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Abstract

This document provides instructions on installing Red Hat Ceph Storage on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 running on AMD64 and Intel 64 architectures.

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CHAPTER 1. WHAT IS RED HAT CEPH STORAGE?

Red Hat Ceph Storage is a scalable, open, software-defined storage platform that combines the most stable version of the Ceph storage system with a Ceph management platform, deployment utilities, and support services.

Red Hat Ceph Storage is designed for cloud infrastructure and web-scale object storage. Red Hat Ceph Storage clusters consist of the following types of nodes:

Red Hat Ceph Storage Ansible administration node

This type of node acts as the traditional Ceph Administration node did for previous versions of Red Hat Ceph Storage. This type of node provides the following functions:

- Centralized storage cluster management
- The Ceph configuration files and keys
- Optionally, local repositories for installing Ceph on nodes that cannot access the Internet for security reasons

Monitor nodes

Each monitor node runs the monitor daemon (**ceph-mon**), which maintains a master copy of the cluster map. The cluster map includes the cluster topology. A client connecting to the Ceph cluster retrieves the current copy of the cluster map from the monitor which enables the client to read from and write data to the cluster.



IMPORTANT

Ceph can run with one monitor; however, to ensure high availability in a production cluster, Red Hat will only support deployments with at least three monitor nodes. Red Hat recommends deploying a total of 5 Ceph Monitors for storage clusters exceeding 750 OSDs.

OSD nodes

Each Object Storage Device (OSD) node runs the Ceph OSD daemon (**ceph-osd**), which interacts with logical disks attached to the node. Ceph stores data on these OSD nodes.

Ceph can run with very few OSD nodes, which the default is three, but production clusters realize better performance beginning at modest scales, for example 50 OSDs in a storage cluster. Ideally, a Ceph cluster has multiple OSD nodes, allowing isolated failure domains by creating the CRUSH map.

MDS nodes

Each Metadata Server (MDS) node runs the MDS daemon (**ceph-mds**), which manages metadata related to files stored on the Ceph File System (CephFS). The MDS daemon also coordinates access to the shared cluster.

Object Gateway node

Ceph Object Gateway node runs the Ceph RADOS Gateway daemon (**ceph-radosgw**), and is an object storage interface built on top of **librados** to provide applications with a RESTful gateway to Ceph Storage Clusters. The Ceph Object Gateway supports two interfaces:

S3

Provides object storage functionality with an interface that is compatible with a large subset of the Amazon S3 RESTful API.

Swift

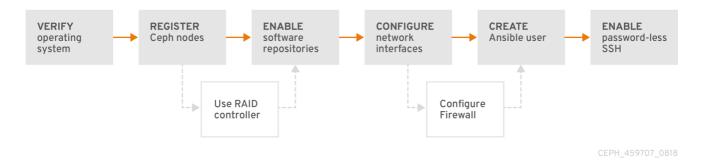
Provides object storage functionality with an interface that is compatible with a large subset of the OpenStack Swift API.

For details on the Ceph architecture, see the *Architecture Guide* for Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.

For minimum recommended hardware, see the Red Hat Ceph Storage Hardware Selection Guide 3.

CHAPTER 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR INSTALLING RED HAT CEPH STORAGE

Figure 2.1. Prerequisite Workflow



Before installing Red Hat Ceph Storage (RHCS), review the following requirements and prepare each Monitor, OSD, Metadata Server, and client nodes accordingly.

2.1. PREREQUISITES

 Verify the hardware meets the minimum requirements. For details, see the Hardware Guide for Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.

2.2. REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST FOR INSTALLING RED HAT CEPH STORAGE

Task	Required	Section	Recommendation
Verifying the operating system version	Yes	Section 2.3, "Operating system requirements for Red Hat Ceph Storage"	
Registering Ceph nodes	Yes	Section 2.4, "Registering Red Hat Ceph Storage Nodes to the CDN and Attaching Subscriptions"	
Enabling Ceph software repositories	Yes	Section 2.5, "Enabling the Red Hat Ceph Storage Repositories"	
Using a RAID controller with OSD nodes	No	Section 2.6, "Considerations for Using a RAID Controller with OSD Nodes (optional)"	Enabling write-back caches on a RAID controller might result in increased small I/O write throughput for OSD nodes.

Task	Required	Section	Recommendation
Configuring the network	Yes	Section 2.8, "Verifying the Network Configuration for Red Hat Ceph Storage"	At minimum, a public network is required. However, a private network for cluster communication is recommended.
Configuring a firewall	No	Section 2.9, "Configuring a firewall for Red Hat Ceph Storage"	A firewall can increase the level of trust for a network.
Creating an Ansible user	Yes	Section 2.10, "Creating an Ansible user with sudo access"	Creating the Ansible user is required on all Ceph nodes.
Enabling password- less SSH	Yes	Section 2.11, "Enabling Password-less SSH for Ansible"	Required for Ansible.



NOTE

By default, **ceph-ansible** installs NTP as a requirement. If NTP is customized, refer to Configuring the Network Time Protocol for Red Hat Ceph Storage in Manually Installing Red Hat Ceph Storage to understand how NTP must be configured to function properly with Ceph.

2.3. OPERATING SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS FOR RED HAT CEPH STORAGE

Red Hat Ceph Storage 3 requires Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7, update 5 or later. Use the same version and architecture across all nodes in the cluster.



IMPORTANT

Red Hat Ceph Storage 3 is not supported on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.



IMPORTANT

Red Hat does not support clusters with heterogeneous operating systems or versions.

Additional Resources

- The Installation Guide for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.
- The System Administrator's Guide for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.

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2.4. REGISTERING RED HAT CEPH STORAGE NODES TO THE CDN AND ATTACHING SUBSCRIPTIONS

Register each Red Hat Ceph Storage (RHCS) node to the Content Delivery Network (CDN) and attach the appropriate subscription so that the node has access to software repositories. Each RHCS node must be able to access the full Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 base content and the extras repository content.



NOTE

For RHCS nodes that cannot access the Internet during the installation, provide the software content by using the Red Hat Satellite server. Alternatively, mount a local Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 Server ISO image and point the RHCS nodes to the ISO image. For additional details, contact Red Hat Support.

For more information on registering Ceph nodes with the Red Hat Satellite server, see the How to Register Ceph with Satellite 6 and How to Register Ceph with Satellite 5 articles on the Red Hat Customer Portal.

Prerequisites

- A valid Red Hat subscription
- RHCS nodes must be able to connect to the Internet.

Procedure

Perform the following steps on all nodes in the storage cluster as the **root** user.

- 1. Register the node. When prompted, enter your Red Hat Customer Portal credentials:
 - # subscription-manager register
- 2. Pull the latest subscription data from the CDN:
 - # subscription-manager refresh
- 3. List all available subscriptions for Red Hat Ceph Storage:
 - # subscription-manager list --available --all --matches="*Ceph*"

Identify the appropriate subscription and retrieve its Pool ID.

4. Attach the subscription:

subscription-manager attach --pool=\$POOL_ID

Replace

- **\$POOL_ID** with the Pool ID identified in the previous step.
- 5. Disable the default software repositories. Then, enable the Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 Server and Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 Server Extras repositories:

```
# subscription-manager repos --disable=*
# subscription-manager repos --enable=rhel-7-server-rpms
# subscription-manager repos --enable=rhel-7-server-extras-rpms
```

6. Update the system to receive the latest packages:

yum update

Additional Resources

- See the Registering a System and Managing Subscriptions chapter in the System Administrator's Guide for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.
- Section 2.5, "Enabling the Red Hat Ceph Storage Repositories"

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2.5. ENABLING THE RED HAT CEPH STORAGE REPOSITORIES

Before you can install Red Hat Ceph Storage, you must choose an installation method. Red Hat Ceph Storage supports two installation methods:

- Content Delivery Network (CDN)
 For Ceph Storage clusters with Ceph nodes that can connect directly to the internet, use Red Hat Subscription Manager to enable the required Ceph repository.
- Local Repository
 For Ceph Storage clusters where security measures preclude nodes from accessing the internet, install Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.3 from a single software build delivered as an ISO image, which will allow you to install local repositories.

Prerequisites

- Valid customer subscription.
- For CDN installations, RHCS nodes must be able to connect to the internet.
- For CDN installations, register the cluster nodes with CDN.
- Disable the EPEL software repository:

```
[root@monitor ~]# yum install yum-utils vim -y [root@monitor ~]# yum-config-manager --disable epel
```

Procedure

For CDN installations:

On the **Ansible administration node**, enable the Red Hat Ceph Storage 3 Tools repository and Ansible repository:

 $[root@admin ~] \# \ subscription-manager \ repos --enable = rhel-7-server-rhceph-3-tools-rpms --enable = rhel-7-server-ansible-2.6-rpms$

For ISO installations:

- 1. Log in to the Red Hat Customer Portal.
- 2. Click **Downloads** to visit the **Software & Download**center.
- 3. In the Red Hat Ceph Storage area, click **Download Software** to download the latest version of the software.

Additional Resources

• The Registering and Managing Subscriptions chapter in the System Administrator's Guide for Red Hat Enterprise Linux.

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2.6. CONSIDERATIONS FOR USING A RAID CONTROLLER WITH OSD NODES (OPTIONAL)

If an OSD node has a RAID controller with 1-2GB of cache installed, enabling the write-back cache might result in increased small I/O write throughput. However, the cache must be non-volatile.

Modern RAID controllers usually have super capacitors that provide enough power to drain volatile memory to non-volatile NAND memory during a power loss event. It is important to understand how a particular controller and its firmware behave after power is restored.

Some RAID controllers require manual intervention. Hard drives typically advertise to the operating system whether their disk caches should be enabled or disabled by default. However, certain RAID controllers and some firmware do not provide such information. Verify that disk level caches are disabled to avoid file system corruption.

Create a single RAID 0 volume with write-back for each Ceph OSD data drive with write-back cache enabled.

If Serial Attached SCSI (SAS) or SATA connected Solid-state Drive (SSD) disks are also present on the RAID controller, then investigate whether the controller and firmware support pass-through mode. Enabling pass-through mode helps avoid caching logic, and generally results in much lower latency for fast media.

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2.7. CONSIDERATIONS FOR USING NVME WITH OBJECT GATEWAY (OPTIONAL)

If you plan to use the Object Gateway feature of Red Hat Ceph Storage and your OSD nodes have NVMe based SSDs or SATA SSDs, consider following the procedures in Ceph Object Gateway for Production to use NVMe with LVM optimally. These procedures explain how to use specially designed Ansible playbooks which will place journals and bucket indexes together on SSDs, which can increase performance compared to having all journals on one device. The information on using NVMe with LVM optimally should be referenced in combination with this Installation Guide.

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2.8. VERIFYING THE NETWORK CONFIGURATION FOR RED HAT CEPH STORAGE

All Red Hat Ceph Storage (RHCS) nodes require a public network. You must have a network interface card configured to a public network where Ceph clients can reach Ceph monitors and Ceph OSD nodes.

You might have a network interface card for a cluster network so that Ceph can conduct heart-beating, peering, replication, and recovery on a network separate from the public network.

Configure the network interface settings and ensure to make the changes persistent.



IMPORTANT

Red Hat does not recommend using a single network interface card for both a public and private network.

Prerequisites

• Network interface card connected to the network.

Procedure

Do the following steps on all RHCS nodes in the storage cluster, as the **root** user.

- 1. Verify the following settings are in the /etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/ifcfg-* file corresponding the public-facing network interface card:
 - a. The **BOOTPROTO** parameter is set to **none** for static IP addresses.
 - b. The **ONBOOT** parameter must be set to **yes**.
 If it is set to **no**, the Ceph storage cluster might fail to peer on reboot.
 - c. If you intend to use IPv6 addressing, you must set the IPv6 parameters such as IPV6INIT to yes, except the IPv6_FAILURE_FATAL parameter.
 Also, edit the Ceph configuration file, /etc/ceph/ceph.conf, to instruct Ceph to use IPv6, otherwise, Ceph will use IPv4.

Additional Resources

- For details on configuring network interface scripts for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7, see the Configuring a Network Interface Using ifcfg Files chapter in the Networking Guide for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.
- For more information on network configuration see the *Network Configuration Reference* chapter in the *Configuration Guide* for Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.

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2.9. CONFIGURING A FIREWALL FOR RED HAT CEPH STORAGE

Red Hat Ceph Storage (RHCS) uses the **firewalld** service.

The Monitor daemons use port 6789 for communication within the Ceph storage cluster.

On each Ceph OSD node, the OSD daemons use several ports in the range 6800-7300:

- One for communicating with clients and monitors over the public network
- One for sending data to other OSDs over a cluster network, if available; otherwise, over the public network

• One for exchanging heartbeat packets over a cluster network, if available; otherwise, over the public network

The Ceph Manager (**ceph-mgr**) daemons use ports in range **6800-7300**. Consider colocating the **ceph-mgr** daemons with Ceph Monitors on same nodes.

The Ceph Metadata Server nodes (ceph-mds) use ports in the range 6800-7300.

The Ceph Object Gateway nodes are configured by Ansible to use port **8080** by default. However, you can change the default port, for example to port **80**.

To use the SSL/TLS service, open port 443.

Prerequisite

• Network hardware is connected.

Procedure

Run the following commands as the **root** user.

1. On all RHCS nodes, start the **firewalld** service. Enable it to run on boot, and ensure that it is running:

```
# systemctl enable firewalld
# systemctl start firewalld
# systemctl status firewalld
```

2. On all Monitor nodes, open port 6789 on the public network:

```
[root@monitor ~]# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-port=6789/tcp [root@monitor ~]# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-port=6789/tcp --permanent
```

To limit access based on the source address:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-rich-rule="rule family="ipv4" \ source address="IP\_address/netmask\_prefix" port protocol="tcp" \ port="6789" accept"
```

```
firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-rich-rule="rule family="ipv4" \ source address="IP\_address/netmask\_prefix" port protocol="tcp" \ port="6789" accept" --permanent
```

Replace

- **IP address** with the network address of the Monitor node.
- netmask_prefix with the netmask in CIDR notation.

Example

```
[root@monitor ~]# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-rich-rule="rule family="ipv4" \ source address="192.168.0.11/24" port protocol="tcp" \ port="6789" accept"
```

```
[root@monitor \sim]# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-rich-rule="rule family="ipv4" \ source address="192.168.0.11/24" port protocol="tcp" \ port="6789" accept" --permanent
```

3. On all OSD nodes, open ports **6800-7300** on the public network:

```
[root@osd ~]# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-port=6800-7300/tcp [root@osd ~]# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-port=6800-7300/tcp --permanent
```

If you have a separate cluster network, repeat the commands with the appropriate zone.

4. On all Ceph Manager (**ceph-mgr**) nodes (usually the same nodes as Monitor ones), open ports **6800-7300** on the public network:

```
[root@monitor ~]# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-port=6800-7300/tcp [root@monitor ~]# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-port=6800-7300/tcp --permanent
```

If you have a separate cluster network, repeat the commands with the appropriate zone.

5. On all Ceph Metadata Server (ceph-mds) nodes, open port 6800 on the public network:

```
[root@monitor ~]# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-port=6800/tcp [root@monitor ~]# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-port=6800/tcp --permanent
```

If you have a separate cluster network, repeat the commands with the appropriate zone.

- 6. On all Ceph Object Gateway nodes, open the relevant port or ports on the public network.
 - a. To open the default Ansible configured port of 8080:

```
[root@gateway ~]# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-port=8080/tcp [root@gateway ~]# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-port=8080/tcp --permanent
```

To limit access based on the source address:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-rich-rule="rule family="ipv4" \ source address="IP\_address/netmask\_prefix" port protocol="tcp" \ port="8080" accept"
```

```
firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-rich-rule="rule family="ipv4" \ source address="IP\_address/netmask\_prefix" port protocol="tcp" \ port="8080" accept" --permanent
```

Replace

- **IP_address** with the network address of the object gateway node.
- **netmask prefix** with the netmask in CIDR notation.

Example

[root@gateway ~]# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-rich-rule="rule family="ipv4" \ source address="192.168.0.31/24" port protocol="tcp" \ port="8080" accept"

```
[root@gateway \sim]# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-rich-rule="rule family="ipv4" \ source address="192.168.0.31/24" port protocol="tcp" \ port="8080" accept" --permanent
```

b. Optional. If you installed Ceph Object Gateway using Ansible and changed the default port that Ansible configures Ceph Object Gateway to use from 8080, for example, to port 80, open this port:

```
[root@gateway ~]# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-port=80/tcp [root@gateway ~]# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-port=80/tcp --permanent
```

To limit access based on the source address, run the following commands:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-rich-rule="rule family="ipv4" \ source address="IP\_address/netmask\_prefix" port protocol="tcp" \ port="80" accept"
```

```
firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-rich-rule="rule family="ipv4" \ source address="IP\_address/netmask\_prefix" port protocol="tcp" \ port="80" accept" --permanent
```

Replace

- **IP_address** with the network address of the object gateway node.
- **netmask_prefix** with the netmask in CIDR notation.

Example

```
[root@gateway ~]# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-rich-rule="rule family="ipv4" \ source address="192.168.0.31/24" port protocol="tcp" \ port="80" accept"
```

```
[root@gateway \sim]# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-rich-rule="rule family="ipv4" \ source address="192.168.0.31/24" port protocol="tcp" \ port="80" accept" --permanent
```

c. Optional. To use SSL/TLS, open port 443:

```
[root@gateway ~]# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-port=443/tcp [root@gateway ~]# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-port=443/tcp --permanent
```

To limit access based on the source address, run the following commands:

```
firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-rich-rule="rule family="ipv4" \ source address="IP\_address/netmask\_prefix" port protocol="tcp" \ port="443" accept"
```

firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-rich-rule="rule family="ipv4" \ source address=" $IP_address/netmask_prefix$ " port protocol="tcp" \ port="443" accept" --permanent

Replace

- **IP_address** with the network address of the object gateway node.
- **netmask_prefix** with the netmask in CIDR notation.

Example

```
[root@gateway ~]# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-rich-rule="rule family="ipv4" \ source address="192.168.0.31/24" port protocol="tcp" \ port="443" accept" [root@gateway ~]# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-rich-rule="rule family="ipv4" \ source address="192.168.0.31/24" port protocol="tcp" \ port="443" accept" --permanent
```

Additional Resources

- For more information about public and cluster network, see Verifying the Network Configuration for Red Hat Ceph Storage.
- For additional details on **firewalld**, see the Using Firewalls chapter in the Security Guide for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.

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2.10. CREATING AN ANSIBLE USER WITH SUDO ACCESS

Ansible must be able to log into all the Red Hat Ceph Storage (RHCS) nodes as a user that has **root** privileges to install software and create configuration files without prompting for a password. You must create an Ansible user with password-less **root** access on all nodes in the storage cluster when deploying and configuring a Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster with Ansible.

Prerequisite

• Having **root** or **sudo** access to all nodes in the storage cluster.

Procedure

1. Log in to a Ceph node as the **root** user:

```
ssh root@$HOST_NAME
```

Replace

• **\$HOST_NAME** with the host name of the Ceph node.

Example

ssh root@mon01

Enter the **root** password when prompted.

2. Create a new Ansible user:

adduser \$USER_NAME

Replace

• **\$USER_NAME** with the new user name for the Ansible user.

Example

adduser admin



IMPORTANT

Do not use **ceph** as the user name. The **ceph** user name is reserved for the Ceph daemons. A uniform user name across the cluster can improve ease of use, but avoid using obvious user names, because intruders typically use them for bruteforce attacks.

3. Set a new password for this user:

passwd \$USER_NAME

Replace

• **\$USER_NAME** with the new user name for the Ansible user.

Example

passwd admin

Enter the new password twice when prompted.

4. Configure **sudo** access for the newly created user:

cat << EOF >/etc/sudoers.d/\$USER_NAME \$USER_NAME ALL = (root) NOPASSWD:ALL EOF

Replace

• **\$USER_NAME** with the new user name for the Ansible user.

Example

cat << EOF >/etc/sudoers.d/admin admin ALL = (root) NOPASSWD:ALL EOF

5. Assign the correct file permissions to the new file:

chmod 0440 /etc/sudoers.d/\$USER_NAME

Replace

• **\$USER_NAME** with the new user name for the Ansible user.

Example

chmod 0440 /etc/sudoers.d/admin

Additional Resources

• The Adding a New User section in the System Administrator's Guide for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.

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2.11. ENABLING PASSWORD-LESS SSH FOR ANSIBLE

Generate an SSH key pair on the Ansible administration node and distribute the public key to each node in the storage cluster so that Ansible can access the nodes without being prompted for a password.

Prerequisites

Create an Ansible user with sudo access.

Procedure

Do the following steps from the Ansible administration node, and as the Ansible user.

- 1. Generate the SSH key pair, accept the default file name and leave the passphrase empty:
 - [user@admin ~]\$ ssh-keygen
- 2. Copy the public key to all nodes in the storage cluster:

ssh-copy-id \$USER_NAME@\$HOST_NAME

Replace

- **\$USER_NAME** with the new user name for the Ansible user.
- **\$HOST_NAME** with the host name of the Ceph node.

Example

[user@admin ~]\$ ssh-copy-id admin@ceph-mon01

3. Create and edit the ~/.ssh/config file.



IMPORTANT

By creating and editing the ~/.ssh/config file you do not have to specify the -u \$USER_NAME option each time you execute the ansible-playbook command.

a. Create the SSH config file:

[user@admin ~]\$ touch ~/.ssh/config

b. Open the **config** file for editing. Set the **Hostname** and **User** options for each node in the storage cluster:

Host node1
Hostname \$HOST_NAME
User \$USER_NAME
Host node2
Hostname \$HOST_NAME
User \$USER_NAME
...

Replace

- **\$HOST_NAME** with the host name of the Ceph node.
- **\$USER_NAME** with the new user name for the Ansible user.

Example

Host node1
Hostname monitor
User admin
Host node2
Hostname osd
User admin
Host node3
Hostname gateway
User admin

4. Set the correct file permissions for the ~/.ssh/config file:

[admin@admin ~]\$ chmod 600 ~/.ssh/config

Additional Resources

- The **ssh config(5)** manual page
- The OpenSSH chapter in the System Administrator's Guide for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7

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CHAPTER 3. DEPLOYING RED HAT CEPH STORAGE

This chapter describes how to use the Ansible application to deploy a Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster and other components, such as Metadata Servers or the Ceph Object Gateway.

- To install a Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster, see Section 3.2, "Installing a Red Hat Ceph Storage Cluster".
- To install Metadata Servers, see Section 3.4, "Installing Metadata Servers".
- To install the ceph-client role, see Section 3.5, "Installing the Ceph Client Role".
- To install the Ceph Object Gateway, see Section 3.6, "Installing the Ceph Object Gateway".
- To configure a multisite Ceph Object Gateway, see Section 3.6.1, "Configuring a multisite Ceph Object Gateway".
- To learn about the Ansible --limit option, see Section 3.8, "Understanding the limit option".

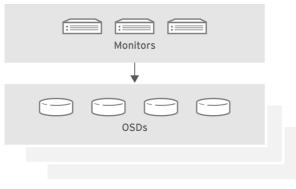
3.1. PREREQUISITES

- Obtain a valid customer subscription.
- Prepare the cluster nodes. On each node:
 - Register the node to the Content Delivery Network (CDN) and attach subscriptions .
 - Enable the appropriate software repositories .
 - Create an Ansible user.
 - Enable passwordless SSH access.
 - Optional. Configure firewall.

3.2. INSTALLING A RED HAT CEPH STORAGE CLUSTER

Use the Ansible application with the **ceph-ansible** playbook to install Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.

Production Ceph storage clusters start with a minimum of three monitor hosts and three OSD nodes containing multiple OSD daemons.



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Prerequisites

• Using the root account on the Ansible administration node, install the **ceph-ansible** package:

[root@admin ~]# yum install ceph-ansible

Procedure

Run the following commands from the Ansible administration node unless instructed otherwise.

- 1. As the Ansible user, create the **ceph-ansible-keys** directory where Ansible stores temporary values generated by the **ceph-ansible** playbook.
 - [user@admin ~]\$ mkdir ~/ceph-ansible-keys
- 2. As root, create a symbolic link to the /usr/share/ceph-ansible/group_vars directory in the /etc/ansible/ directory:
 - [root@admin ~]# In -s /usr/share/ceph-ansible/group_vars /etc/ansible/group_vars
- 3. Navigate to the /usr/share/ceph-ansible/ directory:
 - [root@admin ~]\$ cd /usr/share/ceph-ansible
- 4. Create new copies of the **yml.sample** files:

[root@admin ceph-ansible]# cp group_vars/all.yml.sample group_vars/all.yml [root@admin ceph-ansible]# cp group_vars/osds.yml.sample group_vars/osds.yml [root@admin ceph-ansible]# cp site.yml.sample site.yml

- 5. Edit the copied files.
 - a. Edit the **group_vars/all.yml** file. See the table below for the most common required and optional parameters to uncomment. Note that the table does not include all parameters.



IMPORTANT

Do not set the **cluster: ceph** parameter to any value other than **ceph** because using custom cluster names is not supported.

Table 3.1. General Ansible Settings

Option	Value	Required	Notes

Option	Value	Required	Notes
ceph_origin	repository or distro or local	Yes	The repository value means Ceph will be installed through a new repository. The distro value means that no separate repository file will be added, and you will get whatever version of Ceph that is included with the Linux distribution. The local value means the Ceph binaries will be copied from the local machine.
ceph_repository_t ype	cdn or iso	Yes	
ceph_rhcs_versio	3	Yes	
ceph_rhcs_iso_p ath	The path to the ISO image	Yes if using an ISO image	
monitor_interface	The interface that the Monitor nodes listen to	monitor_interface, monitor_address, or monitor_address_ block is required	
monitor_address	The address that the Monitor nodes listen to		
monitor_address_ block	The subnet of the Ceph public network		Use when the IP addresses of the nodes are unknown, but the subnet is known
ip_version	ipv6	Yes if using IPv6 addressing	

Option	Value	Required	Notes
public_network	The IP address and netmask of the Ceph public network, or the corresponding IPv6 address if using IPv6	Yes	Section 2.8, "Verifying the Network Configuration for Red Hat Ceph Storage"
cluster_network	The IP address and netmask of the Ceph cluster network	No, defaults to public_network	
configure_firewall	Ansible will try to configure the appropriate firewall rules	No. Either set the value to true or false .	

An example of the **all.yml** file can look like:

ceph_origin: repository ceph_repository: rhcs ceph_repository_type: cdn ceph_rhcs_version: 3 monitor_interface: eth0

public_network: 192.168.0.0/24



NOTE

Having the **ceph_rhcs_version** option set to **3** will pull in the latest version of Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.



WARNING

By default, Ansible attempts to restart an installed, but masked **firewalld** service, which can cause the Red Hat Ceph Storage deployment to fail. To work around this issue, set the **configure_firewall** option to **false** in the **all.yml** file. If you are running the **firewalld** service, then there is no requirement to use the **configure_firewall** option in the **all.yml** file.

For additional details, see the all.yml file.

b. Edit the **group_vars/osds.yml** file. See the table below for the most common required and optional parameters to uncomment. Note that the table does not include all parameters.



IMPORTANT

Use a different physical device to install an OSD than the device where the operating system is installed. Sharing the same device between the operating system and OSDs causes performance issues.

Table 3.2. OSD Ansible Settings

Option	Value	Required	Notes
osd_scenario	collocated to use the same device for write-ahead logging and key/value data (BlueStore) or journal (FileStore) and OSD data non-collocated to use a dedicated device, such as SSD or NVMe media to store write-ahead log and key/value data (BlueStore) or journal data (FileStore) Ivm to use the Logical Volume Manager to store OSD data	Yes	When using osd_scenario: non-collocated, ceph-ansible expects the variables devices and dedicated_device s to match. For example, if you specify 10 disks in devices, you must specify 10 entries in dedicated_device s.
osd_auto_discov ery	true to automatically discover OSDs	Yes if using osd_scenario: collocated	Cannot be used when devices setting is used
devices	List of devices where ceph data is stored	Yes to specify the list of devices	Cannot be used when osd_auto_discov ery setting is used. When using lvm as the osd_scenario and setting the devices option, ceph-volume lvm batch mode creates the optimized OSD configuration.

Option	Value	Required	Notes
dedicated_device s	List of dedicated devices for non- collocated OSDs where ceph journal is stored	Yes if osd_scenario: non-collocated	Should be nonpartitioned devices
dmcrypt	true to encrypt OSDs	No	Defaults to false
lvm_volumes	A list of FileStore or BlueStore dictionaries	Yes if using osd_scenario: lvm and storage devices are not defined using devices	Each dictionary must contain a data, journal and data_vg keys. Any logical volume or volume group must be the name and not the full path. The data, and journal keys can be a logical volume (LV) or partition, but do not use one journal for multiple data LVs. The data_vg key must be the volume group containing the data LV. Optionally, the journal_vg key can be used to specify the volume group containing the journal LV, if applicable. See the examples below for various supported configurations.
osds_per_device	The number of OSDs to create per device.	No	Defaults to 1
osd_objectstore	The Ceph object store type for the OSDs.	No	Defaults to bluestore . The other option is filestore . Required for upgrades.

The following are examples of the **osds.yml** file when using the three OSD scenarios: **collocated**, **non-collocated**, and **lvm**. The default OSD object store format is BlueStore, if not specified.

Collocated

osd_objectstore: filestore osd_scenario: collocated devices:

- /dev/sda- /dev/sdb

Non-collocated - BlueStore

osd_objectstore: bluestore osd_scenario: non-collocated

devices:

- /dev/sda
- /dev/sdb
- /dev/sdc
- /dev/sdd

dedicated_devices:

- /dev/nvme0n1
- /dev/nvme0n1
- /dev/nvme1n1
- /dev/nvme1n1

This non-collocated example will create four BlueStore OSDs, one per device. In this example, the traditional hard drives (**sda**, **sdb**, **sdc**, **sdd**) are used for object data, and the solid state drives (SSDs) (/dev/nvme0n1, /dev/nvme1n1) are used for the BlueStore databases and write-ahead logs. This configuration pairs the /dev/sda and /dev/sdb devices with the /dev/nvme0n1 device, and pairs the /dev/sdc and /dev/sdd devices with the /dev/nvme1n1 device.

Non-collocated - FileStore

osd_objectstore: filestore osd scenario: non-collocated

devices:

- /dev/sda
- /dev/sdb
- /dev/sdc
- /dev/sdd

dedicated_devices:

- /dev/nvme0n1
- /dev/nvme0n1
- /dev/nvme1n1
- /dev/nvme1n1

LVM simple

osd_objectstore: bluestore osd_scenario: lvm

devices:

- /dev/sda
- /dev/sdb

or

osd_objectstore: bluestore osd scenario: lvm

devices:

- /dev/sda
- /dev/sdb
- /dev/nvme0n1

With these simple configurations **ceph-ansible** uses batch mode (**ceph-volume lvm batch**) to create the OSDs.

In the first scenario, if the **devices** are traditional hard drives or SSDs, then one OSD per device is created.

In the second scenario, when there is a mix of traditional hard drives and SSDs, the data is placed on the traditional hard drives (**sda**, **sdb**) and the BlueStore database (**block.db**) is created as large as possible on the SSD (**nvme0n1**).

LVM advance

osd_objectstore: filestore
osd_scenario: lvm
lvm_volumes:
 - data: data-lv1
 data_vg: vg1
 journal: journal-lv1
 journal_vg: vg2
 - data: data-lv2
 journal: /dev/sda
 data_vg: vg1

or

osd_objectstore: bluestore
osd_scenario: lvm
lvm_volumes:
 - data: data-lv1
 data_vg: data-vg1
 db: db-lv1
 db_vg: db-vg1
 wal: wal-lv1
 wal_vg: wal-vg1
 - data: data-lv2
 data_vg: data-vg2
 db: db-lv2
 db_vg: db-vg2
 wal: wal-lv2
 wal_vg: wal-vg2
 wal_vg: wal-vg2

With these advance scenario examples, the volume groups and logical volumes must be created beforehand. They will not be created by **ceph-ansible**.



NOTE

If using all NVMe SSDs set the **osd_scenario: lvm** and **osds_per_device: 4** options. For more information, see *Configuring OSD Ansible settings for all NVMe Storage* for Red Hat Enterprise Linux or *Configuring OSD Ansible settings for all NVMe Storage* for Ubuntu in the Red Hat Ceph Storage *Installation Guides*.

For additional details, see the comments in the **osds.yml** file.

- Edit the Ansible inventory file located by default at /etc/ansible/hosts. Remember to comment out example hosts.
 - a. Add the Monitor nodes under the **[mons]** section:

```
[mons]
<monitor-host-name>
<monitor-host-name>
```

b. Add OSD nodes under the **[osds]** section. If the nodes have sequential naming, consider using a range:

```
[osds]
<osd-host-name[1:10]>
```



NOTE

For OSDs in a new installation, the default object store format is BlueStore.

Optionally, use the **devices** parameter to specify devices that the OSD nodes will use. Use a comma-separated list to list multiple devices.

```
[osds] <ceph-host-name> devices="[ '<device_1>', '<device_2>' ]"
```

For example:

```
[osds]
ceph-osd-01 devices="[ '/dev/sdb', '/dev/sdc' ]"
ceph-osd-02 devices="[ '/dev/sdb', '/dev/sdc', '/dev/sdd' ]"
```

When specifying no devices, set the **osd_auto_discovery** option to **true** in the **osds.yml** file.



NOTE

Using the **devices** parameter is useful when OSDs use devices with different names or when one of the devices failed on one of the OSDs.

Optionally, if you want **ansible-playbook** to create a custom CRUSH hierarchy, specify where you want the OSD hosts to be in the CRUSH map's hierarchy by using the **osd_crush_location** parameter. You must specify at least two CRUSH bucket types to

specify the location of the OSD, and one bucket **type** must be **host**. By default, these include **root**, **datacenter**, **room**, **row**, **pod**, **pdu**, **rack**, **chassis** and **host**.

For example:

```
[osds] ceph-osd-01 osd_crush_location="{ 'root': 'mon-root', 'rack': 'mon-rack', 'pod': 'monpod', 'host': 'ceph-osd-01' }"
```

c. Add the Ceph Manager (**ceph-mgr**) nodes under the **[mgrs]** section. Colocate the Ceph Manager daemon with Monitor nodes.

```
[mgrs]
<monitor-host-name>
<monitor-host-name>
```

- 7. As the Ansible user, ensure that Ansible can reach the Ceph hosts:
 - [user@admin ~]\$ ansible all -m ping
- 8. Add the following line to the /etc/ansible/ansible.cfg file:

```
retry_files_save_path = ~/
```

9. As **root**, create the /**var/log/ansible**/ directory and assign the appropriate permissions for the **ansible** user:

```
[root@admin ~]# mkdir /var/log/ansible
[root@admin ~]# chown ansible:ansible /var/log/ansible
[root@admin ~]# chmod 755 /var/log/ansible
```

a. Edit the /usr/share/ceph-ansible/ansible.cfg file, updating the log path value as follows:

```
log_path = /var/log/ansible/ansible.log
```

- 10. As the Ansible user, change to the /usr/share/ceph-ansible/ directory:
 - [user@admin ~]\$ cd /usr/share/ceph-ansible/
- 11. Run the **ceph-ansible** playbook:
 - [user@admin ceph-ansible]\$ ansible-playbook site.yml



NOTE

To increase the deployment speed, use the **--forks** option to **ansible-playbook**. By default, **ceph-ansible** sets forks to **20**. With this setting, up to twenty nodes will be installed at the same time. To install up to thirty nodes at a time, run **ansible-playbook --forks 30** *PLAYBOOK FILE*. The resources on the admin node must be monitored to ensure they are not overused. If they are, lower the number passed to **--forks**.

12. Using the root account on a Monitor node, verify the status of the Ceph cluster:

[root@monitor ~]# ceph health HEALTH_OK

- 13. Verify the cluster is functioning using **rados**.
 - a. From a monitor node, create a test pool with eight placement groups:Syntax

[root@monitor ~]# ceph osd pool create <pool-name> <pg-number>

Example

- [root@monitor ~]# ceph osd pool create test 8
- b. Create a file called **hello-world.txt**:

Syntax

[root@monitor ~]# vim <file-name>

Example

[root@monitor ~]# vim hello-world.txt

c. Upload **hello-world.txt** to the test pool using the object name **hello-world**:Syntax

[root@monitor ~]# rados --pool <pool-name> put <object-name> <object-file>

Example

[root@monitor ~]# rados --pool test put hello-world hello-world.txt

d. Download **hello-world** from the test pool as file name **fetch.txt**:
 Syntax

[root@monitor ~]# rados --pool <pool-name> get <object-name> <object-file>

Example

[root@monitor ~]# rados --pool test get hello-world fetch.txt

e. Check the contents of fetch.txt:

[root@monitor ~]# cat fetch.txt

The output should be:

"Hello World!"



NOTE

In addition to verifying the cluster status, you can use the **ceph-medic** utility to overall diagnose the Ceph Storage Cluster. See the *Installing and Using* **ceph-medic** to Diagnose a Ceph Storage Cluster chapter in the Red Hat Ceph Storage 3 *Troubleshooting Guide*.

3.3. CONFIGURING OSD ANSIBLE SETTINGS FOR ALL NVME STORAGE

To optimize performance when using only non-volatile memory express (NVMe) devices for storage, configure four OSDs on each NVMe device. Normally only one OSD is configured per device, which will underutilize the throughput of an NVMe device.



NOTE

If you mix SSDs and HDDs, then SSDs will be used for either journals or **block.db**, not OSDs.



NOTE

In testing, configuring four OSDs on each NVMe device was found to provide optimal performance. It is recommended to set **osds_per_device: 4**, but it is not required. Other values may provide better performance in your environment.

Prerequisites

• Satisfying all software and hardware requirements for a Ceph cluster.

Procedure

1. Set osd_scenario: lvm and osds_per_device: 4 in group_vars/osds.yml:

osd_scenario: lvm osds_per_device: 4

2. List the NVMe devices under devices:

devices:

- /dev/nvme0n1
- /dev/nvme1n1
- /dev/nvme2n1
- /dev/nvme3n1

3. The settings in **group_vars/osds.yml** will look similar to this example:

osd_scenario: lvm osds_per_device: 4 devices:

- /dev/nvme0n1
- /dev/nvme1n1
- /dev/nvme2n1
- /dev/nvme3n1



NOTE

You must use **devices** with this configuration, not **lvm_volumes**. This is because **lvm_volumes** is generally used with pre-created logical volumes and **osds_per_device** implies automatic logical volume creation by Ceph.

Additional Resources

- Installing a Red Hat Ceph Storage Cluster on Red Hat Enterprise Linux
- Installing a Red Hat Ceph Storage Cluster on Ubuntu

3.4. INSTALLING METADATA SERVERS

Use the Ansible automation application to install a Ceph Metadata Server (MDS). Metadata Server daemons are necessary for deploying a Ceph File System.

Prerequisites

• A working Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster.

Procedure

Perform the following steps on the Ansible administration node.

1. Add a new section [mdss] to the /etc/ansible/hosts file:

[mdss]
hostname
hostname
hostname

Replace *hostname* with the host names of the nodes where you want to install the Ceph Metadata Servers.

- 2. Navigate to the /usr/share/ceph-ansible directory:
 - [root@admin ~]# cd /usr/share/ceph-ansible
- 3. Optional. Change the default variables.
 - a. Create a copy of the **group_vars/mdss.yml.sample** file named **mdss.yml**:

[root@admin ceph-ansible]# cp group_vars/mdss.yml.sample group_vars/mdss.yml

- b. Optionally, edit parameters in **mdss.yml**. See **mdss.yml** for details.
- 4. As the Ansible user, run the Ansible playbook:
 - [user@admin ceph-ansible]\$ ansible-playbook site.yml --limit mdss
- 5. After installing Metadata Servers, configure them. For details, see the *Configuring Metadata Server Daemons* chapter in the Ceph File System Guide for Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.

Additional Resources

- The Ceph File System Guide for Red Hat Ceph Storage 3
- Understanding the **limit** option

3.5. INSTALLING THE CEPH CLIENT ROLE

The **ceph-ansible** utility provides the **ceph-client** role that copies the Ceph configuration file and the administration keyring to nodes. In addition, you can use this role to create custom pools and clients.

Prerequisites

- A running Ceph storage cluster, preferably in the **active + clean** state.
- Perform the tasks listed in Chapter 2, Requirements for Installing Red Hat Ceph Storage .

Procedure

Perform the following tasks on the Ansible administration node.

1. Add a new section [clients] to the /etc/ansible/hosts file:

[clients] <client-hostname>

Replace **<cli>ent-hostname>** with the host name of the node where you want to install the **ceph-client** role.

- 2. Navigate to the /usr/share/ceph-ansible directory:
 - [root@admin ~]# cd /usr/share/ceph-ansible
- 3. Create a new copy of the clients.yml.sample file named clients.yml:
 - [root@admin ceph-ansible ~]# cp group_vars/clients.yml.sample group_vars/clients.yml
- 4. Open the **group_vars/clients.yml** file, and uncomment the following lines:

keys:

- { name: client.test, caps: { mon: "allow r", osd: "allow class-read object_prefix rbd_children, allow rwx pool=test" }, mode: "{{ ceph_keyring_permissions }}" }
- a. Replace **client.test** with the real client name, and add the client key to the client definition line, for example:

key: "ADD-KEYRING-HERE=="

Now the whole line example would look similar to this:

- { name: client.test, key: "AQAin8tUMICVFBAALRHNrV0Z4MXupRw4v9JQ6Q==", caps: { mon: "allow r", osd: "allow class-read object_prefix rbd_children, allow rwx pool=test" }, mode: "{{ ceph_keyring_permissions }}" }



NOTE

The **ceph-authtool --gen-print-key** command can generate a new client key.

- 5. Optionally, instruct **ceph-client** to create pools and clients.
 - a. Update clients.yml.
 - Uncomment the **user config** setting and set it to **true**.
 - Uncomment the **pools** and **keys** sections and update them as required. You can define
 custom pools and client names altogether with the **cephx** capabilities.
 - b. Add the **osd_pool_default_pg_num** setting to the **ceph_conf_overrides** section in the **all.yml** file:

```
ceph_conf_overrides:
   global:
    osd_pool_default_pg_num: <number>
```

Replace <number> with the default number of placement groups.

6. Run the Ansible playbook:

[user@admin ceph-ansible]\$ ansible-playbook site.yml --limit clients

Additional Resources

Section 3.8, "Understanding the limit option"

3.6. INSTALLING THE CEPH OBJECT GATEWAY

The Ceph Object Gateway, also know as the RADOS gateway, is an object storage interface built on top of the **librados** API to provide applications with a RESTful gateway to Ceph storage clusters.

Prerequisites

- A running Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster, preferably in the active + clean state.
- On the Ceph Object Gateway node, perform the tasks listed in Chapter 2, Requirements for Installing Red Hat Ceph Storage.

Procedure

Perform the following tasks on the Ansible administration node.

1. Add gateway hosts to the /etc/ansible/hosts file under the [rgws] section to identify their roles to Ansible. If the hosts have sequential naming, use a range, for example:

```
[rgws]
<rgw_host_name_1>
<rgw_host_name_2>
<rgw_host_name[3..10]>
```

2. Navigate to the Ansible configuration directory:

[root@ansible ~]# cd /usr/share/ceph-ansible

3. Create the **rgws.yml** file from the sample file:

[root@ansible ~]# cp group_vars/rgws.yml.sample group_vars/rgws.yml

4. Open and edit the **group_vars/rgws.yml** file. To copy the administrator key to the Ceph Object Gateway node, uncomment the **copy_admin_key** option:

```
copy_admin_key: true
```

5. The **rgws.yml** file may specify a different default port than the default port **7480**. For example:

```
ceph_rgw_civetweb_port: 80
```

6. The **all.yml** file **MUST** specify a **radosgw_interface**. For example:

```
radosgw_interface: eth0
```

Specifying the interface prevents Civetweb from binding to the same IP address as another Civetweb instance when running multiple instances on the same host.

7. Generally, to change default settings, uncomment the settings in the rgw.yml file, and make changes accordingly. To make additional changes to settings that are not in the rgw.yml file, use ceph_conf_overrides: in the all.yml file. For example, set the rgw_dns_name: with the host of the DNS server and ensure the cluster's DNS server to configure it for wild cards to enable S3 subdomains.

```
ceph_conf_overrides:
    client.rgw.rgw1:
    rgw_dns_name: <host_name>
    rgw_override_bucket_index_max_shards: 16
    rgw_bucket_default_quota_max_objects: 1638400
```

For advanced configuration details, see the Red Hat Ceph Storage 3 *Ceph Object Gateway for Production* guide. Advanced topics include:

- Configuring Ansible Groups
- Developing Storage Strategies. See the Creating the Root Pool, Creating System Pools, and Creating Data Placement Strategies sections for additional details on how create and configure the pools.

See Bucket Sharding for configuration details on bucket sharding.

8. Uncomment the radosgw_interface parameter in the group_vars/all.yml file.

radosgw_interface: <interface>

Replace:

• <interface> with the interface that the Ceph Object Gateway nodes listen to

For additional details, see the all.yml file.

9. Run the Ansible playbook:

[user@admin ceph-ansible]\$ ansible-playbook site.yml --limit rgws



NOTE

Ansible ensures that each Ceph Object Gateway is running.

For a single site configuration, add Ceph Object Gateways to the Ansible configuration.

For multi-site deployments, you should have an Ansible configuration for each zone. That is, Ansible will create a Ceph storage cluster and gateway instances for that zone.

After installation for a multi-site cluster is complete, proceed to the Multi-site chapter in the *Object Gateway Guide for Red Hat Enterprise Linux* for details on configuring a cluster for multi-site.

Additional Resources

- Section 3.8, "Understanding the limit option"
- The Object Gateway Guide for Red Hat Enterprise Linux

3.6.1. Configuring a multisite Ceph Object Gateway

Ansible will configure the realm, zonegroup, along with the master and secondary zones for a Ceph Object Gateway in a multisite environment.

Prerequisites

- Two running Red Hat Ceph Storage clusters.
- On the Ceph Object Gateway node, perform the tasks listed in the *Requirements for Installing Red Hat Ceph Storage* found in the *Red Hat Ceph Storage Installation Guide*.
- Install and configure one Ceph Object Gateway per storage cluster.

Procedure

- 1. Do the following steps on Ansible node for the primary storage cluster:
 - a. Generate the system keys and capture their output in the **multi-site-keys.txt** file:

[root@ansible ~]# echo system_access_key: \$(cat /dev/urandom | tr -dc 'a-zA-Z0-9' | fold -w 20 | head -n 1) > multi-site-keys.txt [root@ansible ~]# echo system_secret_key: \$(cat /dev/urandom | tr -dc 'a-zA-Z0-9' | fold -w 40 | head -n 1) >> multi-site-keys.txt

b. Navigate to the Ansible configuration directory, /usr/share/ceph-ansible:

[root@ansible ~]# cd /usr/share/ceph-ansible

c. Open and edit the group_vars/all.yml file. Enable multisite support by adding the following options, along with updating the \$ZONE_NAME, \$ZONE_GROUP_NAME, \$REALM_NAME, \$ACCESS_KEY, and \$SECRET_KEY values accordingly. When more than one Ceph Object Gateway is in the master zone, then the rgw_multisite_endpoints option needs to be set. The value for the rgw_multisite_endpoints option is a comma separated list, with no spaces.

Example

```
rgw_multisite: true
rgw_zone: $ZONE_NAME
rgw_zonemaster: true
rgw_zonesecondary: false
rgw_multisite_endpoint_addr: "{{ ansible_fqdn }}"
rgw_multisite_endpoints:
http://foo.example.com:8080,http://bar.example.com:8080,http://baz.example.com:8080
rgw_zonegroup: $ZONE_GROUP_NAME
rgw_zone_user: zone.user
rgw_realm: $REALM_NAME
system_access_key: $ACCESS_KEY
system_secret_key: $SECRET_KEY
```



NOTE

The **ansible_fqdn** domain name must be resolvable from the secondary storage cluster.



NOTE

When adding a new Object Gateway, append it to the end of the **rgw_multisite_endpoints** list with the endpoint URL of the new Object Gateway before running the Ansible playbook.

- d. Run the Ansible playbook:
 - [user@ansible ceph-ansible]\$ ansible-playbook site.yml --limit rgws
- e. Restart the Ceph Object Gateway daemon:
 - [root@rgw ~]# systemctl restart ceph-radosgw@rgw.`hostname -s`
- 2. Do the following steps on Ansible node for the secondary storage cluster:
 - a. Navigate to the Ansible configuration directory, /usr/share/ceph-ansible:

[root@ansible ~]# cd /usr/share/ceph-ansible

b. Open and edit the group_vars/all.yml file. Enable multisite support by adding the following options, along with updating the \$ZONE_NAME, \$ZONE_GROUP_NAME, \$REALM_NAME, \$ACCESS_KEY, and \$SECRET_KEY values accordingly: The rgw_zone_user, system_access_key, and system_secret_key must be the same value as used in the master zone configuration. The rgw_pullhost option must be the Ceph Object Gateway for the master zone.

When more than one Ceph Object Gateway is in the secondary zone, then the **rgw_multisite_endpoints** option needs to be set. The value for the **rgw_multisite_endpoints** option is a comma separated list, with no spaces.

Example

```
rgw_multisite: true
rgw_zone: $ZONE_NAME
rgw_zonemaster: false
rgw_zonesecondary: true
rgw_multisite_endpoint_addr: "{{ ansible_fqdn }}"
rgw_multisite_endpoints:
http://foo.example.com:8080,http://bar.example.com:8080,http://baz.example.com:8080
rgw_zonegroup: $ZONE_GROUP_NAME
rgw_zone_user: zone.user
rgw_realm: $REALM_NAME
system_access_key: $ACCESS_KEY
system_secret_key: $SECRET_KEY
rgw_pull_proto: http
rgw_pull_port: 8080
rgw_pullhost: $MASTER_RGW_NODE_NAME
```



NOTE

The **ansible_fqdn** domain name must be resolvable from the primary storage cluster.



NOTE

When adding a new Object Gateway, append it to the end of the **rgw_multisite_endpoints** list with the endpoint URL of the new Object Gateway before running the Ansible playbook.

c. Run the Ansible playbook:

[user@ansible ceph-ansible]\$ ansible-playbook site.yml --limit rgws

d. Restart the Ceph Object Gateway daemon:

[root@rgw ~]# systemctl restart ceph-radosgw@rgw.`hostname -s`

- 3. After running the Ansible playbook on the master and secondary storage clusters, you will have a running active-active Ceph Object Gateway configuration.
- 4. Verify the multisite Ceph Object Gateway configuration:
 - a. From the Ceph Monitor and Object Gateway nodes at each site, primary and secondary, must be able to **curl** the other site.

b. Run the radosgw-admin sync status command on both sites.

3.7. INSTALLING THE NFS-GANESHA GATEWAY

The Ceph NFS Ganesha Gateway is an NFS interface built on top of the Ceph Object Gateway to provide applications with a POSIX filesystem interface to the Ceph Object Gateway for migrating files within filesystems to Ceph Object Storage.

Prerequisites

- A running Ceph storage cluster, preferably in the active + clean state.
- At least one node running a Ceph Object Gateway.
- At least one S3 user with an access key and secret.
- Perform the Before You Start procedure.

Procedure

Perform the following tasks on the Ansible administration node.

1. Create the **nfss** file from the sample file:

```
[root@ansible ~]# cd /etc/ansible/group_vars
[root@ansible ~]# cp nfss.yml.sample nfss.yml
```

2. Add gateway hosts to the /etc/ansible/hosts file under an [nfss] group to identify their group membership to Ansible. If the hosts have sequential naming, use a range. For example:

```
[nfss]
<nfs_host_name_1>
<nfs_host_name_2>
<nfs_host_name[3..10]>
```

3. Navigate to the Ansible configuration directory, /etc/ansible/:

```
[root@ansible ~]# cd /usr/share/ceph-ansible
```

4. To copy the administrator key to the Ceph Object Gateway node, uncomment the **copy_admin_key** setting in the /**usr/share/ceph-ansible/group_vars/nfss.yml** file:

```
copy_admin_key: true
```

 Configure the FSAL (File System Abstraction Layer) sections of the /usr/share/cephansible/group_vars/nfss.yml file. Provide an ID, S3 user ID, S3 access key and secret. For NFSv4, it should look something like this:

```
#ceph_nfs_rgw_user: "cephnfs"
# Note: keys are optional and can be generated, but not on containerized, where
# they must be configered.
#ceph_nfs_rgw_access_key: "<replace-w-access-key>"
#ceph_nfs_rgw_secret_key: "<replace-w-secret-key>"
```

6. Run the Ansible playbook:

[user@admin ceph-ansible]\$ ansible-playbook site.yml --limit nfss

Additional Resources

- Section 3.8, "Understanding the limit option"
- The Object Gateway Guide for Red Hat Enterprise Linux

3.8. UNDERSTANDING THE LIMIT OPTION

This section contains information about the Ansible --limit option.

Ansible supports the **--limit** option that enables you to use the **site**, **site-docker**, and **rolling_upgrade** Ansible playbooks for a particular section of the inventory file.

\$ ansible-playbook site.yml|rolling_upgrade.yml|site-docker.yml --limit osds|rgws|clients|mdss|nfss|iscsigws

For example, to redeploy only OSDs on bare metal, run the following command as the Ansible user:

\$ ansible-playbook /usr/share/ceph-ansible/site.yml --limit osds



IMPORTANT

If you colocate Ceph components on one node, Ansible applies a playbook to all components on the node despite that only one component type was specified with the **limit** option. For example, if you run the **rolling_update** playbook with the **--limit osds** option on a node that contains OSDs and Metadata Servers (MDS), Ansible will upgrade both components, OSDs and MDSs.

3.9. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

• The Ansible Documentation

CHAPTER 4. UPGRADING A RED HAT CEPH STORAGE CLUSTER

This section describes how to upgrade to a new major or minor version of Red Hat Ceph Storage.

- To upgrade a storage cluster, see Section 4.1, "Upgrading the Storage Cluster".
- To upgrade Red Hat Ceph Storage Dashboard, see Section 4.2, "Upgrading Red Hat Ceph Storage Dashboard".

Use the Ansible **rolling_update.yml** playbook located in the /**usr/share/ceph-ansible/infrastructure-playbooks**/ directory from the administration node to upgrade between two major or minor versions of Red Hat Ceph Storage, or to apply asynchronous updates.

Ansible upgrades the Ceph nodes in the following order:

- Monitor nodes
- MGR nodes
- OSD nodes
- MDS nodes
- Ceph Object Gateway nodes
- All other Ceph client nodes



NOTE

Red Hat Ceph Storage 3 introduces several changes in Ansible configuration files located in the /usr/share/ceph-ansible/group_vars/ directory; certain parameters were renamed or removed. Therefore, make backup copies of the all.yml and osds.yml files before creating new copies from the all.yml.sample and osds.yml.sample files after upgrading to version 3. For more details about the changes, see Appendix H, Changes in Ansible Variables Between Version 2 and 3.



NOTE

Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.1 and later introduces new Ansible playbooks to optimize storage for performance when using Object Gateway and high speed NVMe based SSDs (and SATA SSDs). The playbooks do this by placing journals and bucket indexes together on SSDs, which can increase performance compared to having all journals on one device. These playbooks are designed to be used when installing Ceph. Existing OSDs continue to work and need no extra steps during an upgrade. There is no way to upgrade a Ceph cluster while simultaneously reconfiguring OSDs to optimize storage in this way. To use different devices for journals or bucket indexes requires reprovisioning OSDs. For more information see Using NVMe with LVM optimally in Ceph Object Gateway for Production .



IMPORTANT

The **rolling_update.yml** playbook includes the **serial** variable that adjusts the number of nodes to be updated simultaneously. Red Hat strongly recommends to use the default value (1), which ensures that Ansible will upgrade cluster nodes one by one.



IMPORTANT

When using the **rolling_update.yml** playbook to upgrade to any Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.x version, users who use the Ceph File System (CephFS) must manually update the Metadata Server (MDS) cluster. This is due to a known issue.

Comment out the MDS hosts in /etc/ansible/hosts before upgrading the entire cluster using ceph-ansible rolling-upgrade.yml, and then upgrade MDS manually. In the /etc/ansible/hosts file:

#[mdss] #host-abc

For more details about this known issue, including how to update the MDS cluster, refer to the Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.0 Release Notes.



IMPORTANT

When upgrading a Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster from a previous version to 3.2, the Ceph Ansible configuration will default the object store type to BlueStore. If you still want to use FileStore as the OSD object store, then explicitly set the Ceph Ansible configuration to FileStore. This ensures newly deployed and replaced OSDs are using FileStore.



IMPORTANT

When using the **rolling_update.yml** playbook to upgrade to any Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.x version, and if you are using a multisite Ceph Object Gateway configuration, then you do not have to manually update the **all.yml** file to specify the multisite configuration.

Prerequisites

- Log in as the **root** user on all nodes in the storage cluster.
- On all nodes in the storage cluster, enable the **rhel-7-server-extras-rpms** repository.
 - # subscription-manager repos --enable=rhel-7-server-extras-rpms
- If the Ceph nodes are not connected to the Red Hat Content Delivery Network (CDN) and you used an ISO image to install Red Hat Ceph Storage, update the local repository with the latest version of Red Hat Ceph Storage. See Section 2.5, "Enabling the Red Hat Ceph Storage Repositories" for details.
- If upgrading from Red Hat Ceph Storage 2.x to 3.x, on the Ansible administration node and the RBD mirroring node, enable the Red Hat Ceph Storage 3 Tools repository:
 - # subscription-manager repos --enable=rhel-7-server-rhceph-3-tools-rpms
- On the Ansible adminstration node, enable the Ansible repository:
 - [root@admin ~]# subscription-manager repos --enable=rhel-7-server-ansible-2.6-rpms
- On the Ansible administration node, ensure the latest version of the **ansible** and **ceph-ansible** packages are installed.

[root@admin ~]# yum update ansible ceph-ansible

 In the rolling_update.yml playbook, change the health_osd_check_retries and health_osd_check_delay values to 50 and 30 respectively.

health_osd_check_retries: 50 health_osd_check_delay: 30

With these values set, for each OSD node, Ansible will wait up to 25 minutes, and will check the storage cluster health every 30 seconds, waiting before continuing the upgrade process.



NOTE

Adjust the **health_osd_check_retries** option value up or down based on the used storage capacity of the storage cluster. For example, if you are using 218 TB out of 436 TB, basically using 50% of the storage capacity, then set the **health_osd_check_retries** option to **50**.

• If the cluster you want to upgrade contains Ceph Block Device images that use the **exclusive-lock** feature, ensure that all Ceph Block Device users have permissions to blacklist clients:

ceph auth caps client.<ID> mon 'allow r, allow command "osd blacklist" osd '<existing-OSD-user-capabilities>'

4.1. UPGRADING THE STORAGE CLUSTER

Procedure

Use the following commands from the Ansible administration node.

- 1. As the **root** user, navigate to the /**usr/share/ceph-ansible/** directory:
 - [root@admin ~]# cd /usr/share/ceph-ansible/
- 2. Skip this step when upgrading from Red Hat Ceph Storage version 3.x to the latest version. Back up the **group_vars/all.yml** and **group_vars/osds.yml** files.

[root@admin ceph-ansible]# cp group_vars/all.yml group_vars/all_old.yml [root@admin ceph-ansible]# cp group_vars/osds.yml group_vars/osds_old.yml [root@admin ceph-ansible]# cp group_vars/clients.yml group_vars/clients_old.yml

3. Skip this step when upgrading from Red Hat Ceph Storage version 3.x to the latest version. When upgrading from Red Hat Ceph Storage 2.x to 3.x, create new copies of the group_vars/all.yml.sample, group_vars/osds.yml.sample and group_vars/clients.yml.sample files, and rename them to group_vars/all.yml, group_vars/osds.yml, and group_vars/clients.yml respectively. Open and edit them accordingly. For details, see Appendix H, Changes in Ansible Variables Between Version 2 and 3 and Section 3.2, "Installing a Red Hat Ceph Storage Cluster".

[root@admin ceph-ansible]# cp group_vars/all.yml.sample group_vars/all.yml [root@admin ceph-ansible]# cp group_vars/osds.yml.sample group_vars/osds.yml [root@admin ceph-ansible]# cp group_vars/clients.yml.sample group_vars/clients.yml

4. Skip this step when upgrading from Red Hat Ceph Storage version 3.x to the latest version. When upgrading from Red Hat Ceph Storage 2.x to 3.x, open the **group_vars/clients.yml** file, and uncomment the following lines:

keys:

- { name: client.test, caps: { mon: "allow r", osd: "allow class-read object_prefix rbd_children, allow rwx pool=test" }, mode: "{{ ceph_keyring_permissions }}" }
- a. Replace **client.test** with the real client name, and add the client key to the client definition line, for example:

key: "ADD-KEYRING-HERE=="

Now the whole line example would look similar to this:

- { name: client.test, key: "AQAin8tUMICVFBAALRHNrV0Z4MXupRw4v9JQ6Q==", caps: { mon: "allow r", osd: "allow class-read object_prefix rbd_children, allow rwx pool=test" }, mode: "{{ ceph_keyring_permissions }}" }



NOTE

To get the client key, run the **ceph auth get-or-create** command to view the key for the named client.

- 5. In the **group_vars/all.yml** file, uncomment the **upgrade_ceph_packages** option and set it to **True**.
 - upgrade_ceph_packages: True
- 6. In the group_vars/all.yml file, set ceph_rhcs_version to 3.

ceph_rhcs_version: 3



NOTE

Having the **ceph_rhcs_version** option set to **3** will pull in the latest version of Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.

- 7. Add the **fetch_directory** parameter to the **group_vars/all.yml** file.
 - fetch_directory: <full_directory_path>

Replace:

- <full_directory_path> with a writable location, such as the Ansible user's home directory.
- 8. If the cluster you want to upgrade contains any Ceph Object Gateway nodes, add the **radosgw_interface** parameter to the **group_vars/all.yml** file.

radosgw_interface: <interface>

Replace:

- <interface> with the interface that the Ceph Object Gateway nodes listen to.
- 9. Starting with Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.2, the default OSD object store is BlueStore. To keep the traditional OSD object store, you must explicitly set the **osd_objectstore** option to **filestore** in the **group_vars/all.yml** file.

osd_objectstore: filestore



NOTE

With the **osd_objectstore** option set to **filestore**, replacing an OSD will use FileStore, instead of BlueStore.

10. In the Ansible inventory file located at /etc/ansible/hosts, add the Ceph Manager (ceph-mgr) nodes under the [mgrs] section. Colocate the Ceph Manager daemon with Monitor nodes. Skip this step when upgrading from version 3.x to the latest version.

[mgrs] <monitor-host-name> <monitor-host-name>

- 11. Copy **rolling_update.yml** from the **infrastructure-playbooks** directory to the current directory.
 - [root@admin ceph-ansible]# cp infrastructure-playbooks/rolling_update.yml .
- 12. Create the /var/log/ansible/ directory and assign the appropriate permissions for the ansible user:

[root@admin ceph-ansible]# mkdir /var/log/ansible [root@admin ceph-ansible]# chown ansible:ansible /var/log/ansible [root@admin ceph-ansible]# chmod 755 /var/log/ansible

- a. Edit the /usr/share/ceph-ansible/ansible.cfg file, updating the log_path value as follows:
 - log_path = /var/log/ansible/ansible.log
- 13. As the Ansible user, run the playbook:
 - [user@admin ceph-ansible]\$ ansible-playbook rolling_update.yml

To use the playbook only for a particular group of nodes on the Ansible inventory file, use the -- **limit** option. For details, see Section 3.8, "Understanding the **limit** option".

- 14. While logged in as the **root** user on the RBD mirroring daemon node, upgrade **rbd-mirror** manually:
 - # yum upgrade rbd-mirror

Restart the daemon:

systemctl restart ceph-rbd-mirror@<client-id>

15. Verify that the cluster health is OK. ..Log into a monitor node as the **root** user and run the ceph status command.

[root@monitor ~]# ceph -s

- 1. If working in an OpenStack environment, update all the **cephx** users to use the RBD profile for pools. The following commands must be run as the **root** user:
 - Glance users

ceph auth caps client.glance mon 'profile rbd' osd 'profile rbd pool=<glance-pool-name>'

Example

[root@monitor ~]# ceph auth caps client.glance mon 'profile rbd' osd 'profile rbd pool=images'

Cinder users

ceph auth caps client.cinder mon 'profile rbd' osd 'profile rbd pool=<cinder-volume-pool-name>, profile rbd pool=<nova-pool-name>, profile rbd-read-only pool=<glance-pool-name>'

Example

[root@monitor ~]# ceph auth caps client.cinder mon 'profile rbd' osd 'profile rbd pool=volumes, profile rbd pool=vms, profile rbd-read-only pool=images'

OpenStack general users

ceph auth caps client.openstack mon 'profile rbd' osd 'profile rbd-read-only pool=<cinder-volume-pool-name>, profile rbd pool=<nova-pool-name>, profile rbd-read-only pool=<glance-pool-name>'

Example

[root@monitor ~]# ceph auth caps client.openstack mon 'profile rbd' osd 'profile rbd-read-only pool=volumes, profile rbd pool=vms, profile rbd-read-only pool=images'



IMPORTANT

Do these CAPS updates before performing any live client migrations. This allows clients to use the new libraries running in memory, causing the old CAPS settings to drop from cache and applying the new RBD profile settings.

4.2. UPGRADING RED HAT CEPH STORAGE DASHBOARD

The following procedure outlines the steps to upgrade Red Hat Ceph Storage Dashboard from version 3.1 to 3.2.

Before upgrading, ensure Red Hat Ceph Storage is upgraded from version 3.1 to 3.2. See 4.1. Upgrading the Storage Cluster for instructions.



WARNING

The upgrade procedure will remove historical Storage Dashboard data.

Procedure

- 1. As the **root** user, update the **cephmetrics-ansible** package from the Ansible administration node:
 - [root@admin ~]# yum update cephmetrics-ansible
- 2. Change to the /usr/share/cephmetrics-ansible directory:
 - [root@admin ~]# cd /usr/share/cephmetrics-ansible
- 3. Install the updated Red Hat Ceph Storage Dashboard:
 - [root@admin cephmetrics-ansible]# ansible-playbook -v playbook.yml

CHAPTER 5. WHAT TO DO NEXT?

This is only the beginning of what Red Hat Ceph Storage can do to help you meet the challenging storage demands of the modern data center. Here are links to more information on a variety of topics:

- Benchmarking performance and accessing performance counters, see the Benchmarking Performance chapter in the Administration Guide for Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.
- Creating and managing snapshots, see the Snapshots chapter in the Block Device Guide for Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.
- Expanding the Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster, see the Managing Cluster Size chapter in the Administration Guide for Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.
- Mirroring Ceph Block Devices, see the Block Device Mirroring chapter in the Block Device Guide for Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.
- Process management, see the Process Management chapter in the Administration Guide for Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.
- Tunable parameters, see the Configuration Guide for Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.
- Using Ceph as the back end storage for OpenStack, see the Back-ends section in the Storage Guide for Red Hat OpenStack Platform.

APPENDIX A. TROUBLESHOOTING

A.1. ANSIBLE STOPS INSTALLATION BECAUSE IT DETECTS LESS **DEVICES THAN IT EXPECTED**

The Ansible automation application stops the installation process and returns the following error:

```
    name: fix partitions gpt header or labels of the osd disks (autodiscover disks)

 shell: "sgdisk --zap-all --clear --mbrtogpt -- '/dev/{{ item.0.item.key }}' || sgdisk --zap-all --clear --
mbrtogpt -- '/dev/{{ item.0.item.key }}'"
 with together:
  - "{{ osd_partition_status_results.results }}"
  - "{{ ansible_devices }}"
 changed when: false
 when:
  - ansible_devices is defined
```

- item.0.item.value.removable == "0"
- item.0.item.value.partitions|count == 0
- item.0.rc != 0

What this means:

When the osd auto discovery parameter is set to true in the /etc/ansible/group vars/osds.yml file, Ansible automatically detects and configures all the available devices. During this process, Ansible expects that all OSDs use the same devices. The devices get their names in the same order in which Ansible detects them. If one of the devices fails on one of the OSDs, Ansible fails to detect the failed device and stops the whole installation process.

Example situation:

- 1. Three OSD nodes (host1, host2, host3) use the /dev/sdb, /dev/sdc, and dev/sdd disks.
- 2. On host2, the /dev/sdc disk fails and is removed.
- 3. Upon the next reboot, Ansible fails to detect the removed /dev/sdc disk and expects that only two disks will be used for host2, /dev/sdb and /dev/sdc (formerly /dev/sdd).
- 4. Ansible stops the installation process and returns the above error message.

To fix the problem:

In the /etc/ansible/hosts file, specify the devices used by the OSD node with the failed disk (host2 in the Example situation above):

```
[osds]
host1
host2 devices="[ '/dev/sdb', '/dev/sdc' ]"
host3
```

See Chapter 3, Deploying Red Hat Ceph Storage for details.

APPENDIX B. MANUALLY INSTALLING RED HAT CEPH STORAGE



IMPORTANT

Red Hat does not support or test upgrading manually deployed clusters. Therefore, Red Hat recommends to use Ansible to deploy a new cluster with Red Hat Ceph Storage 3. See Chapter 3, *Deploying Red Hat Ceph Storage* for details.

You can use command-line utilities, such as Yum, to install manually deployed clusters.

All Ceph clusters require at least one monitor, and at least as many OSDs as copies of an object stored on the cluster. Red Hat recommends using three monitors for production environments and a minimum of three Object Storage Devices (OSD).

Installing a Ceph storage cluster by using the command line interface involves these steps:

- Bootstrapping the initial Monitor node.
- Installing the Ceph Manager daemons.
- Adding an Object Storage Device (OSD) node.

B.1. PREREQUISITES

B.1.1. Configuring the Network Time Protocol for Red Hat Ceph Storage

All Ceph Monitor and OSD nodes requires configuring the Network Time Protocol (NTP). Ensure that Ceph nodes are NTP peers. NTP helps preempt issues that arise from clock drift.



NOTE

When using Ansible to deploy a Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster, Ansible automatically installs, configures, and enables NTP.

Prerequisites

Network access to a valid time source.

Procedure

Do the following steps on the all RHCS nodes in the storage cluster, as the **root** user.

- 1. Install the **ntp** package:
 - # yum install ntp
- 2. Start and enable the NTP service to be persistent across a reboot:

systemctl start ntpd # systemctl enable ntpd 3. Ensure that NTP is synchronizing clocks properly:

\$ ntpq -p

Additional Resources

• The Configuring NTP Using ntpd chapter in the System Administrator's Guide for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.

B.2. MONITOR BOOTSTRAPPING

Bootstrapping the initial monitor is the first step in deploying a Ceph storage cluster. Ceph monitor deployment also sets important criteria for the entire cluster, such as:

- The number of replicas for pools
- The number of placement groups per OSD
- The heartbeat intervals
- Any authentication requirement

Most of these values are set by default, so it is useful to know about them when setting up the cluster for production.

Bootstrapping a Monitor and by extension a Ceph storage cluster, requires the following data:

Unique Identifier

The File System Identifier (**fsid**) is a unique identifier for the cluster. The **fsid** was originally used when the Ceph storage cluster was principally used for the Ceph file system. Ceph now supports native interfaces, block devices, and object storage gateway interfaces too, so **fsid** is a bit of a misnomer.

Cluster Name

Ceph clusters have a cluster name, which is a simple string without spaces. The default cluster name is **ceph**, but you can specify a different cluster name. Overriding the default cluster name is especially useful when you work with multiple clusters.

When you run multiple clusters in a multi-site architecture, the cluster name for example, **us-west**, **us-east** identifies the cluster for the current command-line session.



NOTE

To identify the cluster name on the command-line interface, specify the Ceph configuration file with the cluster name, for example, **ceph.conf**, **us-west.conf**, **us-east.conf**, and so on.

Example:

ceph --cluster us-west.conf ...

Monitor Name

Each Monitor instance within a cluster has a unique name. In common practice, the Ceph Monitor name is the node name. Red Hat recommend one Ceph Monitor per node, and no co-locating the

Ceph OSD daemons with the Ceph Monitor daemon. To retrieve the short node name, use the **hostname -s** command.

Monitor Map

Bootstrapping the initial Monitor requires you to generate a Monitor map. The Monitor map requires:

- The File System Identifier (**fsid**)
- The cluster name, or the default cluster name of **ceph** is used
- At least one host name and its IP address.

Monitor Keyring

Monitors communicate with each other by using a secret key. You must generate a keyring with a Monitor secret key and provide it when bootstrapping the initial Monitor.

Administrator Keyring

To use the **ceph** command-line interface utilities, create the **client.admin** user and generate its keyring. Also, you must add the **client.admin** user to the Monitor keyring.

The foregoing requirements do not imply the creation of a Ceph configuration file. However, as a best practice, Red Hat recommends creating a Ceph configuration file and populating it with the **fsid**, the **mon initial members** and the **mon host** settings at a minimum.

You can get and set all of the Monitor settings at runtime as well. However, the Ceph configuration file might contain only those settings which overrides the default values. When you add settings to a Ceph configuration file, these settings override the default settings. Maintaining those settings in a Ceph configuration file makes it easier to maintain the cluster.

To bootstrap the initial Monitor, perform the following steps:

Procedure

- 1. Enable the Red Hat Ceph Storage 3 Monitor repository:
 - [root@monitor ~]# subscription-manager repos --enable=rhel-7-server-rhceph-3-mon-rpms
- 2. On your initial Monitor node, install the **ceph-mon** package as **root**:
 - # yum install ceph-mon
- 3. As **root**, create a Ceph configuration file in the /**etc/ceph**/ directory. By default, Ceph uses **ceph.conf**, where **ceph** reflects the cluster name:

Syntax

touch /etc/ceph/<cluster_name>.conf

Example

- # touch /etc/ceph/ceph.conf
- 4. As **root**, generate the unique identifier for your cluster and add the unique identifier to the **[global]** section of the Ceph configuration file:

Syntax

```
# echo "[global]" > /etc/ceph/<cluster_name>.conf
# echo "fsid = `uuidgen`" >> /etc/ceph/<cluster_name>.conf
```

Example

```
# echo "[global]" > /etc/ceph/ceph.conf
# echo "fsid = `uuidgen`" >> /etc/ceph/ceph.conf
```

5. View the current Ceph configuration file:

```
$ cat /etc/ceph/ceph.conf
[global]
fsid = a7f64266-0894-4f1e-a635-d0aeaca0e993
```

6. As **root**, add the initial Monitor to the Ceph configuration file:

Syntax

```
# echo "mon initial members = <monitor_host_name>[,<monitor_host_name>]" >>
/etc/ceph/<cluster_name>.conf
```

Example

echo "mon initial members = node1" >> /etc/ceph/ceph.conf

7. As **root**, add the IP address of the initial Monitor to the Ceph configuration file:

Syntax

echo "mon host = <ip-address>[,<ip-address>]" >> /etc/ceph/<cluster_name>.conf

Example

echo "mon host = 192.168.0.120" >> /etc/ceph/ceph.conf



NOTE

To use IPv6 addresses, you set the **ms bind ipv6** option to **true**. For details, see the Bind section in the Configuration Guide for Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.

8. As **root**, create the keyring for the cluster and generate the Monitor secret key:

Syntax

ceph-authtool --create-keyring /tmp/<cluster_name>.mon.keyring --gen-key -n mon. --cap mon '<capabilites>'

Example

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ceph-authtool --create-keyring /tmp/ceph.mon.keyring --gen-key -n mon. --cap mon 'allow *' creating /tmp/ceph.mon.keyring

9. As **root**, generate an administrator keyring, generate a **<cluster_name>.client.admin.keyring** user and add the user to the keyring:

Syntax

ceph-authtool --create-keyring /etc/ceph/<cluster_name>.client.admin.keyring --gen-key -n client.admin --set-uid=0 --cap mon '<capabilites>' --cap osd '<capabilites>' --cap mds '<capabilites>'

Example

ceph-authtool --create-keyring /etc/ceph/ceph.client.admin.keyring --gen-key -n client.admin --set-uid=0 --cap mon 'allow *' --cap osd 'allow *' --cap mds 'allow' creating /etc/ceph/ceph.client.admin.keyring

10. As **root**, add the **<cluster_name>.client.admin.keyring** key to the **<cluster_name>.mon.keyring**:

Syntax

ceph-authtool /tmp/<cluster_name>.mon.keyring --import-keyring /etc/ceph/<cluster_name>.client.admin.keyring

Example

ceph-authtool /tmp/ceph.mon.keyring --import-keyring /etc/ceph/ceph.client.admin.keyring importing contents of /etc/ceph/ceph.client.admin.keyring into /tmp/ceph.mon.keyring

11. Generate the Monitor map. Specify using the node name, IP address and the **fsid**, of the initial Monitor and save it as /**tmp/monmap**:

Syntax

\$ monmaptool --create --add <monitor_host_name> <ip-address> --fsid <uuid>
/tmp/monmap

Example

\$ monmaptool --create --add node1 192.168.0.120 --fsid a7f64266-0894-4f1e-a635-

d0aeaca0e993 /tmp/monmap

monmaptool: monmap file /tmp/monmap

monmaptool: set fsid to a7f64266-0894-4f1e-a635-d0aeaca0e993

monmaptool: writing epoch 0 to /tmp/monmap (1 monitors)

12. As **root** on the initial Monitor node, create a default data directory:

Syntax

mkdir /var/lib/ceph/mon/<cluster_name>-<monitor_host_name>

Example

mkdir /var/lib/ceph/mon/ceph-node1

13. As **root**, populate the initial Monitor daemon with the Monitor map and keyring:

Syntax

```
# ceph-mon [--cluster <cluster_name>] --mkfs -i <monitor_host_name> --monmap /tmp/monmap --keyring /tmp/<cluster_name>.mon.keyring
```

Example

```
# ceph-mon --mkfs -i node1 --monmap /tmp/monmap --keyring /tmp/ceph.mon.keyring ceph-mon: set fsid to a7f64266-0894-4f1e-a635-d0aeaca0e993 ceph-mon: created monfs at /var/lib/ceph/mon/ceph-node1 for mon.node1
```

14. View the current Ceph configuration file:

```
# cat /etc/ceph/ceph.conf
[global]
fsid = a7f64266-0894-4f1e-a635-d0aeaca0e993
mon_initial_members = node1
mon_host = 192.168.0.120
```

For more details on the various Ceph configuration settings, see the Configuration Guide for Red Hat Ceph Storage 3. The following example of a Ceph configuration file lists some of the most common configuration settings:

Example

```
[global]
fsid = <cluster-id>
mon initial members = <monitor_host_name>[, <monitor_host_name>]
mon host = <ip-address>[, <ip-address>]
public network = <network>[, <network>]
cluster network = <network>[, <network>]
auth cluster required = cephx
auth service required = cephx
auth client required = cephx
osd journal size = <n>
osd pool default size = <n> # Write an object n times.
osd pool default min size = <n> # Allow writing n copy in a degraded state.
osd pool default pg num = <n>
osd pool default pgp num = <n>
osd crush chooseleaf type = <n>
```

15. As **root**, create the **done** file:

Syntax

touch /var/lib/ceph/mon/<cluster_name>-<monitor_host_name>/done

Example

touch /var/lib/ceph/mon/ceph-node1/done

16. As **root**, update the owner and group permissions on the newly created directory and files:

Syntax

```
# chown -R <owner>:<group> <path_to_directory>
```

Example

```
# chown -R ceph:ceph /var/lib/ceph/mon
# chown -R ceph:ceph /var/log/ceph
# chown -R ceph:ceph /var/run/ceph
# chown ceph:ceph /etc/ceph/ceph.client.admin.keyring
# chown ceph:ceph /etc/ceph/ceph.conf
# chown ceph:ceph /etc/ceph/rbdmap
```



NOTE

If the Ceph Monitor node is co-located with an OpenStack Controller node, then the Glance and Cinder keyring files must be owned by **glance** and **cinder** respectively. For example:

```
# Is -I /etc/ceph/
...
-rw-----. 1 glance glance 64 <date> ceph.client.glance.keyring
-rw-----. 1 cinder cinder 64 <date> ceph.client.cinder.keyring
...
```

17. For storage clusters with custom names, as **root**, add the the following line:

Syntax

```
# echo "CLUSTER=<custom_cluster_name>" >> /etc/sysconfig/ceph
```

Example

echo "CLUSTER=test123" >> /etc/sysconfig/ceph

18. As **root**, start and enable the **ceph-mon** process on the initial Monitor node:

Syntax

```
# systemctl enable ceph-mon.target
# systemctl enable ceph-mon@<monitor_host_name>
# systemctl start ceph-mon@<monitor_host_name>
```

Example

systemctl enable ceph-mon.target # systemctl enable ceph-mon@node1 # systemctl start ceph-mon@node1

19. As **root**, verify the monitor daemon is running:

Syntax

systemctl status ceph-mon@<monitor_host_name>

Example

systemctl status ceph-mon@node1

• ceph-mon@node1.service - Ceph cluster monitor daemon

Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/ceph-mon@.service; enabled; vendor preset: disabled)

Active: active (running) since Wed 2018-06-27 11:31:30 PDT; 5min ago

Main PID: 1017 (ceph-mon)

CGroup: /system.slice/system-ceph\x2dmon.slice/ceph-mon@node1.service

1017 /usr/bin/ceph-mon -f --cluster ceph --id node1 --setuser ceph --setgroup ceph

Jun 27 11:31:30 node1 systemd[1]: Started Ceph cluster monitor daemon. Jun 27 11:31:30 node1 systemd[1]: Starting Ceph cluster monitor daemon...

Additional Resources

• To add more Red Hat Ceph Storage Monitors to the storage cluster, see the Adding a Monitor section in the Administration Guide for Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.

B.3. MANUALLY INSTALLING CEPH MANAGER

Usually, the Ansible automation utility installs the Ceph Manager daemon (**ceph-mgr**) when you deploy the Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster. However, if you do not use Ansible to manage Red Hat Ceph Storage, you can install Ceph Manager manually. Red Hat recommends to colocate the Ceph Manager and Ceph Monitor daemons on a same node.

Prerequisites

- A working Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster
- root or sudo access
- The rhel-7-server-rhceph-3-mon-rpms repository enabled
- Open ports **6800-7300** on the public network if firewall is used

Procedure

Use the following commands on the node where **ceph-mgr** will be deployed and as the **root** user or with the **sudo** utility.

1. Install the **ceph-mgr** package:

[root@node1 ~]# yum install ceph-mgr

2. Create the /var/lib/ceph/mgr/ceph-hostname/ directory:

mkdir /var/lib/ceph/mgr/ceph-hostname

Replace *hostname* with the host name of the node where the **ceph-mgr** daemon will be deployed, for example:

[root@node1 ~]# mkdir /var/lib/ceph/mgr/ceph-node1

3. In the newly created directory, create an authentication key for the **ceph-mgr** daemon:

[root@node1 ~]# ceph auth get-or-create mgr.`hostname -s` mon 'allow profile mgr' osd 'allow *' mds 'allow *' -o /var/lib/ceph/mgr/ceph-node1/keyring

4. Change the owner and group of the /var/lib/ceph/mgr/ directory to ceph:ceph:

[root@node1 ~]# chown -R ceph:ceph /var/lib/ceph/mgr

5. Enable the **ceph-mgr** target:

[root@node1 ~]# systemctl enable ceph-mgr.target

6. Enable and start the **ceph-mgr** instance:

systemctl enable ceph-mgr@hostname systemctl start ceph-mgr@hostname

Replace *hostname* with the host name of the node where the **ceph-mgr** will be deployed, for example:

```
[root@node1 ~]# systemctl enable ceph-mgr@node1 [root@node1 ~]# systemctl start ceph-mgr@node1
```

7. Verify that the **ceph-mgr** daemon started successfully:

ceph -s

The output will include a line similar to the following one under the **services:** section:

mgr: node1(active)

8. Install more **ceph-mgr** daemons to serve as standby daemons that become active if the current active daemon fails.

Additional resources

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B.4. OSD BOOTSTRAPPING

Once you have your initial monitor running, you can start adding the Object Storage Devices (OSDs). Your cluster cannot reach an **active + clean** state until you have enough OSDs to handle the number of copies of an object.

The default number of copies for an object is three. You will need three OSD nodes at minimum. However, if you only want two copies of an object, therefore only adding two OSD nodes, then update the **osd pool default size** and **osd pool default min size** settings in the Ceph configuration file.

For more details, see the OSD Configuration Reference section in the Configuration Guide for Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.

After bootstrapping the initial monitor, the cluster has a default CRUSH map. However, the CRUSH map does not have any Ceph OSD daemons mapped to a Ceph node.

To add an OSD to the cluster and updating the default CRUSH map, execute the following on each OSD node:

Procedure

- 1. Enable the Red Hat Ceph Storage 3 OSD repository:
 - [root@osd ~]# subscription-manager repos --enable=rhel-7-server-rhceph-3-osd-rpms
- 2. As **root**, install the **ceph-osd** package on the Ceph OSD node:
 - # yum install ceph-osd
- 3. Copy the Ceph configuration file and administration keyring file from the initial Monitor node to the OSD node:

Syntax

```
# scp <user_name>@<monitor_host_name>:<path_on_remote_system> <path_to_local_file>
```

Example

scp root@node1:/etc/ceph/ceph.conf /etc/ceph # scp root@node1:/etc/ceph/ceph.client.admin.keyring /etc/ceph

4. Generate the Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) for the OSD:

\$ uuidgen b367c360-b364-4b1d-8fc6-09408a9cda7a

5. As **root**, create the OSD instance:

Syntax

ceph osd create <uuid> [<osd_id>]

Example

ceph osd create b367c360-b364-4b1d-8fc6-09408a9cda7a



NOTE

This command outputs the OSD number identifier needed for subsequent steps.

6. As **root**, create the default directory for the new OSD:

Syntax

mkdir /var/lib/ceph/osd/<cluster_name>-<osd_id>

Example

mkdir /var/lib/ceph/osd/ceph-0

7. As **root**, prepare the drive for use as an OSD, and mount it to the directory you just created. Create a partition for the Ceph data and journal. The journal and the data partitions can be located on the same disk. This example is using a 15 GB disk:

Syntax

```
# parted <path_to_disk> mklabel gpt
# parted <path_to_disk> mkpart primary 1 10000
# mkfs -t <fstype> <path_to_partition>
# mount -o noatime <path_to_partition> /var/lib/ceph/osd/<cluster_name>-<osd_id>
# echo "<path_to_partition> /var/lib/ceph/osd/<cluster_name>-<osd_id> xfs
defaults,noatime 1 2" >> /etc/fstab
```

Example

```
# parted /dev/sdb mklabel gpt
# parted /dev/sdb mkpart primary 1 10000
# parted /dev/sdb mkpart primary 10001 15000
# mkfs -t xfs /dev/sdb1
# mount -o noatime /dev/sdb1 /var/lib/ceph/osd/ceph-0
# echo "/dev/sdb1 /var/lib/ceph/osd/ceph-0 xfs defaults,noatime 1 2" >> /etc/fstab
```

8. As **root**, initialize the OSD data directory:

Syntax

ceph-osd -i <osd_id> --mkfs --mkkey --osd-uuid <uuid>

Example

ceph-osd -i 0 --mkfs --mkkey --osd-uuid b367c360-b364-4b1d-8fc6-09408a9cda7a ... auth: error reading file: /var/lib/ceph/osd/ceph-0/keyring: can't open /var/lib/ceph/osd/ceph-0/keyring: (2) No such file or directory ... created new key in keyring /var/lib/ceph/osd/ceph-0/keyring



NOTE

The directory must be empty before you run **ceph-osd** with the **--mkkey** option. If you have a custom cluster name, the **ceph-osd** utility requires the **--cluster** option.

9. As **root**, register the OSD authentication key. If your cluster name differs from **ceph**, insert your cluster name instead:

Syntax

ceph auth add osd.<osd_id> osd 'allow *' mon 'allow profile osd' -i /var/lib/ceph/osd/<cluster_name>-<osd_id>/keyring

Example

ceph auth add osd.0 osd 'allow *' mon 'allow profile osd' -i /var/lib/ceph/osd/ceph-0/keyring added key for osd.0

10. As **root**, add the OSD node to the CRUSH map:

Syntax

ceph [--cluster <cluster_name>] osd crush add-bucket <host_name> host

Example

ceph osd crush add-bucket node2 host

11. As **root**, place the OSD node under the **default** CRUSH tree:

Syntax

ceph [--cluster <cluster_name>] osd crush move <host_name> root=default

Example

ceph osd crush move node2 root=default

12. As root, add the OSD disk to the CRUSH map

Syntax

Example

ceph osd crush add osd.0 1.0 host=node2 add item id 0 name 'osd.0' weight 1 at location {host=node2} to crush map



NOTE

You can also decompile the CRUSH map, and add the OSD to the device list. Add the OSD node as a bucket, then add the device as an item in the OSD node, assign the OSD a weight, recompile the CRUSH map and set the CRUSH map. For more details, see the Editing a CRUSH map section in the *Storage Strategies Guide* for Red Hat Ceph Storage 3. for more details.

13. As **root**, update the owner and group permissions on the newly created directory and files:

Syntax

```
# chown -R <owner>:<group> <path_to_directory>
```

Example

```
# chown -R ceph:ceph /var/lib/ceph/osd
# chown -R ceph:ceph /var/log/ceph
# chown -R ceph:ceph /var/run/ceph
# chown -R ceph:ceph /etc/ceph
```

14. For storage clusters with custom names, as **root**, add the following line to the /etc/sysconfig/ceph file:

Syntax

```
# echo "CLUSTER=<custom_cluster_name>" >> /etc/sysconfig/ceph
```

Example

```
# echo "CLUSTER=test123" >> /etc/sysconfig/ceph
```

15. The OSD node is in your Ceph storage cluster configuration. However, the OSD daemon is **down** and **in**. The new OSD must be **up** before it can begin receiving data. As **root**, enable and start the OSD process:

Syntax

```
# systemctl enable ceph-osd.target
# systemctl enable ceph-osd@<osd_id>
# systemctl start ceph-osd@<osd_id>
```

Example

```
# systemctl enable ceph-osd.target
# systemctl enable ceph-osd@0
# systemctl start ceph-osd@0
```

Once you start the OSD daemon, it is **up** and **in**.

Now you have the monitors and some OSDs up and running. You can watch the placement groups peer by executing the following command:

\$ ceph -w

To view the OSD tree, execute the following command:

\$ ceph osd tree

Example

ID	WEIG	HT TYPE NAI	ME	UP/DOV	VN REWEIC	GHT PRIMARY-AFFINIT
-1	2	root default				
-2	2	host node2				
0	1	osd.0	up	1	1	
-3	1	host node3				
1	1	osd.1	up	1	1	

Additional Resources

• To expand the storage capacity by adding new OSDs to the storage cluster, see the Adding an OSD section in the *Administration Guide* for Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.

APPENDIX C. INSTALLING THE CEPH COMMAND LINE INTERFACE

The Ceph command-line interface (CLI) enables administrators to execute Ceph administrative commands. The CLI is provided by the **ceph-common** package and includes the following utilities:

- ceph
- ceph-authtool
- ceph-dencoder
- rados

Prerequisites

• A running Ceph storage cluster, preferably in the active + clean state.

Procedure

- 1. On the client node, enable the Red Hat Ceph Storage 3 Tools repository:
 - [root@gateway ~]# subscription-manager repos --enable=rhel-7-server-rhceph-3-tools-rpms
- 2. On the client node, install the **ceph-common** package:
 - # yum install ceph-common
- 3. From the initial monitor node, copy the Ceph configuration file, in this case **ceph.conf**, and the administration keyring to the client node:

Syntax

```
# scp /etc/ceph/<cluster_name>.conf <user_name>@<client_host_name>:/etc/ceph/
# scp /etc/ceph/<cluster_name>.client.admin.keyring
<user_name>@<client_host_name:/etc/ceph/
```

Example

scp /etc/ceph/ceph.conf root@node1:/etc/ceph/ # scp /etc/ceph/ceph.client.admin.keyring root@node1:/etc/ceph/

Replace **<cli>ent host name>** with the host name of the client node.

APPENDIX D. MANUALLY INSTALLING CEPH BLOCK DEVICE

The following procedure shows how to install and mount a thin-provisioned, resizable Ceph Block Device.



IMPORTANT

Ceph Block Devices must be deployed on separate nodes from the Ceph Monitor and OSD nodes. Running kernel clients and kernel server daemons on the same node can lead to kernel deadlocks.

Prerequisites

- Ensure to perform the tasks listed in the Appendix C, *Installing the Ceph Command Line Interface* section.
- If you use Ceph Block Devices as a back end for virtual machines (VMs) that use QEMU, increase the default file descriptor. See the Ceph - VM hangs when transferring large amounts of data to RBD disk Knowledgebase article for details.

Procedure

1. Create a Ceph Block Device user named **client.rbd** with full permissions to files on OSD nodes (**osd 'allow rwx'**) and output the result to a keyring file:

ceph auth get-or-create client.rbd mon 'profile rbd' osd 'profile rbd pool=<pool_name>' \ -o /etc/ceph/rbd.keyring

Replace <pool_name> with the name of the pool that you want to allow client.rbd to have access to, for example rbd:

ceph auth get-or-create \
client.rbd mon 'allow r' osd 'allow rwx pool=rbd' \
-o /etc/ceph/rbd.keyring

See the *User Management* section in the Red Hat Ceph Storage 3 *Administration Guide* for more information about creating users.

2. Create a block device image:

rbd create <image_name> --size <image_size> --pool <pool_name> \ --name client.rbd --keyring /etc/ceph/rbd.keyring

Specify <image_name>, <image_size>, and <pool_name>, for example:

\$ rbd create image1 --size 4096 --pool rbd \
--name client.rbd --keyring /etc/ceph/rbd.keyring



WARNING

The default Ceph configuration includes the following Ceph Block Device features:

- layering
- exclusive-lock
- object-map
- deep-flatten
- fast-diff

If you use the kernel RBD (**krbd**) client, you will not be able to map the block device image because the current kernel version included in Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.3 does not support **object-map**, **deep-flatten**, and **fast-diff**

To work around this problem, disable the unsupported features. Use one of the following options to do so:

- Disable the unsupported features dynamically:
 - rbd feature disable <image_name> <feature_name>

For example:

- # rbd feature disable image1 object-map deep-flatten fast-diff
- Use the **--image-feature layering** option with the **rbd create** command to enable only **layering** on newly created block device images.
- Disable the features be default in the Ceph configuration file:
 - rbd_default_features = 1

This is a known issue, for details see the *Known Issues* chapter in the *Release Notes* for Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.

All these features work for users that use the user-space RBD client to access the block device images.

3. Map the newly created image to the block device:

rbd map <image_name> --pool <pool_name>\
--name client.rbd --keyring /etc/ceph/rbd.keyring

For example:

rbd map image1 --pool rbd --name client.rbd \
--keyring /etc/ceph/rbd.keyring



IMPORTANT

Kernel block devices currently only support the legacy straw bucket algorithm in the CRUSH map. If you have set the CRUSH tunables to optimal, you must set them to legacy or an earlier major release, otherwise, you will not be able to map the image.

Alternatively, replace **straw2** with **straw** in the CRUSH map. For details, see the *Editing a CRUSH Map* chapter in the *Storage Strategies* guide for Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.

4. Use the block device by creating a file system:

mkfs.ext4 -m5 /dev/rbd/<pool_name>/<image_name>

Specify the pool name and the image name, for example:

mkfs.ext4 -m5 /dev/rbd/rbd/image1

This can take a few moments.

5. Mount the newly created file system:

mkdir <mount_directory>
mount /dev/rbd/<pool_name>/<image_name> <mount_directory>

For example:

mkdir /mnt/ceph-block-device # mount /dev/rbd/rbd/image1 /mnt/ceph-block-device

For additional details, see the Block Device Guide for Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.

APPENDIX E. MANUALLY INSTALLING CEPH OBJECT GATEWAY

The Ceph object gateway, also know as the RADOS gateway, is an object storage interface built on top of the **librados** API to provide applications with a RESTful gateway to Ceph storage clusters.

Prerequisites

- A running Ceph storage cluster, preferably in the active + clean state.
- Perform the tasks listed in Chapter 2, Requirements for Installing Red Hat Ceph Storage.

Procedure

- 1. Enable the Red Hat Ceph Storage 3 Tools repository:
 - [root@gateway ~]# subscription-manager repos --enable=rhel-7-server-rhceph-3-tools-rpms
- 2. On the Object Gateway node, install the **ceph-radosgw** package:
 - # yum install ceph-radosgw
- 3. On the initial Monitor node, do the following steps.
 - a. Update the Ceph configuration file as follows:

```
[client.rgw.<obj_gw_hostname>]
host = <obj_gw_hostname>
rgw frontends = "civetweb port=80"
rgw dns name = <obj_gw_hostname>.example.com
```

Where **<obj_gw_hostname>** is a short host name of the gateway node. To view the short host name, use the **hostname -s** command.

b. Copy the updated configuration file to the new Object Gateway node and all other nodes in the Ceph storage cluster:

Syntax

scp /etc/ceph/<cluster_name>.conf <user_name>@<target_host_name>:/etc/ceph

Example

scp /etc/ceph/ceph.conf root@node1:/etc/ceph/

c. Copy the **<cluster_name>.client.admin.keyring** file to the new Object Gateway node:

Syntax

scp /etc/ceph/<cluster_name>.client.admin.keyring <user_name>@<target_host_name>:/etc/ceph/

Example

scp /etc/ceph/ceph.client.admin.keyring root@node1:/etc/ceph/

4. On the Object Gateway node, create the data directory:

Syntax

mkdir -p /var/lib/ceph/radosgw/<cluster_name>-rgw.`hostname -s`

Example

mkdir -p /var/lib/ceph/radosgw/ceph-rgw.`hostname -s`

5. On the Object Gateway node, add a user and keyring to bootstrap the object gateway:

Syntax

ceph auth get-or-create client.rgw.`hostname -s` osd 'allow rwx' mon 'allow rw' -o /var/lib/ceph/radosgw/<cluster_name>-rgw.`hostname -s`/keyring

Example

ceph auth get-or-create client.rgw.`hostname -s` osd 'allow rwx' mon 'allow rw' -o /var/lib/ceph/radosgw/ceph-rgw.`hostname -s`/keyring



IMPORTANT

When you provide capabilities to the gateway key you must provide the read capability. However, providing the Monitor write capability is optional; if you provide it, the Ceph Object Gateway will be able to create pools automatically.

In such a case, ensure to specify a reasonable number of placement groups in a pool. Otherwise, the gateway uses the default number, which might not be suitable for your needs. See Ceph Placement Groups (PGs) per Pool Calculator for details.

6. On the Object Gateway node, create the **done** file:

Syntax

touch /var/lib/ceph/radosgw/<cluster_name>-rgw.`hostname -s`/done

Example

touch /var/lib/ceph/radosgw/ceph-rgw.`hostname -s`/done

7. On the Object Gateway node, change the owner and group permissions:

```
# chown -R ceph:ceph /var/lib/ceph/radosgw
# chown -R ceph:ceph /var/log/ceph
# chown -R ceph:ceph /var/run/ceph
# chown -R ceph:ceph /etc/ceph
```

8. For storage clusters with custom names, as **root**, add the following line:

Syntax

```
# echo "CLUSTER=<custom_cluster_name>" >> /etc/sysconfig/ceph
```

Example

```
# echo "CLUSTER=test123" >> /etc/sysconfig/ceph
```

9. On the Object Gateway node, open TCP port 80:

```
# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-port=80/tcp
# firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-port=80/tcp --permanent
```

10. On the Object Gateway node, start and enable the **ceph-radosgw** process:

Syntax

```
# systemctl enable ceph-radosgw.target
# systemctl enable ceph-radosgw@rgw.<rgw_hostname>
# systemctl start ceph-radosgw@rgw.<rgw_hostname>
```

Example

```
# systemctl enable ceph-radosgw.target
# systemctl enable ceph-radosgw@rgw.node1
# systemctl start ceph-radosgw@rgw.node1
```

Once installed, the Ceph Object Gateway automatically creates pools if the write capability is set on the Monitor. See the Pools chapter in the Storage Strategies Guide for information on creating pools manually.

Additional Details

• The Red Hat Ceph Storage 3 the Object Gateway Guide for Red Hat Enterprise Linux

APPENDIX F. OVERRIDING CEPH DEFAULT SETTINGS

Unless otherwise specified in the Ansible configuration files, Ceph uses its default settings.

Because Ansible manages the Ceph configuration file, edit the /etc/ansible/group_vars/all.yml file to change the Ceph configuration. Use the ceph_conf_overrides setting to override the default Ceph configuration.

Ansible supports the same sections as the Ceph configuration file; **[global]**, **[mon]**, **[osd]**, **[mds]**, **[rgw]**, and so on. You can also override particular instances, such as a particular Ceph Object Gateway instance. For example:

ceph_conf_overrides:
 client.rgw.rgw1:

log_file: /var/log/ceph/ceph-rgw-rgw1.log



NOTE

Ansible does not include braces when referring to a particular section of the Ceph configuration file. Sections and settings names are terminated with a colon.



IMPORTANT

Do not set the cluster network with the **cluster_network** parameter in the **CONFIG OVERRIDE** section because this can cause two conflicting cluster networks being set in the Ceph configuration file.

To set the cluster network, use the **cluster_network** parameter in the **CEPH CONFIGURATION** section. For details, see Section 3.2, "Installing a Red Hat Ceph Storage Cluster".

APPENDIX G. MANUALLY UPGRADING FROM RED HAT CEPH STORAGE 2 TO 3

You can upgrade the Ceph Storage Cluster from version 2 to 3 in a rolling fashion and while the cluster is running. Upgrade each node in the cluster sequentially, only proceeding to the next node after the previous node is done.

Red Hat recommends upgrading the Ceph components in the following order:

- Monitor nodes
- OSD nodes
- Ceph Object Gateway nodes
- All other Ceph client nodes

Red Hat Ceph Storage 3 introduces a new daemon Ceph Manager (**ceph-mgr**). Install **ceph-mgr** after upgrading the Monitor nodes.

Two methods are available to upgrade a Red Hat Ceph Storage 2 to 3:

- Using Red Hat's Content Delivery Network (CDN)
- Using a Red Hat provided ISO image file

After upgrading the storage cluster you can have a health warning regarding the CRUSH map using legacy tunables. For details, see the CRUSH Tunables section in the Storage Strategies guide for Red Hat Ceph Storage 3.

Example

```
$ ceph -s
cluster 848135d7-cdb9-4084-8df2-fb5e41ae60bd
health HEALTH_WARN
crush map has legacy tunables (require bobtail, min is firefly)
monmap e1: 1 mons at {ceph1=192.168.0.121:6789/0}
election epoch 2, quorum 0 ceph1
osdmap e83: 2 osds: 2 up, 2 in
pgmap v1864: 64 pgs, 1 pools, 38192 kB data, 17 objects
10376 MB used, 10083 MB / 20460 MB avail
64 active+clean
```



IMPORTANT

Red Hat recommends all Ceph clients to be running the same version as the Ceph storage cluster.

Prerequisites

• If the cluster you want to upgrade contains Ceph Block Device images that use the **exclusive-lock** feature, ensure that all Ceph Block Device users have permissions to blacklist clients:

ceph auth caps client.<ID> mon 'allow r, allow command "osd blacklist" osd '<existing-OSD-user-capabilities>'

G.1. UPGRADING MONITOR NODES

This section describes steps to upgrade a Ceph Monitor node to a later version. There must be an odd number of Monitors. While you are upgrading one Monitor, the storage cluster will still have quorum.

Procedure

Do the following steps on each Monitor node in the storage cluster. Upgrade only one Monitor node at a time.

- 1. If you installed Red Hat Ceph Storage 2 by using software repositories, disable the repositories:
 - # subscription-manager repos --disable=rhel-7-server-rhceph-2-mon-rpms --disable=rhel-7-server-rhceph-2-installer-rpms
- 2. Enable the Red Hat Ceph Storage 3 Monitor repository:
 - [root@monitor ~]# subscription-manager repos --enable=rhel-7-server-rhceph-3-mon-rpms
- 3. As **root**, stop the Monitor process:

Syntax

service ceph stop <daemon_type>.<monitor_host_name>

Example

- # service ceph stop mon.node1
- 4. As root, update the ceph-mon package:
 - # yum update ceph-mon
- 5. As **root**, update the owner and group permissions:

Syntax

chown -R <owner>:<group> <path_to_directory>

Example

```
# chown -R ceph:ceph /var/lib/ceph/mon
# chown -R ceph:ceph /var/log/ceph
# chown -R ceph:ceph /var/run/ceph
# chown ceph:ceph /etc/ceph/ceph.client.admin.keyring
# chown ceph:ceph /etc/ceph/ceph.conf
# chown ceph:ceph /etc/ceph/rbdmap
```



NOTE

If the Ceph Monitor node is colocated with an OpenStack Controller node, then the Glance and Cinder keyring files must be owned by **glance** and **cinder** respectively. For example:

```
# Is -I /etc/ceph/
...
-rw-----. 1 glance glance 64 <date> ceph.client.glance.keyring
-rw-----. 1 cinder cinder 64 <date> ceph.client.cinder.keyring
...
```

6. If SELinux is in enforcing or permissive mode, relabel the SELinux context on the next reboot.

touch /.autorelabel



WARNING

Relabeling can take a long time to complete because SELinux must traverse every file system and fix any mislabeled files. To exclude directories from being relabeled, add the directories to the /etc/selinux/fixfiles_exclude_dirs file before rebooting.

7. As **root**, enable the **ceph-mon** process:

```
# systemctl enable ceph-mon.target
# systemctl enable ceph-mon@<monitor_host_name>
```

8. As root, reboot the Monitor node:

```
# shutdown -r now
```

9. Once the Monitor node is up, check the health of the Ceph storage cluster before moving to the next Monitor node:

```
# ceph -s
```

G.2. MANUALLY INSTALLING CEPH MANAGER

Usually, the Ansible automation utility installs the Ceph Manager daemon (**ceph-mgr**) when you deploy the Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster. However, if you do not use Ansible to manage Red Hat Ceph Storage, you can install Ceph Manager manually. Red Hat recommends to colocate the Ceph Manager and Ceph Monitor daemons on a same node.

Prerequisites

• A working Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster

- root or sudo access
- The rhel-7-server-rhceph-3-mon-rpms repository enabled
- Open ports **6800-7300** on the public network if firewall is used

Procedure

Use the following commands on the node where **ceph-mgr** will be deployed and as the **root** user or with the **sudo** utility.

- 1. Install the **ceph-mgr** package:
 - [root@node1 ~]# yum install ceph-mgr
- 2. Create the /var/lib/ceph/mgr/ceph-hostname/ directory:
 - mkdir /var/lib/ceph/mgr/ceph-hostname

Replace *hostname* with the host name of the node where the **ceph-mgr** daemon will be deployed, for example:

- [root@node1 ~]# mkdir /var/lib/ceph/mgr/ceph-node1
- 3. In the newly created directory, create an authentication key for the **ceph-mgr** daemon:
 - [root@node1 ~]# ceph auth get-or-create mgr.`hostname -s` mon 'allow profile mgr' osd 'allow *' mds 'allow *' -o /var/lib/ceph/mgr/ceph-node1/keyring
- 4. Change the owner and group of the /var/lib/ceph/mgr/ directory to ceph:ceph:
 - [root@node1 ~]# chown -R ceph:ceph /var/lib/ceph/mgr
- 5. Enable the **ceph-mgr** target:
 - [root@node1 ~]# systemctl enable ceph-mgr.target
- 6. Enable and start the ceph-mgr instance:

systemctl enable ceph-mgr@hostname systemctl start ceph-mgr@hostname

Replace *hostname* with the host name of the node where the **ceph-mgr** will be deployed, for example:

[root@node1 ~]# systemctl enable ceph-mgr@node1 [root@node1 ~]# systemctl start ceph-mgr@node1

7. Verify that the **ceph-mgr** daemon started successfully:

ceph -s

The output will include a line similar to the following one under the **services:** section:

mgr: node1(active)

8. Install more **ceph-mgr** daemons to serve as standby daemons that become active if the current active daemon fails.

Additional resources

Requirements for Installing Red Hat Ceph Storage

G.3. UPGRADING OSD NODES

This section describes steps to upgrade a Ceph OSD node to a later version.

Prerequisites

 When upgrading an OSD node, some placement groups will become degraded because the OSD might be down or restarting. To prevent Ceph from starting the recovery process, on a Monitor node, set the **noout** and **norebalance** OSD flags:

[root@monitor ~]# ceph osd set noout [root@monitor ~]# ceph osd set norebalance

Procedure

Do the following steps on each OSD node in the storage cluster. Upgrade only one OSD node at a time. If an ISO-based installation was performed for Red Hat Ceph Storage 2.3, then skip this first step.

1. As **root**, disable the Red Hat Ceph Storage 2 repositories:

subscription-manager repos --disable=rhel-7-server-rhceph-2-osd-rpms --disable=rhel-7-server-rhceph-2-installer-rpms

- 2. Enable the Red Hat Ceph Storage 3 OSD repository:
 - [root@osd ~]# subscription-manager repos --enable=rhel-7-server-rhceph-3-osd-rpms
- 3. As **root**, stop any running OSD process:

Syntax

service ceph stop <daemon_type>.<osd_id>

Example

- # service ceph stop osd.0
- 4. As **root**, update the **ceph-osd** package:
 - # yum update ceph-osd
- 5. As **root**, update the owner and group permissions on the newly created directory and files:

Syntax

chown -R <owner>:<group> <path_to_directory>

Example

chown -R ceph:ceph /var/lib/ceph/osd # chown -R ceph:ceph /var/log/ceph # chown -R ceph:ceph /var/run/ceph # chown -R ceph:ceph /etc/ceph



NOTE

Using the following **find** command might quicken the process of changing ownership by using the **chown** command in parallel on a Ceph storage cluster with a large number of disks:

find /var/lib/ceph/osd -maxdepth 1 -mindepth 1 -print | xargs -P12 -n1 chown -R ceph:ceph

6. If SELinux is set to enforcing or permissive mode, then set a relabelling of the SELinux context on files for the next reboot:

touch /.autorelabel



WARNING

Relabeling will take a long time to complete, because SELinux must traverse every file system and fix any mislabeled files. To exclude directories from being relabelled, add the directory to the /etc/selinux/fixfiles_exclude_dirs file before rebooting.



NOTE

In environments with large number of objects per placement group (PG), the directory enumeration speed will decrease, causing a negative impact to performance. This is caused by the addition of xattr queries which verifies the SELinux context. Setting the context at mount time removes the xattr queries for context and helps overall disk performance, especially on slower disks.

Add the following line to the **[osd]** section in the /etc/ceph/ceph.conf file:

+

osd_mount_options_xfs=rw,noatime,inode64,context="system_u:object_r:ceph_var_lib_t:s0"

7. As **root**, replay device events from the kernel:

udevadm trigger

8. As **root**, enable the **ceph-osd** process:

systemctl enable ceph-osd.target
systemctl enable ceph-osd@<osd_id>

9. As root, reboot the OSD node:

shutdown -r now

10. Move to the next OSD node.



NOTE

If the **noout** and **norebalance** flags are set, the storage cluster is in **HEALTH WARN** state

\$ ceph health HEALTH_WARN noout,norebalance flag(s) set

Once you are done upgrading the Ceph Storage Cluster, unset the previously set OSD flags and verify the storage cluster status.

On a Monitor node, and after all OSD nodes have been upgraded, unset the **noout** and **norebalance** flags:

ceph osd unset noout # ceph osd unset norebalance

In addition, execute the **ceph osd require-osd-release <release>** command. This command ensures that no more OSDs with Red Hat Ceph Storage 2.3 can be added to the storage cluster. If you do not run this command, the storage status will be **HEALTH_WARN**.

ceph osd require-osd-release luminous

Additional Resources

 To expand the storage capacity by adding new OSDs to the storage cluster, see the Add an OSD section in the Administration Guide for Red Hat Ceph Storage 3

G.4. UPGRADING THE CEPH OBJECT GATEWAY NODES

This section describes steps to upgrade a Ceph Object Gateway node to a later version.

Prerequisites

- Red Hat recommends putting a Ceph Object Gateway behind a load balancer, such as HAProxy.
 If you use a load balancer, remove the Ceph Object Gateway from the load balancer once no requests are being served.
- If you use a custom name for the region pool, specified in the rgw_region_root_pool
 parameter, add the rgw_zonegroup_root_pool parameter to the [global] section of the Ceph
 configuration file. Set the value of rgw_zonegroup_root_pool to be the same as
 rgw_region_root_pool, for example:

```
[global]
rgw_zonegroup_root_pool = .us.rgw.root
```

Procedure

Do the following steps on each Ceph Object Gateway node in the storage cluster. Upgrade only one node at a time.

1. If you used online repositories to install Red Hat Ceph Storage, disable the 2 repositories.

subscription-manager repos --disable=rhel-7-server-rhceph-2.3-tools-rpms --disable=rhel-7-server-rhceph-2-installer-rpms

- 2. Enable the Red Hat Ceph Storage 3 Tools repository:
 - [root@gateway ~]# subscription-manager repos --enable=rhel-7-server-rhceph-3-tools-rpms
- 3. Stop the Ceph Object Gateway process (**ceph-radosgw**):
 - # service ceph-radosgw stop
- 4. Update the ceph-radosgw package:
 - # yum update ceph-radosgw
- 5. Change the owner and group permissions on the newly created /var/lib/ceph/radosgw/ and /var/log/ceph/ directories and their content to ceph.

```
# chown -R ceph:ceph /var/lib/ceph/radosgw
# chown -R ceph:ceph /var/log/ceph
```

6. If SELinux is set to run in enforcing or permissive mode, instruct it to relabel SELinux context on the next boot.

touch /.autorelabel



IMPORTANT

Relabeling takes a long time to complete, because SELinux must traverse every file system and fix any mislabeled files. To exclude directories from being relabeled, add them to the /etc/selinux/fixfiles_exclude_dirs file before rebooting.

7. Enable the **ceph-radosgw** process.

systemctl enable ceph-radosgw.target # systemctl enable ceph-radosgw@rgw.<hostname>

Replace <hostname> with the name of the Ceph Object Gateway host, for example gateway-node.

systemctl enable ceph-radosgw.target # systemctl enable ceph-radosgw@rgw.gateway-node

8. Reboot the Ceph Object Gateway node.

shutdown -r now

9. If you use a load balancer, add the Ceph Object Gateway node back to the load balancer.

Additional Resources

The Ceph Object Gateway Guide for Red Hat Enterprise Linux

G.5. UPGRADING A CEPH CLIENT NODE

Ceph clients are:

- Ceph Block Devices
- OpenStack Nova compute nodes
- QEMU or KVM hypervisors
- Any custom application that uses the Ceph client-side libraries

Red Hat recommends all Ceph clients to be running the same version as the Ceph storage cluster.

Prerequisites

 Stop all I/O requests against a Ceph client node while upgrading the packages to prevent unexpected errors to occur

Procedure

1. If you installed Red Hat Ceph Storage 2 clients by using software repositories, disable the repositories:

subscription-manager repos --disable=rhel-7-server-rhceph-2-tools-rpms --disable=rhel-7-server-rhceph-2-installer-rpms



NOTE

If an ISO-based installation was performed for Red Hat Ceph Storage 2 clients, skip this first step.

2. On the client node, enable the Red Hat Ceph Storage Tools 3 repository:

[root@gateway ~]# subscription-manager repos --enable=rhel-7-server-rhceph-3-tools-rpms

3. On the client node, update the **ceph-common** package:

yum update ceph-common

4. Restart any application that depends on the Ceph client-side libraries after upgrading the **ceph-common** package.



NOTE

If you are upgrading OpenStack Nova compute nodes that have running QEMU or KVM instances or use a dedicated QEMU or KVM client, stop and start the QEMU or KVM instance because restarting the instance does not work in this case.

APPENDIX H. CHANGES IN ANSIBLE VARIABLES BETWEEN VERSION 2 AND 3

With Red Hat Ceph Storage 3, certain variables in the configuration files located in the /usr/share/ceph-ansible/group_vars/ directory have changed or have been removed. The following table lists all the changes. After upgrading to version 3, copy the all.yml.sample and osds.yml.sample files again to reflect these changes. See Upgrading a Red Hat Ceph Storage Cluster for details.

Old Option	New Option	File
ceph_rhcs_cdn_install	ceph_repository_type: cdn	all.yml
ceph_rhcs_iso_install	ceph_repository_type: iso	all.yml
ceph_rhcs	ceph_origin: repository and ceph_repository: rhcs (enabled by default)	all.yml
journal_collocation	osd_scenario: collocated	osds.yml
raw_multi_journal	osd_scenario: non- collocated	osds.yml
raw_journal_devices	dedicated_devices	osds.yml
dmcrytpt_journal_collocatio n	dmcrypt: true + osd_scenario: collocated	osds.yml
dmcrypt_dedicated_journal	dmcrypt: true + osd_scenario: non-collocated	osds.yml

APPENDIX I. IMPORTING AN EXISTING CEPH CLUSTER TO ANSIBLE

You can configure Ansible to use a cluster deployed without Ansible. For example, if you upgraded Red Hat Ceph Storage 1.3 clusters to version 2 manually, configure them to use Ansible by following this procedure:

- 1. After manually upgrading from version 1.3 to version 2, install and configure Ansible on the administration node.
- 2. Ensure that the Ansible administration node has passwordless **ssh** access to all Ceph nodes in the cluster. See Section 2.11, "Enabling Password-less SSH for Ansible" for more details.
- 3. As **root**, create a symbolic link to the Ansible **group_vars** directory in the /**etc/ansible**/ directory:
 - # In -s /usr/share/ceph-ansible/group_vars /etc/ansible/group_vars
- 4. As **root**, create an **all.yml** file from the **all.yml.sample** file and open it for editing:

```
# cd /etc/ansible/group_vars
# cp all.yml.sample all.yml
# vim all.yml
```

- 5. Set the **generate_fsid** setting to **false** in **group_vars/all.yml**.
- 6. Get the current cluster **fsid** by executing **ceph fsid**.
- 7. Set the retrieved **fsid** in **group_vars/all.yml**.
- 8. Modify the Ansible inventory in /etc/ansible/hosts to include Ceph hosts. Add monitors under a **[mons]** section, OSDs under an **[osds]** section and gateways under an **[rgws]** section to identify their roles to Ansible.
- 9. Make sure ceph_conf_overrides is updated with the original ceph.conf options used for [global], [osd], [mon], and [client] sections in the all.yml file.
 Options like osd journal, public_network and cluster_network should not be added in ceph_conf_overrides because they are already part of all.yml. Only the options that are not part of all.yml and are in the original ceph.conf should be added to ceph_conf_overrides.
- 10. From the /usr/share/ceph-ansible/ directory run the playbook.

```
# cd /usr/share/ceph-ansible/
# cp infrastructure-playbooks/take-over-existing-cluster.yml .
$ ansible-playbook take-over-existing-cluster.yml -u <username>
```

APPENDIX J. PURGING A CEPH CLUSTER BY USING ANSIBLE

If you deployed a Ceph cluster using Ansible and you want to purge the cluster, then use the **purge-cluster.yml** Ansible playbook located in the **infrastructure-playbooks** directory.



IMPORTANT

Purging a Ceph cluster will lose data stored on the cluster's OSDs.

Before purging the Ceph cluster...

Check the **osd_auto_discovery** option in the **osds.yml** file. Having this option set to **true** will cause the purge to fail. To prevent the failure, do the following steps before running the purge:

- 1. Declare the OSD devices in the **osds.yml** file. See Section 3.2, "Installing a Red Hat Ceph Storage Cluster" for more details.
- 2. Comment out the **osd_auto_discovery** option in the **osds.yml** file.

To purge the Ceph cluster...

- 1. As **root**, navigate to the /**usr/share/ceph-ansible**/ directory:
 - # cd /usr/share/ceph-ansible
- 2. As **root**, copy the **purge-cluster.yml** Ansible playbook to the current directory:
 - # cp infrastructure-playbooks/purge-cluster.yml .
- 3. Run the **purge-cluster.yml** Ansible playbook:
 - \$ ansible-playbook purge-cluster.yml