



# **Containers**

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# Containers

## NVA-1160: Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp

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This reference document provides deployment validation of the Red Hat OpenShift solution, deployed through Installer Provisioned Infrastructure (IPI) in several different data center environments as validated by NetApp. It also details storage integration with NetApp storage systems by making use of the Astra Trident storage orchestrator for the management of persistent storage. Lastly, a number of solution validations and real world use cases are explored and documented.

### Use cases

The Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp solution is architected to deliver exceptional value for customers with the following use cases:

- Easy to deploy and manage Red Hat OpenShift deployed using IPI (Installer Provisioned Infrastructure) on bare metal, Red Hat OpenStack Platform, Red Hat Virtualization, and VMware vSphere.
- Combined power of enterprise container and virtualized workloads with Red Hat OpenShift deployed virtually on OSP, RHV, or vSphere, or on bare metal with OpenShift Virtualization.
- Real world configuration and use cases highlighting the features of Red Hat OpenShift when used with NetApp storage and Astra Trident, the open source storage orchestrator for Kubernetes.

### Business value

Enterprises are increasingly adopting DevOps practices to create new products, shorten release cycles, and rapidly add new features. Because of their innate agile nature, containers and microservices play a crucial role in supporting DevOps practices. However, practicing DevOps at a production scale in an enterprise environment presents its own challenges and imposes certain requirements on the underlying infrastructure, such as the following:

- High availability at all layers in the stack
- Ease of deployment procedures
- Non-disruptive operations and upgrades
- API-driven and programmable infrastructure to keep up with microservices agility
- Multitenancy with performance guarantees
- Ability to run virtualized and containerized workloads simultaneously
- Ability to scale infrastructure independently based on workload demands

Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp acknowledges these challenges and presents a solution that helps address each concern by implementing the fully automated deployment of RedHat OpenShift IPI in the customer's choice of data center environment.

### Technology overview

The Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp solution is comprised of the following major components:

## **Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform**

Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform is a fully supported enterprise Kubernetes platform. Red Hat makes several enhancements to open-source Kubernetes to deliver an application platform with all the components fully integrated to build, deploy, and manage containerized applications.

For more information visit the OpenShift website [here](#).

## **NetApp storage systems**

NetApp has several storage systems perfect for enterprise data centers and hybrid cloud deployments. The NetApp portfolio includes NetApp ONTAP, NetApp Element, and NetApp e-Series storage systems, all of which can provide persistent storage for containerized applications.

For more information visit the NetApp website [here](#).

## **NetApp storage integrations**

NetApp Astra Control Center offers a rich set of storage and application-aware data management services for stateful Kubernetes workloads, deployed in an on-prem environment and powered by trusted NetApp data protection technology.

For more information, visit the NetApp Astra website [here](#).

Astra Trident is an open-source and fully-supported storage orchestrator for containers and Kubernetes distributions, including Red Hat OpenShift.

For more information, visit the Astra Trident website [here](#).

## **Advanced configuration options**

This section is dedicated to customizations that real world users would likely need to perform when deploying this solution into production, such as creating a dedicated private image registry or deploying custom load balancer instances.

## **Current support matrix for validated releases**

Technology	Purpose	Software version
NetApp ONTAP	Storage	9.8, 9.9.1
NetApp Element	Storage	12.3
NetApp Astra Control Center	Application Aware Data Management	21.08.65
NetApp Astra Trident	Storage Orchestration	21.07.1
Red Hat OpenShift	Container orchestration	4.6 EUS, 4.7
Red Hat OpenStack Platform	Private Cloud Infrastructure	16.1
Red Hat Virtualization	Data center virtualization	4.4
VMware vSphere	Data center virtualization	6.7U3

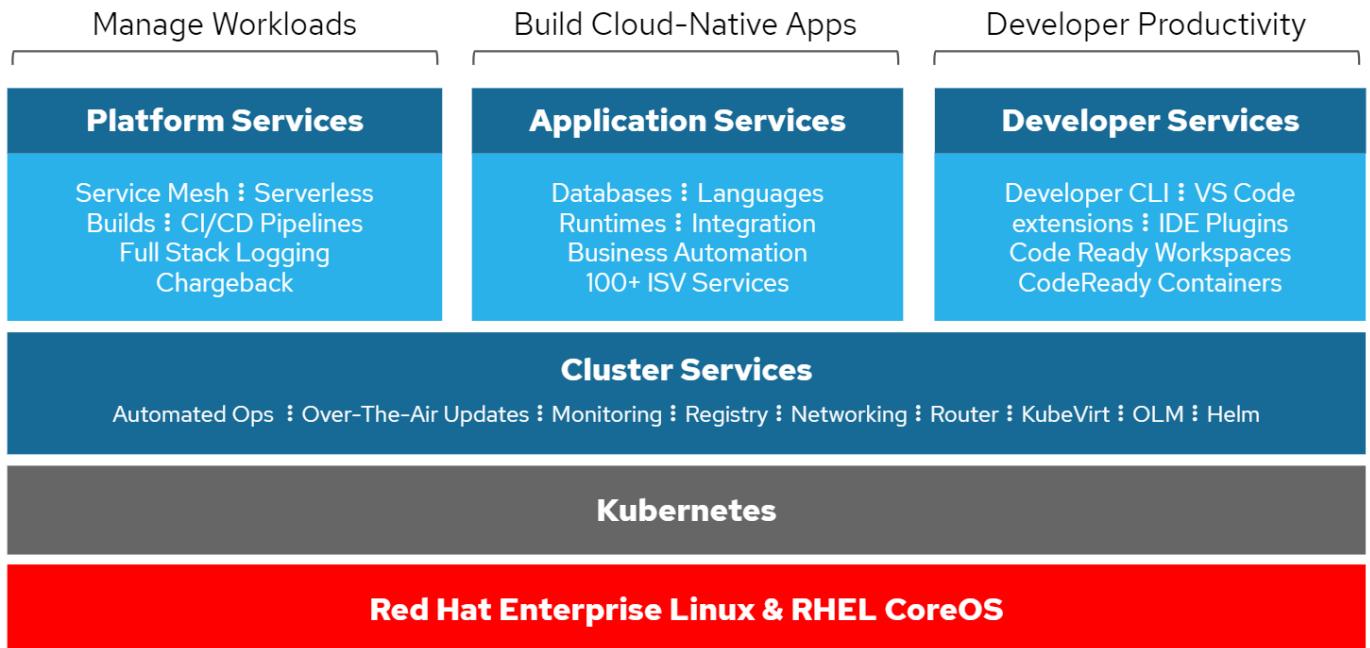
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## OpenShift Overview

The Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform unites development and IT operations on a single platform to build, deploy, and manage applications consistently across on-premises and hybrid cloud infrastructures. Red Hat OpenShift is built on open-source innovation and industry standards, including Kubernetes and Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS, the world's leading enterprise Linux distribution designed for container-based workloads. OpenShift is part of the Cloud Native Computing Foundation (CNCF) Certified Kubernetes program, providing portability and interoperability of container workloads.

### Red Hat OpenShift provides the following capabilities:

- **Self-service provisioning.** Developers can quickly and easily create applications on demand from the tools that they use most, while operations retain full control over the entire environment.
- **Persistent storage.** By providing support for persistent storage, OpenShift Container Platform allows you to run both stateful applications and cloud-native stateless applications.
- **Continuous integration and continuous development (CI/CD).** This source-code platform manages build and deployment images at scale.
- **Open-source standards.** These standards incorporate the Open Container Initiative (OCI) and Kubernetes for container orchestration, in addition to other open-source technologies. You are not restricted to the technology or to the business roadmap of a specific vendor.
- **CI/CD pipelines.** OpenShift provides out-of-the-box support for CI/CD pipelines so that development teams can automate every step of the application delivery process and make sure it's executed on every change that is made to the code or configuration of the application.
- **Role-Based Access Control (RBAC).** This feature provides team and user tracking to help organize a large developer group.
- **Automated build and deploy.** OpenShift gives developers the option to build their containerized applications or have the platform build the containers from the application source code or even the binaries. The platform then automates deployment of these applications across the infrastructure based on the characteristic that was defined for the applications. For example, how quantity of resources that should be allocated and where on the infrastructure they should be deployed in order for them to be compliant with third-party licenses.
- **Consistent environments.** OpenShift makes sure that the environment provisioned for developers and across the lifecycle of the application is consistent from the operating system, to libraries, runtime version (for example, Java runtime), and even the application runtime in use (for example, tomcat) in order to remove the risks originated from inconsistent environments.
- **Configuration management.** Configuration and sensitive data management is built in to the platform to make sure that a consistent and environment agnostic application configuration is provided to the application no matter which technologies are used to build the application or which environment it is deployed.
- **Application logs and metrics.** Rapid feedback is an important aspect of application development. OpenShift integrated monitoring and log management provides immediate metrics back to developers in order for them to study how the application is behaving across changes and be able to fix issues as early as possible in the application lifecycle.
- **Security and container catalog.** OpenShift offers multitenancy and protects the user from harmful code execution by using established security with Security-Enhanced Linux (SELinux), CGroups, and Secure Computing Mode (seccomp) to isolate and protect containers. It also provides encryption through TLS certificates for the various subsystems and access to Red Hat certified containers ([access.redhat.com/containers](http://access.redhat.com/containers)) that are scanned and graded with a specific emphasis on security to provide certified, trusted, and secure application containers to end users.



## Deployment methods for Red Hat OpenShift

Starting with Red Hat OpenShift 4, the deployment methods for OpenShift include manual deployments using User Provisioned Infrastructure (UPI) for highly customized deployments or fully automated deployments using Installer Provisioned Infrastructure (IPI).

The IPI installation method is the preferred method in most cases because it allows for the rapid deployment of OCP clusters for dev, test, and production environments.

### IPI installation of Red Hat OpenShift

The Installer Provisioned Infrastructure (IPI) deployment of OpenShift involves these high-level steps:

1. Visit the Red Hat OpenShift [website](#) and login with your SSO credentials.
2. Select the environment that you would like to deploy Red Hat OpenShift into.

## Install OpenShift Container Platform 4

Select an infrastructure provider

 Run on Amazon Web Services	 Run on Microsoft Azure	 Run on Google Cloud Platform	 Run on VMware vSphere
 Run on Red Hat OpenStack	 Run on Red Hat Virtualization	 Run on Bare Metal	 IBM Z IBM LinuxONE Run on IBM Z
 Run on Power	 Run on Laptop Powered by Red Hat CodeReady Containers		

3. On the next screen download the installer, the unique pull secret, and the CLI tools for management.

**Downloads**

**OpenShift installer**  
Download and extract the install program for your operating system and place the file in the directory where you will store the installation configuration files. Note: The OpenShift install program is only available for Linux and macOS at this time.

Linux ▾ [Download installer](#)

**Pull secret**  
Download or copy your pull secret. The install program will prompt you for your pull secret during installation.

[Download pull secret](#)  [Copy pull secret](#)

**Command-line interface**  
Download the OpenShift command-line tools and add them to your PATH.

Linux ▾ [Download command-line tools](#)

When the installer is complete you will see the console URL and credentials for accessing your new cluster. A kubeconfig file will also be generated for you to use with the `oc` CLI tools you downloaded.

4. Follow the [installation instructions](#) provided by Red Hat to deploy to your environment of choice.

**NetApp validated OpenShift deployments**

NetApp has tested and validated the deployment of Red Hat OpenShift in its labs using the Installer Provisioned Infrastructure (IPI) deployment method in each of the following data center environments:

- [OpenShift on Bare Metal](#)
- [OpenShift on Red Hat OpenStack Platform](#)
- [OpenShift on Red Hat Virtualization](#)
- [OpenShift on VMware vSphere](#)

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## OpenShift on Bare Metal

OpenShift on Bare Metal provides an automated deployment of the OpenShift Container Platform on commodity servers.

OpenShift on Bare Metal is similar to virtual deployments of OpenShift, which provide ease of deployment, rapid provisioning, and scaling of OpenShift clusters, while supporting virtualized workloads for applications that are not ready to be containerized. By deploying on bare metal, you do not require the extra overhead necessary to manage the host hypervisor environment in addition to the OpenShift environment. By deploying directly on bare metal servers, you can also reduce the physical overhead limitations of having to share resources between the host and OpenShift environment.

**OpenShift on Bare Metal provides the following features:**

- **IPI or assisted installer deployment.** With an OpenShift cluster deployed by Installer Provisioned Infrastructure (IPI) on bare metal servers, customers can deploy a highly versatile, easily scalable OpenShift environment directly on commodity servers, without the need to manage a hypervisor layer.
- **Compact cluster design.** To minimize the hardware requirements, OpenShift on bare metal allows for users to deploy clusters of just 3 nodes, by enabling the OpenShift control plane nodes to also act as worker nodes and host containers.
- **OpenShift virtualization.** OpenShift can run virtual machines within containers by using OpenShift Virtualization. This container-native virtualization runs the KVM hypervisor inside of a container, and attaches persistent volumes for VM storage.
- **AI/ML-optimized infrastructure.** Deploy applications like Kubeflow for machine learning applications by incorporating GPU-based worker nodes to your OpenShift environment and leveraging OpenShift Advanced Scheduling.

## Network design

The Red Hat OpenShift on NetApp solution uses two data switches to provide primary data connectivity at 25Gbps. It also uses two management switches that provide connectivity at 1Gbps for in-band management for the storage nodes and out-of-band management for IPMI functionality.

For OpenShift bare-metal IPI deployment, you must create a provisioner node, a Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 machine that must have network interfaces attached to separate networks.

- **Provisioning network.** This network is used to boot the bare-metal nodes and install the necessary images and packages to deploy the OpenShift cluster.
- **Bare-metal network.** This network is used for public-facing communication of the cluster after it is deployed.

For the setup of the provisioner node, the customer creates bridge interfaces that allow the traffic to route properly on the node itself and on the Bootstrap VM that is provisioned for deployment purposes. After the cluster is deployed, the API and ingress VIP addresses are migrated from the bootstrap node to the newly deployed cluster.

The following images depict the environment both during IPI deployment and after the deployment is complete.



## VLAN requirements

The Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp solution is designed to logically separate network traffic for different purposes by using virtual local area networks (VLANs).

VLANs	Purpose	VLAN ID
Out-of-band management network	Management for bare metal nodes and IPMI	16
Bare-metal network	Network for OpenShift services once cluster is available	181
Provisioning network	Network for PXE boot and installation of bare metal nodes via IPI	3485



Although each of these networks is virtually separated by VLANs, each physical port must be set up in Access Mode with the primary VLAN assigned, because there is no way to pass a VLAN tag during a PXE boot sequence.

## Network infrastructure support resources

The following infrastructure should be in place prior to the deployment of the OpenShift container platform:

- At least one DNS server that provides a full host-name resolution accessible from the in-band management network and the VM network.
- At least one NTP server that is accessible from the in-band management network and the VM network.
- (Optional) Outbound internet connectivity for both the in-band management network and the VM network.

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## OpenShift on Red Hat OpenStack Platform

The Red Hat OpenStack Platform delivers an integrated foundation to create, deploy, and scale a secure and reliable private OpenStack cloud.

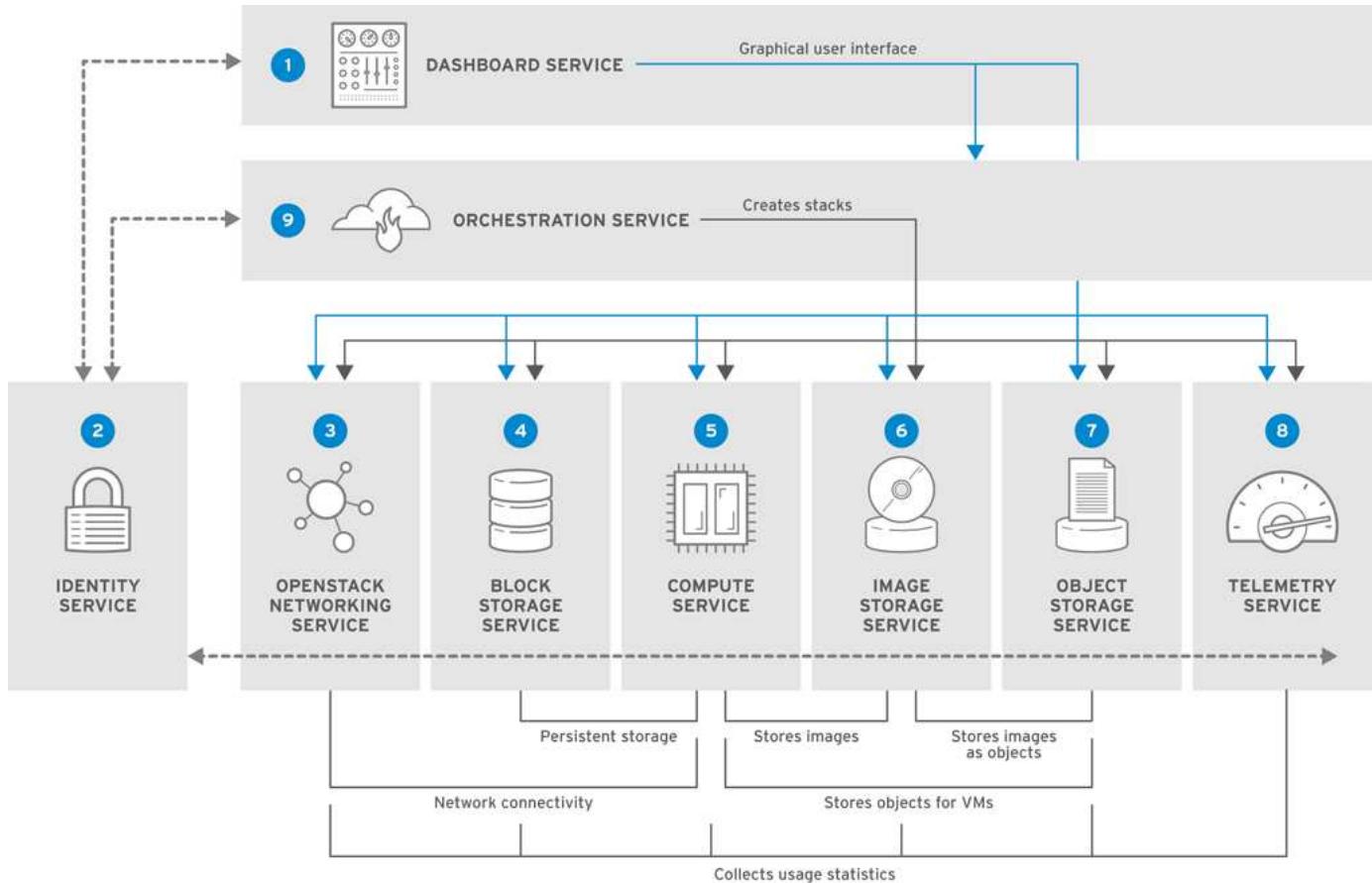
OSP is an infrastructure-as-a-service (IaaS) cloud implemented by a collection of control services that manage compute, storage, and networking resources. The environment is managed using a web-based interface that allows administrators and users to control, provision, and automate OpenStack resources. Additionally, the OpenStack infrastructure is facilitated through an extensive command line interface and API enabling full automation capabilities for administrators and end-users.

The OpenStack project is a rapidly developed community project that provides updated releases every six months. Initially Red Hat OpenStack Platform kept pace with this release cycle by publishing a new release along with every upstream release and providing long term support for every third release. Recently, with the OSP 16.0 release (based on OpenStack Train), Red Hat has chosen not to keep pace with release numbers but instead has backported new features into sub-releases. The most recent release is Red Hat OpenStack Platform 16.1, which includes backported advanced features from the Ussuri and Victoria releases upstream.

For more information about OSP see the [Red Hat OpenStack Platform website](#).

## OpenStack services

OpenStack Platform services are deployed as containers, which isolates services from one another and enables easy upgrades. The OpenStack Platform uses a set of containers built and managed with Kolla. The deployment of services is performed by pulling container images from the Red Hat Custom Portal. These service containers are managed using the Podman command and are deployed, configured, and maintained with Red Hat OpenStack Director.



Service	Project name	Description
Dashboard	Horizon	Web browser-based dashboard that you use to manage OpenStack services.
Identity	Keystone	Centralized service for authentication and authorization of OpenStack services and for managing users, projects, and roles.
OpenStack networking	Neutron	Provides connectivity between the interfaces of OpenStack services.
Block storage	Cinder	Manages persistent block storage volumes for virtual machines (VMs).
Compute	Nova	Manages and provisions VMs running on compute nodes.
Image	Glance	Registry service used to store resources such as VM images and volume snapshots.
Object storage	Swift	Allows users to storage and retrieve files and arbitrary data.

Telemetry	Ceilometer	Provides measurements of use of cloud resources.
Orchestration	Heat	Template-based orchestration engine that supports automatic creation of resource stacks.

### Network design

The Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp solution uses two data switches to provide primary data connectivity at 25Gbps. It also uses two additional management switches that provide connectivity at 1Gbps for in-band management for the storage nodes and out-of-band management for IPMI functionality.

IPMI functionality is required by Red Hat OpenStack Director to deploy Red Hat OpenStack Platform using the Ironic bare-metal provision service.

### VLAN requirements

Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp is designed to logically separate network traffic for different purposes by using virtual local area networks (VLANs). This configuration can be scaled to meet customer demands or to provide further isolation for specific network services. The following table lists the VLANs that are required to implement the solution while validating the solution at NetApp.

VLANs	Purpose	VLAN ID
Out-of-band management network	Network used for management of physical nodes and IPMI service for Ironic.	16
Storage infrastructure	Network used for controller nodes to map volumes directly to support infrastructure services like Swift.	201
Storage Cinder	Network used to map and attach block volumes directly to virtual instances deployed in the environment.	202
Internal API	Network used for communication between the OpenStack services using API communication, RPC messages, and database communication.	301
Tenant	Neutron provides each tenant with their own networks via tunneling through VXLAN. Network traffic is isolated within each tenant network. Each tenant network has an IP subnet associated with it, and network namespaces mean that multiple tenant networks can use the same address range without causing conflicts.	302

VLANs	Purpose	VLAN ID
Storage management	OpenStack Object Storage (Swift) uses this network to synchronize data objects between participating replica nodes. The proxy service acts as the intermediary interface between user requests and the underlying storage layer. The proxy receives incoming requests and locates the necessary replica to retrieve the requested data.	303
PXE	The OpenStack Director provides PXE boot as a part of the Ironic bare metal provisioning service to orchestrate the installation of the OSP Overcloud.	3484
External	Publicly available network which hosts the OpenStack Dashboard (Horizon) for graphical management and allows for public API calls to manage OpenStack services.	3485
In-band management network	Provides access for system administration functions such as SSH access, DNS traffic, and Network Time Protocol (NTP) traffic. This network also acts as a gateway for non-controller nodes.	3486

## Network infrastructure support resources

The following infrastructure should be in place prior to the deployment of the OpenShift Container Platform:

- At least one DNS server which provides a full host-name resolution.
- At least three NTP servers which can keep time synchronized for the servers in the solution.
- (Optional) Outbound internet connectivity for the OpenShift environment.

## Best practices for production deployments

This section lists several best practices that an organization should take into consideration before deploying this solution into production.

## Deploy OpenShift to an OSP private cloud with at least three compute nodes

The verified architecture described in this document presents the minimum hardware deployment suitable for HA operations by deploying three OSP controller nodes and two OSP compute nodes. This architecture ensures a fault tolerant configuration in which both compute nodes can launch virtual instances and deployed VMs can migrate between the two hypervisors.

Because Red Hat OpenShift initially deploys with three master nodes, a two-node configuration might cause at least two masters to occupy the same node, which can lead to a possible outage for OpenShift if that specific

node becomes unavailable. Therefore, it is a Red Hat best practice to deploy at least three OSP compute nodes so that the OpenShift masters can be distributed evenly and the solution receives an added degree of fault tolerance.

## Configure virtual machine/host affinity

Distributing the OpenShift masters across multiple hypervisor nodes can be achieved by enabling VM/host affinity.

Affinity is a way to define rules for a set of VMs and/or hosts that determine whether the VMs run together on the same host or hosts in the group or on different hosts. It is applied to VMs by creating affinity groups that consist of VMs and/or hosts with a set of identical parameters and conditions. Depending on whether the VMs in an affinity group run on the same host or hosts in the group or separately on different hosts, the parameters of the affinity group can define either positive affinity or negative affinity. In the Red Hat OpenStack Platform, host affinity and anti-affinity rules can be created and enforced by creating server groups and configuring filters so that instances deployed by Nova in a server group deploy on different compute nodes.

A server group has a default maximum of 10 virtual instances that it can manage placement for. This can be modified by updating the default quotas for Nova.



There is a specific hard affinity/anti-affinity limit for OSP server groups; if there are not enough resources to deploy on separate nodes or not enough resources to allow sharing of nodes, the VM fails to boot.

To configure affinity groups, see [How do I configure Affinity and Anti-Affinity for OpenStack instances?](#).

## Use a custom install file for OpenShift deployment

IPI makes the deployment of OpenShift clusters easy through the interactive wizard discussed earlier in this document. However, it is possible that you might need to change some default values as a part of a cluster deployment.

In these instances, you can run and task the wizard without immediately deploying a cluster; instead it creates a configuration file from which the cluster can be deployed later. This is very useful if you need to change any IPI defaults, or if you want to deploy multiple identical clusters in your environment for other uses such as multitenancy. For more information about creating a customized install configuration for OpenShift, see [Red Hat OpenShift Installing a Cluster on OpenStack with Customizations](#).

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## OpenShift on Red Hat Virtualization

Red Hat Virtualization (RHV) is an enterprise virtual data center platform that runs on Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) and uses the KVM hypervisor.

For more information about RHV, see the [Red Hat Virtualization website](#).

RHV provides the following features:

- **Centralized management of VMs and hosts.** The RHV manager runs as a physical or virtual machine (VM) in the deployment and provides a web-based GUI for the management of the solution from a central interface.
- **Self-hosted engine.** To minimize hardware requirements, RHV allows RHV Manager (RHV-M) to be deployed as a VM on the same hosts that run guest VMs.

- **High availability.** To avoid disruption in event of host failures, RHV allows VMs to be configured for high availability. The highly available VMs are controlled at the cluster level using resiliency policies.
- **High scalability.** A single RHV cluster can have up to 200 hypervisor hosts enabling it to support requirements of massive VMs to host resource-greedy, enterprise-class workloads.
- **Enhanced security.** Inherited from RHV, Secure Virtualization (sVirt) and Security Enhanced Linux (SELinux) technologies are employed by RHV for the purposes of elevated security and hardening for the hosts and VMs. The key advantage from these features is logical isolation of a VM and its associated resources.



## Network design

The Red Hat OpenShift on NetApp solution uses two data switches to provide primary data connectivity at 25Gbps. It also uses two additional management switches that provide connectivity at 1Gbps for in-band management of the storage nodes and out-of-band management for IPMI functionality. OCP uses the virtual machine logical network on RHV for cluster management. This section describes the arrangement and purpose of each virtual network segment used in the solution and outlines the prerequisites for deploying the solution.

## VLAN requirements

Red Hat OpenShift on RHV is designed to logically separate network traffic for different purposes by using virtual local area networks (VLANs). This configuration can be scaled to meet customer demands or to provide further isolation for specific network services. The following table lists the VLANs that are required to implement the solution while validating the solution at NetApp.

VLANs	Purpose	VLAN ID
Out-of-band management network	Management for physical nodes and IPMI	16
VM Network	Virtual guest network access	1172
In-band management network	Management for RHV-H nodes, RHV-Manager, and ovirtmgmt network	3343
Storage network	Storage network for NetApp Element iSCSI	3344

VLANs	Purpose	VLAN ID
Migration network	Network for virtual guest migration	3345

## Network infrastructure support resources

The following infrastructure should be in place prior to the deployment of the OpenShift Container Platform:

- At least one DNS server providing full host-name resolution that is accessible from the in-band management network and the VM network.
- At least one NTP server that is accessible from the in-band management network and the VM network.
- (Optional) Outbound internet connectivity for both the in-band management network and the VM network.

## Best practices for production deployments

This section lists several best practices that an organization should take into consideration before deploying this solution into production.

## Deploy OpenShift to an RHV cluster of at least three nodes

The verified architecture described in this document presents the minimum hardware deployment suitable for HA operations by deploying two RHV-H hypervisor nodes and ensuring a fault tolerant configuration where both hosts can manage the hosted-engine and deployed VMs can migrate between the two hypervisors.

Because Red Hat OpenShift initially deploys with three master nodes, it is ensured in a two-node configuration that at least two masters will occupy the same node, which can lead to a possible outage for OpenShift if that specific node becomes unavailable. Therefore, it is a Red Hat best practice that at least three RHV-H hypervisor nodes be deployed as part of the solution so that the OpenShift masters can be distributed evenly and the solution receives an added degree of fault tolerance.

## Configure virtual machine/host affinity

You can distribute the OpenShift masters across multiple hypervisor nodes by enabling VM/host affinity.

Affinity is a way to define rules for a set of VMs and/or hosts that determine whether the VMs run together on the same host or hosts in the group or on different hosts. It is applied to VMs by creating affinity groups that consist of VMs and/or hosts with a set of identical parameters and conditions. Depending on whether the VMs in an affinity group run on the same host or hosts in the group or separately on different hosts, the parameters of the affinity group can define either positive affinity or negative affinity.

The conditions defined for the parameters can be either hard enforcement or soft enforcement. Hard enforcement ensures that the VMs in an affinity group always follows the positive or negative affinity strictly without any regards to external conditions. Soft enforcement ensures that a higher preference is set for the VMs in an affinity group to follow the positive or negative affinity whenever feasible. In the two or three hypervisor configuration described in this document, soft affinity is the recommended setting. In larger clusters, hard affinity can correctly distribute OpenShift nodes.

To configure affinity groups, see the [Red Hat 6.11. Affinity Groups documentation](#).

## Use a custom install file for OpenShift deployment

IPI makes the deployment of OpenShift clusters easy through the interactive wizard discussed earlier in this document. However, it is possible that there are some default values that might need to be changed as a part of cluster deployment.

In these instances, you can run and task the wizard without immediately deploying a cluster. Rather, a configuration file is created from which the cluster can be deployed later. This is very useful if you want to change any IPI defaults or if you want to deploy multiple identical clusters in your environment for other uses such as multitenancy. For more information about creating a customized install configuration for OpenShift, see [Red Hat OpenShift Installing a Cluster on RHV with Customizations](#).

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## OpenShift on VMware vSphere

VMware vSphere is a virtualization platform for centrally managing a large number of virtualized servers and networks running on the ESXi hypervisor.

For more information about VMware vSphere, see the [VMware vSphere website](#).

VMware vSphere provides the following features:

- **VMware vCenter Server.** VMware vCenter Server provides unified management of all hosts and VMs from a single console and aggregates performance monitoring of clusters, hosts, and VMs.
- **VMware vSphere vMotion.** VMware vCenter allows you to hot migrate VMs between nodes in the cluster upon request in a nondisruptive manner.
- **vSphere High Availability.** To avoid disruption in the event of host failures, VMware vSphere allows hosts to be clustered and configured for High Availability. VMs that are disrupted by host failure are rebooted shortly on other hosts in the cluster, restoring services.
- **Distributed Resource Scheduler (DRS).** A VMware vSphere cluster can be configured to load balance the resource needs of the VMs it is hosting. VMs with resource contentions can be hot migrated to other nodes in the cluster to make sure that enough resources are available.



## Network design

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## VLAN requirements

Red Hat OpenShift on VMware vSphere is designed to logically separate network traffic for different purposes by using virtual local area networks (VLANs). This configuration can be scaled to meet customer demands or to provide further isolation for specific network services. The following table lists the VLANs that are required to implement the solution while validating the solution at NetApp.

VLANs	Purpose	VLAN ID
Out-of-band management network	Management for physical nodes and IPMI	16
VM Network	Virtual guest network access	181
Storage network	Storage network for ONTAP NFS	184
Storage network	Storage network for ONTAP iSCSI	185

VLANs	Purpose	VLAN ID
In-band management network	Management for ESXi Nodes, VCenter Server, ONTAP Select	3480
Storage network	Storage network for NetApp Element iSCSI	3481
Migration network	Network for virtual guest migration	3482

## Network infrastructure support resources

The following infrastructure should be in place prior to the deployment of the OpenShift Container Platform:

- At least one DNS server providing full host-name resolution that is accessible from the in-band management network and the VM network.
- At least one NTP server that is accessible from the in-band management network and the VM network.
- (Optional) Outbound internet connectivity for both the in-band management network and the VM network.

## Best practices for production deployments

This section lists several best practices that an organization should take into consideration before deploying this solution into production.

### Deploy OpenShift to an ESXi cluster of at least three nodes

The verified architecture described in this document presents the minimum hardware deployment suitable for HA operations by deploying two ESXi hypervisor nodes and ensuring a fault tolerant configuration by enabling VMware vSphere HA and VMware vMotion. This configuration allows deployed VMs to migrate between the two hypervisors and reboot should one host become unavailable.

Because Red Hat OpenShift initially deploys with three master nodes, at least two masters in a two-node configuration can occupy the same node under some circumstances, which can lead to a possible outage for OpenShift if that specific node becomes unavailable. Therefore, it is a Red Hat best practice that at least three ESXi hypervisor nodes must be deployed so that the OpenShift masters can be distributed evenly, which provides an added degree of fault tolerance.

### Configure virtual machine and host affinity

Ensuring the distribution of the OpenShift masters across multiple hypervisor nodes can be achieved by enabling VM and host affinity.

Affinity or anti-affinity is a way to define rules for a set of VMs and/or hosts that determine whether the VMs run together on the same host or hosts in the group or on different hosts. It is applied to VMs by creating affinity groups that consist of VMs and/or hosts with a set of identical parameters and conditions. Depending on whether the VMs in an affinity group run on the same host or hosts in the group or separately on different hosts, the parameters of the affinity group can define either positive affinity or negative affinity.

To configure affinity groups, see the [vSphere 6.7 Documentation: Using DRS Affinity Rules](#).

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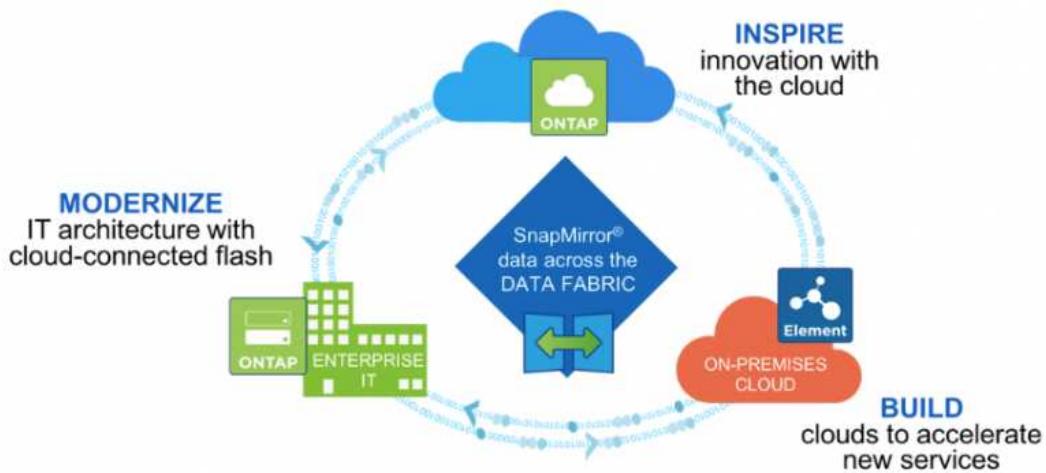
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In these instances, you can run and task the wizard without immediately deploying a cluster, but instead the wizard creates a configuration file from which the cluster can be deployed later. This is very useful if you need to change any IPI defaults, or if you want to deploy multiple identical clusters in your environment for other uses such as multitenancy. For more information about creating a customized install configuration for OpenShift, see [Red Hat OpenShift Installing a Cluster on vSphere with Customizations](#).

Next: [NetApp Storage Overview](#).

## NetApp Storage Overview

NetApp has several storage platforms that are qualified with our Astra Trident Storage Orchestrator to provision storage for applications deployed on Red Hat OpenShift.



- AFF and FAS systems run NetApp ONTAP and provide storage for both file-based (NFS) and block-based (iSCSI) use cases.
- Cloud Volumes ONTAP and ONTAP Select provide the same benefits in the cloud and virtual space respectively.
- NetApp Cloud Volumes Service (AWS/GCP) and Azure NetApp Files provide file-based storage in the cloud.
- NetApp Element storage systems provide for block-based (iSCSI) use cases in a highly scalable environment.

i Each storage system in the NetApp portfolio can ease both data management and movement between on-premises sites and the cloud, ensuring that your data is where your applications are.

The following pages have additional information about the NetApp storage systems validated in the Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp solution:

- [NetApp ONTAP](#)
- [NetApp Element](#)

Next: [NetApp Storage Integrations Overview](#)

## NetApp ONTAP

NetApp ONTAP is a powerful storage-software tool with capabilities such as an intuitive GUI, REST APIs with automation integration, AI-informed predictive analytics and corrective action, non-disruptive hardware upgrades, and cross-storage import.

For more information about the NetApp ONTAP storage system, visit the [NetApp ONTAP website](#).

ONTAP provides the following features:

- A unified storage system with simultaneous data access and management of NFS, CIFS, iSCSI, FC, FCoE, and FC-NVMe protocols.
- Different deployment models include on-premises on all-flash, hybrid, and all-HDD hardware configurations; VM-based storage platforms on a supported hypervisor such as ONTAP Select; and in the cloud as Cloud Volumes ONTAP.
- Increased data storage efficiency on ONTAP systems with support for automatic data tiering, inline data compression, deduplication, and compaction.
- Workload-based, QoS-controlled storage.
- Seamless integration with a public cloud for tiering and protection of data. ONTAP also provides robust data protection capabilities that sets it apart in any environment:
  - **NetApp Snapshot copies.** A fast, point-in-time backup of data using a minimal amount of disk space with no additional performance overhead.
  - **NetApp SnapMirror.** Mirrors the Snapshot copies of data from one storage system to another. ONTAP supports mirroring data to other physical platforms and cloud-native services as well.
  - **NetApp SnapLock.** Efficiently administration of non-rewritable data by writing it to special volumes that cannot be overwritten or erased for a designated period.
  - **NetApp SnapVault.** Backs up data from multiple storage systems to a central Snapshot copy that serves as a backup to all designated systems.
  - **NetApp SyncMirror.** Provides real-time, RAID-level mirroring of data to two different plexes of disks that are connected physically to the same controller.
  - **NetApp SnapRestore.** Provides fast restoration of backed-up data on demand from Snapshot copies.
  - **NetApp FlexClone.** Provides instantaneous provisioning of a fully readable and writeable copy of a NetApp volume based on a Snapshot copy.

For more information about ONTAP, see the [ONTAP 9 Documentation Center](#).



NetApp ONTAP is available on-premises, virtualized, or in the cloud.



## NetApp platforms

### NetApp AFF/FAS

NetApp provides robust all-flash (AFF) and scale-out hybrid (FAS) storage platforms that are tailor-made with low-latency performance, integrated data protection, and multi-protocol support.

Both systems are powered by NetApp ONTAP data management software, the industry's most advanced data-management software for highly-available, cloud-integrated, simplified storage management to deliver enterprise-class speed, efficiency, and security your data fabric needs.

For more information about NETAPP AFF/FAS platforms, click [here](#).

### ONTAP Select

ONTAP Select is a software-defined deployment of NetApp ONTAP that can be deployed onto a hypervisor in your environment. It can be installed on VMware vSphere or on KVM and provides the full functionality and experience of a hardware-based ONTAP system.

For more information about ONTAP Select, click [here](#).

### Cloud Volumes ONTAP

NetApp Cloud Volumes ONTAP is a cloud-deployed version of NetApp ONTAP available to be deployed in a number of public clouds, including: Amazon AWS, Microsoft Azure, and Google Cloud.

For more information about Cloud Volumes ONTAP, click [here](#).

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## NetApp Element: Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp

NetApp Element software provides modular, scalable performance, with each storage node delivering guaranteed capacity and throughput to the environment. NetApp Element systems can scale from 4 to 100 nodes in a single cluster and offer a number of advanced storage management features.



For more information about NetApp Element storage systems, visit the [NetApp Solidfire website](#).

### iSCSI login redirection and self-healing capabilities

NetApp Element software leverages the iSCSI storage protocol, a standard way to encapsulate SCSI commands on a traditional TCP/IP network. When SCSI standards change or when the performance of Ethernet networks improves, the iSCSI storage protocol benefits without the need for any changes.

Although all storage nodes have a management IP and a storage IP, NetApp Element software advertises a single storage virtual IP address (SVIP address) for all storage traffic in the cluster. As a part of the iSCSI login process, storage can respond that the target volume has been moved to a different address and therefore it cannot proceed with the negotiation process. The host then reissues the login request to the new address in a process that requires no host-side reconfiguration. This process is known as iSCSI login redirection.

iSCSI login redirection is a key part of the NetApp Element software cluster. When a host login request is received, the node decides which member of the cluster should handle the traffic based on the IOPS and the capacity requirements for the volume. Volumes are distributed across the NetApp Element software cluster and are redistributed if a single node is handling too much traffic for its volumes or if a new node is added. Multiple copies of a given volume are allocated across the array.

In this manner, if a node failure is followed by volume redistribution, there is no effect on host connectivity beyond a logout and login with redirection to the new location. With iSCSI login redirection, a NetApp Element software cluster is a self-healing, scale-out architecture that is capable of non-disruptive upgrades and operations.

### NetApp Element software cluster QoS

A NetApp Element software cluster allows QoS to be dynamically configured on a per-volume basis. You can use per-volume QoS settings to control storage performance based on SLAs that you define. The following three configurable parameters define the QoS:

- **Minimum IOPS.** The minimum number of sustained IOPS that the NetApp Element software cluster provides to a volume. The minimum IOPS configured for a volume is the guaranteed level of performance for a volume. Per-volume performance does not drop below this level.

- **Maximum IOPS.** The maximum number of sustained IOPS that the NetApp Element software cluster provides to a particular volume.
- **Burst IOPS.** The maximum number of IOPS allowed in a short burst scenario. The burst duration setting is configurable, with a default of 1 minute. If a volume has been running below the maximum IOPS level, burst credits are accumulated. When performance levels become very high and are pushed, short bursts of IOPS beyond the maximum IOPS are allowed on the volume.

## Multitenancy

Secure multitenancy is achieved with the following features:

- **Secure authentication.** The Challenge-Handshake Authentication Protocol (CHAP) is used for secure volume access. The Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) is used for secure access to the cluster for management and reporting.
- **Volume access groups (VAGs).** Optionally, VAGs can be used in lieu of authentication, mapping any number of iSCSI initiator-specific iSCSI Qualified Names (IQNs) to one or more volumes. To access a volume in a VAG, the initiator's IQN must be in the allowed IQN list for the group of volumes.
- **Tenant virtual LANs (VLANs).** At the network level, end-to-end network security between iSCSI initiators and the NetApp Element software cluster is facilitated by using VLANs. For any VLAN that is created to isolate a workload or a tenant, NetApp Element Software creates a separate iSCSI target SVIP address that is accessible only through the specific VLAN.
- **VRF-enabled VLANs.** To further support security and scalability in the data center, NetApp Element software allows you to enable any tenant VLAN for VRF-like functionality. This feature adds these two key capabilities:
  - **L3 routing to a tenant SVIP address.** This feature allows you to situate iSCSI initiators on a separate network or VLAN from that of the NetApp Element software cluster.
  - **Overlapping or duplicate IP subnets.** This feature enables you to add a template to tenant environments, allowing each respective tenant VLAN to be assigned IP addresses from the same IP subnet. This capability can be useful for in-service provider environments where scale and preservation of IPspace are important.

## Enterprise storage efficiencies

The NetApp Element software cluster increases overall storage efficiency and performance. The following features are performed inline, are always on, and require no manual configuration by the user:

- **Deduplication.** The system only stores unique 4K blocks. Any duplicate 4K blocks are automatically associated to an already stored version of the data. Data is on block drives and is mirrored by using the NetApp Element software Helix data protection. This system significantly reduces capacity consumption and write operations within the system.
- **Compression.** Compression is performed inline before data is written to NVRAM. Data is compressed, stored in 4K blocks, and remains compressed in the system. This compression significantly reduces capacity consumption, write operations, and bandwidth consumption across the cluster.
- **Thin-provisioning.** This capability provides the right amount of storage at the time that you need it, eliminating capacity consumption that caused by overprovisioned volumes or underutilized volumes.
- **Helix.** The metadata for an individual volume is stored on a metadata drive and is replicated to a secondary metadata drive for redundancy.

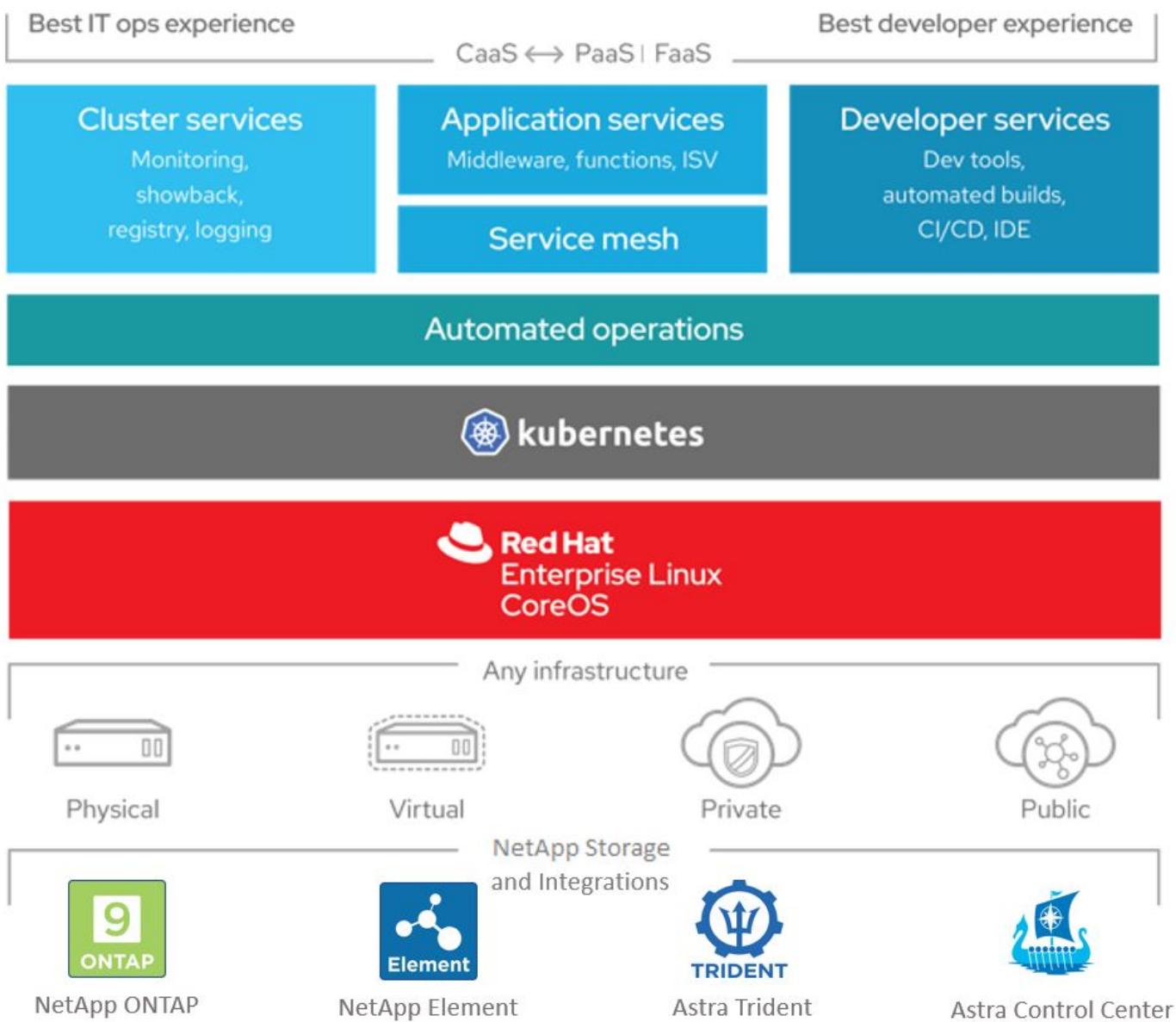


Element was designed for automation. All the storage features are available through APIs. These APIs are the only method that the UI uses to control the system.

Next: NetApp Storage Integrations Overview.

## NetApp Storage Integration Overview

NetApp provides a number of products to help you with orchestrating and managing persistent data in container based environments, such as Red Hat OpenShift.



NetApp Astra Control offers a rich set of storage and application-aware data management services for stateful Kubernetes workloads, powered by NetApp data protection technology. The Astra Control Service is available to support stateful workloads in cloud-native Kubernetes deployments. The Astra Control Center is available to support stateful workloads in on-premises deployments, like Red Hat OpenShift. For more information visit the NetApp Astra Control website [here](#).

NetApp Astra Trident is an open-source and fully-supported storage orchestrator for containers and Kubernetes distributions, including Red Hat OpenShift. For more information, visit the Astra Trident website [here](#).

The following pages have additional information about the NetApp products that have been validated for

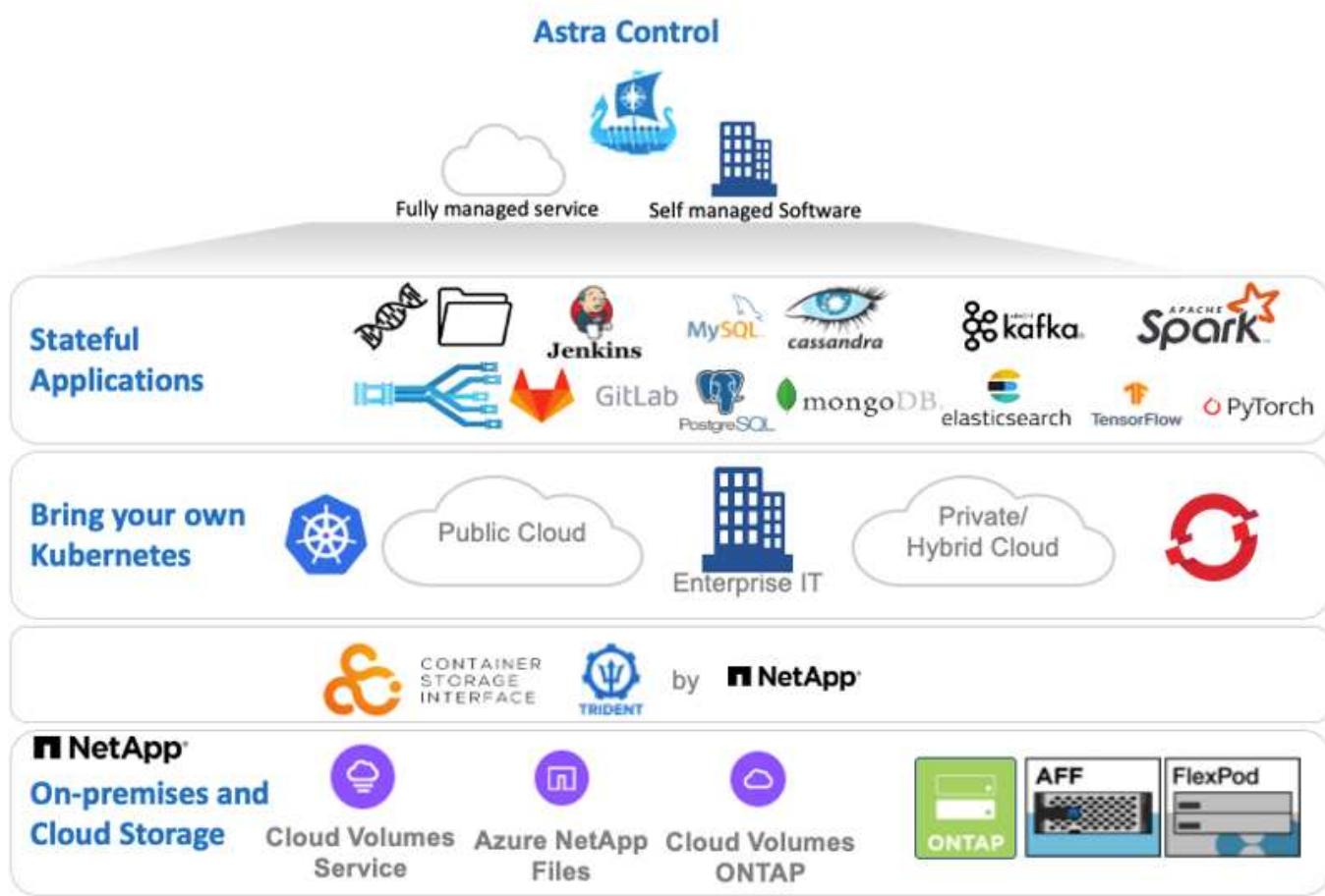
application and persistent storage management in the Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp solution:

- [NetApp Astra Control Center](#)
- [NetApp Astra Trident](#)

Next: [NetApp Astra Control Center Overview](#)

## NetApp Astra Control Center overview

NetApp Astra Control Center offers a rich set of storage and application-aware data management services for stateful Kubernetes workloads deployed in an on-premises environment and powered by NetApp data protection technology.



NetApp Astra Control Center can be installed on a Red Hat OpenShift cluster that has the Astra Trident storage orchestrator deployed and configured with storage classes and storage backends to NetApp ONTAP storage systems.

For the installation and configuration of Astra Trident to support Astra Control Center, see [this document here](#).

In a cloud-connected environment, Astra Control Center uses Cloud Insights to provide advanced monitoring and telemetry. In the absence of a Cloud Insights connection, limited monitoring and telemetry (7-days worth of metrics) is available and exported to Kubernetes native monitoring tools (Prometheus and Grafana) through open metrics endpoints.

Astra Control Center is fully integrated into the NetApp AutoSupport and Active IQ ecosystem to provide support for users, provide assistance with troubleshooting, and display usage statistics.

In addition to the paid version of Astra Control Center, a 90-day evaluation license is available. The evaluation version is supported through the email and community (Slack channel). Customers have access to these and other knowledge-base articles and the documentation available from the in-product support dashboard.

To get started with NetApp Astra Control Center, visit the [Astra website](#).

#### Astra Control Center installation prerequisites

1. One or more Red Hat OpenShift clusters. Versions 4.6 EUS and 4.7 are currently supported.
2. Astra Trident must already be installed and configured on each Red Hat OpenShift cluster.
3. One or more NetApp ONTAP storage systems running ONTAP 9.5 or greater.

 It's best practice for each OpenShift install at a site to have a dedicated SVM for persistent storage. Multi-site deployments require additional storage systems.
4. A Trident storage backend must be configured on each OpenShift cluster with an SVM backed by an ONTAP cluster.
5. A default StorageClass configured on each OpenShift cluster with Astra Trident as the storage provisioner.
6. A load balancer must be installed and configured on each OpenShift cluster for load balancing and exposing OpenShift Services.

 See the link [here](#) for information about load balancers that have been validated for this purpose.
7. A private image registry must be configured to host the NetApp Astra Control Center images.

 See the link [here](#) to install and configure an OpenShift private registry for this purpose.
8. You must have Cluster Admin access to the Red Hat OpenShift cluster.
9. You must have Admin access to NetApp ONTAP clusters.
10. An admin workstation with docker or podman, tridentctl, and oc or kubectl tools installed and added to your \$PATH.

 Docker installations must have docker version greater than 20.10 and Podman installations must have podman version greater than 3.0.

#### Install Astra Control Center

1. Log into the NetApp Support Site and download the latest version of NetApp Astra Control Center. To do so requires a license attached to your NetApp account. After you download the tarball, transfer it to the admin workstation.

 To get started with a trial license for Astra Control, visit the [Astra registration site](#).
2. Unpack the tar ball and change the working directory to the resulting folder.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ tar -vxzf astra-control-center-21.08.65.tar.gz  
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ cd astra-control-center-21.08.65
```

3. Before starting the installation, push the Astra Control Center images to an image registry.



You can choose to do this with either Docker or Podman; instructions for both are provided in this step.

## podman

- a. Export the registry FQDN with the organization/namespace/project name as a environment variable 'registry'.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ export registry=astra-registry.apps.ocp-vmw.cie.netapp.com/netapp-astra
```

- b. Log into the registry.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ podman login -u ocp-user -p password --tls-verify=false astra-registry.apps.ocp-vmw.cie.netapp.com
```



If you are using `kubeadmin` user to log into the private registry, then use token instead of password - `podman login -u ocp-user -p token --tls-verify=false astra-registry.apps.ocp-vmw.cie.netapp.com`.



Alternatively, you can create a service account, assign `registry-editor` and/or `registry-viewer` role (based on whether you require push/pull access) and log into the registry using service account's token.

- c. Create a shell script file and paste the following content in it.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ vi push-images-to-registry.sh

for astraImageFile in $(ls images/*.tar); do
    astraImage=$(podman load --input ${astraImageFile} | sed
's/Loaded image(s): //')
    podman tag $astraImage $registry/$(echo $astraImage | sed
's/^[/]\+\//')
    podman push $registry/$(echo $astraImage | sed 's/^[/]\+\//')
done
```



If you are using untrusted certificates for your registry, edit the shell script and use `--tls-verify=false` for the `podman push` command `podman push $registry/$(echo $astraImage | sed 's/[\/]'\+\//) --tls-verify=false`.

- d. Make the file executable.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ chmod +x push-images-to-registry.sh
```

- e. Execute the shell script.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ ./push-images-to-registry.sh
```

## docker

- Export the registry FQDN with the organization/namespace/project name as a environment variable 'registry'.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ export registry=astra-registry.apps.ocp-vmw.cie.netapp.com/netapp-astra
```

- Log into the registry.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ docker login -u ocp-user -p password astra-registry.apps.ocp-vmw.cie.netapp.com
```



If you are using kubeadmin user to log into the private registry, then use token instead of password - docker login -u ocp-user -p token astra-registry.apps.ocp-vmw.cie.netapp.com.



Alternatively, you can create a service account, assign registry-editor and/or registry-viewer role (based on whether you require push/pull access) and log into the registry using service account's token.

- Create a shell script file and paste the following content in it.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ vi push-images-to-registry.sh

for astraImageFile in $(ls images/*.tar); do
    astraImage=$(docker load --input ${astraImageFile} | sed
's/Loaded image: //')
    docker tag $astraImage $registry/${echo $astraImage | sed
's/^[\^\\/]\\+\\///'}
    docker push $registry/${echo $astraImage | sed 's/^[\^\\/]\\+\\///'}
done
```

- Make the file executable.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ chmod +x push-images-to-registry.sh
```

- Execute the shell script.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ ./push-images-to-registry.sh
```

4. Next, upload the image registry TLS certificates to the OpenShift nodes. To do so, create a configmap in the openshift-config namespace using the TLS certificates and patch it to the cluster image config to make the certificate trusted.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc create configmap default-ingress-ca -n openshift-config --from-file=astra-registry.apps.ocp -vmw.cie.netapp.com=tls.crt
```

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc patch image.config.openshift.io/cluster --patch '{"spec":{"additionalTrustedCA":{"name":"default-ingress-ca"}}}' --type=merge
```



If you are using an OpenShift internal registry with default TLS certificates from the ingress operator with a route, you still need to follow the previous step to patch the certificates to the route hostname. To extract the certificates from ingress operator, you can use the command `oc extract secret/router-ca --keys=tls.crt -n openshift-ingress-operator`.

5. Create a namespace `netapp-acc-operator` for installing the Astra Control Center Operator.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc create ns netapp-acc-operator
```

6. Create a secret with credentials to log into the image registry in `netapp-acc-operator` namespace.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc create secret docker-registry astra-registry-cred --docker-server=astra-registry.apps.ocp-vmw.cie.netapp.com --docker-username=ocp-user --docker-password=password -n netapp-acc-operator secret/astra-registry-cred created
```

7. Edit the Astra Control Center Operator CR `astra_control_center_operator_deploy.yaml`, which is a set of all resources Astra Control Center deploys. In the operator CR, find the deployment definition for `acc-operator-controller-manager` and enter the FQDN for your registry along with the organization name as it was given while pushing the images to registry (in this example, `astra-registry.apps.ocp-vmw.cie.netapp.com/netapp-astra`) by replacing the text `ASTRA_IMAGE_REGISTRY` and provide the name of the secret we just created in `imagePullSecrets` section. Verify other details of the operator, save, and close.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ vim astra_control_center_operator_deploy.yaml
```

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
```

```

kind: Deployment
metadata:
  labels:
    control-plane: controller-manager
  name: acc-operator-controller-manager
  namespace: netapp-acc-operator
spec:
  replicas: 1
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      control-plane: controller-manager
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        control-plane: controller-manager
    spec:
      containers:
        - args:
            - --secure-listen-address=0.0.0.0:8443
            - --upstream=http://127.0.0.1:8080/
            - --logtostderr=true
            - --v=10
          image: ASTRA_IMAGE_REGISTRY/kube-rbac-proxy:v0.5.0
          name: kube-rbac-proxy
          ports:
            - containerPort: 8443
              name: https
        - args:
            - --health-probe-bind-address=:8081
            - --metrics-bind-address=127.0.0.1:8080
            - --leader-elect
          command:
            - /manager
          env:
            - name: ACCOP_LOG_LEVEL
              value: "2"
          image: astra-registry.apps.ocp-vmw.cie.netapp.com/netapp-
astra/acc-operator:21.08.7
          imagePullPolicy: IfNotPresent
          livenessProbe:
            httpGet:
              path: /healthz
              port: 8081
            initialDelaySeconds: 15
            periodSeconds: 20
            name: manager

```

```

readinessProbe:
  httpGet:
    path: /readyz
    port: 8081
  initialDelaySeconds: 5
  periodSeconds: 10
resources:
  limits:
    cpu: 300m
    memory: 750Mi
  requests:
    cpu: 100m
    memory: 75Mi
  securityContext:
    allowPrivilegeEscalation: false
imagePullSecrets: [name: astra-registry-cred]
  securityContext:
    runAsUser: 65532
terminationGracePeriodSeconds: 10

```

8. Create the operator by running the following command.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc create -f
astral_control_center_operator_deploy.yaml
```

9. Create a dedicated namespace for installing all the Astra Control Center resources.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc create ns netapp-astra-cc
namespace/netapp-astra-cc created
```

10. Create the secret for accessing the image registry in that namespace.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc create secret docker-registry astra-registry-
cred --docker-server=astra-registry.apps.ocp-vmw.cie.netapp.com --docker-
--username=ocp-user --docker-password=password -n netapp-astra-cc
secret/astra-registry-cred created
```

11. Edit the Astra Control Center CRD file `astra_control_center_min.yaml` and enter the FQDN, image registry details, administrator email address, and other details.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ vim astra_control_center_min.yaml

apiVersion: astra.netapp.io/v1
kind: AstraControlCenter
metadata:
  name: astra
spec:
  accountName: "NetApp HCG Solutions"
  astraVersion: "21.08.65"
  astraAddress: "astra-control-center.cie.netapp.com"
  autoSupport:
    enrolled: true
    email: "solutions_tme@netapp.com"
    firstName: "NetApp HCG"
    lastName: "Admin"
    imageRegistry:
      name: "astra-registry.apps.ocp-vmw.cie.netapp.com/netapp-astra"
  # use your registry
  # secret: "astra-registry-cred"          # comment out if not
  needed
```

## 12. Create the Astra Control Center CRD in the namespace created for it.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc apply -f astra_control_center_min.yaml -n
netapp-astra-cc
astracontrolcenter.astra.netapp.io/astra created
```

 The previous file `astra_control_center_min.yaml` is the minimum version of the Astra Control Center CRD. If you want to create the CRD with more control, such as defining a storageclass other than the default for creating PVCs or providing SMTP details for mail notifications, you can edit the file `astra_control_center.yaml`, enter then needed details, and use it to create the CRD.

## Installation verification

1. It might take several minutes for the installation to complete. Verify that all the pods and services in the `netapp-astra-cc` namespace are up and running.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc get all -n netapp-astra-cc
```

2. Check the `acc-operator-controller-manager` logs to ensure that the installation is completed.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc logs deploy/acc-operator-controller-manager -n netapp-acc-operator -c manager -f
```



The following message indicates the successful installation of Astra Control Center.

```
{"level":"info","ts":1624054318.029971,"logger":"controllers.AstraControlCenter","msg":"Successfully Reconciled AstraControlCenter in [seconds]s","AstraControlCenter":"netapp-astra-cc/astra","ae.Version":"[21.08.65]"}}
```

3. The username for logging into Astra Control Center is the email address of the administrator provided in the CRD file and the password is a string ACC- appended to the Astra Control Center UUID. Run the following command:

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc get astracontrolcenters -n netapp-astra-cc  
NAME      UUID  
astra     345c55a5-bf2e-21f0-84b8-b6f2bce5e95f
```



In this example, the password is ACC-345c55a5-bf2e-21f0-84b8-b6f2bce5e95f.

4. Get the traefik service load balancer IP.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc get svc -n netapp-astra-cc | egrep 'EXTERNAL|traefik'  
  
NAME           TYPE        CLUSTER-IP  
EXTERNAL-IP    PORT(S)  
AGE  
traefik       LoadBalancer 172.30.99.142  
10.61.186.181 80:30343/TCP,443:30060/TCP  
16m
```

5. Add an entry in the DNS server pointing the FQDN provided in the Astra Control Center CRD file to the EXTERNAL-IP of the traefik service.

## New Host

X

Name (uses parent domain name if blank):

Fully qualified domain name (FQDN):

IP address:

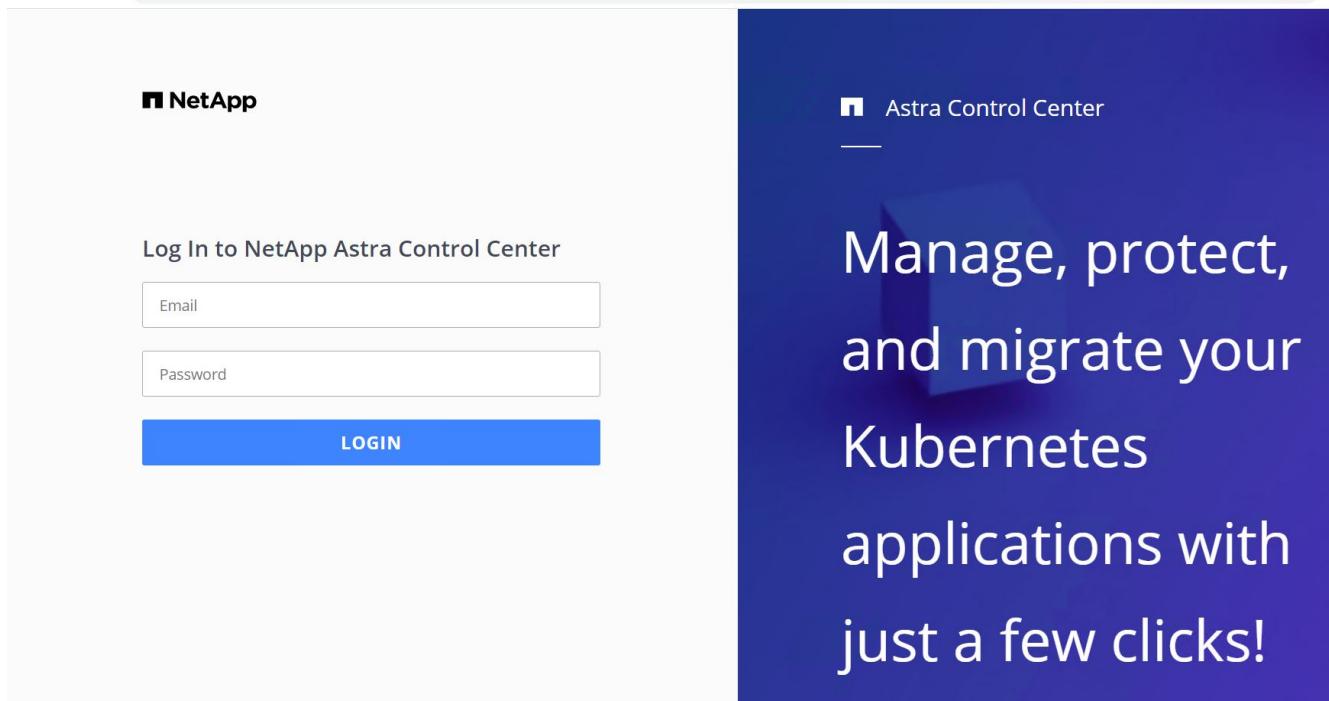
Create associated pointer (PTR) record

Allow any authenticated user to update DNS records with the same owner name

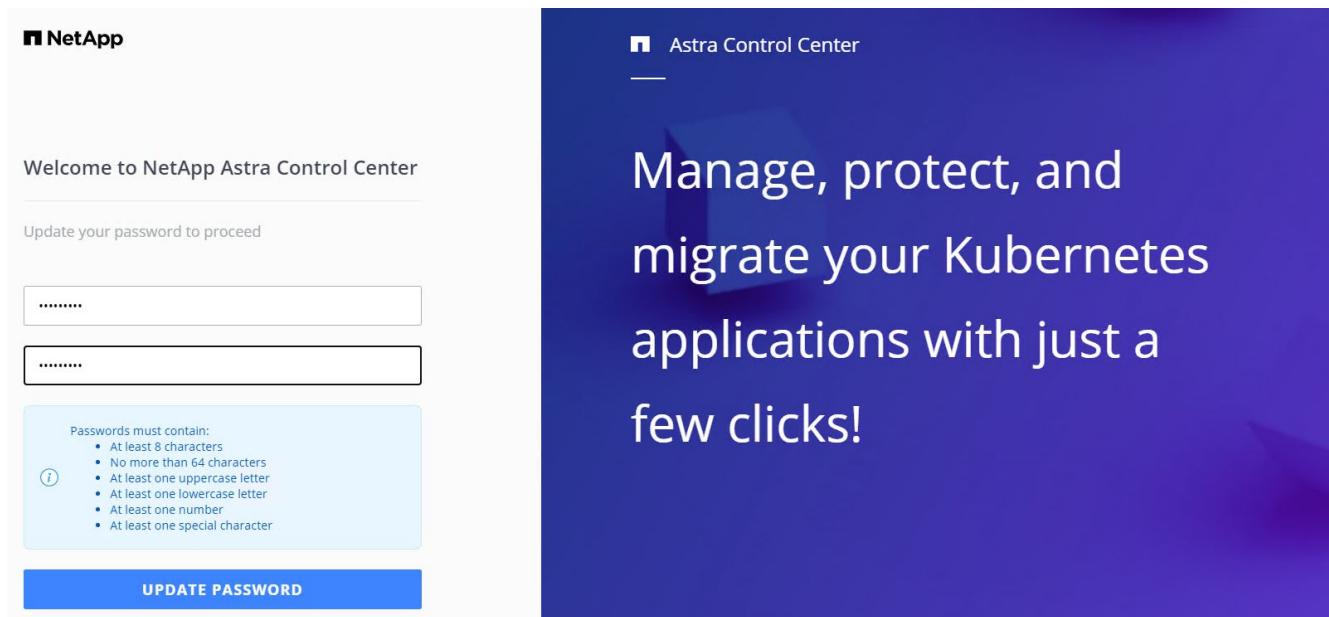
Add Host

Cancel

6. Log into the Astra Control Center GUI by browsing its FQDN.



- When you log into Astra Control Center GUI for the first time using the admin email address provided in CRD, you need to change the password.



- If you wish to add a user to Astra Control Center, navigate to Account > Users, click Add, enter the details of the user, and click Add.

**Add user**

**USER DETAILS**

First name Nikhil	Last name Kulkarni
Email address tme_nik@netapp.com	

**PASSWORD**

Temporary password *****	Confirm temporary password *****
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Passwords must contain:

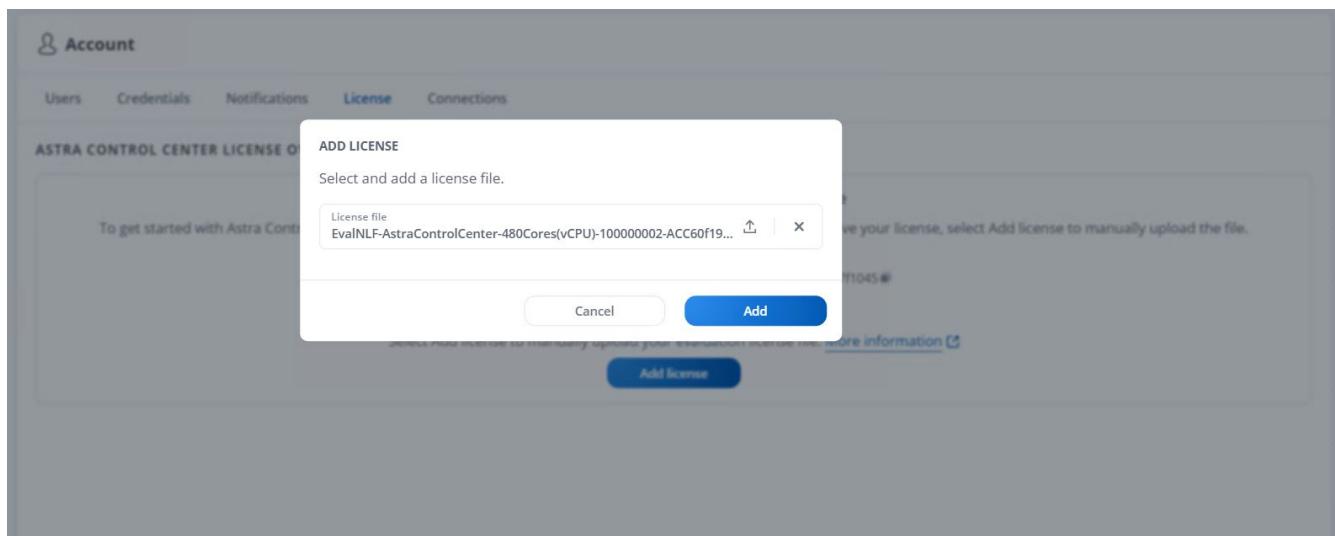
- At least 8 characters
- No more than 64 characters
- At least one lowercase letter
- At least one uppercase letter
- At least one number
- At least one special character

**USER ROLE**

Role Owner
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Cancel
Add ✓

9. Astra Control Center requires a license for all of its functionalities to work. To add a license, navigate to Account > License, click Add License, and upload the license file.



If you encounter issues with the install or configuration of NetApp Astra Control Center, the knowledge base of known issues is available [here](#).

Next: Register your Red Hat OpenShift Clusters: Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp.

#### Register your Red Hat OpenShift Clusters with the Astra Control Center

To enable the Astra Control Center to manage your workloads, you must first register your Red Hat OpenShift cluster.

## Register Red Hat OpenShift clusters

1. The first step is to add the OpenShift clusters to the Astra Control Center and manage them. Go to Clusters and click Add a Cluster, upload the kubeconfig file for the OpenShift cluster, and click Select Storage.

The screenshot shows the 'Add cluster' wizard in progress, specifically Step 1/3: CREDENTIALS. On the left, there's a file upload interface with a button to 'Upload file' or 'Paste from clipboard'. A file named 'ocp-vmw kubeconfig.txt' is listed with options to upload or remove it. To the right of the file list is a field labeled 'Credential name' containing 'ocp-vmw'. On the far right, a sidebar titled 'ADDING A CLUSTER' contains instructions: 'Adding a cluster is needed for Astra Control to discover your Kubernetes applications.', 'Select a cloud provider and input credentials to get started.', and a link 'Read more in Clusters'. At the bottom of the main panel are 'Cancel' and 'Configure storage →' buttons.



The kubeconfig file can be generated to authenticate with a username and password or a token. Tokens expire after a limited amount of time and might leave the registered cluster unreachable. NetApp recommends using a kubeconfig file with a username and password to register your OpenShift clusters to Astra Control Center.

2. Astra Control Center detects the eligible storage classes. Now select the way that storageclass provisions volumes using Trident backed by an SVM on NetApp ONTAP and click Review. In the next pane, verify the details and click Add Cluster.

Set default	Storage class	Storage provisioner	Reclaim policy	Binding mode	Eligible
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	ocp-trident <small>Default</small>	csi.trident.netapp.io	Delete	Immediate	<span style="color: green;">✓</span>
<input type="radio"/>	ocp-trident-iscsi	csi.trident.netapp.io	Delete	Immediate	<span style="color: green;">✓</span>
<input type="radio"/>	project-1-sc	csi.trident.netapp.io	Delete	Immediate	<span style="color: orange;">⚠</span>
<input type="radio"/>	thin	kubernetes.io/vsphere-volume	Delete	Immediate	<span style="color: orange;">⚠</span>

[← Select credentials](#) [Review →](#)

3. Register both OpenShift clusters as described in step 1. When added, the clusters move to the Discovering status while Astra Control Center inspects them and installs the necessary agents. Cluster status changes to Running after they are successfully registered.

Name	Ready	Type	Version	Actions
ocp-vmw	<span style="color: green;">✓</span>	Red Hat OpenShift	v1.20.0+df9c838	<span style="color: green;">Running</span>
ocp-vmware2	<span style="color: green;">✓</span>	Red Hat OpenShift	v1.20.0+c8905da	<span style="color: green;">Running</span>



All Red Hat OpenShift clusters to be managed by Astra Control Center should have access to the image registry that was used for its installation as the agents installed on the managed clusters pull the images from that registry.

4. Import ONTAP clusters as storage resources to be managed as backends by Astra Control Center. When OpenShift clusters are added to Astra and a storageclass is configured, it automatically discovers and inspects the ONTAP cluster backing the storageclass but does not import it into the Astra Control Center to be managed.

- To import the ONTAP clusters, go to Backends, click the dropdown, and select Manage next to the ONTAP cluster to be managed. Enter the ONTAP cluster credentials, click Review Information, and then click Import Storage Backend.

- After the backends are added, the status changes to Available. These backends now have the information about the persistent volumes in the OpenShift cluster and the corresponding volumes on the ONTAP system.

Name	Status	Capacity	Type	Actions
K8s-OnTap	✓	0.11/1.07 TiB: 9.9%	ONTAP 9.8.0	<span>Available</span>
ONTAP-Select-02	✓	0.07/2.07 TiB: 3.3%	ONTAP 9.8.0	<span>Available</span>

7. For backup and restore across OpenShift clusters using Astra Control Center, you must provision an object storage bucket that supports the S3 protocol. Currently supported options are ONTAP S3, StorageGRID, and AWS S3. For the purpose of this installation, we are going to configure an AWS S3 bucket. Go to Buckets, click Add bucket, and select Generic S3. Enter the details about the S3 bucket and credentials to access it, click the checkbox "Make this bucket the default bucket for the cloud," and then click Add.

### Add bucket

**STORAGE BUCKET**

Enter the access details of your existing object store bucket to allow Astra Control to store your application backups.

Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Generic S3	Existing bucket name ocp-vmware2-astra-cc
Description (optional)	S3 server name or IP address s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Make this bucket the default bucket for this cloud	

**SELECT CREDENTIALS**

Astra Control requires S3 access credentials with the roles necessary to facilitate Kubernetes application data management.

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Add	<input type="radio"/> Use existing
Access ID AMWSTCFKDSU6HWSZXABD	Secret key .....
Credential name AWS-S3	

**ADDING STORAGE BUCKETS**

Astra Control stores backups in your existing object store buckets. The first bucket added for a selected cloud will be designated as the default bucket for backup and clone operations.

Read more in [storage buckets](#).

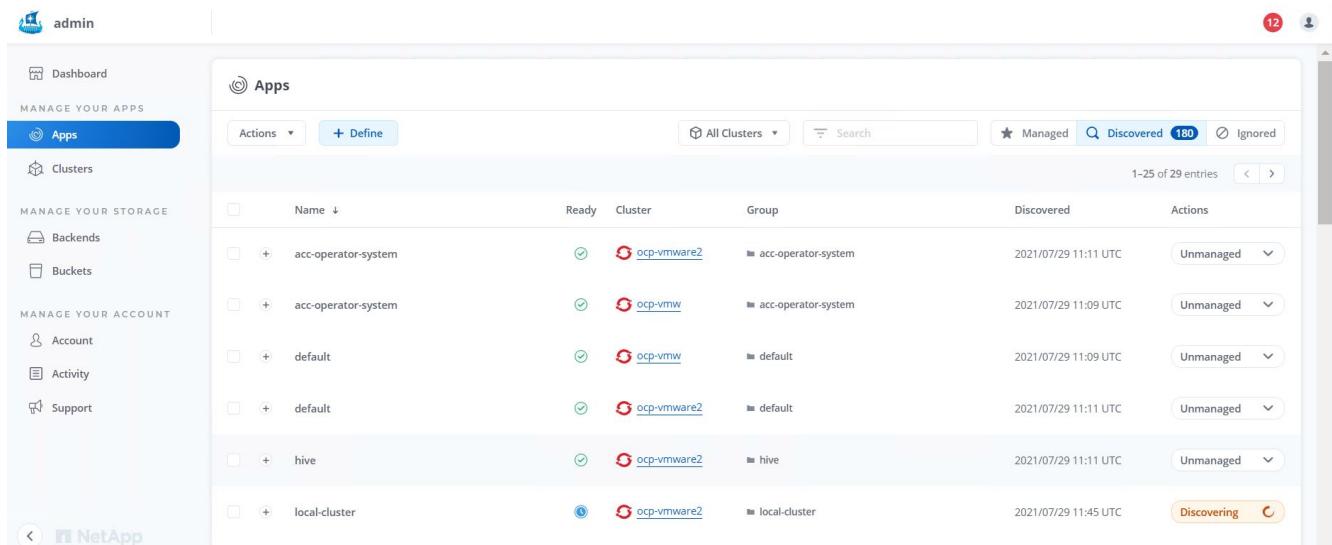
Next: Choose the Applications To Protect.

#### Choose the applications to protect

After you have registered your Red Hat OpenShift clusters, you can discover the applications that are deployed and manage them via the Astra Control Center.

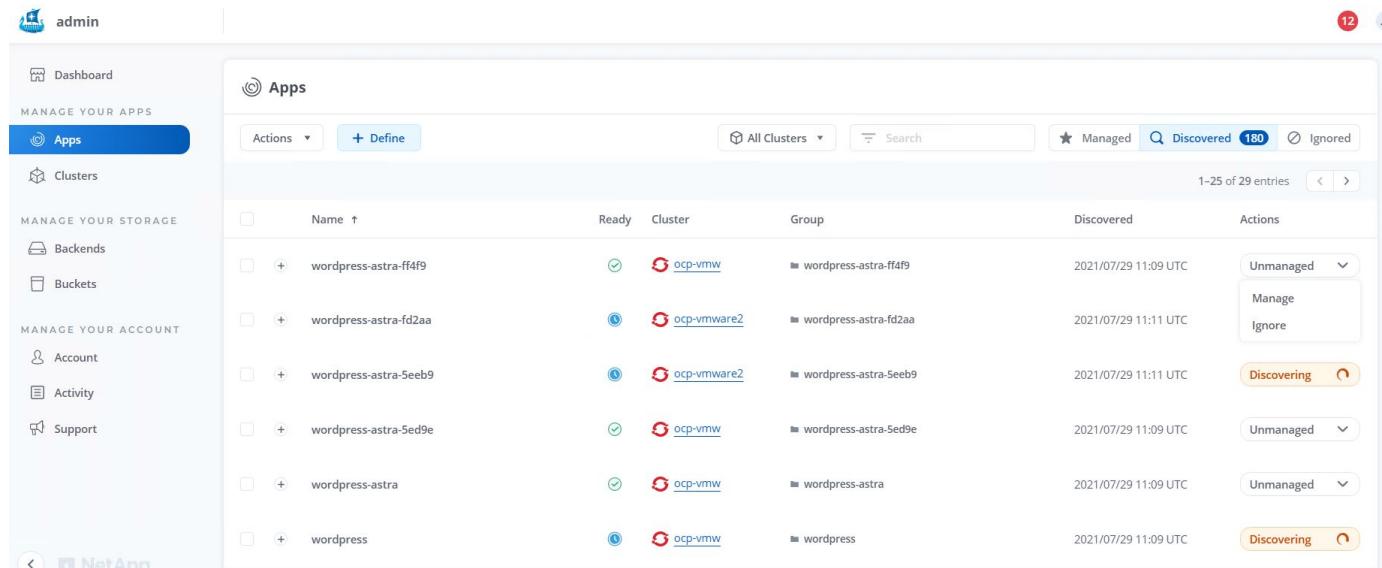
## Manage applications

- After the OpenShift clusters and ONTAP backends are registered with the Astra Control Center, the control center automatically starts discovering the applications in all the namespaces that are using the storageclass configured with the specified ONTAP backend.



The screenshot shows the Astra Control Center interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'Dashboard', 'Clusters', 'Backends', 'Buckets', 'Account', 'Activity', and 'Support'. The main area is titled 'Apps' and has tabs for 'Actions', '+ Define', 'All Clusters', 'Search', 'Managed', 'Discovered' (which is selected), and 'Ignored'. It shows 180 discovered entries. The table lists applications with columns: Name, Ready, Cluster, Group, Discovered, and Actions. Applications listed include 'acc-operator-system', 'default', 'hive', and 'local-cluster', all associated with 'ocp-vmware2' and grouped under 'acc-operator-system', 'default', and 'hive' respectively. The last entry, 'local-cluster', is currently 'Discovering'.

- Navigate to Apps > Discovered and click the dropdown menu next to the application you would like to manage using Astra. Then click Manage.



This screenshot shows the same Astra Control Center interface as above, but with a different application selected in the 'Discovered' list. The application 'wordpress-astra-ff4f9' is highlighted, and its row shows a dropdown menu with options: 'Unmanaged', 'Manage', and 'Ignore'. The 'Manage' option is highlighted. The rest of the interface is identical to the first screenshot, including the sidebar and the overall layout.

- The application enters the Available state and can be viewed under the Managed tab in the Apps section.

The screenshot shows the 'Apps' section of the Astra Control Center. At the top, there are buttons for 'Actions', '+ Define', 'All Clusters' (set to 'All Clusters'), 'Search', 'Managed' (with 175 entries), 'Discovered' (175 entries), and 'Ignored'. Below this is a table header with columns: Name, Ready, Protected, Cluster, Group, Discovered, and Actions. A single row is listed: 'wordpress-astra-ff4f9' (Ready, Protected, Cluster: ocp-vmw, Group: wordpress-astra-ff4f9, Discovered: 2021/07/29 11:09 UTC, Actions: Available). The status bar at the bottom indicates '1-1 of 1 entries'.

[Next: Protect Your applications.](#)

### Protect your applications

After application workloads are managed by Astra Control Center, you can configure the protection settings for those workloads.

#### Creating an application snapshot

A snapshot of an application creates an ONTAP Snapshot copy that can be used to restore or clone the application to a specific point in time based on that Snapshot copy.

1. To take a snapshot of the application, navigate to the Apps > Managed tab and click the application you would like to make a Snapshot copy of. Click the dropdown menu next to the application name and click Snapshot.

The screenshot shows the details for the application 'wordpress-astra-ff4f9'. On the left is a sidebar with 'Dashboard', 'MANAGE YOUR APPS' (selected 'Apps'), 'Clusters', 'MANAGE YOUR STORAGE' (selected 'Backends'), and 'Buckets'. The main area shows the application details: App status (Healthy), Protection schedule (Disabled), Group (wordpress-astra-ff4f9), and Cluster (ocp-vmw). On the right, a dropdown menu is open with options: Available (selected), Snapshot, Backup, Clone, and Unmanage. A red notification badge with the number '12' is visible in the top right corner.

2. Enter the snapshot details, click Review, and then click Snapshot. It takes about a minute to create the snapshot, and the status becomes Available after the snapshot is successfully created.

**Snapshot Application**

**STEP 1/2: DETAILS**

**SNAPSHOT DETAILS**

Name  
wordpress-astra-ff4f9-snapshot-20210729120451

**OVERVIEW**

Application snapshots  
Astra Control can take a quick snapshot of your application configuration and persistent storage. Enter a snapshot name to get started.

Read more in [Protect apps](#).

**Application**  
wordpress-astra-ff4f9

**Namespace**  
wordpress-astra-ff4f9

**Cluster**  
ocp-vmw

**Cancel** **Review →**

## Creating an application backup

A backup of an application captures the active state of the application and the configuration of its resources, converts them into files, and stores them in a remote object storage bucket.

For the backup and restore of managed applications in the Astra Control Center, you must configure superuser settings for the backing ONTAP systems as a prerequisite. To do so, enter the following commands.

```
ONTAP::> export-policy rule modify -vserver ocp-trident -policyname
default -ruleindex 1 -superuser sys
ONTAP::> export-policy rule modify -policyname default -ruleindex 1 -anon
65534 -vserver ocp-trident
```

1. To create a backup of the managed application in the Astra Control Center, navigate to the Apps > Managed tab and click the application that you want to take a backup of. Click the dropdown menu next to the application name and click Backup.

**wordpress-astra-ff4f9**

**App status**  
Healthy

**Protection schedule**  
Disabled

**Group**  
wordpress-astra-ff4f9

**Cluster**  
ocp-vmw

**Available**

- Snapshot
- Backup
- Clone
- Unmanage

2. Enter the backup details, select the object storage bucket to hold the backup files, click Review, and, after reviewing the details, click Backup. Depending on the size of the application and data, the backup can take several minutes, and the status of the backup becomes Available after the backup is completed successfully.

**STEP 1/2: DETAILS**

**BACKUP DETAILS**

Name: wordpress-astra-ff4f9-backup-20210729120857

Backup from an existing snapshot

**BACKUP DESTINATION**

Bucket: ocp-vmware2-astra-cc (Default)

**OVERVIEW**

Application backups

Astra Control can take a backup of your application configuration and persistent storage. Persistent storage backups are transferred to your object store. Enter a backup name to get started.

Read more in [Application backups](#).

- Application: wordpress-astra-ff4f9
- Namespace: wordpress-astra-ff4f9
- Cluster: ocp-vmw

**Cancel** **Review →**

## Restoring or cloning an application

At the push of a button, you can restore an application to the originating cluster or clone it to a remote cluster for dev/test or application protection and disaster recovery purposes.

1. To restore or clone an application, navigate to the Apps > Managed tab and click the app in question. Click the dropdown menu next to the application name and click Clone.

**wordpress-astra-ff4f9**

**App status**: Healthy

**Protection schedule**: Disabled

**Group**: wordpress-astra-ff4f9

**Cluster**: ocp-vmw

**Available**

- Snapshot
- Backup
- Clone**
- Unmanage

2. Enter the details of the new namespace, select the cluster you want to restore or clone it to, and choose if you want to restore or clone it from an existing snapshot or from a backup of the current state of the application. Then click Review and click Clone after you have reviewed the details.

**Clone application**

**STEP 1/2: DETAILS**

**CLONE DETAILS**

Clone name wordpress-astra-ff4f9-9e4b6	Clone namespace wordpress-astra-ff4f9-9e4b6
---	--

Destination cluster  
ocp-vmw

Clone from an existing snapshot or backup

**CLONE SOURCE**

App Backup	Ready	On-Schedule/On-Demand	Created ↑
wordpress-astra-ff4f9-backup-20210729120857	Ready	On-Demand	2021/07/29 11:57 UTC

**OVERVIEW**

Application cloning

Astra Control can create a clone of your application configuration and persistent storage. Persistent storage backups are transferred from your object store, so choosing a clone from an existing backup will complete the fastest. Enter a clone name to get started.

Read more in [Clone apps](#).

App  
wordpress-astra-ff4f9

Namespace  
wordpress-astra-ff4f9

Cluster  
ocp-vmw

- The new application goes to the Discovering state while Astra Control Center creates the application on the selected cluster. After all the resources of the application are installed and detected by Astra, the application goes to the Available state.

**Dashboard**

**MANAGE YOUR APPS**

**Apps**

**Clusters**

**MANAGE YOUR STORAGE**

**Backends**

**Buckets**

**MANAGE YOUR ACCOUNT**

**Account**

**Activity**

**Support**

**Apps**

**Actions** **+ Define**

**Managed** **Discovered 179** **Ignored**

Name	Ready	Protected	Cluster	Group	Discovered	Actions
wordpress-astra-ff4f9	✓	ⓘ	ocp-vmw	wordpress-astra-ff4f9	2021/07/29 11:09 UTC	Available
wordpress-astra-ff4f9-9e4b6	✓	⚠	ocp-vmw	wordpress-astra-ff4f9-9e4b6	2021/07/29 13:24 UTC	Available

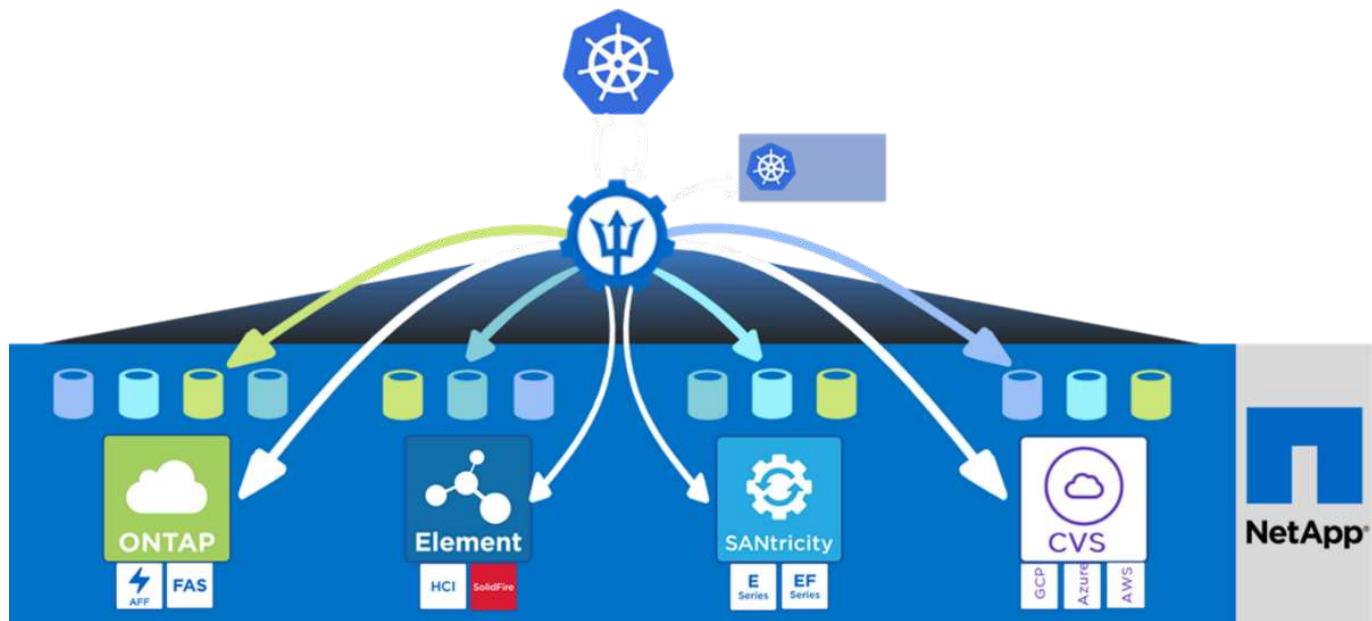
Next: Solution Validation/Use Cases.

## Astra Trident Overview

Astra Trident is an open-source and fully supported storage orchestrator for containers and Kubernetes distributions, including Red Hat OpenShift. Trident works with the entire NetApp storage portfolio, including the NetApp ONTAP and Element storage systems, and it also supports NFS and iSCSI connections. Trident accelerates the DevOps workflow by allowing end users to provision and manage storage from their NetApp storage systems without requiring intervention from a storage administrator.

An administrator can configure a number of storage backends based on project needs and storage system models that enable advanced storage features, including compression, specific disk types, or QoS levels that

guarantee a certain level of performance. After they are defined, these backends can be used by developers in their projects to create persistent volume claims (PVCs) and to attach persistent storage to their containers on demand.



Astra Trident has a rapid development cycle, and just like Kubernetes, is released four times a year.

The latest version of Astra Trident is 21.07 released in July 2021. A support matrix for what version of Trident has been tested with which Kubernetes distribution can be found [here](#).

Starting with the 20.04 release, Trident setup is performed by the Trident operator. The operator makes large scale deployments easier and provides additional support including self healing for pods that are deployed as a part of the Trident install.

With the 21.01 release, a Helm chart was made available to ease the installation of the Trident Operator.

#### Download Astra Trident

To install Trident on the deployed user cluster and provision a persistent volume, complete the following steps:

1. Download the installation archive to the admin workstation and extract the contents. The current version of Trident is 21.07, which can be downloaded [here](#).

```
[netapp-user@rhel17 ~] $ wget
https://github.com/NetApp/trident/releases/download/v21.07.1/trident-
installer-21.07.1.tar.gz
--2021-05-06 15:17:30--
https://github.com/NetApp/trident/releases/download/v21.07.1/trident-
installer-21.07.1.tar.gz
Resolving github.com (github.com)... 140.82.114.3
Connecting to github.com (github.com)|140.82.114.3|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 302 Found
Location: https://github-
releases.githubusercontent.com/77179634/a4fa9f00-a9f2-11eb-9053-
```

```

98e8e573d4ae?X-Amz-Algorithm=AWS4-HMAC-SHA256&X-Amz-
Credential=AKIAIWNJYAX4CSVEH53A%2F20210506%2Fus-east-
1%2Fs3%2Faws4_request&X-Amz-Date=20210506T191643Z&X-Amz-Expires=300&X-
Amz-
Signature=8a49a2a1e08c147d1ddd8149ce45a5714f9853fee19bb1c507989b9543eb36
30&X-Amz-
SignedHeaders=host&actor_id=0&key_id=0&repo_id=77179634&response-
content-disposition=attachment%3B%20filename%3Dtrident-installer-
21.07.1.tar.gz&response-content-type=application%2Foctet-stream
[following]
--2021-05-06 15:17:30-- https://github-
releases.githubusercontent.com/77179634/a4fa9f00-a9f2-11eb-9053-
98e8e573d4ae?X-Amz-Algorithm=AWS4-HMAC-SHA256&X-Amz-
Credential=AKIAIWNJYAX4CSVEH53A%2F20210506%2Fus-east-
1%2Fs3%2Faws4_request&X-Amz-Date=20210506T191643Z&X-Amz-Expires=300&X-
Amz-
Signature=8a49a2a1e08c147d1ddd8149ce45a5714f9853fee19bb1c507989b9543eb36
30&X-Amz-
SignedHeaders=host&actor_id=0&key_id=0&repo_id=77179634&response-
content-disposition=attachment%3B%20filename%3Dtrident-installer-
21.07.1.tar.gz&response-content-type=application%2Foctet-stream
Resolving github-releases.githubusercontent.com (github-
releases.githubusercontent.com) ... 185.199.108.154, 185.199.109.154,
185.199.110.154, ...
Connecting to github-releases.githubusercontent.com (github-
releases.githubusercontent.com)|185.199.108.154|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 38349341 (37M) [application/octet-stream]
Saving to: 'trident-installer-21.07.1.tar.gz'

100%[=====] 38,349,341 88.5MB/s
in 0.4s

2021-05-06 15:17:30 (88.5 MB/s) - 'trident-installer-21.07.1.tar.gz'
saved [38349341/38349341]

```

## 2. Extract the Trident install from the downloaded bundle.

```

[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ tar -xzf trident-installer-21.07.1.tar.gz
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ cd trident-installer/
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$

```

## Install the Trident Operator with Helm

1. First set the location of the user cluster's kubeconfig file as an environment variable so that you don't have to reference it, because Trident has no option to pass this file.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ export KUBECONFIG=~/ocp-install/auth/kubeconfig
```

2. Run the Helm command to install the Trident operator from the tarball in the helm directory while creating the trident namespace in your user cluster.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ helm install trident
helm/trident-operator-21.07.1.tgz --create-namespace --namespace trident
NAME: trident
LAST DEPLOYED: Fri May 7 12:54:25 2021
NAMESPACE: trident
STATUS: deployed
REVISION: 1
TEST SUITE: None
NOTES:
Thank you for installing trident-operator, which will deploy and manage
NetApp's Trident CSI
storage provisioner for Kubernetes.
```

Your release is named 'trident' and is installed into the 'trident' namespace.

Please note that there must be only one instance of Trident (and trident-operator) in a Kubernetes cluster.

To configure Trident to manage storage resources, you will need a copy of tridentctl, which is available in pre-packaged Trident releases. You may find all Trident releases and source code online at <https://github.com/NetApp/trident>.

To learn more about the release, try:

```
$ helm status trident
$ helm get all trident
```

3. You can verify that Trident is successfully installed by checking the pods that are running in the namespace or by using the tridentctl binary to check the installed version.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc get pods -n trident
NAME                      READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
trident-csi-5z451          1/2     Running   2          30s
trident-csi-696b685cf8-htdb2 6/6     Running   0          30s
trident-csi-b74p2          2/2     Running   0          30s
trident-csi-lrw4n          2/2     Running   0          30s
trident-operator-7c748d957-gr2gw 1/1     Running   0          36s

[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ ./tridentctl -n trident version
+-----+-----+
| SERVER VERSION | CLIENT VERSION |
+-----+-----+
| 21.07.1        | 21.07.1       |
+-----+-----+
```

 In some cases, customer environments might require the customization of the Trident deployment. In these cases, it is also possible to manually install the Trident operator and update the included manifests to customize the deployment.

#### Manually install the Trident Operator

1. First, set the location of the user cluster's `kubeconfig` file as an environment variable so that you don't have to reference it, because Trident has no option to pass this file.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ export KUBECONFIG=~/ocp-
install/auth/kubeconfig
```

2. The `trident-installer` directory contains manifests for defining all the required resources. Using the appropriate manifests, create the `TridentOrchestrator` custom resource definition.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc create -f
deploy/crds/trident.netapp.io_tridentorchestrators_crd_post1.16.yaml
customresourcedefinition.apiextensions.k8s.io/tridentorchestrators.tride
nt.netapp.io created
```

3. If one does not exist, create a Trident namespace in your cluster using the provided manifest.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc apply -f deploy/namespace.yaml
namespace/trident created
```

4. Create the resources required for the Trident operator deployment, such as a `ServiceAccount` for the operator, a `ClusterRole` and `ClusterRoleBinding` to the `ServiceAccount`, a dedicated `PodSecurityPolicy`, or the operator itself.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc create -f deploy/bundle.yaml
serviceaccount/trident-operator created
clusterrole.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/trident-operator created
clusterrolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/trident-operator created
deployment.apps/trident-operator created
podsecuritypolicy.policy/tridentoperatorpods created
```

5. You can check the status of the operator after it's deployed with the following commands:

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc get deployment -n trident
NAME           READY   UP-TO-DATE   AVAILABLE   AGE
trident-operator   1/1      1          1          23s
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc get pods -n trident
NAME                           READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
trident-operator-66f48895cc-lzczk   1/1     Running   0          41s
```

6. With the operator deployed, we can now use it to install Trident. This requires creating a TridentOrchestrator.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc create -f
deploy/crds/tridentorchestrator_cr.yaml
tridentorchestrator.trident.netapp.io/trident created
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc describe torc trident
Name:            trident
Namespace:
Labels:          <none>
Annotations:    <none>
API Version:   trident.netapp.io/v1
Kind:           TridentOrchestrator
Metadata:
  Creation Timestamp: 2021-05-07T17:00:28Z
  Generation:        1
  Managed Fields:
    API Version:   trident.netapp.io/v1
    Fields Type:   FieldsV1
    fieldsV1:
      f:spec:
        ..
      f:debug:
      f:namespace:
    Manager:        kubectl-create
    Operation:      Update
    Time:          2021-05-07T17:00:28Z
    API Version:   trident.netapp.io/v1
```

```

Fields Type: FieldsV1
fieldsV1:
  f:status:
    .:
  f:currentInstallationParams:
    .:
    f:IPv6:
    f:autosupportHostname:
    f:autosupportImage:
    f:autosupportProxy:
    f:autosupportSerialNumber:
    f:debug:
    f:enableNodePrep:
    f:imagePullSecrets:
    f:imageRegistry:
    f:k8sTimeout:
    f:kubeletDir:
    f:logFormat:
    f:silenceAutosupport:
    f:tridentImage:
    f:message:
    f:namespace:
    f:status:
    f:version:
  Manager:          trident-operator
  Operation:        Update
  Time:            2021-05-07T17:00:28Z
  Resource Version: 931421
  Self Link:
  /apis/trident.netapp.io/v1/tridentorchestrators/trident
  UID:             8a26a7a6-dde8-4d55-9b66-a7126754d81f
Spec:
  Debug:           true
  Namespace:       trident
Status:
  Current Installation Params:
    IPv6:             false
    Autosupport Hostname:
    Autosupport Image: netapp/trident-autosupport:21.01
    Autosupport Proxy:
    Autosupport Serial Number:
    Debug:            true
    Enable Node Prep: false
    Image Pull Secrets:
    Image Registry:
    k8sTimeout:       30

```

```

Kubelet Dir:          /var/lib/kubelet
Log Format:           text
Silence Autosupport: false
Trident Image:        netapp/trident:21.07.1
Message:              Trident installed
Namespace:            trident
Status:               Installed
Version:              v21.07.1

Events:
Type    Reason     Age   From                  Message
----  -----  ----  -----
Normal  Installing  80s  trident-operator.netapp.io  Installing
Trident
Normal  Installed   68s  trident-operator.netapp.io  Trident
installed

```

7. You can verify that Trident is successfully installed by checking the pods that are running in the namespace or by using the `tridentctl` binary to check the installed version.

```

[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc get pods -n trident
NAME                           READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
trident-csi-bb64c6cb4-lmd6h      6/6     Running   0          82s
trident-csi-gn59q                2/2     Running   0          82s
trident-csi-m4szj                2/2     Running   0          82s
trident-csi-sb9k9                2/2     Running   0          82s
trident-operator-66f48895cc-lzczk 1/1     Running   0          2m39s

[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ ./tridentctl -n trident version
+-----+-----+
| SERVER VERSION | CLIENT VERSION |
+-----+-----+
| 21.07.1         | 21.07.1          |
+-----+-----+

```

### Prepare worker nodes for storage

Most Kubernetes distributions come with the packages and utilities to mount NFS backends installed by default, including Red Hat OpenShift.

To prepare worker nodes to allow for the mapping of block storage volumes through the iSCSI protocol, you must install the necessary packages to support that functionality.

In Red Hat OpenShift, this is handled by applying an MCO (Machine Config Operator) to your cluster after it is deployed.

To configure the worker nodes to run storage services, complete the following steps:

1. Log into the OCP web console and navigate to Compute > Machine Configs. Click Create Machine Config. Copy and paste the YAML file and click Create.

When not using multipathing:

```
apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1
kind: MachineConfig
metadata:
  labels:
    machineconfiguration.openshift.io/role: worker
  name: 99-worker-element-iscsi
spec:
  config:
    ignition:
      version: 3.2.0
    systemd:
      units:
        - name: iscsid.service
          enabled: true
          state: started
  osImageURL: ""
```

When using multipathing:

```

apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1
kind: MachineConfig
metadata:
  name: 99-worker-ontap-iscsi
  labels:
    machineconfiguration.openshift.io/role: worker
spec:
  config:
    ignition:
      version: 3.2.0
    storage:
      files:
        - contents:
            source: data:text/plain;charset=utf-
8;base64,ZGVmYXVsdHMgewogICAgICAgIHVzZXJfZnJpZW5kbH1fbmFtZXMgbm8KICAgICAgI
CBmaW5kX211bHRpcGF0aHMgbm8KfQoKYmxhY2tsaXN0X2V4Y2VwdGlvbnMgewogICAgICAgIH
yb3BlcnR5ICIoU0NTSV9JREVOVF98SURfV1dOKSIKfQoKYmxhY2tsaXN0IHsKfQoK
          verification: {}
      filesystem: root
      mode: 400
      path: /etc/multipath.conf
    systemd:
      units:
        - name: iscsid.service
          enabled: true
          state: started
        - name: multipathd.service
          enabled: true
          state: started
  osImageURL: ""

```

- After the configuration is created, it takes approximately 20 to 30 minutes to apply the configuration to the worker nodes and reload them. Verify whether the machine config is applied by using `oc get mcp` and make sure that the machine config pool for workers is updated. You can also log into the worker nodes to confirm that the iscsid service is running (and the multipathd service is running if using multipathing).

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 openshift-deploy]$ oc get mcp
NAME      CONFIG                                     UPDATED     UPDATING
DEGRADED
master    rendered-master-a520ae930e1d135e0dee7168   True       False
False
worker    rendered-worker-de321b36eeba62df41feb7bc   True       False
False

[netapp-user@rhel7 openshift-deploy]$ ssh core@10.61.181.22 sudo
systemctl status iscsid
● iscsid.service - Open-iSCSI
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/iscsid.service; enabled;
   vendor preset: disabled)
     Active: active (running) since Tue 2021-05-26 13:36:22 UTC; 3 min ago
       Docs: man:iscsid(8)
              man:iscsiadm(8)
   Main PID: 1242 (iscsid)
     Status: "Ready to process requests"
      Tasks: 1
     Memory: 4.9M
        CPU: 9ms
      CGroup: /system.slice/iscsid.service
              └─1242 /usr/sbin/iscsid -f

[netapp-user@rhel7 openshift-deploy]$ ssh core@10.61.181.22 sudo
systemctl status multipathd
● multipathd.service - Device-Mapper Multipath Device Controller
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/multipathd.service; enabled;
   vendor preset: enabled)
     Active: active (running) since Tue 2021-05-26 13:36:22 UTC; 3 min ago
   Main PID: 918 (multipathd)
     Status: "up"
      Tasks: 7
     Memory: 13.7M
        CPU: 57ms
      CGroup: /system.slice/multipathd.service
              └─918 /sbin/multipathd -d -s
```



It is also possible to confirm that the MachineConfig has been successfully applied and services have been started as expected by running the `oc debug` command with the appropriate flags.

#### Create storage-system backends

After completing the Astra Trident Operator install, you must configure the backend for the specific NetApp storage platform you are using. Follow the links below in order to continue the setup and configuration of Astra

Trident.

- [NetApp ONTAP NFS](#)
- [NetApp ONTAP iSCSI](#)
- [NetApp Element iSCSI](#)

Next: [Solution Validation/Use Cases: Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp](#).

#### NetApp ONTAP NFS configuration

To enable Trident integration with the NetApp ONTAP storage system, you must create a backend that enables communication with the storage system.

1. There are sample backend files available in the downloaded installation archive in the sample-input folder hierarchy. For NetApp ONTAP systems serving NFS, copy the `backend-ontap-nas.json` file to your working directory and edit the file.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ cp sample-input/backends-samples/ontap-nas/backend-ontap-nas.json ./
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ vi backend-ontap-nas.json
```

2. Edit the `backendName`, `managementLIF`, `dataLIF`, `svm`, `username`, and `password` values in this file.

```
{  
  "version": 1,  
  "storageDriverName": "ontap-nas",  
  "backendName": "ontap-nas+10.61.181.221",  
  "managementLIF": "172.21.224.201",  
  "dataLIF": "10.61.181.221",  
  "svm": "trident_svm",  
  "username": "cluster-admin",  
  "password": "password"  
}
```



It is a best practice to define the custom `backendName` value as a combination of the `storageDriverName` and the `dataLIF` that is serving NFS for easy identification.

3. With this backend file in place, run the following command to create your first backend.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ ./tridentctl -n trident create
backend -f backend-ontap-nas.json
+-----+
+-----+-----+
|           NAME          | STORAGE DRIVER |             UUID
| STATE   | VOLUMES   |
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+
| ontap-nas+10.61.181.221 | ontap-nas      | be7a619d-c81d-445c-b80c-
5c87a73c5b1e | online |     0 |
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+
```

- With the backend created, you must next create a storage class. Just as with the backend, there is a sample storage class file that can be edited for the environment available in the sample-inputs folder. Copy it to the working directory and make necessary edits to reflect the backend created.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ cp sample-input/storage-class-
samples/storage-class-csi.yaml.templ ./storage-class-basic.yaml
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ vi storage-class-basic.yaml
```

- The only edit that must be made to this file is to define the `backendType` value to the name of the storage driver from the newly created backend. Also note the `name`-field value, which must be referenced in a later step.

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: basic-csi
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
  backendType: "ontap-san"
```



There is an optional field called `fsType` that is defined in this file. This line can be deleted in NFS backends.

- Run the `oc` command to create the storage class.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc create -f storage-class-
basic.yaml
storageclass.storage.k8s.io/basic-csi created
```

7. With the storage class created, you must then create the first persistent volume claim (PVC). There is a sample `pvc-basic.yaml` file that can be used to perform this action located in `sample-input` as well.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ cp sample-input/pvc-samples/pvc-basic.yaml ./
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ vi pvc-basic.yaml
```

8. The only edit that must be made to this file is ensuring that the `storageClassName` field matches the one just created. The PVC definition can be further customized as required by the workload to be provisioned.

```
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: basic
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteOnce
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 1Gi
  storageClassName: basic-csi
```

9. Create the PVC by issuing the `oc` command. Creation can take some time depending on the size of the backing volume being created, so you can watch the process as it completes.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc create -f pvc-basic.yaml
persistentvolumeclaim/basic created

[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc get pvc
NAME      STATUS      VOLUME                                     CAPACITY
ACCESS MODES     STORAGECLASS     AGE
basic     Bound      pvc-b4370d37-0fa4-4c17-bd86-94f96c94b42d   1Gi
          RWO        basic-csi       7s
```

[Next: Solution validation/use cases.](#)

#### NetApp ONTAP iSCSI configuration

To enable Trident integration with the NetApp ONTAP storage system, you must create a backend that enables communication with the storage system.

1. There are sample backend files available in the downloaded installation archive in the `sample-input` folder hierarchy. For NetApp ONTAP systems serving iSCSI, copy the `backend-ontap-san.json` file to your working directory and edit the file.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ cp sample-input/backends-samples/ontap-san/backend-ontap-san.json ./
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ vi backend-ontap-san.json
```

2. Edit the managementLIF, dataLIF, svm, username, and password values in this file.

```
{  
    "version": 1,  
    "storageDriverName": "ontap-san",  
    "managementLIF": "172.21.224.201",  
    "dataLIF": "10.61.181.240",  
    "svm": "trident_svm",  
    "username": "admin",  
    "password": "password"  
}
```

3. With this backend file in place, run the following command to create your first backend.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ ./tridentctl -n trident create backend -f backend-ontap-san.json  
+-----+-----+  
+-----+-----+-----+  
|       NAME          | STORAGE DRIVER |           UUID  
| STATE   | VOLUMES |  
+-----+-----+  
+-----+-----+-----+  
| ontapsan_10.61.181.241 | ontap-san      | 6788533c-7fea-4a35-b797-  
fb9bb3322b91 | online | 0 |  
+-----+-----+  
+-----+-----+-----+
```

4. With the backend created, you must next create a storage class. Just as with the backend, there is a sample storage class file that can be edited for the environment available in the sample-inputs folder. Copy it to the working directory and make necessary edits to reflect the backend created.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ cp sample-input/storage-class-samples/storage-class-csi.yaml.templ ./storage-class-basic.yaml
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ vi storage-class-basic.yaml
```

5. The only edit that must be made to this file is to define the backendType value to the name of the storage driver from the newly created backend. Also note the name-field value, which must be referenced in a later step.

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: basic-csi
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
  backendType: "ontap-san"
```



There is an optional field called `fsType` that is defined in this file. In iSCSI backends, this value can be set to a specific Linux filesystem type (XFS, ext4, etc) or can be deleted to allow OpenShift to decide what filesystem to use.

6. Run the `oc` command to create the storage class.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc create -f storage-class-
basic.yaml
storageclass.storage.k8s.io/basic-csi created
```

7. With the storage class created, you must then create the first persistent volume claim (PVC). There is a sample `pvc-basic.yaml` file that can be used to perform this action located in `sample-inputs` as well.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ cp sample-input/pvc-samples/pvc-
basic.yaml .
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ vi pvc-basic.yaml
```

8. The only edit that must be made to this file is ensuring that the `storageClassName` field matches the one just created. The PVC definition can be further customized as required by the workload to be provisioned.

```
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: basic
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteOnce
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 1Gi
  storageClassName: basic-csi
```

9. Create the PVC by issuing the `oc` command. Creation can take some time depending on the size of the backing volume being created, so you can watch the process as it completes.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc create -f pvc-basic.yaml
persistentvolumeclaim/basic created
```

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc get pvc
NAME      STATUS    VOLUME                                     CAPACITY
ACCESS MODES   STORAGECLASS   AGE
basic     Bound     pvc-7ceac1ba-0189-43c7-8f98-094719f7956c   1Gi
RWO          basic-csi   3s
```

[Next: Solution validation/use cases.](#)

#### NetApp Element iSCSI configuration

To enable Trident integration with the NetApp Element storage system, you must create a backend that enables communication with the storage system using the iSCSI protocol.

1. There are sample backend files available in the downloaded installation archive in the `sample-input` folder hierarchy. For NetApp Element systems serving iSCSI, copy the `backend-solidfire.json` file to your working directory and edit the file.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ cp sample-input/backends-
samples/solidfire/backend-solidfire.json ./
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ vi ./backend-solidfire.json
```

- a. Edit the user, password, and MVIP value on the `EndPoint` line.
- b. Edit the `SVIP` value.

```
{
  "version": 1,
  "storageDriverName": "solidfire-san",
  "Endpoint": "https://trident:password@172.21.224.150/json-
rpc/8.0",
  "SVIP": "10.61.180.200:3260",
  "TenantName": "trident",
  "Types": [{"Type": "Bronze", "Qos": {"minIOPS": 1000, "maxIOPS": 2000, "burstIOPS": 4000},
             {"Type": "Silver", "Qos": {"minIOPS": 4000, "maxIOPS": 6000, "burstIOPS": 8000}},
             {"Type": "Gold", "Qos": {"minIOPS": 6000, "maxIOPS": 8000, "burstIOPS": 10000}}]
}
```

2. With this back-end file in place, run the following command to create your first backend.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ ./tridentctl -n trident create
backend -f backend-solidfire.json
+-----+
+-----+-----+
|           NAME          | STORAGE DRIVER |             UUID
| STATE   | VOLUMES   |
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+
| solidfire_10.61.180.200 | solidfire-san | b90783ee-e0c9-49af-8d26-
3ea87ce2efdf | online |      0 |
+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+
```

- With the backend created, you must next create a storage class. Just as with the backend, there is a sample storage class file that can be edited for the environment available in the sample-inputs folder. Copy it to the working directory and make necessary edits to reflect the backend created.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ cp sample-input/storage-class-
samples/storage-class-csi.yaml.templ ./storage-class-basic.yaml
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ vi storage-class-basic.yaml
```

- The only edit that must be made to this file is to define the `backendType` value to the name of the storage driver from the newly created backend. Also note the `name`-field value, which must be referenced in a later step.

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: basic-csi
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
  backendType: "solidfire-san"
```



There is an optional field called `fsType` that is defined in this file. In iSCSI backends, this value can be set to a specific Linux filesystem type (XFS, ext4, and so on), or it can be deleted to allow OpenShift to decide what filesystem to use.

- Run the `oc` command to create the storage class.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc create -f storage-class-
basic.yaml
storageclass.storage.k8s.io/basic-csi created
```

6. With the storage class created, you must then create the first persistent volume claim (PVC). There is a sample `pvc-basic.yaml` file that can be used to perform this action located in `sample-input` as well.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ cp sample-input/pvc-samples/pvc-basic.yaml ./
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ vi pvc-basic.yaml
```

7. The only edit that must be made to this file is ensuring that the `storageClassName` field matches the one just created. The PVC definition can be further customized as required by the workload to be provisioned.

```
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: basic
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteOnce
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 1Gi
  storageClassName: basic-csi
```

8. Create the PVC by issuing the `oc` command. Creation can take some time depending on the size of the backing volume being created, so you can watch the process as it completes.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc create -f pvc-basic.yaml
persistentvolumeclaim/basic created

[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc get pvc
NAME      STATUS      VOLUME                                     CAPACITY
ACCESS MODES     STORAGECLASS     AGE
basic     Bound      pvc-3445b5cc-df24-453d-a1e6-b484e874349d   1Gi
          RWO        basic-csi       5s
```

[Next: Solution validation/use cases.](#)

## Advanced Configuration Options For OpenShift

### Exploring load balancer options: Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp

In most cases, Red Hat OpenShift makes applications available to the outside world through routes. A service is exposed by giving it an externally reachable hostname. The defined route and the endpoints identified by its service can be consumed by an OpenShift router to provide this named connectivity to external clients.

However in some cases, applications require the deployment and configuration of customized load balancers

to expose the appropriate services. One example of this is NetApp Astra Control Center. To meet this need, we have evaluated a number of custom load balancer options. Their installation and configuration are described in this section.

The following pages have additional information about load balancer options validated in the Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp solution:

- [MetalLB](#)
- [F5 BIG-IP](#)

[Next: Solution validation/use cases: Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp.](#)

### Installing MetalLB load balancers: Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp

This page lists the installation and configuration instructions for the MetalLB load balancer.

MetalLB is a self-hosted network load balancer installed on your OpenShift cluster that allows the creation of OpenShift services of type load balancer in clusters that do not run on a cloud provider. The two main features of MetalLB that work together to support LoadBalancer services are address allocation and external announcement.

#### MetalLB configuration options

Based on how MetalLB announces the IP address assigned to LoadBalancer services outside of the OpenShift cluster, it operates in two modes:

- **Layer 2 mode.** In this mode, one node in the OpenShift cluster takes ownership of the service and responds to ARP requests for that IP to make it reachable outside of the OpenShift cluster. Because only the node advertises the IP, it has a bandwidth bottleneck and slow failover limitations. For more information, see the documentation [here](#).
- **BGP mode.** In this mode, all nodes in the OpenShift cluster establish BGP peering sessions with a router and advertise the routes to forward traffic to the service IPs. The prerequisite for this is to integrate MetalLB with a router in that network. Owing to the hashing mechanism in BGP, it has certain limitation when IP-to-Node mapping for a service changes. For more information, refer to the documentation [here](#).



For the purpose of this document, we are configuring MetalLB in layer-2 mode.

### Installing The MetalLB Load Balancer

1. Download the MetalLB resources.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/metallb/metallb/v0.10.2/manifests/namespace.yaml  
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/metallb/metallb/v0.10.2/manifests/metallb.yaml
```

2. Edit file `metallb.yaml` and remove `spec.template.spec.securityContext` from controller Deployment and the speaker DaemonSet.

**Lines to be deleted:**

```
securityContext:  
  runAsNonRoot: true  
  runAsUser: 65534
```

3. Create the metallb-system namespace.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc create -f namespace.yaml  
namespace/metallb-system created
```

4. Create the MetalLB CR.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc create -f metallb.yaml  
podsecuritypolicy.policy/controller created  
podsecuritypolicy.policy/speaker created  
serviceaccount/controller created  
serviceaccount/speaker created  
clusterrole.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/metallb-system:controller created  
clusterrole.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/metallb-system:speaker created  
role.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/config-watcher created  
role.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/pod-lister created  
role.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/controller created  
clusterrolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/metallb-system:controller  
created  
clusterrolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/metallb-system:speaker  
created  
rolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/config-watcher created  
rolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/pod-lister created  
rolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/controller created  
daemonset.apps/speaker created  
deployment.apps/controller created
```

5. Before configuring the MetalLB speaker, grant the speaker DaemonSet elevated privileges so that it can perform the networking configuration required to make the load balancers work.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc adm policy add-scc-to-user privileged -n  
metallb-system -z speaker  
clusterrole.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/system:openshift:scc:privileged  
added: "speaker"
```

6. Configure MetalLB by creating a ConfigMap in the metallb-system namespace.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ vim metallb-config.yaml
```

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
  namespace: metallb-system
  name: config
data:
  config: |
    address-pools:
    - name: default
      protocol: layer2
      addresses:
      - 10.63.17.10-10.63.17.200
```

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc create -f metallb-config.yaml
configmap/config created
```

7. Now when loadbalancer services are created, MetallB assigns an externalIP to the services and advertises the IP address by responding to ARP requests.



If you wish to configure MetallB in BGP mode, skip step 6 above and follow the procedure in the MetallB documentation [here](#).

Next: [Solution validation/use cases: Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp](#).

#### Installing F5 BIG-IP Load Balancers

F5 BIG-IP is an Application Delivery Controller (ADC) that offers a broad set of advanced production-grade traffic management and security services like L4-L7 load balancing, SSL/TLS offload, DNS, firewall and many more. These services drastically increase the availability, security and performance of your applications.

F5 BIG-IP can be deployed and consumed in various ways, on dedicated hardware, in the cloud, or as a virtual appliance on-premises. Refer to the documentation [here](#) to explore and deploy F5 BIG-IP as per requirement.

For efficient integration of F5 BIG-IP services with Red Hat OpenShift, F5 offers the BIG-IP Container Ingress Service (CIS). CIS is installed as a controller pod that watches OpenShift API for certain Custom Resource Definitions (CRDs) and manages the F5 BIG-IP system configuration. F5 BIG-IP CIS can be configured to control service types LoadBalancers and Routes in OpenShift.

Further, for automatic IP address allocation to service the type LoadBalancer, you can utilize the F5 IPAM controller. The F5 IPAM controller is installed as a controller pod that watches OpenShift API for LoadBalancer services with an ipamLabel annotation to allocate the IP address from a preconfigured pool.

This page lists the installation and configuration instructions for F5 BIG-IP CIS and IPAM controller. As a prerequisite, you must have an F5 BIG-IP system deployed and licensed. It must also be licensed for SDN services, which are included by default with the BIG-IP VE base license.



F5 BIG-IP can be deployed in standalone or cluster mode. For the purpose of this validation, F5 BIG-IP was deployed in standalone mode, but, for production purposes, it is preferred to have a cluster of BIG-IPs to avoid a single point of failure.



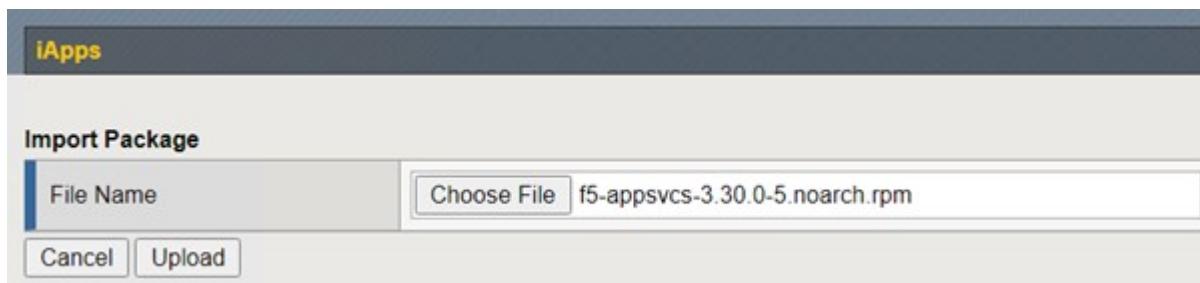
An F5 BIG-IP system can be deployed on dedicated hardware, in the cloud, or as a virtual appliance on-premises with versions greater than 12.x for it to be integrated with F5 CIS. For the purpose of this document, the F5 BIG-IP system was validated as a virtual appliance, for example using the BIG-IP VE edition.

## Validated releases

Technology	Software version
Red Hat OpenShift	4.6 EUS, 4.7
F5 BIG-IP VE edition	16.1.0
F5 Container Ingress Service	2.5.1
F5 IPAM Controller	0.1.4
F5 AS3	3.30.0

## Installation

1. Install the F5 Application Services 3 extension to allow BIG-IP systems to accept configurations in JSON instead of imperative commands. Go to [F5 AS3 GitHub repository](#), and download the latest RPM file.
2. Log into F5 BIG-IP system, navigate to iApps > Package Management LX and click Import.
3. Click Choose File and select the downloaded AS3 RPM file, click OK, and then click Upload.



4. Confirm that the AS3 extension is installed successfully.



5. Next configure the resources required for communication between OpenShift and BIG-IP systems. First create a tunnel between OpenShift and the BIG-IP server by creating a VXLAN tunnel interface on the BIG-IP system for OpenShift SDN. Navigate to Network > Tunnels > Profiles, click Create, and set the Parent Profile to vxlan and the Flooding Type to Multicast. Enter a name for the profile and click Finished.

Network > Tunnels > Profiles : VXLAN > New VXLAN Profile...

<b>General Properties</b>	
Name	vxlan-multipoint
Parent Profile	vxlan
Description	
<b>Settings</b>	
Port	4789
Flooding Type	Multicast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="button" value="Cancel"/> <input type="button" value="Repeat"/> <input type="button" value="Finished"/>	

6. Navigate to Network > Tunnels > Tunnel List, click Create, and enter the name and local IP address for the tunnel. Select the tunnel profile that was created in the previous step and click Finished.

Network > Tunnels : Tunnel List > New Tunnel...

<b>Configuration</b>	
Name	openshift_vxlan
Description	
Key	0
Profile	vxlan-multipoint
Local Address	10.63.172.239
Secondary Address	Any
Remote Address	Any
Mode	Bidirectional
MTU	0
Use PMTU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled
TOS	Preserve
Auto-Last Hop	Default
Traffic Group	None
<input type="button" value="Cancel"/> <input type="button" value="Repeat"/> <input type="button" value="Finished"/>	

7. Log into the Red Hat OpenShift cluster with cluster-admin privileges.
8. Create a hostsubnet on OpenShift for the F5 BIG-IP server, which extends the subnet from the OpenShift cluster to the F5 BIG-IP server. Download the host subnet YAML definition.

```
wget https://github.com/F5Networks/k8s-bigip-ctlr/blob/master/docs/config_examples/openshift/f5-kctlr-openshift-hostsubnet.yaml
```

9. Edit the host subnet file and add the BIG-IP VTEP (VXLAN tunnel) IP for the OpenShift SDN.

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: HostSubnet
metadata:
  name: f5-server
  annotations:
    pod.network.openshift.io/fixed-vnid-host: "0"
    pod.network.openshift.io/assign-subnet: "true"
  # provide a name for the node that will serve as BIG-IP's entry into the
  # cluster
  host: f5-server
  # The hostIP address will be the BIG-IP interface address routable to
  # the
  # OpenShift Origin nodes.
  # This address is the BIG-IP VTEP in the SDN's VXLAN.
  hostIP: 10.63.172.239
```



Change the hostIP and other details as applicable to your environment.

10. Create the HostSubnet resource.

```
[admin@rhel-7 ~]$ oc create -f f5-kctlr-openshift-hostsubnet.yaml
hostsubnet.network.openshift.io/f5-server created
```

11. Get the cluster IP subnet range for the host subnet created for the F5 BIG-IP server.

```
[admin@rhel-7 ~]$ oc get hostsubnet
```

NAME	HOST	HOST IP
SUBNET	EGRESS CIDRS	EGRESS IPS
f5-server		f5-server
10.131.0.0/23		10.63.172.239
ocp-vmw-nszws-master-0		ocp-vmw-nszws-master-0
10.128.0.0/23		10.63.172.44
ocp-vmw-nszws-master-1		ocp-vmw-nszws-master-1
10.130.0.0/23		10.63.172.47
ocp-vmw-nszws-master-2		ocp-vmw-nszws-master-2
10.129.0.0/23		10.63.172.48
ocp-vmw-nszws-worker-r8fh4		ocp-vmw-nszws-worker-r8fh4
10.130.2.0/23		10.63.172.7
ocp-vmw-nszws-worker-tvr46		ocp-vmw-nszws-worker-tvr46
10.129.2.0/23		10.63.172.11
ocp-vmw-nszws-worker-wdxhg		ocp-vmw-nszws-worker-wdxhg
10.128.2.0/23		10.63.172.24
ocp-vmw-nszws-worker-wg8r4		ocp-vmw-nszws-worker-wg8r4
10.131.2.0/23		10.63.172.15
ocp-vmw-nszws-worker-wtgef		ocp-vmw-nszws-worker-wtgef
10.128.4.0/23		10.63.172.17

12. Create a self IP on OpenShift VXLAN with an IP in OpenShift's host subnet range corresponding to the F5 BIG-IP server. Log into the F5 BIG-IP system, navigate to Network > Self IPs and click Create. Enter an IP from the cluster IP subnet created for F5 BIG-IP host subnet, select the VXLAN tunnel, and enter the other details. Then click Finished.

Network » Self IPs » New Self IP...

**Configuration**

Name	10.131.0.60
IP Address	10.131.0.60
Netmask	255.252.0.0
VLAN / Tunnel	openshift_vxla
Port Lockdown	Allow All
Traffic Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Inherit traffic group from current partition / path traffic-group-local-only (non-floating)
Service Policy	None

Cancel Repeat Finished

13. Create a partition in the F5 BIG-IP system to be configured and used with CIS. Navigate to System > Users > Partition List, click Create, and enter the details. Then click Finished.

System » Users : Partition List » New Partition...

Properties	
Partition Name	ocp-vmw
Partition Default Route Domain	0 ▾
Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Extend Text Area <input type="checkbox"/> Wrap Text
Redundant Device Configuration	
Device Group	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inherit device group from root folder None ▾
Traffic Group	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inherit traffic group from root folder traffic-group-1 (floating) ▾
<input type="button" value="Cancel"/> <input type="button" value="Repeat"/> <input type="button" value="Finished"/>	



F5 recommends that no manual configuration be done on the partition that is managed by CIS.

14. Install the F5 BIG-IP CIS using the operator from OperatorHub. Log into the Red Hat OpenShift cluster with cluster-admin privileges and create a secret with F5 BIG-IP system login credentials, which is a prerequisite for the operator.

```
[admin@rhel-7 ~]$ oc create secret generic bigip-login -n kube-system  
--from-literal=username=admin --from-literal=password=admin  
  
secret/bigip-login created
```

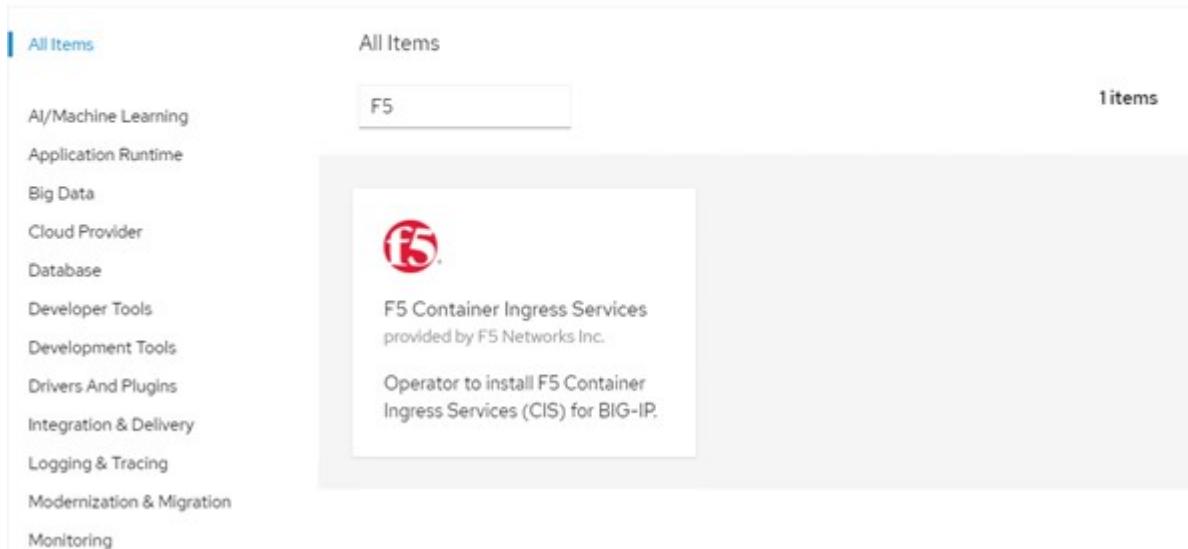
## 15. Install the F5 CIS CRDs.

```
[admin@rhel-7 ~]$ oc apply -f  
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/F5Networks/k8s-bigip-  
ctlr/master/docs/config_examples/crd/Install/customresourcedefinitions.y  
ml  
  
customresourcedefinition.apiextensions.k8s.io/virtualservers.cis.f5.com  
created  
customresourcedefinition.apiextensions.k8s.io/tlsprofiles.cis.f5.com  
created  
customresourcedefinition.apiextensions.k8s.io/transportservers.cis.f5.co  
m created  
customresourcedefinition.apiextensions.k8s.io/externaldnss.cis.f5.com  
created  
customresourcedefinition.apiextensions.k8s.io/ingresslinks.cis.f5.com  
created
```

## 16. Navigate to Operators > OperatorHub, search for the keyword F5, and click the F5 Container Ingress Service tile.

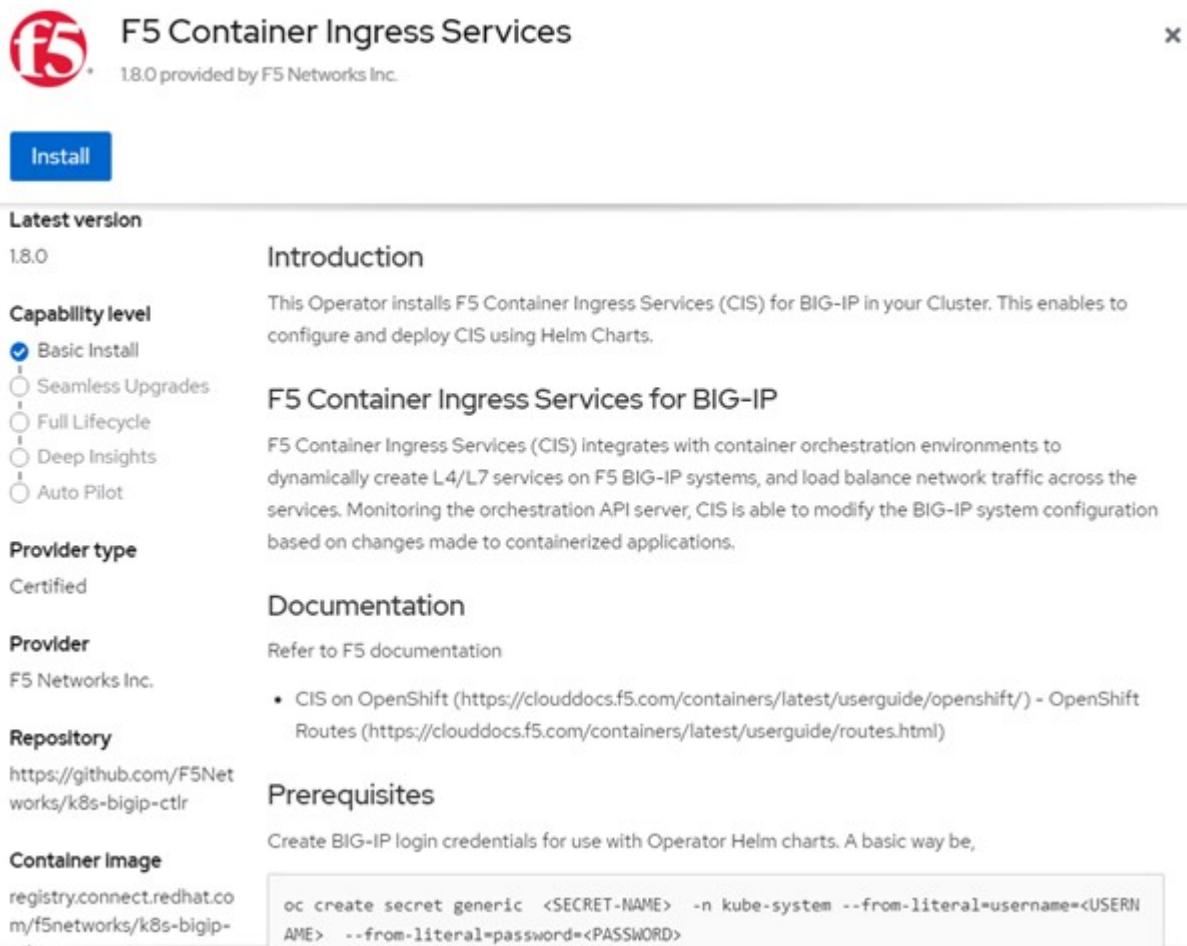
### OperatorHub

Discover Operators from the Kubernetes community and Red Hat partners, curated by Red Hat. You can purchase commercial software through [Red Hat Marketplace](#). You can install Operators on your clusters to provide optional add-ons and shared services to your developers. After installation, the Operator capabilities will appear in the [Developer Catalog](#) providing a self-service experience.



The screenshot shows the OperatorHub interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with a list of categories: All Items, AI/Machine Learning, Application Runtime, Big Data, Cloud Provider, Database, Developer Tools, Development Tools, Drivers And Plugins, Integration & Delivery, Logging & Tracing, Modernization & Migration, and Monitoring. The main area has a search bar with the text 'F5'. Below the search bar, there is a card for the 'F5 Container Ingress Services' operator. The card features the F5 logo, the text 'F5 Container Ingress Services provided by F5 Networks Inc.', and a description: 'Operator to install F5 Container Ingress Services (CIS) for BIG-IP.' To the right of the card, it says '1 items'.

17. Read the operator information and click Install.



The screenshot shows the F5 Container Ingress Services Operator page. At the top, there's a logo for F5 Networks Inc. followed by the text "F5 Container Ingress Services" and "1.8.0 provided by F5 Networks Inc.". Below this, there's a large blue "Install" button. To the right of the button is a small "X" icon. The main content area has a light gray background and contains several sections:

- Latest version**: 1.8.0
- Capability level**:
  - Basic Install
  - Seamless Upgrades
  - Full Lifecycle
  - Deep Insights
  - Auto Pilot
- Provider type**: Certified
- Provider**: F5 Networks Inc.
- Repository**: <https://github.com/F5Networks/k8s-bigip-ctlr>
- Container Image**: [registry.connect.redhat.com/f5networks/k8s-bigip-ctlr](https://registry.connect.redhat.com/f5networks/k8s-bigip-ctlr)
- Introduction**: A brief description stating that the Operator installs F5 Container Ingress Services (CIS) for BIG-IP in your Cluster, enabling configuration and deployment using Helm Charts.
- F5 Container Ingress Services for BIG-IP**: A detailed description of how CIS integrates with container orchestration environments to dynamically create L4/L7 services on F5 BIG-IP systems and load balance network traffic across the services, monitoring the orchestration API server.
- Documentation**: A link to F5 documentation.
- Prerequisites**: Instructions to create BIG-IP login credentials for use with Operator Helm charts, mentioning OpenShift Routes.
- Code Snippet**: A command-line example for creating a secret:

```
oc create secret generic <SECRET-NAME> -n kube-system --from-literal=username=<USERNAME> --from-literal=password=<PASSWORD>
```

18. On the Install operator screen, leave all default parameters, and click Install.

## Install Operator

Install your Operator by subscribing to one of the update channels to keep the Operator up to date. The strategy determines either manual or automatic updates.

Update channel \*

beta

F5 Container Ingress Services  
provided by F5 Networks Inc.

Provided APIs

**F5ContainerIngressServices**

This CRD provides kind `F5ContainerIngressServices` to configure and deploy F5 Container Ingress Services.

Installation mode \*

All namespaces on the cluster (default)  
Operator will be available in all Namespaces.

A specific namespace on the cluster  
Operator will be available in a single Namespace only.

Installed Namespace \*

PR openshift-operators

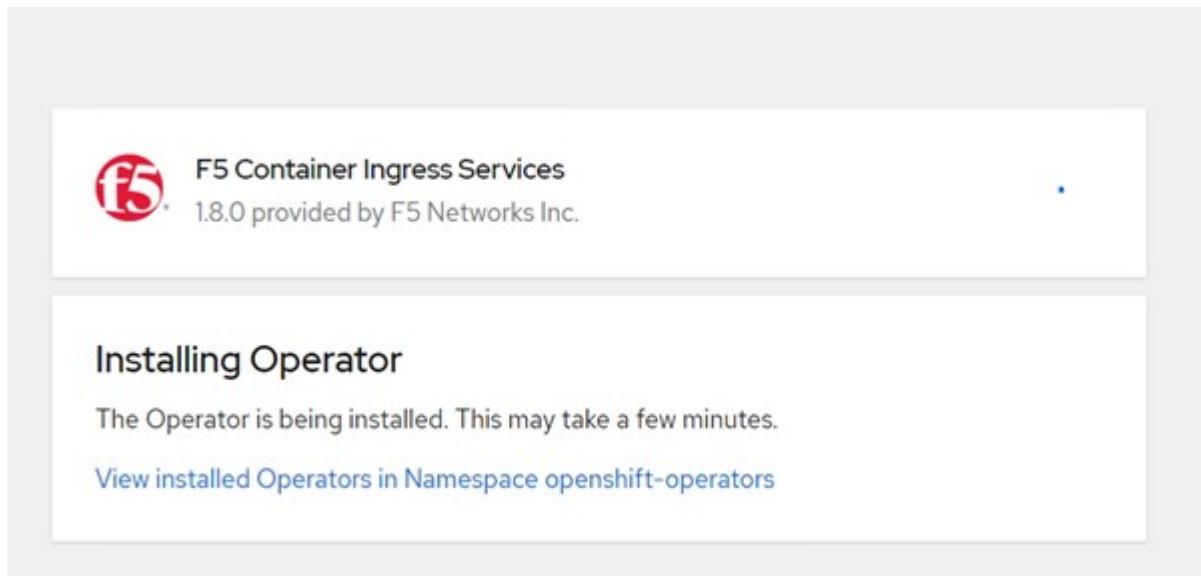
Approval strategy \*

Automatic

Manual

**Install** **Cancel**

19. It takes a while to install the operator.



20. After the operator is installed, the Installation Successful message is displayed.
21. Navigate to Operators > Installed Operators, click F5 Container Ingress Service, and then click Create Instance under the F5BigIpCtlr tile.



F5 Container Ingress Services

1.8.0 provided by F5 Networks Inc.

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## Provided APIs

### F5BigIpCtlr

This CRD provides kind `F5BigIpCtlr` to configure and deploy F5 BIG-IP Controller.

[Create instance](#)

22. Click YAML View and paste the following content after updating the necessary parameters.



Update the parameters `bigip_partition`, `openshift\_sdn\_name`, `bigip_url` and `bigip_login_secret` below to reflect the values for your setup before copying the content.

```

apiVersion: cis.f5.com/v1
kind: F5BigIpCtlr
metadata:
  name: f5-server
  namespace: openshift-operators
spec:
  args:
    log_as3_response: true
    agent: as3
    log_level: DEBUG
    bigip_partition: ocp-vmw
    openshift_sdn_name: /Common/openshift_vxlan
    bigip_url: 10.61.181.19
    insecure: true
    pool-member-type: cluster
    custom_resource_mode: true
    as3_validation: true
    ipam: true
    manage_configmaps: true
    bigip_login_secret: bigip-login
  image:
    pullPolicy: Always
    repo: f5networks/cntr-ingress-svcs
    user: registry.connect.redhat.com
  namespace: kube-system
  rbac:
    create: true
  resources: {}
  serviceAccount:
    create: true
  version: latest

```

23. After pasting this content, click Create. This installs the CIS pods in the kube-system namespace.

Pods								<a href="#">Create Pod</a>
Name	Status	Ready	Restarts	Owner	Memory	CPU		
f5-server-f5-bigip-ctlr-5d7578667d-qxdgj	Running	1/1	0	RS f5-server-f5-bigip-ctlr-5d7578667d	61.1 MiB	0.003 cores		



Red Hat OpenShift, by default, provides a way to expose the services via Routes for L7 load balancing. An inbuilt OpenShift router is responsible for advertising and handling traffic for these routes. However, you can also configure the F5 CIS to support the Routes through an external F5 BIG-IP system, which can run either as an auxiliary router or a replacement to the self-hosted OpenShift router. CIS creates a virtual server in the BIG-IP system that acts as a router for the OpenShift routes, and BIG-IP handles the advertisement and traffic routing. Refer to the documentation here for information on parameters to enable this feature. Note that these parameters are defined for OpenShift Deployment resource in the apps/v1 API. Therefore, when using these with the F5BigIpCtlr resource cis.f5.com/v1 API, replace the hyphens (-) with underscores (\_) for the parameter names.

24. The arguments that are passed to the creation of CIS resources include `ipam: true` and `custom_resource_mode: true`. These parameters are required for enabling CIS integration with an IPAM controller. Verify that the CIS has enabled IPAM integration by creating the F5 IPAM resource.

```
[admin@rhel-7 ~]$ oc get f5ipam -n kube-system  
  
NAMESPACE      NAME          AGE  
kube-system    ipam.10.61.181.19.ocp-vmw   43s
```

25. Create the service account, role and rolebinding required for the F5 IPAM controller. Create a YAML file and paste the following content.

```
[admin@rhel-7 ~]$ vi f5-ipam-rbac.yaml

kind: ClusterRole
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  name: ipam-ctlr-clusterrole
rules:
  - apiGroups: ["fic.f5.com"]
    resources: ["ipams","ipams/status"]
    verbs: ["get", "list", "watch", "update", "patch"]
---
kind: ClusterRoleBinding
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  name: ipam-ctlr-clusterrole-binding
  namespace: kube-system
roleRef:
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
  kind: ClusterRole
  name: ipam-ctlr-clusterrole
subjects:
  - apiGroup: ""
    kind: ServiceAccount
    name: ipam-ctlr
    namespace: kube-system
---
apiVersion: v1
kind: ServiceAccount
metadata:
  name: ipam-ctlr
  namespace: kube-system
```

## 26. Create the resources.

```
[admin@rhel-7 ~]$ oc create -f f5-ipam-rbac.yaml

clusterrole.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/ipam-ctlr-clusterrole created
clusterrolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/ipam-ctlr-clusterrole-
binding created
serviceaccount/ipam-ctlr created
```

## 27. Create a YAML file and paste the F5 IPAM deployment definition provided below.



Update the ip-range parameter in spec.template.spec.containers[0].args below to reflect the ipamLabels and IP address ranges corresponding to your setup.



ipamLabels [range1 and range2 in below example] are required to be annotated for the services of type LoadBalancer for the IPAM controller to detect and assign an IP address from the defined range.

```
[admin@rhel-7 ~]$ vi f5-ipam-deployment.yaml

apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  labels:
    name: f5-ipam-controller
    name: f5-ipam-controller
    namespace: kube-system
spec:
  replicas: 1
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: f5-ipam-controller
  template:
    metadata:
      creationTimestamp: null
      labels:
        app: f5-ipam-controller
    spec:
      containers:
        - args:
            - --orchestration=openshift
            - --ip-range='{"range1":"10.63.172.242-10.63.172.249",
"range2":"10.63.170.111-10.63.170.129"}'
            - --log-level=DEBUG
          command:
            - /app/bin/f5-ipam-controller
          image: registry.connect.redhat.com/f5networks/f5-ipam-
controller:latest
          imagePullPolicy: IfNotPresent
          name: f5-ipam-controller
        dnsPolicy: ClusterFirst
        restartPolicy: Always
        schedulerName: default-scheduler
        securityContext: {}
        serviceAccount: ipam-ctlr
        serviceAccountName: ipam-ctlr
```

28. Create the F5 IPAM controller deployment.

```
[admin@rhel-7 ~]$ oc create -f f5-ipam-deployment.yaml  
deployment/f5-ipam-controller created
```

29. Verify the F5 IPAM controller pods are running.

```
[admin@rhel-7 ~]$ oc get pods -n kube-system  
  
NAME                                READY   STATUS    RESTARTS  
AGE  
f5-ipam-controller-5986cff5bd-2bvn6   1/1     Running   0  
30s  
f5-server-f5-bigip-ctlr-5d7578667d-qxdgj   1/1     Running   0  
14m
```

30. Create the F5 IPAM schema.

```
[admin@rhel-7 ~]$ oc create -f  
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/F5Networks/f5-ipam-  
controller/main/docs/_static/schemas/ipam_schema.yaml  
  
customresourcedefinition.apiextensions.k8s.io/ipams.fic.f5.com
```

## Verification

1. Create a service of type LoadBalancer

```
[admin@rhel-7 ~]$ vi example_svc.yaml

apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
  annotations:
    cis.f5.com/ipamLabel: range1
  labels:
    app: f5-demo-test
  name: f5-demo-test
  namespace: default
spec:
  ports:
  - name: f5-demo-test
    port: 80
    protocol: TCP
    targetPort: 80
  selector:
    app: f5-demo-test
  sessionAffinity: None
  type: LoadBalancer
```

```
[admin@rhel-7 ~]$ oc create -f example_svc.yaml

service/f5-demo-test created
```

## 2. Check if the IPAM controller assigns an external IP to it.

```
[admin@rhel-7 ~]$ oc get svc

NAME           TYPE      CLUSTER-IP      EXTERNAL-IP
PORT (S)       AGE
f5-demo-test   LoadBalancer 172.30.210.108  10.63.172.242
80:32605/TCP  27s
```

## 3. Create a deployment and use the LoadBalancer service that was created.

```
[admin@rhel-7 ~]$ vi example_deployment.yaml
```

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  labels:
    app: f5-demo-test
    name: f5-demo-test
spec:
  replicas: 2
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: f5-demo-test
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        app: f5-demo-test
    spec:
      containers:
        - env:
            - name: service_name
              value: f5-demo-test
          image: nginx
          imagePullPolicy: Always
          name: f5-demo-test
          ports:
            - containerPort: 80
              protocol: TCP
```

```
[admin@rhel-7 ~]$ oc create -f example_deployment.yaml
deployment/f5-demo-test created
```

#### 4. Check if the pods are running.

```
[admin@rhel-7 ~]$ oc get pods
NAME                      READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
f5-demo-test-57c46f6f98-47wwp 1/1     Running   0          27s
f5-demo-test-57c46f6f98-cl2m8 1/1     Running   0          27s
```

#### 5. Check if the corresponding virtual server is created in the BIG-IP system for the service of type LoadBalancer in OpenShift. Navigate to Local Traffic > Virtual Servers > Virtual Server List.



Next: Solution Validation/Use Cases: Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp.

## Creating Private Image Registries

For most deployments of Red Hat OpenShift, using a public registry like [Quay.io](#) or [DockerHub](#) meets most customer's needs. However there are times when a customer may want to host their own private or customized images.

This procedure documents creating a private image registry which is backed by a persistent volume provided by Astra Trident and NetApp ONTAP.



Astra Control Center requires a registry to host the images the Astra containers require. The following section describes the steps to setup a private registry on Red Hat OpenShift cluster and pushing the images required to support the installation of Astra Control Center.

### Creating A private image registry

1. Remove the default annotation from the current default storage class and annotate the Trident-backed storage class as default for the OpenShift cluster.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc patch storageclass thin -p '{"metadata": {"annotations": {"storageclass.kubernetes.io/is-default-class": "false"}}}'
storageclass.storage.k8s.io/thin patched

[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc patch storageclass ocp-trident -p '{"metadata": {"annotations": {"storageclass.kubernetes.io/is-default-class": "true"}}}'
storageclass.storage.k8s.io/ocp-trident patched
```

2. Edit the imageregistry operator by entering the following storage parameters in the `spec` section.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc edit
configs.imageregistry.operator.openshift.io

storage:
  pvc:
    claim:
```

3. Enter the following parameters in the `spec` section for creating a OpenShift route with a custom hostname.

Save and exit.

```
routes:  
  - hostname: astra-registry.apps.ocp-vmw.cie.netapp.com  
    name: netapp-astra-route
```



The above route config is used when you want a custom hostname for your route. If you want OpenShift to create a route with a default hostname, you can add the following parameters to the spec section: `defaultRoute: true`.

## Custom TLS certificates

When you are using a custom hostname for the route, by default, it uses the default TLS configuration of the OpenShift Ingress operator. However, you can add a custom TLS configuration to the route. To do so, complete the following steps.

- Create a secret with the route's TLS certificates and key.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc create secret tls astra-route-tls -n openshift-image-registry -cert/home/admin/netapp-astra/tls.crt --key=/home/admin/netapp-astra/tls.key
```

- Edit the imageregistry operator and add the following parameters to the spec section.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc edit  
configs.imageregistry.operator.openshift.io  
  
routes:  
  - hostname: astra-registry.apps.ocp-vmw.cie.netapp.com  
    name: netapp-astra-route  
    secretName: astra-route-tls
```

- Edit the imageregistry operator again and change the management state of the operator to the Managed state. Save and exit.

```
oc edit configs.imageregistry/cluster  
  
managementState: Managed
```

- If all the prerequisites are satisfied, PVCs, pods, and services are created for the private image registry. In a few minutes, the registry should be up.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc get all -n openshift-image-registry
```

NAME	READY	STATUS
RESTARTS	AGE	
pod/cluster-image-registry-operator-74f6d954b6-rb7zr	1/1	Running
3 90d		
pod/image-pruner-1627257600-f5cpj	0/1	Completed
0 2d9h		
pod/image-pruner-1627344000-swqzx9	0/1	Completed
0 33h		
pod/image-pruner-1627430400-rv5nt	0/1	Completed
0 9h		
pod/image-registry-6758b547f-6pnj8	1/1	Running
0 76m		
pod/node-ca-bwb5r	1/1	Running
0 90d		
pod/node-ca-f8w54	1/1	Running
0 90d		
pod/node-ca-gjx7h	1/1	Running
0 90d		
pod/node-ca-lcx4k	1/1	Running
0 33d		
pod/node-ca-v7zmx	1/1	Running
0 7d21h		
pod/node-ca-xpppp	1/1	Running
0 89d		

NAME	TYPE	CLUSTER-IP	EXTERNAL-IP
IP	PORT(S)	AGE	
service/image-registry	ClusterIP	172.30.196.167	<none>
5000/TCP	15h		
service/image-registry-operator	ClusterIP	None	<none>
60000/TCP	90d		

NAME	DESIRED	CURRENT	READY	UP-TO-DATE
AVAILABLE	NODE SELECTOR	AGE		
daemonset.apps/node-ca	6	6	6	6
kubernetes.io/os=linux	90d			

NAME	READY	UP-TO-DATE
AVAILABLE	AGE	
deployment.apps/cluster-image-registry-operator	1/1	1
90d		1
deployment.apps/image-registry	1/1	1
15h		1

NAME	CURRENT	READY	AGE	DESIRED
replicaset.apps/cluster-image-registry-operator-74f6d954b6	1	90d		1 1
replicaset.apps/image-registry-6758b547f	1	76m		1 1
replicaset.apps/image-registry-78bfb7f59	0	15h		0 0
replicaset.apps/image-registry-7fcc8d6cc8	0	80m		0 0
replicaset.apps/image-registry-864f88f5b	0	15h		0 0
replicaset.apps/image-registry-cb47ffffb	0	10h		0 0
NAME	COMPLETIONS	DURATION	AGE	
job.batch/image-pruner-1627257600	1/1	10s	2d9h	
job.batch/image-pruner-1627344000	1/1	6s	33h	
job.batch/image-pruner-1627430400	1/1	5s	9h	
NAME	SCHEDULE	SUSPEND	ACTIVE	LAST
SCHEDULE	AGE			
cronjob.batch/image-pruner	0 0 * * *	False	0	9h
90d				
NAME	HOST/PORT			
PATH	SERVICES	PORT	TERMINATION	WILDCARD
route.route.openshift.io/public-routes	astra-registry.apps.ocp-			
vmw.cie.netapp.com	image-registry	<all>	reencrypt	None

6. If you are using the default TLS certificates for the ingress operator OpenShift registry route, you can fetch the TLS certificates using the following command.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc extract secret/router-ca --keys=tls.crt -n openshift-ingress-operator
```

7. To allow OpenShift nodes to access and pull the images from the registry, add the certificates to the docker client on the OpenShift nodes. Create a configmap in the `openshift-config` namespace using the TLS certificates and patch it to the cluster image config to make the certificate trusted.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc create configmap astra-ca -n openshift-config  
--from-file=astra-registry.apps.ocp-vmw.cie.netapp.com=tls.crt  
  
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc patch image.config.openshift.io/cluster  
--patch '{"spec":{"additionalTrustedCA":{"name":"astra-ca"}}}'  
--type=merge
```

8. The OpenShift internal registry is controlled by authentication. All the OpenShift users can access the OpenShift registry, but the operations that the logged in user can perform depends on the user permissions.
  - a. To allow a user or a group of users to pull images from the registry, the user(s) must have the registry-viewer role assigned.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc policy add-role-to-user registry-viewer  
ocp-user
```

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc policy add-role-to-group registry-viewer  
ocp-user-group
```

- b. To allow a user or group of users to write or push images, the user(s) must have the registry-editor role assigned.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc policy add-role-to-user registry-editor  
ocp-user
```

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc policy add-role-to-group registry-editor  
ocp-user-group
```

9. For OpenShift nodes to access the registry and push or pull the images, you need to configure a pull secret.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc create secret docker-registry astra-registry-  
credentials --docker-server=astra-registry.apps.ocp-vmw.cie.netapp.com  
--docker-username=ocp-user --docker-password=password
```

10. This pull secret can then be patched to serviceaccounts or be referenced in the corresponding pod definition.

- a. To patch it to service accounts, run the following command.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc secrets link <service_account_name> astra-  
registry-credentials --for=pull
```

- b. To reference the pull secret in the pod definition, add the following parameter to the spec section.

```
imagePullSecrets:  
  - name: astra-registry-credentials
```

11. To push or pull an image from workstations apart from OpenShift node, complete the following steps.

- a. Add the TLS certificates to the docker client.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ sudo mkdir /etc/docker/certs.d/astra-  
registry.apps.ocp-vmw.cie.netapp.com  
  
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ sudo cp /path/to/tls.crt  
/etc/docker/certs.d/astra-registry.apps.ocp-vmw.cie.netapp.com
```

- b. Log into OpenShift using the oc login command.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ oc login --token=sha256~D49SpB_lesSrJYwrM0LIO  
-VRcjWHu0a27vKa0 --server=https://api.ocp-vmw.cie.netapp.com:6443
```

- c. Log into the registry using OpenShift user credentials with the podman/docker command.

#### podman

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ podman login astra-registry.apps.ocp-  
vmw.cie.netapp.com -u kubeadmin -p $(oc whoami -t) --tls  
-verify=false
```

+

NOTE: If you are using kubeadmin user to log into the private registry, then use token instead of password.

#### docker

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ docker login astra-registry.apps.ocp-  
vmw.cie.netapp.com -u kubeadmin -p $(oc whoami -t)
```

+

NOTE: If you are using kubeadmin user to log into the private registry, then use token instead of password.

- d. Push or pull the images.

### **podman**

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ podman push astra-registry.apps.ocp-vmw.cie.netapp.com/netapp-astra/vault-controller:latest  
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ podman pull astra-registry.apps.ocp-vmw.cie.netapp.com/netapp-astra/vault-controller:latest
```

### **docker**

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ docker push astra-registry.apps.ocp-vmw.cie.netapp.com/netapp-astra/vault-controller:latest  
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ docker pull astra-registry.apps.ocp-vmw.cie.netapp.com/netapp-astra/vault-controller:latest
```

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## **Solution Validation and Use Cases: Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp**

The examples provided on this page are solution validations and use cases for Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp.

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## **Deploy a Jenkins CI/CD Pipeline with Persistent Storage: Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp**

This section provides the steps to deploy a continuous integration/continuous delivery or deployment (CI/CD) pipeline with Jenkins to validate solution operation.

### **Create the resources required for Jenkins deployment**

To create the resources required for deploying the Jenkins application, complete the following steps:

1. Create a new project named Jenkins.

# Create Project

Name \*

Display Name

Description

Cancel

Create

2. In this example, we deployed Jenkins with persistent storage. To support the Jenkins build, create the PVC. Navigate to Storage > Persistent Volume Claims and click Create Persistent Volume Claim. Select the storage class that was created, make sure that the Persistent Volume Claim Name is jenkins, select the appropriate size and access mode, and then click Create.

## Create Persistent Volume Claim

[Edit YAML](#)**Storage Class****SC** basic

Storage class for the new claim.

**Persistent Volume Claim Name \***

jenkins

A unique name for the storage claim within the project.

**Access Mode \***

- 
- Single User (RWO)
- 
- Shared Access (RWX)
- 
- Read Only (ROX)

Permissions to the mounted drive.

**Size \***

100

GiB



Desired storage capacity.

- 
- Use label selectors to request storage

Use label selectors to define how storage is created.

**Create****Cancel**

### Deploy Jenkins with Persistent Storage

To deploy Jenkins with persistent storage, complete the following steps:

1. In the upper left corner, change the role from Administrator to Developer. Click +Add and select From Catalog. In the Filter by Keyword bar, search for jenkins. Select Jenkins Service with Persistent Storage.

## Developer Catalog

Add shared apps, services, or source-to-image builders to your project from the Developer Catalog. Cluster admins can install additional apps which will show up here automatically.

- [All Items](#)
- [Languages](#)
- [Databases](#)
- [Middleware](#)
- [CI/CD](#)
- [Other](#)

Type

- Operator Backed (0)
- Helm Charts (0)
- Builder Image (0)
- Template (4)
- Service Class (0)

All Items

Group By: None ▾

Jenkins
Template

provided by Red Hat, Inc.

Jenkins service, with persistent storage. NOTE: You must have persistent volumes available in...

Jenkins
Template

provided by Red Hat, Inc.

Jenkins service, with persistent storage. NOTE: You must have persistent volumes available in...

Jenkins (Ephemeral)
Template

provided by Red Hat, Inc.

Jenkins service, without persistent storage. WARNING: Any data stored will be lost upon...

Jenkins (Ephemeral)
Template

provided by Red Hat, Inc.

Jenkins service, without persistent storage. WARNING:

2. Click Instantiate Template.

### Jenkins

Provided by Red Hat, Inc.

[Instantiate Template](#)

Provider	Description
Red Hat, Inc.	Jenkins service, with persistent storage.
Support	NOTE: You must have persistent volumes available in your cluster to use this template.
<a href="#">Get support ↗</a>	
Created At	<a href="#">Documentation</a>
⌚ May 26, 3:58 am	<a href="https://docs.okd.io/latest/using_images/other_images/jenkins.html">https://docs.okd.io/latest/using_images/other_images/jenkins.html ↗</a>

3. By default, the details for the Jenkins application are populated. Based on your requirements, modify the parameters and click Create. This process creates all the required resources for supporting Jenkins on

## OpenShift.

### Instantiate Template

Namespace \*

Jenkins Service Name

The name of the OpenShift Service exposed for the Jenkins container.

Jenkins JNLP Service Name

The name of the service used for master/slave communication.

Enable OAuth in Jenkins

Whether to enable OAuth OpenShift integration. If false, the static account 'admin' will be initialized with the password 'password'.

Memory Limit

Maximum amount of memory the container can use.

Volume Capacity \*

Volume space available for data, e.g. 512Mi, 2Gi.

Jenkins ImageStream Namespace

The OpenShift Namespace where the Jenkins ImageStream resides.

Disable memory intensive administrative monitors

Whether to perform memory intensive, possibly slow, synchronization with the Jenkins Update Center on start. If true, the Jenkins core update monitor and site warnings monitor are disabled.

Jenkins ImageStreamTag

Name of the ImageStreamTag to be used for the Jenkins image.

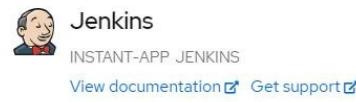
Fatal Error Log File

When a fatal error occurs, an error log is created with information and the state obtained at the time of the fatal error.

Allows use of Jenkins Update Center repository with invalid SSL certificate

Whether to allow use of a Jenkins Update Center that uses invalid certificate (self-signed, unknown CA). If any value other than 'false', certificate check is bypassed. By default, certificate check is enforced.

Create Cancel



Jenkins service, with persistent storage.

NOTE: You must have persistent volumes available in your cluster to use this template.

The following resources will be created:

- DeploymentConfig
- PersistentVolumeClaim
- RoleBinding
- Route
- Service
- ServiceAccount

4. The Jenkins pods take approximately 10 to 12 minutes to enter the Ready state.

## Pods

[Create Pod](#)


<span style="background-color: #e0f2e0; border: 1px solid #d0e0d0; padding: 2px 5px;">1</span>	Running	<span style="background-color: #fff; border: 1px solid #d0e0d0; padding: 2px 5px;">0</span>	Pending	<span style="background-color: #fff; border: 1px solid #d0e0d0; padding: 2px 5px;">0</span>	Terminating	<span style="background-color: #fff; border: 1px solid #d0e0d0; padding: 2px 5px;">0</span>	CrashLoopBackOff	<span style="background-color: #e0f2e0; border: 1px solid #d0e0d0; padding: 2px 5px;">1</span>	Completed	<span style="background-color: #fff; border: 1px solid #d0e0d0; padding: 2px 5px;">0</span>	Failed	<span style="background-color: #fff; border: 1px solid #d0e0d0; padding: 2px 5px;">0</span>	Unknown
Select all filters												1 of 2 Items	

Name	Namespace	Status	Ready	Owner	Memory	CPU
jenkins-1-c77n9	jenkins	Running	1/1	jenkins-1	-	0.004 cores

5. After the pods are instantiated, navigate to Networking > Routes. To open the Jenkins webpage, click the URL provided for the jenkins route.

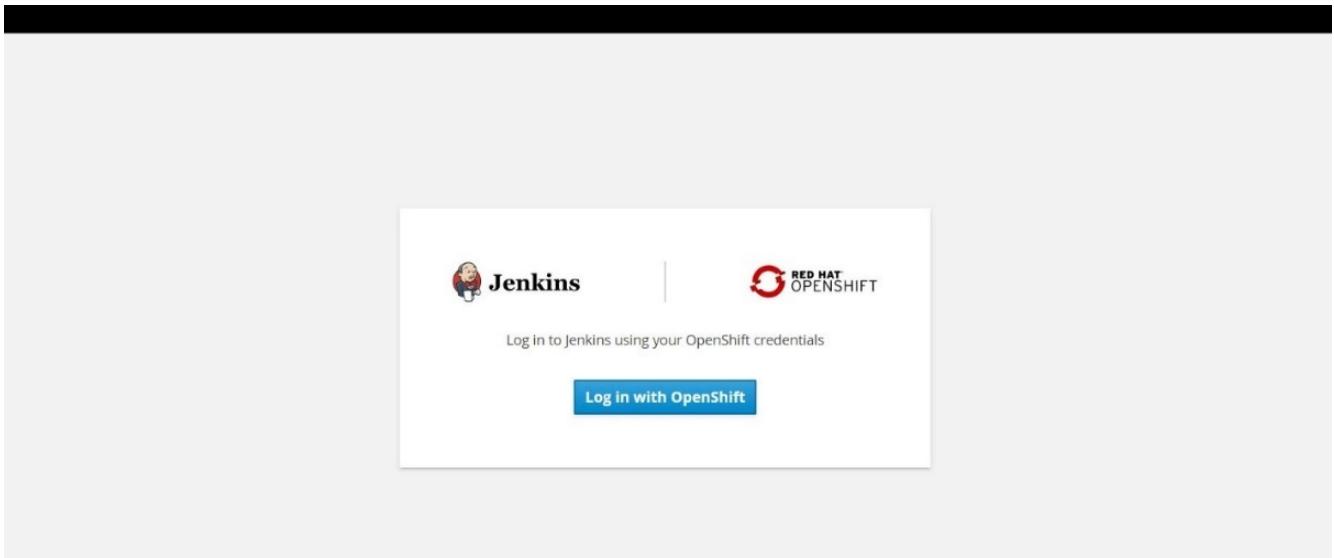
## Routes

[Create Route](#)


<span style="background-color: #e0f2e0; border: 1px solid #d0e0d0; padding: 2px 5px;">1</span>	Accepted	<span style="background-color: #fff; border: 1px solid #d0e0d0; padding: 2px 5px;">0</span>	Rejected	<span style="background-color: #fff; border: 1px solid #d0e0d0; padding: 2px 5px;">0</span>	Pending	Select all filters	1 Item
--	----------	---	----------	---	---------	--------------------	--------

Name	Namespace	Status	Location	Service
jenkins	jenkins	Accepted	<a href="https://jenkins-jenkins.apps.rhv-ocp-cluster.cie.netapp.com">https://jenkins-jenkins.apps.rhv-ocp-cluster.cie.netapp.com</a>	jenkins

6. Because OpenShift OAuth was used while creating the Jenkins app, click Log in with OpenShift.



7. Authorize the Jenkins service account to access the OpenShift users.

## Authorize Access

Service account jenkins in project jenkins is requesting permission to access your account (kube:admin)

### Requested permissions

#### user:info

Read-only access to your user information (including username, identities, and group membership)

#### user:check-access

Read-only access to view your privileges (for example, "can I create builds?")

You will be redirected to <https://jenkins-jenkins.apps.rhv-ocp-cluster.cie.netapp.com/securityRealm/finishLogin>

[Allow selected permissions](#) [Deny](#)

8. The Jenkins welcome page is displayed. Because we are using a Maven build, complete the Maven installation first. Navigate to Manage Jenkins > Global Tool Configuration, and then, in the Maven subhead, click Add Maven. Enter the name of your choice and make sure that the Install Automatically option is selected. Click Save.

Maven

Maven installations

Add Maven

Maven

Name M3

Install automatically

Install from Apache Version 3.6.3

Add Installer Delete Maven

Add Maven

List of Maven installations on this system

9. You can now create a pipeline to demonstrate the CI/CD workflow. On the home page, click Create New Jobs or New Item from the left-hand menu.

The screenshot shows the Jenkins home page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Jenkins logo, a search bar, and user information (kube:admin | log out). Below the bar, a sidebar on the left lists links: New Item, People, Build History, Manage Jenkins, My Views, Open Blue Ocean, Lockable Resources, Credentials, and New View. The main content area features a "Welcome to Jenkins!" message with a call to action: "Please [create new jobs](#) to get started." Below this, there are two sections: "Build Queue" (No builds in the queue) and "Build Executor Status" (1 Idle, 2 Idle).

10. On the Create Item page, enter the name of your choice, select Pipeline, and click Ok.

The screenshot shows the "Enter an item name" dialog. The input field contains "sample-demo" and is labeled as a "Required field". Below the input field, there's a list of project types:

- Freestyle project**: This is the central feature of Jenkins. Jenkins will build your project, combining any SCM with any build system, and this can be even used for something other than software build.
- Pipeline**: Orchestrates long-running activities that can span multiple build agents. Suitable for building pipelines (formerly known as workflows) and/or organizing complex activities that do not easily fit in free-style job type.
- Multi-configuration project**: Suitable for projects that need a large number of different configurations, such as testing on multiple environments, platform-specific builds, etc.
- Bitbucket Team/Project**: Scans a Bitbucket Cloud Team (or Bitbucket Server Project) for all repositories matching some defined markers.
- Folder**: Creates a container that stores nested items in it. Useful for grouping things together. Unlike view, which is just a filter, a folder creates a separate namespace, so you can have multiple things of the same name as long as they are in different folders.
- GitHub Organization**: Scans a GitHub organization (or user account) for all repositories matching some defined markers.

At the bottom of the dialog, there's an "OK" button and a note: "Creates a set of Pipeline projects according to detected branches in one SCM repository".

11. Select the Pipeline tab. From the Try Sample Pipeline drop-down menu, select Github + Maven. The code is automatically populated. Click Save.

General Build Triggers Advanced Project Options **Pipeline**

[Advanced...](#)

## Pipeline

Definition Pipeline script

Script

```

1  node {
2      def mvnHome
3      stage('Preparation') { // for display purposes
4          // Get some code from a GitHub repository
5          git 'https://github.com/jglick/simple-maven-project-with-tests.git'
6          // Get the Maven tool.
7          // ** NOTE: This 'M3' Maven tool must be configured
8          // ** in the global configuration.
9          mvnHome = tool 'M3'
10     }
11    stage('Build') {
12        // Run the maven build
13        withEnv(["MVN_HOME=$mvnHome"]) {
14            if (isUnix()) {
15                sh '$MVN_HOME/bin/mvn' -Dmaven.test.failure.ignore clean package'
16            } else {
17                bat("%MVN_HOME%\bin\mvn" -Dmaven.test.failure.ignore clean package)
18            }
19        }
20    }
21  }

```

GitHub + Maven

Use Groovy Sandbox

[Pipeline Syntax](#)

**Save** **Apply**

12. Click Build Now to trigger the development through the preparation, build, and testing phase. It can take several minutes to complete the whole build process and display the results of the build.

 Jenkins

Jenkins > sample-demo >

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[Delete Pipeline](#)

[Configure](#)

[Full Stage View](#)

[Open Blue Ocean](#)

[Rename](#)

[Pipeline Syntax](#)

**Pipeline sample-demo**

Last Successful Artifacts  
 [simple-maven-project-with-tests-1.0-SNAPSHOT.jar](#) 1.71 KB [view](#)

Recent Changes  


**Stage View**

Preparation	Build	Results
2s	4s	69ms
2s	4s	69ms

Average stage times:  
(Average full run time: ~7s)

#1 May 27 08:53 No Changes

 [Latest Test Result \(no failures\)](#)

**Permalinks**

- [Last build \(#1\), 1 min 23 sec ago](#)
- [Last stable build \(#1\), 1 min 23 sec ago](#)
- [Last successful build \(#1\), 1 min 23 sec ago](#)
- [Last completed build \(#1\), 1 min 23 sec ago](#)

- Whenever there are any code changes, the pipeline can be rebuilt to patch the new version of software enabling continuous integration and continuous delivery. Click Recent Changes to track the changes from the previous version.

Next: Videos and Demos.

## Configure Multi-tenancy on Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp ONTAP

### Configuring multitenancy on Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp

Many organizations that run multiple applications or workloads on containers tend to deploy one Red Hat OpenShift cluster per application or workload. This allows them to implement strict isolation for the application or workload, optimize performance, and reduce security vulnerabilities. However, deploying a separate Red Hat OpenShift cluster for each application poses its own set of problems. It increases operational overhead having to monitor and manage each cluster on its own, increases cost owing to dedicated resources for different applications, and hinders efficient scalability.

To overcome these problems, one can consider running all the applications or workloads in a single Red Hat OpenShift cluster. But in such an architecture, resource isolation and application security vulnerabilities are one of the major challenges. Any security vulnerability in one workload could naturally spill over into another workload, thus increasing the impact zone. In addition, any abrupt uncontrolled resource utilization by one application can affect the performance of another application, because there is no resource allocation policy by default.

Therefore, organizations look out for solutions that pick up the best in both worlds, for example, by allowing them to run all their workloads in a single cluster and yet offering the benefits of a dedicated cluster for each workload.

One such effective solution is to configure multitenancy on Red Hat OpenShift. Multitenancy is an architecture that allows multiple tenants to coexist on the same cluster with proper isolation of resources, security, and so on. In this context, a tenant can be viewed as a subset of the cluster resources that are configured to be used by a particular group of users for an exclusive purpose. Configuring multitenancy on a Red Hat OpenShift cluster provides the following advantages:

- A reduction in CapEx and OpEx by allowing cluster resources to be shared
- Lower operational and management overhead
- Securing the workloads from cross-contamination of security breaches
- Protection of workloads from unexpected performance degradation due to resource contention

For a fully realized multitenant OpenShift cluster, quotas and restrictions must be configured for cluster resources belonging to different resource buckets: compute, storage, networking, security, and so on. Although we cover certain aspects of all the resource buckets in this solution, we focus on best practices for isolating and securing the data served or consumed by multiple workloads on the same Red Hat OpenShift cluster by configuring multitenancy on storage resources that are dynamically allocated by Astra Trident backed by NetApp ONTAP.

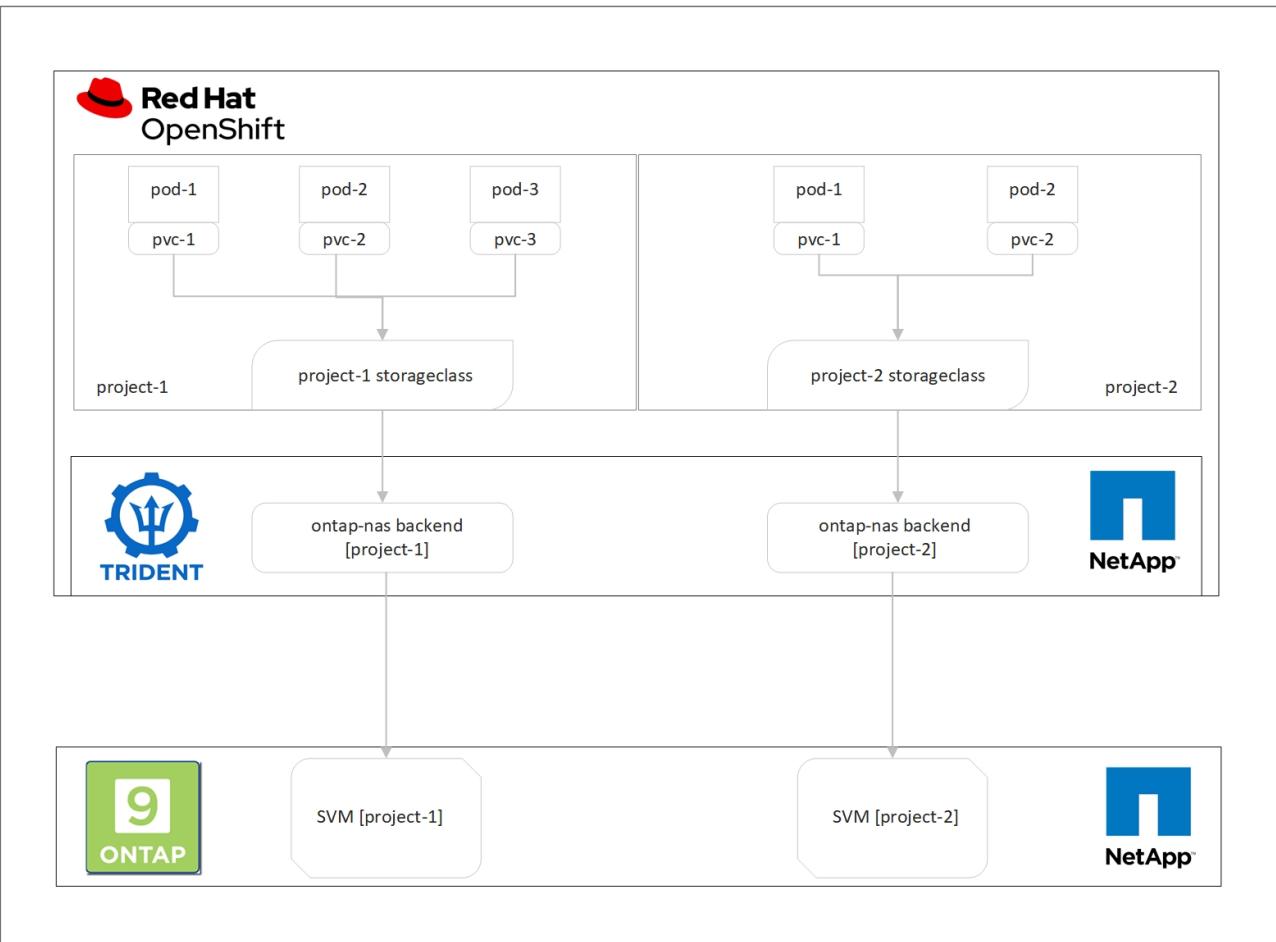
[Next: Architecture.](#)

## Architecture

Although Red Hat OpenShift and Astra Trident backed by NetApp ONTAP do not provide isolation between workloads by default, they offer a wide range of features that can be used to configure multitenancy. To better understand designing a multitenant solution on a Red Hat OpenShift cluster with Astra Trident backed by NetApp ONTAP, let us consider an example with a set of requirements and outline the configuration around it.

Let us assume that an organization runs two of its workloads on a Red Hat OpenShift cluster as part of two projects that two different teams are working on. The data for these workloads reside on PVCs that are dynamically provisioned by Astra Trident on a NetApp ONTAP NAS backend. The organization has a requirement to design a multitenant solution for these two workloads and isolate the resources used for these projects to make sure that security and performance is maintained, primarily focused on the data that serves those applications.

The following figure depicts the multitenant solution on a Red Hat OpenShift cluster with Astra Trident backed by NetApp ONTAP.



## Technology requirements

1. NetApp ONTAP storage cluster
2. Red Hat OpenShift cluster
3. Astra Trident

## Red Hat OpenShift – Cluster resources

From the Red Hat OpenShift cluster point of view, the top-level resource to start with is the project. An OpenShift project can be viewed as a cluster resource that divides the whole OpenShift cluster into multiple virtual clusters. Therefore, isolation at project level provides a base for configuring multitenancy.

Next up is to configure RBAC in the cluster. The best practice is to have all the developers working on a single project or workload configured into a single user group in the Identity Provider (IdP). Red Hat OpenShift allows IdP integration and user group synchronization thus allowing the users and groups from the IdP to be imported into the cluster. This helps the cluster administrators to segregate access of the cluster resources dedicated to a project to a user group or groups working on that project, thereby restricting unauthorized access to any cluster resources. To learn more about IdP integration with Red Hat OpenShift, see the documentation [here](#).

## NetApp ONTAP

It is important to isolate the shared storage serving as a persistent storage provider for a Red Hat OpenShift cluster to make sure that the volumes created on the storage for each project appear to the hosts as if they are

created on separate storage. To do this, create as many SVMs (storage virtual machines) on NetApp ONTAP as there are projects or workloads, and dedicate each SVM to a workload.

## Astra Trident

After you have different SVMs for different projects created on NetApp ONTAP, you must map each SVM to a different Trident backend. The backend configuration on Trident drives the allocation of persistent storage to OpenShift cluster resources, and it requires the details of the SVM to be mapped to. This should be the protocol driver for the backend at the minimum. Optionally, it allows you to define how the volumes are provisioned on the storage and to set limits for the size of volumes or usage of aggregates and so on. Details concerning the definition of the Trident backend for NetApp ONTAP can be found [here](#).

## Red Hat OpenShift – storage resources

After configuring the Trident backends, the next step is to configure StorageClasses. Configure as many storage classes as there are backends, providing each storage class access to spin up volumes only on one backend. We can map the StorageClass to a particular Trident backend by using the storagePools parameter while defining the storage class. The details to define a storage class can be found [here](#). Thus, there is a one-to-one mapping from StorageClass to Trident backend which points back to one SVM. This ensures that all storage claims via the StorageClass assigned to that project are served by the SVM dedicated to that project only.

Because storage classes are not namespaced resources, how do we ensure that storage claims to storage class of one project by pods in another namespace or project gets rejected? The answer is to use ResourceQuotas. ResourceQuotas are objects that control the total usage of resources per project. It can limit the number as well as the total amount of resources that can be consumed by objects in the project. Almost all the resources of a project can be limited using ResourceQuotas and using this efficiently can help organizations cut cost and outages due to overprovisioning or overconsumption of resources. Refer to the documentation [here](#) for more information.

For this use case, we need to limit the pods in a particular project from claiming storage from storage classes that are not dedicated to their project. To do that, we need to limit the persistent volume claims for other storage classes by setting `<storage-class-name>.storageclass.storage.k8s.io/persistentvolumeclaims` to 0. In addition, a cluster administrator must ensure that the developers in a project should not have access to modify the ResourceQuotas.

[Next: Configuration.](#)

## Configuration

For any multitenant solution, no user can have access to more cluster resources than is required. So, the entire set of resources that are to be configured as part of the multitenancy configuration is divided between cluster-admin, storage-admin, and developers working on each project.

The following table outlines the different tasks to be performed by different users:

Role	Tasks
<b>Cluster-admin</b>	Create projects for different applications or workloads
	Create ClusterRoles and RoleBindings for storage-admin
	Create Roles and RoleBindings for developers assigning access to specific projects
	[Optional] Configure projects to schedule pods on specific nodes
<b>Storage-admin</b>	Create SVMs on NetApp ONTAP
	Create Trident backends
	Create StorageClasses
	Create storage ResourceQuotas
<b>Developers</b>	Validate access to create or patch PVCs or pods in assigned project
	Validate access to create or patch PVCs or pods in another project
	Validate access to view or edit Projects, ResourceQuotas, and StorageClasses

[Next: Prerequisites.](#)

## Configuration

### Prerequisites

- NetApp ONTAP cluster
- Red Hat OpenShift cluster
- Trident installed on the cluster
- Admin workstation with tridentctl and oc tools installed and added to \$PATH
- Admin access to ONTAP
- Cluster-admin access to OpenShift cluster
- Cluster is integrated with Identity Provider
- Identity provider is configured to efficiently distinguish between users in different teams

[Next: Cluster Administrator Tasks.](#)

### Configuration: cluster-admin tasks

The following tasks are performed by the Red Hat OpenShift cluster-admin:

1. Log into Red Hat OpenShift cluster as the cluster-admin.
2. Create two projects corresponding to different projects.

```
oc create namespace project-1  
oc create namespace project-2
```

### 3. Create the developer role for project-1.

```
cat << EOF | oc create -f -  
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1  
kind: Role  
metadata:  
  namespace: project-1  
  name: developer-project-1  
rules:  
  - verbs:  
    - '*'  
    apiGroups:  
      - apps  
      - batch  
      - autoscaling  
      - extensions  
      - networking.k8s.io  
      - policy  
      - apps.openshift.io  
      - build.openshift.io  
      - image.openshift.io  
      - ingress.operator.openshift.io  
      - route.openshift.io  
      - snapshot.storage.k8s.io  
      - template.openshift.io  
    resources:  
      - '*'  
  - verbs:  
    - '*'  
    apiGroups:  
      - ''  
    resources:  
      - bindings  
      - configmaps  
      - endpoints  
      - events  
      - persistentvolumeclaims  
      - pods  
      - pods/log  
      - pods/attach  
      - podtemplates  
      - replicationcontrollers
```

```

- services
- limitranges
- namespaces
- componentstatuses
- nodes
- verbs:
  - '*'
apiGroups:
- trident.netapp.io
resources:
- tridentsnapshots
EOF

```



The role definition provided in this section is just an example. Developer roles must be defined based on end-user requirements.

4. Similarly, create developer roles for project-2.
5. All OpenShift and NetApp storage resources are usually managed by a storage admin. Access for storage administrators is controlled by the trident operator role that is created when Trident is installed. In addition to this, the storage admin also requires access to ResourceQuotas to control how storage is consumed.
6. Create a role for managing ResourceQuotas in all projects in the cluster to attach it to storage admin.

```

cat << EOF | oc create -f -
kind: ClusterRole
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  name: resource-quotas-role
rules:
- verbs:
  - '*'
apiGroups:
- ''
resources:
- resourcequotas
- verbs:
  - '*'
apiGroups:
- quota.openshift.io
resources:
- '*'
EOF

```

7. Make sure that the cluster is integrated with the organization's identity provider and that user groups are synchronized with cluster groups. The following example shows that the identity provider has been integrated with the cluster and synchronized with the user groups.

```
$ oc get groups
NAME                      USERS
ocp-netapp-storage-admins ocp-netapp-storage-admin
ocp-project-1              ocp-project-1-user
ocp-project-2              ocp-project-2-user
```

#### 8. Configure ClusterRoleBindings for storage admins.

```
cat << EOF | oc create -f -
kind: ClusterRoleBinding
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  name: netapp-storage-admin-trident-operator
subjects:
  - kind: Group
    apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
    name: ocp-netapp-storage-admins
roleRef:
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
  kind: ClusterRole
  name: trident-operator
---
kind: ClusterRoleBinding
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  name: netapp-storage-admin-resource-quotas-cr
subjects:
  - kind: Group
    apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
    name: ocp-netapp-storage-admins
roleRef:
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
  kind: ClusterRole
  name: resource-quotas-role
EOF
```



For storage admins, two roles must be bound: trident-operator and resource-quotas.

#### 9. Create RoleBindings for developers binding the developer-project-1 role to the corresponding group (ocp-project-1) in project-1.

```

cat << EOF | oc create -f -
kind: RoleBinding
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  name: project-1-developer
  namespace: project-1
subjects:
  - kind: Group
    apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
    name: ocp-project-1
roleRef:
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
  kind: Role
  name: developer-project-1
EOF

```

10. Similarly, create RoleBindings for developers binding the developer roles to the corresponding user group in project-2.

[Next: Storage Administrator Tasks.](#)

### Configuration: Storage-admin tasks

The following resources must be configured by a storage administrator:

1. Log into the NetApp ONTAP cluster as admin.
2. Navigate to Storage > Storage VMs and click Add. Create two SVMs, one for project-1 and the other for project-2, by providing the required details. Also create a vsadmin account to manage the SVM and its resources.

# Add Storage VM

X

STORAGE VM NAME

project-1-svm

## Access Protocol

SMB/CIFS, NFS

iSCSI

Enable SMB/CIFS

Enable NFS

Allow NFS client access

Add at least one rule to allow NFS clients to access volumes in this storage VM. [?](#)

EXPORT POLICY

Default

RULES

Rule Index	Clients	Access Protocols	Read-Only R...	Read/Wr...
	10.61.181.0/24	Any	Any	Any

[+ Add](#)

DEFAULT LANGUAGE [?](#)

c.utf\_8



NETWORK INTERFACE

Use multiple network interfaces when client traffic is high.

K8s-Ontap-01

IP ADDRESS

SUBNET MASK

GATEWAY

BROADCAST DOMAIN

10.61.181.224

24

Add optional  
gateway

Default-4



3. Log into the Red Hat OpenShift cluster as the storage administrator.

4. Create the backend for project-1 and map it to the SVM dedicated to the project. NetApp recommends using the SVM's vsadmin account to connect the backend to SVM instead of using the ONTAP cluster administrator.

```

cat << EOF | tridentctl -n trident create backend -f
{
    "version": 1,
    "storageDriverName": "ontap-nas",
    "backendName": "nfs_project_1",
    "managementLIF": "172.21.224.210",
    "dataLIF": "10.61.181.224",
    "svm": "project-1-svm",
    "username": "vsadmin",
    "password": "NetApp123"
}
EOF

```



We are using the ontap-nas driver for this example. Use the appropriate driver when creating the backend based on the use case.



We assume that Trident is installed in the trident project.

5. Similarly create the Trident backend for project-2 and map it to the SVM dedicated to project-2.
6. Next, create the storage classes. Create the storage class for project-1 and configure it to use the storage pools from backend dedicated to project-1 by setting the storagePools parameter.

```

cat << EOF | oc create -f -
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: project-1-sc
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
  backendType: ontap-nas
  storagePools: "nfs_project_1:.*"
EOF

```

7. Likewise, create a storage class for project-2 and configure it to use the storage pools from backend dedicated to project-2.
8. Create a ResourceQuota to restrict resources in project-1 requesting storage from storageclasses dedicated to other projects.

```
cat << EOF | oc create -f -
kind: ResourceQuota
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: project-1-sc-rq
  namespace: project-1
spec:
  hard:
    project-2-sc.storageclass.storage.k8s.io/persistentvolumeclaims: 0
EOF
```

9. Similarly, create a ResourceQuota to restrict resources in project-2 requesting storage from storageclasses dedicated to other projects.

[Next: Validation.](#)

#### Validation

To validate the multitenant architecture that was configured in the previous steps, complete the following steps:

##### Validate access to create PVCs or pods in assigned project

1. Log in as ocp-project-1-user, developer in project-1.
2. Check access to create a new project.

```
oc create ns sub-project-1
```

3. Create a PVC in project-1 using the storageclass that is assigned to project-1.

```
cat << EOF | oc create -f -
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: test-pvc-project-1
  namespace: project-1
  annotations:
    trident.netapp.io/reclaimPolicy: Retain
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteOnce
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 1Gi
  storageClassName: project-1-sc
EOF
```

4. Check the PV associated with the PVC.

```
oc get pv
```

5. Validate that the PV and its volume is created in an SVM dedicated to project-1 on NetApp ONTAP.

```
volume show -vserver project-1-svm
```

6. Create a pod in project-1 and mount the PVC created in previous step.

```

cat << EOF | oc create -f -
kind: Pod
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: test-pvc-pod
  namespace: project-1
spec:
  volumes:
    - name: test-pvc-project-1
      persistentVolumeClaim:
        claimName: test-pvc-project-1
  containers:
    - name: test-container
      image: nginx
      ports:
        - containerPort: 80
          name: "http-server"
  volumeMounts:
    - mountPath: "/usr/share/nginx/html"
      name: test-pvc-project-1
EOF

```

7. Check if the pod is running and whether it mounted the volume.

```
oc describe pods test-pvc-pod -n project-1
```

**Validate access to create PVCs or pods in another project or use resources dedicated to another project**

1. Log in as ocp-project-1-user, developer in project-1.
2. Create a PVC in project-1 using the storageclass that is assigned to project-2.

```

cat << EOF | oc create -f -
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: test-pvc-project-1-sc-2
  namespace: project-1
  annotations:
    trident.netapp.io/reclaimPolicy: Retain
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteOnce
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 1Gi
  storageClassName: project-2-sc
EOF

```

### 3. Create a PVC in project-2.

```

cat << EOF | oc create -f -
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: test-pvc-project-2-sc-1
  namespace: project-2
  annotations:
    trident.netapp.io/reclaimPolicy: Retain
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteOnce
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 1Gi
  storageClassName: project-1-sc
EOF

```

### 4. Make sure that PVCs **test-pvc-project-1-sc-2** and **test-pvc-project-2-sc-1** were not created.

```

oc get pvc -n project-1
oc get pvc -n project-2

```

### 5. Create a pod in project-2.

```
cat << EOF | oc create -f -
kind: Pod
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: test-pvc-pod
  namespace: project-1
spec:
  containers:
    - name: test-container
      image: nginx
      ports:
        - containerPort: 80
          name: "http-server"
EOF
```

### Validate access to view and edit Projects, ResourceQuotas, and StorageClasses

1. Log in as ocp-project-1-user, developer in project-1.
2. Check access to create new projects.

```
oc create ns sub-project-1
```

3. Validate access to view projects.

```
oc get ns
```

4. Check if the user can view or edit ResourceQuotas in project-1.

```
oc get resourcequotas -n project-1
oc edit resourcequotas project-1-sc-rq -n project-1
```

5. Validate that the user has access to view the storageclasses.

```
oc get sc
```

6. Check access to describe the storageclasses.
7. Validate the user's access to edit the storageclasses.

```
oc edit sc project-1-sc
```

[Next: Scaling.](#)

#### **Scaling: Adding more projects**

In a multitenant configuration, adding new projects with storage resources requires additional configuration to make sure that multitenancy is not violated. For adding more projects in a multitenant cluster, complete the following steps:

1. Log into the NetApp ONTAP cluster as a storage admin.
2. Navigate to Storage → Storage VMs and click Add. Create a new SVM dedicated to project-3. Also create a vsadmin account to manage the SVM and its resources.

## Add Storage VM

X

STORAGE VM NAME

project-3-svm

### Access Protocol

SMB/CIFS, NFS

iSCSI

Enable SMB/CIFS

Enable NFS

Allow NFS client access

Add at least one rule to allow NFS clients to access volumes in this storage VM. [?](#)

EXPORT POLICY

Default

RULES

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	10.61.181.0/24	Any	Any	Any

[+ Add](#)

DEFAULT LANGUAGE [?](#)

c.utf\_8



NETWORK INTERFACE

Use multiple network interfaces when client traffic is high.

K8s-Ontap-01

IP ADDRESS

10.61.181.228

SUBNET MASK

24

GATEWAY

Add optional gateway

BROADCAST DOMAIN

Default-4



3. Log into the Red Hat OpenShift cluster as cluster admin.

4. Create a new project.

```
oc create ns project-3
```

5. Make sure that the user group for project-3 is created on IdP and synchronized with the OpenShift cluster.

```
oc get groups
```

## 6. Create the developer role for project-3.

```
cat << EOF | oc create -f -
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
kind: Role
metadata:
  namespace: project-3
  name: developer-project-3
rules:
- verbs:
  - '*'
  apiGroups:
  - apps
  - batch
  - autoscaling
  - extensions
  - networking.k8s.io
  - policy
  - apps.openshift.io
  - build.openshift.io
  - image.openshift.io
  - ingress.operator.openshift.io
  - route.openshift.io
  - snapshot.storage.k8s.io
  - template.openshift.io
resources:
  - '*'
- verbs:
  - '*'
  apiGroups:
  - ''
resources:
  - bindings
  - configmaps
  - endpoints
  - events
  - persistentvolumeclaims
  - pods
  - pods/log
  - pods/attach
  - podtemplates
  - replicationcontrollers
  - services
```

```

- limitranges
- namespaces
- componentstatuses
- nodes
- verbs:
  - '*'
apiGroups:
- trident.netapp.io
resources:
- tridentsnapshots
EOF

```

 The role definition provided in this section is just an example. The developer role must be defined based on the end-user requirements.

7. Create RoleBinding for developers in project-3 binding the developer-project-3 role to the corresponding group (ocp-project-3) in project-3.

```

cat << EOF | oc create -f -
kind: RoleBinding
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  name: project-3-developer
  namespace: project-3
subjects:
- kind: Group
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
  name: ocp-project-3
roleRef:
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
  kind: Role
  name: developer-project-3
EOF

```

8. Login to the Red Hat OpenShift cluster as storage admin
9. Create a Trident backend and map it to the SVM dedicated to project-3. NetApp recommends using the SVM's vsadmin account to connect the backend to the SVM instead of using the ONTAP cluster administrator.

```

cat << EOF | tridentctl -n trident create backend -f
{
    "version": 1,
    "storageDriverName": "ontap-nas",
    "backendName": "nfs_project_3",
    "managementLIF": "172.21.224.210",
    "dataLIF": "10.61.181.228",
    "svm": "project-3-svm",
    "username": "vsadmin",
    "password": "NetApp!23"
}
EOF

```



We are using the ontap-nas driver for this example. Use the appropriate driver for creating the backend based on the use-case.



We assume that Trident is installed in the trident project.

10. Create the storage class for project-3 and configure it to use the storage pools from backend dedicated to project-3.

```

cat << EOF | oc create -f -
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: project-3-sc
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
  backendType: ontap-nas
  storagePools: "nfs_project_3:.*"
EOF

```

11. Create a ResourceQuota to restrict resources in project-3 requesting storage from storageclasses dedicated to other projects.

```

cat << EOF | oc create -f -
kind: ResourceQuota
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: project-3-sc-rq
  namespace: project-3
spec:
  hard:
    project-1-sc.storageclass.storage.k8s.io/persistentvolumeclaims: 0
    project-2-sc.storageclass.storage.k8s.io/persistentvolumeclaims: 0
EOF

```

12. Patch the ResourceQuotas in other projects to restrict resources in those projects from accessing storage from the storageclass dedicated to project-3.

```

oc patch resourcequotas project-1-sc-rq -n project-1 --patch
'{"spec":{"hard":{"project-3-
sc.storageclass.storage.k8s.io/persistentvolumeclaims": 0}}}'
oc patch resourcequotas project-2-sc-rq -n project-2 --patch
'{"spec":{"hard":{"project-3-
sc.storageclass.storage.k8s.io/persistentvolumeclaims": 0}}}'

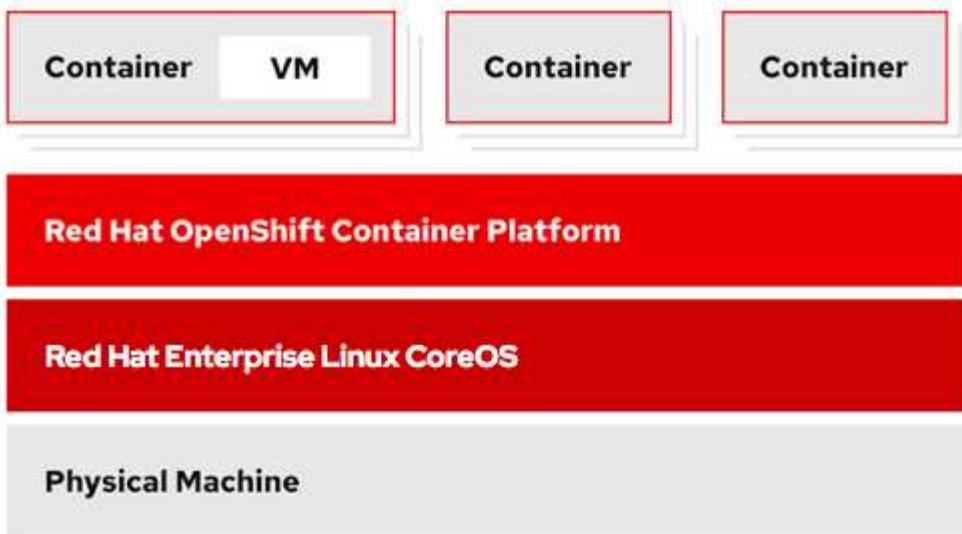
```

## **Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization with NetApp ONTAP**

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Depending on the specific use case, both containers and virtual machines (VMs) can serve as optimal platforms for different types of applications. Therefore, many organizations run some of their workloads on containers and some on VMs. Often, this leads organizations to face additional challenges by having to manage separate platforms: a hypervisor for VMs and a container orchestrator for applications.

To address this challenge, Red Hat introduced OpenShift Virtualization (formerly known as Container Native Virtualization) starting from OpenShift version 4.6. The OpenShift Virtualization feature enables you to run and manage virtual machines alongside containers on the same OpenShift Container Platform installation, providing hybrid management capability to automate deployment and management of VMs through operators. In addition to creating VMs in OpenShift, with OpenShift Virtualization, Red Hat also supports importing VMs from VMware vSphere, Red Hat Virtualization, and Red Hat OpenStack Platform deployments.



Certain features like live VM migration, VM disk cloning, VM snapshots and so on are also supported by OpenShift Virtualization with assistance from Astra Trident when backed by NetApp ONTAP. Examples of each of these workflows are discussed later in this document in their respective sections.

To learn more about Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization, see the documentation [here](#).

[Next: Deployment Prerequisites.](#)

## Deployment

### Deploy Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization with NetApp ONTAP

#### Prerequisites

- A Red Hat OpenShift cluster (later than version 4.6) installed on bare-metal infrastructure with RHCOS worker nodes
- The OpenShift cluster must be installed via installer provisioned infrastructure (IPI)
- Deploy Machine Health Checks to maintain HA for VMs
- A NetApp ONTAP cluster
- Astra Trident installed on the OpenShift cluster
- A Trident backend configured with an SVM on ONTAP cluster
- A StorageClass configured on the OpenShift cluster with Astra Trident as the provisioner
- Cluster-admin access to Red Hat OpenShift cluster
- Admin access to NetApp ONTAP cluster
- An admin workstation with tridentctl and oc tools installed and added to \$PATH

Because OpenShift Virtualization is managed by an operator installed on the OpenShift cluster, it imposes additional overhead on memory, CPU, and storage, which must be accounted for while planning the hardware requirements for the cluster. See the documentation [here](#) for more details.

Optionally, you can also specify a subset of the OpenShift cluster nodes to host the OpenShift Virtualization operators, controllers, and VMs by configuring node placement rules. To configure node placement rules for OpenShift Virtualization, follow the documentation [here](#).

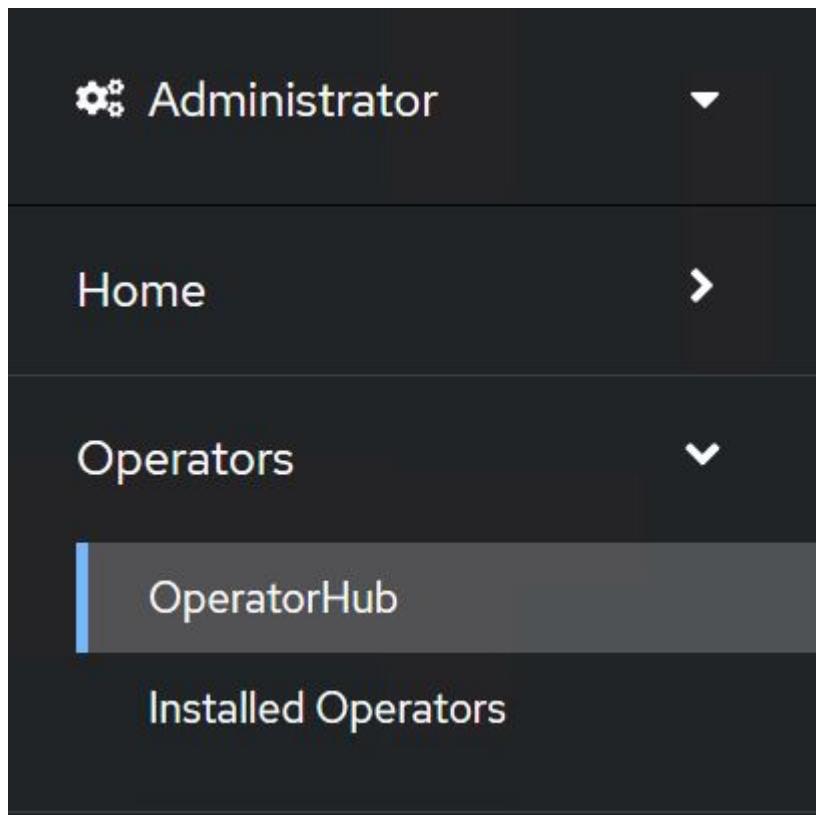
For the storage backing OpenShift Virtualization, NetApp recommends having a dedicated StorageClass that requests storage from a particular Trident backend, which in turn is backed by a dedicated SVM. This maintains a level of multitenancy with regard to the data being served for VM-based workloads on the OpenShift cluster.

Next: Deploy via operator.

## Deploy Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization with NetApp ONTAP

To install OpenShift Virtualization, complete the following steps:

1. Log into the Red Hat OpenShift bare-metal cluster with cluster-admin access.
2. Select Administrator from the Perspective drop down.
3. Navigate to Operators > OperatorHub and search for OpenShift Virtualization.



4. Select the OpenShift Virtualization tile and click Install.



## OpenShift Virtualization

2.6.2 provided by Red Hat



Install

### Latest version

2.6.2

### Capability level

- Basic Install
- Seamless Upgrades
- Full Lifecycle
- Deep Insights
- Auto Pilot

### Provider type

Red Hat

### Provider

Red Hat

## Requirements

Your cluster must be installed on bare metal infrastructure with Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS workers.

## Details

**OpenShift Virtualization** extends Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform, allowing you to host and manage virtualized workloads on the same platform as container-based workloads. From the OpenShift Container Platform web console, you can import a VMware virtual machine from vSphere, create new or clone existing VMs, perform live migrations between nodes, and more. You can use OpenShift Virtualization to manage both Linux and Windows VMs.

The technology behind OpenShift Virtualization is developed in the [KubeVirt](#) open source community. The KubeVirt project extends [Kubernetes](#) by adding additional virtualization resource types through [Custom Resource Definitions](#) (CRDs). Administrators can use Custom Resource Definitions to manage [VirtualMachine](#) resources alongside all other resources that Kubernetes provides.

- On the Install Operator screen, leave all default parameters and click **Install**.

### Update channel \*

- 2.1
- 2.2
- 2.3
- 2.4
- stable



OpenShift Virtualization  
provided by Red Hat

### Provided APIs

OpenShift  
Virtualization  
Deployment

Required

Represents the deployment of  
OpenShift Virtualization

### Installation mode \*

- All namespaces on the cluster (default)  
This mode is not supported by this Operator
- A specific namespace on the cluster  
Operator will be available in a single Namespace only.

### Installed Namespace \*

- Operator recommended Namespace: openshift-cnv

#### Namespace creation

Namespace `openshift-cnv` does not exist and will be created.

- Select a Namespace

### Approval strategy \*

- Automatic
- Manual

Install

Cancel

6. Wait for the operator installation to complete.

The screenshot shows the OpenShift Virtualization operator page. At the top, there's a red circular icon with a white 'K8s' logo. To its right, the text 'OpenShift Virtualization' and '2.6.2 provided by Red Hat' is displayed. A blue progress bar is partially visible below this header.

## Installing Operator

The Operator is being installed. This may take a few minutes.

[View installed Operators in Namespace openshift-cnv](#)

7. After the operator has installed, click Create HyperConverged.

The screenshot shows the same OpenShift Virtualization operator page as before, but now with a large green circular icon containing a white checkmark to the right of the status text. The rest of the interface remains the same.

## Installed operator - operand required

The Operator has installed successfully. Create the required custom resource to be able to use this Operator.

**HC** HyperConverged ! Required

Creates and maintains an OpenShift Virtualization Deployment

[Create HyperConverged](#)

[View installed Operators in Namespace openshift-cnv](#)

8. On the Create HyperConverged screen, click Create, accepting all default parameters. This step starts the installation of OpenShift Virtualization.

**Name \***

**Labels**

**Infra**

infra HyperConvergedConfig influences the pod configuration (currently only placement) for all the infra components needed on the virtualization enabled cluster but not necessarily directly on each node running VMs/VMIs.

**Workloads**

workloads HyperConvergedConfig influences the pod configuration (currently only placement) of components which need to be running on a node where virtualization workloads should be able to run. Changes to Workloads HyperConvergedConfig can be applied only without existing workload.

**Bare Metal Platform**

true

BareMetalPlatform indicates whether the infrastructure is baremetal.

**Feature Gates**

featureGates is a map of feature gate flags. Setting a flag to `true` will enable the feature. Setting `false` or removing the feature gate, disables the feature.

**Local Storage Class Name**

LocalStorageClassName the name of the local storage class.

**Create** **Cancel**

- After all the pods move to the Running state in the openshift-cnv namespace and the OpenShift Virtualization operator is in the Succeeded state, the operator is ready to use. VMs can now be created on the OpenShift cluster.

Project: openshift-cnv ▾

## Installed Operators

Installed Operators are represented by ClusterServiceVersions within this Namespace. For more information, see the [Understanding Operators documentation](#). Or create an Operator and ClusterServiceVersion using the [Operator SDK](#).

Name	Managed Namespaces	Status	Last updated	Provided APIs
 <a href="#">OpenShift Virtualization</a> 2.6.2 provided by Red Hat	 <a href="#">openshift-cnv</a>	 Succeeded Up to date	May 18, 8:02 pm	<a href="#">OpenShift Virtualization Deployment</a> <a href="#">HostPathProvisioner deployment</a>

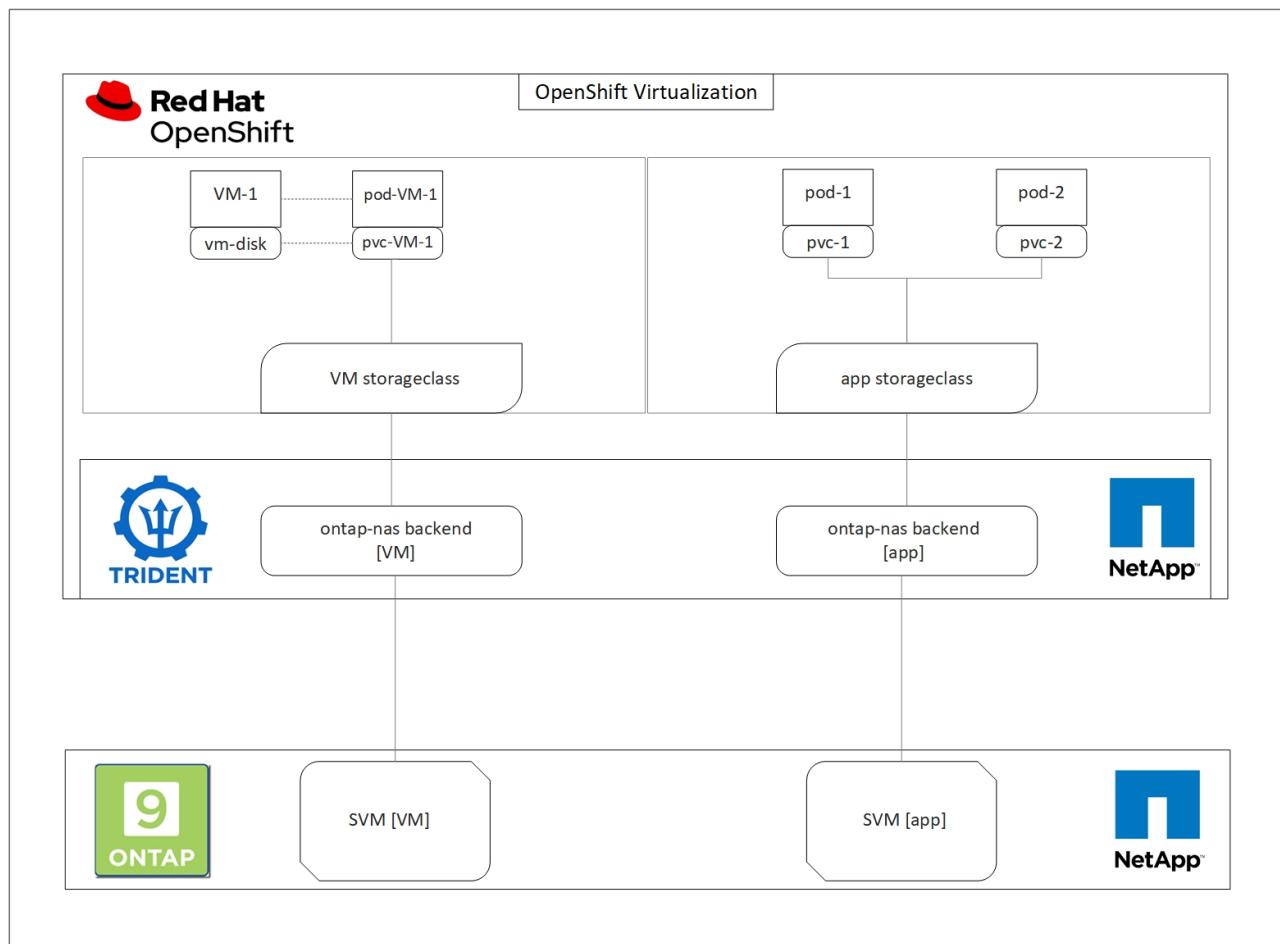
[Next: Workflows: Create VM.](#)

## Workflows

### Workflows: Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization with NetApp ONTAP

## Create VM

VMs are stateful deployments that require volumes to host the operating system and data. With CNV, because the VMs are run as pods, the VMs are backed by PVs hosted on NetApp ONTAP through Trident. These volumes are attached as disks and store the entire filesystem including the boot source of the VM.



To create a virtual machine on the OpenShift cluster, complete the following steps:

1. Navigate to Workloads > Virtualization > Virtual Machines and click Create > With Wizard.
2. Select the desired the operating system and click Next.
3. If the selected operating system has no boot source configured, you must configure it. For Boot Source, select whether you want to import the OS image from an URL or from a registry and provide the corresponding details. Expand Advanced and select the Trident-backed StorageClass. Then click Next.

## Boot source

This template does not have a boot source. Provide a custom boot source for this **CentOS 8.0+** VM virtual machine.

### Boot source type \*

Import via URL (creates PVC)

### Import URL \*

<https://access.cdn.redhat.com/content/origin/files/sha256/58/588167f828001e57688ec4b9b31c11a59d532489f527488ebc89ac5e952...>

Example: For RHEL, visit the [RHEL download page](#) (requires login) and copy the download link URL of the KVM guest image

Mount this as a CD-ROM boot source ?

### Persistent Volume Claim size \*

5 GiB ▾

Ensure your PVC size covers the requirements of the uncompressed image and any other space requirements. More storage can be added later.

### Advanced

### Storage class \*

basic (default)

### Access mode \*

Single User (RWO)

### Volume mode \*

Filesystem

4. If the selected operating system already has a boot source configured, the previous step can be skipped.
5. In the Review and Create pane, select the project you want to create the VM in and furnish the VM details. Make sure that the boot source is selected to be Clone and boot from CD-ROM with the appropriate PVC assigned for the selected OS.

1 Select template

2 Review and create

**Review and create**

You are creating a virtual machine from the Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.0+ VM template.

Project \*

PR default

Virtual Machine Name \* ⓘ

rhel8-light-bat

Flavor \*

Small: 1 CPU | 2 GiB Memory

Storage	Workload profile ⓘ
40 GiB	server

Boot source

Clone and boot from CD-ROM

PVC rhel8

ⓘ A new disk has been added to support the CD-ROM boot source. Edit this disk by customizing the virtual machine.

▼ Disk details

rootdisk-install - Blank - 20GiB - virtio - default Storage class

Start this virtual machine after creation

**Create virtual machine**   [Customize virtual machine](#)   [Back](#)   [Cancel](#)

6. If you wish to customize the virtual machine, click Customize Virtual Machine and modify the required parameters.
7. Click Create Virtual Machine to create the virtual machine; this spins up a corresponding pod in the background.

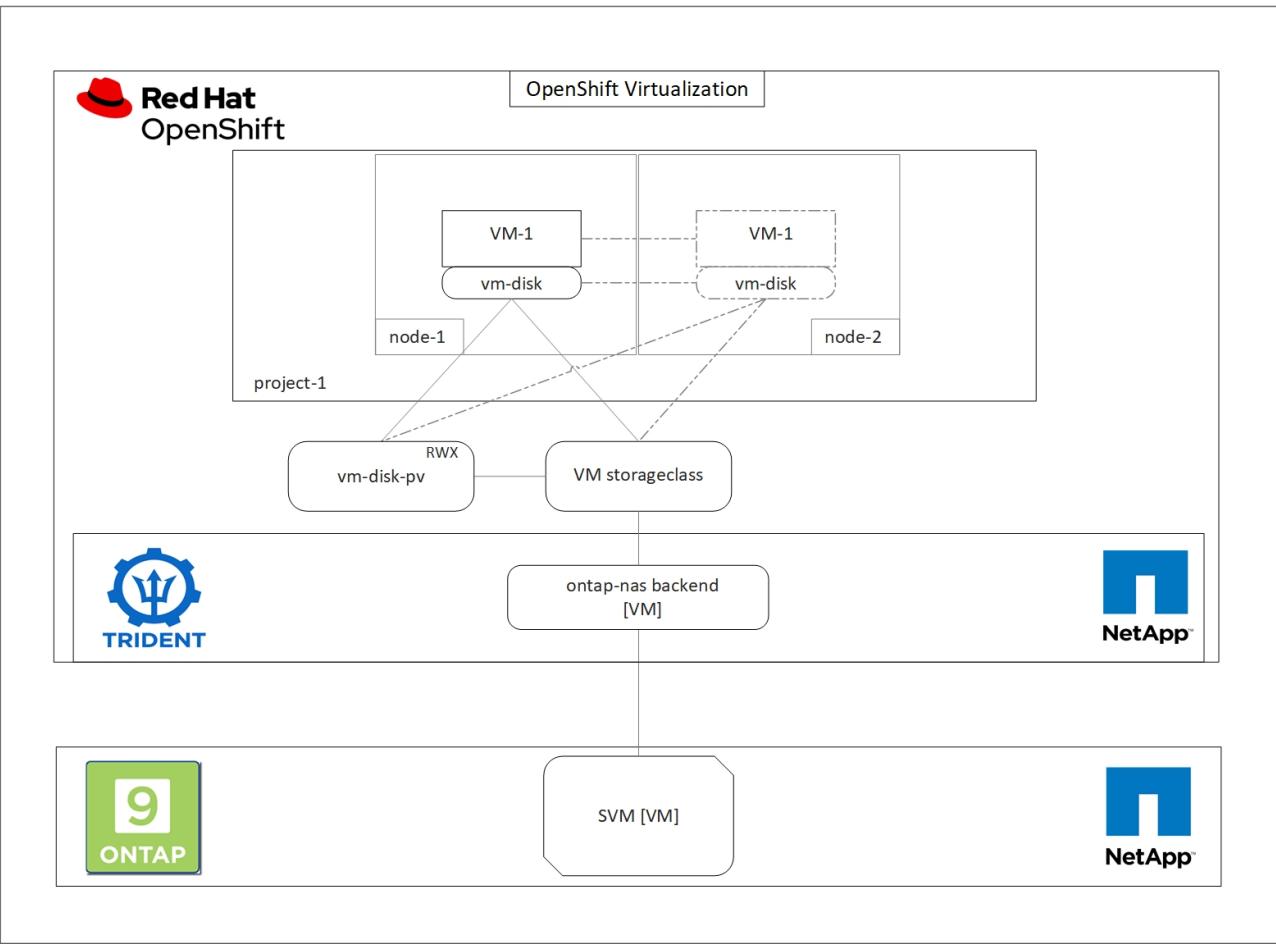
When a boot source is configured for a template or an operating system from an URL or from a registry, it creates a PVC in the `openshift-virtualization-os-images` project and downloads the KVM guest image to the PVC. You must make sure that template PVCs have enough provisioned space to accommodate the KVM guest image for the corresponding OS. These PVCs are then cloned and attached as rootdisks to virtual machines when they are created using the respective templates in any project.

[Next: Workflows: VM Live Migration.](#)

## Workflows: Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization with NetApp ONTAP

### VM Live Migration

Live Migration is a process of migrating a VM instance from one node to another in an OpenShift cluster with no downtime. For live migration to work in an OpenShift cluster, VMs must be bound to PVCs with shared ReadWriteMany access mode. Astra Trident backend configured with an SVM on a NetApp ONTAP cluster that is enabled for NFS protocol supports shared ReadWriteMany access for PVCs. Therefore, the VMs with PVCs that are requested from StorageClasses provisioned by Trident from NFS-enabled SVM can be migrated with no downtime.



To create a VM bound to PVCs with shared ReadWriteMany access:

1. Navigate to Workloads > Virtualization > Virtual Machines and click Create > With Wizard.
2. Select the desired the operating system and click Next. Let us assume the selected OS already had a boot source configured with it.
3. In the Review and Create pane, select the project you want to create the VM in and furnish the VM details. Make sure that the boot source is selected to be Clone and boot from CD-ROM with the appropriate PVC assigned for the selected OS.
4. Click Customize Virtual Machine and then click Storage.
5. Click the ellipsis next to rootdisk, and make sure that the storageclass provisioned using Trident is selected. Expand Advanced and select Shared Access (RWX) for Access Mode. Then click Save.

## Edit Disk

Type: Disk

Interface \*

virtio

Storage Class

basic (default)

▼ Advanced

Volume Mode

Filesystem

Volume Mode is set by Source PVC

Access Mode

Shared Access (RWX) - Not recommended for basic storage class

**ⓘ Access and Volume modes should follow storage feature matrix**

[Learn more ↗](#)

Cancel Save

6. Click Review and confirm and then click Create Virtual Machine.

To manually migrate a VM to another node in the OpenShift cluster, complete the following steps.

1. Navigate to Workloads > Virtualization > Virtual Machines.

2. For the VM you wish to migrate, click the ellipsis, and then click Migrate the Virtual Machine.

3. Click Migrate when the message pops up to confirm.



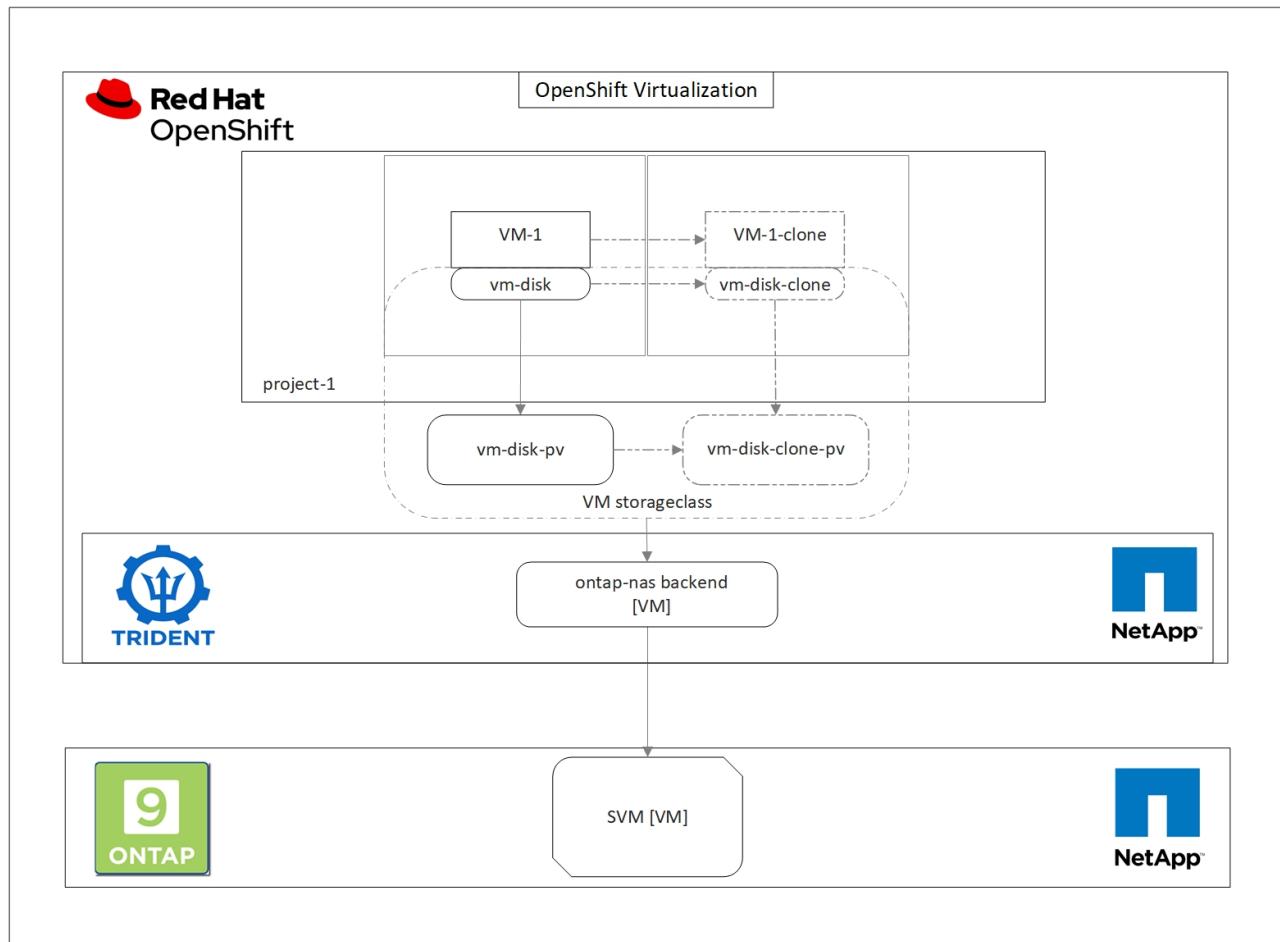
A VM instance in an OpenShift cluster automatically migrates to another node when the original node is placed into maintenance mode if the evictionStrategy is set to LiveMigrate.

[Next: Workflows: VM Cloning.](#)

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### VM cloning

Cloning an existing VM in OpenShift is achieved with the support of Astra Trident's Volume CSI cloning feature. CSI volume cloning allows for creation of a new PVC using an existing PVC as the data source by duplicating its PV. After the new PVC is created, it functions as a separate entity and without any link to or dependency on the source PVC.



There are certain restrictions with CSI volume cloning to consider:

1. Source PVC and destination PVC must be in the same project.
2. Cloning is supported within the same storage class.
3. Cloning can be performed only when source and destination volumes use the same VolumeMode setting;

for example, a block volume can only be cloned to another block volume.

VMs in an OpenShift cluster can be cloned in two ways:

1. By shutting down the source VM
2. By keeping the source VM live

### **By Shutting down the source VM**

Cloning an existing VM by shutting down the VM is a native OpenShift feature that is implemented with support from Astra Trident. Complete the following steps to clone a VM.

1. Navigate to Workloads > Virtualization > Virtual Machines and click the ellipsis next to the virtual machine you wish to clone.
2. Click Clone Virtual Machine and provide the details for the new VM.

# Clone Virtual Machine

Name \*

Description

Namespace \*

Start virtual machine on clone

Configuration

Operating System	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.0 or higher
Flavor	Small: 1 CPU   2 GiB Memory
Workload Profile	server
NICs	default - virtio
Disks	cloudinitdisk - cloud-init disk rootdisk - 20Gi - basic

**⚠ The VM rhel8-short-frog is still running. It will be powered off while cloning.**

3. Click Clone Virtual Machine; this shuts down the source VM and initiates the creation of the clone VM.
4. After this step is completed, you can access and verify the content of the cloned VM.

## By keeping the source VM live

An existing VM can also be cloned by cloning the existing PVC of the source VM and then creating a new VM using the cloned PVC. This method does not require you to shut down the source VM. Complete the following steps to clone a VM without shutting it down.

1. Navigate to Storage > PersistentVolumeClaims and click the ellipsis next to the PVC that is attached to the source VM.
2. Click Clone PVC and furnish the details for the new PVC.

## Clone

Name \*

rhel8-short-frog-rootdisk-28dvb-clone

Access Mode \*

Single User (RWO)  Shared Access (RWX)  Read Only (ROX)

Size \*

20

GiB



PVC details

Namespace	Requested capacity	Access mode
NS default	20 GiB	Shared Access (RWX)
Storage Class	Used capacity	Volume mode
SC basic	2.2 GiB	Filesystem

Cancel

Clone

3. Then click Clone. This creates a PVC for the new VM.
4. Navigate to Workloads > Virtualization > Virtual Machines and click Create > With YAML.
5. In the spec > template > spec > volumes section, attach the cloned PVC instead of the container disk. Provide all other details for the new VM according to your requirements.

```
- name: rootdisk
  persistentVolumeClaim:
    claimName: rhel8-short-frog-rootdisk-28dwb-clone
```

6. Click Create to create the new VM.
7. After the VM is created successfully, access and verify that the new VM is a clone of the source VM.

Next: [Workflows: Create VM from a Snapshot](#).

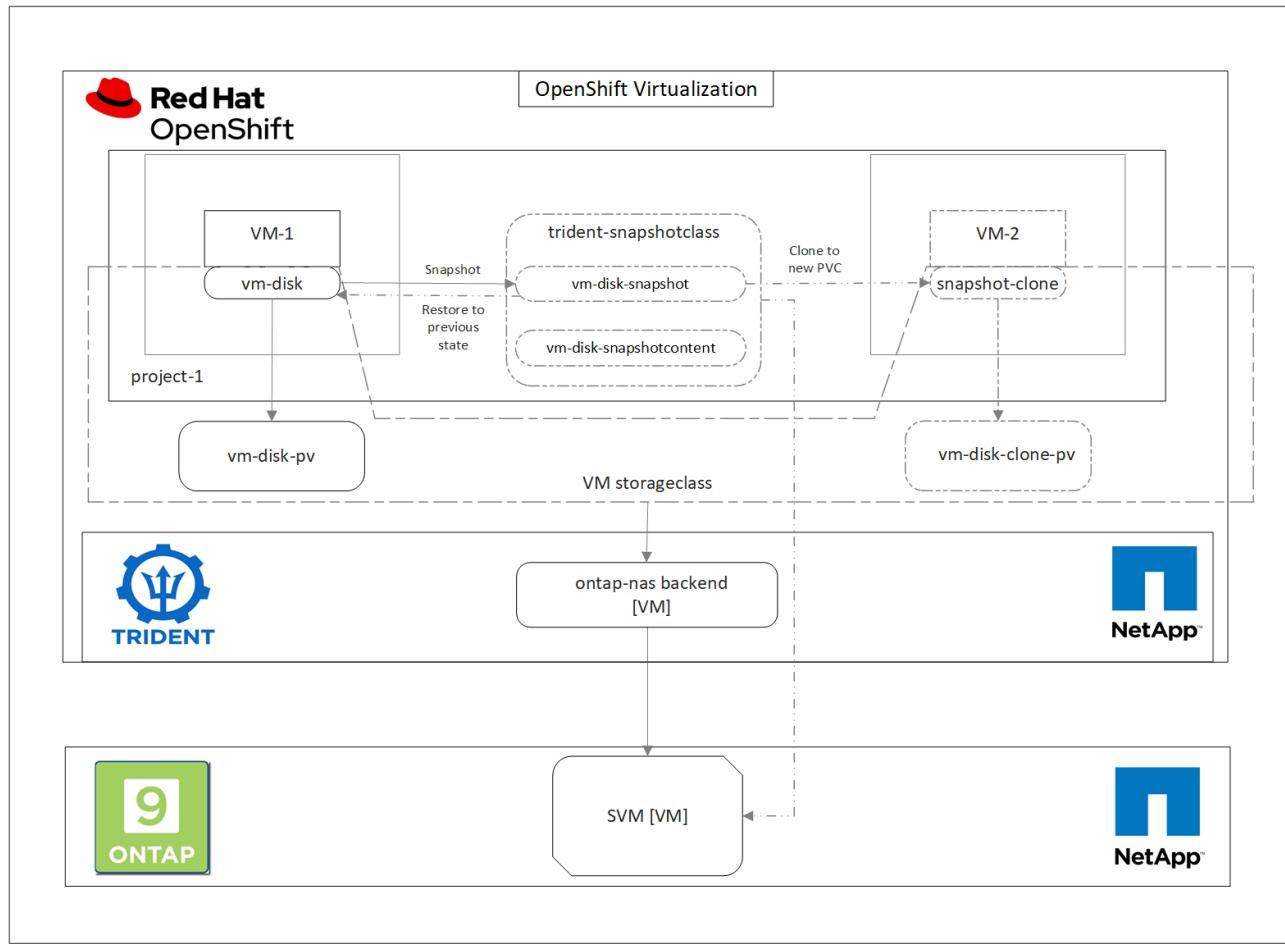
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### Create VM from a Snapshot

With Astra Trident and Red Hat OpenShift, users can take a snapshot of a persistent volume on Storage Classes provisioned by it. With this feature, users can take a point-in-time copy of a volume and use it to create a new volume or restore the same volume back to a previous state. This enables or supports a variety of use-cases, from rollback to clones to data restore.

For Snapshot operations in OpenShift, the resources VolumeSnapshotClass, VolumeSnapshot, and VolumeSnapshotContent must be defined.

- A VolumeSnapshotContent is the actual snapshot taken from a volume in the cluster. It is cluster-wide resource analogous to PersistentVolume for storage.
- A VolumeSnapshot is a request for creating the snapshot of a volume. It is analogous to a PersistentVolumeClaim.
- VolumeSnapshotClass lets the administrator specify different attributes for a VolumeSnapshot. It allows you to have different attributes for different snapshots taken from the same volume.



To create Snapshot of a VM, complete the following steps:

1. Create a VolumeSnapshotClass that can then be used to create a VolumeSnapshot. Navigate to Storage > VolumeSnapshotClasses and click Create VolumeSnapshotClass.
2. Enter the name of the Snapshot Class, enter csi.trident.netapp.io for the driver, and click Create.

```
1 apiVersion: snapshot.storage.k8s.io/v1
2 kind: VolumeSnapshotClass
3 metadata:
4   name: trident-snapshot-class
5 driver: csi.trident.netapp.io
6 deletionPolicy: Delete
7
```

[Create](#)[Cancel](#) [Download](#)

3. Identify the PVC that is attached to the source VM and then create a Snapshot of that PVC. Navigate to Storage > VolumeSnapshots and click Create VolumeSnapshots.
4. Select the PVC that you want to create the Snapshot for, enter the name of the Snapshot or accept the default, and select the appropriate VolumeSnapshotClass. Then click Create.

## Create VolumeSnapshot

[Edit YAML](#)**PersistentVolumeClaim \*****PVC** rhel8-short-frog-rootdisk-28dvh**Name \***

rhel8-short-frog-rootdisk-28dvh-snapshot

**Snapshot Class \*****VSC** trident-snapshot-class[Create](#)[Cancel](#)

5. This creates the snapshot of the PVC at that point in time.

## Create a new VM from the snapshot

1. First, restore the Snapshot into a new PVC. Navigate to Storage > VolumeSnapshots, click the ellipsis next to the Snapshot that you wish to restore, and click Restore as new PVC.
2. Enter the details of the new PVC and click Restore. This creates a new PVC.

## Restore as new PVC

When restore action for snapshot **rhel8-short-frog-rootdisk-28dvb-snapshot** is finished a new crash-consistent PVC copy will be created.

Name \*

rhel8-short-frog-rootdisk-28dvb-snapshot-restore

Storage Class \*

SC basic

Access Mode \*

Single User (RWO)  Shared Access (RWX)  Read Only (ROX)

Size \*

20

GiB



VolumeSnapshot details

Created at

May 21, 12:46 am

Namespace

default

Status

Ready

API version

snapshot.storage.k8s.io/v1

Size

20 GiB

3. Next, create a new VM from this PVC. Navigate to Workloads > Virtualization > Virtual Machines and click Create > With YAML.
4. In the spec > template > spec > volumes section, specify the new PVC created from Snapshot instead of

from the container disk. Provide all other details for the new VM according to your requirements.

```
- name: rootdisk
  persistentVolumeClaim:
    claimName: rhel8-short-frog-rootdisk-28dvb-snapshot-restore
```

5. Click Create to create the new VM.
6. After the VM is created successfully, access and verify that the new VM has the same state as that of the VM whose PVC was used to create the snapshot at the time when the snapshot was created.

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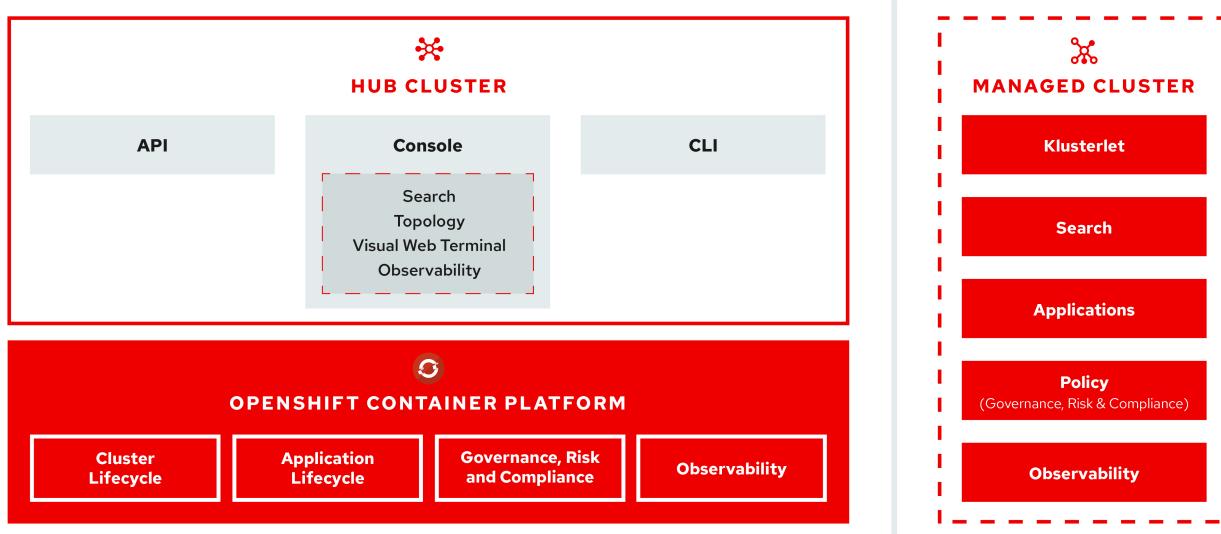
### Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes: Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp

As a containerized application transitions from development to production, many organizations require multiple Red Hat OpenShift clusters to support the testing and deployment of that application. In conjunction with this, organizations usually host multiple applications or workloads on OpenShift clusters. Therefore, each organization ends up managing a set of clusters, and OpenShift administrators must thus face the added challenge of managing and maintaining multiple clusters across a range of environments that span multiple on-premises data centers and public clouds. To address these challenges, Red Hat introduced Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes.

Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes enables you to perform the following tasks:

1. Create, import, and manage multiple clusters across data centers and public clouds
2. Deploy and manage applications or workloads on multiple clusters from a single console
3. Monitor and analyze health and status of different cluster resources
4. Monitor and enforce security compliance across multiple clusters

Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes is installed as an add-on to a Red Hat OpenShift cluster, and it uses this cluster as a central controller for all its operations. This cluster is known as hub cluster, and it exposes a management plane for the users to connect to Advanced Cluster Management. All the other OpenShift clusters that are either imported or created via the Advanced Cluster Management console are managed by the hub cluster and are called managed clusters. It installs an agent called Klusterlet on the managed clusters to connect them to the hub cluster and serve the requests for different activities related to cluster lifecycle management, application lifecycle management, observability, and security compliance.



For more information, see the documentation [here](#).

Next: [Deployment Prerequisites](#).

## Deployment

### Deploy Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes

#### Prerequisites

1. A Red Hat OpenShift cluster (greater than version 4.5) for the hub cluster
2. Red Hat OpenShift clusters (greater than version 4.4.3) for managed clusters
3. Cluster-admin access to the Red Hat OpenShift cluster
4. A Red Hat subscription for Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes

Advanced Cluster Management is an add-on on for the OpenShift cluster, so there are certain requirements and restrictions on the hardware resources based on the features used across the hub and managed clusters. You need to take these issues into account when sizing the clusters. See the documentation [here](#) for more details.

Optionally, if the hub cluster has dedicated nodes for hosting infrastructure components and you would like to install Advanced Cluster Management resources only on those nodes, you need to add tolerations and selectors to those nodes accordingly. For more details, see the documentation [here](#).

Next: [Installation](#).

### Deploy Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes

To install Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes on an OpenShift cluster, complete the following steps:

1. Choose an OpenShift cluster as the hub cluster and log into it with cluster-admin privileges.
2. Navigate to Operators > Operators Hub and search for Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes.

The screenshot shows the Red Hat OpenShift OperatorHub. The left sidebar is titled 'Administrator' and has sections for Home, Projects, Search, Explore, Events, Operators, OperatorHub (which is selected), and Installed Operators. The main area is titled 'Project: default' and shows 'All Items'. A search bar says 'Filter by keyword...'. There are 450 items. The 'Community' section displays three operators:

- 3scale API Management** provided by Red Hat
- Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes** provided by Red Hat
- Akka Cluster Operator** provided by Lightbend, Inc.

3. Select Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes and click Install.

**Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes**  
2.2.3 provided by Red Hat

**Install**

<b>Latest version</b>	Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes provides the multicluster hub, a central management console for managing multiple Kubernetes-based clusters across data centers, public clouds, and private clouds. You can use the hub to create Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform clusters on selected providers, or import existing Kubernetes-based clusters. After the clusters are managed, you can set compliance requirements to ensure that the clusters maintain the specified security requirements. You can also deploy business applications across your clusters.
2.2.3	
<b>Capability level</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Install	Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes also provides the following operators:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seamless Upgrades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multicluster subscriptions: An operator that provides application management capabilities including subscribing to resources from a channel and deploying those resources on MCH-managed Kubernetes clusters based on placement rules.</li> </ul>
<input type="radio"/> Full Lifecycle	
<input type="radio"/> Deep Insights	
<input type="radio"/> Auto Pilot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hive for Red Hat OpenShift: An operator that provides APIs for provisioning and performing initial configuration of OpenShift clusters. These operators are used by the multicluster hub to provide its provisioning and application-management capabilities.</li> </ul>
<b>Provider type</b>	
Red Hat	
<b>Provider</b>	
Red Hat	
<b>Infrastructure features</b>	
Disconnected	

**How to Install**

Use of this Red Hat product requires a licensing and subscription agreement.

4. On the Install Operator screen, provide the necessary details (NetApp recommends retaining the default parameters) and click Install.

## Install Operator

Install your Operator by subscribing to one of the update channels to keep the Operator up to date. The strategy determines either manual or automatic updates.

### Update channel \*

- release-2.0
- release-2.1
- release-2.2

### Installation mode \*

- All namespaces on the cluster (default)  
This mode is not supported by this Operator
- A specific namespace on the cluster  
Operator will be available in a single Namespace only.

### Installed Namespace \*

- Operator recommended Namespace: **PR open-cluster-management**

 Namespace creation

Namespace `open-cluster-management` does not exist and will be created.

- Select a Namespace

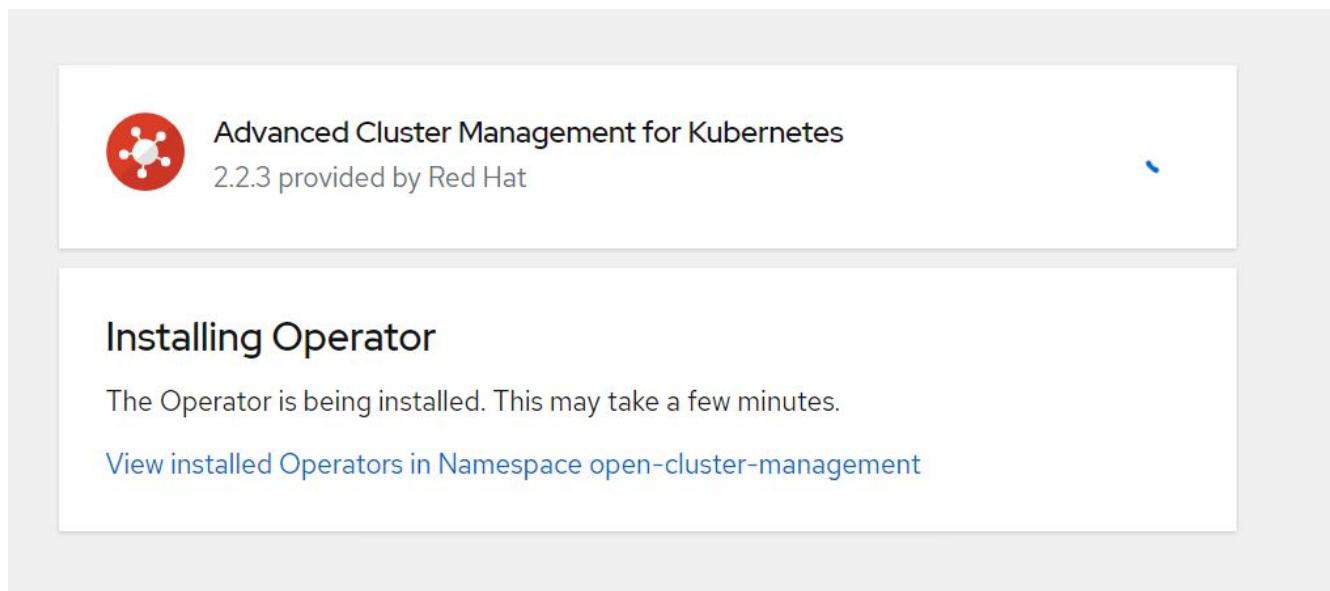
### Approval strategy \*

- Automatic
- Manual

**Install**

**Cancel**

5. Wait for the operator installation to complete.



The screenshot shows a status card for the "Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes" operator, version 2.2.3 provided by Red Hat. The card has a red circular icon with a white cluster symbol. The title is "Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes" and the version is "2.2.3 provided by Red Hat". Below the title, it says "Installing Operator". A message states "The Operator is being installed. This may take a few minutes." and provides a link "View installed Operators in Namespace `open-cluster-management`".

6. After the operator is installed, click Create MultiClusterHub.



## Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes

2.2.3 provided by Red Hat



### Installed operator - operand required

The Operator has installed successfully. Create the required custom resource to be able to use this Operator.

**MCH** MultiClusterHub ! Required

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[Create MultiClusterHub](#)

[View installed Operators in Namespace open-cluster-management](#)

- On the Create MultiClusterHub screen, click Create after furnishing the details. This initiates the installation of a multi-cluster hub.

Project: open-cluster-management ▾

Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes > Create MultiClusterHub

#### Create MultiClusterHub

Create by completing the form. Default values may be provided by the Operator authors.

Configure via:  Form view  YAML view

i Note: Some fields may not be represented in this form view. Please select "YAML view" for full control.

MultiClusterHub  
provided by Red Hat

MultiClusterHub defines the configuration for an instance of the MultiCluster Hub

Name \*

multicluscherhub

Labels

app=frontend

» Advanced configuration

[Create](#)

[Cancel](#)

- After all the pods move to the Running state in the open-cluster-management namespace and the operator moves to the Succeeded state, Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes is installed.

## Installed Operators

Installed Operators are represented by ClusterServiceVersions within this Namespace. For more information, see the [Understanding Operators documentation](#). Or create an Operator and ClusterServiceVersion using the [Operator SDK](#).

Name	Managed Namespaces	Status	Provided APIs
 Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes 2.2.3 provided by Red Hat	NS open-cluster-management	Succeeded Up to date	MultiClusterHub ClusterManager ClusterDeployment ClusterState <a href="#">View 25 more...</a>

9. It takes some time to complete the hub installation, and, after it is done, the MultiCluster hub moves to Running state.

Installed Operators > Operator details

 Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes  
2.2.3 provided by Red Hat

Actions ▾

Details YAML Subscription Events All instances **MultiClusterHub** ClusterManager ClusterDeployment ClusterSt...

**MultiClusterHubs**

Create MultiClusterHub

Name	Kind	Status	Labels
MCH multiclusterhub	MultiClusterHub	Phase: <span style="color: green;">✓</span> Running	No labels

10. It creates a route in the open-cluster-management namespace. Connect to the URL in the route to access the Advanced Cluster Management console.

Project: open-cluster-management ▾

**Routes**

Create Route

Filter ▾ Name mul

Name mul X Clear all filters

Name	Status	Location	Service
RT multicloud-console	<span style="color: green;">✓</span> Accepted	<a href="https://multicloud-console.apps.ocp-vmware2.cie.netapp.com">https://multicloud-console.apps.ocp-vmware2.cie.netapp.com</a>	S management-ingress

[Next: Features - Cluster Lifecycle Management.](#)

## Features

### Features: Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes on Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp

#### Cluster Lifecycle Management

To manage different OpenShift clusters, you can either create or import them into Advanced Cluster Management.

1. First navigate to Automate Infrastructures > Clusters.
2. To create a new OpenShift cluster, complete the following steps:
  - a. Create a provider connection: Navigate to Provider Connections and click Add a Connection, provide all the details corresponding to the selected provider type and click Add.

Select a provider and enter basic information

Provider \* ⓘ

aws Amazon Web Services

Connection name \* ⓘ

nik-hcl-aws

Namespace \* ⓘ

default

Configure your provider connection

Base DNS domain ⓘ

cie.netapp.com

AWS access key ID \* ⓘ

AKIATCFBZDOIASDSAH

AWS secret access key \* ⓘ

.....

Red Hat OpenShift pull secret \* ⓘ

```
FuS3pNbktVaHpINFc2MkZsbmtBVGN6TktmUlZXcHcxOW9teEZwQ0lYZld3cjJobGxJeDBQNOxIzeOyeGM5Q0ZwZk5RR2JUanIxNnNUM21Rb0FJb
UFjNC1BylpEWVZE0HltNxkTMDZPUVpoWFRHcGwtREIDQ2RSYlJRaTlxblDLT2oyQ3pVeUJfNllwcENSa2YyOUsyLWZGSFVfNA=","email":"Nikhil.k
ulkarni@netapp.com"}, "registry.redhat.io":
```

SSH private key \* ⓘ

```
-----BEGIN OPENSSH PRIVATE KEY-----
b3BlbnNzaC1rZXktdjEAAAAABG5vbmuAAAAAeasdadssadm9uZQAAAAAAAAAABAAAAMwAAAAtzc2gtZW
QyNTUxOQAAACCLcwLgAvSIHAEp+DevIRNzaG2zkNreMIZ/UHyf0UWvAAAAAJh/wa6xf8Gu
```

SSH public key \* ⓘ

```
ssh-ed25519 AAAAC3NzaC1lZDI1NTE5AAAAIltzAuAC746agdh21cB4/4N6/VE3NobbOQ2t4zVn9QfJ/RRa8A root@nik-rhel8
```

- b. To create a new cluster, navigate to Clusters and click Add a Cluster > Create a Cluster. Provide the details for the cluster and the corresponding provider and click Create.

**Configuration**

Cluster name \* ⓘ

**Distribution**

Select the type of Kubernetes distribution to use for your cluster.

Red Hat OpenShift

Select an infrastructure provider to host your Red Hat OpenShift cluster.

 AWS Amazon Web Services	 Google Cloud	 Microsoft Azure
 VMware vSphere	 Bare Metal	

Release image \* ⓘ

Provider connection \* ⓘ

Add a connection

- c. After the cluster is created, it appears in the cluster list with the status Ready.
3. To import an existing cluster, complete the following steps:
    - a. Navigate to Clusters and click Add a Cluster > Import an Existing Cluster.
    - b. Enter the name of the cluster and click Save Import and Generate Code. A command to add the existing cluster is displayed.
    - c. Click Copy Command and run the command on the cluster to be added to the hub cluster. This initiates the installation of the necessary agents on the cluster, and, after this process is complete, the cluster appears in the cluster list with status Ready.

Name \*

Additional labels

Once you click on "Save import and generate code", the information you entered will be used to generate the code and cannot be modified anymore. If you wish to change any information, you will have to delete and re-import this cluster.

Code generated successfully  Import saved

Run a command

1. Copy this command

Click the button to have the command automatically copied to your clipboard.

[Copy command](#)

2. Run this command with kubectl configured for your targeted cluster to start the import

Log in to the existing cluster in your terminal and run the command.

[View cluster](#)

[Import another](#)

4. After you create and import multiple clusters, you can monitor and manage them from a single console.

[Next: Features - Application Lifecycle Management.](#)

## Features: Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes on Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp

### Application lifecycle management

To create an application and manage it across a set of clusters,

1. Navigate to Manage Applications from the sidebar and click Create Application. Provide the details of the application you would like to create and click Save.

## Create an application

 YAML: Off

Cancel

Save

Name\* ⓘ  
demo-app

Namespace\* ⓘ  
default X ▾

Repository location for resources

Repository types

Select the type of repository where resources that you want to deploy are located

Git

URL\* ⓘ  
<https://github.com/open-cluster-management/acm-hive-openshift-releases.git> X ▾

Branch ⓘ  
main X ▾

Path ⓘ  
clusterImageSets/fast/4.7 X ▾

2. After the application components are installed, the application appears in the list.

## Applications

⟳ Refresh every 15s ▾

Last update: 7:36:23 PM

Create application

Search						
Name	Namespace	Clusters	Resource	Time window	Created	⋮
demo-app	default	Local	Git <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		8 days ago	⋮
				1-1 of 1 ▾	<< < 1 of 1 > >>	

3. The application can now be monitored and managed from the console.

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## Features: Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes on Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp

### Governance and risk

This feature allows you to define the compliance policies for different clusters and make sure that the clusters adhere to it. You can configure the policies to either inform or remediate any deviations or violations of the rules.

1. Navigate to Governance and Risk from the sidebar.
2. To create compliance policies, click Create Policy, enter the details of the policy standards, and select the clusters that should adhere to this policy. If you want to automatically remediate the violations of this policy, select the checkbox Enforce if Supported and click Create.

Create policy ⓘ YAML: Off

Name \*

policy-complianceoperator

Namespace \* ⓘ

default

Specifications \* ⓘ

1x ComplianceOperator

Cluster selector ⓘ

1x local-cluster: "true"

Standards ⓘ

1x NIST-CSF

Categories ⓘ

1x PR.IP Information Protection Processes and Procedures

Controls ⓘ

1x PR.IP-1 Baseline Configuration

 Enforce if supported ⓘ Disable policy ⓘ

3. After all the required policies are configured, any policy or cluster violations can be monitored and remediated from Advanced Cluster Management.

## Governance and risk ⓘ

Filter

Refresh every 10s

Last update: 12:54:01 PM

Create policy

Summary 1

Standards ▾

NIST-CSF



No violations found

Based on the industry standards, there are no cluster or policy violations.

Policies

Cluster violations

Find policies

Policy name	Namespace	Remediation	Cluster violations	Standards	Categories	Controls	Created	⋮
policy-complianceoperator	default	inform	0/1	NIST-CSF	PR.IP Information Protection Processes and Procedures	PR.IP-1 Baseline Configuration	32 minutes ago	⋮

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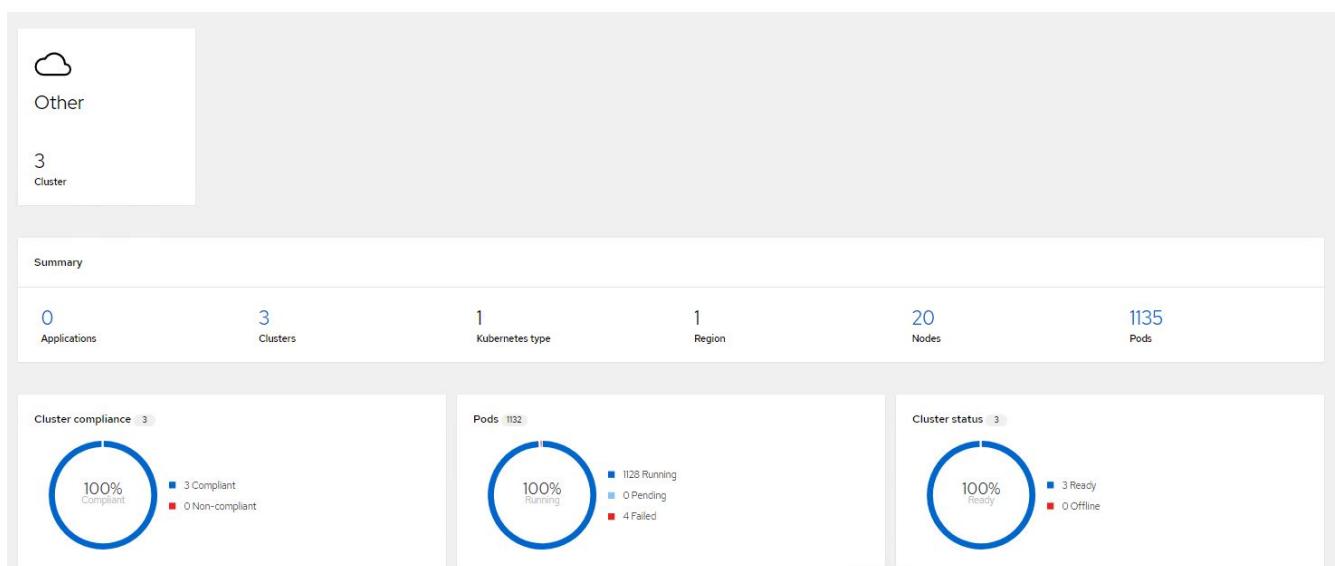
Next: Features - Observability.

## Features: Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes on Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp

### Observability

Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes provides a way to monitor the nodes, pods, and applications, and workloads across all the clusters.

1. Navigate to Observe Environments > Overview.

[Overview](#)
[+ Add provider connection](#)
[Refresh every 1m](#)  
Last update 12:35:03 AM


2. All pods and workloads across all clusters are monitored and sorted based on a variety of filters. Click Pods to view the corresponding data.

[Search](#)
[Saved searches ▾](#) | [Open new search tab](#)
[3 Related cluster](#)
[673 Related secret](#)
[20 Related node](#)
[8 Related persistentvolumeclaim](#)
[8 Related persistentvolume](#)
[1 Related provisioning](#)
[2 Related searchcollector](#)
[3 Related iampolicycontroller](#)
[Show all \(38\)](#)
[▼ Pod \(1135\)](#)

Name	14bbd46d68f3ddd50b9328cee6854a36807ef784dac2bded9cc20638fbpd582	⋮
Namespace	openshift-marketplace	
Cluster	local-cluster	
Status	Completed	
Restarts	0	
Host IP	10.61.186.27	
Pod IP	10.129.2.215	
Created	4 days ago	
Labels	controller-uid=dd259738-2cce-40e2-85d3-6ccf56904ba8	

3. All nodes across the clusters are monitored and analyzed based on a variety of data points. Click Nodes to get more insight into the corresponding details.

## Search

Saved searches | Open new search tab

3 Related cluster	1k Related pod	12 Related service
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Show all (3)

▼ Node (20)

Name	Cluster	Role	Architecture	OS image	CPU	Created	Labels
ocp-master-1-ocp-bare-metal.cie.netapp.com	ocp-bare-metal	master; worker	amd64	Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS 47.83.202103292105-0 (Octpa)	48	a month ago	beta.kubernetes.io/arch=amd64 beta.kubernetes.io/os=linux kubernetes.io/arch=amd64 5 more
ocp-master-2-ocp-bare-metal.cie.netapp.com	ocp-bare-metal	master; worker	amd64	Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS 47.83.202103292105-0 (Octpa)	48	a month ago	beta.kubernetes.io/arch=amd64 beta.kubernetes.io/os=linux kubernetes.io/arch=amd64 5 more
ocp-master-3-ocp-bare-metal.cie.netapp.com	ocp-bare-metal	master; worker	amd64	Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS 47.83.202103292105-0 (Octpa)	48	a month ago	beta.kubernetes.io/arch=amd64 beta.kubernetes.io/os=linux kubernetes.io/arch=amd64 5 more

4. All clusters are monitored and organized based on different cluster resources and parameters. Click Clusters to view cluster details.

## Search

Saved searches | Open new search tab

3k Related secret	787 Related pod	15 Related persistentvolumeclaim	17 Related node	1 Related application
15 Related persistentvolume	1 Related searchcollector	8 Related clusterclaim	3 Related resourcequota	5 Related identity

Show all (159)

▼ Cluster (2)

Name	Available	Hub accepted	Joined	Nodes	Kubernetes version	CPU	Memory	Console URL	Labels
local-cluster	True	True	True	8	v1.20.0+c8905da	84	418501Mi	Launch	cloud=VSphere clusterID=148632d9-69d5-4ae4-98ee-8df886463c3 installer.name=multiclusterhub 4 more
ocp-vmw	True	True	True	9	v1.20.0+df9c838	28	111981Mi	Launch	cloud=VSphere clusterID=9d76ac4e-4aae-4d45-a2e8-1b6b54282fe name=ocp-vmw 1 more

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## Features: Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes on Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp

### Create resources on multiple clusters

Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes allows users to create resources on one or more managed clusters simultaneously from the console. As an example, if you have OpenShift clusters at different sites backed with different NetApp ONTAP clusters and want to provision PVC's at both sites, you can click the (+) sign on the top bar. Then select the clusters on which you want to create the PVC, paste the resource YAML, and click Create.

## Create resource

Cancel

Create

Clusters | Select the clusters where the resource(s) will be deployed.

2 x local-cluster, ocp-vmw

Resource configuration | Enter the configuration manifest for the resource(s).

YAML

```
1 kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
2 apiVersion: v1
3 metadata:
4   name: demo-pvc
5 spec:
6   accessModes:
7     - ReadWriteOnce
8   resources:
9     requests:
10    storage: 1Gi
11  storageClassName: ocp-trident
```

## Videos and Demos: Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp

The following video demonstrate some of the capabilities documented in this document:

- Video: Leverage NetApp Astra Control to Perform Post-mortem Analysis and Restore Your Application
- Video: Data Protection in CI/CD pipeline with Astra Control
- Video: Workload Migration using Astra Control Center - Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp
- Video: Workload Migration using Astra Trident and SnapMirror - Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp
- Video: Installing OpenShift Virtualization - Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp
- Video: Deploying a Virtual Machine with OpenShift Virtualization - Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp
- Video: NetApp HCI for Red Hat OpenShift on Red Hat Virtualization Deployment

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- NetApp Astra Control Center Documentation  
<https://docs.netapp.com/us-en/astra-control-center/>

- Red Hat OpenShift Documentation  
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## Google Anthos

### WP-7337: Anthos on Bare Metal

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NetApp and Google Cloud have had a strong relationship for several years now, with NetApp first introducing cloud data services for Google Cloud with Cloud Volumes ONTAP and the Cloud Volumes Service. This relationship was then expanded by validating the NetApp HCI platform for use with Google Cloud Anthos on-premises, a hypervisor-based hybrid multi-cloud Kubernetes solution deployed on VMware vSphere. NetApp then passed Anthos Ready qualification for NetApp Trident, ONTAP, and the NFS protocol to provide dynamic persistent storage for containers.

Anthos can now be directly install on bare metal servers in a customer's environment, which adds an additional option for customers to extend Google Cloud into their local data centers without a hypervisor. Additionally, by leveraging the capabilities of NetApp ONTAP storage operating system and NetApp Trident, you can extend your platform's capabilities by integrating persistent storage for containers.

This combination allows you to realize the full potential of your servers, storage, and networking combined with the support, service levels, monthly billing, and on-demand flexibility that Google Cloud provides. Because you are using your own hardware, network, and storage, you have direct control over application scale, security, and network latency, as well as having the benefit of managed and containerized applications with Anthos on bare metal.

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#### Solution overview

##### NetApp ONTAP on NetApp AFF/FAS

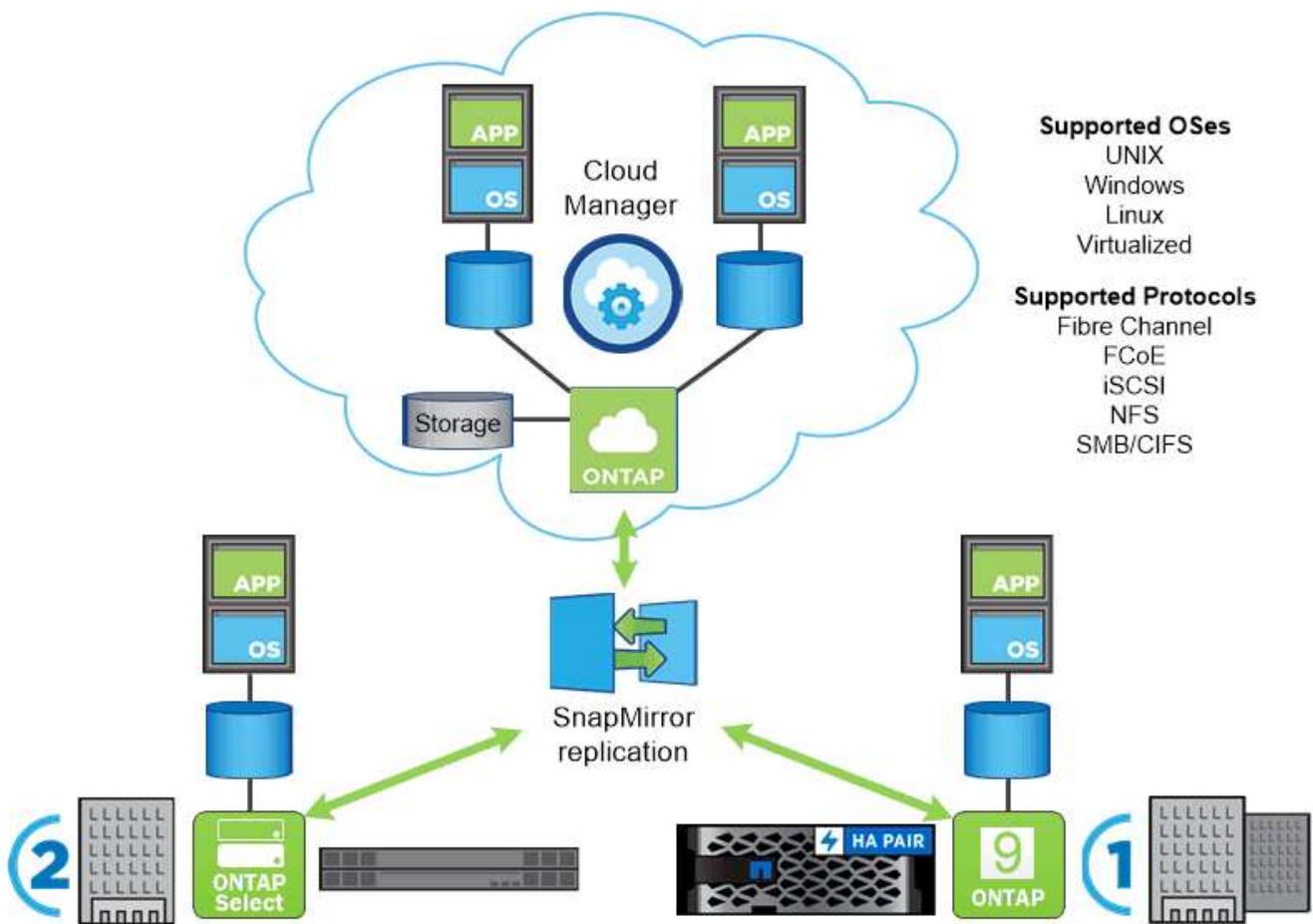
NetApp AFF is a robust all-flash storage platform that provides low-latency performance, integrated data protection, multiprotocol support, and nondisruptive operations. Powered by NetApp ONTAP data management software, NetApp AFF ensures nondisruptive operations, from maintenance to upgrades to complete replacement of your storage system.

NetApp ONTAP is a powerful storage-software tool with capabilities such as an intuitive GUI, REST APIs with automation integration, AI-informed predictive analytics and corrective action, nondisruptive hardware upgrades, and cross-storage import.

ONTAP provides the following features:

- A unified storage system with simultaneous data access and management of NFS, CIFS, iSCSI, FC, FCoE, and FC-NVMe protocols.
- Different deployment models include on-premises on all-flash, hybrid, and all-HDD hardware configurations; VM-based storage platforms on a supported hypervisor such as ONTAP Select; and in the cloud as Cloud Volumes ONTAP.
- Increased data storage efficiency on ONTAP systems with support for automatic data tiering, inline data compression, deduplication, and compaction.
- Workload-based, QoS-controlled storage.
- Seamless integration with a public cloud for tiering and protection of data. ONTAP also provides robust data protection capabilities that sets it apart in any environment:
  - **NetApp Snapshot copies.** A fast, point-in-time backup of data using a minimal amount of disk space with no additional performance overhead.
  - **NetApp SnapMirror.** Mirrors the Snapshot copies of data from one storage system to another. ONTAP supports mirroring data to other physical platforms and cloud-native services as well.
  - **NetApp SnapLock.** Efficiently administration of non-rewritable data by writing it to special volumes that cannot be overwritten or erased for a designated period.
  - **NetApp SnapVault.** Backs up data from multiple storage systems to a central Snapshot copy that serves as a backup to all designated systems.
  - **NetApp SyncMirror.** Provides real-time, RAID-level mirroring of data to two different plexes of disks that are connected physically to the same controller.
  - **NetApp SnapRestore.** Provides fast restoration of backed-up data on demand from Snapshot copies.
  - **NetApp FlexClone.** Provides instantaneous provisioning of a fully readable and writeable copy of a NetApp volume based on a Snapshot copy. For more information about ONTAP, see the [ONTAP 9 Documentation Center](#).

NetApp ONTAP is available on-premises, virtualized, or in the cloud.



*Across the NetApp data fabric, you can count on a common set of features and fast, efficient replication across platforms. You can use the same interface and the same data management tools.*

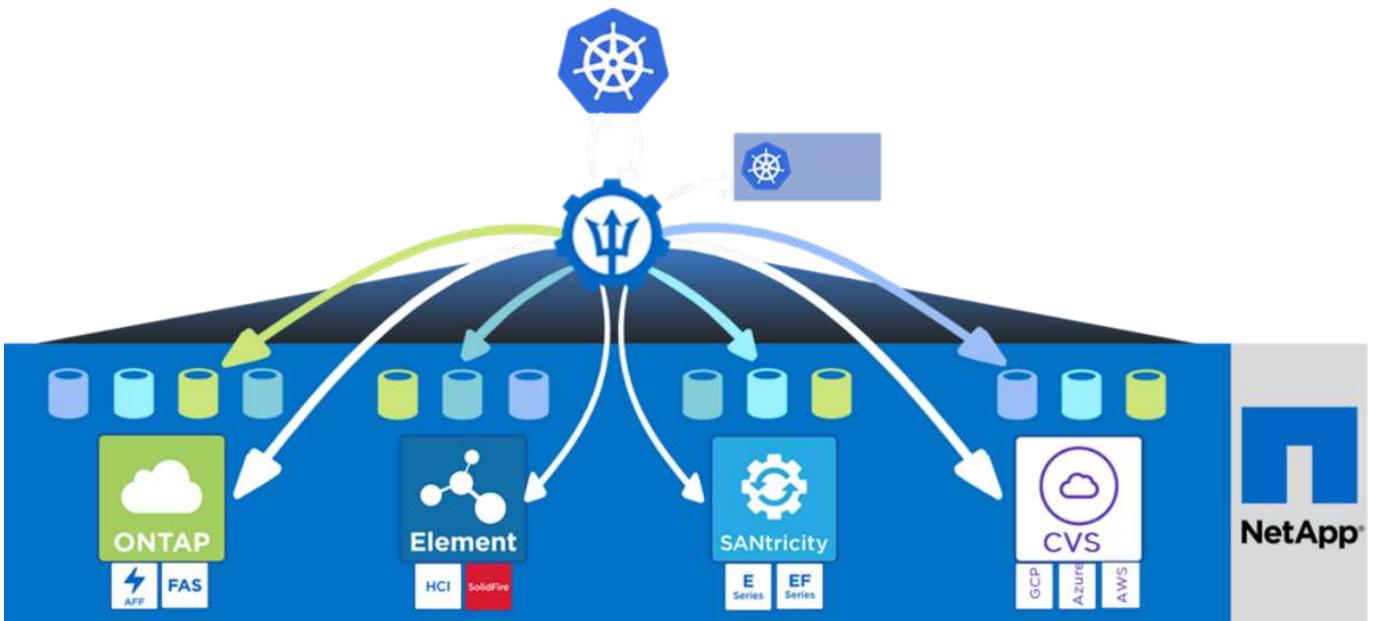
#### NetApp Trident

NetApp Trident is an open-source and fully supported storage orchestrator for containers and Kubernetes distributions, including Google Cloud Anthos. It works with the entire NetApp storage portfolio, including NetApp ONTAP software. Trident is fully CSI-compliant, and it accelerates the DevOps workflow by allowing you to provision and manage storage from your NetApp storage systems, without intervention from a storage administrator. Trident is deployed as an operator that communicates directly with the Kubernetes API endpoint to serve containers' storage requests in the form of persistent volume claims (PVCs) by creating and managing volumes on the NetApp storage system.

Persistent volumes (PVs) are provisioned based on storage classes defined in the Kubernetes environment. They use storage backends created by a storage administrator (which can be customized based on project needs) and storage system models to allow for any number of advanced storage features, such as compression, specific disk types, or QoS levels that guarantee performance.

For more information about NetApp Trident, see the [Trident](#) page.

Trident orchestrates storage from each system and service in the NetApp portfolio.



### Google Cloud's Anthos

Google Cloud's Anthos is a cloud-based Kubernetes data center solution that enables organizations to construct and manage modern hybrid-cloud infrastructures while adopting agile workflows focused on application development. Anthos on bare metal extends the capability of Anthos to run on-premises directly on physical servers without a hypervisor layer and interoperate with Anthos GKE clusters in Google Cloud.

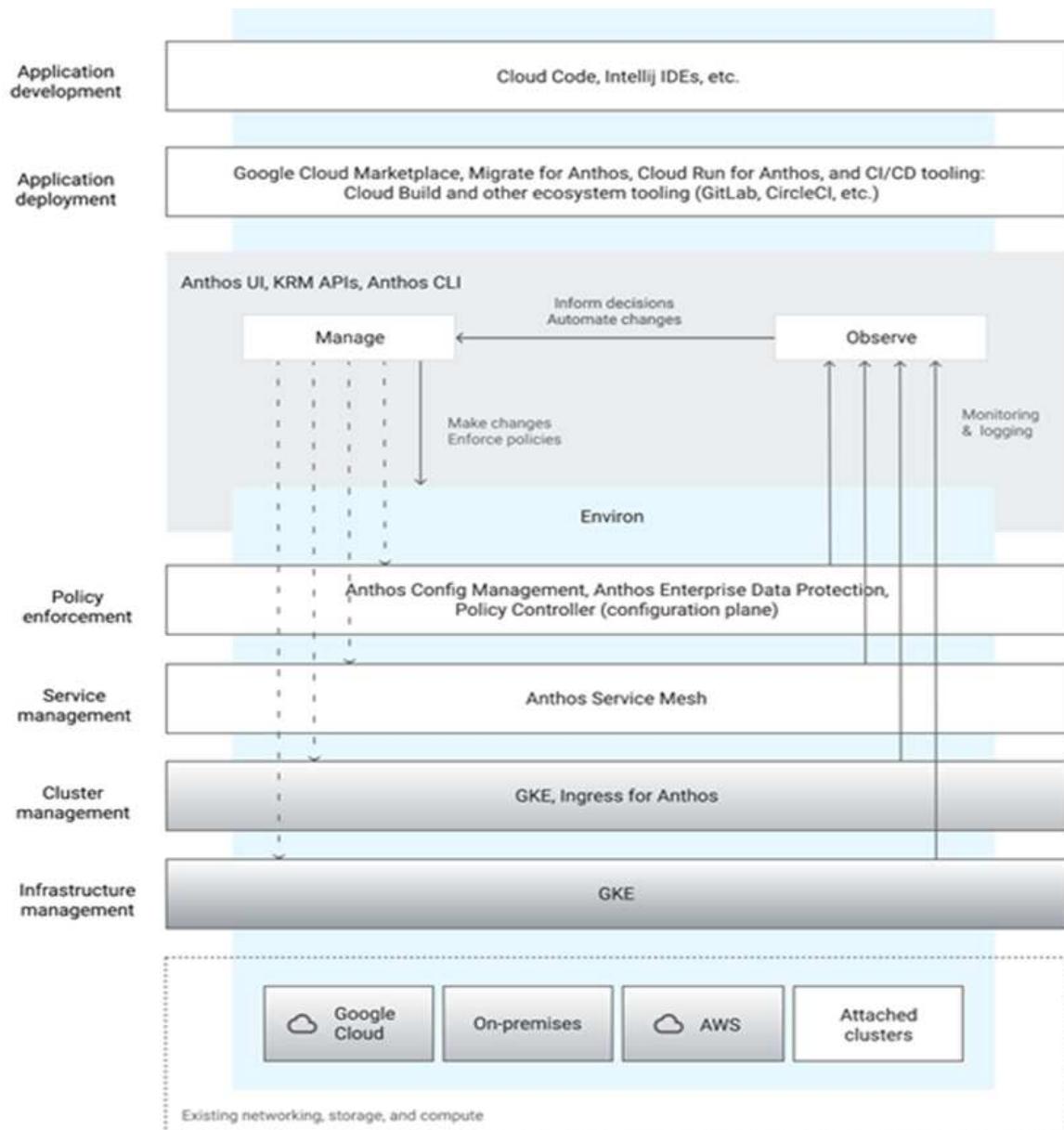
Adopting containers, service mesh, and other transformational technologies enables organizations to experience consistent application development cycles and production-ready workloads in local and cloud-based environments.

Anthos provides the following features:

- **Anthos configuration management.** Automates the policy and security of hybrid Kubernetes deployments.
- **Anthos Service Mesh.** Enhances application observability, security, and control with an Istio-powered service mesh.
- **Google Cloud Marketplace for Kubernetes applications.** A catalog of curated container applications available for easy deployment.
- **Migrate for Anthos.** Automatic migration of physical services and VMs from on-premises to the cloud. Figure 3 depicts the Anthos solution and how a deployment in an on-premises data center interconnects with infrastructure in the cloud.

For more information about Anthos, see the [Anthos website](#).

The following figure presents Google Cloud's Anthos architecture.



## Anthos on bare metal

Anthos on bare metal is an extension of GKE that is deployed in a customer's private data center. An organization can deploy the same applications designed to run in containers in Google Cloud in Anthos clusters on-premises. Anthos on bare metal runs directly on physical servers with the user's choice of underlying Linux operating system and provides customers with a full-fledged hybrid cloud environment with the capability to run at the core or edge of their data centers.

Anthos on bare metal offers the following benefits:

- **Hardware agnostic.** Customers can run Anthos on their choice of optimized hardware platform in their existing data centers.
- **Cost savings.** You can realize significant cost savings by using your own physical resources for application deployments instead of provisioning resources in the Google Cloud environment.
- **Develop then publish.** You can use on-premises deployments while applications are in development, which allows for the testing of applications in the privacy of your local data center before you make them publicly available in the cloud.

- **Better performance.** Intensive applications that demand low latency and the highest levels of performance can be run closer to the hardware.
- **Security requirements.** Customers with increased security concerns or sensitive data sets that cannot be stored in the public cloud are able to run their applications from the security of their own data centers, thereby meeting organizational requirements.
- **Management and operations.** Anthos on bare metal comes with a wide range of facilities that increase operational efficiency such as built-in networking, lifecycle management, diagnostics, health checks, logging, and monitoring.

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## Solution requirements

### Hardware requirements

#### Compute: bring your own server

The hardware-agnostic capabilities of Anthos on bare metal allow you to select a compute platform optimized for your use-case. Therefore, you can match your existing infrastructure and reduce capital expenditure.

The following table lists the minimum number of compute hardware components that are required to implement this solution, although the hardware models used can vary based on customer requirements.

Usage	Hardware and model	Quantity
Admin nodes	Cisco UCS B200	3
Worker nodes	HP Proliant DL360	4

#### Storage: NetApp ONTAP

The following table lists the minimum number of storage hardware components needed to implement the solution, although the hardware models used can vary based on customer requirements.

Hardware	Model	Quantity
NetApp AFF	NetApp AFF A300	2 (1 HA pair)

### Software requirements

The software versions identified in the following table were used by NetApp and our partners to validate the solution with NetApp, although the software components used can vary based on customer requirements.

Software	Purpose	Version
Ubuntu	OS on 3 Admins	20.04
	OS on Worker4	20.04
	OS on Worker3	18.04
CentOS	OS on Worker2	8.2
Red Hat Enterprise Linux	OS on Worker1	8.1
Anthos on bare metal	Container Orchestration	1.6.0

Software	Purpose	Version
NetApp ONTAP	Storage OS	9.7P8
NetApp Trident	Container Storage Management	20.10



This multi-OS environment shows the interoperability with supported OS versions of the of Anthos on bare metal solution. We anticipate that customers will standardize on one or a subset of operating systems for deployment.

For Anthos on bare metal hardware and software requirements, see the [Anthos on bare metal documentation](#) page.

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## Deployment summary

For the initial validation of this solution, NetApp partnered with World Wide Technology (WWT) to establish an environment at WWT's Advanced Technology Center (ATC). Anthos was deployed on a bare metal infrastructure using the bmctl tool provided by Google Cloud. The following section details the deployment used for validation purposes.

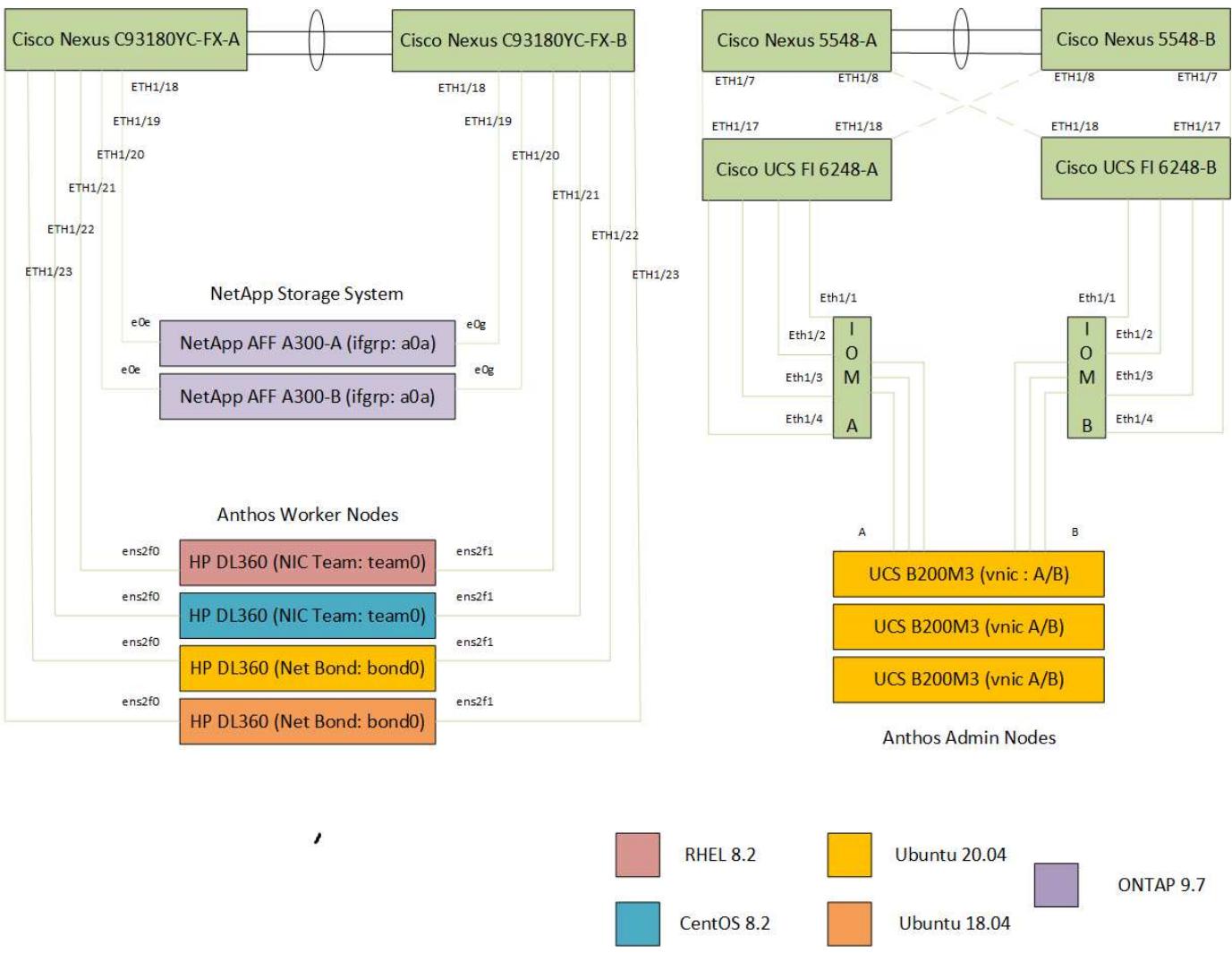
The Anthos on bare metal with NetApp solution was built as a highly available hybrid cluster with three Anthos control-plane nodes and four Anthos worker nodes.

The control-plane nodes used were Cisco UCS B200M3 blade servers hosted in a chassis and configured with a single virtual network interface card (vNIC) on each, which allowed for A/B failover at the Cisco UCS platform level for fault tolerance. The Cisco UCS chassis connected upstream to a pair of Cisco UCS 6248 fabric interconnects providing disparate paths for the separation of traffic along fabric A and fabric B. Those fabric interconnects connected upstream to a pair of Cisco Nexus 5548 data center switches that tied back to the core network at WWT.

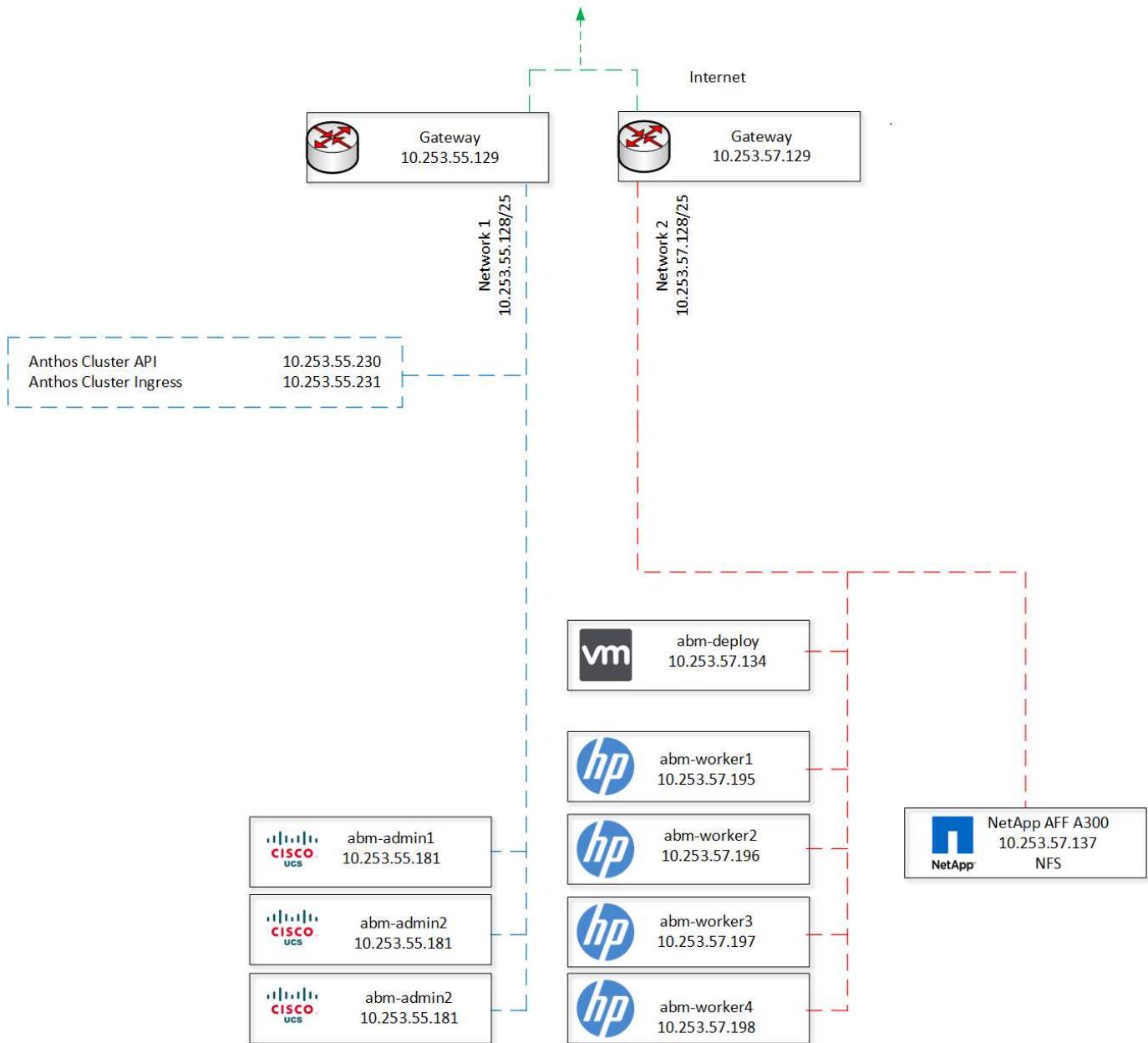
The worker nodes were HP Proliant DL360 nodes, each running one of the supported Linux distributions for Anthos on bare metal: Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.2, CentOS 8.2, Ubuntu 20.04 LTS, or Ubuntu 18.04 LTS. The Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 and CentOS 8 nodes were configured with NIC teams running in LACP mode and cabled to two Nexus 9k C93180YC-FX switches for fault tolerance. The Ubuntu servers were configured for network bonding in LACP mode and cabled to the same pair of Nexus 9k switches for fault tolerance.

The NetApp AFF A300 storage system running ONTAP 9.7 software was installed and connected physically to the same pair of Nexus 9k switches as the Anthos worker nodes. These network uplinks were aggregated into an interface group (a0a), and the appropriate data network VLAN was tagged to allow the worker nodes to interact with the storage system. A storage virtual machine (SVM) was created with data LIFs supporting the NFS protocol and dedicated to storage operations for Trident to provide persistent storage to the containers deployed in the Anthos on bare metal cluster. These persistent volumes were provided by NetApp Trident 20.10, the latest release of the fully supported NetApp open-source storage orchestrator for Kubernetes.

The following figure depicts a physical cabling diagram of the solution to the top of rack data center switches.



The next figure presents a logical view of the solution as deployed and validated on the hardware in the lab at the NetApp partner WWT.



Next: Solution validation.

## Solution validation

The current deployment of this solution was put through two rigorous validation processes using tools provided by the Google Cloud team. These validations include a subset of the following tests:

- Partner validation of the Anthos-ready platform:
  - Confirm that all Anthos on bare metal platform services are installed and running.
  - Scale down the physical Anthos on bare metal cluster from four worker nodes to three and then back to four.
  - Create and delete a custom namespace.
  - Create a deployment of the Nginx web server, scaling that deployment by increasing the number of replicas.

- Create an ingress for the Nginx application and verify connectivity by curling the index.html.
- Successfully clean up all test suite activities and return the cluster to a pretest state.
- Partner validation of Anthos-ready storage:
  - Create a deployment with a persistent volume claim.
  - Use NetApp Trident to provision and attach the requested persistent volume from NetApp ONTAP.
  - Validate the detach and reattach capability of persistent volumes.
  - Validate multi-attach read-only access of persistent volumes from other pods on the node.
  - Validate the offline volume resize operation.
  - Verify that the persistent volume survives a cluster-scaling operation.

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## Conclusion

Anthos on bare metal with NetApp provides a robust platform to run container-based workloads efficiently by allowing for the customization of deployed infrastructure. Customers can use the server infrastructure and supported operating system of their choice or even deploy the solution within their existing infrastructure. The power and flexibility of these environments increases greatly through the integration of NetApp ONTAP and NetApp Trident, supporting stateful application workloads by efficiently provisioning and managing persistent storage for containers. By extending the potential of Google Cloud into their data center powered by NetApp, a customer can realize the benefits of a fully supported, highly available, easily scalable, and fully managed Kubernetes solution for development and production of their application workloads.

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- Google Cloud's Anthos  
<https://cloud.google.com/anthos>
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