



Installing SDC 7

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When you install SmartDataCenter for the first time, the configuration program prompts you for values to configure your system. This page will help you enter the information for the guided configuration.

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At a Glance

Instructions for installing Smart Data Centre 7

You should have read

[Overview of SmartDataCenter 7](#)

Preparation

Prior to installing SDC you must perform the following tasks.

Networks

1. Configure and an untagged internal VLAN with sufficient capacity to provide 1 IP address for every server you plan to install now and in the future.
This is known as the 'admin' VLAN.
Typically this will be a /24 subnet using 10.x.x.x or 192.x.x.x IP addresses. If you are likely to go over 250 servers at any time then use a /23 or larger. IP Addresses are also allocated to internal VM's from this VLAN. The minimum size you can use is /26 but to cater for any future changes to SDC we recommend /24.
 - a. The VLAN must be untagged from the Top of Rack switch to the Server
 - b. The VLAN must be dedicated to SDC and not have any external devices other than switches/routers
2. Configure an 'external' VLAN for external (internet) access.
This VLAN can be small and just have sufficient IP's for the SDC Core Services and Headnode. Equally it can be a large VLAN used by both SDC and end user VM's
Note that the headnode must have internet access in order to be able to access VM Images and upload support information to Joyent. Customer VM's will also need internet access in order to be able to install software packages.
 - a. This VLAN can be tagged
 - b. The VLAN must be dedicated to SDC and not have any external devices other than switches/routers
3. Ensure the Headnode will have access to the following which MUST be accessible during the installation. Do NOT attempt to install if they are not accessible
 - a. An NTP Server via the External VLAN
 - b. One or more DNS Servers via the External

Installer Inputs

Before you start you should have the following information ready:

- A name for your SDC installation (Data Center).
 - lower case letter, numbers, underscore and dash (no spaces or uppercase)
- Passwords for Head Node root user and SDC Admin user
- The MAC address of each network interface including details of which interface is on which VLAN
- The configuration details of the 'admin' vlan
 - IP Address to be used for the Head Node
 - Netmask
 - Gateway IP Address (if any)
- The configuration details of the 'external' vlan
 - IP Address to be used for the Head Node
 - Netmask
 - Gateway IP Address
 - Start and end IP address
- IP Address of the NTP Server
- IP Addresses of the DNS server(s)
- Domain name for the DC. Note that this is just the domain name, e.g. joyent.us. The DC name and other items will be prepended to this to generate internal DNS names for SDC.
- Email address to receive support emails

At the end of the interactive configuration, you will have a chance to review your entries. You will also have the opportunity to review and edit the full configuration.

Creating the USB Key

The first step in installation is to create a USB key with the SDC installation software on it.

We recommend using good quality USB Keys that are at least 8GB in size. You will need 2 keys (one for backup)

This key should be created using the appropriate instructions on this page.

[Creating a USB Key From a Release Tarball](#)

Once you have created the key insert both keys into internal ports into the server designated as the Head Node.

BIOS and RAID Settings

Make the following BIOS Configuration changes.

- Console Redirection - Disabled after boot
- Enable VT-x (Processor Virtualisation)
- Disables c-states
- Set the boot order as follows
 - Head Node - USB Key Only
 - Compute Nodes - PXE boot only
 - NOTE: You may have to enable PXE boot on the Admin VLAN Nic card

RAID Configuration

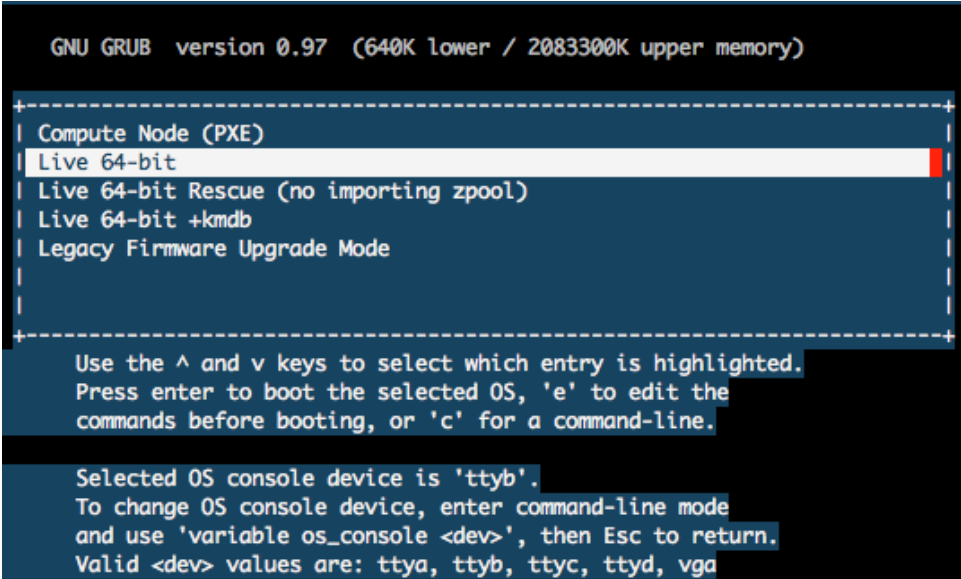
- If possible do not use h/w raid. Initialise all the discs. SDC will lay down a ZFS Zpool across all available discs
- If hardware Raid is present enable pass through
 - If pass through cannot be enable configure a single RAID10 or RAID5 volume across all the discs and initialise

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Initial Boot

Boot the Head Node from the USB Key.

At the Grub Menu select 'Live 64 Bit' and boot



SDC Installer

The SDC Installer configuration program asks you a series of questions.

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Smart Data Center (SDC) Setup
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You must answer the following questions to configure the headnode.
You will have a chance to review and correct your answers, as well as a
chance to edit the final configuration, before it is applied.

At the prompts, if you type ^C you will be placed into a shell. When you
exit the shell the configuration process will resume from where it was
interrupted.

Press [enter] to continue
```

If a default is available, it will appear in [brackets].

Company and Datacenter Details

```
Smart Data Center (SDC) Setup
Datacenter Information http://wiki.joyent.com/sdcinstall
-----
The following questions will be used to configure your headnode identity.
This identity information is used to uniquely identify your headnode as well
as help with management of distributed systems.

Enter the company name: Joyent Inc.
Enter a name for this datacenter: mxpc
Enter the City and State for this datacenter: Milano, IT
```

Entry	Description	Example
company name	The name of your company. Do not use single quotes or special characters.	Acme, Inc. Massive Dynamics Communications Division
datacenter name	The name of your datacenter. Do not use spaces or uppercase. This describes the collection of systems that will be handled by the head node.	region-1 acmecorp
City and State	The location of your datacenter. This information is used only to identify the location.	San Francisco, CA Mexico, DF

Network Configuration

```
Smart Data Center (SDC) Setup
Networking                               http://wiki.joyent.com/sdcinstall
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Several applications will be made available on these networks using IP
addresses which are automatically incremented based on the headnode IP.
In order to determine what IP addresses have been assigned to SDC, you can
either review the configuration prior to its application, or you can run
'sdc-role list' after the install.

Press [enter] to continue
```


SmartDataCenter uses [Logical Networks](#) to model the actual networks configured in your routers and switches. Logical Networks include the subnet, gateway, DNS servers and VLAN ids.

During the configuration, you will associate one of the head node NICs with the administrative network (also called the admin network) and the other NIC with the external network. In most cases the external network is connected to the Internet. In order to configure head node correctly, you will need to know which NIC is connected to each network.

Admin Network

The admin network is a private network used by the datacenter to communicate with the various SmartDataCenter applications and with the compute nodes.

During configuration, you'll assign an IP address on this private network to the head node. This is the address of the global zone on the head node. The configuration program then allocates a number of consecutive addresses for the additional VM's in the head node. See the Overview and Core Services sections to learn more about the additional VM's and what they're used for.

 If you specify 10.0.3.7 as the IP address of the head node, the configuration program allocates the address 10.0.3.8 upwards for additional VM's.

```
Smart Data Center (SDC) Setup
Networking - Admin                       http://wiki.joyent.com/sdcinstall
-----
The admin network is used for management traffic and other information that
flows between the Compute Nodes and the Headnode in an SDC cluster. This
network will be used to automatically provision new compute nodes and there are
several application zones which are assigned sequential IP addresses on this
network. It is important that this network be used exclusively for SDC
management. Note that DHCP traffic will be present on this network following
the installation and that this network is connected in VLAN ACCESS mode only.

Number Link      MAC Address      State  Network
1      bnx0       78:2b:cb:0a:77:e1 up      -
2      bnx2       78:2b:cb:0a:77:e5 down    -
3      bnx1       78:2b:cb:0a:77:e3 down    -
4      bnx3       78:2b:cb:0a:77:e7 down    -
5      igb0       00:1b:21:91:a5:e0 unknown -
6      igb2       00:1b:21:91:95:20 unknown -
7      igb1       00:1b:21:91:a5:e1 unknown -
8      igb3       00:1b:21:91:95:21 unknown -
Enter the number of the NIC for the 'admin' interface: 1
(admin) headnode IP address: 10.0.3.7
(admin) headnode netmask [255.255.255.0]:
(admin) Zone's starting IP address [10.0.3.8]:
```

Entry	Description	Example
number of NIC for the 'admin' interface	The number of the NIC in the list of NICs. Each NIC is identified by its MAC address and its interface number.	Choose the number of the NIC that is connected to the private network.
(admin) head	The IP address of the global zone of the head node. Since the configuration	10.0.0.2

node IP address	program allocates the next 11 addresses, be sure to choose an initial address that allows for this.	
(admin) head node netmask	The netmask that describes the address space of the admin network.	255.255.255.0

External Network

The installer asks if you want to add an External network at this stage. It is recommended that you do and it is mandatory if the DNS and NTP servers you configure later are accessible via that network.

The provisionable IP address range is the range of IP addresses that will be automatically provided to VM's in this SDC installation.

```
Smart Data Center (SDC) Setup
Networking - External                                     http://wiki.joyent.com/sdcinstall
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The external network is used by the headnode and its applications to connect to
external networks. That is, it can be used to communicate with either the
Internet, an intranet, or any other WAN. This is optional when your system does
not need access to an external network, or where you want to connect to an
external network later.

Add external network now? [Y/n]:
Number Link      MAC Address      State  Network
1      bnx0      78:2b:cb:0a:77:e1 up      'admin'
2      bnx2      78:2b:cb:0a:77:e5 down    -
3      bnx1      78:2b:cb:0a:77:e3 down    -
4      bnx3      78:2b:cb:0a:77:e7 down    -
5      igb0      00:1b:21:91:a5:e0 unknown -
6      igb2      00:1b:21:91:95:20 unknown -
7      igb1      00:1b:21:91:a5:e1 unknown -
8      igb3      00:1b:21:91:95:21 unknown -
Enter the number of the NIC for the 'external' interface: 5
(external) headnode IP address: 151.1.224.130
(external) headnode netmask [255.255.255.0]: 255.255.255.192
(external) gateway IP address: 151.1.224.129
(external) VLAN ID [press enter for none]: 102
Starting provisionable IP address [151.1.224.131]:
Ending provisionable IP address [151.1.224.190]:
```

Entry	Description	Example
number of NIC for the 'external' interface	The number of the NIC in the list of NICs. Each NIC is identified by its MAC address and its interface number.	Choose the number of the NIC that is connected to the external network.
(external) headnode IP address	The IP address of the head node on the external network.	10.88.88.40
(external) headnode netmask	The netmask that describes the address space of the external network.	255.255.255.0
(external) VLAN ID [press enter for none]:	If your external network uses VLANs, provided its number here.	Press [enter] for no VLAN, otherwise and integer from 1 to 4095
Starting provisionable IP address []:	The first available IP address to assign to a newly provisioned machine. This address must be in the network defined by the external network IP address and the external netmask.	10.88.88.50
Ending provisionable IP address []:	The last available IP address to assign to a newly provisioned machine. This address must be in the network defined by the external network IP address and the external netmask.	10.88.88.240

Gateways and DNS Servers

The default gateway determines which network the head node zones use to connect to outside networks.

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The default gateway will determine which router will be used to connect to other networks. This will almost certainly be the router connected to your 'External' network. Use 'none' if you have no gateway.

Enter the default gateway IP [151.1.224.129]:

The DNS servers set here will be used to provide name resolution abilities to the SDC cluster itself. These will also be default DNS servers for zones provisioned on the 'external' network.

Enter the Primary DNS server IP [8.8.8.8]:
Checking connectivity...OK
Enter the Secondary DNS server IP [8.8.4.4]:
Checking connectivity...OK
Enter the headnode domain name: joyent.us
Default DNS search domain: joyent.com

By default the headnode acts as an NTP server for the admin network. You can set the headnode to be an NTP client to synchronize to another NTP server. Enter an NTP server IP address or hostname [132.246.11.228]: 151.1.135.200
Checking connectivity...OK

 Note the connectivity tests performed during this stage. The DNS and NTP servers MUST be accessible.

Entry	Description	Example
the default gateway IP	The IP address of the gateway. In most cases it's an address of a router on your external network.	10.88.88.2
Primary and Secondary DNS server IP	The IP addresses of the DNS servers. The defaults give the addresses of Google Public DNS . You can use these or your own DNS servers.	
head node domain name	The domain name of the head node. This value is used for the default support email address and for CAPI email address.	example.com
default DNS search domain	The default domain name to add to DNS searches.	example.com
NTP server address or host name	The address of an NTP server or accept the default.	See the NTP Pool Project for information on selecting an NTP server close to your head node.

Admin and Root Accounts

The `root` account is typically used to log in to the head node or compute node console. The `admin` account is usually used to access web applications such as the Operations Portal.

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Account Information

http://wiki.joyent.com/sdcinstall

There are two primary accounts for managing a Smart Data Center. These are 'admin', and 'root'. Each account can have a unique password. Most of the interaction you will have with SDC will be using the 'admin' user, unless otherwise specified. In addition, SDC has the ability to send notification emails to a specific address. Each of these values will be configured below.

Enter root password:
Confirm password:
Enter admin password:
Confirm password:
Administrator email goes to [root@localhost]:
Support email should appear from [support@joyent.us]:

Entry	Description	Example

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root password	The password used to access the root account on the head node and compute nodes.	swordfish
admin password	The password used to access the admin account.	your_dogs_name
Administrator email goes to	The address that receives administrator mail.	admin@example.com
Support email should appear from	The "From" address for mail generated by SDC.	support@example.com

Summary and Final Edit

After the configuration program runs, it gives a summary of all the entries you made and asks you to confirm that they are correct.

```
Smart Data Center (SDC) Setup
Verify Configuration          http://wiki.joyent.com/sdcinstall
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Company name: Joyent Inc.
Datacenter Name: mxpc, Location: Milano, IT
Email Admin Address: root@localhost, From: support@joyent.us
Domain name: joyent.us, Gateway IP address: 151.1.224.129
      Net          MAC          IP addr.          Netmask          Gateway VLAN
      Admin 78:2b:cb:0a:77:e1      10.0.3.7      255.255.255.0          none none
      External 00:1b:21:91:a5:e0    151.1.224.130 255.255.255.192    151.1.224.129 102

Admin net zone IP addresses start at: 10.0.3.8
Provisionable IP range: 151.1.224.131 - 151.1.224.190
DNS Servers: (8.8.8.8, 8.8.4.4), Search Domain: joyent.com
NTP server: 151.1.135.200

Is this correct? [y]:

Your configuration is about to be applied.
Would you like to edit the final configuration file? [n]:
```

Entry	Description
Is this correct?	If you answer 'no', the installer configuration program runs again, using your previous entries as defaults. If you answer 'yes' you'll get the following question.
Would you like to edit the final configuration file?	If you answer 'no', the configuration program ends and head node setup begins. If you answer 'yes', the configuration program is loaded into a vi editor.

Setup and Reboots

After you answer "n" to the last question you will see the following.

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Where to Go Next

Please go to [Post Installation Configuration](#) to add external IP's to VM's, set up CloudAPI and perform other tasks to complete the initial set up of SDC.

None