



Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes 2.4

Clusters

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Abstract

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CHAPTER 1. MANAGING YOUR CLUSTERS

Learn how to create, import, and manage clusters across cloud providers by using both the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console and the CLI.

Learn how to manage clusters across cloud providers in the following topics:

- [Supported clouds](#)
- [Resizing a cluster](#)
- [Release images](#)
- [Creating and modifying bare metal assets](#)
- [Creating an infrastructure environment](#)
- [Managing credentials overview](#)
- [Creating a cluster](#)
- [Importing a target managed cluster to the hub cluster](#)
- [Creating a cluster in a proxy environment](#)
- [Enabling cluster proxy add-ons](#)
- [Configuring a specific cluster management role](#)
- [Managing cluster labels](#)
- [Creating and managing ManagedClusterSets \(Technology Preview\)](#)
- [Using ManagedClustersSets with Placement](#)
- [Managing cluster pools \(Technology Preview\)](#)
- [Configuring Ansible Tower tasks to run on managed clusters \(Technology Preview\)](#)
- [Claiming clusters from cluster pools](#)
- [Discovery introduction \(Technology Preview\)](#)
- [Upgrading your cluster](#)
- [Removing a cluster from management](#)
- [Cluster backup and restore operator \(Technology Preview\)](#)
- [Replicating persistent volumes with VolSync \(Technology Preview\)](#)

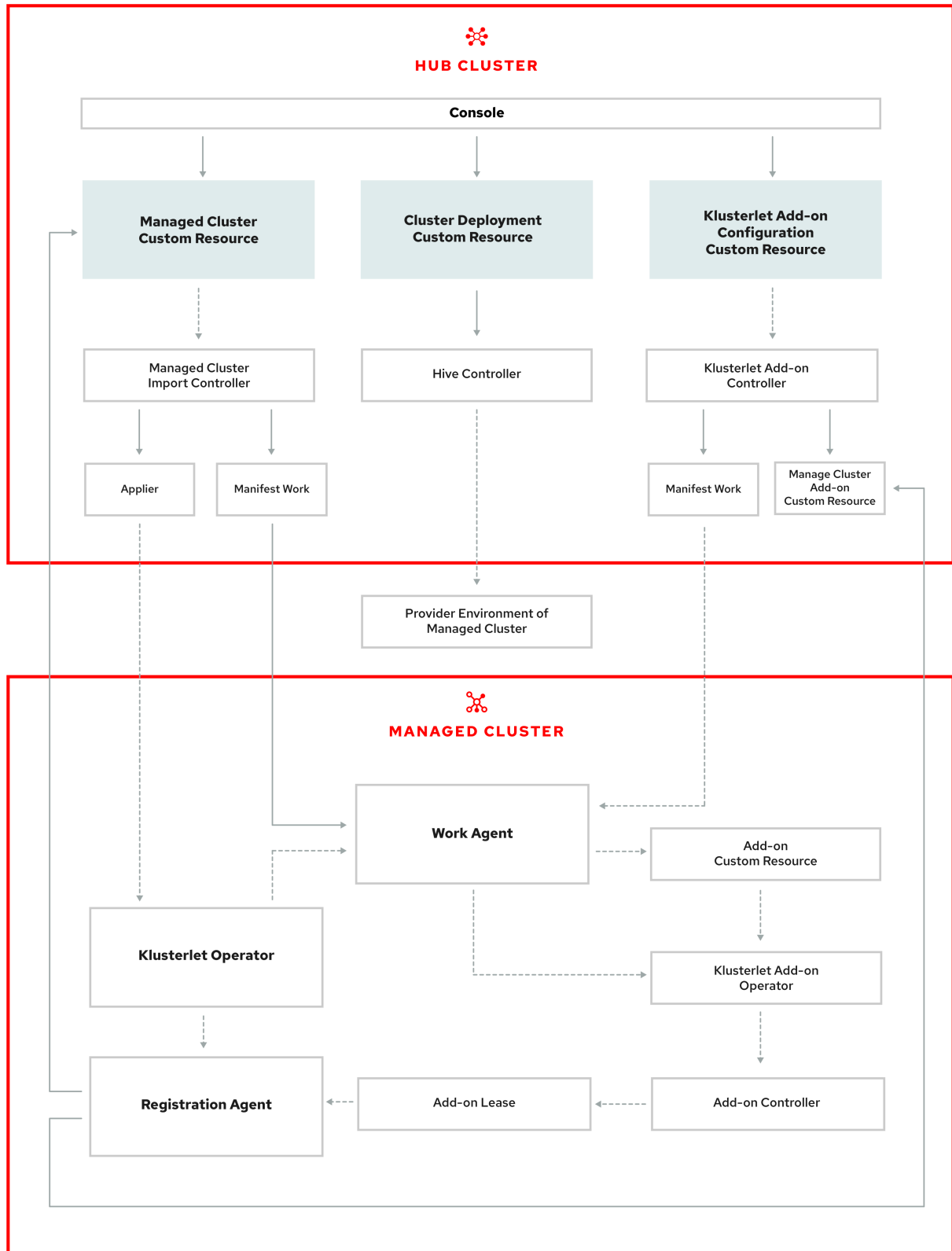
1.1. CLUSTER LIFECYCLE ARCHITECTURE

There are two main types of clusters: *hub clusters* and *managed clusters*.

The hub cluster is the main cluster with Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes installed on it. You can create, manage and monitor other Kubernetes clusters with the hub cluster.

The managed clusters are Kubernetes clusters that are managed by the hub cluster. You can create some clusters by using the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management hub cluster, while you can also import existing clusters to be managed by the hub cluster.

The following diagram shows the components that are installed with Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for cluster management:



The components of the cluster lifecycle management architecture include the following items:

Components on the hub cluster:

- **Console:** Provides a web-based interface to manage the cluster lifecycle of the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management managed clusters.
- **Hive Controller:** Provisions the clusters that you create with Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management. The Hive Controller also detaches and destroys managed clusters that were created by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management.
- **Managed Cluster Import Controller:** Deploys the klusterlet operator to the managed clusters.
- **Klusterlet Add-on Controller:** Deploys the klusterlet add-on operator to managed clusters.

Components on the managed cluster:

- **Klusterlet Operator:** Deploys the registration and work controllers on the managed cluster.
- **Registration Agent:** Registers the managed cluster with the hub cluster.
- **Work Agent:** Applies the manifest work to the managed cluster.
- **Klusterlet Add-on Operator:** Deploys the add-on components.

1.2. SUPPORTED CLOUDS

Learn about the cloud providers that are available with Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes. Also, find the documented managed providers that are available. See the [Support matrix](#) for more information about supported clouds.

- [Supported hub cluster providers](#)
- [Supported managed cluster providers](#)
- [Configuring kubectl](#)

Best practice: For managed cluster providers, use the latest version of Kubernetes.

1.2.1. Supported hub cluster providers

Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform versions 4.6.1 or later, are supported for the hub cluster.

- See [Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform on Amazon Web Services](#) .
- See [Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform on Microsoft Azure](#) .
- See [Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform on Google Cloud Platform](#) .
- See [Red Hat OpenShift Dedicated \(OSD\)](#) .
- See [Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform on IBM Cloud \(ROKS\)](#) .
- See [Azure for Red Hat OpenShift \(ARO\)](#) .
- See [Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform on VMware vSphere](#) .

- See [Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform on OpenStack](#) .
- See [OpenShift on Amazon Web Services \(ROSA\)](#) .
- See [OpenShift Container Platform on IBM Power systems](#) .
- See [Installing with z/VM on IBM Z and LinuxONE](#) .

1.2.2. Supported managed cluster providers

Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform versions 3.11.200 or later, and 4.6.1 or later, are supported for the managed clusters.

See the available managed cluster options and documentation:

- See [Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform on Amazon Web Services](#) .
- See [Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform on Microsoft Azure](#) .
- See [Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform on Google Cloud Platform](#) .
- See [Red Hat OpenShift Dedicated \(OSD\)](#) .
- See [Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform on IBM Cloud \(ROKS\)](#) .
- See [Azure Red Hat OpenShift \(ARO\)](#) .
- See [Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform on VMware vSphere](#) .
- See [Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform on OpenStack](#) .
- See [OpenShift on Amazon Web Services \(ROSA\)](#) .
- See [About Red Hat OpenShift Kubernetes Engine](#) .
- See [Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service](#) (Kubernetes 1.21, and later).
- See [Google Kubernetes Engine](#) (Kubernetes 1.22.2, and later).
- See [Getting started with IBM Cloud Kubernetes Service](#) (Kubernetes 1.22.3, and later).
- See [Azure Kubernetes Service](#) (Kubernetes 1.22.2, and later).
- See [Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform 4.6.1, and later, on IBM Z](#) .
- See [OpenShift Container Platform on IBM Power systems](#) .

1.2.3. Configuring kubectl

From vendor documentation previously listed, you might need to learn how configure your **kubectl**. You must have **kubectl** installed when you import a managed cluster to a hub cluster. See [Importing a target managed cluster to the hub cluster](#) for details.

1.3. RESIZING A CLUSTER (TECHNOLOGY PREVIEW)

You can customize your managed cluster specifications, such as virtual machine sizes and number of nodes.

Many clusters that are managed by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes can be scaled by using Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console or command line, and the **MachinePool** resource. A **MachinePool** resource is a Kubernetes resource on the Hub cluster that groups the **MachineSet** resources together on the managed cluster. The **MachinePool** resource uniformly configures a set of machine resources, including zone configurations, instance type, and root storage. It also helps you manually configure the desired number of nodes or configure auto-scaling of nodes on the managed cluster.

1.3.1. Scaling managed clusters created by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management

Scaling clusters that were created by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management using the **MachinePool** resource is a Technology Preview feature that is not supported for bare metal clusters that were created by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management.

1.3.1.1. Autoscaling

Configuring autoscaling provides the flexibility of your cluster to scale as needed to lower your cost of resources by scaling down when traffic is low, and by scaling up to ensure that there are enough resources when there is a higher demand for resources.

1.3.1.1.1. Enabling autoscaling

- To enable autoscaling on your **MachinePool** resources using the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console, complete the following steps:
 1. In the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management navigation, select **Infrastructure** > **Clusters**.
 2. Click the name of your target cluster to view the details about the cluster.
 3. Select the *Machine pools* tab to view the machine pool information.
 4. From the machine pools page, select **Enable autoscale** from the *Options* menu for the target machine pool.
 5. Select the minimum and maximum number of machine set replicas. A machine set replica maps directly to a node on the cluster.
 6. Click **Scale** to submit the changes.

The changes might take several minutes to reflect on the console. You can view the status of the scaling operation by clicking **View machines** if the notification of the *Machine pools* tab.
- To enable autoscaling on your **MachinePool** resources using the command line, complete the following steps:
 1. Enter the following command to view your list of machine pools:

```
oc get machinepools -n <managed-cluster-namespace>
```

Replace **managed-cluster-namespace** with the namespace of your target managed cluster.
 2. Enter the following command to edit the YAML file for the machine pool:

```
oc edit machinepool <name-of-MachinePool-resource> -n <namespace-of-managed-cluster>
```

Replace **name-of-MachinePool-resource** with the name of your **MachinePool** resource.

Replace **namespace-of-managed-cluster** with the name of the namespace of your managed cluster.

3. Delete the **spec.replicas** field from the YAML file.
4. Add the **spec.autoscaling.minReplicas** setting and **spec.autoscaling.maxReplicas** fields to the resource YAML.
5. Add the minimum number of replicas to the **minReplicas** setting.
6. Add the maximum number of replicas into the **maxReplicas** setting.
7. Save the file to submit the changes.

Autoscaling is enabled for the machine pool.

1.3.1.1.2. Disabling autoscaling

You can disable autoscaling by using the console or the command line.

- To disable autoscaling by using the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console, complete the following steps:
 1. In the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management navigation, select **Infrastructure** > **Clusters**.
 2. Click the name of your target cluster to view the details about the cluster.
 3. Select the *Machine pools* tab to view the machine pool information.
 4. From the machine pools page, select **Disable autoscale** from the *Options* menu for the target machine pool.
 5. Select the number of machine set replicas that you want. A machine set replica maps directly with a node on the cluster.
 6. Click **Scale** to submit the changes. It might take several minutes to display in the console.
 7. Click **View machines** in the notification on the *Machine pools* tab to view the status of the scaling.
- To disable autoscaling by using the command line, complete the following steps:
 1. Enter the following command to view your list of machine pools:

```
oc get machinepools -n <managed-cluster-namespace>
```

Replace **managed-cluster-namespace** with the namespace of your target managed cluster.

2. Enter the following command to edit the YAML file for the machine pool:

```
oc edit machinepool <name-of-MachinePool-resource> -n <namespace-of-managed-cluster>
```

Replace **name-of-MachinePool-resource** with the name of your **MachinePool** resource.

Replace **namespace-of-managed-cluster** with the name of the namespace of your managed cluster.

3. Delete the **spec.autoscaling** field from the YAML file.
4. Add the **spec.replicas** field to the resource YAML.
5. Add the number of replicas to the **replicas** setting.
6. Save the file to submit the changes.

Autoscaling is disabled.

1.3.1.2. Manually scaling your cluster

If you do not want to enable autoscaling of your cluster, you can use the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console or the command line to change the static number of replicas that you want your cluster to maintain. This can help to increase or decrease the size, as needed.

1.3.1.2.1. Manually scaling clusters by using the console

To scale your **MachinePool** resources using the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console, complete the following steps:

1. In the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management navigation, select **Infrastructure > Clusters**.
2. Click the name of your target cluster to view the details about the cluster.
3. Select the *Machine pools* tab to view the machine pool information.
Note: If the value in the *Autoscale* field is **Enabled** you must first disable the autoscaling feature by completing the steps in [Disabling autoscaling](#) before continuing.
4. From the *Options* menu for the machine pool, select **Scale machine pool**.
5. Adjust the number of machine set replicas to scale the machine pool.
6. Select **Scale** to implement the change.

1.3.1.2.2. Manually scaling clusters by using the command line

To scale your **MachinePool** resources using the command line, complete the following steps:

1. Enter the following command to view your list of machine pools:

```
oc get machinepools -n <managed-cluster-namespace>
```

Replace **managed-cluster-namespace** with the namespace of your target managed cluster.

2. Enter the following command to edit the YAML file for the machine pool:


```
oc edit machinepool <name-of-MachinePool-resource> -n <namespace-of-managed-cluster>
```

Replace **name-of-MachinePool-resource** with the name of your **MachinePool** resource.

Replace **namespace-of-managed-cluster** with the name of the namespace of your managed cluster.

3. Update the **spec.replicas** configuration in the YAML to the number of replicas.
4. Save the file to submit the changes.

Your cluster is using the new size settings.

1.3.2. Scaling imported managed clusters

Imported managed clusters do not have the same resources as clusters that were created by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management. For that reason, the procedures for scaling the clusters is different. The documentation for the provider contains information about how to scale the clusters for imported clusters.

See the following list of recommended settings for each available provider, but also see the documentation for more specific information:

- [OpenShift Container Platform clusters](#)
- [Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Services](#)
- [Google Kubernetes Engine](#)
- [Microsoft Azure Kubernetes Service](#)
- [VMware vSphere](#)
- [Red Hat OpenStack Platform](#)
- [Bare metal cluster](#)
- [IBM Kubernetes Service](#)
- [IBM Power systems](#)
- [IBM Z and LinuxONE](#)

1.3.2.1. OpenShift Container Platform clusters

See [Recommended cluster scaling practices](#) and [Manually scaling a MachineSet](#) in the OpenShift Container Platform documentation that applies to the version that you are using.

1.3.2.2. Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Services

If you are changing the number of nodes of an Amazon EKS cluster that you imported, see [Cluster autoscaler](#) for information about scaling the cluster.

1.3.2.3. Google Kubernetes Engine

If you are changing the number of nodes of a Google Kubernetes Engine cluster that you imported, see [Resizing a cluster](#) for information about scaling the cluster.

1.3.2.4. Microsoft Azure Kubernetes Service

If you are changing the number of nodes of an Azure Kubernetes Services cluster that you imported, see [Scaling a cluster](#) for information about scaling the cluster.

1.3.2.5. VMware vSphere

If you are changing the number of nodes of a VMware vSphere cluster that you imported, see [Edit cluster settings](#) for information about scaling the cluster.

1.3.2.6. Red Hat OpenStack Platform

If you are changing the number of nodes of a Red Hat OpenStack Platform cluster that you imported, see [Auto scaling for instances](#) for information about scaling the cluster.

1.3.2.7. Bare metal cluster

If you are changing the number of nodes of a bare metal cluster that you imported, see [Expanding the cluster](#) for information about scaling the cluster.

Note: Bare metal clusters are only supported when the hub cluster is OpenShift Container Platform version 4.6, and later.

1.3.2.8. IBM Kubernetes Service

If you are changing the number of nodes of an IBM Kubernetes Service cluster that you imported, see [Adding worker nodes and zones to clusters](#) for information about scaling the cluster.

1.3.2.9. IBM Power systems

If you are changing the number of nodes of an IBM Power systems cluster that you imported, see [need link](#) for information about scaling the cluster.

1.3.2.10. IBM Z and LinuxONE

If you are changing the number of nodes of an IBM Z and LinuxONE systems cluster that you imported, see [need link](#) for information about scaling the cluster.

1.4. RELEASE IMAGES

When you create a cluster on a provider by using Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes, you must specify a release image to use for the new cluster. The release image specifies which version of Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform is used to build the cluster.

The files that reference the release images are **yaml** files that are maintained in the **acm-hive-openshift-releases** GitHub repository. Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management uses those files to create the list of the available release images in the console. This includes the latest fast channel images from OpenShift Container Platform. The console only displays the latest release images for the three latest versions of OpenShift Container Platform. For example, you might see the following release images displayed in the console options:

- `quay.io/openshift-release-dev/ocp-release:4.6.23-x86_64`
- `quay.io/openshift-release-dev/ocp-release:4.7.4-x86_64`
- `quay.io/openshift-release-dev/ocp-release:4.9.0-x86_64`

Additional release images are stored, but are not visible in the console. To view all of the available release images, run **kubect**`l get clusterimageset` in your CLI. Only the latest versions are in the console to encourage the creation of clusters with the latest release images. In some cases, you might need to create a cluster that is a specific version, which is why the older versions are available. Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management uses those files to create the list of the available release images in the console. This includes the latest fast channel images from OpenShift Container Platform. The repository contains the **clusterImageSets** directory and the **subscription** directory, which are the directories that you use when working with the release images.

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The **clusterImageSets** directory contains the following directories:

- **Fast** - Contains files that reference the latest versions of the release images for each OpenShift Container Platform version that is supported. The release images in this folder are tested, verified and supported.
- **Releases** - Contains files that reference all of the release images for each OpenShift Container Platform version (stable, fast, and candidate channels) **Note:** These releases have not all been tested and determined to be stable.
- **Stable** - Contains files that reference the latest two stable versions of the release images for each OpenShift Container Platform version that is supported. The release images in this folder are tested, verified and supported.

You can curate your own **ClusterImageSets** in three ways:

The first step for any of the three ways is to disable the included subscription that performs the automatic update of the latest fast channel images. The automatic curation of the latest fast **ClusterImageSets** can be disabled by using an installer parameter on the multiclusterhub resource. By toggling the **spec.disableUpdateClusterImageSets** parameter between **true** and **false**, the subscription installed with Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management is disabled or enabled, respectively. If you want to curate your own images, set the **spec.disableUpdateClusterImageSets** to **true** to disable the subscription.

Option 1: Specify the image reference for the specific **ClusterImageSet** that you want to use in the console when creating a cluster. Each new entry you specify persists and is available for all future cluster provisions. An example of an entry is: **quay.io/openshift-release-dev/ocp-release:4.6.8-x86_64**.

Option 2: Manually create and apply a **ClusterImageSets** YAML file from the **acm-hive-openshift-releases** GitHub repository.

Option 3: Follow the **README.md** in the **acm-hive-openshift-releases** GitHub repository to enable automatic updates of **ClusterImageSets** from a forked GitHub repository.

The **subscription** directory contains files that specify where the list of release images is pulled from. The default release images for Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management are provided in a Quay.io directory. The images are referenced by the files in the [acm-hive-openshift-releases GitHub repository for release 2.4](#).

1.4.1. Synchronizing available release images

The release images are updated frequently, so you might want to synchronize the list of release images to ensure that you can select the latest available versions. The release images are available in the [acm-hive-openshift-releases](#) GitHub repository for release 2.4.

There are three levels of stability of the release images:

Table 1.1. Stability levels of release images

Category	Description
stable	Fully tested images that are confirmed to install and build clusters correctly.
fast	Partially tested, but likely less stable than a stable version.
candidate	Not tested, but the most current image. Might have some bugs.

Complete the following steps to refresh the list:

1. If the installer-managed **acm-hive-openshift-releases** subscription is enabled, disable the subscription by setting the value of **disableUpdateClusterImageSets** to **true**. You can remove the subscription by entering a command that is similar to the following command:

```
oc delete -f subscription/subscription-stable
```

2. Clone the [acm-hive-openshift-releases](#) GitHub repository for release 2.4.
3. Connect to the stable release images and synchronize your Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes hub cluster by entering the following command:

```
make subscribe-stable
```

Note: You can only run this **make** command when you are using the Linux or MacOS operating system.

After about one minute, the latest list of **stable** release images is available.

- To synchronize and display the fast release images, enter the following command:

```
make subscribe-fast
```

Note: You can only run this **make** command when you are using the Linux or MacOS operating system.

About one minute after running the command, the list of available **stable** and **fast** release images updates with the currently available images.

- To synchronize and display the **candidate** release images, enter the following command:

```
make subscribe-candidate
```

Note: You can only run this **make** command when you are using the Linux or MacOS operating system.

About one minute after running the command, the list of available **stable**, **fast**, and **candidate** release images updates with the currently available images.

4. View the list of currently available release images in the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console when you are creating a cluster.
5. You can unsubscribe from any of these channels to stop viewing the updates by entering a command in the following format:

```
oc delete -f subscription/subscription-stable
```

1.4.1.1. Maintaining a custom list of release images when connected

You might want to ensure that you use the same release image for all of your clusters. To simplify, you can create your own custom list of release images that are available when creating a cluster. Complete the following steps to manage your available release images:

1. If the installer-managed **acm-hive-openshift-releases** subscription is enabled, disable it by setting the value of **disableUpdateClusterImageSets** to **true**.
2. Fork the [acm-hive-openshift-releases GitHub repository 2.4 branch](#).
3. Update the **./subscribe/channel.yaml** file by changing the **spec: pathname** to access your the GitHub name for your forked repository, instead of **stolostron**. This step specifies where the hub cluster retrieves the release images. Your updated content should look similar to the following example:

```
spec:
  type: Git
  pathname: https://github.com/<forked_content>/acm-hive-openshift-releases.git
```

Replace **forked_content** with the path to your forked repository.

4. Add the YAML files for the images that you want available when you create a cluster by using the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console to the **./clusterImageSets/stable/** or **./clusterImageSets/fast/*** directory. **Tip: You can retrieve the available YAML files from the main repository by merging changes into your forked repository.*
5. **Commit and merge your changes to your forked repository.**
6. **To synchronize your list of stable release images after you have cloned the **acm-hive-openshift-releases** repository, enter the following command to update the stable images:**

```
make subscribe-stable
```

Note: You can only run this **make** command when you are using the Linux or MacOS operating system.

After running this command, the list of available stable release images updates with the currently available images in about one minute.

7. By default, only the stable images are listed. To synchronize and display the fast release images, enter the following command:

```
make subscribe-fast
```

Note: You can only run this `make` command when you are using the Linux or MacOS operating system.

After running this command, the list of available fast release images updates with the currently available images in about 1 minute.

8. By default, Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management pre-loads a few `ClusterImageSets`. You can use the following commands to list what is available and remove the defaults.

```
oc get clusterImageSets
oc delete clusterImageSet <clusterImageSet_NAME>
```

Note: If you have not disabled the installer-managed automatic updates of the `ClusterImageSets` by setting the value of `disableUpdateClusterImageSets` to `true`, any images that you delete are recreated automatically.

9. View the list of currently available release images in the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console when you are creating a cluster.

1.4.1.2. Maintaining a custom list of release images while disconnected

In some cases, you need to maintain a custom list of release images when the hub cluster has no Internet connection. You can create your own custom list of release images that are available when creating a cluster. Complete the following steps to manage your available release images while disconnected:

1. While you are on a connected system, navigate to the [acm-hive-openshift-releases GitHub repository](#) with the cluster image sets that are available for version 2.4.
2. Copy the `clusterImageSets` directory to a system that can access the disconnected Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes hub cluster.
3. Add the YAML files for the images that you want available when you create a cluster by using the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console by manually adding the `clusterImageSet` YAML content.
4. Modify the `clusterImageSet` YAML files for the remaining OpenShift Container Platform release images to reference the correct offline repository where you store the images. Your updates should resemble the following example:

```
apiVersion: hive.openshift.io/v1
kind: ClusterImageSet
metadata:
  name: img4.4.0-rc.6-x86-64
spec:
  releaseImage: IMAGE_REGISTRY_IPADDRESS_or_DNSNAME/REPO_PATH/ocp-
release:4.4.0-rc.6-x86_64
```

Ensure that the images are loaded in the offline image registry that is referenced in the YAML file.

5. Create each of the **clusterImageSets** by entering the following command for each YAML file:

```
oc create -f <clusterImageSet_FILE>
```

Replace **clusterImageSet_FILE** with the name of the cluster image set file. For example:

```
oc create -f img4.9.9-x86_64.yaml
```

After running this command for each resource you want to add, the list of available release images will be available.

6. Alternately you can paste the image URL directly in the create cluster console in Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management. Adding the image URL creates new **clusterImageSets** if they do not exist.
7. View the list of currently available release images in the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console when you are creating a cluster.

1.5. CREATING AND MODIFYING BARE METAL ASSETS

Bare metal assets are virtual or physical servers that you configure to run your OpenShift Container Platform clusters. Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes connects to a bare metal asset that your administrator creates. Then you can deploy the bare metal asset in a managed cluster.

The hub cluster inventory controller defines a custom resource definition (CRD) called **BareMetalAsset**, that holds the bare metal asset inventory record. When provisioning a managed cluster, the inventory controller reconciles **BareMetalAsset** inventory records with corresponding **BareMetalHost** resources in the managed cluster.

Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management uses **BareMetalAsset** CRs to provision cluster hardware based on records entered in a configuration management database (CMDB), or similar system. An external tool or automation polls the CMDB and uses the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management API to create corresponding **BareMetalAsset** and corresponding **Secret** resources in a hub cluster for subsequent deployment in a managed cluster.

Use the following procedures to create and manage bare metal assets for clusters managed by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management.

- [Prerequisites](#)
- [Creating a bare metal asset with the console](#)
- [Creating a bare metal asset using the CLI](#)
- [Bulk importing bare metal assets with the console](#)
- [Modifying a bare metal asset](#)
- [Removing a bare metal asset](#)
- [Using the REST API to create a bare metal asset](#)

1.5.1. Prerequisites

You need the following prerequisites before creating a bare metal asset:

- A deployed Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management hub cluster on OpenShift Container Platform version 4.6, or later.
- Access for your Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management hub cluster to connect to the bare metal asset.
- A configured bare metal asset, and log in credentials with the required permissions to log in and manage it.
Note: Credentials for your bare metal asset include the following items for the asset that are provided by your administrator: user name password Baseboard Management Controller (BMC) Address boot NIC MAC address

1.5.2. Creating a bare metal asset with the console

To create a bare metal asset using the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console, complete the following steps:

1. From the navigation menu, navigate to Infrastructure > Bare metal assets.
2. On the *Bare metal assets* page, click **Create bare metal asset**
3. Enter a name for your asset that identifies it when you create a cluster.
4. Enter the namespace where you want to create the bare metal asset.
Note: The bare metal asset, managed bare metal cluster, and its related secret must be in the same namespace.

Users who have access to this namespace can associate this asset to the cluster when creating a cluster.

5. Enter the BMC address. This is the controller that enables communication with the host. The following protocols are supported:
 - IPMI, see [IPMI 2.0 Specification](#) for more information.
 - iDRAC, see [Support for Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller 9 \(iDRAC9\)](#) for more information.
 - iRMC, see [Data Sheet: FUJITSU Software ServerView Suite integrated Remote Management Controller - iRMC S5](#) for more information.
 - Redfish, see [Redfish specification](#) for more information.
6. Enter the username and password for the bare metal asset.
7. Add the boot NIC MAC address for the bare metal asset. This is the MAC address of the host's network-connected NIC that is used to provision the host on the bare metal asset.

You can continue with [Creating a cluster on bare metal](#)

1.5.3. Creating a bare metal asset using the CLI

Use a **BareMetalAsset** CR to create a bare metal asset for a particular namespace in the cluster. Each **BareMetalAsset** also has a corresponding **Secret** that contains the Baseboard Management Controller (BMC) credentials and the secret name in the same namespace.

1.5.3.1. Prerequisites

- Install Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes on a hub cluster.
- Install the Red Hat OpenShift CLI (oc).
- Log in as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges.

1.5.3.2. Create the bare metal asset

1. Install and provision a bare metal asset in your environment.
2. Power on the BMC, and note the IPMI or Redfish BMC address and MAC address for the hardware.
3. Create the following **BareMetalAsset** and **Secret** CR, and save the file as **baremetalasset-cr.yaml**:

```
apiVersion: inventory.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1
kind: BareMetalAsset
metadata:
  name: <baremetalasset-machine>
  namespace: <baremetalasset-namespace>
spec:
  bmc:
    address: ipmi://<out_of_band_ip>:<port>
    credentialsName: baremetalasset-machine-secret
  bootMACAddress: "00:1B:44:11:3A:B7"
  hardwareProfile: "hardwareProfile"
  role: "<role>"
  clusterName: "<cluster name>"
---
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: baremetalasset-machine-secret
type: Opaque
data:
  username: <username>
  password: <password>
```

- Replace **baremetalasset-machine** with the name of the machine where the bare metal asset is located. When created, the **BareMetalHost** on the managed cluster gets the same name as the corresponding **BareMetalAsset** on the hub cluster. The **BareMetalHost** name should always match the corresponding **BareMetalAsset** name.
- Replace **baremetalasset-namespace** with the cluster namespace where the bare metal asset is created.
- Replace **out_of_band_ip** and **port** with the address and port for your bare metal asset. For Redfish addressing, use the following address format: **redfish://<out-of-band-ip>/redfish/v1/Systems/1**.

- Replace **role** with **worker**, **master**, or leave it empty, depending on the machine role type. The **role** setting is used to match a bare metal asset to specific machine role types in the cluster. **BareMetalAsset** resources with a specified machine role type should not be used to fill another role. The **role** value is used as the value for a label with key **inventory.open-cluster-management.io/role**. This enables a cluster management application or user to query for inventory that is intended for a particular role.
 - Replace **cluster_name** with the name of your cluster, which is used by the cluster management application or user to query for inventory that is associated with a particular cluster. Leave this value empty to create the bare metal asset without adding it to a cluster deployment.
 - Replace **username** with the username for your secret.
 - Replace **password** with the password for your secret.
4. Run the following command to create the **BareMetalAsset** CR:

```
$ oc create -f baremetalasset-cr.yaml
```

5. Check that the **BareMetalAsset** is created successfully:

```
$ oc get baremetalassets -A
```

Example output

NAMESPACE	NAME	AGE
ocp-example-bm	baremetalasset-machine	2m
ocp-example-bm	csv-f24-h27-000-r630-master-1-1	4d21h

1.5.4. Bulk importing bare metal assets with the console

You can import bare metal assets in bulk using the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console using a CSV formatted list.

1.5.4.1. Prerequisites

- Install Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management on a hub cluster that manages one or more spoke clusters.
- Install the OpenShift Container Platform CLI (oc).
- Log in as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges.

1.5.4.2. Import the assets

To import a set of bare metal assets, complete the following steps:

1. From the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console, select Cluster management > Bare metal assets in the navigation menu.
2. Select Import assets, and import the CSV file that contains the bare metal assets data. The CSV file must have the following header columns:

hostName, hostNamespace, bmcAddress, macAddress, role (optional), username, password

1.5.5. Modifying a bare metal asset

If you need to modify the settings for a bare metal asset, complete the following steps:

1. In the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console navigation, select: Infrastructure > Bare metal assets.
2. Select the options menu for the asset that you want to modify in the table.
3. Select Edit asset.

1.5.6. Removing a bare metal asset

When a bare metal asset is no longer used for any of the clusters, you can remove it from the list of available bare metal assets. Removing unused assets both simplifies your list of available assets, and prevents the accidental selection of that asset.

To remove a bare metal asset in the console, complete the following steps:

1. In the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console navigation, select: Infrastructure > Bare metal assets.
2. Select the options menu for the asset that you want to remove in the table.
3. Select Delete asset.

1.5.7. Using the REST API to create a bare metal asset

You can use the OpenShift Container Platform REST API to manage bare metal assets for use in your Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management cluster. This is useful when you have a separate CMDB application or database to manage the bare metal assets in your environment.

1.5.7.1. Prerequisites

- Install Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes on a hub cluster.
- Install the OpenShift Container Platform CLI (oc).
- Log in as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges.

1.5.7.2. Create the bare metal asset

To use the REST API to create a bare metal asset, do the following:

1. Obtain a login token for your hub cluster, and login to the cluster at the command line. For example:

```
$ oc login --token=<login_token> --server=https://<hub_cluster_api_url>:6443
```

2. Modify the following curl command with the details of the bare metal asset that you want to add to the cluster, and run the command.

```
$ curl --location --request POST '<hub_cluster_api_url>:6443/apis/inventory.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1/namespaces/<bare_metal_asset_namespace>/baremetalassets?fieldManager=kubectl-create' \
--header 'Authorization: Bearer <login_token>' \
--header 'Content-Type: application/json' \
--data-raw '{
  "apiVersion": "inventory.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1",
  "kind": "BareMetalAsset",
  "metadata": {
    "name": "<baremetalasset_name>",
    "namespace": "<bare_metal_asset_namespace>"
  },
  "spec": {
    "bmc": {
      "address": "ipmi://<ipmi_address>",
      "credentialsName": "<credentials-secret>"
    },
    "bootMACAddress": "<boot_mac_address>",
    "clusterName": "<cluster_name>",
    "hardwareProfile": "hardwareProfile",
    "role": "worker"
  }
}'
```

- Replace **baremetalasset-name** with the name of the bare metal asset. When created, the **BareMetalHost** on the managed cluster gets the same name as the corresponding **BareMetalAsset** on the hub cluster. The **BareMetalHost** name should always match the corresponding **BareMetalAsset** name.
- Replace **baremetalasset-namespace** with the cluster namespace where the bare metal asset is created.
- Replace **out_of_band_ip** and **port** with the address and port for your bare metal asset. For Redfish addressing, use the following address format: **redfish://<out-of-band-ip>/redfish/v1/Systems/1**.
- Replace **role** with **worker**, **master**, or leave it empty, depending on the machine role type. The **role** setting is used to match a bare metal asset to specific machine role types in the cluster. **BareMetalAsset** resources with a specified machine role type should not be used to fill another role. The **role** value is used as the value for a label with key **inventory.open-cluster-management.io/role**. This enables a cluster management application or user to query for inventory that is intended for a particular role.
- Replace **cluster_name** with the name of your cluster, which is used by the cluster management application or user to query for inventory that is associated with a particular cluster. Leave this value empty to create the bare metal asset without adding it to a cluster deployment.
Note: For the previous curl command, it is assumed that the API server is served over HTTPS and is accessed securely. In a development or test environment, you can pass the **--insecure** parameter.

Tip: You can append **--v=9** to **anoc** command to see the raw output of the resulting action. This can be useful for ascertaining the REST API route for an **oc** command.

1.6. CREATING AN INFRASTRUCTURE ENVIRONMENT

You can use the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console to create an infrastructure environment to manage your hosts and create clusters on those hosts.

- [Prerequisites](#)
- [Enable Central Infrastructure Management service](#)
- [Creating your infrastructure environment with the console](#)
- [Accessing your infrastructure environment](#)

1.6.1. Prerequisites

You need the following prerequisites before creating an infrastructure environment:

- A deployed Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management hub cluster on OpenShift Container Platform version 4.9 or later.
- Internet access for your Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management hub cluster (connected), or a connection to an internal or mirror registry that has a connection to the Internet (disconnected) to retrieve the required images for creating the environment.
- A configured instance of the Central Infrastructure Management (CIM) feature on your hub cluster. See [Enabling the Central Infrastructure Management service](#) for the procedure.
- Your OpenShift Container Platform [pull secret](#). See [Using image pull secrets](#) for more information.
- Your SSH key that is in your `~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub` file, by default.
- Disconnected environment only: Complete the procedure for [Preparing the disconnected environment](#) in the OpenShift Container Platform documentation.

1.6.2. Enabling the Central Infrastructure Management service

The CIM service is provided with Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management and deploys OpenShift Container Platform clusters. CIM is deployed when you enable the MultiClusterHub Operator on the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management hub cluster, but must be enabled.

To enable the CIM service, complete the following steps:

1. For Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management version 2.4.0 only. Skip this step if you are running Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management version 2.4.1 or later. Modify the **HiveConfig** resource to enable the feature gate for the CIM service by running the following command:

```
oc patch hiveconfig hive --type merge -p '{"spec":
{"targetNamespace":"hive","logLevel":"debug","featureGates":{"custom":{"enabled":
["AlphaAgentInstallStrategy"]},"featureSet":"Custom"}}}'
```

2. Modify the **Provisioning** resource to allow the Bare Metal Operator to watch all namespaces by running the following command:

```
oc patch provisioning provisioning-configuration --type merge -p '{"spec":
{"watchAllNamespaces": true }}'
```

3. Create the **AgentServiceConfig** CR by completing the following steps:

- a. Save the following **YAML** content in the `agent_service_config.yaml` file:

```
apiVersion: agent-install.openshift.io/v1beta1
kind: AgentServiceConfig
metadata:
  name: agent
spec:
  databaseStorage:
    accessModes:
      - ReadWriteOnce
    resources:
      requests:
        storage: <db_volume_size>
  filesystemStorage:
    accessModes:
      - ReadWriteOnce
    resources:
      requests:
        storage: <fs_volume_size>
  osImages:
    - openshiftVersion: "<ocp_version>"
      version: "<ocp_release_version>"
      url: "<iso_url>"
      rootFSUrl: "<root_fs_url>"
      cpuArchitecture: "x86_64"
```

Replace `db_volume_size` with the volume size for the `databaseStorage` field, for example `10Gi`.

Replace `fs_volume_size` with the volume size for the volume size for the `filesystemStorage` field, for example `20Gi`.

Replace `ocp_version` with the OpenShift Container Platform version to install, for example, `4.9`.

Replace `ocp_release_version` with the specific install version, for example, `49.83.202103251640-0`.

Replace `iso_url` with the ISO url, for example,
https://mirror.openshift.com/pub/openshift-v4/dependencies/rhcos/4.9/4.9.0/rhcos-4.9.0-x86_64-live.x86_64.iso.

Replace `root_fs_url` with the root FS image URL, for example,
https://mirror.openshift.com/pub/openshift-v4/dependencies/rhcos/4.9/4.9.0/rhcos-live-rootfs.x86_64.img.

- b. Create the **AgentServiceConfig** CR by running the following command:

```
oc create -f agent_service_config.yaml
```

The output might resemble the following example:

agentserviceconfig.agent-install.openshift.io/agent created

Your CIM service is configured. You can verify that it is healthy by checking the **assisted-service** and **assisted-image-service** deployments and ensuring that their pods are ready and running. Continue with [Creating your infrastructure environment with the console](#)

1.6.3. Creating your infrastructure environment with the console

To create an infrastructure environment from the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console, complete the following steps:

1. From the navigation menu, navigate to Infrastructure > Infrastructure environments.
2. On the *Infrastructure environments* page, Click **Create infrastructure environment**.
3. Add the following information to your infrastructure environment settings:
 - **Name:** A unique name for your environment.
 - **Network type:** Specifies which types of hosts can be added to your environment. You can only use the static IP option when you are using bare metal hosts.
 - **Location:** Specifies the geographic location of the host. The geographic location can be used to easily determine where your data on a cluster is stored when you are creating the cluster.
 - **Labels:** Optional field where you can add labels to the infrastructure environment so you can more easily find and group the environment with other environments that share a characteristic. The selections that you made for the network type and location are automatically added to the list of labels.
 - **Pull secret:** Your OpenShift Container Platform [pull secret](#) that enables you to access the OpenShift Container Platform resources.
 - **SSH public key:** The SSH key that enables the secure communication with the hosts. This is generally in your `~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub` file, by default.
 - If you want to enable proxy settings across all of your clusters, select the setting to enable it. This requires that you enter the following information:
 - **HTTP Proxy URL:** The URL that should be used when accessing the discovery service.
 - **HTTPS Proxy URL:** The secure proxy URL that should be used when accessing the discovery service. Note that the format must be **http**, as **https** is not yet supported.
 - **No Proxy domains:** A comma-separated list of domains that should bypass the proxy. Begin a domain name with a period (.) to include all of the subdomains that are in that domain. Add an asterisk (*) to bypass the proxy for all destinations.

You can now continue by adding hosts to your infrastructure environment.

1.6.4. Accessing an infrastructure environment

To access an infrastructure environment, select Infrastructure > Infrastructure environments in the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console. Select your infrastructure environment from the list to view the details and hosts for that infrastructure environment.

1.6.5. Adding hosts to an infrastructure environment

You can use the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console to add hosts to an infrastructure environment. Adding the hosts makes it easier to select the already-configured hosts when you are creating a cluster.

Complete the following steps to add a host:

1. From the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management navigation, select Infrastructure > Infrastructure environments.
2. Select the infrastructure environment where you want to add the host to view its settings.
3. Select the *Hosts* tab to view the hosts that are already added to that environment. Available hosts might take a few minutes to appear in the table.
4. Select Add host to add a host to the infrastructure environment.
5. Select Discovery ISO or Baseboard Management Controller (BMC) to enter the information for your host.
6. If you select the Discovery ISO option, complete the following steps:
 - a. Copy the command that is provided in the console to download the ISO or select Download Discovery ISO.
 - b. Run the command on a bootable device to start each host.
 - c. For added security, you must select Approve host for each of the discovered hosts. This additional step offers some protection in case your ISO file is changed and run by an unauthorized person.
 - d. Rename the hosts that are named, `localhost` to unique names.
7. If you select Baseboard Management Controller (BMC) option, complete the following steps:

Note: The BMC option for adding hosts can only be used when your hub cluster is running on a bare metal platform.

 - a. Add the connection details for the BMC of your host.
 - b. Select Add host to start the boot process. The host is automatically booted by using the discovery ISO image, and is added to the list of hosts when it is started.
When you add a host by using the BMC option, the host is automatically approved.

You can now create an on-premises cluster on this infrastructure environment. See [Creating a cluster in an on-premises environment](#) for more information about creating a cluster.

1.7. CREATING A CLUSTER

Learn how to create Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform clusters across cloud providers with Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes.

- [Configuring additional manifests during cluster creation](#)
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1.7.1. Configuring additional manifests during cluster creation

You can configure additional Kubernetes resource manifests during the installation process of creating your cluster. This can help if you need to configure additional manifests for scenarios such as configuring networking or setting up a load balancer.

Before you create your cluster, you need to add a reference to the **ClusterDeployment** resource that specifies a **ConfigMap** that contains the additional resource manifests.

Note: The **ClusterDeployment** resource and the **ConfigMap** must be in the same namespace. The following examples show how your content might look.

- ConfigMap with resource manifests
ConfigMap that contains a manifest with another **ConfigMap** resource. The resource manifest **ConfigMap** can contain multiple keys with resource configurations added in **data**. `<resource_name>\.yaml` pattern.

```
kind: ConfigMap
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: <my-baremetal-cluster-install-manifests>
  namespace: <mynamespace>
data:
  99_metal3-config.yaml: |
    kind: ConfigMap
    apiVersion: v1
    metadata:
      name: metal3-config
      namespace: openshift-machine-api
    data:
      http_port: "6180"
      provisioning_interface: "enp1s0"
      provisioning_ip: "172.00.0.3/24"
      dhcp_range: "172.00.0.10,172.00.0.100"
      deploy_kernel_url: "http://172.00.0.3:6180/images/ironic-python-agent.kernel"
      deploy_ramdisk_url: "http://172.00.0.3:6180/images/ironic-python-agent.initramfs"
      ironic_endpoint: "http://172.00.0.3:6385/v1/"
      ironic_inspector_endpoint: "http://172.00.0.3:5150/v1/"
      cache_url: "http://192.168.111.1/images"
      rhcos_image_url: "https://releases-art-
```

```
rhcos.svc.ci.openshift.org/art/storage/releases/rhcos-
4.3/43.81.201911192044.0/x86_64/rhcos-43.81.201911192044.0-
openstack.x86_64.qcow2.gz"
```

- ClusterDeployment with resource manifest **ConfigMap** referenced
The resource manifest **ConfigMap** is referenced under **spec.provisioning.manifestsConfigMapRef**.

```
apiVersion: hive.openshift.io/v1
kind: ClusterDeployment
metadata:
  name: <my-baremetal-cluster>
  namespace: <mynamespace>
  annotations:
    hive.openshift.io/try-install-once: "true"
spec:
  baseDomain: test.example.com
  clusterName: <my-baremetal-cluster>
  controlPlaneConfig:
    servingCertificates: {}
  platform:
    baremetal:
      libvirtSSHPrivateKeySecretRef:
        name: provisioning-host-ssh-private-key
  provisioning:
    installConfigSecretRef:
      name: <my-baremetal-cluster-install-config>
    sshPrivateKeySecretRef:
      name: <my-baremetal-hosts-ssh-private-key>
    manifestsConfigMapRef:
      name: <my-baremetal-cluster-install-manifests>
    imageSetRef:
      name: <my-clusterimageset>
    sshKnownHosts:
      - "10.1.8.90 ecdsa-sha2-nistp256
AAAAE2VjZHNhLXVvVVKUYVkuYVkuYgkuyTCYTYtfkufTYAAAAIbmlzdHAyNTYAAABB
BKWjJRzeUVuZs4yxSy4eu45xiANFIbwE3e1aPzGD58x/NX7Yf+S8eFKq4RrsfSaK2hVJyJ
jvVIhUsU9z2sBJP8="
    pullSecretRef:
      name: <my-baremetal-cluster-pull-secret>
```

1.7.2. Creating a cluster on Amazon Web Services

You can use the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console to create a Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform cluster on Amazon Web Services (AWS).

- [Prerequisites](#)
- [Creating your cluster with the console](#)
- [Accessing your cluster](#)

1.7.2.1. Prerequisites

You must have the following prerequisites before creating a cluster on AWS:

- A deployed Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes hub cluster
- Internet access for your Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes hub cluster so it can create the Kubernetes cluster on Amazon Web Services
- AWS credential. See [Creating a credential for Amazon Web Services](#) for more information.
- A configured domain in AWS. See [Configuring an AWS account](#) for instructions on how to configure a domain.
- Amazon Web Services (AWS) login credentials, which include user name, password, access key ID, and secret access key. See [Understanding and Getting Your Security Credentials](#)
- A OpenShift Container Platform image pull secret. See [Using image pull secrets](#)

Note: If you change your cloud provider access key, you must manually update the provisioned cluster access key. For more information, see the known issue, [Automatic secret updates for provisioned clusters is not supported](#).

1.7.2.2. Creating your cluster with the console

To create clusters from the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console, complete the following steps:

1. From the navigation menu, navigate to Infrastructure > Clusters.
2. On the *Clusters* page, Click **Create cluster**.
Note: This procedure is for creating a cluster. If you have an existing cluster that you want to import, see [Importing a target managed cluster to the hub cluster](#) for those steps.
3. Select your Kubernetes distribution and Amazon Web Services for the infrastructure provider. The remaining steps are based on your selections.
4. Select your infrastructure provider credential from the available credentials on the list. If you do not have one configured, or if you want to configure a new one, select **Add credential**. See [Creating a credential for Amazon Web Services](#) for more information about creating a credential.
5. Add the details for your cluster:
 - a. Enter a name for your cluster. This name is used in the hostname of the cluster.
Tip: You can view the `yaml` content updates as you enter the information in the console by setting the *YAML* switch to ON.
 - b. Specify a *Cluster set*, if you want to add it to an existing cluster set. If you do not have **cluster-admin** privileges when you are creating the cluster, you must select a cluster set on which you have **clusterset-admin** permissions to create the cluster. If you do not select a cluster set, the cluster creation fails. Contact your cluster administrator to provide you with **clusterset-admin** permissions to a cluster set if you do not have cluster set options to select.
 - c. Specify the *Base DNS domain* information that you configured for your AWS account. If there is already a base domain associated with the selected credential, that value is populated in that field. You can change the value by overwriting it. See [Configuring an AWS account](#) for more information. This name is used in the hostname of the cluster.
 - d. Specify a *Release image* that you want to use for the cluster. This identifies the version

of the OpenShift Container Platform image that is used to create the cluster. If the version that you want to use is available, you can select the image from the list of images. If the image that you want to use is not a standard image, you can enter the url to the image that you want to use. See [Release images](#) for more information about release images.

- e. Add the *Additional Labels* that you want to associate with your cluster. These labels help to identify the cluster and limit search results.
6. Enter details about the control plane pool. There are three control plane nodes that are created for your cluster in the control plane pool. The control plane nodes share the management of the cluster activity. The optional information includes the following fields:
 - a. Specify one or more *Zones* where you want to run your control plane pools. You can select multiple zones within the region for a more distributed group of control plane nodes. A closer zone might provide faster performance, but a more distant zone might be more distributed.
 - b. Specify an *Instance type* for your control plane node. You can change the type and size of your instance after it is created. The default value is *mx5.xlarge - 4 vCPU, 16 GiB RAM - General Purpose*.
 - c. Enter your *Root storage* allocation. The default value is 100 GiB of root storage.
 7. Enter details about your worker pools. You can create zero or more worker nodes in a worker pool to run the container workloads for the cluster. They can be in a single worker pool, or distributed across multiple worker pools. If zero worker nodes are specified, the control plane nodes also function as worker nodes. The optional information includes the following fields:
 - a. Add a name for your worker pool.
 - b. Specify one or more *Zones* where you want to run your worker pools. You can select multiple zones within the region for a more distributed group of nodes. A closer zone might provide faster performance, but a more distant zone might be more distributed.
 - c. Specify an *Instance type* for your worker pools. You can change the type and size of your instance after it is created. The default value is *mx5.xlarge - 4 vCPU, 16 GiB RAM - General Purpose*.
 - d. Enter a *Node count* for your worker pool. This setting is required when you define a worker pool.
 - e. Enter your *Root storage* allocation. The default value is 100 GiB of root storage. This setting is required when you define a worker pool.
You can define additional worker pools by clicking Add worker pool.
 8. Enter the networking details for your cluster. This information is required. Multiple networks are required for using IPv6.
 - a. Select your *Network type*. The default value is **OpenShiftSDN**. OVNKubernetes is the required setting for using IPv6.
 - b. Select a *Cluster network CIDR*. This is a number and list of IP addresses that can be used for the pod IP addresses. This block must not overlap another network block. The default value is **10.128.0.0/14**.

- c. Specify the *Network host prefix*, which sets the subnet prefix length for each node. The default value is 23.
 - d. Specify the *Service network CIDR*, which provides a block of IP addresses for services. This block must not overlap another network block. The default value is 172.30.0.0/16.
 - e. Specify the *Machine CIDR*, which provides a block of IP addresses that are used by the OpenShift Container Platform hosts. This block must not overlap another network block. The default value is 10.0.0.0/16.
You can add an additional network by clicking Add network. You must have more than one network if you are using IPv6 addresses.
9. Add your proxy information, if you want to enable a proxy.
 10. Add an optional *Ansible Automation Template* to run either before or after your cluster installs or upgrades.
You can click Add automation template to create a template.
 11. Review your information and optionally customize it.
 - a. Click the YAML slider to On to view the `install-config.yaml` file content in the panel.
 - b. Edit the YAML file with your custom settings.
 12. Select Create to create the cluster.
Note: You do not have to run the `kubectl` command that is provided with the cluster details to import the cluster. When you create the cluster, it is automatically configured under the management of Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management.

1.7.2.3. Accessing your cluster

To access a cluster that is managed by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes, complete the following steps:

1. From the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management navigation menu, navigate to Infrastructure > Clusters.
2. Select the name of the cluster that you created or want to access. The cluster details are displayed.
3. Select Reveal credentials to view the user name and password for the cluster. Note these values to use when you log in to the cluster.
4. Select Console URL to link to the cluster.
5. Log in to the cluster by using the user ID and password that you found in step 3.

1.7.3. Creating a cluster on Microsoft Azure

You can use the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console to deploy a Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform cluster on Microsoft Azure or on Microsoft Azure Government.

- [Prerequisites](#)
- [Creating your cluster with the console](#)
- [Accessing your cluster](#)

1.7.3.1. Prerequisites

You must have the following prerequisites before creating a cluster on Azure:

- A deployed Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes hub cluster.
- Internet access for your Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes hub cluster so it can create the Kubernetes cluster on Azure or Azure Government.
- Azure credential.
See [Creating a credential for Microsoft Azure](#) for more information.
- A configured domain in Azure or Azure Government.
See [Configuring a custom domain name for an Azure cloud service](#) for instructions on how to configure a domain.
- Azure login credentials, which include user name and password. See [Microsoft Azure Portal](#).
- Azure service principals, which include `clientId`, `clientSecret`, and `tenantId`.
See [azure.microsoft.com](#).
- An OpenShift Container Platform image pull secret.
See [Using image pull secrets](#).

Note: If you change your cloud provider access key, you must manually update the provisioned cluster access key. For more information, see the known issue, [Automatic secret updates for provisioned clusters is not supported](#).

1.7.3.2. Creating your cluster with the console

To create clusters from the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console, complete the following steps:

1. From the navigation menu, navigate to Infrastructure > Clusters.
2. On the *Clusters* page, Click **Create cluster**.
Note: This procedure is for creating a cluster. If you have an existing cluster that you want to import, see [Importing a target managed cluster to the hub cluster](#) for those steps.
3. Select your Kubernetes distribution and Microsoft Azure for the infrastructure provider. The remaining steps are based on your selections.
4. Select your infrastructure provider credential from the available credentials on the list. If you do not have one configured, or if you want to configure a new one, select **Add credential**. See [Creating a credential for Microsoft Azure](#) for more information about creating a credential.
5. Add the details for your cluster:
 - a. Enter a name for your cluster. This name is used in the hostname of the cluster.
Tip: You can view the `yaml` content updates as you enter the information in the console by setting the `YAML` switch to ON.
 - b. Specify a *Cluster set*, if you want to add it to an existing cluster set. If you do not have **cluster-admin** privileges when you are creating the cluster, you must select a cluster set on which you have **clusterset-admin** permissions to create the cluster. If you do not

select a cluster set, the cluster creation fails. Contact your cluster administrator to provide you with **clusterset-admin** permissions to a cluster set if you do not have cluster set options to select.

- c. Specify the *Base DNS domain* information that you configured for your Azure account. If there is already a base domain that is associated with the selected credential, that value is populated in that field. You can change the value by overwriting it. See [Configuring a custom domain name for an Azure cloud service](#) for more information. This name is used in the hostname of the cluster.
 - d. Specify a *Release image* that you want to use for the cluster. This identifies the version of the OpenShift Container Platform image that is used to create the cluster. If the version that you want to use is available, you can select the image from the list of images. If the image that you want to use is not a standard image, you can enter the URL to the image that you want to use. See [Release images](#) for more information about release images.
 - e. Add the *Additional Labels* that you want to associate with your cluster. These labels help to identify the cluster and limit search results.
6. Enter details about the control plane pool. There are three control plane nodes that are created for your cluster in the control plane pool. The control plane nodes share the management of the cluster activity. The optional information includes the following fields:
- a. Specify a *Region* where you want to run your control plane pools. You can select multiple zones within the region for a more distributed group of control plane nodes. A closer zone might provide faster performance, but a more distant zone might be more distributed.
 - b. Specify an *Instance type* for your control plane node. You can change the type and size of your instance after it is created. The default value is *Standard_D4s_v3 - 4 vCPU, 16 GiB RAM - General Purpose*.
 - c. Enter your *Root storage* allocation. The default value is 128 GiB of root storage.
7. Enter details about your worker pools. You can create zero or more worker nodes in a worker pool to run the container workloads for the cluster. They can be in a single worker pool, or distributed across multiple worker pools. If zero worker nodes are specified, the control plane nodes also function as worker nodes. The optional information includes the following fields:
- a. Add a name for your worker pool.
 - b. Specify one or more *Zones* where you want to run your worker pools. You can select multiple zones within the region for a more distributed group of nodes. A closer zone might provide faster performance, but a more distant zone might be more distributed.
 - c. Specify an *Instance type* for your worker pools. You can change the type and size of your instance after it is created. The default value is *Standard_D2s_v3 - 2 vCPU, 8 GiB - General Purpose*.
 - d. Enter a *Node count* for your worker pool. This setting is required when you define a worker pool.
 - e. Enter your *Root storage* allocation. The default value is 128 GiB of root storage. This setting is required when you define a worker pool.
You can define additional worker pools by clicking Add worker pool.

8. Enter the networking details for your cluster. This information is required. Multiple networks are required for using IPv6.
 - a. Select your *Network type*. The default value is **OpenShiftSDN**. **OVNKubernetes** is the required setting for using IPv6.
 - b. Select a *Cluster network CIDR*. This is a number and list of IP addresses that can be used for the pod IP addresses. This block must not overlap another network block. The default value is **10.128.0.0/14**.
 - c. Specify the *Network host prefix*, which sets the subnet prefix length for each node. The default value is **23**.
 - d. Specify the *Service network CIDR*, which provides a block of IP addresses for services. This block must not overlap another network block. The default value is **172.30.0.0/16**.
 - e. Specify the *Machine CIDR*, which provides a block of IP addresses that are used by the OpenShift Container Platform hosts. This block must not overlap another network block. The default value is **10.0.0.0/16**.

You can add an additional network by clicking **Add network**. You must have more than one network if you are using IPv6 addresses.
9. Add your proxy information, if you want to enable a proxy.
10. Add an optional *Ansible Automation Template* to run either before or after your cluster installs or upgrades.

You can click **Add automation template** to create a template.
11. Review your information and optionally customize it.
 - a. Click the YAML slider to **On** to view the **install-config.yaml** file content in the panel.
 - b. Edit the YAML file with your custom settings.
12. Select **Create** to create the cluster.

Note: You do not have to run the **kubectl** command that is provided with the cluster details to import the cluster. When you create the cluster, it is automatically configured under the management of Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management.

1.7.3.3. Accessing your cluster

To access a cluster that is managed by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes, complete the following steps:

1. From the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes navigation menu, navigate to **Infrastructure > Clusters**.
2. Select the name of the cluster that you created or want to access. The cluster details are displayed.
3. Select **Reveal credentials** to view the user name and password for the cluster. Note these values to use when you log in to the cluster.
4. Select **Console URL** to link to the cluster.
5. Log in to the cluster by using the user ID and password that you found in step three.

1.7.4. Creating a cluster on Google Cloud Platform

Follow the procedure to create a Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform cluster on Google Cloud Platform (GCP). For more information about Google Cloud Platform, see [Google Cloud Platform](#).

- [Prerequisites](#)
- [Creating your cluster with the console](#)
- [Accessing your cluster](#)

1.7.4.1. Prerequisites

You must have the following prerequisites before creating a cluster on GCP:

- A deployed Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes hub cluster
- Internet access for your Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes hub cluster so it can create the Kubernetes cluster on GCP
- GCP credential. See [Creating a credential for Google Cloud Platform](#) for more information.
- A configured domain in GCP. See [Setting up a custom domain](#) for instructions on how to configure a domain.
- GCP login credentials, which include user name and password.
- A OpenShift Container Platform image pull secret. See [Using image pull secrets](#).

Note: If you change your cloud provider access key, you must manually update the provisioned cluster access key. For more information, see the known issue, [Automatic secret updates for provisioned clusters is not supported](#).

1.7.4.2. Creating your cluster with the console

To create clusters from the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console, complete the following steps:

1. From the navigation menu, navigate to Infrastructure > Clusters.
2. On the *Clusters* page, select **Create cluster**.
Note: This procedure is for creating a cluster. If you have an existing cluster that you want to import, see [Importing a target managed cluster to the hub cluster](#) for those steps.
3. Select your Kubernetes distribution and Google Cloud for the infrastructure provider. The remaining steps are based on your selections.
4. Select your credential from the available credentials on the list. If you do not have one configured, or want to configure a new one, select **Add credential**. See [Creating a credential for Google Cloud Platform](#) for more information about creating a credential.
5. Add the details for your cluster:
 - a. Enter a name for your cluster. This name is used in the hostname of the cluster. There are some restrictions that apply to naming your GCP cluster. These restrictions include not beginning the name with **goog** or containing a group of letters and numbers that

resemble **google** anywhere in the name. See [Bucket naming guidelines](#) for the complete list of restrictions.

Tip: You can view the **yaml** content updates as you enter the information in the console by setting the **YAML** switch to ON.

- b. Specify a *Cluster set*, if you want to add it to an existing cluster set. If you do not have **cluster-admin** privileges when you are creating the cluster, you must select a cluster set on which you have **clusterset-admin** permissions to create the cluster. If you do not select a cluster set, the cluster creation fails. Contact your cluster administrator to provide you with **clusterset-admin** permissions to a cluster set if you do not have cluster set options to select.
 - c. Specify the *Base DNS domain* information that you configured for your GCP account. If there is already a base domain associated with the selected credential, that value is populated in that field. You can change the value by overwriting it. This name is used in the hostname of the cluster. See [Setting up a custom domain](#) for more information.
 - d. Specify a *Release image* that you want to use for the cluster. This identifies the version of the OpenShift Container Platform image that is used to create the cluster. If the version that you want to use is available, you can select the image from the list of images. If the image that you want to use is not a standard image, you can enter the url to the image that you want to use. See [Release images](#) for more information about release images.
 - e. Add the *Additional Labels* that you want to associate with your cluster. These labels help to identify the cluster and limit search results.
6. Enter details about the control plane pool. There are three control plane nodes that are created for your cluster in the control plane pool. The control plane nodes share the management of the cluster activity. The optional information includes the following fields:
 - a. Specify a *Region* where you want to run your control plane pools. A closer region might provide faster performance, but a more distant region might be more distributed.
 - b. Specify an *Instance type* for your control plane node. You can change the type and size of your instance after it is created. The default values are *n1-standard-1 - n1-standard-1 1 vCPU - General Purpose*.
7. Enter details about your worker pools. You can create zero or more worker nodes in a worker pool to run the container workloads for the cluster. They can be in a single worker pool, or distributed across multiple worker pools. If zero worker nodes are specified, the control plane nodes also function as worker nodes. The optional information includes the following fields:
 - a. Add a name for your worker pool.
 - b. Specify an *Instance type* for your worker pools. You can change the type and size of your instance after it is created. The default values are *n1-standard-4 - 4 vCPU 15 GiB RAM - General Purpose*.
 - c. Enter a *Node count* for your worker pool. This setting is required when you define a worker pool.
You can define additional worker pools by clicking *Add worker pool*.
8. Enter the networking details for your cluster. This information is required. Multiple networks are required for using IPv6.

- a. Select your *Network type*. The default value is **OpenShiftSDN**. OVNKubernetes is the required setting for using IPv6.
 - b. Select a *Cluster network CIDR*. This is a number and list of IP addresses that can be used for the pod IP addresses. This block must not overlap another network block. The default value is **10.128.0.0/14**.
 - c. Specify the *Network host prefix*, which sets the subnet prefix length for each node. The default value is **23**.
 - d. Specify the *Service network CIDR*, which provides a block of IP addresses for services. This block must not overlap another network block. The default value is **172.30.0.0/16**.
 - e. Specify the *Machine CIDR*, which provides a block of IP addresses that are used by the OpenShift Container Platform hosts. This block must not overlap another network block. The default value is **10.0.0.0/16**.
You can add an additional network by clicking Add network. You must have more than one network if you are using IPv6 addresses.
9. Add your proxy information, if you want to enable a proxy.
 10. Add an optional *Ansible Automation Template* to run either before or after your cluster installs or upgrades.
You can click Add automation template to create a template.
 11. Review your information and optionally customize it.
 - a. Click the YAML slider to On to view the `install-config.yaml` file content in the panel.
 - b. Edit the YAML file with your custom settings.
 12. Select Create to create the cluster.
Note: You do not have to run the `kubectl` command that is provided with the cluster details to import the cluster. When you create the cluster, it is automatically configured under the management of Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management.

1.7.4.3. Accessing your cluster

To access a cluster that is managed by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes, complete the following steps:

1. From the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes navigation menu, navigate to Infrastructure > Clusters.
2. Select the name of the cluster that you created or want to access. The cluster details are displayed.
3. Select Reveal credentials to view the user name and password for the cluster. Note these values to use when you log in to the cluster.
4. Select Console URL to link to the cluster.
5. Log in to the cluster by using the user ID and password that you found in step 3.

1.7.5. Creating a cluster on VMware vSphere

You can use the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console to deploy a Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform cluster on VMware vSphere.

- [Prerequisites](#)
- [Creating your cluster with the console](#)
- [Accessing your cluster](#)

1.7.5.1. Prerequisites

You must have the following prerequisites before creating a cluster on vSphere:

- A Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management hub cluster that is deployed on OpenShift Container Platform version 4.6 or later.
- Internet access for your Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management hub cluster so it can create the Kubernetes cluster on vSphere.
- vSphere credential. See [Creating a credential for VMware vSphere](#) for more information.
- An OpenShift Container Platform image pull secret. See [Using image pull secrets](#).
- The following information for the VMware instance where you are deploying:
 - Required static IP addresses for API and Ingress instances.
 - DNS records for:
 - `api.<cluster_name>.<base_domain>` which must point to the static API VIP.
 - `*.apps.<cluster_name>.<base_domain>` which must point to the static IP address for Ingress VIP.

1.7.5.2. Creating your cluster with the console

To create clusters from the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console, complete the following steps:

1. From the navigation menu, navigate to Infrastructure > Clusters.
2. On the *Clusters* page, Click **Create cluster**.
Note: This procedure is for creating a cluster. If you have an existing cluster that you want to import, see [Importing a target managed cluster to the hub cluster](#) for those steps.
3. Select your Kubernetes distribution and VMware vSphere for the infrastructure provider. The remaining steps are based on your selections.
4. Select your infrastructure provider credential from the available credentials on the list. If you do not have one configured, or if you want to configure a new one, select **Add credential**. See [Creating a credential for VMware vSphere](#) for more information about creating a credential.
5. Add the details for your cluster:

- a. Enter a name for your cluster. This value must match the name that you used to create the DNS records listed in the credential prerequisites section. This name is used in the hostname of the cluster.
 Tip: You can view the `yaml` content updates as you enter the information in the console by setting the `YAML` switch to ON.
 - b. Specify a *Cluster set*, if you want to add it to an existing cluster set. If you do not have **cluster-admin** privileges when you are creating the cluster, you must select a cluster set on which you have **clusterset-admin** permissions to create the cluster. If you do not select a cluster set, the cluster creation fails. Contact your cluster administrator to provide you with **clusterset-admin** permissions to a cluster set if you do not have cluster set options to select.
 - c. Specify the *Base DNS domain* information that you configured for your VMware vSphere account. This value must match the name that you used to create the DNS records listed in the prerequisites section. This name is used in the hostname of the cluster. If there is already a base domain associated with the selected credential, that value is populated in that field. You can change the value by overwriting it. See [Configuring an AWS account](#) for more information. This name is used in the hostname of the cluster.
 - d. Specify a *Release image* that you want to use for the cluster. This identifies the version of the OpenShift Container Platform image that is used to create the cluster. If the version that you want to use is available, you can select the image from the list of images. If the image that you want to use is not a standard image, you can enter the url to the image that you want to use. See [Release images](#) for more information about release images.
 Note: Only release images for OpenShift Container Platform versions 4.5.x and higher are supported.
 - e. Add the *Additional Labels* that you want to associate with your cluster. These labels help to identify the cluster and limit search results.
6. Enter details about the control plane pool. There are three control plane nodes that are created for your cluster in the control plane pool. The control plane nodes share the management of the cluster activity. The required information includes the following fields:
 - a. Specify one or more *Cores per socket* that you want to allocate for your cluster.
 - b. Specify a number of *CPUs* to allocate for your control plane node.
 - c. Specify the amount of *Memory*, in MB, that you want to allocate.
 - d. Add the *Disk size* that you want to create for your control plane node.
 7. Enter details about your worker pools. You can create zero or more worker nodes in a worker pool to run the container workloads for the cluster. They can be in a single worker pool, or distributed across multiple worker pools. If zero worker nodes are specified, the control plane nodes also function as worker nodes. The information includes the following fields:
 - a. Add a name for your worker pool.
 - b. Specify one or more *Cores per socket* that you want to allocate for your cluster.
 - c. Specify a number of *CPUs* to allocate.
 - d. Specify the amount of *Memory*, in MB, that you want to allocate.

- e. Add the *Disk size*, in GiB, that you want to create.
 - f. Add a *Node count* to specify the number of worker nodes in your cluster.
You can define additional worker pools by clicking Add worker pool.
8. Configure the cluster networking options. This information is required. Multiple networks are required for using IPv6.
- a. vSphere network name - The VMware vSphere network name.
 - b. API VIP - The IP address to use for internal API communication.
Note: This value must match the name that you used to create the DNS records listed in the prerequisites section. If not provided, the DNS must be pre-configured so that **api.** resolves correctly.
 - c. Ingress VIP - The IP address to use for ingress traffic.
Note: This value must match the name that you used to create the DNS records listed in the prerequisites section. If not provided, the DNS must be pre-configured so that **test.apps.** resolves correctly.
- You can add an additional network by clicking Add network. You must have more than one network if you are using IPv6 addresses.
9. Add your proxy information, if you want to enable a proxy.
10. Add an optional *Ansible Automation Template* to run either before or after your cluster installs or upgrades.
You can click Add automation template to create a template.
11. Review your information and optionally customize it.
- a. Click the YAML slider to On to view the **install-config.yaml** file content in the panel.
 - b. Edit the YAML file with your custom settings.
12. Select Create to create the cluster.
Note: You do not have to run the **kubectrl** command that is provided with the cluster details to import the cluster. When you create the cluster, it is automatically configured under the management of Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management.

1.7.5.3. Accessing your cluster

To access a cluster that is managed by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management, complete the following steps:

1. From the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management navigation menu, navigate to Infrastructure > Clusters.
2. Select the name of the cluster that you created or want to access. The cluster details are displayed.
3. Select Reveal credentials to view the user name and password for the cluster. Use these values when you log in to the cluster.
4. Select Console URL to link to the cluster.
5. Log in to the cluster by using the user ID and password that you found in step 3.

1.7.6. Creating a cluster on Red Hat OpenStack Platform

You can use the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console to deploy a Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform cluster on Red Hat OpenStack Platform.

- [Prerequisites](#)
- [Creating your cluster with the console](#)
- [Accessing your cluster](#)

1.7.6.1. Prerequisites

You must have the following prerequisites before creating a cluster on Red Hat OpenStack Platform:

- A Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management hub cluster that is deployed on OpenShift Container Platform version 4.6, or later.
- Internet access for your Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management hub cluster so it can create the Kubernetes cluster on Red Hat OpenStack Platform.
- A Red Hat OpenStack Platform credential. See [Creating a credential for Red Hat OpenStack Platform](#) for more information.
- A OpenShift Container Platform image pull secret. See [Using image pull secrets](#).
- The following information for the Red Hat OpenStack Platform instance where you are deploying:
 - Flavor name for the control plane and worker instances. For example, m1.xlarge.
 - Network name for the external network to provide the floating IP addresses.
 - Required floating IP addresses for API and ingress instances.
 - DNS records for:
 - `api.<cluster_name>.<base_domain>`, which must point to the floating IP address for the API.
 - `*.apps.<cluster_name>.<base_domain>`, which must point to the floating IP address for ingress.

1.7.6.2. Creating your cluster with the console

To create clusters from the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console, complete the following steps:

1. From the navigation menu, navigate to Infrastructure > Clusters.
2. On the *Clusters* page, click **Create cluster**.
 Note: This procedure is for creating a cluster. If you have an existing cluster that you want to import, see [Importing a target managed cluster to the hub cluster](#) for those steps.
3. Select your Kubernetes distribution and Red Hat OpenStack for the infrastructure provider. The remaining steps are based on your selections.

4. Select your infrastructure provider credential from the available credentials on the list. If you do not have one configured, or if you want to configure a new one, select [Add credential](#). See [Creating a credential for Red Hat OpenStack Platform](#) for more information about creating a credential.
5. Add the details for your cluster:
 - a. Enter a name for your cluster. This name is used in the hostname of the cluster. The name must contain fewer than 15 characters.
Note: This value must match the name that you used to create the DNS records listed in the credential prerequisites section.

Tip: You can view the `yaml` content updates as you enter the information in the console by setting the `YAML` switch to ON.
 - b. Specify a *Cluster set*, if you want to add it to an existing cluster set. If you do not have **cluster-admin** privileges when you are creating the cluster, you must select a cluster set on which you have **clusterset-admin** permissions to create the cluster. If you do not select a cluster set, the cluster creation fails. Contact your cluster administrator to provide you with **clusterset-admin** permissions to a cluster set if you do not have cluster set options to select.
 - c. Specify the *Base DNS domain* information that you configured for your Red Hat OpenStack Platform account. If there is already a base domain associated with the selected credential, that value is populated in that field. You can change the value by overwriting it. This value must match the name that you used to create the DNS records listed in the prerequisites section.
See [Managing domains](#) in the Red Hat OpenStack Platform documentation for more information. This name is used in the hostname of the cluster.
 - d. Specify a *Release image* that you want to use for the cluster. This identifies the version of the OpenShift Container Platform image that is used to create the cluster. If the version that you want to use is available, you can select the image from the list of images. If the image that you want to use is not a standard image, you can enter the url to the image that you want to use. See [Release images](#) for more information about release images.
Note: Only release images for OpenShift Container Platform versions 4.6.x and higher are supported.
 - e. Add the *Additional Labels* that you want to associate with your cluster. These labels help to identify the cluster and limit search results.
6. Enter details about the control plane node. There are three control plane nodes that are created for your cluster in the control plane pool. The control plane nodes share the management of the cluster activity. The optional information includes the following fields:
 - a. Specify an *Instance type* for your control plane node. You can change the type and size of your instance after it is created. The default value is `m1.xlarge`.
7. Enter details about your worker pools. You can create one or more worker nodes in a worker pool to run the container workloads for the cluster. They can be in a single worker pool, or distributed across multiple worker pools. If zero worker nodes are specified, the control plane nodes also function as worker nodes. The optional information includes the following fields:
 - a. Add a name for your worker pool.

- b. Specify an *Instance type* for your worker pools. You can change the type and size of your instance after it is created. The default value is *m1.xlarge*.
 - c. Enter a *Node count* for your worker pool. This setting is required when you define a worker pool.
You can define additional worker pools by clicking **Add worker pool**.
8. Enter the networking details for your cluster. You must provide the values for one or more networks for an IPv4 network. For an IPv6 network, you must define more than one network.
 - a. Add the *External network name*, which is the name of the external Red Hat OpenStack Platform network.
 - b. Add the *API floating IP address*. The existing floating IP address is for the the external network for the OpenShift Container Platform API. This value must match the name that you used to create the DNS records listed in the prerequisites section.
 - c. Add the *Ingress floating IP address*. The existing floating IP address is on the external network for the ingress port. This value must match the name that you used to create the DNS records listed in the prerequisites section. The existing floating IP address is on the external network for the ingress port.
 - d. Add the *External DNS IP address* supports name resolution on the private network.
 - e. Select your *Network type*, which specifies the pod network provider plug-in to deploy. The possible values are **OVNKubernetes** or **OpenShiftSDN**. The default value is **OpenShiftSDN**. OVKubernetes is the required setting for using IPv6.
 - f. Select a *Cluster network CIDR*. The group of IP addresses that are reserved for use by the cluster. Ensure that you specify enough for your cluster, and that they do not include the IP addresses of other clusters in the range. The default value is **10.128.0.0/14**.
 - g. Specify the *Network host prefix*, which sets the prefix length to assign to each individual node. The default value is **23**.
 - h. Specify the *Service network CIDR*, which provides a block of IP addresses for services. This block must not overlap another network block. The default value is **172.30.0.0/16**.
 - i. Specify the *Machine CIDR*, which provides a block of IP addresses that are used by the OpenShift Container Platform hosts. This block must not overlap another network block. The default value is **10.0.0.0/16**.
You can add an additional network by clicking **Add network**. You must have more than one network if you are using IPv6 addresses.
9. Add your proxy information, if you want to enable a proxy.
10. Add an optional *Ansible Automation Template* to run either before or after your cluster installs or upgrades.
You can click **Add automation template** to create a template.
11. Review your information and optionally customize it.
 - a. Click the **YAML slider** to **On** to view the **install-config.yaml** file content in the panel.
 - b. Edit the **YAML** file with your custom settings.

12. Select Create to create the cluster.

Note: You do not have to run the `kubectl` command that is provided with the cluster details to import the cluster. When you create the cluster, it is automatically configured under the management of Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management.

1.7.6.3. Accessing your cluster

To access a cluster that is managed by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management, complete the following steps:

1. From the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management navigation menu, navigate to Infrastructure > Clusters.
2. Select the name of the cluster that you created or want to access. The cluster details are displayed.
3. Select Reveal credentials to view the user name and password for the cluster. Use these values when you log in to the cluster.
4. Select Console URL to link to the cluster.
5. Log in to the cluster by using the user ID and password that you found in step 3.

1.7.7. Creating a cluster on bare metal

You can use the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console to create a Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform cluster in a bare metal environment.

- [Prerequisites](#)
- [Creating your cluster with the console](#)
- [Accessing your cluster](#)

1.7.7.1. Prerequisites

You need the following prerequisites before creating a cluster in a bare metal environment:

- A deployed Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes hub cluster on OpenShift Container Platform version 4.6 or later.
- Internet access for your Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes hub cluster (connected) or a connection to an internal or mirror registry that has a connection to the Internet (disconnected) to retrieve the required images for creating the cluster.
- A temporary external KVM host that runs a bootstrap virtual machine, which is used to create a Hive cluster. See [Preparing a provisioning host](#) for more information.
- The deployed Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes hub cluster must be able to route to the provisioning network.
- Your bare metal server login credentials, which includes the libvirt URI from the bootstrap virtual machine in the previous item, the SSH Private Key, and a list of SSH known hosts. See [Setting up the environment for an OpenShift installation](#) for more information.

- A configured bare metal credential. See [Creating a credential for bare metal](#) for more information.
- Login credentials for your bare metal environment, which include user name, password, and Baseboard Management Controller Address.
- A configured bare metal asset, if you are enabling certificate verification. See [Creating and modifying bare metal assets](#) for more information.
- A OpenShift Container Platform image pull secret; see [Using image pull secrets](#).
Notes:
 - The bare metal asset, managed bare metal cluster, and its related secret must be in the same namespace.
 - If you change your cloud provider access key, you must manually update the provisioned cluster access key. For more information, see the known issue, [Automatic secret updates for provisioned clusters is not supported](#).

1.7.7.2. Creating your cluster with the console

To create clusters from the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console, complete the following steps:

1. From the navigation menu, navigate to Infrastructure > Clusters.
2. On the *Clusters* page, Click Create cluster.
Note: This procedure is for creating a cluster. If you have an existing cluster that you want to import, see [Importing a target managed cluster to the hub cluster](#) for those steps.
3. Select your Kubernetes distribution and Bare Metal for the infrastructure provider. The remaining steps are based on your selections.
4. Select your credential from the available credentials on the list. If you do not have one configured, or want to configure a new one, select Add credential. See [Creating a credential for bare metal](#) for more information about creating a credential.
5. Add the details for your cluster:
 - a. Enter a name for your cluster. For a bare metal cluster, this name cannot be an arbitrary name. It is associated with the cluster URL. Make sure that the cluster name that you use is consistent with your DNS and network setup.
Tip: You can view the `yaml` content updates as you enter the information in the console by setting the `YAML` switch to ON.
 - b. Specify a *Cluster set*, if you want to add it to an existing cluster set. If you do not have `cluster-admin` privileges when you are creating the cluster, you must select a cluster set on which you have `clusterset-admin` permissions to create the cluster. If you do not select a cluster set, the cluster creation fails. Contact your cluster administrator to provide you with `clusterset-admin` permissions to a cluster set if you do not have cluster set options to select.
 - c. Specify the *Base DNS domain* information that you configured for your bare metal provider account. The base domain of your provider is used to create routes to your Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform cluster components. It is configured in your cluster provider's DNS as a Start of Authority (SOA) record. If there is already a base domain associated with the selected credential, that value is populated in that field.

You can change the value by overwriting it, but this setting cannot be changed after the cluster is created. See [Installing on bare metal](#) in the OpenShift Container Platform documentation for more information. This name is used in the hostname of the cluster.

- d. Specify a *Release image* that you want to use for the cluster. This identifies the version of the OpenShift Container Platform image that is used to create the cluster. If the version that you want to use is available, you can select the image from the list of images. If the image that you want to use is not a standard image, you can enter the URL to the image that you want to use. See [Release images](#) for more information about release images.
 - e. Add the *Additional Labels* that you want to associate with your cluster. These labels help to identify the cluster and limit search results.
6. Select your hosts from the list of hosts that are associated with your credential. Select a minimum of three bare metal assets that are on the same bridge networks as the hypervisor.
- The list of hosts is compiled from the existing bare metal assets. If you do not have any bare metal assets created, then you can create or import them before you continue with the creation process by selecting Import assets. For more information about creating bare metal assets, see [Creating and modifying bare metal assets](#). Alternatively, you can select Disable certificate verification to bypass the requirement.
7. Configure the cluster networking options. The following tables shows the networking options and their descriptions:

Parameter	Description	Required or Optional
Provisioning network CIDR	The CIDR for the network to use for provisioning. The example format is: 172.30.0.0/16.	Required
Provisioning network interface	The name of the network interface on the control plane nodes that are connected to the provisioning network.	Required
Provisioning network bridge	The name of the bridge on the hypervisor that is attached to the provisioning network.	Required
External network bridge	The name of the bridge of the hypervisor that is attached to the external network.	Required
API VIP	The Virtual IP to use for internal API communication. The DNS must be pre-configured with an A/AAAA or CNAME record so the api.<cluster_name>.<Base DNS domain> path resolves correctly.	Required

Parameter	Description	Required or Optional
Ingress VIP	The Virtual IP to use for ingress traffic. The DNS must be pre-configured with an A/AAAA or CNAME record so the *.apps.<cluster_name>.<Base DNS domain> path resolves correctly.	Optional
Network type	The pod network provider plug-in to deploy. Only the OpenShiftSDN plug-in is supported on OpenShift Container Platform 4.3. The OVNKubernetes plug-in is available as a technical preview on OpenShift Container Platform versions 4.3, 4.4, and 4.5. It is generally available on OpenShift Container Platform version 4.6, and later. OVNKubernetes must be used with IPv6. The default value is OpenShiftSDN .	Required
Cluster network CIDR	A block of IP addresses from which pod IP addresses are allocated. The OpenShiftSDN network plug-in supports multiple cluster networks. The address blocks for multiple cluster networks must not overlap. Select address pools large enough to fit your anticipated workload. The default value is 10.128.0.0/14.	Required
Network host prefix	The subnet prefix length to assign to each individual node. For example, if hostPrefix is set to 23, then each node is assigned a /23 subnet out of the given CIDR, allowing for 510 ($2^{(32-23)}-2$) pod IP addresses. The default is 23.	Required
Service network CIDR	A block of IP addresses for services. OpenShiftSDN allows only one serviceNetwork block. The address must not overlap any other network block. The default value is 172.30.0.0/16.	Required

Parameter	Description	Required or Optional
Machine CIDR	A block of IP addresses used by the OpenShift Container Platform hosts. The address block must not overlap any other network block. The default value is 10.0.0.0/16.	Required

You can add an additional network by clicking **Add network**. You must have more than one network if you are using IPv6 addresses.

8. Add your proxy information, if you want to enable a proxy.
9. Add an optional *Ansible Automation Template* to run either before or after your cluster installs or upgrades.
You can click **Add automation template** to create a template.
10. Review your information and optionally customize it.
 - a. Click the YAML slider to **On** to view the `install-config.yaml` file content in the panel.
 - b. Edit the YAML file with your custom settings.
11. Select **Create** to create the cluster.
Note: You do not have to run the `kubectl` command that is provided with the cluster details to import the cluster. When you create the cluster, it is automatically configured under the management of Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management.

1.7.7.3. Accessing your cluster

To access a cluster that is managed by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes, complete the following steps:

1. From the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes navigation menu, navigate to **Infrastructure > Clusters**.
2. Select the name of the cluster that you created or want to access. The cluster details are displayed.
3. Select **Reveal credentials** to view the user name and password for the cluster. Note these values to use when you log in to the cluster.
4. Select **Console URL** to link to the cluster.
5. Log in to the cluster by using the user ID and password that you found in step three.

1.7.8. Creating a cluster in an on-premises environment (Technology Preview)

You can use the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console to create an on-premises Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform cluster.

Note: The Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management on-premises deployment is a Technology Preview feature, but the resulting single node OpenShift (SNO) cluster is fully supported on OpenShift Container Platform version 4.9 only for bare metal deployments.

- [Prerequisites](#)
- [Creating your cluster with the console](#)
- [Accessing your cluster](#)

1.7.8.1. Prerequisites

You need the following prerequisites before creating a cluster in an on-premises environment:

- A deployed Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management hub cluster on OpenShift Container Platform version 4.9, or later.
- A configured infrastructure environment with configured hosts.
- Internet access for your Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes hub cluster (connected), or a connection to an internal or mirror registry that has a connection to the Internet (disconnected) to retrieve the required images for creating the cluster.
- A configured on-premises credential. See [Creating a credential for an on-premises environment](#) for more information.
- A OpenShift Container Platform image pull secret; see [Using image pull secrets](#).

1.7.8.2. Creating your cluster with the console

To create clusters from the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console, complete the following steps:

1. From the navigation menu, navigate to Infrastructure > Clusters.
2. On the *Clusters* page, click **Create cluster**.
3. Select On-premises for the infrastructure provider. The remaining steps are based on your selection.
4. Select your credential from the available credentials on the list. If you do not have one configured, or want to configure a new one, select **Add credential**. See [Creating a credential for an on-premises environment](#) for more information about creating a credential.
5. Add the details for your cluster:
 - a. Enter a name for your cluster.
Tip: You can view the **yaml** content updates as you enter the information in the console by setting the **YAML** switch to ON.
 - b. Specify a *Cluster set*, if you want to add it to an existing cluster set. If you do not have **cluster-admin** privileges when you are creating the cluster, you must select a cluster set on which you have **clusterset-admin** permissions to create the cluster. If you do not select a cluster set, the cluster creation fails. Contact your cluster administrator to provide you with **clusterset-admin** permissions to a cluster set if you do not have cluster set options to select.

- c. Specify the *Base DNS domain* information that you configured for your provider account. The base domain of your provider is used to create routes to your Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform cluster components. It is configured in your cluster provider's DNS as a Start of Authority (SOA) record. If there is already a base domain associated with the selected credential, that value is populated in that field. You can change the value by overwriting it, but this setting cannot be changed after the cluster is created.
 - d. If you want your cluster to be a SNO cluster, select the SNO option. A SNO cluster only creates one node, rather than the three nodes that are created by a standard cluster.
 - e. Add the *Additional Labels* that you want to associate with your cluster. These labels help to identify the cluster and limit search results.
6. Configure any Automation templates that you want to run during creation or upgrade of the cluster.
 7. Review and save your cluster.

Tip: After you review and save the cluster at this point, your cluster is saved as a draft cluster. You can close the creation process and finish the process later by selecting the cluster name on the *Clusters* page.
 8. Select whether you want to select the hosts yourself, or if you want them to be selected automatically. The number of hosts is based on the number of nodes that you selected. For example, a SNO cluster only requires one host, while a standard three-node cluster requires three hosts.

The locations of the available hosts that meet the requirements for this cluster are displayed in the list of *Host locations*. For distribution of the hosts and a more high-availability configuration, select multiple locations.
 9. After your hosts finish binding and display a **Bound** status, select a subnet for your cluster from the list of options for the bound host.
 10. Add the following IP addresses:
 - *API VIP*: The IP address to use for internal API communication.

Note: This value must match the name that you used to create the DNS records listed in the prerequisites section. If not provided, the DNS must be pre-configured so that **api.** resolves correctly.
 - *Ingress VIP*: The IP address to use for ingress traffic.

Note: This value must match the name that you used to create the DNS records listed in the prerequisites section. If not provided, the DNS must be pre-configured so that **test.apps.** resolves correctly.
 11. Review your information.
 12. Select Create to create the cluster.

Your cluster is installing. You can view the status of the installation on the *Clusters* navigation page.

1.7.8.3. Accessing your cluster

To access a cluster that is managed by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management, complete the following steps:

1. From the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management navigation menu, navigate to **Infrastructure > Clusters**.
2. Select the name of the cluster that you created or want to access. The cluster details are displayed.
3. Select **Reveal credentials** to view the user name and password for the cluster. Copy these values to use when you log in to the cluster.
4. Select **Console URL** to link to the cluster.
5. Log in to the cluster by using the user ID and password that you found in step three.

1.7.9. Hibernating a created cluster (Technology Preview)

You can hibernate a cluster that was created using Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes to conserve resources. A hibernating cluster requires significantly fewer resources than one that is running, so you can potentially lower your provider costs by moving clusters in and out of a hibernating state. This feature only applies to clusters that were created by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management in the following environments:

- Amazon Web Services
- Microsoft Azure
- Google Cloud Platform

1.7.9.1. Hibernate a cluster by using the console

To use the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console to hibernate a cluster that was created by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management, complete the following steps:

1. From the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management navigation menu, select **Infrastructure > Clusters**. Ensure that the *Manage clusters* tab is selected.
2. Find the cluster that you want to hibernate.
3. Select **Hibernate cluster** from the *Options* menu for that cluster. Note: If the *Hibernate cluster* option is not available, you cannot hibernate the cluster. This can happen when the cluster is imported, and not created by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management.
4. Select **Hibernate** in the confirmation dialog box to hibernate the cluster.

The status for the cluster on the *Clusters* page is **Hibernating** when the process completes.

Tip: You can hibernate multiple clusters by selecting the clusters that you want to hibernate on the *Clusters* page, and selecting **Actions > Hibernate clusters**.

Your selected cluster is hibernating.

1.7.9.2. Hibernate a cluster by using the CLI

To use the CLI to hibernate a cluster that was created by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management, complete the following steps:

1. Enter the following command to edit the settings for the cluster that you want to hibernate:

```
oc edit clusterdeployment <name-of-cluster> -n <namespace-of-cluster>
```

Replace **name-of-cluster** with the name of the cluster that you want to hibernate.

Replace **namespace-of-cluster** with the namespace of the cluster that you want to hibernate.

2. Change the value for **spec.powerState** to **Hibernating**.
3. Enter the following command to view the status of the cluster:

```
oc get clusterdeployment <name-of-cluster> -n <namespace-of-cluster> -o yaml
```

Replace **name-of-cluster** with the name of the cluster that you want to hibernate.

Replace **namespace-of-cluster** with the namespace of the cluster that you want to hibernate.

When the process of hibernating the cluster is complete, the value of the type for the cluster is **type=Hibernating**.

Your selected cluster is hibernating.

1.7.9.3. Resuming normal operation of a hibernating cluster by using the console

To resume normal operation of a hibernating cluster by using the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console, complete the following steps:

1. From the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management navigation menu, select **Infrastructure > Clusters**. Ensure that the *Manage clusters* tab is selected.
2. Find the cluster that is hibernating and you want to resume.
3. Select **Resume cluster** from the *Options* menu for that cluster.
4. Select **Resume** in the confirmation dialog box to resume the function of the cluster.

The status for the cluster on the *Clusters* page is **Ready** when the process completes.

Tip: You can resume multiple clusters by selecting the clusters that you want to resume on the *Clusters* page, and selecting **Actions > Resume clusters**.

Your selected cluster is resuming normal operation.

1.7.9.4. Resuming normal operation of a hibernating cluster by using the CLI

To resume normal operation of a hibernating cluster by using the CLI, complete the following steps:

1. Enter the following command to edit the settings for the cluster:

```
oc edit clusterdeployment <name-of-cluster> -n <namespace-of-cluster>
```

Replace **name-of-cluster** with the name of the cluster that you want to hibernate.

Replace **namespace-of-cluster** with the namespace of the cluster that you want to hibernate.

2. Change the value for **spec.powerState** to **Running**.
3. Enter the following command to view the status of the cluster:

```
oc get clusterdeployment <name-of-cluster> -n <namespace-of-cluster> -o yaml
```

Replace **name-of-cluster** with the name of the cluster that you want to hibernate.

Replace **namespace-of-cluster** with the namespace of the cluster that you want to hibernate.

When the process of resuming the cluster is complete, the value of the type for the cluster is **type=Running**.

Your selected cluster is resuming normal operation.

1.8. IMPORTING A TARGET MANAGED CLUSTER TO THE HUB CLUSTER

You can import clusters from different Kubernetes cloud providers. After you import, the targeted cluster becomes a managed cluster for the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes hub cluster. Unless otherwise specified, complete the import tasks anywhere where you can access the hub cluster and the targeted managed cluster.

A hub cluster cannot manage *any* other hub cluster, but can manage itself. The hub cluster is configured to automatically be imported and self-managed. You do not need to manually import the hub cluster.

However, if you remove a hub cluster and try to import it again, you need to add the **local-cluster:true** label.

Choose from the following instructions to set up your managed cluster, either from the console or from the CLI:

Required user type or access level Cluster administrator

- [Importing an existing cluster with the console](#)
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- [Modifying the klusterlet add-ons settings of your cluster](#)

1.8.1. Importing an existing cluster with the console

After you install Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes, you are ready to import a cluster to manage. You can import from both the console and the CLI. Follow this procedure to import from the console. You need your terminal for authentication during this procedure.

- [Prerequisites](#)
- [Importing a cluster](#)

- [Removing a cluster](#)

1.8.1.1. Prerequisites

- You need a Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes hub cluster that is deployed. If you are importing bare metal clusters, you must have the hub cluster installed on Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform version 4.6 or later.
- You need a cluster that you want to manage and Internet connectivity.
- Install **kubect**l. To install **kubect**l, see *Install and Set Up kubect*l in the [Kubernetes documentation](#).
- You need the **base64** command line tool.
- If you are importing a cluster that was not created by Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform, you need a **multiclusterhub.spec.imagePullSecret** defined. This secret might have been created when Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes was installed. See [Installing from the OperatorHub](#) for more information about defining the secret.
- For importing in a Red Hat OpenShift Dedicated environment, see the following:
 - You must have the hub cluster deployed in a Red Hat OpenShift Dedicated environment.
 - The default permission in Red Hat OpenShift Dedicated is **dedicated-admin**, but that does not contain all of the permissions to create a namespace. You must have **cluster-admin** permissions to import and manage a cluster with Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes.

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1.8.1.2. Importing a cluster

You can import existing clusters from the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console for each of the available cloud providers.

Note: A hub cluster cannot manage a different hub cluster. A hub cluster is set up to automatically import and manage itself, so you do not have to manually import a hub cluster to manage itself.

1. From the navigation menu, select **Infrastructure > Clusters**.
2. Click **Add a cluster**.
3. Click **Import an existing cluster**.
4. Provide a name for the cluster. By default, the namespace is used for the cluster name and namespace.
5. Optional: Add any *Additional labels*.
Note: If you import a Red Hat OpenShift Dedicated cluster and do not specify a vendor by adding a label for **vendor=OpenShiftDedicated**, or if you add a label for **vendor=auto-detect**, a **managed-by=platform** label is automatically added to the cluster. You can use this added label to identify the cluster as a Red Hat OpenShift Dedicated cluster and retrieve the Red Hat OpenShift Dedicated clusters as a group.

6. Select the *import mode* that you want to use to identify the cluster that you are importing from the following options:
 - Run import commands manually: Generate import commands that you can copy and run, based on the information that you provided. Click **Save import and generate code** to generate the command that you use to deploy the **open-cluster-management-agent-addon**. A confirmation message is displayed.
 - a. In the *Import an existing cluster* window, select **Copy** command to copy the generated command and token to the clipboard.
 Important: The command contains pull secret information that is copied to each of the imported clusters. Anyone who can access the imported clusters can also view the pull secret information. Consider creating a secondary pull secret at <https://cloud.redhat.com/> or create a service account to protect your personal credentials. See [Using image pull secrets](#) or [Understanding and creating service accounts](#) for more information about pull secrets.
 - b. Log in to the managed cluster that you want to import.
 - c. For the Red Hat OpenShift Dedicated environment only Complete the following steps:
 - i. Create the **open-cluster-management-agent** and **open-cluster-management** namespaces or projects on the managed cluster.
 - ii. Find the **klusterlet** operator in the OpenShift Container Platform catalog.
 - iii. Install it in the **open-cluster-management** namespace or project that you created.
 Important: Do not install the operator in the **open-cluster-management-agent** namespace.
 - iv. Extract the bootstrap secret from the import command by completing the following steps:
 - A. Generate the import command:
 - I. Select **Infrastructure > Clusters** from the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console main navigation.
 - II. Select **Add a cluster > Import an existing cluster**.
 - III. Add the cluster information, and select **Save import and generate code**.
 - B. Copy the import command.
 - C. Paste the import command into a file that you create named **import-command**.
 - D. Run the following command to insert the content into the new file:


```
cat import-command | awk '{split($0,a,"&&"); print a[3]}' | awk '{split($0,a,"|"); print a[1]}' | sed -e "s/^ echo //" | base64 -d
```
 - E. Find and copy the secret with the name **bootstrap-hub-kubeconfig** in the output.

- F. Apply the secret to the **open-cluster-management-agent** namespace on the managed cluster.
- G. Create the **klusterlet** resource using the example in the installed operator, the **clusterName** should be changed the same name as cluster name that was set during the import.
 Note: When the **managedcluster** resource is successfully registered to the hub, there are two **klusterlet** operators installed. One **klusterlet** operator is in the **open-cluster-management** namespace, and the other is in the **open-cluster-management-agent** namespace. Multiple operators does not affect the function of the **klusterlet**.
- d. For cluster imports that are not in the Red OpenShift Dedicated environment Complete the following steps:
 - i. If necessary, configure your **kubectl** commands for your managed cluster. See [Supported clouds](#) to learn how to configure your **kubectl** command line interface.
 - ii. To deploy the **open-cluster-management-agent-addon** to the managed cluster, run the command and token that you copied.
- e. Select **View cluster** to view a summary of your cluster in the **Overview** page.
- Enter your server URL and API token for the existing cluster Provide the server URL and API token of the cluster that you are importing.
- Kubeconfig: Copy and paste the content of the **kubeconfig** file of the cluster that you are importing.
- 7. Optional: Configure the Cluster API address that is on the cluster details page by configuring the URL that is displayed in the table when you run the **oc get managedcluster** command.
 - a. Log in to your hub cluster with an ID that has **cluster-admin** permissions.
 - b. Configure your **kubectl** for your targeted managed cluster.
 See [Supported clouds](#) to learn how to configure your **kubectl**.
 - c. Edit the managed cluster entry for the cluster that you are importing by entering the following command:

```
oc edit managedcluster <cluster-name>
```

Replace **cluster-name** with the name of the managed cluster.

- d. Add the **ManagedClusterClientConfigs** section to the **ManagedCluster** spec in the YAML file, as shown in the following example:

```
spec:
  hubAcceptsClient: true
  managedClusterClientConfigs:
    - url: https://multicloud-console.apps.new-managed.dev.redhat.com
```

Replace the value of the URL with the URL that provides external access to the managed cluster that you are importing.

Your cluster is imported. You can import another by selecting **Import another**.

1.8.1.3. Removing an imported cluster

Complete the following procedure to remove an imported cluster and the **open-cluster-management-addon** that was created on the managed cluster.

1. From the *Clusters* page, find your imported cluster in the table.
2. Click **Actions > Detach cluster** to remove your cluster from management.

Note: If you attempt to detach the hub cluster, which is named **ocal-cluster**, be aware that the default setting of **disableHubSelfManagement** is **false**. This setting causes the hub cluster to reimport itself and manage itself when it is detached and it reconciles the **MultiClusterHub** controller. It might take hours for the hub cluster to complete the detachment process and reimport. If you want to reimport the hub cluster without waiting for the processes to finish, you can enter the following command to restart the **multiclusterhub-operator** pod and reimport faster:

```
oc delete po -n open-cluster-management `oc get pod -n open-cluster-management | grep
multiclusterhub-operator | cut -d' ' -f1`
```

You can change the value of the hub cluster to not import automatically by changing the **disableHubSelfManagement** value to **true**, as described in [Installing while connected online](#).

1.8.2. Importing a managed cluster with the CLI

After you install Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes, you are ready to import a cluster to manage. You can import from both the console and the CLI. Follow this procedure to import from the CLI.

- [Prerequisites](#)
- [Supported architecture](#)
- [Importing the cluster](#)
- [Importing the klusterlet](#)

Important: A hub cluster cannot manage a different hub cluster. A hub cluster is set up to automatically import and manage itself. You do not have to manually import a hub cluster to manage itself.

However, if you remove a hub cluster and try to import it again, you need to add the **local-cluster:true** label.

1.8.2.1. Prerequisites

- You need a Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes hub cluster that is deployed. If you are importing bare metal clusters, you must have the hub cluster installed on Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform version 4.6 or later.
- You need a separate cluster that you want to manage and Internet connectivity.
- You need the Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform CLI version 4.6 or later, to run **oc** commands. See [Getting started with the OpenShift CLI](#) for information about installing and configuring the Red Hat OpenShift CLI, **oc**.

- You need to install the Kubernetes CLI, **kubectl**. To install **kubectl**, see *Install and Set Up kubectl* in the [Kubernetes documentation](#).

Note: Download the installation file for CLI tools from the console.

- If you are importing a cluster that was not created by Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform, you need a **multiclusterhub.spec.imagePullSecret** defined. This secret might have been created when Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes was installed. See [Installing from the OperatorHub](#) for more information about defining the secret.

1.8.2.2. Supported architectures

- Linux (x86_64, s390x, ppc64le)
- macOS

1.8.2.3. Prepare for import

1. Log in to your *hub cluster*. Run the following command:

```
oc login
```

2. Run the following command on the hub cluster to create the namespace. Note: The cluster name that is defined in **cluster_name** is also used as the cluster namespace in the YAML file and commands:

```
oc new-project ${CLUSTER_NAME}
oc label namespace ${CLUSTER_NAME} cluster.open-cluster-
management.io/managedCluster=${CLUSTER_NAME}
```

Continue with [Importing the cluster](#).

1.8.2.4. Importing the cluster

Import the cluster by completing one of the following procedures:

- To use automatic importing, you must create a secret containing either the kubeconfig or the server and token pair of the cluster to import.

1. Create a YAML file that contains content that is similar to the following template:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: auto-import-secret
  namespace: <cluster_name>
stringData:
  autoImportRetry: "5"
  # If you are using the kubeconfig file, add the following value for the kubeconfig
  # file
  # that has the current context set to the cluster to import:
  kubeconfig: |- <kubeconfig_file>
  # If you are using the token/server pair, add the following two values:
```



```
token: <Token to access the cluster>
server: <cluster_api_url>
type: Opaque
```

2. Save the file as **auto-import-secret.yaml**.
3. Apply the YAML file with the following command:

```
oc apply -f auto-import-secret.yaml
```

- To use the manual import process, complete the following procedure:
 1. Edit the example ManagedCluster with the following sample of YAML:

```
apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1
kind: ManagedCluster
metadata:
  name: <cluster_name>
labels:
  cloud: auto-detect
  vendor: auto-detect
spec:
  hubAcceptsClient: true
```

When the values for **cloud** and **vendor** are set to **auto-detect**, Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management detects the cloud and vendor types automatically from the cluster that you are importing. You can optionally replace the values for **auto-detect** with the cloud and vendor values for your cluster. See the following example:

```
cloud: Amazon
vendor: OpenShift
```

2. Save the file as **managed-cluster.yaml**.
3. Apply the YAML file with the following command:

```
oc apply -f managed-cluster.yaml
```

Continue with [Importing the klusterlet](#).

1.8.2.5. Importing the klusterlet

You can create and apply the klusterlet add-on configuration file by completing the following procedure:

1. Create a YAML file that is similar to the following example:

```
apiVersion: agent.open-cluster-management.io/v1
kind: KlusterletAddonConfig
metadata:
  name: <cluster_name>
  namespace: <cluster_name>
spec:
  clusterName: <cluster_name>
```

```

clusterNamespace: <cluster_name>
applicationManager:
  enabled: true
certPolicyController:
  enabled: true
clusterLabels:
  cloud: auto-detect
  vendor: auto-detect
iamPolicyController:
  enabled: true
policyController:
  enabled: true
searchCollector:
  enabled: true

```

2. Save the file as **klusterlet-addon-config.yaml**.
3. Apply the YAML by running the following command:

```
oc apply -f klusterlet-addon-config.yaml
```

Note: If you import a Red Hat OpenShift Dedicated cluster and do not specify a vendor by adding a label for **vendor=OpenShiftDedicated**, or if you add a label for **vendor=auto-detect**, a **managed-by=platform** label is automatically added to the cluster. You can use this added label to identify the cluster as a Red Hat OpenShift Dedicated cluster and retrieve the Red Hat OpenShift Dedicated clusters as a group.

The **ManagedCluster-Import-Controller** will generate a secret named **\${CLUSTER_NAME}-import**. The **\${CLUSTER_NAME}-import** secret contains the **import.yaml** that the user applies to a managed cluster to install klusterlet.

Your cluster is now imported.

1.8.2.6. Removing an imported cluster with the CLI

To remove a cluster, run the following command:

```
oc delete managedcluster <cluster_name>
```

Replace **cluster_name** with the name of the cluster.

Your cluster is now removed.

1.8.3. Importing a cluster with a custom ManagedClusterImageRegistry CRD

There might be times when you need to override the registry images on the managed clusters that you are importing. You can do this by creating a **ManagedClusterImageRegistry** custom resource definition (CRD).

The **ManagedClusterImageRegistry** CRD is a namespace-scoped resource.

The **ManagedClusterImageRegistry** CRD specifies a set of managed clusters for a Placement to select, but need different images from the custom image registry. After the managed clusters are updated with the new images, the following label is added to each managed cluster for

identification: `open-cluster-management.io/image-registry=<namespace>.<managedClusterImageRegistryName>`.

The following example shows a `ManagedClusterImageRegistry` CRD:

```
apiVersion: imageregistry.open-cluster-management.io/v1beta1
kind: ManagedClusterImageRegistry
metadata:
  name: <imageRegistryName>
  namespace: <namespace>
spec:
  placementRef:
    group: cluster.open-cluster-management.io
    resource: placements
    name: <placementName>
  pullSecret:
    name: <pullSecretName>
  registry: <registryAddress>
```

In the `spec` section:

- Replace `placementRef` with a `Placement` in the same namespace that selects a set of managed clusters.
- Replace `pullSecret` with the name of the pull secret that is used to pull images from the custom image registry.
- Replace `registry` with the custom registry address.

1.8.3.1. Importing a cluster with a `ManagedClusterImageRegistry` CRD

Complete the following steps to import a cluster with a `ManagedClusterImageRegistry` CRD:

1. Create a pull secret in the namespace where you want your cluster to be imported. For these steps, it is `myNamespace`.

```
$ kubectl create secret docker-registry myPullSecret \
  --docker-server=<your-registry-server> \
  --docker-username=<my-name> \
  --docker-password=<my-password>
```

2. Create a `Placement` in the namespace that you created.

```
apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1beta1
kind: Placement
metadata:
  name: myPlacement
  namespace: myNamespace
```

3. Create a `ManagedClusterSet` resource and bind it to your namespace.

```
apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1beta1
kind: ManagedClusterSet
metadata:
  name: myClusterSet
```

```
---
apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1beta1
kind: ManagedClusterSetBinding
metadata:
  name: myClusterSet
  namespace: myNamespace
spec:
  clusterSet: myClusterSet
```

4. Create the **ManagedClusterImageRegistry** CRD in your namespace.

```
apiVersion: imageregistry.open-cluster-management.io/v1beta1
kind: ManagedClusterImageRegistry
metadata:
  name: myImageRegistry
  namespace: myNamespace
spec:
  placementRef:
    group: cluster.open-cluster-management.io
    resource: placements
    name: myPlacement
  pullSecret:
    name: myPullSecret
  registry: myRegistryAddress
```

5. Import a managed cluster from the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console and add it to a managed cluster set.
6. Copy and run the import commands on the managed cluster after the label **open-cluster-management.io/image-registry=myNamespace.myImageRegistry** is added to the managed cluster.

1.8.4. Modifying the klusterlet add-ons settings of your cluster

You can modify the settings of **KlusterletAddonConfig** to change your configuration using the hub cluster.

The **KlusterletAddonConfig** controller manages the functions that are enabled and disabled according to the settings in the **klusterletaddonconfigs.agent.open-cluster-management.io** Kubernetes resource. View the following example of the **KlusterletAddonConfig**:

```
apiVersion: agent.open-cluster-management.io/v1
kind: KlusterletAddonConfig
metadata:
  name: <cluster-name>
  namespace: <cluster-name>
spec:
  clusterName: <cluster-name>
  clusterNamespace: <cluster-name>
  clusterLabels:
    cloud: auto-detect
    vendor: auto-detect
  applicationManager:
    enabled: true
```

```

certPolicyController:
  enabled: true
iamPolicyController:
  enabled: true
policyController:
  enabled: true
searchCollector:
  enabled: false
version: 2.4.0

```

1.8.4.1. Description of klusterlet add-ons settings

The following settings can be updated in the `klusterletaddonconfigs.agent.open-cluster-management.io` Kubernetes resource:

Table 1.2. Table list of klusterlet add-ons settings

Setting name	Value	Description
applicationmanager	true or false	This controller manages the application subscription lifecycle on the managed cluster.
certPolicyController	true or false	This controller enforces certificate-based policies on the managed cluster.
iamPolicyController	true or false	This controller enforces the IAM-based policy lifecycle on the managed cluster.
policyController	true or false	This controller enforces all other policy rules on the managed cluster.
searchCollector	true or false	This controller is used to periodically push the resource index data back to the hub cluster.

1.8.4.2. Modify using the console on the hub cluster

You can modify the settings of the `klusterletaddonconfigs.agent.open-cluster-management.io` resource by using the hub cluster. Complete the following steps to change the settings:

1. Log in to the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console of the hub cluster.
2. From the header menu of the hub cluster console, select the Search icon.
3. In the search parameters, enter the following value: `kind:klusterletaddonconfigs`
4. Select the endpoint resource that you want to update.

5. Find the **spec** section and select **Edit** to edit the content.
6. **Modify your settings.**
7. Select **Save** to apply your changes.

1.8.4.3. Modify using the command line on the hub cluster

You must have access to the **cluster-name** namespace to modify your settings by using the hub cluster. Complete the following steps:

1. Log in to the hub cluster.
2. Enter the following command to edit the resource:

```
kubectl edit klusterletaddonconfigs.agent.open-cluster-management.io <cluster-name> -n <cluster-name>
```

3. Find the **spec** section.
4. **Modify your settings**, as necessary.

1.9. CREATING A CLUSTER IN A PROXY ENVIRONMENT

You can create a Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform cluster when your hub cluster is connected through a proxy server.

One of the following situations must be true for the cluster creation to succeed:

- Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes has a private network connection with the managed cluster that you are creating, but the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management and managed cluster access the Internet using a proxy.
- The managed cluster is on a infrastructure provider, but the firewall ports enable communication from the managed cluster to the hub cluster.

To create a cluster that is configured with a proxy, complete the following steps:

1. Configure the cluster-wide-proxy setting on the hub cluster by adding the following information to your **install-config.yaml** file:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Proxy
baseDomain: <domain>
proxy:
  httpProxy: http://<username>:<password>@<proxy.example.com>:<port>
  httpsProxy: https://<username>:<password>@<proxy.example.com>:<port>
  noProxy: <wildcard-of-domain>,<provisioning-network/CIDR>,<BMC-address-range/CIDR>
```

Replace **username** with the username for your proxy server.

Replace **password** with the password to access your proxy server.

Replace **proxy.example.com** with the path of your proxy server.

Replace **port** with the communication port with the proxy server.

Replace **wildcard-of-domain** with an entry for domains that should bypass the proxy.

Replace **provisioning-network/CIDR** with the IP address of the provisioning network and the number of assigned IP addresses, in CIDR notation.

Replace **BMC-address-range/CIDR** with the BMC address and the number of addresses, in CIDR notation.

After you add the previous values, the settings are applied to your clusters.

2. Provision the cluster by completing the procedure for creating a cluster. See [Creating a cluster](#) to select your provider.

1.9.1. Enabling cluster-wide proxy on an existing cluster

When you enable the cluster-wide proxy feature, you have to make the components of the managed cluster aware so they can work behind the proxy. To enable the components, such as Application Manager, the operator pods are updated with the following environment variables: **HTTP_PROXY**, **HTTPS_PROXY**, **NO_PROXY**.

These environment variables specify where the pod routes the **HTTP** and **HTTPS** traffic to the proxy server. The operator pods are automatically updated with these environment variables, so the standalone subscriptions work after enabling the cluster-wide proxy.

On existing managed clusters, the **subscription controller** runs inside of **aklusterlet add-on**. The environment variables are not automatically added when it creates the pods. You must manually add the environment variables to an existing cluster by patching the deployment and adding three environment variables to each container in the deployment.

Complete the following steps to add the environment variables to the **klusterlet add-on** for **apmgr**:

1. Enter the following command to create the HTTP proxy:

```
kubectl patch deployment <deployment-name> -p '{"spec":{"template":{"spec":{"containers":[{"env":[{"name":"HTTP_PROXY","value":"<http-proxy>"}],"name":"<container-name>"}]}}}}'
```

Replace **deployment-name** with the name of the deployment.

Replace **http-proxy** with the address of the proxy server that you want to use for http requests. For example, <http://192.168.1.1:3128>.

Replace **container-name** with the name of the container.

2. Enter the following command to create the HTTPS proxy:

```
kubectl patch deployment <deployment-name> -p '{"spec":{"template":{"spec":{"containers":[{"env":[{"name":"HTTPS_PROXY","value":"<https-proxy>"}],"name":"<container-name>"}]}}}}'
```

Replace **deployment-name** with the name of the deployment.

Replace **https-proxy** with the address of the proxy server that you want to use for https requests. For example, <http://192.168.1.0:3128>.

Replace **container-name** with the name of the container.

3. Enter the following command to specify what does not pass through the proxy:

```
kubectl patch deployment <deployment-name> -p '{"spec":{"template":{"spec":{"containers":[{"env":[{"name":"NO_PROXY","value":"<no-proxy>"}],"name":"<container-name>"}]}}}}'
```

Replace **deployment-name** with the name of the deployment.

Replace **no-proxy** with the comma delimited list of IPs, hostnames, and domains where traffic will not be routed through the proxy. For example, **.cluster.local,svc,10.128.0.0/14,example.com**.

Replace **container-name** with the name of the container.

Tip: For several containers, you can create and run a file that resembles the following example on each of the containers:

```
DEPLOYMENT_NAME="klusterlet-addon-appmgr"
CONTAINER_NAME="subscription-controller"
HTTP_PROXY="http://192.168.1.1:3128"
HTTPS_PROXY="http://192.168.1.0:3128"
NO_PROXY=".cluster.local,svc,10.128.0.0/14, example.com"

kubectl patch deployment $DEPLOYMENT_NAME -p '{"spec":{"template":{"spec":{"containers":[{"env":[{"name":"HTTP_PROXY","value":"$HTTP_PROXY"},"name":"$CONTAINER_NAME"}]}}}}'

kubectl patch deployment $DEPLOYMENT_NAME -p '{"spec":{"template":{"spec":{"containers":[{"env":[{"name":"HTTPS_PROXY","value":"$HTTPS_PROXY"},"name":"$CONTAINER_NAME"}]}}}}'

kubectl patch deployment $DEPLOYMENT_NAME -p '{"spec":{"template":{"spec":{"containers":[{"env":[{"name":"NO_PROXY","value":"$NO_PROXY"},"name":"$CONTAINER_NAME"}]}}}}'
```

1.10. ENABLING CLUSTER PROXY ADD-ONS

In some environments, a managed cluster is behind a firewall and cannot be accessed directly by the hub cluster. To gain access, you can set up a proxy add-on to access the **kube-api** server of the managed cluster to provide a more secure connection.

Required access: Editor

To configure a cluster proxy add-on for a hub cluster and a managed cluster, complete the following steps:

1. Enable the cluster proxy add-on on Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes hub cluster by entering the following command to add an entry for **enableClusterProxyAddon** with a value of **true** to your **multiclusterhub.yaml** file:

```
oc patch -n open-cluster-management multiclusterhub multiclusterhub --type merge -p '{"spec":{"enableClusterProxyAddon":true}}'
```

As indicated by the command, this file is in the **open-cluster-management** namespace.

2. Deploy the cluster proxy add-on to the target managed cluster by applying it to your target managed cluster by entering the following command:

```
cat <<EOF | oc apply -f -
apiVersion: addon.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1
kind: ManagedClusterAddOn
metadata:
  name: cluster-proxy
  namespace: <target_managed_cluster>
spec:
  installNamespace: open-cluster-management-agent-addon
EOF
```

Replace **target_managed_cluster** with the name of the managed cluster to which you are applying the cluster proxy add-on.

3. Configure the **kubeconfig** file to access the managed cluster **kube-apiserver** by completing the following steps:

- a. Provide a valid access token for the managed cluster. You can use the corresponding token of the service account, assuming the default service account is in the default namespace.
 - i. Make sure that you are using the context of the managed cluster. Assume the file named **managed-cluster.kubeconfig** is the **kubeconfig** file of the managed cluster. **Tip:** Commands with **--kubeconfig=managed-cluster.kubeconfig** run on the managed cluster, and all of the commands in this procedure should run in the same console. Do not run commands in different consoles.
 - ii. Add a role to your service account that allows it to access pods by running the following commands:

```
oc create role -n default test-role --verb=list,get --resource=pods --
kubeconfig=managed-cluster.kubeconfig
oc create rolebinding -n default test-rolebinding --serviceaccount=default:default --
role=test-role --kubeconfig=managed-cluster.kubeconfig
```

- iii. Run the following command to locate the secret of the service account token:

```
oc get secret -n default --kubeconfig=managed-cluster.kubeconfig | grep default-
token
```

- iv. Run the following command to copy the token:

```
export MANAGED_CLUSTER_TOKEN=$(kubectl --kubeconfig=managed-
cluster.kubeconfig -n default get secret <default-token> -o jsonpath={.data.token} |
base64 -d)
```

Replace **default-token** with the name of your secret.

- b. Configure the **kubeconfig** file on the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management hub cluster.
 - i. Export the current **kubeconfig** file on the hub cluster by running the following command:

```
oc config view --minify --raw=true > cluster-proxy.kubeconfig
```

- ii. Modify the **server** file with your editor. This example uses commands when using **sed**. Run **alias sed=gsed**, if you are using **OSX**.

```
export TARGET_MANAGE_CLUSTER=<cluster1>

export NEW_SERVER=https://$(oc get route -n open-cluster-management cluster-
proxy-addon-user -o=jsonpath='{.spec.host}')/$TARGET_MANAGE_CLUSTER

sed -i" -e '/server:/c\ server: "$NEW_SERVER"' cluster-proxy.kubeconfig
```

Replace **cluster1** with a managed cluster name that you want to access.

- iii. Delete the original user credentials by entering the following commands:

```
sed -i" -e '/client-certificate-data/d' cluster-proxy.kubeconfig
sed -i" -e '/client-key-data/d' cluster-proxy.kubeconfig
sed -i" -e '/token/d' cluster-proxy.kubeconfig
```

- iv. Add the token of the service account:

```
sed -i" -e '$a\ token: "$MANAGED_CLUSTER_TOKEN"' cluster-proxy.kubeconfig
```

4. List all of the pods on the target namespace of the target managed cluster by running the following command:

```
oc get pods --kubeconfig=cluster-proxy.kubeconfig -n <default>
```

Replace the **default** namespace with the namespace that you want to use.

Your hub cluster is now communicating with the **kube-api** of your managed cluster.

1.11. CONFIGURING A SPECIFIC CLUSTER MANAGEMENT ROLE

When you install Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes, the default configuration provides the **cluster-admin** role on the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management hub cluster. This permission enables you to create, manage, and import managed clusters on the hub cluster. In some situations, you might want to limit the access to certain managed clusters that are managed by the hub cluster, rather than providing access to all of the managed clusters on the hub cluster.

You can limit access to certain managed clusters by defining a cluster role and applying it to a user or group. Complete the following steps to configure and apply a role:

1. Define the cluster role by creating a YAML file with the following content:

```
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
kind: ClusterRole
metadata:
  name: <clusterrole-name>
rules:
- apiGroups:
  - cluster.open-cluster-management.io
resources:
```

```

- managedclusters
resourceNames:
- <managed-cluster-name>
verbs:
- get
- list
- watch
- update
- delete
- deletecollection
- patch
- apiGroups:
- cluster.open-cluster-management.io
resources:
- managedclusters
verbs:
- create
- apiGroups:
- ""
resources:
- namespaces
resourceNames:
- <managed-cluster-name>
verbs:
- create
- get
- list
- watch
- update
- delete
- deletecollection
- patch
- apiGroups:
- register.open-cluster-management.io
resources:
- managedclusters/accept
resourceNames:
- <managed-cluster-name>
verbs:
- update

```

Replace *clusterrole-name* with the name of the cluster role that you are creating.

Replace *managed-cluster-name* with the name of the managed cluster that you want the user to have access to.

2. Apply the **clusterrole** definition by entering the following command:

```
oc apply <filename>
```

Replace *filename* with the name of the YAML file that you created in the previous step.

3. Enter the following command to bind the **clusterrole** to a specified user or group:

```
oc adm policy add-cluster-role-to-user <clusterrole-name> <username>
```

Replace *clusterrole-name* with the name of the cluster role that you applied in the previous step. Replace *username* with the username to which you want to bind the cluster role.

1.12. MANAGING CLUSTER LABELS

Add a label to your cluster to select group resources. See [Labels and Selectors](#) for more information.

You can add new labels, remove existing labels, and edit existing labels for your clusters. Complete the following steps to manage your labels:

1. From the navigation menu, click Infrastructure > Clusters.
2. Find your cluster in the *Clusters* table.
3. Click Options to see the options in the menu.
4. Select Edit labels.
5. In the *Edit labels* dialog box, enter a label. Your entry might resemble the following content: **Key=Value**.
6. Press enter, add a comma, or add a space to add additional labels.
7. Click Save when you enter your last one. Labels are only saved after you click Save.
8. Close the Edit labels pane, when you are finished.
 - If you want to remove an existing label, click the Remove icon for the label that you want to remove in the list.
 - If you want to update an existing label, you can reassign its key to a new value by adding a new label using the same key with a different value. For example, you can change **Key=Value** by entering **Key=NewValue** to update the value of **Key**.

Tip: You can also edit a cluster label from the cluster details page. In the navigation menu, click Infrastructure > Clusters. From the Clusters page, access the details page for the cluster by clicking the name of the cluster. Select the Edit icon in the *Labels* section. The *Edit labels* dialog box is displayed.

1.13. CONFIGURING ANSIBLE TOWER TASKS TO RUN ON MANAGED CLUSTERS

Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management is integrated with Ansible Tower automation so that you can create prehook and posthook AnsibleJob instances that occur before or after creating or upgrading your clusters. Configuring prehook and posthook jobs for cluster destroy, and cluster scale actions are not supported.

Required access: Cluster administrator

- [Prerequisites](#)
- [Configuring an AnsibleJob template to run on a cluster by using the console](#)
- [Creating an AnsibleJob template](#)

- [Configuring an AnsibleJob template to run on a managed cluster by using labels](#)
- [Viewing the status of an Ansible job](#)

1.13.1. Prerequisites

You must meet the following prerequisites to run Ansible templates on your Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management clusters:

- OpenShift Container Platform 4.6 or later
- You must have Ansible Tower version 3.7.3 or a later version installed. It is best practice to install the latest supported version of Ansible Tower. See [Red Hat Ansible Tower documentation](#) for more details.
- Install the Ansible Automation Platform Resource Operator to connect Ansible jobs to the lifecycle of Git subscriptions. For best results when using the AnsibleJob to launch Ansible Tower jobs, the Ansible Tower job template should be idempotent when it is run. You can find the Ansible Automation Platform Resource Operator in the OpenShift Container Platform *OperatorHub*.

For more information about installing and configuring Ansible Tower automation, see [Setting up Ansible tasks](#).

1.13.2. Configuring an *AnsibleJob* template to run on a cluster by using the console

You must specify the Ansible job template that you want to use for a cluster when you create the cluster. To specify the template when creating a cluster, select the Ansible template that you want to apply to the cluster in the *Automation* step. If there are no Ansible templates, click *Add automation template* to create one.

1.13.3. Creating an *AnsibleJob* template

To initiate an Ansible job with a cluster installation or upgrade, you must create an Ansible job template to specify when you want the jobs to run. They can be configured to run before or after the cluster installs or upgrades.

To specify the details about running the Ansible template while creating a template, complete the following steps:

1. Select **Infrastructure > Automation** from the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management navigation. The existing Ansible templates are displayed.
2. Select the appropriate path for your situation:
 - If you want to create a new template, click **Create Ansible template** and continue with step 3.
 - If you want to modify an existing template, click **Edit template** from the *Options* menu of the template that you want to modify and continue with step 5.
3. Enter a name for your template. It must be a unique name that contains lowercase, alphanumeric characters or a hyphen (-).
4. Select the credential that you want to use for the new template. To link an Ansible credential to an Ansible template, complete the following steps:

- a. From the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management navigation, select Automation. Any template in the list of templates that is not linked to a credential contains a Link to credential icon that you can use to link the template to an existing credential.
 - b. Select Link to credential to find and link to an existing credential.
 - c. Select an available credential from the menu in the *Ansible Automation Platform credential* field. Only the credentials in the same namespace as the template are displayed.
 - d. If there are no credentials that you can select, or if you do not want to use an existing credential, select Edit template from the *Options* menu for the template that you want to link.
 - e. Click Add credential to create a credential for your template.
 - f. Complete the procedure in [Creating a credential for Ansible Automation Platform](#) if you have to create your credential.
 - g. After you create your credential in the same namespace as the template, select the credential in the *Ansible Automation Platform credential* field when you edit the template.
 - h. Click Save to commit the link between the credential and the template.
5. If you want to initiate any Ansible jobs before the cluster is installed, select Add an Ansible job template in the *Pre-install Ansible job templates* section.
 6. Select or enter the name of the prehook and posthook Ansible jobs to add to the installation or upgrade of the cluster.
Note: The *Ansible job template name* must match the name of the Ansible job on the Ansible Tower.
 7. Enter any Extra variables that are required by the Ansible Tower job, if there are any.
 8. Drag the Ansible jobs to change the order, if necessary.
 9. Click Save to commit your information.
 10. Repeat steps 5 - 9 for any Ansible job templates that you want to initiate after the cluster is installed in the *Post-install Ansible job templates* section.
 11. Click Save to commit your information.
 12. Click Next to begin specifying the Ansible jobs for the *Upgrading* initiations.
 13. Complete steps 5 - 9 for any Ansible job templates that you want to initiate before the cluster is upgraded in the *Pre-upgrade Ansible job templates* section.
 14. Click Save to commit your information.
 15. Complete steps 5 - 9 for any Ansible job templates that you want to initiate after the cluster is upgraded in the *Post-upgrade Ansible job templates* section.
 16. Click Save to commit your information.
 17. Click Next to review the Ansible jobs that you added.

18. Select Add to add the Ansible job configuration information to your template.

Your Ansible template is configured to run on clusters that specify this template when the designated actions occur.

1.13.4. Configuring an AnsibleJob template to run on a managed cluster by using labels

You can create an **AnsibleJob** that is bound to a cluster when the cluster is created by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes or imported to be managed by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management by using labels.

Complete the following procedure to create an Ansible job and configure it with a cluster that is not yet managed by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management:

1. Create the definition file for the Ansible job in one of the channels that are supported by the application function. Only Git channels are supported.
Use **AnsibleJob** as the value of **kind** in the definition.

Your definition file contents might resemble the following example:

```
apiVersion: apiVersion: tower.ansible.com/v1alpha1
kind: AnsibleJob
metadata:
  name: hive-cluster-gitrepo
spec:
  tower_auth_secret: my-toweraccess
  job_template_name: my-tower-template-name
  extra_vars:
    variable1: value1
    variable2: value2
```

By storing the file in the prehook or posthook directory, it creates a list of cluster names that match the placement rule. The list of cluster names can be passed as a value of **extra_vars** to the **AnsibleJob** kind resource. When this value is passed to the **AnsibleJob** resource, the Ansible job can determine the new cluster name and use it in the automation.

2. Log on to your Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management hub cluster.
3. Using the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console, create an application with a Git subscription that references the channel where you stored the definition file that you just created. See [Managing application resources](#) for more information about creating an application and subscription.

When you create the subscription, specify a label that you can add to the cluster that you create or import later to connect this subscription with the cluster. This can be an existing label, like **vendor=OpenShift**, or a unique label that you create and define.

Note: If you select a label that is already in use, the Ansible job automatically runs. It is best practice to include a resource in your application that is not part of the prehooks or posthooks.

The default placement rule runs the job when it detects the cluster with the label that matches the label of the **AnsibleJob**. If you want the automation to run on all of your running clusters that are managed by the hub cluster, add the following content to the placement rule:

■

```
clusterConditions:
  - type: ManagedClusterConditionAvailable
    status: "True"
```

You can either paste this into the YAML content of the placement rule or you can select the option to *Deploy to all online clusters and local cluster* on the *Application create* page of the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console.

4. Create or import your cluster by following the instructions in [Creating a cluster](#) or [Importing a target managed cluster to the hub cluster](#), respectively.
When you create or import the cluster, use the same label that you used when you created the subscription, and the **AnsibleJob** is automatically configured to run on the cluster.

Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management automatically injects the cluster name into the **AnsibleJob.extra_vars.target_clusters** path. You can dynamically inject the cluster name into the definition. Complete the following procedure to create an AnsibleJob and configure it with a cluster that is already managed by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management:

1. Create the definition file for the AnsibleJob in the prehook or posthook directory of your Git Channel.
Use **AnsibleJob** as the value of **kind** in the definition.

Your definition file contents might resemble the following example:

```
apiVersion: tower.ansible.com/v1alpha1
kind: AnsibleJob
metadata:
  name: hive-cluster-gitrepo
spec:
  tower_auth_secret: my-toweraccess
  job_template_name: my-tower-template-name
  extra_vars:
    variable1: value1
    variable2: value2
```

Replace *my-toweraccess* with the authentication secret to access your Ansible Tower.

Replace *my-tower-template-name* with the template name from your Ansible Tower.

Each time a cluster that is controlled by the Ansible job is removed or added, the AnsibleJob automatically runs and updates the **extra_vars.target_clusters** variable. This updating provides the ability to specify cluster names with a specific automation, or apply the automation to a group of clusters.

1.13.5. Viewing the status of an Ansible job

You can view the status of a running Ansible job to ensure that it started, and is running successfully. To view the current status of a running Ansible job, complete the following steps:

1. In the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management menu, select Infrastructure > Clusters to access the *Clusters* page.
2. Select the name of the cluster to view its details.
3. View the status of the last run of the Ansible job on the cluster information. The entry shows one of the following statuses:

- When an install prehook or posthook job fails, the cluster status shows **Failed**.
- When an upgrade prehook or posthook job fails, a warning is displayed in the *Distribution* field that the upgrade failed.
Tip: You can retry an upgrade from the *Clusters* page if the cluster prehook or posthook failed.

1.14. CREATING AND MANAGING MANAGEDCLUSTERSETS (TECHNOLOGY PREVIEW)

A **ManagedClusterSet** is a group of managed clusters. With a managed cluster set, you can manage access to all of the managed clusters in the group together. You can also create a **ManagedClusterSetBinding** resource to bind a **ManagedClusterSet** resource to a namespace.

- [Creating a ManagedClusterSet](#)
- [Assigning users or groups Role-Based Access Control permissions to your ManagedClusterSet](#)
- [Creating a ManagedClusterSetBinding resource](#)
- [Adding a cluster to a ManagedClusterSet](#)
- [Removing a cluster from a ManagedClusterSet](#)

1.14.1. Creating a ManagedClusterSet

You can group managed clusters together in a managed cluster set to limit the user access on managed clusters.

Required access: Cluster administrator

A **ManagedClusterSet** is a cluster-scoped resource, so you must have cluster administration permissions for the cluster where you are creating the **ManagedClusterSet**. A managed cluster cannot be included in more than one **ManagedClusterSet**. You can create a managed cluster set from either the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console or from the command-line interface.

1.14.1.1. Creating a ManagedClusterSet by using the console

Complete the following steps to create a managed cluster set by using the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console:

1. In the main console navigation, select **Infrastructure > Clusters**.
2. Select the *Cluster sets* tab.
3. Select **Create cluster set**
4. Enter the name of the cluster set that you want to create.
5. Select **Create** to create the cluster set resource.

1.14.1.2. Creating a ManagedClusterSet by using the command line

Add the following definition of the managed cluster set to your **yaml** file to create a managed cluster set by using the command line:

```
apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1beta1
kind: ManagedClusterSet
metadata:
  name: <clusterset1>
```

Replace **clusterset1** with the name of your managed cluster set.

1.14.2. Assigning users or groups Role-Based Access Control permissions to your ManagedClusterSet

You can assign users or groups to your cluster set that are provided by the configured identity providers on the hub cluster.

Required access: Cluster administrator

The **ManagedClusterSet** API offers two levels of RBAC permissions:

- **Cluster set admin**
 - Full access permissions to all of the cluster and cluster pool resources that are assigned to the managed cluster set.
 - Permission to create clusters, import clusters, and create cluster pools. The permissions must be assigned to the managed cluster set when the managed cluster set is created.
- **Cluster set view**
 - Read only permissions to all of the cluster and cluster pool resources that are assigned to the managed cluster set.
 - No permission to create clusters, import clusters, or create cluster pools.

Complete the following steps to assign users or groups to your managed cluster set from the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console:

1. From the main navigation menu of the console, select **Infrastructure > Clusters**.
2. Select the *Cluster sets* tab.
3. Select your target cluster set.
4. Select the *Access management* tab.
5. Select **Add user or group**.
6. Search for, and select the user or group that you want to provide access.
7. Select the **Cluster set admin** or **Cluster set view** role to give to the selected user or user group. See [Overview of roles](#) for more information about the role permissions.
8. Select **Add** to submit the changes.

Your user or group is displayed in the table. It might take a few seconds for the permission assignments for all of the managed cluster set resources to be propagated to your user or group.

For more information about role-based actions, see [Role-based access control](#).

See [Using ManagedClusterSets with Placement](#) for placement information.

1.14.2.1. Creating a ManagedClusterSetBinding resource

Create a **ManagedClusterSetBinding** resource to bind a **ManagedClusterSet** resource to a namespace. Applications and policies that are created in the same namespace can only access managed clusters that are included in the bound managed cluster set resource.

Access permissions to the namespace automatically apply to a managed cluster set that is bound to that namespace. If you have access permissions to access the namespace to which the managed cluster set is bound, you automatically have permissions to access any managed cluster set that is bound to that namespace. However, if you only have permissions to access the managed cluster set, you do not automatically have permissions to access other managed cluster sets on the namespace. If you do not see a managed cluster set, you might not have the required permissions to view it.

You can create a managed cluster set binding by using the console or the command line.

1.14.2.1.1. Creating a ManagedClusterSetBinding by using the console

Complete the following steps to remove a cluster from a managed cluster set by using the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console:

1. Access the cluster page by selecting Infrastructure > Clusters in the main navigation.
2. Select the *Cluster sets* tab to view the available cluster sets.
3. Select the name of the cluster set that you want to create a binding for to view the cluster set details.
4. Select Actions > Edit namespace bindings.
5. On the *Edit namespace bindings* page, select the namespace to which you want to bind the cluster set from the drop-down menu. The existing namespaces that have bindings to the cluster set are already selected.
6. Select Save to submit your changes.

1.14.2.1.2. Creating a ManagedClusterSetBinding by using the command line

To create a managed cluster set binding by using the command line, complete the following steps:

1. Create the **ManagedClusterSetBinding** resource in your `yaml` file. When you create a managed cluster set binding, the name of the managed cluster set binding must match the name of the managed cluster set to bind. Your **ManagedClusterSetBinding** resource might resemble the following information:

```
apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1beta1
kind: ManagedClusterSetBinding
metadata:
  namespace: project1
```

```

name: clusterset1
spec:
  clusterSet: clusterset1

```

2. Ensure that you have the bind permission on the target managed cluster set. View the following example of a **ClusterRole** resource, which contains rules that allow the user to bind to **clusterset1**:

```

apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
kind: ClusterRole
metadata:
  name: clusterrole1
rules:
  - apiGroups: ["cluster.open-cluster-management.io"]
    resources: ["managedclustersets/bind"]
    resourceNames: ["clusterset1"]
    verbs: ["create"]

```

1.14.3. Adding a cluster to a ManagedClusterSet

After you create your **ManagedClusterSet**, you must add one or more managed clusters. You can add managed clusters to your managed cluster set by using either the console or the command line.

1.14.3.1. Adding clusters to a ManagedClusterSet by using the console

Complete the following steps to add a cluster to a managed cluster set by using the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console:

1. If you just created your managed cluster set, select **Manage resource assignments** to go directly to the *Manage resource assignments* page. Continue with step 6 of this procedure.
2. If your cluster already exists, access the cluster page by selecting **Infrastructure > Clusters** in the main navigation.
3. Select the **Cluster sets** tab to view the available cluster sets.
4. Select the name of the cluster set that you want to add to the managed cluster sets to view the cluster set details.
5. Select **Actions > Manage resource assignments**.
6. On the *Manage resource assignments* page, select the checkbox for the resources that you want to add to the cluster set.
7. Select **Review** to review your changes.
8. Select **Save** to save your changes.
 Note: If you move a managed cluster from one managed cluster set to another, you must have the required RBAC permission available on both managed cluster sets.

1.14.3.2. Adding clusters to a ManagedClusterSet by using the command line

Complete the following steps to add a cluster to a managed cluster set by using the command line:

1. Ensure that there is an RBAC **ClusterRole** entry that allows you to create on a virtual subresource of **managedclustersets/join**. Without this permission, you cannot assign a managed cluster to a **ManagedClusterSet**.

If this entry does not exist, add it to your **yaml** file. A sample entry resembles the following content:

```
kind: ClusterRole
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  name: clusterrole1
rules:
- apiGroups: ["cluster.open-cluster-management.io"]
  resources: ["managedclustersets/join"]
  resourceNames: ["<clusterset1>"]
  verbs: ["create"]
```

Replace **clusterset1** with the name of your **ManagedClusterSet**.

Note: If you are moving a managed cluster from one **ManagedClusterSet** to another, you must have that permission available on both managed cluster sets.

2. Find the definition of the managed cluster in the **yaml** file. The section of the managed cluster definition where you add a label resembles the following content:

```
apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1
kind: ManagedCluster
metadata:
  name: cluster1
spec:
  hubAcceptsClient: true
```

In this example, **cluster1** is the name of the managed cluster.

3. Add a label that specifies the name of the **ManagedClusterSet** in the format: **cluster.open-cluster-management.io/clusterset: clusterset1**.

Your code resembles the following example:

```
apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1
kind: ManagedCluster
metadata:
  name: cluster1
  labels:
    cluster.open-cluster-management.io/clusterset: clusterset1
spec:
  hubAcceptsClient: true
```

In this example, **cluster1** is the cluster that is added to the managed cluster set names **clusterset1**.

Note: If the managed cluster was previously assigned to a managed cluster set that was deleted, the managed cluster might have a managed cluster set already specified to a cluster set that does not exist. If so, replace the name with the new one.

1.14.4. Removing a managed cluster from a **ManagedClusterSet**

You might want to remove a managed cluster from a managed cluster set to move it to a different managed cluster set, or remove it from the management settings of the set. You can remove a managed cluster from a managed cluster set by using the console or the command-line interface.

1.14.4.1. Removing a managed cluster from a ManagedClusterSet by using the console

Complete the following steps to remove a cluster from a managed cluster set by using the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console:

1. If you just created your managed cluster set, select **Manage resource assignments** to go directly to the *Manage resource assignments* page. Continue with step 6 of this procedure.
2. If your cluster already exists, access the cluster page by selecting **Infrastructure > Clusters** in the main navigation.
3. Select the *Cluster sets* tab to view the available cluster sets.
4. Select the name of the cluster set that you want to remove from the managed cluster set to view the cluster set details.
5. Select **Actions > Manage resource assignments**.
6. On the *Manage resource assignments* page, select the checkbox for the resources that you want to remove from the cluster set.
This step removes a resource that is already a member of the cluster set, or adds a resource that is not already a member of the cluster set. You can see if the resource is already a member of a cluster set by viewing the details of the managed cluster.
7. Select **Review** and review your changes, then select **Save**.

Note: If you are moving a managed cluster from one managed cluster set to another, you must have the required RBAC permissions on both managed cluster sets.

1.14.4.2. Removing clusters from a ManagedClusterSet by using the command line

To remove a managed cluster from a managed cluster set by using the command line, complete the following steps:

1. Run the following command to display a list of managed clusters in the managed cluster set:

```
oc get managedclusters -l cluster.open-cluster-management.io/clusterSet=<clusterset1>
```

Replace **clusterset1** with the name of the managed cluster set.

2. Locate the entry for the cluster that you want to remove.
3. Remove the label from the **yaml** entry for the cluster that you want to remove. See the following code for an example of the label:

```
labels:  
  cluster.open-cluster-management.io/clusterSet: clusterset1
```

Note: If you are moving a managed cluster from one managed cluster set to another, you must have the required RBAC permission available on both managed cluster sets.

1.14.5. Using ManagedClusterSets with Placement

A **Placement** resource is a namespace-scoped resource that defines a rule to select a set of **ManagedClusters** from the **ManagedClusterSets**, which are bound to the placement namespace.

Required access: Cluster administrator, Cluster set administrator

1.14.5.1. Placement overview

See the following information about how placement with managed clusters works:

- Kubernetes clusters are registered with the hub cluster as cluster-scoped **ManagedClusters**.
- The **ManagedClusters** are organized into cluster-scoped **ManagedClusterSets**.
- The **ManagedClusterSets** are bound to workload namespaces.
- The namespace-scoped **Placements** specify a portion of **ManagedClusterSets** that select a working set of the potential **ManagedClusters**.
- **Placements** select from that working set by using label and claim selectors.
Important: **Placement** does not select a **ManagedCluster** if there is no **ManagedClusterSet** bound to the placement namespace.

The **Placement** specification includes the following fields:

- **ClusterSets** represents the **ManagedClusterSets** from which the **ManagedClusters** are selected.
 - If not specified, **ManagedClusters** is selected from the **ManagedClusterSets** that are bound to the placement namespace.
 - If specified, **ManagedClusters** is selected from the intersection of this set and the **ManagedClusterSets** that are bound to the placement namespace.
- **NumberOfClusters** represents the desired number of **ManagedClusters** to be selected, which meet the placement requirements.
If not specified, all **ManagedClusters** that meet the placement requirements are selected.
- **Predicates** represents a slice of predicates to select **ManagedClusters** with label and claim selector. The predicates are ORed.
- **prioritizerPolicy** represents the policy of prioritizers.
- **mode** is either **Exact**, **Additive**, or **""** where **""** is Additive by default.
- In **Additive** mode, any prioritizer that is not specifically provided with configuration values is enabled with its default configurations. In the current default configuration, the *Steady* and *Balance* prioritizers have the weight of 1, while the other prioritizers have the weight of 0. The default configurations might change in the future, which might change the prioritization. **Additive** mode does not require that you configure all of the prioritizers.
- In **Exact** mode, any prioritizer that is not specifically provided with configuration values has the weight of zero. **Exact** mode requires that you input the full set of prioritizers that you want, but avoids behavior changes between releases.

- **configurations** represents the configuration of prioritizers.
- **name** is the name of a prioritizer. See the following list of valid names of the prioritizers:
- **Balance**: Balances the decisions among the clusters
- **Steady**: Ensures that the existing decision is stabilized
- **ResourceAllocatableCPU & ResourceAllocatableMemory**: sort clusters based on the allocatable.
- **weight** defines the weight of prioritizer. The value must be in the range of [0,10]. Each prioritizer calculates an integer score of a cluster in the range of [-100, 100]. The final score of a cluster is determined by the following formula $\text{sum}(\text{weight} * \text{prioritizer_score})$. A higher weight indicates that the prioritizer receives a higher weight in the cluster selection, while 0 weight indicate that the prioritizer is disabled.

1.14.5.2. Placement examples

You need to bind at least one **ManagedClusterSet** to a namespace by creating a **ManagedClusterSetBinding** in that namespace. Note: You need role-based access to **CREATE** on the virtual sub-resource of **managedclustersets/bind**. See the following examples:

- You can select **ManagedClusters** with the **labelSelector**. See the following sample where the **labelSelector** only matches clusters with label **vendor: OpenShift**:

```
apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1
kind: Placement
metadata:
  name: placement1
  namespace: ns1
spec:
  predicates:
    - requiredClusterSelector:
        labelSelector:
          matchLabels:
            vendor: OpenShift
```

- You can select **ManagedClusters** with **claimSelector**. See the following sample where **claimSelector** only matches clusters with **region.open-cluster-management.io** with **us-west-1**:

```
apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1
kind: Placement
metadata:
  name: placement2
  namespace: ns1
spec:
  predicates:
    - requiredClusterSelector:
        claimSelector:
          matchExpressions:
            - key: region.open-cluster-management.io
              operator: In
              values:
                - us-west-1
```


- You can select **ManagedClusters** from particular **clusterSets**. See the following sample where **claimSelector** only matches **clusterSets: clusterset1 clusterset2**:

```

apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1
kind: Placement
metadata:
  name: placement3
  namespace: ns1
spec:
  clusterSets:
    - clusterset1
    - clusterset2
  predicates:
    - requiredClusterSelector:
        claimSelector:
          matchExpressions:
            - key: region.open-cluster-management.io
              operator: In
              values:
                - us-west-1

```

- Select desired number of **ManagedClusters**. See the following sample where **numberOfClusters** is 3:

```

apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1
kind: Placement
metadata:
  name: placement4
  namespace: ns1
spec:
  numberOfClusters: 3
  predicates:
    - requiredClusterSelector:
        labelSelector:
          matchLabels:
            vendor: OpenShift
        claimSelector:
          matchExpressions:
            - key: region.open-cluster-management.io
              operator: In
              values:
                - us-west-1

```

- Select a cluster with the largest allocatable memory.
Note: Similar to Kubernetes [Node Allocatable](#), 'allocatable' here is defined as the amount of compute resources that are available for pods on each cluster.

```

apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1
kind: Placement
metadata:
  name: placement6
  namespace: ns1
spec:
  numberOfClusters: 1

```

```

prioritizerPolicy:
  configurations:
    - name: ResourceAllocatableMemory

```

- Select a cluster with the largest allocatable CPU and memory, and make placement sensitive to resource changes.

```

apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1
kind: Placement
metadata:
  name: placement7
  namespace: ns1
spec:
  numberOfClusters: 2
  prioritizerPolicy:
    configurations:
      - name: ResourceAllocatableCPU
        weight: 2
      - name: ResourceAllocatableMemory
        weight: 2

```

- Select a cluster with the largest allocatable memory and pin the placementdecisions.

```

apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1
kind: Placement
metadata:
  name: placement8
  namespace: ns1
spec:
  numberOfClusters: 4
  prioritizerPolicy:
    mode: Exact
    configurations:
      - name: ResourceAllocatableMemory
      - name: Steady
        weight: 3

```

1.14.5.3. Placement decision

One or multiple **PlacementDecisions** with label `cluster.open-cluster-management.io/placement={placement name}` are created to represent the **ManagedClusters** selected by a **Placement**.

If a **ManagedCluster** is selected and added to a **PlacementDecision**, components that consume this **Placement** might apply the workload on this **ManagedCluster**. After the **ManagedCluster** is no longer selected and it is removed from the **PlacementDecisions**, the workload that is applied on this **ManagedCluster** should be removed accordingly.

See the following **PlacementDecision** sample:

```

apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1
kind: PlacementDecision
metadata:
  labels:
    cluster.open-cluster-management.io/placement: placement1
  name: placement1-kbc7q

```

```

namespace: ns1
ownerReferences:
- apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1
  blockOwnerDeletion: true
  controller: true
  kind: Placement
  name: placement1
  uid: 05441cf6-2543-4ecc-8389-1079b42fe63e
status:
  decisions:
  - clusterName: cluster1
    reason: "
  - clusterName: cluster2
    reason: "
  - clusterName: cluster3
    reason: "

```

1.14.5.4. Add-on status

You might want to select managed clusters for your placements according to the status of the add-ons that are deployed on them. For example, you want to select a managed cluster for your placement only if there is a specific add-on that is enabled on the cluster.

You can do this by specifying the label for the add-on, as well as its status, if necessary, when you create the Placement. A label is automatically created on a **ManagedCluster** resource if an add-on is enabled on the cluster. The label is automatically removed if the add-on is disabled.

Each add-on is represented by a label in the format of **feature.open-cluster-management.io/addon-<addon_name>=<status_of_addon>**.

Replace **addon_name** with the name of the add-on that should be enabled on the managed cluster that you want to select.

Replace **status_of_addon** with the status that the add-on should have if the cluster is selected. The possible values of **status_of_addon** are in the following list:

- **available**: The add-on is enabled and available.
- **unhealthy**: The add-on is enabled, but the lease is not updated continuously.
- **unreachable**: The add-on is enabled, but there is no lease found for it. This can also be caused when the managed cluster is offline.

For example, an available **application-manager** add-on is represented by a label on the managed cluster that reads:

```
feature.open-cluster-management.io/addon-application-manager: available
```

See the following examples of creating placements based on add-ons and their status:

- You can create a placement that includes all managed clusters that have **application-manager** enabled on them by adding the following YAML content:

```

apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1
kind: Placement
metadata:

```

```

name: placement1
namespace: ns1
spec:
  predicates:
    - requiredClusterSelector:
        labelSelector:
          matchExpressions:
            - key: feature.open-cluster-management.io/addon-application-manager
              operator: Exists

```

- You can create a placement that includes all managed clusters that have **application-manager** enabled with an **available** status by adding the following YAML content:

```

apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1
kind: Placement
metadata:
  name: placement2
  namespace: ns1
spec:
  predicates:
    - requiredClusterSelector:
        labelSelector:
          matchLabels:
            "feature.open-cluster-management.io/addon-application-manager": "available"

```

- You can create a placement that includes all managed clusters that have **application-manager** disabled by adding the following YAML content:

```

apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1
kind: Placement
metadata:
  name: placement3
  namespace: ns1
spec:
  predicates:
    - requiredClusterSelector:
        labelSelector:
          matchExpressions:
            - key: feature.open-cluster-management.io/addon-application-manager
              operator: DoesNotExist

```

1.15. MANAGING CLUSTER POOLS (TECHNOLOGY PREVIEW)

Cluster pools provide rapid and cost-effective access to configured Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform clusters on-demand and at scale. Cluster pools maintain a configurable and scalable number of OpenShift Container Platform clusters on Amazon Web Services, Google Cloud Platform, or Microsoft Azure in a hibernating state that can be claimed when they are needed. They are especially useful when providing or replacing cluster environments for development, continuous integration, and production scenarios.

ClusterClaim resources are used to check out clusters from cluster pools. After a cluster is checked out from a cluster pool, the checked out cluster is resumed and brought to a ready state. The cluster pool automatically creates a hibernated cluster in the cluster pool, to replace the claimed one.

Note: When a cluster that was claimed from the cluster pool is no longer needed and is destroyed, the resources are deleted. The cluster does not return to the cluster pool.

Required access: Administrator

- [Prerequisites](#)
- [Creating a cluster pool](#)
- [Claiming clusters from cluster pools](#)
- [Scaling cluster pools](#)
- [Updating the cluster pool release image](#)
- [Destroying a cluster pool](#)

The procedure for creating a cluster pool is similar to the procedure for creating a cluster. Clusters in a cluster pool are not created for immediate use.

1.15.1. Prerequisites

See the following prerequisites before creating a cluster pool:

- You need to deploy a Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes hub cluster.
- You need Internet access for your Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes hub cluster so that it can create the Kubernetes cluster on the provider environment.
- You need an AWS, GCP, or Microsoft Azure provider credential. See [Managing credentials overview](#) for more information.
- You need a configured domain in your provider environment. See your provider documentation for instructions about how to configure a domain.
- You need provider login credentials.
- You need your OpenShift Container Platform image pull secret. See [Using image pull secrets](#).

Note: Adding a cluster pool with this procedure configures it so it automatically imports the cluster to be managed by Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management when you claim a cluster from the pool. If you would like to create a cluster pool that does not automatically import the claimed cluster for management with the cluster claim, add the following annotation to your `clusterClaim` resource:

```
kind: ClusterClaim
metadata:
  annotations:
    cluster.open-cluster-management.io/createmanageredcluster: "false"
```

The word `"false"` must be surrounded by quotation marks to indicate that it is a string.

1.15.2. Creating a cluster pool

To create a cluster pool, complete the following steps:

1. From the navigation menu, click Infrastructure > Clusters.
2. Select the *Cluster pools* tab to view cluster pools that you can access.
3. Select Create cluster pool.
4. Select the infrastructure provider for your cluster pool.
5. Select the infrastructure credential that you want to use for the cluster pool. You can create one by selecting Add credential, if it is not available in the list.
6. Select Next to continue to the cluster pool details.
7. Enter a name for your cluster pool.
8. Enter the namespace where you want to create your cluster pool. You can select an existing namespace from the list, or type the name of a new one to create one. The cluster pool does not have to be in the same namespace as the clusters.

When you create a cluster pool in a cluster set, the **namespace admin** permission is applied to all of the users with **clusterset admin** permissions for the namespace where you add the cluster pool. Similarly, the **namespace view** permission is applied to the users with **clusterset view** permissions.
9. Optional: Select a cluster set name if you want the RBAC roles for your cluster pool to share the role assignments of an existing cluster set. The cluster set for the clusters in the cluster pool can only be set when you create the cluster pool. You cannot change the cluster set association for the cluster pool or for the clusters in the cluster pool after you create the cluster pool. Any cluster that you claim from the cluster pool is automatically added to the same cluster set as the cluster pool.

Note: If you do not have **cluster admin** permissions, you must select a cluster set. The request to create a cluster set is rejected with a forbidden error if you do not include the cluster set name in this situation. If no cluster sets are available for you to select, contact your cluster administrator to create a cluster set and give you **clusterset admin** permissions to it.
10. Enter the number of clusters that you want available in your cluster pool by adding the number to the cluster pool size.
11. Select Next.
12. Enter the required information in the remaining steps to complete to provision your cluster pool. The procedure from this point on is the same as the procedure for creating clusters. For specific information about the information that is required for your provider, see the following information:
 - [Creating a cluster on Amazon Web Services](#)
 - [Creating a cluster on Google Cloud Platform](#)
 - [Creating a cluster on Microsoft Azure](#)
13. After all of the information is entered, select Create to create the cluster pool. After at least one cluster is available in the pool, a Claim cluster button appears.

1.15.3. Claiming clusters from cluster pools

ClusterClaim resources are used to check out clusters from cluster pools. After a cluster is checked out from a cluster pool, the checked out cluster is brought to a ready state. The cluster pool automatically creates a new hibernated cluster in the cluster pool to replace the claimed one.

Note: When a cluster that was claimed from the cluster pool is no longer needed and is destroyed, the resources are deleted. The cluster does not return to the cluster pool.

Required access: Administrator

1.15.3.1. Prerequisite

You must have the following available before claiming a cluster from a cluster pool:

A cluster pool with available clusters to claim. See [Creating a cluster pool](#) for information about how to create a cluster pool. If there are no available clusters to claim, the Claim cluster button is not displayed.

1.15.3.2. Claim the cluster from the cluster pool

To checkout a cluster from the cluster pool, resume the cluster and claim it as one of your managed clusters. Complete the following steps to claim a cluster:

1. From the navigation menu, click Infrastructure > Clusters.
2. Select the *Cluster pools* tab.
3. Find the name of the cluster pool you want to claim a cluster from and select Claim cluster.
4. Enter a cluster claim name to help identify the cluster.
5. Select Claim.

The claimed cluster comes out of hibernation and appears in the Managed Cluster tab with a status of **Resuming**. After the cluster reaches a status of **Ready**, the cluster is available for use.

The claimed cluster remains a member of the cluster set that it was associated with when it was in the cluster pool. You cannot change the cluster set of the claimed cluster when you claim it.

1.15.4. Scaling cluster pools

You can change the size of the cluster pool by increasing or decreasing the number of hibernating clusters in the cluster pool.

Required access: Cluster administrator

Complete the following steps to change the number of clusters in your cluster pool:

1. From the navigation menu, click Infrastructure > Clusters.
2. Select the *Cluster pools* tab.
3. Find the name of the cluster pool in the *Cluster pools* table.
4. In the *Options* menu for the cluster pool that you want to change, select Scale cluster pool.
5. Increase or decrease the pool size by changing the value of the pool size.

6. Select Scale to commit the change.

Your cluster pools are scaled to reflect your new values.

1.15.5. Updating the cluster pool release image

When the clusters in your cluster pool remain in hibernation for some time, the Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform release image of the clusters might become backlevel. If this happens, you can upgrade the version of the release image of the clusters that are in your cluster pool.

Required access: Edit

Complete the following steps to update the OpenShift Container Platform release image for the clusters in your cluster pool:

Note: This procedure does not update clusters from the cluster pool that are already claimed or hibernating in the cluster pool. After you complete this procedure, only clusters that are created and added to the cluster pool use the updated release image.

1. From the navigation menu, click Infrastructure > Clusters.
2. Select the *Cluster pools* tab.
3. Find the name of the cluster pool that you want to update in the *Cluster pools* table.
4. Click the *Options* menu to see the available options.
5. Select Update release image
6. Select a new release image to use for future cluster creations from this cluster pool.
7. Select Update to apply the selected release image.
8. The cluster pool release image is updated.

Tip: You can update the release image for multiple cluster pools with one action by selecting the box for each of the cluster pools and using the *Actions* menu to update the release image for the selected cluster pools.

1.15.6. Destroying a cluster pool

If you created a cluster pool and determine that you no longer need it, you can destroy the cluster pool. When you destroy a cluster pool, all of the unclaimed hibernating clusters are destroyed and their resources are released.

Required access: Cluster administrator

To destroy a cluster pool, complete the following steps:

1. From the navigation menu, click Infrastructure > Clusters.
2. Select the *Cluster pools* tab.
3. Find the name of the cluster pool in the *Cluster pools* table.
4. Click the *Options* menu to view the options for the cluster pool.

5. Select Destroy cluster pool.
6. Enter the name of the cluster pool to confirm.
7. Select Destroy to remove the cluster pool. Any unclaimed clusters in the cluster pool are destroyed. It might take some time for all of the resources to be deleted, and the cluster pool remains visible in the console until all of the resources are deleted.
The namespace that contained the ClusterPool will not be deleted. Deleting the namespace will destroy any clusters that have been claimed from the ClusterPool, since the ClusterClaim resources for these clusters are created in the same namespace.

Tip: You can destroy multiple cluster pools with one action by selecting the box for each of the the cluster pools and using the *Actions* menu to destroy the selected cluster pools.

Your cluster pool is deleted.

1.16. CLUSTERCLAIMS

A *ClusterClaim* is a cluster-scoped custom resource definition (CRD) on a managed cluster. A ClusterClaim represents a piece of information that a managed cluster claims. The following example shows a claim that is identified in the YAML file:

```
apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1
kind: ClusterClaim
metadata:
  name: id.openshift.io
spec:
  value: 95f91f25-d7a2-4fc3-9237-2ef633d8451c
```

The following table shows the defined ClusterClaims that might be on a cluster that Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes manages:

Claim name	Reserved	Mutable	Description
id.k8s.io	true	false	ClusterID defined in upstream proposal
kubeversion.open-cluster-management.io	true	true	Kubernetes version
platform.open-cluster-management.io	true	false	Platform the managed cluster is running on, like AWS, GCE, and Equinix Metal
product.open-cluster-management.io	true	false	Product name, like OpenShift, Anthos, EKS and GKE

Claim name	Reserved	Mutable	Description
id.openshift.io	false	false	OpenShift Container Platform external ID, which is only available for an OpenShift Container Platform cluster
consoleurl.openshift.io	false	true	URL of the management console, which is only available for an OpenShift Container Platform cluster
version.openshift.io	false	true	OpenShift Container Platform version, which is only available for an OpenShift Container Platform cluster

If any of the previous claims are deleted or updated on managed cluster, they are restored or rolled back to a previous version automatically.

After the managed cluster joins the hub, the ClusterClaims that are created on a managed cluster are synchronized with the status of the **ManagedCluster** resource on the hub. A managed cluster with ClusterClaims might look similar to the following example:

```

apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1
kind: ManagedCluster
metadata:
  labels:
    cloud: Amazon
    clusterID: 95f91f25-d7a2-4fc3-9237-2ef633d8451c
    installer.name: multiclusterhub
    installer.namespace: open-cluster-management
    name: cluster1
    vendor: OpenShift
  name: cluster1
spec:
  hubAcceptsClient: true
  leaseDurationSeconds: 60
status:
  allocatable:
    cpu: '15'
    memory: 65257Mi
  capacity:
    cpu: '18'
    memory: 72001Mi
  clusterClaims:
    - name: id.k8s.io
      value: cluster1

```

```

- name: kubeversion.open-cluster-management.io
  value: v1.18.3+6c42de8
- name: platform.open-cluster-management.io
  value: AWS
- name: product.open-cluster-management.io
  value: OpenShift
- name: id.openshift.io
  value: 95f91f25-d7a2-4fc3-9237-2ef633d8451c
- name: consoleurl.openshift.io
  value: 'https://console-openshift-console.apps.xxxx.dev04.red-chesterfield.com'
- name: version.openshift.io
  value: '4.5'
conditions:
- lastTransitionTime: '2020-10-26T07:08:49Z'
  message: Accepted by hub cluster admin
  reason: HubClusterAdminAccepted
  status: 'True'
  type: HubAcceptedManagedCluster
- lastTransitionTime: '2020-10-26T07:09:18Z'
  message: Managed cluster joined
  reason: ManagedClusterJoined
  status: 'True'
  type: ManagedClusterJoined
- lastTransitionTime: '2020-10-30T07:20:20Z'
  message: Managed cluster is available
  reason: ManagedClusterAvailable
  status: 'True'
  type: ManagedClusterConditionAvailable
version:
  kubernetes: v1.18.3+6c42de8

```

1.16.1. List existing ClusterClaims

You can use the `kubectl` command to list the ClusterClaims that apply to your managed cluster. This is helpful when you want to compare your ClusterClaim to an error message.

Note: Make sure you have `list` permission on resource `clusterclaims.cluster.open-cluster-management.io`.

Run the following command to list all existing ClusterClaims that are on the managed cluster:

```
kubectl get clusterclaims.cluster.open-cluster-management.io
```

1.16.2. Create custom ClusterClaims

You can create ClusterClaims with custom names on a managed cluster, which makes it easier to identify them. The custom ClusterClaims are synchronized with the status of the **ManagedCluster** resource on the hub cluster. The following content shows an example of a definition for a customized ClusterClaim:

```

apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1
kind: ClusterClaim
metadata:

```

```
name: <custom_claim_name>
spec:
  value: <custom_claim_value>
```

The max length of field `spec.value` is 1024. The `create` permission on resource `clusterclaims.cluster.open-cluster-management.io` is required to create a `ClusterClaim`.

1.17. DISCOVERY SERVICE INTRODUCTION (TECHNOLOGY PREVIEW)

You can discover OpenShift 4 clusters that are available from [OpenShift Cluster Manager](#). After discovery, you can import your clusters to manage. The Discovery services uses the Discover Operator for back-end and console usage.

You must have an OpenShift Cluster Manager credential. See [Creating a credential for Red Hat OpenShift Cluster Manager](#) if you need to create a credential.

Required access: Administrator

- [Configure Discovery using the console](#)
- [Configure Discovery using the CLI](#)
- [View discovered clusters](#)
- [Import discovered clusters](#)

1.17.1. Configure Discovery with the console (Technology Preview)

Use the product console to enable Discovery.

Required access: Access to the namespace where the credential was created.

1.17.1.1. Prerequisites

- You need a credential. See [Creating a credential for Red Hat OpenShift Cluster Manager](#) to connect to OpenShift Cluster Manager.

1.17.1.2. Configure Discovery

Configure Discovery in the console to find clusters. You can create multiple `DiscoveryConfig` resources with separate credentials.

See the following procedure if you are using Discovery for the first time:

1. Click Clusters in the console navigation.
2. Click Configure Discovery to configure discovery settings.
3. Select a namespace and a credential.
 - a. Select the namespace that contains your credentials.
 - b. Select a credential within that namespace.
4. Set filters to discover relevant clusters.
 - a. Choose the filter for the latest active clusters. For example, if you choose seven days

- a. Choose the filter for the latest active clusters. For example, if you choose seven days, then you are searching for clusters that were active within the previous seven days.
 - b. Choose the Red Hat OpenShift version.
5. Click Add.
6. View your discovered clusters in the console from the Clusters page.
7. Optional: Create more clusters by clicking the Create discovery settings.
8. Optional: Change or delete discovery settings by clicking the Configure discovery settings.

1.17.2. Enable Discovery using the CLI (Technology Preview)

Enable discovery using the CLI to find clusters that are available from Red Hat OpenShift Cluster Manager ([link](#)).

Required access: Administrator

1.17.2.1. Prerequisites

- Create a credential to connect to Red Hat OpenShift Cluster Manager.

1.17.2.2. Discovery set up and process

Note: The **DiscoveryConfig** must be named **discovery** and must be created in the same namespace as the selected **credential**. See the following **DiscoveryConfig** sample:

```
apiVersion: discovery.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1
kind: DiscoveryConfig
metadata:
  name: discovery
  namespace: <NAMESPACE_NAME>
spec:
  credential: <SECRET_NAME>
  filters:
    lastActive: 7
    openshiftVersions:
      - "4.8"
      - "4.7"
      - "4.6"
      - "4.5"
```

1. Replace **SECRET_NAME** with the credential that you previously set up.
2. Replace **NAMESPACE_NAME** with the namespace of **SECRET_NAME**.
3. Enter the maximum time since last activity of your clusters (in days) to discover. For example, **lastActive: 7** means only clusters active in the last 7 days are discovered.
4. Enter the versions of Red Hat OpenShift clusters to discover as a list of strings. Note: Every entry in the **openshiftVersions** list specifies an OpenShift major and minor version. For example, specifying "4.7" will include all patch releases for the OpenShift version 4.7 (4.7.1, 4.7.2, etc.).

1.17.2.3. View discovered clusters

View discovered clusters by running `oc get discoveredclusters -n <namespace>` where `namespace` is the namespace where the discovery credential exists.

1.17.2.3.1. DiscoveredClusters

Objects are created by the Discovery controller. These **DiscoveredClusters** represent the clusters that are found in OpenShift Cluster Manager by using the filters and credentials that are specified in the **DiscoveryConfig** `discoveredclusters.discovery.open-cluster-management.io` API. The value for `name` is the cluster external ID:

```
apiVersion: discovery.open-cluster-management.io/v1alpha1
kind: DiscoveredCluster
metadata:
  name: fd51aafa-95a8-41f7-a992-6fb95eed3c8e
  namespace: <NAMESPACE_NAME>
spec:
  activity_timestamp: "2021-04-19T21:06:14Z"
  cloudProvider: vsphere
  console: https://console-openshift-console.apps.qe1-vmware-pkt.dev02.red-chesterfield.com
  creation_timestamp: "2021-04-19T16:29:53Z"
  credential:
    apiVersion: v1
    kind: Secret
    name: <SECRET_NAME>
    namespace: <NAMESPACE_NAME>
  display_name: qe1-vmware-pkt.dev02.red-chesterfield.com
  name: fd51aafa-95a8-41f7-a992-6fb95eed3c8e
  openshiftVersion: 4.6.22
  status: Stale
```

1.17.3. View discovered clusters (Technology Preview)

After you set up your credentials and discover your clusters for import, you can view them in the console.

1. Click Cluster > Discovered clusters
2. View the populated table with the following information:
 - *Name* is the display name that is designated in OpenShift Cluster Manager. If the cluster does not have a display name, a generated name based on the cluster console URL is displayed. If the console URL is missing or was modified manually in OpenShift Cluster Manager, the cluster external ID is displayed.
 - *Namespace* is the namespace where you created the credential and discovered clusters.
 - *Type* is the discovered cluster Red Hat OpenShift type.
 - *Distribution version* is the discovered cluster Red Hat OpenShift version.
 - *Infrastructure provider* is the cloud provider of the discovered cluster.
 - *Last active* is the last time the discovered cluster was active.

- *Created* when the discovered cluster was created.
 - *Discovered* when the discovered cluster was discovered.
3. You can search for any information in the table, as well. For example, to show only *Discovered clusters* in a particular namespace, search for that namespace.
 4. You can now click Import cluster to create managed clusters. See [Import discovered clusters](#).

1.17.4. Import discovered clusters (Technology Preview)

After you discover clusters, you can import clusters that appear in the *Discovered clusters* tab of the console.

1.17.4.1. Prerequisites

You need access to the namespaces that were used to configure Discovery.

1.17.4.2. Import Discovered clusters

1. Navigate to the existing *Clusters* page and click on the *Discovered clusters* tab.
2. From the *Discovered clusters* table, find the cluster that you want to import.
3. From the options menu, choose Import cluster.
4. For discovered clusters, you can import manually using the documentation, or you can choose Import clusters automatically.
5. To import automatically with your credentials or Kubeconfig file, copy and paste the content.
6. Click Import.

1.18. UPGRADING YOUR CLUSTER

After you create Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform clusters that you want to manage with Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes, you can use the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console to upgrade those clusters to the latest minor version that is available in the version channel that the managed cluster uses.

In a connected environment, the updates are automatically identified with notifications provided for each cluster that requires an upgrade in the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console.

Important: The process for upgrading your clusters in a disconnected environment requires some additional steps to configure and mirror the required release images. It uses the operator for Red Hat OpenShift Update Service to identify the upgrades. If you are in a disconnected environment, see [Upgrading disconnected clusters](#) for the required steps.

Notes:

To upgrade to a major version, you must verify that you meet all of the prerequisites for upgrading to that version. You must update the version channel on the managed cluster before you can upgrade the cluster with the console.

After you update the version channel on the managed cluster, the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console displays the latest versions that are available for the upgrade.

This method of upgrading only works for OpenShift Container Platform managed clusters that are in a *Ready* state.

Important: You cannot upgrade Red Hat OpenShift Kubernetes Service managed clusters or OpenShift Container Platform managed clusters on Red Hat OpenShift Dedicated by using the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes console.

To upgrade your cluster in a connected environment, complete the following steps:

1. From the navigation menu, navigate to Infrastructure > Clusters. If an upgrade is available, it is shown in the *Distribution version* column.
2. Select the clusters in *Ready* state that you want to upgrade. A cluster must be and cluster to be upgraded with the console.
3. Select Upgrade.
4. Select the new version of each cluster.
5. Select Upgrade.

If your cluster upgrade fails, the Operator generally retries the upgrade a few times, stops, and reports the status of the failing component. In some cases, the upgrade process continues to cycle through attempts to complete the process. Rolling your cluster back to a previous version following a failed upgrade is not supported. Contact Red Hat support for assistance if your cluster upgrade fails.

1.18.1. Selecting a channel

You can use the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console to select a channel for your cluster upgrades on OpenShift Container Platform version 4.6, or later. After selecting a channel, you are automatically reminded of cluster upgrades that are available for both Errata versions (4.8.1 > 4.8.2 > 4.8.3, and so on) and release versions (4.8 > 4.9, and so on).

To select a channel for your cluster, complete the following steps:

1. From the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management navigation, select Infrastructure > Clusters.
2. Select the name of the cluster that you want to change to view the *Cluster details* page. If a different channel is available for the cluster, an edit icon is displayed in the *Channel* field.
3. Click the edit icon to modify the setting in the field.
4. Select a channel in the *New channel* field.
5. Click Save to commit your change.

You can find the reminders for the available channel updates in the *Cluster details* page of the cluster.

1.18.2. Upgrading disconnected clusters

You can use Red Hat OpenShift Update Service with Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes to upgrade your clusters in a disconnected environment.

In some cases, security concerns prevent clusters from being connected directly to the Internet. This makes it difficult to know when upgrades are available, and how to process those upgrades. Configuring OpenShift Update Service can help.

OpenShift Update Service is a separate operator and operand that monitors the available versions of your managed clusters in a disconnected environment, and makes them available for upgrading your clusters in a disconnected environment. After OpenShift Update Service is configured, it can perform the following actions:

1. Monitor when upgrades are available for your disconnected clusters.
2. Identify which updates are mirrored to your local site for upgrading by using the graph data file.
3. Notify you that an upgrade is available for your cluster by using the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console.
 - [Prerequisites](#)
 - [Prepare your disconnected mirror registry](#)
 - [Deploy the operator for OpenShift Update Service](#)
 - [Build the graph data init container](#)
 - [Configure certificate for the mirrored registry](#)
 - [Deploy the OpenShift Update Service instance](#)
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 - [Deploy a policy to change the managed cluster parameter](#)
 - [Viewing available upgrades](#)
 - [Selecting a channel](#)
 - [Upgrading the cluster](#)

1.18.2.1. Prerequisites

You must have the following prerequisites before you can use OpenShift Update Service to upgrade your disconnected clusters:

- A deployed Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management hub cluster that is running on Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform version 4.6 or later with restricted OLM configured. See [Using Operator Lifecycle Manager on restricted networks](#) for details about how to configure restricted OLM.
Tip: Make a note of the catalog source image when you configure restricted OLM.
- An OpenShift Container Platform cluster that is managed by the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management hub cluster

- Access credentials to a local repository where you can mirror the cluster images. See [Mirroring images for a disconnected installation](#) for more information about how to create this repository.

Note: The image for the current version of the cluster that you upgrade must always be available as one of the mirrored images. If an upgrade fails, the cluster reverts back to the version of the cluster at the time that the upgrade was attempted.

1.18.2.2. Prepare your disconnected mirror registry

You must mirror both the image that you want to upgrade to and the current image that you are upgrading from to your local mirror registry. Complete the following steps to mirror the images:

1. Create a script file that contains content that resembles the following example:

```
UPSTREAM_REGISTRY=quay.io
PRODUCT_REPO=openshift-release-dev
RELEASE_NAME=ocp-release
OCP_RELEASE=4.5.2-x86_64
LOCAL_REGISTRY=$(hostname):5000
LOCAL_SECRET_JSON=/path/to/pull/secret

oc adm -a ${LOCAL_SECRET_JSON} release mirror \
--
from=${UPSTREAM_REGISTRY}/${PRODUCT_REPO}/${RELEASE_NAME}:${OCP_RELEASE} \
--to=${LOCAL_REGISTRY}/ocp4 \
--to-release-image=${LOCAL_REGISTRY}/ocp4/release:${OCP_RELEASE}
```

Replace `/path/to/pull/secret` with the path to your OpenShift Container Platform pull secret.

2. Run the script to mirror the images, configure settings, and separate the release images from the release content.

Tip: You can use the output of the last line of this script when you create your `ImageContentSourcePolicy`.

1.18.2.3. Deploy the operator for OpenShift Update Service

To deploy the operator for OpenShift Update Service in your OpenShift Container Platform environment, complete the following steps:

1. On the hub cluster, access the OpenShift Container Platform operator hub.
2. Deploy the operator by selecting **Red Hat OpenShift Update Service Operator**. Update the default values, if necessary. The deployment of the operator creates a new project named `openshift-cincinnati`.
3. Wait for the installation of the operator to finish.
Tip: You can check the status of the installation by entering the `oc get pods` command on your OpenShift Container Platform command line. Verify that the operator is in the **running** state.

1.18.2.4. Build the graph data init container

OpenShift Update Service uses graph data information to determine the available upgrades. In a

connected environment, OpenShift Update Service pulls the graph data information for available upgrades directly from the [Cincinnati graph data GitHub repository](#). Because you are configuring a disconnected environment, you must make the graph data available in a local repository by using an **init container**. Complete the following steps to create a graph data **init container**:

1. Clone the *graph data* Git repository by entering the following command:

```
git clone https://github.com/openshift/cincinnati-graph-data
```

2. Create a file that contains the information for your graph data **init**. You can find this sample [Dockerfile](#) in the **cincinnati-operator** GitHub repository. The contents of the file is shown in the following sample:

```
FROM registry.access.redhat.com/ubi8/ubi:8.1

RUN curl -L -o cincinnati-graph-data.tar.gz https://github.com/openshift/cincinnati-graph-data/archive/master.tar.gz

RUN mkdir -p /var/lib/cincinnati/graph-data/

CMD exec /bin/bash -c "tar xvfz cincinnati-graph-data.tar.gz -C /var/lib/cincinnati/graph-data/ --strip-components=1"
```

In this example:

- The **FROM** value is the external registry where OpenShift Update Service finds the images.
 - The **RUN** commands create the directory and package the upgrade files.
 - The **CMD** command copies the package file to the local repository and extracts the files for an upgrade.
3. Run the following commands to build the **graph data init container**:

```
podman build -f <path_to_Dockerfile> -t
${DISCONNECTED_REGISTRY}/cincinnati/cincinnati-graph-data-container:latest
podman push ${DISCONNECTED_REGISTRY}/cincinnati/cincinnati-graph-data-container:latest --authfile=/path/to/pull_secret.json
```

Replace *path_to_Dockerfile* with the path to the file that you created in the previous step.

Replace *\${DISCONNECTED_REGISTRY}/cincinnati/cincinnati-graph-data-container* with the path to your local graph data **init container**.

Replace */path/to/pull_secret* with the path to your pull secret file.

Note: You can also replace **podman** in the commands with **docker**, if you don't have **podman** installed.

1.18.2.5. Configure certificate for the mirrored registry

If you are using a secure external container registry to store your mirrored OpenShift Container Platform release images, OpenShift Update Service requires access to this registry to build an upgrade graph. Complete the following steps to configure your CA certificate to work with the

OpenShift Update Service pod:

1. Find the OpenShift Container Platform external registry API, which is located in **image.config.openshift.io**. This is where the external registry CA certificate is stored. See [Configuring additional trust stores for image registry access](#) in the OpenShift Container Platform documentation for more information.
2. Create a ConfigMap in the **openshift-config** namespace.
3. Add your CA certificate under the key **cincinnati-registry**. OpenShift Update Service uses this setting to locate your certificate:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
  name: trusted-ca
data:
  cincinnati-registry: |
    -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
    ...
    -----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

4. Edit the **cluster** resource in the **image.config.openshift.io** API to set the **additionalTrustedCA** field to the name of the ConfigMap that you created.

```
oc patch image.config.openshift.io cluster -p '{"spec":{"additionalTrustedCA":
{"name":"trusted-ca"}}}' --type merge
```

Replace **trusted-ca** with the path to your new ConfigMap.

The OpenShift Update Service Operator watches the **image.config.openshift.io** API and the ConfigMap you created in the **openshift-config** namespace for changes, then restart the deployment if the CA cert has changed.

1.18.2.6. Deploy the OpenShift Update Service instance

When you finish deploying the OpenShift Update Service instance on your hub cluster, this instance is located where the images for the cluster upgrades are mirrored and made available to the disconnected managed cluster. Complete the following steps to deploy the instance:

1. If you do not want to use the default namespace of the operator, which is **openshift-cincinnati**, create a namespace for your OpenShift Update Service instance:
 - a. In the OpenShift Container Platform hub cluster console navigation menu, select **Administration > Namespaces**.
 - b. Select **Create Namespace**.
 - c. Add the name of your namespace, and any other information for your namespace.
 - d. Select **Create** to create the namespace.
2. In the **Installed Operators** section of the OpenShift Container Platform console, select **Red Hat OpenShift Update Service Operator**.
3. Select **Create Instance** in the menu.

4. Paste the contents from your OpenShift Update Service instance. Your YAML instance might resemble the following manifest:

```
apiVersion: cincinnati.openshift.io/v1beta2
kind: Cincinnati
metadata:
  name: openshift-update-service-instance
  namespace: openshift-cincinnati
spec:
  registry: <registry_host_name>:<port>
  replicas: 1
  repository: ${LOCAL_REGISTRY}/ocp4/release
  graphDataImage: '<host_name>:<port>/cincinnati-graph-data-container'
```

Replace the `spec.registry` value with the path to your local disconnected registry for your images.

Replace the `spec.graphDataImage` value with the path to your graph data init container.

Tip: This is the same value that you used when you ran the `podman push` command to push your graph data init container.

5. Select Create to create the instance.
6. From the hub cluster CLI, enter the `oc get pods` command to view the status of the instance creation. It might take a while, but the process is complete when the result of the command shows that the instance and the operator are running.

1.18.2.7. Deploy a policy to override the default registry (optional)

Note: The steps in this section only apply if you have mirrored your releases into your mirrored registry.

OpenShift Container Platform has a default image registry value that specifies where it finds the upgrade packages. In a disconnected environment, you can create a policy to replace that value with the path to your local image registry where you mirrored your release images.

For these steps, the policy is named *ImageContentSourcePolicy*. Complete the following steps to create the policy:

1. Log in to the OpenShift Container Platform environment of your hub cluster.
2. In the OpenShift Container Platform navigation, select Administration > Custom Resource Definitions.
3. Select the *Instances* tab.
4. Select the name of the *ImageContentSourcePolicy* that you created when you set up your disconnected OLM to view the contents.
5. Select the *YAML* tab to view the content in *YAML* format.
6. Copy the entire contents of the *ImageContentSourcePolicy*.
7. From the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console, select Governance > Create policy.

8. Set the **YAML** switch to *On* to view the YAML version of the policy.
9. Delete all of the content in the **YAML** code.
10. Paste the following **YAML** content into the window to create a custom policy:

```

apiVersion: policy.open-cluster-management.io/v1
kind: Policy
metadata:
  name: policy-pod
  namespace: default
  annotations:
    policy.open-cluster-management.io/standards:
    policy.open-cluster-management.io/categories:
    policy.open-cluster-management.io/controls:
spec:
  disabled: false
  policy-templates:
    - objectDefinition:
        apiVersion: policy.open-cluster-management.io/v1
        kind: ConfigurationPolicy
        metadata:
          name: policy-pod-sample-nginx-pod
        spec:
          object-templates:
            - complianceType: musthave
              objectDefinition:
                apiVersion: v1
                kind: Pod
                metadata:
                  name: sample-nginx-pod
                  namespace: default
                status:
                  phase: Running
                remediationAction: inform
                severity: low
              remediationAction: enforce
          ---
        apiVersion: policy.open-cluster-management.io/v1
        kind: PlacementBinding
        metadata:
          name: binding-policy-pod
          namespace: default
        placementRef:
          name: placement-policy-pod
          kind: PlacementRule
          apiGroup: apps.open-cluster-management.io
        subjects:
          - name: policy-pod
            kind: Policy
            apiGroup: policy.open-cluster-management.io
          ---
        apiVersion: apps.open-cluster-management.io/v1
        kind: PlacementRule
        metadata:
          name: placement-policy-pod

```

```

namespace: default
spec:
  clusterConditions:
  - status: "True"
    type: ManagedClusterConditionAvailable
  clusterSelector:
    matchExpressions:
    [] # selects all clusters if not specified

```

11. Replace the content inside the **objectDefinition** section of the template with content that is similar to the following content to add the settings for your **ImageContentSourcePolicy**:

```

apiVersion: operator.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: ImageContentSourcePolicy
metadata:
  name: ImageContentSourcePolicy
spec:
  repositoryDigestMirrors:
  - mirrors:
    - <path-to-local-mirror>
    source: registry.redhat.io

```

- Replace *path-to-local-mirror* with the path to your local mirror repository.
- Tip: You can find your path to your local mirror by entering the `oc adm release mirror` command.

12. Select the box for Enforce if supported.
13. Select Create to create the policy.

1.18.2.8. Deploy a policy to deploy a disconnected catalog source

Push the *Catalogsource* policy to the managed cluster to change the default location from a connected location to your disconnected local registry.

1. In the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console, select Infrastructure > Clusters.
2. Find the managed cluster to receive the policy in the list of clusters.
3. Note the value of the **name** label for the managed cluster. The label format is **name=managed-cluster-name**. This value is used when pushing the policy.
4. In the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console menu, select Governance > Create policy.
5. Set the **YAML** switch to *On* to view the YAML version of the policy.
6. Delete all of the content in the **YAML** code.
7. Paste the following **YAML** content into the window to create a custom policy:
8. Paste the following **YAML** content into the window to create a custom policy:

```

apiVersion: policy.open-cluster-management.io/v1
kind: Policy

```

```

metadata:
  name: policy-pod
  namespace: default
  annotations:
    policy.open-cluster-management.io/standards:
    policy.open-cluster-management.io/categories:
    policy.open-cluster-management.io/controls:
spec:
  disabled: false
  policy-templates:
    - objectDefinition:
        apiVersion: policy.open-cluster-management.io/v1
        kind: ConfigurationPolicy
        metadata:
          name: policy-pod-sample-nginx-pod
        spec:
          object-templates:
            - complianceType: musthave
              objectDefinition:
                apiVersion: v1
                kind: Pod
                metadata:
                  name: sample-nginx-pod
                  namespace: default
                status:
                  phase: Running
                remediationAction: inform
                severity: low
              remediationAction: enforce
          ---
        apiVersion: policy.open-cluster-management.io/v1
        kind: PlacementBinding
        metadata:
          name: binding-policy-pod
          namespace: default
        placementRef:
          name: placement-policy-pod
          kind: PlacementRule
          apiGroup: apps.open-cluster-management.io
        subjects:
          - name: policy-pod
            kind: Policy
            apiGroup: policy.open-cluster-management.io
          ---
        apiVersion: apps.open-cluster-management.io/v1
        kind: PlacementRule
        metadata:
          name: placement-policy-pod
          namespace: default
        spec:
          clusterConditions:
            - status: "True"
              type: ManagedClusterConditionAvailable
          clusterSelector:
            matchExpressions:
              [] # selects all clusters if not specified

```


9. Add the following content to the policy:

```
apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1
kind: OperatorHub
metadata:
  name: cluster
spec:
  disableAllDefaultSources: true
```

10. Add the following content:

```
apiVersion: operators.coreos.com/v1alpha1
kind: CatalogSource
metadata:
  name: my-operator-catalog
  namespace: openshift-marketplace
spec:
  sourceType: grpc
  image: <registry_host_name>:<port>/olm/redhat-operators:v1
  displayName: My Operator Catalog
  publisher: grpc
```

Replace the value of *spec.image* with the path to your local restricted catalog source image.

11. In the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console navigation, select Infrastructure > Clusters to check the status of the managed cluster. When the policy is applied, the cluster status is **ready**.

1.18.2.9. Deploy a policy to change the managed cluster parameter

Push the *ClusterVersion* policy to the managed cluster to change the default location where it retrieves its upgrades.

1. From the managed cluster, confirm that the *ClusterVersion* upstream parameter is currently the default public OpenShift Update Service operand by entering the following command:

```
oc get clusterversion -o yaml
```

The returned content might resemble the following content:

```
apiVersion: v1
items:
- apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1
  kind: ClusterVersion
  [..]
  spec:
    channel: stable-4.4
    upstream: https://api.openshift.com/api/upgrades_info/v1/graph
```

2. From the hub cluster, identify the route URL to the OpenShift Update Service operand by entering the following command: **oc get routes**.

Tip: Note this value for later steps.

3. In the hub cluster Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console menu, select **Governance > Create a policy**.
4. Set the **YAML** switch to *On* to view the YAML version of the policy.
5. Delete all of the content in the **YAML** code.
6. Paste the following **YAML** content into the window to create a custom policy:

```

apiVersion: policy.open-cluster-management.io/v1
kind: Policy
metadata:
  name: policy-pod
  namespace: default
  annotations:
    policy.open-cluster-management.io/standards:
    policy.open-cluster-management.io/categories:
    policy.open-cluster-management.io/controls:
spec:
  disabled: false
  policy-templates:
    - objectDefinition:
        apiVersion: policy.open-cluster-management.io/v1
        kind: ConfigurationPolicy
        metadata:
          name: policy-pod-sample-nginx-pod
        spec:
          object-templates:
            - complianceType: musthave
              objectDefinition:
                apiVersion: v1
                kind: Pod
                metadata:
                  name: sample-nginx-pod
                  namespace: default
                status:
                  phase: Running
                remediationAction: inform
                severity: low
              remediationAction: enforce
          ---
        apiVersion: policy.open-cluster-management.io/v1
        kind: PlacementBinding
        metadata:
          name: binding-policy-pod
          namespace: default
        placementRef:
          name: placement-policy-pod
          kind: PlacementRule
          apiGroup: apps.open-cluster-management.io
        subjects:
          - name: policy-pod
            kind: Policy
            apiGroup: policy.open-cluster-management.io
          ---
        apiVersion: apps.open-cluster-management.io/v1

```

```

kind: PlacementRule
metadata:
  name: placement-policy-pod
  namespace: default
spec:
  clusterConditions:
    - status: "True"
      type: ManagedClusterConditionAvailable
  clusterSelector:
    matchExpressions:
      [] # selects all clusters if not specified

```

7. Add the following content to **policy.spec** in the *policy* section:

```

apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1
kind: ClusterVersion
metadata:
  name: version
spec:
  channel: stable-4.4
  upstream: https://example-cincinnati-policy-engine-uri/api/upgrades_info/v1/graph

```

Replace the value of *spec.upstream* with the path to your hub cluster OpenShift Update Service operand.

Tip: You can complete the following steps to determine the path to the operand:

- a. Run the **oc get get routes -A** command on the hub cluster.
 - b. Find the route to **cincinnati**. + The path to the operand is the value in the **HOST/PORT** field.
8. In the managed cluster CLI, confirm that the upstream parameter in the **ClusterVersion** is updated with the local hub cluster OpenShift Update Service URL by entering:

```
oc get clusterversion -o yaml
```

Verify that the results resemble the following content:

```

apiVersion: v1
items:
- apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1
  kind: ClusterVersion
  [..]
  spec:
    channel: stable-4.4
    upstream: https://<hub-cincinnati-uri>/api/upgrades_info/v1/graph

```

1.18.2.10. Viewing available upgrades

You can view a list of available upgrades for your managed cluster by completing the following steps:

1. Log in to your Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console.

2. In the navigation menu, select Infrastructure > Clusters.
3. Select a cluster that is in the *Ready* state.
4. From the Actions menu, select Upgrade cluster.
5. Verify that the optional upgrade paths are available.
Note: No available upgrade versions are shown if the current version is not mirrored into the local image repository.

1.18.2.11. Selecting a channel

You can use the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console to select a channel for your cluster upgrades on OpenShift Container Platform version 4.6, or later. Those versions must be available on the mirror registry. Complete the steps in [Selecting a channel](#) to specify a channel for your upgrades.

1.18.2.12. Upgrading the cluster

After configuring the disconnected registry, Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management and OpenShift Update Service use the disconnected registry to determine if upgrades are available. If no available upgrades are displayed, make sure that you have the release image of the current level of the cluster and at least one later level mirrored in the local repository. If the release image for the current version of the cluster is not available, no upgrades are available.

Complete the following steps to upgrade:

1. In the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management console, select Infrastructure > Clusters.
2. Find the cluster that you want to determine if there is an available upgrade.
3. If there is an upgrade available, the Distribution version column for the cluster indicates that there is an upgrade available.
4. Select the *Options* menu for the cluster, and select Upgrade cluster.
5. Select the target version for the upgrade, and select Upgrade.

The managed cluster is updated to the selected version.

If your cluster upgrade fails, the Operator generally retries the upgrade a few times, stops, and reports the status of the failing component. In some cases, the upgrade process continues to cycle through attempts to complete the process. Rolling your cluster back to a previous version following a failed upgrade is not supported. Contact Red Hat support for assistance if your cluster upgrade fails.

1.19. REMOVING A CLUSTER FROM MANAGEMENT

When you remove an OpenShift Container Platform cluster from management that was created with Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes, you can either *detach* it or *destroy* it.

Detaching a cluster removes it from management, but does not completely delete it. You can import it again if you want to manage it. This is only an option when the cluster is in a *Ready* state.

These procedures remove a cluster from management in either of the following situations:

- You already deleted the cluster and want to remove the deleted cluster from Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management.
- You want to remove the cluster from management, but have not deleted the cluster.

Important:

- Destroying a cluster removes it from management and deletes the components of the cluster.
- When you detach a managed cluster, the related namespace is automatically deleted. Do not place custom resources in this namespace.
 - [Remove a cluster by using the console](#)
 - [Remove a cluster by using the command line](#)
 - [Remove remaining resources after removing a cluster](#)
 - [Defragmenting the etcd database after removing a cluster](#)

1.19.1. Remove a cluster by using the console

1. From the navigation menu, navigate to Infrastructure > Clusters.
2. Select the option menu beside the cluster that you want to remove from management.
3. Select Destroy cluster or Detach cluster.

Tip: You can detach or destroy multiple clusters by selecting the check boxes of the clusters that you want to detach or destroy. Then select Detach or Destroy.

Note: If you attempt to detach the hub cluster while it is managed, which is called **local-cluster**, check to see if the default setting of **disableHubSelfManagement** is **false**. This setting causes the hub cluster to reimport itself and manage itself when it is detached, and it reconciles the **MultiClusterHub** controller. It might take hours for the hub cluster to complete the detachment process and reimport. If you want to reimport the hub cluster without waiting for the processes to finish, you can enter the following command to restart the **multiclusterhub-operator** pod and reimport faster:

```
oc delete po -n open-cluster-management `oc get pod -n open-cluster-management | grep
multiclusterhub-operator | cut -d ' ' -f1`
```

You can change the value of the hub cluster to not import automatically by changing the **disableHubSelfManagement** value to **true**, as described in [Installing while connected online](#).

1.19.2. Remove a cluster by using the command line

To detach a managed cluster by using the command line of the hub cluster, run the following command:

```
oc delete managedcluster $CLUSTER_NAME
```

Note: If you attempt to detach the hub cluster, which is named **local-cluster**, be aware that the default setting of **disableHubSelfManagement** is **false**. This setting causes the hub cluster to reimport itself and manage itself when it is detached and it reconciles the **MultiClusterHub**

controller. It might take hours for the hub cluster to complete the detachment process and reimport. If you want to reimport the hub cluster without waiting for the processes to finish, you can enter the following command to restart the **multiclusterhub-operator** pod and reimport faster:

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multiclusterhub-operator| cut -d' ' -f1`
```

You can change the value of the hub cluster to not import automatically by changing the **disableHubSelfManagement** value to **true**, as described in [Installing while connected online](#).

1.19.3. Remove remaining resources after removing a cluster

If there are remaining resources on the managed cluster that you removed, there are additional steps that are required to ensure that you remove all of the remaining components. Situations when these extra steps are required include the following examples:

- The managed cluster was detached before it was completely created, and components like the **klusterlet** remain on the managed cluster.
- The hub that was managing the cluster was lost or destroyed before detaching the managed cluster, and there is no way to detach the managed cluster from the hub.
- The managed cluster was not in an online state when it was detached.

If one of these situations apply to your attempted detachment of a managed cluster, there are some resources that cannot be removed from managed cluster. Complete the following steps to detach the managed cluster:

1. Make sure you have the **oc** command line interface configured.
2. Make sure you have **KUBECONFIG** configured on your managed cluster.
If you run **oc get ns | grep open-cluster-management-agent**, you should see two namespaces:

```
open-cluster-management-agent      Active 10m
open-cluster-management-agent-addon Active 10m
```

3. Download the [cleanup-managed-cluster](#) script from the **thedeploy** Git repository.
4. Run the **cleanup-managed-cluster.sh** script by entering the following command:

```
./cleanup-managed-cluster.sh
```

5. Run the following command to ensure that both namespaces are removed:

```
oc get ns | grep open-cluster-management-agent
```

1.19.4. Defragmenting the etcd database after removing a cluster

Having many managed clusters can affect the size of the **etcd** database in the hub cluster. In OpenShift Container Platform 4.8, when you delete a managed cluster, the **etcd** database in the hub cluster is not automatically reduced in size. In some scenarios, the **etcd** database can run out of

space. An error **etcdserver: mvcc: database space exceeded** is displayed. To correct this error, reduce the size of the **etcd** database by compacting the database history and defragmenting the **etcd** database.

Note: For OpenShift Container Platform version 4.9 and later, the **etcd** Operator automatically defragments disks and compacts the **etcd** history. No manual intervention is needed. The following procedure is for OpenShift Container Platform version 4.8 and earlier.

Compact the **etcd** history and defragment the **etcd** database in the hub cluster by completing the following procedure.

1.19.4.1. Prerequisites

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

1.19.4.2. Procedure

1. Compact the **etcd** history.
 - a. Open a remote shell session to the **etcd** member, for example:

```
$ oc rsh -n openshift-etcd etcd-control-plane-0.example.com etcdctl endpoint
status --cluster -w table
```

- b. Run the following command to compact the **etcd** history:

```
sh-4.4#etcdctl compact $(etcdctl endpoint status --write-out="json" | egrep -o
""revision":[0-9]*" | egrep -o '[0-9]*' -m1)
```

Example output

```
$ compacted revision 158774421
```

2. Defragment the **etcd** database and clear any **NOSPACE** alarms as outlined in [Defragmenting etcd data](#).

1.20. CLUSTER BACKUP AND RESTORE OPERATOR (TECHNOLOGY PREVIEW)

The cluster backup and restore operator runs on the hub cluster, and depends on the [OADP Operator](#) to install [Velero](#) on the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes hub cluster; Velero is used to backup and restore Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management hub cluster resources.

For a list of supported storage providers for Velero, see [S3-Compatible object store providers](#).

1.20.1. Prerequisites

You must install the 0.4.2 version of the OADP Operator from the *beta* channel. See the [Install OADP Operator using OperatorHub](#) documentation.

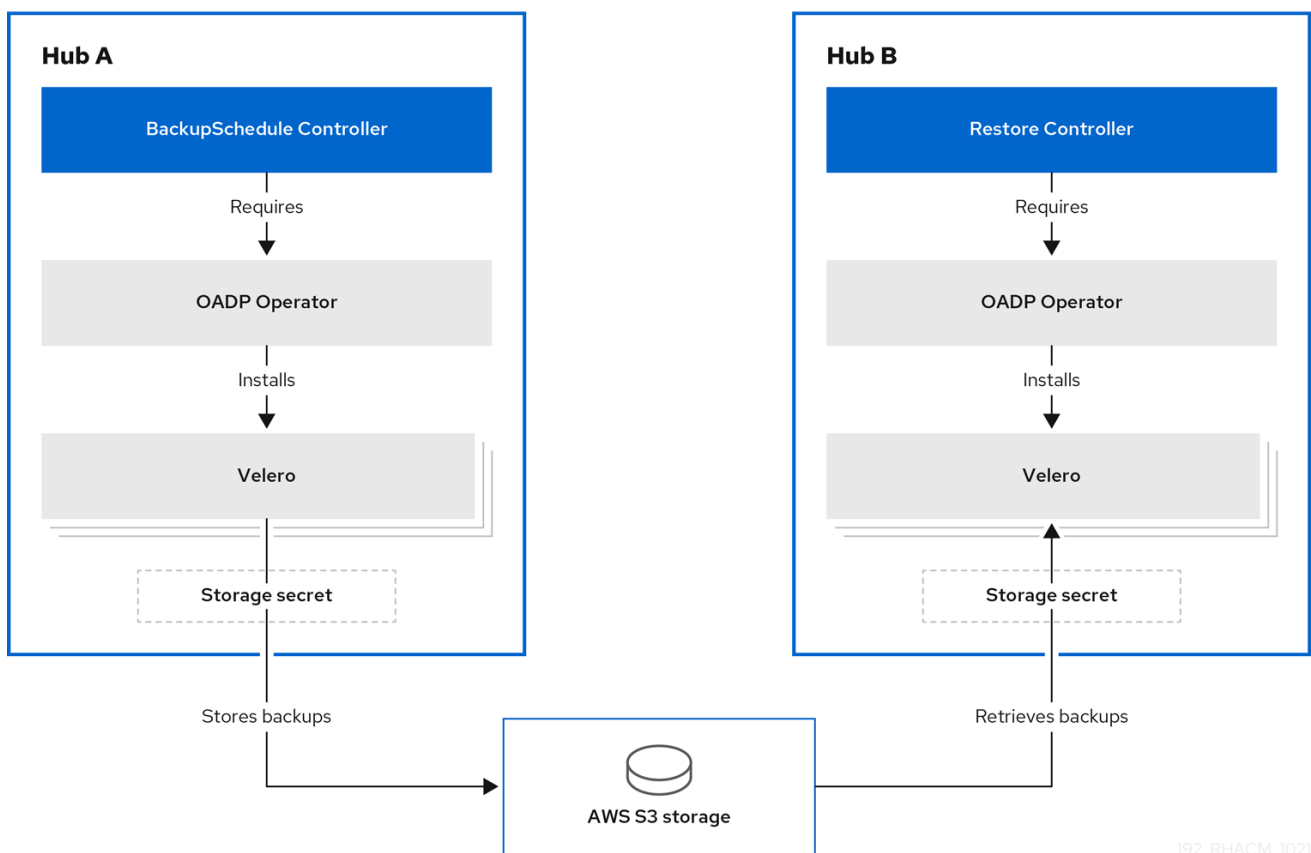
Be sure to complete the steps to [Create credentials secret](#) for the cloud storage where the backups are saved.

Use the created secret when you [Create the Velero Custom Resource](#)

Note: The cluster backup and restore operator resources must be created in the same namespace where the OADP Operator is installed.

1.20.2. Backup and restore operator architecture

The operator defines the `backupSchedule.cluster.open-cluster-management.io` resource, which is used to set up Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management backup schedules, and `restore.cluster.open-cluster-management.io` resource, which is used to process and restore these backups. The operator creates corresponding Velero resources, and defines the options needed to backup remote clusters and any other hub cluster resources that need to be restored. View the following diagram:



1.20.3. Schedule a cluster backup

After you create a `backupschedule.cluster.open-cluster-management.io` resource you can run the following command to get the status of the scheduled cluster backups: `oc get bsch -n <oadp-operator-ns>`. The `<oadp-operator-ns>` is the namespace where `BackupSchedule` is created and must be in the same namespace where the OADP Operator is installed.

The `backupSchedule.cluster.open-cluster-management.io` resource creates the following three `schedule.velero.io` resources:

- **acm-managed-clusters-schedule:** This resource is used to schedule backups for the managed cluster resources, including managed clusters, cluster pools, and cluster sets.
Notes:

- Only managed clusters created using the **hive** API are automatically imported when the backup is restored on another hub cluster. All other managed clusters show up as *Pending Import* and must be manually imported back on the new hub cluster.
- When you restore a backup on a new hub cluster, make sure that the previous hub cluster, where the backup was created, is shut down. If it is running, the previous hub cluster tries to reimport the managed clusters as soon as the managed cluster reconciliation finds that the managed clusters are no longer available.
- The following resources are being retrieved by this backup; they are required for restoring all managed clusters information on the new hub cluster:
 - Secrets and ConfigMaps from the **hive** and **openshift-operator-lifecycle-manager** namespaces, and from all of the **ManagedClusters** resources namespaces created on the hub cluster.
 - Cluster-level **ManagedCluster** resource.
 - Other namespace-scoped resources used to restore the managed cluster details, such as **ServiceAccount**, **ManagedClusterInfo**, **ManagedClusterSet**, **ManagedClusterSetBindings**, **KlusterletAddonConfig**, **ManagedClusterView**, **ClusterPool**, **ClusterProvision**, **ClusterDeployment**, **ClusterSyncLease**, **ClusterSync**, and **ClusterCurator**.
- **acm-credentials-schedule**: This resource is used to schedule backups for the user created credentials and any copy of those credentials. These credentials are identified by the **cluster.open-cluster-management.io/type** label selector; all secrets that define the label selector are included in the backup.
 Note: If you have any user-defined private channels, you can include the channel secrets in this credentials backup if you set the **cluster.open-cluster-management.io/type** label selector to this secret. Without the **cluster.open-cluster-management.io/type** label selector, channel secrets are not identified by the **acm-credentials-schedule** backup and need to be manually recreated on the restored cluster.
- **acm-resources-schedule**: This resource is used to schedule backups for the **Applications** and **Policy** resources, including any required resources, such as:

Applications: Channels, Subscriptions, Deployables and PlacementRules

Policy: PlacementBindings, Placement, and PlacementDecisions

There are no resources being collected from the **local-cluster** or **open-cluster-management** namespaces.

1.20.4. Restore a backup

In a disaster scenario, the hub cluster where the backups are run becomes unavailable, and the backed up data needs to be moved to a new hub cluster. This is done by running the cluster restore operation on the new hub cluster. In this case, the restore operation runs on a different hub cluster than the one where the backup is created.

There are also cases where you want to restore the data on the same hub cluster where the backup was collected, so the data from a previous snapshot can be recovered. In this case, both restore and backup operations are run on the same hub cluster.

After you create a **restore.cluster.open-cluster-management.io** resource on the hub cluster, you can run the following command to get the status of the restore operation: **oc get restore -n <oadp-operator-ns>**. You should also be able to verify that the backed up resources that are contained by

the backup file are created.

Note: The `restore.cluster.open-cluster-management.io` resource is run once. If you want to run the same restore operation again after the restore operation is complete, you have to create a new `restore.cluster.open-cluster-management.io` resource with the same `spec` options.

The restore operation is used to restore all three backup types that are created by the backup operation. However, you can choose to install only a certain type of backup (only managed clusters, only user credentials, or only hub cluster resources).

The restore defines the following three required `spec` properties, where the restore logic is defined for the types of backed up files:

- **veleroManagedClustersBackupName** is used to define the restore option for the managed clusters.
- **veleroCredentialsBackupName** is used to define the restore option for the user credentials.
- **veleroResourcesBackupName** is used to define the restore option for the hub cluster resources (**Applications and Policy**).

The valid options for the previously mentioned properties are following values:

- **latest** - This property restores the last available backup file for this type of backup.
- **skip** - This property does not attempt to restore this type of backup with the current restore operation.
- **<backup_name>** - This property restores the specified backup pointing to it by name.

The name of the `restore.velero.io` resources that are created by the `restore.cluster.open-cluster-management.io` is generated using the following template rule, `<restore.cluster.open-cluster-management.io name>-<velero-backup-resource-name>`. View the following descriptions:

- **restore.cluster.open-cluster-management.io name** is the name of the current `restore.cluster.open-cluster-management.io` resource, which initiates the restore.
- **velero-backup-resource-name** is the name of the Velero backup file that is used for restoring the data. For example, the `restore.cluster.open-cluster-management.io` resource named `restore-acm` creates `restore.velero.io` restore resources. View the following examples for the format:
 - **restore-acm-acm-managed-clusters-schedule-20210902205438** is used for restoring managed cluster backups. In this sample, the `backup.velero.io` backup name used to restore the resource is `acm-managed-clusters-schedule-20210902205438`.
 - **restore-acm-acm-credentials-schedule-20210902206789** is used for restoring credential backups. In this sample, the `backup.velero.io` backup name used to restore the resource is `acm-managed-clusters-schedule-20210902206789`.
 - **restore-acm-acm-resources-schedule-20210902201234** is used for restoring application and policy backups. In this sample, the `backup.velero.io` backup name used to restore the resource is `acm-managed-clusters-schedule-20210902201234`.

Note: If `skip` is used for a backup type, `restore.velero.io` is not created.

View the following YAML sample of the cluster **Restore** resource. In this sample, all three types of backed up files are being restored, using the latest available backed up files:

```

apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1beta1
kind: Restore
metadata:
  name: restore-acm
spec:
  veleroManagedClustersBackupName: latest
  veleroCredentialsBackupName: latest
  veleroResourcesBackupName: latest

```

Learn how to enable and manage the cluster backup and restore operator, see [Enable the backup and restore operator](#).

1.20.5. Enable the backup and restore operator (Technology Preview)

Enable the cluster backup and restore operator to schedule back up and restore for your cluster resources. Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes offers the cluster backup operator as a Technology Preview that is disabled by default.

Required access: Cluster administrator

1.20.5.1. Prerequisites

You must install the 0.4.2 version of the OADP Operator from the *beta* channel. See the [Install OADP Operator using OperatorHub](#) documentation.

Note: Be sure to follow the OADP Operator installation instructions to create the Velero resource, and to create a valid connection to a backup storage location, where the backups are stored. View the [Installation and setup steps](#) from the `oadp-operator` repository.

1.20.5.2. Enabling the backup and restore operator

The cluster backup and restore operator can be enabled when the **MultiClusterHub** resource is created for the first time. From the OpenShift Container Platform console, select the Enable Cluster Backup switch to enable the operator. The `enableClusterBackup` parameter is set to `true`. When the operator is enabled, the operator resources are installed.

If the **MultiClusterHub** resource is already created, you can install or uninstall the cluster backup operator by editing the **MultiClusterHub** resource. Set `enableClusterBackup` to `false`, if you want to uninstall the cluster backup operator.

When the backup and restore operator is enabled, your **MultiClusterHub** resource might resemble the following YAML file:

```

apiVersion: operator.open-cluster-management.io/v1
kind: MultiClusterHub
metadata:
  name: multiclusterhub
  namespace: open-cluster-management
spec:
  availabilityConfig: High
  enableClusterBackup: true <-----
  imagePullSecret: multiclusterhub-operator-pull-secret
  ingress:
    sslCiphers:
      - ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384

```

```
- ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384
- ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256
- ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256
separateCertificateManagement: false
```

1.20.5.3. Using the backup and restore operator

Complete the following steps to schedule and restore backups:

1. Use the backup and restore operator, **backupschedule.cluster.open-cluster-management.io** and **restore.cluster.open-cluster-management.io** resources, to create a **backupschedule.cluster.open-cluster-management.io** resource using the **cluster_v1beta1_backupschedule.yaml** sample file. See the [cluster-backup-operator samples](#). Run the following command to create a **backupschedule.cluster.open-cluster-management.io** resource using the **cluster_v1beta1_backupschedule.yaml** sample file:

```
kubectl create -n <oadp-operator-ns> -f
config/samples/cluster_v1beta1_backupschedule.yaml
```

Your resource might resemble the following file:

```
apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1beta1
kind: BackupSchedule
metadata:
  name: schedule-acm
spec:
  maxBackups: 10 # maximum number of backups after which old backups should be
removed
  veleroSchedule: 0 */6 * * * # Create a backup every 6 hours
  veleroTtl: 72h # deletes scheduled backups after 72h; optional, if not specified, the
maximum default value set by velero is used - 720h
```

View the following descriptions of the **backupschedule.cluster.open-cluster-management.io** spec properties:

- **maxBackup** is a required property and represents the maximum number of backups after previous backups are removed.
 - **veleroSchedule** is a required property and defines a cron job for scheduling the backups.
 - **veleroTtl** is an optional property and defines the expiration time for a scheduled backup resource. If not specified, the maximum default value set by Velero is used, which is 720h.
2. Check the status of your **backupschedule.cluster.open-cluster-management.io** resource, which displays the definition for the three **schedule.velero.io** resources. Run the following command:

```
oc get bsch -n <oadp-operator-ns>
```

3. As a reminder, the restore operation is run on a different hub cluster for restore scenarios. To initiate a restore operation, create a **restore.cluster.open-cluster-management.io** resource on the hub cluster where you want to restore backups.

You can use the cluster backup and restore operator, `backupschedule.cluster.open-cluster-management.io` and `restore.cluster.open-cluster-management.io` resources, to create a backup or restore resource. See the [cluster-backup-operator samples](#).

4. Run the following command to create a `restore.cluster.open-cluster-management.io` resource using the `cluster_v1beta1_restore.yaml` sample file. Be sure to replace the `oadp-operator-ns` with the namespace name used to install the OADP Operator. The default value for the OADP Operator install namespace is `oadp-operator`:

```
kubectl create -n <oadp-operator-ns> -f config/samples/cluster_v1beta1_restore.yaml
```

Your resource might resemble the following file:

```
apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1beta1
kind: Restore
metadata:
  name: restore-acm
spec:
  veleroManagedClustersBackupName: latest
  veleroCredentialsBackupName: latest
  veleroResourcesBackupName: latest
```

View the following description of the three required `spec` properties for `restore.cluster.open-cluster-management.io`:

- `veleroManagedClustersBackupName` is used to define the restore option for the managed clusters.
- `veleroCredentialsBackupName` is used to define the restore option for the user credentials.
- `veleroResourcesBackupName` is used to define the restore option for the hub cluster resources (**Applications and Policy**).
The valid options for the previously mentioned properties are following values:
 - **latest** - This property restores the last available backup file for this type of backup.
 - **skip** - This property does not attempt to restore this type of backup with the current restore operation.
 - **backup_name** - This property restores the specified backup by referencing the name.

5. View the Velero **Restore** resource by running the following command:

```
oc get restore.velero.io -n <oadp-operator-ns>
```

View the following YAML examples to restore different types of backed up files:

- Restore all three types of backed up resources:

```
apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1beta1
kind: Restore
metadata:
  name: restore-acm
spec:
```

```

veleroManagedClustersBackupSchedule: latest
veleroCredentialsBackupSchedule: latest
veleroResourcesBackupSchedule: latest

```

- Restore only managed cluster resources:

```

apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1beta1
kind: Restore
metadata:
  name: restore-acm
spec:
  veleroManagedClustersBackupName: latest
  veleroCredentialsBackupName: skip
  veleroResourcesBackupName: skip

```

- Restore the resources for managed clusters only, using the **acm-managed-clusters-schedule-20210902205438** backup:

```

apiVersion: cluster.open-cluster-management.io/v1beta1
kind: Restore
metadata:
  name: restore-acm
spec:
  veleroManagedClustersBackupName: acm-managed-clusters-schedule-20210902205438
  veleroCredentialsBackupName: skip
  veleroResourcesBackupName: skip

```

See [Restore a backup](#) for a description of the required specification properties and the valid options. Note: The `restore.cluster.open-cluster-management.io` resource is run once. After the restore operation is completed, you can optionally run another restore operation on the same hub cluster. You must create a new `restore.cluster.open-cluster-management.io` resource to run a new restore operation.

1.21. REPLICATING PERSISTENT VOLUMES WITH VOLSINC (TECHNOLOGY PREVIEW)

VolSync is a Kubernetes operator that enables asynchronous replication of persistent volumes within a cluster, or across clusters with storage types that are not otherwise compatible for replication. It uses the Container Storage Interface (CSI) to overcome the compatibility limitation. After deploying the VolSync operator in your environment, you can leverage it to create and maintain copies of your persistent data.

Note: VolSync does not meet the requirements of the FIPS standard.

There are three methods that you can use to replicate when you use VolSync, which depend on the number of synchronization locations that you have. The Rsync method is used for this example. For information about the other methods and more information about Rsync, see [Usage](#) in the VolSync documentation.

Rsync replication is a one-to-one replication of persistent volumes, and is likely to be the most commonly used. This is used for replicating data to a remote site.

1.21.1. Prerequisites

Before installing VolSync on your clusters, you must have the following requirements:

- A configured Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform environment running a Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management version 2.4, or later, hub cluster.
- At least two configured clusters that are managed by the same Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management hub cluster.

1.21.2. Installing VolSync on the managed clusters

To enable VolSync on two clusters in your environment, you must install it on both the source and the target managed clusters. Complete the following steps to leverage the policy template in Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management to install VolSync:

1. Deploy the required VolSync resources to the clusters.
 - a. Download the [policy-persistent-data-management](#) policy template from the GitHub repository. In its current format, this policy starts an installation of VolSync on the hub cluster. After it is installed on the hub cluster, it automatically installs the required VolSync components on all of the managed clusters of the hub.
You can specify a different label to identify which clusters will have VolSync installed by modifying the following section of the policy file:

```
spec:
  clusterSelector:
    matchLabels:
      vendor: OpenShift
```

- b. Apply the policy while you are logged in to your hub cluster by entering the following command:

```
oc -n <namespace> apply -f ./policy-persistent-data-management.yaml
```

Replace **namespace** with a namespace on your hub cluster.

2. If your default **StorageClass** on each of the clusters where you plan to configure VolSync does not refer to a CSI-based storage driver, change the default configuration to refer to a CSI-based storage driver.
 - Your steps might resemble the following procedure for an Amazon Web Services environment:
 - a. Change your default **StorageClass** by entering the following commands:

```
kubectl annotate sc/gp2 storageclass.kubernetes.io/is-default-class="false" --
overwrite
kubectl annotate sc/gp2-csi storageclass.kubernetes.io/is-default-class="true" --
overwrite
```

- b. If a corresponding **VolumeSnapshotClass** does not exist, create one by running the following command:

```
kubectl create -f - << SNAPCLASS
```

+

```

apiVersion: snapshot.storage.k8s.io/v1beta1
kind: VolumeSnapshotClass
metadata:
  name: gp2-csi
driver: ebs.csi.aws.com
deletionPolicy: Delete
SNAPCLASS

```

- a. Set **gp2-csi** as your default **VolumeSnapshotClass** by running the following command:

```

kubectrl annotate volumesnapshotclass/gp2-csi snapshot.storage.kubernetes.io/is-default-
class="true"

```

Your CSI is now configured on an Amazon Web Services environment.

- The steps might resemble the following for a Google Cloud Platform environment:

- b. Change your default **StorageClass** by entering the following commands:

```

kubectrl annotate sc/standard storageclass.kubernetes.io/is-default-class="false" --overwrite
kubectrl annotate sc/standard-csi storageclass.kubernetes.io/is-default-class="true" --
overwrite

```

- c. Install a **VolumeSnapshotClass** by running the following command:

```

kubectrl create -f - << SNAPCLASS

```

```

apiVersion: snapshot.storage.k8s.io/v1beta1
kind: VolumeSnapshotClass
metadata:
  name: gp2-csi
driver: ebs.csi.aws.com
deletionPolicy: Delete
SNAPCLASS

```

- d. Set **standard-csi** as your default **VolumeSnapshotClass** by running the following command:

```

kubectrl annotate volumesnapshotclass/standard-csi snapshot.storage.kubernetes.io/is-
default-class="true"

```

Your CSI is now configured on a Google Cloud Platform environment.

1. For Rsync-based replication, configure custom resources on the source and destination clusters. The custom resources use the **address** value to connect the source to the destination, and the **sshKeys** to ensure that the transferred data is secure. **Note:** You must copy the values for **address** and **sshKeys** from the destination to the source, so configure the destination before you configure the source.
- e. Configure your destination.
 - i. Add the following minimal custom resource information to the YAML file of your destination cluster:

```

apiVersion: volsync.backube/v1alpha1

```



```

kind: ReplicationDestination
metadata:
  name: <destination_name>
  namespace: <destination_namespace>
spec:
  rsync:
    copyMethod: Snapshot
    capacity: 10Gi
    accessModes: ["ReadWriteOnce"]

```

Note: The **capacity** value should match the capacity of the persistent volume claim that is being replicated.

Replace **destination_name** with the name of your destination volume.

Replace **destination_namespace** with the name of the namespace where your destination is located.

- ii. After the **ReplicationDestination** custom resource is created, copy the value of **.status.rsync.address**. This value is automatically generated when the custom resource is created. You will have to enter it when you configure the source. The following example shows the custom resource information that is added to the **ReplicationDestination** after it is created:

```

...
status:
  rsync:
    address: 10.01.101.001
    sshKeys: volsync-rsync-dest-src-test

```

- iii. Copy the name of the secret and the contents of the secret that are provided as the value of **.status.rsync.sshKeys**. You will have to enter them on the source cluster when you configure the source.
- f. Configure your source. Add the following minimal custom resource information to the YAML file of your source cluster:

```

apiVersion: volsync.backube/v1alpha1
kind: ReplicationSource
metadata:
  name: <name>
  namespace: <source_namespace>
spec:
  sourcePVC: <persistent_volume_claim>
  trigger:
    schedule: "*/5 * * * *"
  rsync:
    sshKeys: <volsync-rsync-destination-src-database-destination>
    address: <source.host.com>
    copyMethod: Clone

```

Replace **name** with a unique name for your replication.

Replace **source_namespace** with the name of the namespace where your source is located.

Replace **persistent_volume_claim** with the name of your source claim.

Replace **volsync-rsync-destination-src-database-destination** with the keys that you copied from the **.status.rsync.sshKeys** field of the **ReplicationDestination** when you configured it.

Replace **source.host.com** with the host address that you copied from the **.status.rsync.address** field of the **ReplicationDestination** when you configured it.

You can now set up the synchronization method of the persistent volume.

1.21.3. Scheduling your synchronization

You have a few options to select from when determining how you start your replications: always running, on a schedule, or manually. Scheduling your replications is an option that is the option that is often selected.

The Schedule option runs replications at scheduled times. A schedule is defined by **acronspec**, so the schedule can be configured as intervals of time or as specific times. The order of the schedule values are:

"minute (0-59) hour (0-23) day-of-month (1-31) month (1-12) day-of-week (0-6)"

The replication starts when the scheduled time occurs. Your setting for this replication option might resemble the following content:

```
spec:
  trigger:
    schedule: "*/6 * * * *"
```

After enabling one of these methods, your synchronization schedule runs according to the method that you configured.

See the [VolSync](#) documentation for additional information and options.