

# OpenStack Labs

Lab 01: Launching an Instance



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### Introduction

OpenStack is a cloud operating system that manages large pools of compute, storage, and networking resources throughout a datacenter. These resources can be managed through a webbased dashboard called the *Horizon Dashboard*, or through a command-line interface called the *OpenStack Unified CLI*. This lab series provides a hands-on tour of key OpenStack features and components. Each lab focuses on a different aspect of OpenStack, and the final lab is a capstone project that integrates the skills and knowledge you have gained.

In this lab, you will launch an instance with the *Horizon Dashboard* and the *OpenStack Unified CLI*.



# **Objectives**

- Use the Horizon Dashboard.
- Launch an instance with the Horizon Dashboard.
- Use the OpenStack Unified CLI.
- Launch an instance with the OpenStack Unified CLI.



# **Lab Settings**

The information in the table below will be needed in order to complete the lab. The task sections below provide details on the use of this information.

Virtual Machine	IP Address	Account	Password
workstation	ens3: 192.168.1.21	ubuntu	ubuntu
	ens4: 172.25.250.21	ubuiitu	
devstack	ens3: 192.168.20	ubuntu	ubuntu
	ens4: 172.25.250.20	ubuntu	



### 1 Launching an Instance with the Horizon Dashboard

In this task, you will launch an instance with the Horizon Dashboard.

**1.1.** Log into the workstation machine as the ubuntu user with password ubuntu.

```
Ubuntu 18.04.6 LTS workstation tty1
workstation login: ubuntu
Password:
```

1.2. Launch the graphical user interface.

```
ubuntu@workstation:~$ startx
```

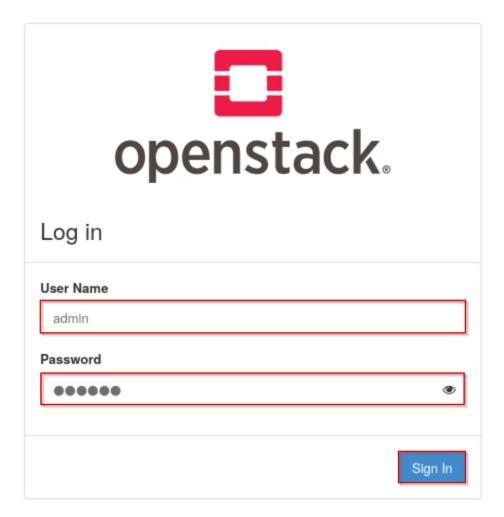
```
Welcome to Ubuntu 18.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.15.0–213–generic x86_64)
 * Documentation:
                   https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:
                   https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:
                   https://ubuntu.com/advantage
 System information as of Fri Jun 7 21:01:55 UTC 2024
               0.6
                                                         197
  System load:
                                   Processes:
                7.9% of 116.12GB
 Usage of /:
                                   Users logged in:
 Memory usage: 13%
                                   IP address for ens3: 192.168.1.21
                                   IP address for ens4: 172.25.250.21
 Swap usage:
                0%
Expanded Security Maintenance for Infrastructure is not enabled.
2 updates can be applied immediately.
To see these additional updates run: apt list ––upgradable
146 additional security updates can be applied with ESM Infra.
Learn more about enabling ESM Infra service for Ubuntu 18.04 at
https://ubuntu.com/18–04
ubuntu@workstation:~$ startx_
```



**1.3.** Open the web browser.

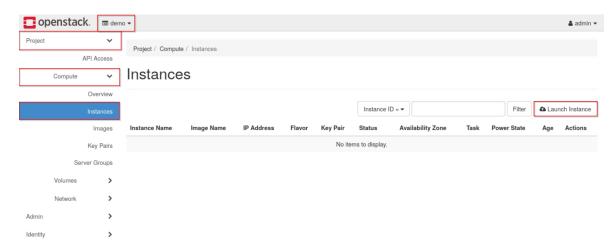


**1.4.** Enter the IP address of the **devstack** machine (**192.168.1.20**) into the address bar, and log into the OpenStack Horizon Dashboard with username **admin** and password **secret**.

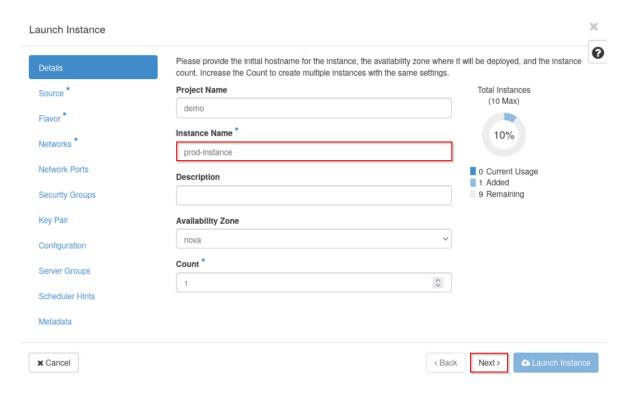




**1.5.** Click on the dropdown menu in the top left corner of the webpage, then select **demo** as the project. Navigate to **Project** > **Compute** > **Instances**, then click **Launch Instance** in the top right corner.

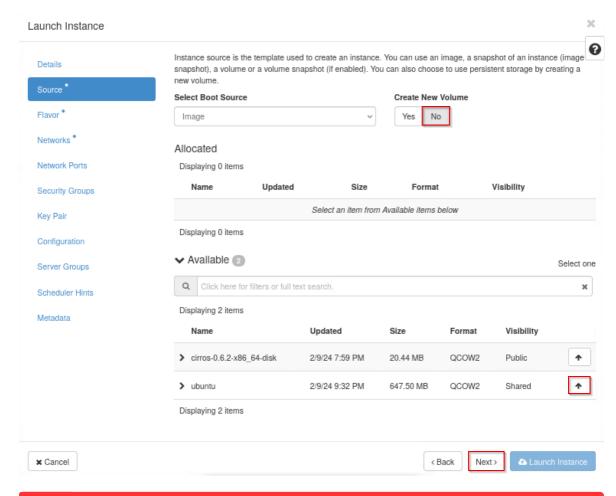


**1.6.** In the *Instance Name* field, type **prod-instance**, and leave the other fields with their default values. Click **Next**.





1.7. In the Select Boot Source dropdown, Image should already be selected. Set Create New Volume to No, and scroll down (if needed) to click the ↑ icon beside of ubuntu to use ubuntu as the image. Click Next.

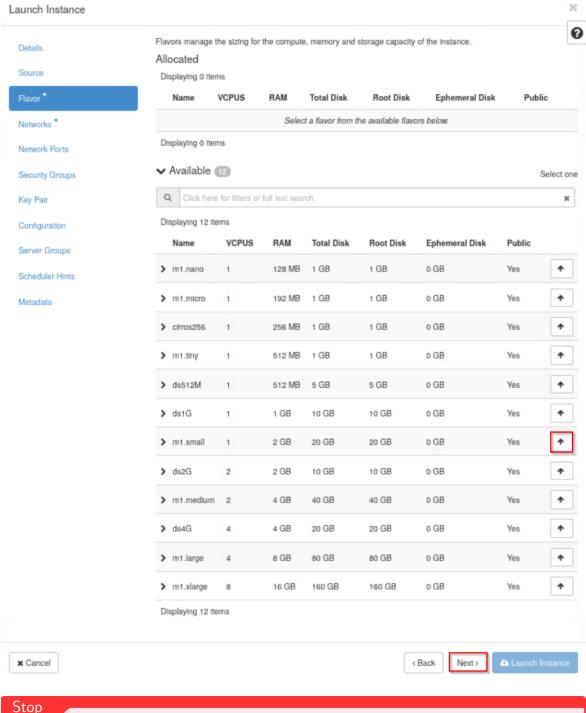


#### Stop

Before proceeding to the next step, confirm that **ubuntu** appears underneath the *Allocated* section.



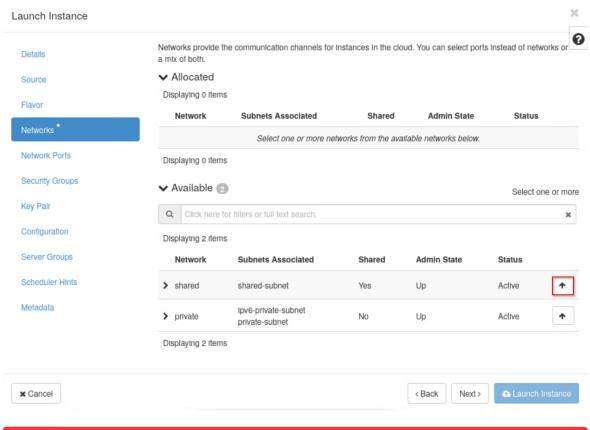
**1.8.** Scroll down (if needed) and click the ↑ icon beside the m1.small flavor. Click Next.



Before proceeding to the next step, confirm that m1.small appears underneath the Allocated section.



**1.9.** Click the  $\uparrow$  icon beside the **shared** network.

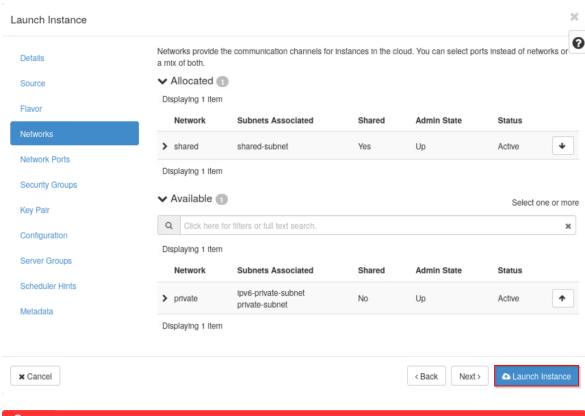


#### Stop

Before proceeding to the next step, confirm that **shared** appears underneath the *Allocated* section.



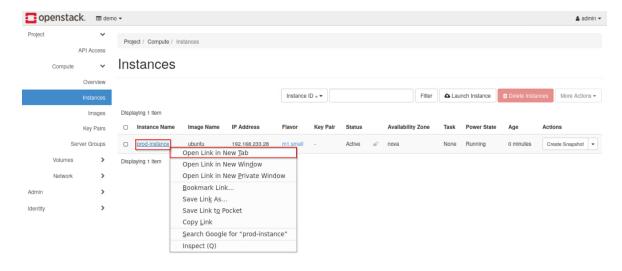
**1.10.** If all required fields have been set, the **Launch Instance** button in the bottom right corner should now be available. Click **Launch Instance**.



### Stop

Wait for the *Power State* of **prod-instance** to display the status of *Running* before continuing to the next step.

1.11. To open the console of **prod-instance** in a new tab, right-click the name **prod-instance** and select **Open Link in New Tab**, or middle-click (press in the mouse wheel) the name **prod-instance**.





**1.12.** In the new tab, click the *Console* tab. Optionally, to make the console take up the whole tab, click the **Click here to show only console** link.



**1.13.** Log into the console as **root** with the password **secret**.

#### Note

It may take several minutes for the instance to fully boot up and present a login prompt.

**1.14.** In the console, ping **192.168.233.2** (DHCP server) to verify connectivity.

```
$ ping -c3 192.168.233.2
```

```
Connected to QEMU (instance-00000003)

root@prod-instance:~# ping -c3 192.168.233.2

PING 192.168.233.2 (192.168.233.2) 56(84) bytes of data.

64 bytes from 192.168.233.2: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=9.73 ms

64 bytes from 192.168.233.2: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=2.18 ms

64 bytes from 192.168.233.2: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=1.42 ms

--- 192.168.233.2 ping statistics ---

3 packets transmitted, 3 received, 0% packet loss, time 2006ms

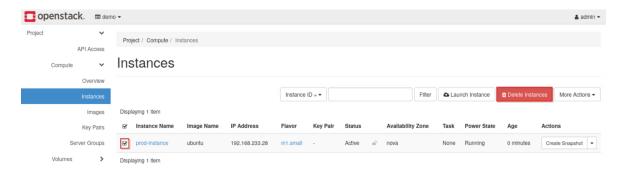
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 1.423/4.444/9.732/3.751 ms

root@prod-instance:~#_
```

#### Note

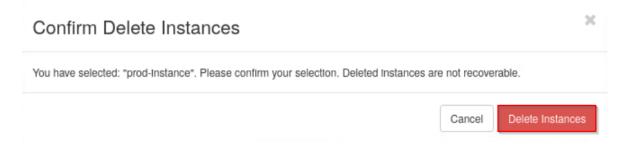
You should receive three successful ping replies.

- **1.15.** Close the console tab for **prod-instance**.
- **1.16.** Focus back on the tab showing instances and delete **prod-instance**. Select the checkbox for **prod-instance** and click the **Delete Instances** button.





**1.17.** Confirm the deletion by clicking the **Delete Instances** button.



**1.18.** Close the web browser. Continue to the next task.



# 2 Running the OpenStack Unified CLI

In this task, you will launch an instance with the *OpenStack Unified command-line interface* (CLI).

2.1. Open a terminal by clicking the terminal icon in the icon bar at the bottom of the screen. A terminal can also be opened by right-clicking the desktop and selecting **Open Terminal Here**, or by selecting **Applications** at the top left of the screen, then selecting **Terminal Emulator**.



**2.2.** Source the **keystonerc-admin** file. This will provide a connection with the local OpenStack service with the credentials of the **admin** user, and the command prompt will change to indicate the current OpenStack user whose credentials are keyed in.

ubuntu@workstation:~\$ source ~/keystonerc-admin

ubuntu@workstation:~\$ source ~/keystonerc-admin
[ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:~\$

Note

keystonerc files will be discussed in more depth in a future lab.



**2.3.** The OpenStack CLI is now ready to use, allowing us to create an instance. Just like in the Horizon Dashboard, an image, a flavor, and a network are required. Before launching an instance, we will list the available options for these resources. First, list all available images.

```
[ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:~$ openstack image list
```

2.4. List all available flavors.

```
[ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:~$ openstack flavor list
```

[ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:~\$ openstack flavor list									
ID   Name	RAM	Disk	Ephemeral	VCPUs	Is Public				
1   m1.tiny   2   m1.small   3   m1.medium   4   m1.large   42   m1.nano   5   m1.xlarge   84   m1.micro   c1   cirros256   d1   ds512M   d2   ds1G   d3   ds2G   d4   ds4G	512 2048 4096 8192 128 16384 192 256 512 1024 2048 4096	1   20   40   80   1   160   5   10   20	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	1 1 2 4 1 8 1 1 1 1 2 4	True True True True True True True True				
[ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:~\$									



**2.5.** Display the details specifically for the **m1.small** flavor.

```
[ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:~$ openstack flavor show m1.small
```

```
[ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:~$ openstack flavor show m1.small
 Field
                                Value
 OS-FLV-DISABLED:disabled
                                False
 OS-FLV-EXT-DATA:ephemeral
 access project ids
                                None
 disk
                                20
 id
                                2
                                m1.small
 name
 os-flavor-access:is public
                                True
                                hw_rng:allowed='True'
 properties
                                20\overline{4}8
 ram
                                1.0
 rxtx factor
 swap
                                1
 vcpus
[ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:~$
```

2.6. List all available networks.

```
[ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:~$ openstack network list
```



**2.7.** Create a new instance with the name **prod-instance**, using **ubuntu** as the image, **m1.small** as the flavor, and **shared** as the network.

```
[ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:~$ openstack server create \
> --image ubuntu \
> --flavor m1.small \
> --network shared \
> prod-instance
```

```
ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:-$ openstack server create \
 --image ubuntu \
--flavor m1.small \
 --network shared \
--wait prod-instance
                                     | Value
Field
OS-DCF:diskConfig
                                       MANUAL
 OS-EXT-AZ:availability zone
                                       nova
 OS-EXT-SRV-ATTR:host
                                       devstack
 OS-EXT-SRV-ATTR:hypervisor_hostname | devstack
 OS-EXT-SRV-ATTR:instance name
                                       instance-000000002
 OS-EXT-STS:power_state
                                       Running
 OS-EXT-STS:task state
                                       None
 OS-EXT-STS:vm_state
                                       active
 OS-SRV-USG:launched at
                                       2024-06-10T16:42:42.000000
 OS-SRV-USG:terminated at
 accessIPv4
 accessIPv6
 addresses
                                       shared=192.168.233.166
 adminPass
                                       uPsyV9r8Rdxv
 config_drive
 created
                                       2024-06-10T16:42:39Z
 flavor
                                       m1.small (2)
 hostId
                                       1b8dbd84262b5472c62a2892fd623993d3a98d2faf2f7862e90ce419
                                       c67ff809-ff02-443f-9015-c30dbb33e45d
 id
 image
                                       ubuntu (329d361e-f6dc-4b72-b200-3de0ec230e65)
 key_name
                                       None
 name
                                       prod-instance
 progress
 project id
                                       39e851b14f864573aad60582c35e40dc
 properties
 security_groups
                                       name='default'
 status
                                       ACTIVE
 updated
                                       2024-06-10T16:42:43Z
 user_id
                                       14f5376f00c04e90b7103dd8d4263040
 volumes_attached
ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:~$
```

#### Tip

When typing the command, make sure there is a space between the last word of the line and  $\setminus$ , and press **Enter** to get the > and continue typing the rest of the command.



**2.8.** Use the **openstack server list** command to list all the available instances.

```
[ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:~$ openstack server list
```

#### Note

The UUID in the *ID* field and the IP address in the *Networks* field may differ from the screenshot provided.

**2.9.** Display more details about the instance **prod-instance**.

```
[ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:~$ openstack server show prod-instance
```

```
ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:-$ openstack server show prod-instance
Field
                                      | Value
OS-DCF:diskConfig
                                       MANUAL
 OS-EXT-AZ:availability zone
                                       nova
 OS-EXT-SRV-ATTR:host
                                       devstack
 OS-EXT-SRV-ATTR:hypervisor_hostname
                                       devstack
 OS-EXT-SRV-ATTR:instance_name
                                       instance-00000002
 OS-EXT-STS:power state
                                       Running
 OS-EXT-STS:task_state
                                       None
 OS-EXT-STS:vm state
                                       active
 OS-SRV-USG:launched at
                                       2024-06-10T16:42:42.000000
 OS-SRV-USG:terminated at
 accessIPv4
 accessIPv6
 addresses
                                       shared=192.168.233.166
 config_drive
 created
                                       2024-06-10T16:42:39Z
 flavor
                                       m1.small (2)
 hostId
                                       1b8dbd84262b5472c62a2892fd623993d3a98d2faf2f7862e90ce419
                                       c67ff809-ff02-443f-9015-c30dbb33e45d
 id
                                       ubuntu (329d361e-f6dc-4b72-b200-3de0ec230e65)
 image
 key_name
                                       None
                                       prod-instance
 name
 progress
 project id
                                       39e851b14f864573aad60582c35e40dc
 properties
 security_groups
                                       name='default'
 status
                                       ACTIVE
 updated
                                       2024-06-10T16:42:43Z
                                       14f5376f00c04e90b7103dd8d4263040
 user id
 volumes_attached
ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:~$
```

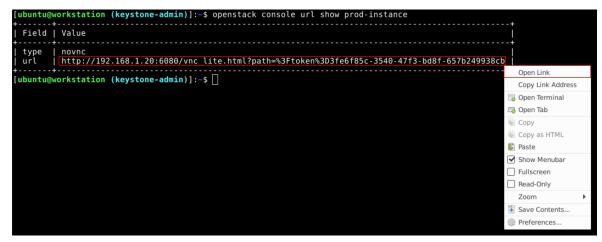
#### Tip

The UUID for the instance **prod-instance** can be used in place of **prod-instance** in the above command to identify the instance.



**2.10.** Display the instance's console URL. Then right-click on the URL and select **Open Link**.

[ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:~\$ openstack console url show prod-instance



**2.11.** The web browser will open directly to the instance's console through noVNC. Log into **prod-instance** using **root** as the username and **secret** as the password. Then use the **ping** command to verify connectivity with the DHCP server (**192.168.233.2**).

```
$ ping -c3 192.168.233.2
```

```
Connected to QEMU (Instance-00000002)

root@prod-instance:~# ping -c3 192.168.233.2
PING 192.168.233.2 (192.168.233.2) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.233.2: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=5.85 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.233.2: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=3.25 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.233.2: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=1.59 ms
--- 192.168.233.2 ping statistics ---
3 packets transmitted, 3 received, 0% packet loss, time 2005ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdvev = 1.585/3.559/5.849/1.754 ms
root@prod-instance:~#_
```

#### Note

You should receive three successful ping replies.

- **2.12.** Close the web browser and change focus back to the previous terminal window.
- **2.13.** The instance is now ready to be deleted, but first list the servers so that the effect of the next step can be observed.

```
[ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:~$ openstack server list
```



**2.14.** Delete the instance.

```
[ubuntu@workstation\ (keystone-admin)]: \verb§-$ open stack server delete prod-instance \\
```

```
[ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:~$ openstack server delete prod-instance
[ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:~$
```

**2.15.** Ensure that the instance was deleted by seeing that the server list is empty.

```
[ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:~$ openstack server list
```

```
[ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:~$ openstack server list
[ubuntu@workstation (keystone-admin)]:~$
```

**2.16.** The lab is now complete.



## A OpenStack Unified CLI Help

The OpenStack Unified CLI has many commands. Thankfully, they follow a predictable form:

```
openstack [<global-options>] <object-1> <action> [<object-2>] [<command-arguments>]
```

Items in square brackets indicate that they are not present in every command. For instance,

```
openstack image list
```

contains only one object and an action. We will encounter more complex commands in the future, but it is good to keep this common structure in mind. For more information on the structure of OpenStack CLI commands, visit the **Command Structure Documentation**.

To see what actions can be performed on a given object, it is always possible to run a command structured like this:

```
openstack <object> --help
```

For instance, to see what actions you can perform on instances, you can run the command

```
openstack instance --help
```

Other objects include **image**, **flavor**, **network**, and many more that will appear throughout the labs.

Additionally, to see what parameters you can pass to an action, you can run a command structured like this:

```
openstack <object> <action> --help
```

for instance, to see what parameters you can set on an instance, you can run the command

```
openstack server set --help
```

Other object actions include **server list**, **flavor show**, **network create**, and many more that will appear throughout the labs.