core.klog.logFileMaxSize

core.klog.logFileMaxSize defines the maximum size a log file can grow to. Unit is megabytes. If the value is **0**, the maximum file size is unlimited.

Default: 1800

Run-time configurable: no

core.klog.logtostderr

Log to standard error instead of files

Default: true

Run-time configurable: yes

core.klog.skipHeaders

If core.klog.skipHeaders is set to true, avoid header prefixes in the log messages.

Default: false

Run-time configurable: yes

core.klog.skipLogHeaders

If core.klog.skipLogHeaders is set to true, avoid headers when opening log files.

Default: false

Run-time configurable: no

core.klog.stderrthreshold

Logs at or above this threshold go to stderr.

Default: 2

Run-time configurable: yes

core.klog.v

core.klog.v is the number for the log level verbosity.

Default: 0

Run-time configurable: yes

core.klog.vmodule

core.klog.vmodule is a comma-separated list of pattern=N settings for file-filtered logging.

Default: empty

Run-time configurable: yes

4.4.2. sources

The **sources** section contains feature source specific configuration parameters.

sources.cpu.cpuid.attributeBlacklist

Prevent publishing **cpuid** features listed in this option.

This value is overridden by **sources.cpu.cpuid.attributeWhitelist**, if specified.

Default: [BMI1, BMI2, CLMUL, CMOV, CX16, ERMS, F16C, HTT, LZCNT, MMX, MMXEXT, NX, POPCNT, RDRAND, RDSEED, RDTSCP, SGX, SGXLC, SSE, SSE2, SSE3, SSE4.1, SSE4.2, SSSE3]

Example usage

```
sources:
cpu:
cpuid:
attributeBlacklist: [MMX, MMXEXT]
```

sources.cpu.cpuid.attributeWhitelist

Only publish the **cpuid** features listed in this option.

sources.cpu.cpuid.attributeWhitelist takes precedence over sources.cpu.cpuid.attributeBlacklist.

Default: empty

Example usage

```
sources:
cpu:
cpuid:
attributeWhitelist: [AVX512BW, AVX512CD, AVX512DQ, AVX512F, AVX512VL]
```

sources.kernel.kconfigFile

sources.kernel.kconfigFile is the path of the kernel config file. If empty, NFD runs a search in the well-known standard locations.

Default: empty

Example usage

sources: kernel:

kconfigFile: "/path/to/kconfig"

sources.kernel.configOpts

sources.kernel.configOpts represents kernel configuration options to publish as feature labels.

Default: [NO_HZ, NO_HZ_IDLE, NO_HZ_FULL, PREEMPT]

Example usage

sources: kernel:

configOpts: [NO_HZ, X86, DMI]

sources.pci.deviceClassWhitelist

sources.pci.deviceClassWhitelist is a list of PCI device class IDs for which to publish a label. It can be specified as a main class only (for example, **03**) or full class-subclass combination (for example **0300**). The former implies that all subclasses are accepted. The format of the labels can be further configured with **deviceLabelFields**.

Default: ["03", "0b40", "12"]

Example usage

sources:

pci:

deviceClassWhitelist: ["0200", "03"]

sources.pci.deviceLabelFields

sources.pci.deviceLabelFields is the set of PCI ID fields to use when constructing the name of the feature label. Valid fields are **class**, **vendor**, **device**, **subsystem_vendor** and **subsystem_device**.

Default: [class, vendor]

Example usage

sources:

pci:

deviceLabelFields: [class, vendor, device]

With the example config above, NFD would publish labels such as **feature.node.kubernetes.io/pci-class-id>_cvendor-id>_cdevice-id>.present=true**

sources.usb.deviceClassWhitelist

sources.usb.deviceClassWhitelist is a list of USB device class IDs for which to publish a feature label. The format of the labels can be further configured with **deviceLabelFields**.

Default: ["0e", "ef", "fe", "ff"]

Example usage

sources:
usb:
deviceClassWhitelist: ["ef", "ff"]

sources.usb.deviceLabelFields

sources.usb.deviceLabelFields is the set of USB ID fields from which to compose the name of the feature label. Valid fields are **class**, **vendor**, and **device**.

Default: [class, vendor, device]

Example usage

sources:
pci:
deviceLabelFields: [class, vendor]

With the example config above, NFD would publish labels like: **feature.node.kubernetes.io/usb-<class-id>_<vendor-id>.present=true**.

sources.custom

sources.custom is the list of rules to process in the custom feature source to create user-specific labels.

Default: empty

Example usage

source:

custom:

name: "my.custom.feature" matchOn:

- loadedKMod: ["e1000e"]

- pcild:

class: ["0200"] vendor: ["8086"]