# Redis for PCF®

Version 1.8

## User's Guide

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### Redis for PCF

Mote: Redis for PCF v1.8 is no longer supported. The support period for v1.8 has expired. To stay up-to-date with the latest software and security updates, upgrade to Redis for PCF v1.10 or later.

This is documentation for the Redis for PCF service tile. This tile can be downloaded from Pivotal Network 🗵.

This documentation:

- Describes the features and architecture of Redis for PCF
- Instructs the PCF operator on how to install, configure, maintain and backup Redis for PCF
- Instructs the App developer on how to choose a service plan, create and delete Redis service instances, and bind an app

### **About Redis**

Redis is an easy to use, high speed key-value store that can be used as a database, cache, and message broker. It supports a range of data structures including strings, lists, hashes, sets, bitmaps, hyperloglogs, and geospatial indexes. It is easy to install and configure and is popular with engineers as a straightforward NoSQL data store. It is used for everything from a quick way to store data for development and testing through to enterprise-scale apps like Twitter.

### **About Redis for PCF**

Redis for PCF packages Redis for easy deployment and operability on Pivotal Cloud Foundry (PCF). Redis for PCF can be used as a datastore or cache. Metrics and logging enable operators to monitor Redis health. Operators can configure scheduled backups to a variety of destinations. There are manual backup and restore scripts for individual service instances. New features are regularly introduced. Upgrading Redis for PCF is straightforward and preserves configuration and data.

## **Product Snapshot**

Version: v1.8.10

Release date: March 6, 2018

Software component version: Redis OSS v3.2.11 Compatible Ops Manager version: v1.9.0\*, v1.10.0\* Compatible Elastic Runtime version: v1.9.0, v1.10.0

GCP support? Yes vSphere support? Yes OpenStack support? Yes **AWS support?** Yes

Azure support? Yes IPsec support? Yes

## About Upgrading to the Latest Version

Consider the following compatibility information before upgrading Redis for PCF.

For more information, see the Product Version Matrix 🖫.

Ops Manager Version	Supported Upgrades from Imported Redis Installation	
Ops Manager Version	From	То
	v1.40 - v1.4.3	v1.4.4 – latest v1.4.x
	V1.40 - V1.4.3	v1.5.0 – v1.5.7

<sup>\*</sup> Ops Manager versions 1.9+ have support for securing metrics and logs through loggregator with TLS - this is enabled in Redis for PCF 1.8.



v1.5.x, v1.6.x	   v1.4.4	Next v1.4.x – latest v1.4.x	
	VI.T.T (dtest VI.T.A)	v1.5.0 – latest v1.5.x	
	v1.5.0 – latest v1.5.x	Next v1.5.x – latest v1.5.x	
v1.7.x	v1.5.0 – latest version	v1.5.1 – latest version	
v1.8.x	v1.5.17 – latest version	v1.6.0 – latest version	
v1.9.x – latest version	v1.6.0 – latest version	v1.8.0 – latest version	
v1.10.0 – v1.10.8	v1.7.2 – latest version	v1.8.0 – latest version	
v1.10.9 – latest version	v1.7.2 – latest version	v1.9.0 – latest version	
v1.11.x	v1.8.0 – latest version	1.9.0 - latest version	

### More Information

The following table lists where you can find topics related to the information on this page:

For more information about	See
product compatibility Product Version Matrix 🖫	
a particular version of Redis for PCF	Release Notes
how to upgrade Redis for PCF	Upgrading Redis for PCF
how to use Redis	Redis Documentation 🖫

### Redis for PCF and Other PCF Services

Some PCF services offer on-demand service plans. These plans let developers provision service instances when they want.

These contrast with the more common *pre-provisioned* service plans, which require operators to provision the service instances during installation and configuration through the service tile UI.

The following PCF services offer on-demand service plans:

- MySQL for PCF v2.0 and later
- RabbitMQ for PCF
- Redis for PCF
- Pivotal Cloud Cache (PCC)

These services package and deliver their on-demand service offerings differently. For example, some services, like Redis for PCF, have one tile, and you configure the tile differently depending on whether you want on-demand service plans or pre-provisioned service plans.

For other services, like PCC, you install one tile for on-demand service plans and a different tile for pre-provisioned service plans.

The following table lists and contrasts the different ways that PCF services package on-demand and pre-provisioned service offerings.

PCF service tile	Standalone product related to the service	Versions supporting on demand	Versions supporting pre- provisioned
RabbitMQ for PCF	Pivotal RabbitMQ	v1.8 and later	All versions
Redis for PCF	Redis	v1.8 and later	All versions
MySQL for PCF	MySQL	v2.x (based on Percona Server)	v1.x (based on MariaDB and Galera)
PCC	Pivotal GemFire	All versions	NA
GemFire for PCF	Pivotal GemFire	NA	All versions

### Feedback

Please provide any bugs, feature requests, or questions to the Pivotal Cloud Foundry Feedback list.



### Overview of Redis for PCF v1.8

This topic describes the significant new features in Redis for PCF v1.8. This topic also presents a checklist that you can use to decide if Redis for PCF is ready to meet your business requirements.

### Introduction

Redis for PCF v1.8 introduces the On-Demand Service, which provides dedicated instances of configurable Redis instances tailored for caching that App Developers can provision on-demand from the command line. The Redis for PCF On-Demand service is designed to improve the flexibility in how and when instances are provisioned and allows for more efficient and seamless resource use for both Operator and App Developer. Additionally, both Operator and App Developer can configure essential Redis settings. Redis for PCF v1.8 also packages the p-redis service from the earlier Redis for PCF tiles.

Redis for PCF's On-Demand Service leverages the on-demand service broker 🖫.

### New in This Release

The following features are new in Redis for PCF v1.8:

- Operator enabled plans Operators can enable and configure three service plans for dynamically provisioned instances with different memory and disk sizes.
- Operator set Redis properties Operators can set select Redis properties for each plan.
- Optimized for cache use cases- The default maxmemory-policy setting for these plans is allkeys-lru. This can be updated by the App Developer to other cache options.
- Quotas Operators can set plan-level quotas and a global quota across all on-demand instances.
- App Developer provisioned instances App Developers can create an Operator-configured plan from the command line.
- App Developer set Redis properties via arbitrary parameters— App Developers can set select Redis settings for each instance.

## On Demand Service Plan Descriptions

PCF Redis offers three on-demand plans as the p.redis service within the PCF Redis tile. Below is a description of each plan as it appears in the cf marketplace and its intended use case.

- Small Cache Plan- A Redis instance deployed to a dedicated VM, suggested to be configured with ~1 GB of memory and >3.5 GB of persistent disk.
- Medium Cache Plan A Redis instance deployed to a dedicated VM, suggested to be configured with ~2 GB of memory and >10 GB of persistent disk.
- Large Cache- A Redis instance deployed to a dedicated VM, suggested to be configured with ~4 GB of memory and >14 GB of persistent disk.

For each service plan, the operator can configure the **Plan name**, **Plan description**, **Server VM type** and **Server Disk type**, or choose to disable the plan completely.

## Additional Redis Configurations

The operator can configure further properties per plan beyond memory and disk sizes. Appropriate defaults have been pre-configured according to the memory/disk size of each plan.

Operators can update certain plan settings after the plans have been created. If the Operator updates the VM size, disk size, or the Redis configuration settings (enabling Lua Scripting, max-clients, timeout and TCP keep-alive), these settings will be implemented in all instances already created. Operators should not downsize the VMs or disk size as this can cause data loss in pre-existing instances.

Property	Default	Description
Redis Client Timeout	3600	Server timeout for an idle client specified in seconds (e.g., 3600).
Redis TCP Keepalive	60	The max number of connected clients at the same time.
Max Clients	1000/5000/10000 (small/medium/large)	The max number of connected clients at the same time.
Lua Scripting	Enabled	Enable/Disable Lua scripting



Application Developers can configure their Redis instances with arbitrary parameters. Please view the Redis documentation 🖫 for more detail.

Property	Default	Options	Description
maxmemory- policy	allke ys- lru	allkeys-lru, noeviction, volatile-lru, allkeys-random, volatile-ttl	Sets the behavior Redis follows when `maxmemory` is reached
notify- keyspace- events	cc >>	Set a combination of the following characters (e.g., "Elg"): K, E, g, \$, l, s, h, z, x, e, A	Sets the keyspace notifications for events that affect the Redis data set
slowlog-log- slower-than	10000	0-20000	Sets the threshhold execution time (seconds). Commands that exceed this execution time are added to the slowlog.
slowlog-max- len	128	1-2024	Sets the length (count) of the slowlog queue.

## **Enterprise-Ready Checklist**

Review the following table to determine if Redis for PCF v1.8 has the features needed to support your enterprise.

Plans and Instance	es	More Information
On-Demand, Dedicated-VM and Shared-VM plans	Redis for PCF provides On-Demand, dedicated VM and shared VM service plans.	Plans
Customizable plans	For the On-Demand Plan and Dedicated-VM plan, the operator can customize the VM and disk size.	Configuring
Installation and Up	ogrades	More Information
Product upgrades	Redis for PCF can be upgraded from v1.7 tiles	Upgrading Redis for PCF
Deployment Smoke Tests	Redis for PCF installation and upgrade runs a post deployment BOSH errand that validates basic Redis operations	Smoke Tests 🗵
Maintenance and I	Backups	More Information
Operational Monitoring and Logging	Redis for PCF v1.8 provides metrics for monitoring On-Demand plan usage and quotas and syslog redirection to external log ingestors.	Monitoring Redis
Backup and Restore	Redis for PCF v1.8 includes automatic backups on a configurable schedule to a variety of destinations for Dedicated-VM and Shared-VM plans, as well as scripts for backup and restore of service instances. The On-Demand plan does not offer this.	Manual Backup and Restore of Redis for PCF
Scale and Availabi	lity	More Information
Scale	Redis for PCF has been tested with 60 GB of data	
On-Demand Plan	Redis for PCF provides up to 50 on-demand instances across plans	
Ability to Scale Up / Down	Operators can scale VMs up, but not down	Configuring
Rolling Deployments	Redis for PCF does not support rolling deployments because it is single node; the service is unavailable during upgrades.	Upgrades
AZ Support	Assigning multiple AZs to Redis jobs does not guarantee high availability.	About Multiple AZs in Redis for PCF
Encryption		More Information
Encrypted Communication in Transit	Redis for PCF has been tested successfully with the BOSH IPsec Add-on	Securing Data in Transit with the IPsec Add-on

## About Multiple AZs in Redis for PCF v1.8

Redis for PCF v1.8 supports configuring multiple AZs. However, assigning multiple AZs to Redis jobs does not guarantee high availability.

• On-Demand plans can be assigned to any of the configured availability zones. However each instance still operates as a single node with no clustering.

- Shared-VM instances run on a single node in just one of the configured availability zones and are therefore not highly available.
- Dedicated-VM instances can be assigned to any of the configured availability zones. However each instance still operates as a single node with no clustering. This separation over availability zones provides no high availability.

### More Information

The following table lists where you can find topics related to the information on this page:

For more information about	See
the v1.8 releases	Release Notes

### **Release Notes**

### Redis for PCF v1.8.10

March 6, 2018

### Compatibility

- Compatible with stemcells of 3468.25+
- Uses Redis OS 3.2.11

#### **Known Issues**

- The redis-odb service broker listens on port 12345. This is inconsistent with other services.
- The **When Changed** option for errands has unexpected behavior. Do not select this choice as an errand run-rule. For more information about this unexpected behavior, see **Errand Run Rules** .

### Redis for PCF v1.8.9

February 7, 2018

### **Bug Fixes**

• Fixes a bug that blocks tile upgrades in some Pivotal Cloud Foundry (PCF) installations.

### Compatibility

• Uses Redis OS 3.2.11

### **Known Issues**

- The redis-odb service broker listens on port 12345. This is inconsistent with other services.
- The **When Changed** option for errands has unexpected behavior. Do not select this choice as an errand run-rule. For more information about this unexpected behavior, see Errand Run Rules 🖫.

### Redis for PCF v1.8.8

February 2, 2018

### Compatibility

• Uses Redis OS 3.2.11

Known Issues \* Due to a bug with the properties migration logic, tile upgrades in some PCF installations may be blocked.

- The redis-odb service broker listens on port 12345. This is inconsistent with other services.
- The **When Changed** option for errands has unexpected behavior. Do not select this choice as an errand run-rule. For more information about this unexpected behavior, see **Errand Run Rules** .

### Redis for PCF v1.8.7

November 9, 2017

### Compatibility

• Uses Redis OS 3.2.11

#### **Known Issues**

- Due to a bug with the properties migration logic, tile upgrades in some PCF installations may be blocked.
- The redis-odb service broker listens on port 12345. This is inconsistent with other services.
- The **When Changed** option for errands has unexpected behavior. Do not select this choice as an errand run-rule. For more information about this unexpected behavior, see Errand Run Rules .

### Redis for PCF v1.8.6

### September 22, 2017

#### **Bug Fixes**

- Lua Scripting is disabled by default for the on-demand service. It was previously enabled by default. Pivotal recommends that Lua Scripting be
- Allows for the on-demand broker resource to be set to 0 or 1. This eases the ability of Operators to avoid setting up the on-demand service.

### Compatibility

• Compatible with stemcells of 3445.11+

#### Known Issues

- Due to a bug with the properties migration logic, tile upgrades in some PCF installations may be blocked.
- lua-timeout-limit, a Redis configuration that is exposed to app developers through arbitrary parameters in v1.9, does not have any effect due to a bug in Redis v3.2.8.
- The redis-odb service broker listens on port 12345. This is inconsistent with other services.
- The **When Changed** option for errands has unexpected behavior. Do not select this choice as an errand run-rule. For more information about this unexpected behavior, see Errand Run Rules .
- Logs for service-backup and service-metrics releases are truncated when syslog is not configured.

### Redis for PCF v1.8.5

### August 29, 2017

### **Bug Fixes**

• Ensures all eviction policies are enforced when on-demand instance memory is full.

### Compatibility

• Uses On-Demand Service Broker v0.17.0

### Known Issues

- Due to a bug with the properties migration logic, tile upgrades in some PCF installations may be blocked.
- The on-demand broker cannot be set to 0. This means that the instructions for disabling the on-demand service cannot be followed.
- lua-timeout-limit, a Redis configuration that is exposed to app developers through arbitrary parameters in v1.9, does not have any effect due to a bug in Redis v3.2.8.
- The redis-odb service broker listens on port 12345. This is inconsistent with other services.
- The When Changed option for errands has unexpected behavior. Do not select this choice as an errand.
- Logs for service-backup and service-metrics releases are truncated when syslog is not configured.

### Redis for PCF v1.8.4

July 20, 2017

#### **Bug Fixes**

- On-demand service instances correctly pick up new Redis releases and stemcells when upgraded. This addresses a prior bug where pre-existing
  instances were not upgrading Redis Releases or Stemcells.
- On-demand smoke tests are skipped if the quota for on-demand service instances has been met. This addresses a prior bug where the smoke tests would fail if the quota had been met.
- Includes a bug fix in the control script for process-destroyer which prevents process-watcher from restarting periodically (every 10,000 seconds).

#### **Known Issues**

- Due to a bug with the properties migration logic, tile upgrades in some PCF installations may be blocked.
- The on-demand broker cannot be set to 0. This means that the instructions for disabling the on-demand service cannot be followed.
- lua-timeout-limit a Redis configuration that is exposed to app developers through arbitrary parameters in v1.9, do not have any effect due to a bug in Redis v3.2.8.
- The redis-odb service broker listens on port 12345. This is inconsistent with other services.
- The When Changed option for errands has unexpected behavior. Do not select this choice as an errand.
- On-demand instances may not correctly enforce eviction policies when memory is full.

### Redis for PCF v1.8.2

June 1, 2017

### Compatibility

• This release is compatibles with Stemcells 3363.24+.

#### **Features**

• Requires 2048-bit certificate length on Dedicated VMs.

### **Bug Fixes**

- Due to a bug with the properties migration logic, tile upgrades in some PCF installations may be blocked.
- Fixes a bug in v1.8.1 where the Dedicated-VM service experiences periodic restarts.
- Fixes the formatting for the new on-demand service in Apps Manager.
- Allows for Redis backups to all AWS S3 regions.

### Known Issues

- The on-demand broker cannot be set to 0. This means that the instructions for disabling the on-demand service cannot be followed.
- A bug exists in the control script for process-destroyer which causes process-watcher to restart periodically (every 10,000 seconds). The bug won't cause problems outside of making it more difficult to distinguish real issues reported by monit.
- New on-demand service instances do not pick up new stemcells beyond 3363.24.
- Upgrades of on-demand service instances from v1.8.0 and v1.8.1 to v1.8.2 do not take effect.
- lua-timeout-limit, a Redis configuration that is exposed to app developers through arbitrary parameters in v1.8, do not have any effect due to a bug in Redis v3.2.8.
- Redis smoke tests fail if the number of instances of a certain plan have reached the global quota. Either remove the smoke tests errand or increase your quota
- The redis-odb service broker listens on port 12345. This is inconsistent with other services.
- The When Changed option for errands has unexpected behavior. Do not select this choice as an errand.
- On-demand instances may not correctly enforce eviction policies when memory is full.

### Redis for PCF v1.8.1

May 17, 2017

Compatibility



- This release is compatible with Stemcells 3363.20+.
- Please refer to compatibility referenced in v1.8.0 release notes below. No other changes have been made.

#### **Features**

• No changes have been made to features. Please see our overview 🖫 for the new features in v1.8.

#### **Bug Fixes**

• Fixes a bug in v1.8.0 that causes a failure to install if the Director has a hostname configured in Ops Manager.

#### Known Issues

- Due to a bug with the properties migration logic, tile upgrades in some PCF installations may be blocked.
- The on-demand broker cannot be set to 0. This means that the instructions for disabling the on-demand service cannot be followed.
- A bug exists in the control script for process-destroyer which causes process-watcher to restart periodically (every 10,000 seconds). The bug won't cause problems outside of making it more difficult to distinguish real issues reported by monit.
- New on-demand service instances do not pick up new stemcells beyond 3363.20.
- Upgrades of on-demand service instances from v1.8.0 to v1.8.1 do not take effect.
- A bug exists where the Dedicated-VM service experience periodic restarts.
- lua-timeout-limit, a Redis configuration that is exposed to app developers through arbitrary parameters in v1.8, do not have any effect due to a bug in Redis v3.2.8.
- Redis smoke tests fail if the number of instances of a certain plan have reached the global quota. Either remove the smoke tests errand or increase your
  quota.
- The redis-odb service broker listens on port 12345. This is inconsistent with other services.
- The When Changed option for errands has unexpected behavior. Do not select this choice as an errand.
- On-demand instances may not correctly enforce eviction policies when memory is full.

### Redis for PCF v1.8.0

### May 5, 2017

### Compatibility

- This release is compatible with PCF v1.9+.
- Includes Redis v3.2.8.
- The redis-broker now listens on port 12350.
- $\bullet~$  The on-demand Service leverages the  $\,$  On-Demand Broker v0.15.2  $\,$   $\,$
- TLS is turned on for metric communications.
- All Redis instances now have a consul agent co-located for service discovery and DNS. This means instances must be able to listen on port 8301.
- For the on-demand service, the on-demand Service broker needs to talk to bosh director. This requires firewall rules to open TCP 8443 and 25555.

### **Known Issues**

- Due to a bug with the properties migration logic, tile upgrades in some PCF installations may be blocked.
- The on-demand broker cannot be set to 0. This means that the instructions for disabling the on-demand service cannot be followed.
- New on-demand service instances do not pick up new stemcells beyond the one they were installed with.
- lua-timeout-limit a Redis configuration that is exposed to app developers through arbitrary parameters in v1.8, do not have any effect due to a bug in Redis v3.2.8.
- Redis smoke tests fail if the number of instances of a certain plan have reached the global quota. Either remove the smoke tests errand or increase your quota.
- The **When Changed** option for errands has unexpected behavior. Do not select this choice as an errand and should change the defaults from 'When Changed' to 'On'
- Redis backups to AWS S3 are limited to standard region. Backups are only sent to AWS S3 buckets that have been created in the US Standard region 🖫 , "us-east-1."
- Fails to install if a hostname has been configured for the Director in Ops Manager.

- $\bullet$  The redis-odb service broker listens on port 12345 . This is inconsistent with other services.
- On-demand instances may not correctly enforce eviction policies when memory is full.



### Redis for PCF 1.8 Architecture and Lifecycle

### How Redis for PCF Configures Redis for On-Demand Service Plans

For On-Demand Plans, certain Redis configurations can be set by the operator during plan configuration, and by the App Developer during instance provisioning. Other Redis configurations cannot be changed from the default.

- Operator configurable Redis settings include: timeout, tcp-keepalive, maxclients and lua scripting. Please see the Operator Guide section of this documentation for more detail.
- App-Developer configurable Redis settings include: maxmemory-policy, notify-keyspace-events, slowlog-log-slower-than, and slowlog-max-len. Please see the App Developer guide of this documentation for more detail.

## How Redis for PCF Configures Redis for Dedicated-VM and Shared-VM Service Plans

For Dedicated-VM and Shared-VM plans, the default Redis configurations cannot be changed. A sample redis.conf from a Dedicated-VM plan instance can be viewed on Sample Redis Configuration

- Redis is configured with a maxmemory-policy of no-eviction. This policy means that when the memory is full, the service does not evict any keys or perform any write operations until memory becomes available.
- $\bullet$  Persistence is configured for both  $\fbox{RDB}$  and  $\fbox{AOF}$  .
- The default maximum number of connections, maxclients, is set at 10000 but this number is adjusted by Redis according to the number of file handles available.
- · Replication and event notification are not configured.

### Service Plans

Redis for PCF offers On-Demand, Dedicated-VM and Shared-VM plans.

### **On-Demand Service Plans**

- These plans are Operator-configured and enabled. Once enabled, App Developers can provision a Redis instance from that plan.
- You can disable any of the three on-demand plans in the plan's page in OpsManager.
- The maximum number of instances is managed at by a per-plan and global quota. The maximum number of instances cannot surpass 50.
- Operators can update the plan settings, including the VM size, disk size and Redis configuration settings, after the plans have been created. Operators should not downsize the VMs or disk size as this can cause data loss in pre-existing instances.
- maxmemory in redis.conf is set to 45% of the system memory
- App Developers can update certain Redis configurations.

### Shared-VM Service Plan

- This plan deploys a Redis instance inside the service broker VM.
- You can disable this plan by setting the Max instances limit on the Shared-VM plan tab in OpsManager to be 0.
- The maximum number of instances can be increased from the default 5 to a value of your choosing. If you increase the number of instances that can be run on this single VM, you should consider increasing the resources allocated to the VM. In particular RAM and CPU. You can overcommit to a certain extent, but may start to see performance degradations.
- You can also increase the maximum amount of RAM allocated to each Redis process (service instance) that is running on this VM
- If you decrease the service instance limit, any instances that are running where the count is now greater than the limit are not terminated. They are left to be removed naturally, until the total count drops below the new limit you cannot create any new instances. For example if you had a limit of 10 and all were used and reduced this to 8, the two instances will be left running until you terminate them yourself.



### Dedicated-VM Service Plan

- This plan deploys the operator-configured number of dedicated Redis VMs alongside the service broker VM.
- These instances are pre-provisioned during the deployment of the tile from OpsManager into a **pool**. The VMs are provisioned and configured with a Redis process ready to be used when an instance of the Dedicated-VM plan is requested.
- A default deployment will provision 5 instances of the Dedicated-VM plan into the **pool**. This number can be increased on the Resource Config tab in Ops Manager, either in the initial deployment, or subsequently thereafter. The number of VMs **cannot** be decreased once deployed.
- When a user provisions an instance, it is marked as in use and taken out of the **pool**.
- When a user deprovisions an instance, the instance is cleansed of any data and configuration to restore it to a fresh state and placed back into the pool, ready to be used again.
- You can disable this plan by setting the number of instances of the Dedicated node job in Ops Manager to 0.

### Downtime for Redis

Downtime is caused by a redeploy of the Redis tile. Here we attempt to clarify what changes will trigger a redeploy.

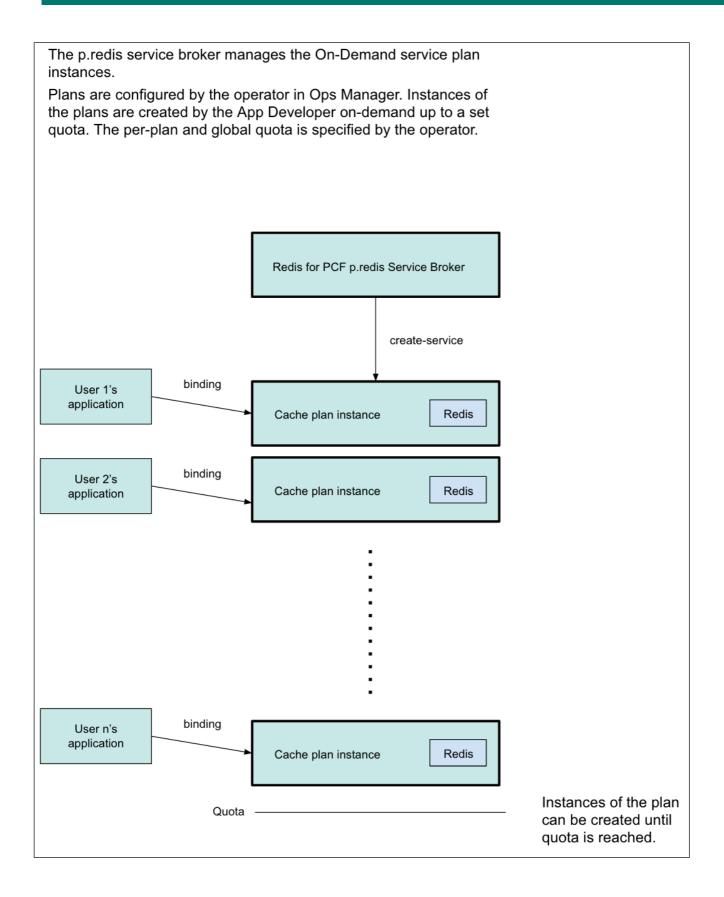
In Ops Manager, any field that changes the manifest will cause a redeploy of the Redis tile. Any property changes in ERT listed here will trigger downtime for the Redis On-Demand Broker. Note that this list is current at the time of writing (May 2017) but that dependencies with changing products mean that it will change.

- Consul Server Resource Config (..cf.consul\_server.ips)
- Runtime System Domain (\$runtime.system\_domain)
- Disable SSL certificate verification for this environment" in ERT (..cf.ha\_proxy.skip\_cert\_verify.value)
- Runtime Apps Domain (\$runtime.apps\_domain)
- NATS Resource Config (..cf.nats.ips)
- Service Networks in OpsManager (\$self.service\_network)

For Redis for PCF v1.8+, downtime for service instances will only occur once the Operator runs upgrade-all-service-instances BOSH errand after all tile upgrades have completed successfully. For Redis for PCF v1.7 and earlier and changes in v1.8 to the legacy offering (Dedicated-VM and Shared-VM plans), downtime is enforced as soon as the operator applies the referenced changes to ERT. Any changes to a field on the Redis tile, will cause BOSH to redeploy the legacy Redis Broker and the On-Demand Broker once upgrade-all-service-instances is run.

### Redis for PCF Architecture for On-Demand Service Plan

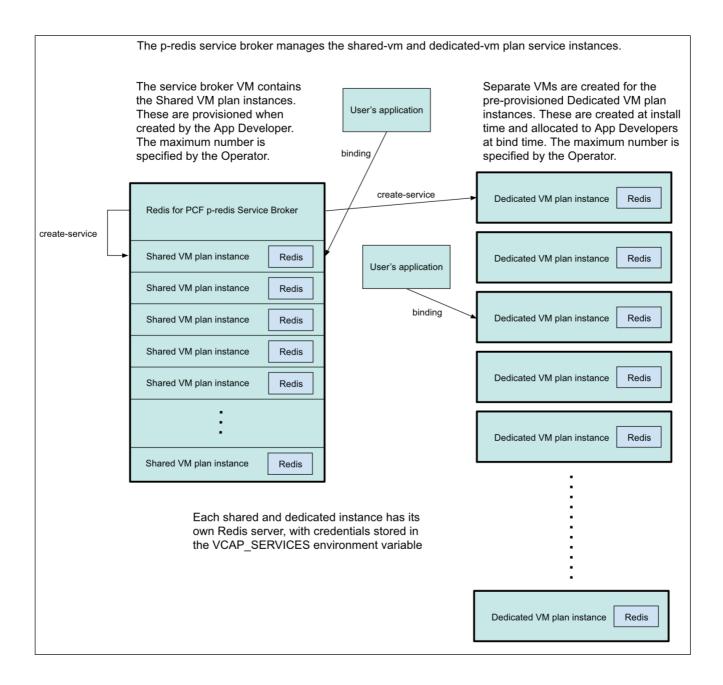
This diagram shows how the architecture of the service broker and On Demand plans and how the user's app binds to a Redis instance.



## Redis for PCF Architecture for Dedicated-VM and Shared-VM Service Plans

This diagram shows how the architecture of the service broker and Shared-VM and Dedicated-VM plans and how the user's app binds to a Redis instance.





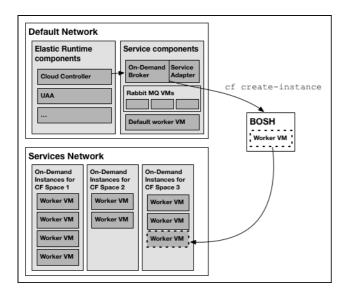
### Default Network and Service Network

Like other on-demand PCF services, on-demand Redis for PCF relies on the BOSH 2.0 ability to dynamically deploy VMs in a dedicated network. The on-demand service broker uses this capability to create single-tenant service instances in a dedicated service network.

On-demand services use the dynamically-provisioned service network to host the single-tenant worker VMs that run as service instances within development spaces. This architecture lets developers provision IaaS resources for their service instances at creation time, rather than the operator preprovisioning a fixed quantity of IaaS resources when they deploy the service broker.

An on-demand service splits its operations between the default network and the service network. Shared components of the service, such as executive controllers and databases, run centrally on the default network along with the Cloud Controller, UAA, and other PCF components. The worker pool deployed to specific spaces runs on the service network.





### BOSH 2.0 and the Service Network

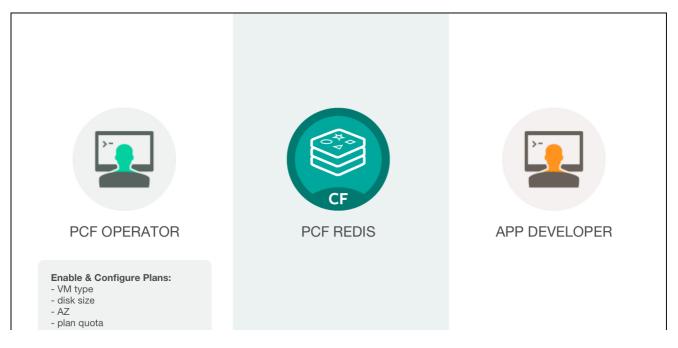
Before BOSH 2.0, cloud operators pre-provisioned service instances from Ops Manager. This is used in the Redis Dedicated-VM and Shared-VM plan. In the Ops Manager Director Networking pane, they allocated a block of IP addresses for the service instance pool, and under Resource Config they provisioned pool VM resources, specifying the CPU, hard disk, and RAM they would use. All instances had to be provisioned at the same level. With each create-service request from a developer, Ops Manager handed out a static IP address from this block, and with each delete-service it cleaned up the VM and returned it to the available pool.

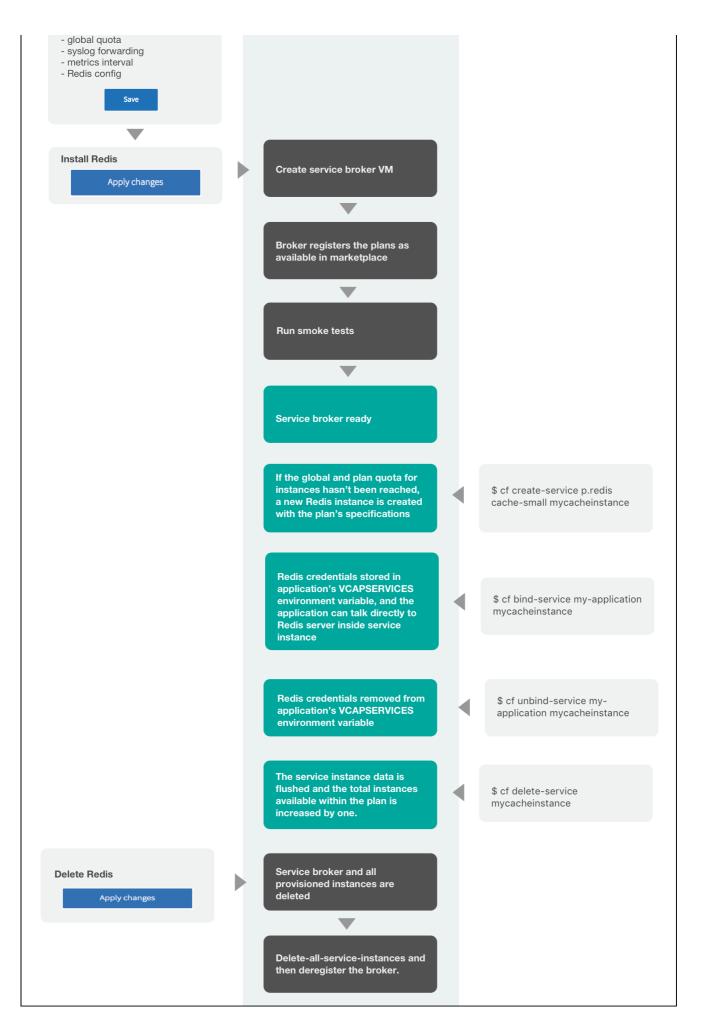
With BOSH 2.0 dynamic networking and Cloud Foundry asynchronous service provisioning, operators can now define a dynamically-provisioned service network that hosts instances more flexibly. The service network runs separate from the PCF default network. While the default network hosts VMs launched by Ops Manager, the VMs running in the service network are created and provisioned on-demand by BOSH, and BOSH lets the laaS assign IP addresses to the service instance VMs. Each dynamic network attached to a job instance is typically represented as its own NIC (Network Interface Controller) in the laaS layer.

Operators enable on-demand services when they deploy PCF, by creating one or more service networks in the Ops Manager Director Create Networks pane and selecting the Service Network checkbox. Designating a network as a service network prevents Ops Manager from creating VMs in the network, leaving instance creation to the underlying BOSH.

## Redis for PCF Lifecycle for On-Demand Service Plan

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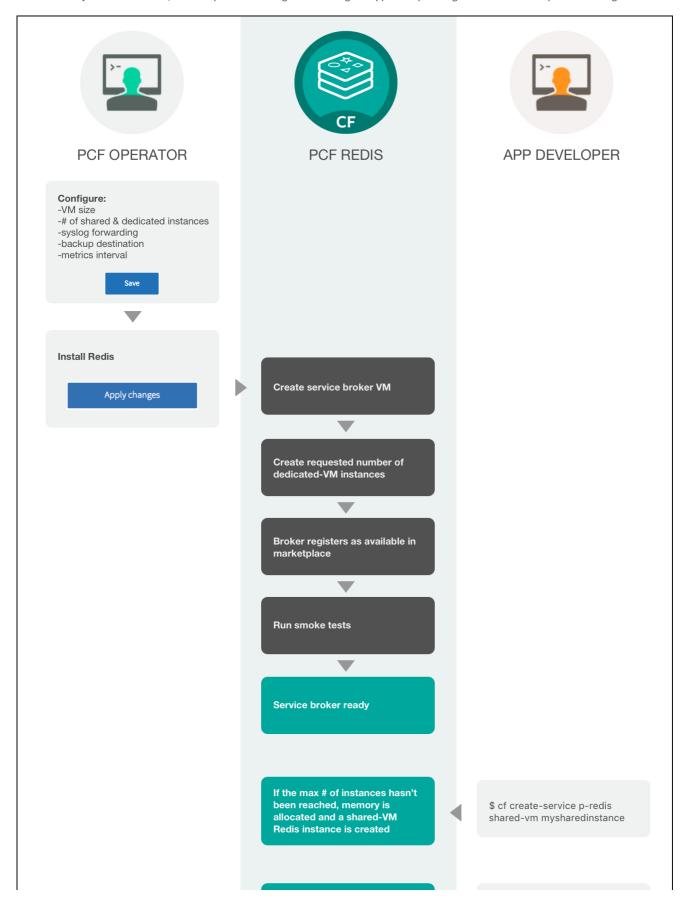


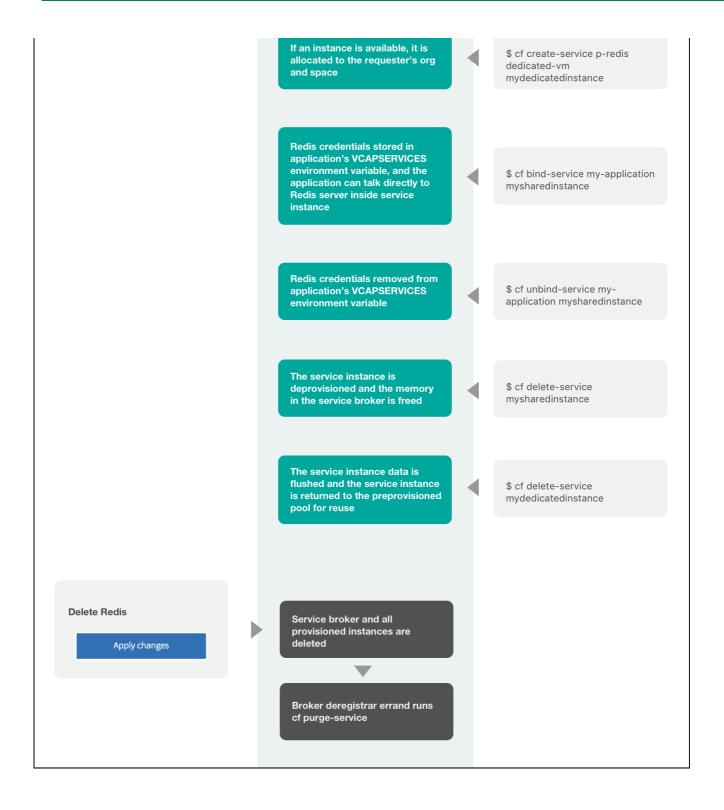




## Redis for PCF Lifecycle for Dedicated-VM and Shared-VM Service Plans

Here is the lifecycle of Redis for PCF, from an operator installing the tile through an app developer using the service then an operator deleting the tile.







### Redis for PCF Recommended Usage and Limitations

### **Recommended Use Cases**

Redis for PCF can be used as a cache or as a datastore. On-Demand plans, introduced in Redis for PCF v1.8, are designed for cache use cases. Dedicated-VM and Shared-VM plans are designed for datastore use cases.

Redis can be used in many different ways, including:

- Key/value store for strings and more complex data structures including Hashes, Lists, Sets, Sorted Sets
- Session cache persistence enables preservation of state
- Full page cache persistence enables preservation of state
- Database cache cache queries
- Data ingestion because Redis is in memory it can ingest data very quickly
- Message Queues list and set operations. PUSH , POP , and blocking queue commands.
- Leaderboards/Counting increments and decrements of sets and sorted sets using ZRANGE , ZADD , ZREVRANGE , ZRANK , INCRBY , GETSET
- Pub/Sub built in publish and subscribe operations PUBLISH , SUBSCRIBE , UNSUBSCRIBE

### Service Plan Recommended Usage and Limitations

### On-Demand Plans

- Each on-demand plan instance is deployed to its own VM and is suitable for production workloads.
- The maximum-number of on-demand plan instances available to developers is set by the operator and enforced on both a global and per-plan level quota. This quota cannot exceed 50.
- Select Redis configurations can be changed from default.
- The default maxmemory-policy is allkeys-lru and can be updated for other cache policies.
- Operators can update the plan settings, including the VM size, disk size and Redis configuration settings, after the plans have been created. Operators should not downsize the VMs or disk size as this can cause data loss in pre-existing instances.

Resource Usage Planning for On-Demand plans

Redis On-Demand plans use dedicated VMs and disks, which will consume IaaS resources. Operators can limit resource usage with Plan Quotas and a Global Quota, but resource usage will vary based on number of On-Demand instances provisioned.

If the number of on-demand instances is greater than or equal to the Global Quota set on the 'On Demand Service Settings' page, no new instances can be provisioned.

To calculate the maximum cost/ usage for each plan:

```
max_plan_resources = plan_quota x plan_resources
```

To calculate the maximum cost across plans, add together the cost/usage for each plan, while the quotas sum to less than the global quota.

```
While (plan_1_quota + plan_2_quota) s global_quota:
max_resources = (plan_1_quota x plan_1_resources) + ( plan_2_quota x plan_2_resources)
```

To calculate the current IaaS cost/ usage across On-Demand plans:

- 1. Current instances provisioned for all plans can be found by referencing the total\_instance metric as documented here
- 2. Multiple the total\_instance for each plan by that plan's resources. Sum all plans that are active to get your total current usage



current\_usage = (plan\_1\_total\_instances x plan\_1\_resources) + (plan\_2\_total\_instances x plan\_2\_resources)

### Dedicated-VM Plan

- Dedicated-VM plans are configured with maxmemory-policy = no-eviction and with RDB and AOF persistence.
- Each dedicated VM plan instances is deployed to its own VM and is suitable for production workloads.
- The number of Dedicated-VM plan instances available to developers is set by the operator. Configurations of up to 100 Dedicated-VM plan instances have been tested.
- No ability to change the Redis configuration. The CONFIG command is disabled.
- Cannot scale down the number of VMs on the plan once deployed.
- Cannot scale down the size of VMs on the plan once deployed (this protects against data loss).
- The default maximum number of connections, maxclients, is set at 10000 but this number is adjusted by Redis according to the number of file handles available.

### Shared-VM Plan

- Shared-VM plans are configured with maxmemory-policy = no-eviction and with RDB and AOF persistence.
- The Shared-VM plan does not manage 'noisy neighbor' problems so it is not recommended for production apps.
- The number of Shared VM instances available to developers is set by the operator. The maximum number of shared VM instances is relative to the memory allocated to each Shared VM instance and the total memory of the Redis service broker. Please see Configuring Service Plans for more detail.
- It cannot be scaled beyond a single virtual machine.
- The following commands are disabled: Config , Monitor , Save , BGSAVE , SHUTDOWN , BGREWRITEAOF , SLAVEOF , DEBUG , and SYNC .
- Constraining CPU and/or disk usage is not supported.
- The default maximum number of connections, maxclients, is set at 10000 but this number is adjusted by Redis according to the number of file handles
  available.

## Availability Using Multiple AZs

Redis for PCF 1.8 supports configuring multiple availability zones but this configuration does not provide high availability.

## **Downtime During Redeploys**

Redeploying PCF Redis for configuration changes or upgrades will result in Redis being inaccessible to apps for a brief period of time.

## Redis Key Count and Memory Size

Redis can handle up to  $2^{32}$  keys, and was tested in practice to handle at least 250 million keys per instance. Every hash, list, set, and sorted set, can hold  $2^{32}$  elements. VM memory is more likely to be a limiting factor than number of keys that can be handled.



## Redis for PCF Security

## Security

Pivotal recommends that Redis for PCF is run in its own network. For more information about creating service networks, see <a href="Creating Networks in Ops">Creating Networks in Ops</a> <a href="Manager@name="Manager">Creating Networks in Ops</a> <a href="Manager@name="Manager@name="Manager@name="Manager@name="Manager@name="Manager@name="Manager">Manager@name="Manager@name="Manager@name="Manager">Manager@name="Manager@name="Manager">Manager@name="Manager@name="Manager">Manager@name="Manager@name="Manager">Manager@name="Manager@name="Manager">Manager@name="Manager@name="Manager">Manager@name="Manager">Manager@name="Manager">Manager@name="Manager@name="Manager">Manager@name="Manager@name="Manager">Manager@name="Manager">Manager@name="Manager">Manager@name="Manager">Manager@name="Manager">Manager@name="Manager">Manager@name="Manager">Manager@name="Manager">Manager@name="Manager">Manager@name="Manager"/Manager"/Manager"/Manager</a> <a href="Manager">Manager</a href="Manager"/Manager"/Manager</a href="Manager"/Manager</a href="Manager"/Manage

Redis for PCF works with the IPsec Add-on for PCF. For information about the IPsec Add-on for PCF, see Securing Data in Transit with the IPsec Add-on 🗵.

To allow this service to have network access you must create Application Security Groups. For more information, see Networks, Security, and Assigning A7s



## Best Practices for Operating Redis for PCF

This topic is for PCF operators. It introduces some best practices, but does not provide details about operation.

### **Best Practices**

Pivotal recommends that operators do the following:

- Resource Allocation Work with app developers to anticipate memory requirements and to configure VM sizes. Redis for PCF is configured by default with small VMs. For information about configuring VM sizes, see Configure Redis Service Plans .
- Logs Configure a syslog output. Storing logs in an external service helps operators debug issues both current and historical.
- Monitoring Set up a monitoring dashboard for metrics to track the health of the installation. On-Demand instances do not have instance-level
  metrics in v1.8.
- Backing Up Data When using Redis for persistence, configure automatic backups so that data can be restored in an emergency. Validate the backed-up data with a test restore. On-Demand instances are configured for cache-uses and are not intended for backups.
- Errands Operators should not disable errands. This can cause unexpected behavior for instance changes made to a plan will not be implemented due to certain errands not being run. One exception is for diabling the on-demand service for fresh installs

### About Creating Backups of Redis Instances

You can back up Redis for PCF instances in two ways for Dedicated-VM and Shared-VM instances:

- Configure automatic backups to be run for each instance, across both service plans. For information about setting up automatic backups, see
   Configure Backups.
- Create manual backups of individual instances. For information about how to make manual backups of instances, see Manual Backup and Restore of Redis for PCF.

Note that backups are not available for on demand instances.

## About Monitoring Redis for PCF

### **Redis Metrics**

Redis for PCF emits Redis metrics via the firehose. Details here Metrics are not currently available at the instance-level for On-Demand instances.

### Logging

Syslog can be forwarded to an external log service.

 $Syslog\ for\ On-Demand\ instances\ conforms\ to\ RFC5424\ standards.\ This\ format\ is\ as\ follows:$ 

<\$PRI>\$VERSION \$TIMESTAMP \$HOST \$APP\_NAME \$PROC\_ID \$MSG\_ID [instance@47450 deployment="\$DEPLOYMENT" group="\$INSTANCE\_GROUP" az="\$AVAILABILITY\_ZONE" id="\$ID"] \$MESSAGE`

An example:

<13>1 2017-03-28T15:20:31.490350+00:00 10.0.16.35 redis-server 4951 - [instance@47450 director="us-pws" deployment="service-instance\_16e95f89-8d5a-4cb7-839d-79e5d026bd15" grou

The following example shows syslogs for Dedicated-VM and Shared-VM instances:



Nov 15 17:05:01 10.0.24.10 audispd: [job=dedicated-node index=4] node=7bfe8b1b-6c fd-4d33-b704-e9214ce6bb3e type=USER\_ACCT msg=audit(1479229501.290:86): pid=6655 ui d=0 auid=4294967295 ses=4294967295 msg='op=PAM:accounting acct="root" exe="/usr/sbi n/cron" hostname=? addr=? terminal=cron res=success'

For information about how to set up syslog output, see Configure Syslog Output.

## **Smoke Tests**

Redis for PCF has smoke tests that are run as a post-install errand by Ops Manager. Information on what they do is here . They can be run by the operator via bosh run errand smoketests.



## Installing and Upgrading Redis for PCF

### Download and Install the Tile

To add Redis for PCF to Ops Manager, follow the procedure for adding PCF Ops Manager tiles:

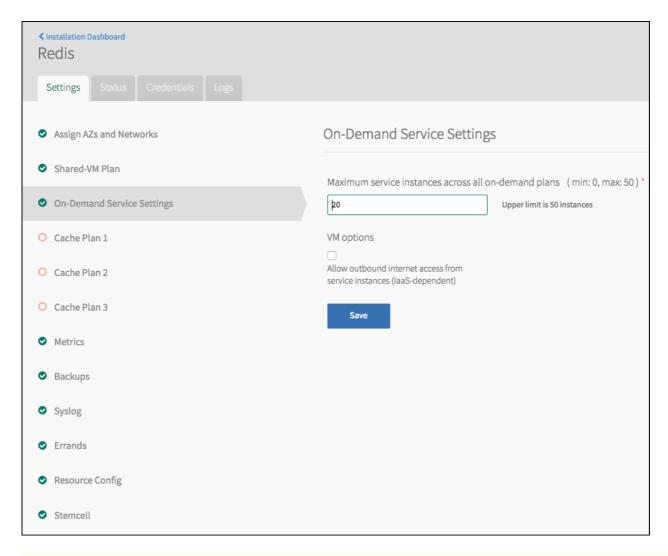
- 1. Download the product file from Pivotal Network 🔀. Select the latest release from the **Releases:** drop-down menu.
- 2. Upload the product file to your Ops Manager installation.
- 3. Click Add next to the uploaded product description in the Available Products view to add this product to your staging area.
- 4. (Optional) Click the newly added tile to configure your possible service plans, syslog draining, and backups.
- 5. Click  $\mbox{\bf Apply Changes}$  to install the service.

After installing, be sure to:

- Monitor the health and performance of your Redis instances by setting up logging 🖫.
- Understand the usage of different plans by setting up tracking of usage metrics 🔯 and updating the quota per plan if you run into issues.
- Communicate with your App Developers to understand how the plans are meeting their use case. You can update your plans, including resource sizing if your App Developers need to grow beyond the current plan's resource size.

### Configure Redis for PCF Service Plans

Select the Redis tile in the Ops Manager Installation Dashboard to display the configuration page, and allocate resources to Redis service plans.



Note: As of Redis for PCF v1.8, Redis for PCF requires that you define and select a service network for all service plans described below. However, if you are not using the on-demand service, you can create an empty service network by following instructions in this Knowledge Base article .

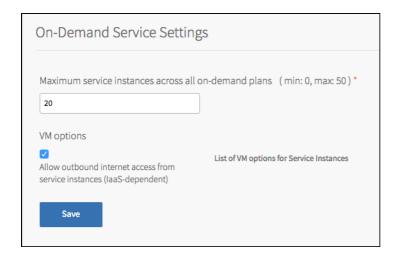
### On-Demand Service

1. Create a service network ☑, and select it in the **Assign AZs and Networks**tab.

From an IAAS perspective, creation of a service network is identical to any other network previously created for tiles on Ops Manager. The only change is that the Operator needs to mark the network as a "Service Network" in Ops Manager to instruct Ops Manager to not perform IP management in that network.

2. Click **On-Demand Service Settings**, and then enter the **Maximum service instances across all on-demand plans**. The maximum number of instances you set for all your cache plans combined cannot exceed this number.





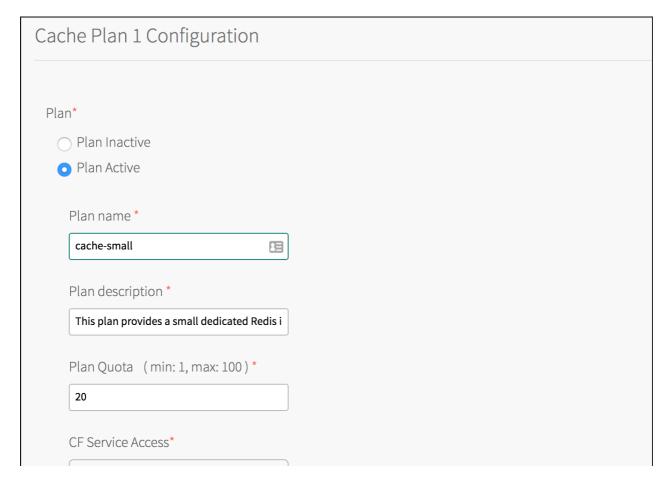
Review the guidance to understand the resource implications for on-demand instances.

- 3. Enable the **Allow outbound internet access from service instances** checkbox. This is critical for service instances to be able to use logs or backups. This the checkbox must be ticked if an external blob store has been configured for BOSH.
- 4. Click Cache Plan 1, 2, or 3 to configure it.

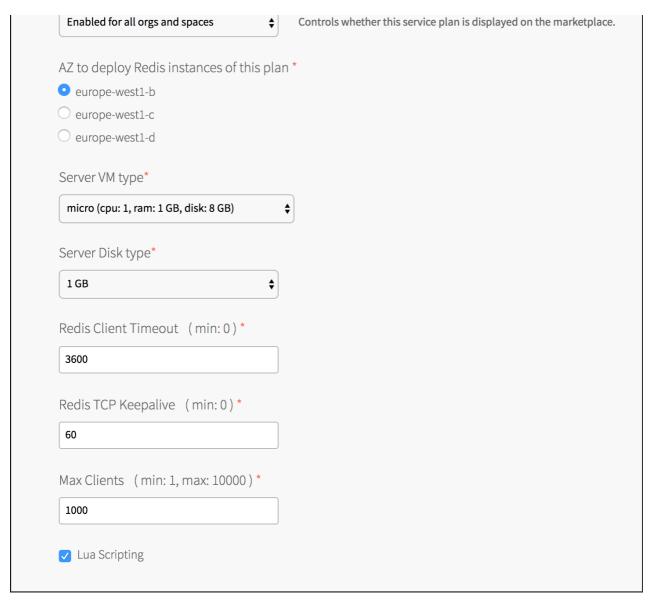
You can configure up to three cache plans with appropriate memory and disk sizes for your use case(s). Resource configuration options may vary on different IAASs.

The default names of the three cache plans provided reflect that instances of these plans are intended to be used for different cache sizes, as follows:

- o cache-small A Redis instance deployed to a dedicated VM, suggested to be configured with ~1 GB of memory and >3.5 GB of persistent disk
- **cache-medium** A Redis instance deployed to a dedicated VM, suggested to be configured with ~2 GB of memory and >10 GB of persistent
- o cache-large A Redis instance deployed to a dedicated VM, suggested to be configured with ~4 GB of memory and >14 GB of persistent disk







Configure the following settings for your cache plan(s). Any pre-populated default settings have been pre-configured according to the memory/disk size of each plan.

Field	Description	
Plan	Select Active or Passive. An inactive plan does not need any further configuration.	
Plan Name	Enter a name that will appear in the service catalog.	
Plan Description	Enter a description that will appear in the service catalog. Specify details that will be relevant to App Developers.	
Plan Quota	App Developers can create instances until this quota is reached.	
CF Service Access	Select a service access level. This setting does not modify the permissions that have been previously set, and allows for manual access to be configured from the CLI.	
AZ to deploy Redis instances of this plan	This is the AZ in which to deploy the Redis instances from the plan. This must be one of the AZs of the service network (configured in the Ops Manager Director tile).	
Server VM type	Select the VM type. Pivotal recommends that the <b>persistent disk should be at least 3.5x the VM memory</b>	
Server Disk type	Select the disk type. Pivotal recommends that the <b>persistent disk should be at least 3.5x the VM memory</b>	
Redis Client Timeout	Redis Client Timeout refers to the server timeout for an idle client specified in seconds. The default setting is 3600.  Adjust this setting as needed.	
Redis TCP Keepalive	Redis TCP Keepalive refers to the interval (in seconds) at which TCP ACKS are sent to clients. The default setting is 60. Adjust this setting as needed.	
Max Clients	Max Clients refers to the maximum number of clients that can be connected at any one time. Per plan, the default setting is 1000 for small, 5000 for medium and 10000 for large. Adjust this setting as needed.	



Lua Scripting Enable or disable Lua Scripting as needed. Pivotal recommends that Lua Scripting be disabled.

5. Click Save.

### **Updating On-Demand Service Plans**

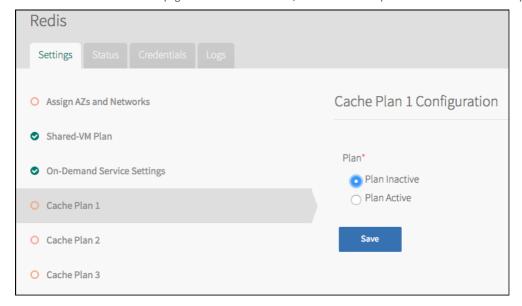
Operators can update certain settings after the plans have been created. If the Operator updates the VM size, disk size, or the Redis configuration settings (enabling Lua Scripting, max-clients, timeout and TCP keep-alive), these settings will be implemented in all instances that are already created.

Operators should not downsize the VMs or disk size as this can cause data loss in pre-existing instances. Additionally, Operators cannot make a plan that was previously active, inactive, until all instances of that plan have been deleted.

### Removing On-Demand Service Plans

If you want to remove the On-Demand Service from your tile, do the following:

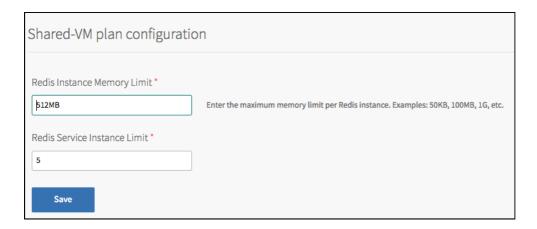
- 1. Go to the Resource Config page on the Redis for PCF tile, and set the Redis On-Demand Broker job instances to 0.
- 2. Navigate to the **Errands** page on the Redis for PCF tile. Set the following errands to **off**:
  - o Register On-demand Redis Broker
  - o On-demand Broker Smoke Tests
  - o Upgrade all On-demand Redis Service Instances
  - o Deregister On-demand Redis Broker
- 3. Create an empty service network. For instructions, see this Knowledge Base article 🔟.
- 4. Go to each of the three Cache Plan pages on the Redis for PCF tile, and set each cache plan to **Plan Inactive**. For example:



### Shared-VM Plan

- 1. As of Redis for PCF v1.8, you must create a separate service network. To use Redis for PCF without the On-Demand service, create an empty service network or to install the tile. Select the empty service network in the **Assign AZs and Networks**tab.
- 2. Select the **Shared-VM Plan** tab to configure the memory limit for each Redis instance and the maximum number of instances that can be created.





- a. Configure these fields:
  - Redis Instance Memory Limit—Maximum memory used by a shared-VM instance
  - o Redis Service Instance Limit—Maximum number of shared-VM instances

Memory and instance limits depend on the total system memory of your Redis broker VM and require some additional calculation. For more information, see Memory Limits for Shared-VM Plans below.

- 4. Click Save.
- 5. If you do not want to use the on-demand service, you must make all of the on-demand service plans inactive. Click the tab for each on-demand plan, and select **Plan Inactive**. See the example in Step 4 of Removing On-Demand Service Plans above.
- 6. To change the allocation of resources for the Redis broker, click the **Resource Config** tab.

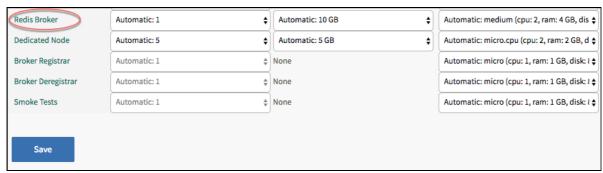
The Redis broker server runs all of the Redis instances for your Shared-VM plan. From the **Resource Config** page, you can change the CPU, RAM, Ephemeral Disk, and Persistent Disk made available, as needed.

### Memory Limits for Shared-VM Plans

Additional calculation is required to configure memory limits for shared-VM plans. With these plans, several service instances share the VM, and the Redis broker also runs on this same VM. Therefore, the memory used by all the shared-vm instances combined should be at most 45% of the memory of the Redis broker VM.

To configure the limits in these fields, estimate the maximum memory that could be used by all your Redis shared-VM instances combined. If that figure is higher than 45% of the Redis broker VM's total system memory, you can do one of the following:

- Decrease the Redis Instance Memory Limit.
- Decrease the number of instances in Redis Service Instance Limit.
- Increase the RAM for the Redis Broker in the **Resource Config** tab as shown below.



Here are some examples for setting these limits:

Redis Broker VM Total Memory	Redis Instance Memory Limit	Redis Service Instance Limit
16 GB	512 MB	14



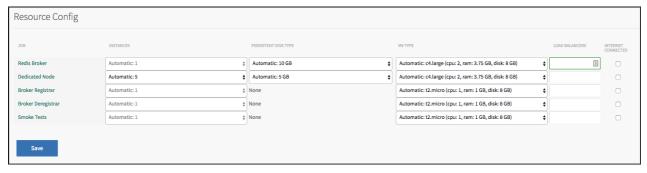
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16 GB 64 GB	512 MB	56	

Note: It is possible to configure a larger Redis Service Instance Limit, if you are confident that the majority of the deployed instances will not use a large amount of their allocated memory, for example in development or test environments.

However, this practice is not supported and can cause your server to run out of memory, preventing users from writing any more data to any Redis shared-VM instance.

### Dedicated-VM Plan

- 1. As of Redis for PCF v1.8, you must create a separate service network. To use Redis for PCF without the On-Demand service, create an empty service network in the Assign AZs and Networks tab.
- 2. To configure the Dedicated-VM plan, click the Resource Config tab to change the allocation of resources for the Dedicated Node.



- o The default configuration creates five dedicated nodes (VMs). Each node can run one Redis dedicated-VM instance.
- o You can change the number of dedicated nodes, and configure the size of the persistent and ephemeral disks, and the CPU and RAM for each
- The default VM size is small. It is important that you set the correct VM size to handle anticipated loads.
- With dedicated-VM plans, there is one Redis service instance on each VM. The maximum memory an instance can use should be at most 45% of the total system RAM on the VM. You can set this with the maxmemory configuration. The app can use 100% of maxmemory -that is, up to 45% of the system RAM.
- Pivotal recommends the persistent disk be set to 3.5x the amount of system RAM.
  - 1. Click Save.
  - 2. You must disable the On-Demand Service if you do not wish to use it. Please see the directions here 🖫.

### Configure Resources for Dedicated-VM and Shared-VM Plans

To configure resources for the Shared-VM and Dedicated-VM plans, click the Resource Config settings tab on the Redis for PCF tile.

- The Shared-VM plan is on the Redis Broker resource.
- The Dedicated-VM plan is on the **Dedicated Node** resource.

The following are the default resource and IP requirements for Redis for PCF when using the Shared-VM or Dedicated-VM plans:

Product	Resource	Instances	CPU	Ram	Ephemeral	Persistent	Static IP	Dynamic IP
Redis	Redis Broker	1	2	3072	4096	9216	1	0
Redis	Dedicated Node	5	2	1024	4096	4096	1	0
Redis	Broker Registrar	1	1	1024	2048	0	0	1
Redis	Broker De-Registrar	1	1	1024	2048	0	0	1
Redis	Compliation	2	2	1024	4096	0	0	1

### Disable Shared and Dedicated VM Plans

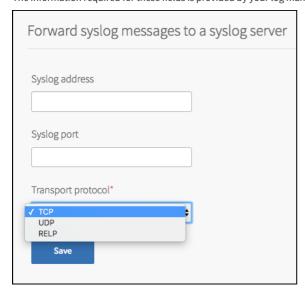
You can disable Shared and Dedicated VM Plans by doing the following while configuring Redis tile:

- 1. Ensure at least one On-Demand plan is active.
- 2. Configure the following tabs:
  - o Shared-VM Plan:
    - a. Set Redis Service Instance Limit to 0.
    - b. Click Save.
  - o Errands:
    - a. Set Broker Registrar to Off.
    - b. Set Smoke Tests to Off.
    - c. Set Broker Deregistrar to Off.
    - d. Leave all four On-Demand errands On.
    - e. Click Save.
  - · Resource Config:
    - a. Decrease **Redis Broker** Persistent disk type to the smallest size available.
    - b. Decrease **Redis Broker** VM type to the smallest size available.
    - c. Set **Dedicated Node** Instances to 0.
    - d. Click Save.

## Configure Syslog Output

Pivotal recommends that operators configure a syslog output. For On-Demand instances, all logs follow RFC5424 format. Dedicated-VM and Shared-VM plan instances are consistent with their previous format.

1. Add the Syslog address, Syslog port and transport protocol of your log management tool. The information required for these fields is provided by your log management tool.



2. Click the Save button.

## Networks, Security, and Assigning AZs

### **Network Configuration**

It is recommended that each type of Redis for PCF service run in its own network. For example, run a Redis for PCF on-demand service on a separate network from a Redis for PCF shared-VM service.



The following ports and ranges are used in this service:

Port	Protocol	Direction and Network	Reason	
8300 8301	tcp tcp and udp	Inbound to CloudFoundry network, outbound from service broker and service instance networks*	Communication between the CF consul_server and consul_agents on Redis deployment; used for metrics	
4001	tcp	Inbound to CloudFoundry network, outbound from service broker and service instance networks*	Used by the Redis metron_agent to forward metrics to the CloudFoundry etcd server	
12350	tcp	Outbound from CloudFoundry to the cf-redis-broker service broker network	(Only if using a cf-redis-broker) Access to the cf-redis-broker from the cloud controllers.	
12345	tcp	Outbound from CloudFoundry to the on-demand service broker network	(Only if using an On-Demand service) For access to the on-deman service broker from the cloud controllers	
6379	tcp	Outbound from CloudFoundry to any service instance networks (dedicated-node and on-demand)	Access to all dedicated nodes and on-demand nodes from the Diego Cell and Diego Brain network(s)	
32768- 61000	tcp	Outbound from CloudFoundry to the cf-redis-broker service broker network	From the Diego Cell and Diego Brain network(s) to the service broker VM. This is only required for the shared service plan.	
80 or 443 (Typically)	http or https respectively	Outbound from any service instance networks	Access to the backup blobstore	
8443 25555	tcp	Outbound from any on-demand service broker network to the bosh director network	For the on-demand service, the on-demand service broker needs to talk to bosh director	

<sup>\*</sup> Typically the service broker network and service instance network(s) are the same.

### **Application Security Groups**

To allow this service to have network access you must create Application Security Groups (ASGs) . Ensure your security group allows access to the Redis Service Broker VM and Dedicated VMs configured in your deployment. You can obtain the IP addresses for these VMs in Ops Manager under the **Resource Config** section for the Redis tile.

**Note**: Without ASGs, this service is unusable.

### **Application Container Network Connections**

Application containers that use instances of the Redis service require the following outbound network connections:

Destination	Ports	Protocol	Reason
ASSIGNED_NETWORK	32768-61000	tcp	Enable application to access shared vm service instance
ASSIGNED_NETWORK	6379	tcp	Enable application to access dedicated vm service instance

Create an ASG called redis-app-containers with the above configuration and bind it to the appropriate space or, to give all started apps access, bind to the default-running ASG set and restart your apps. Example:

```
{
  "protocol": "tcp",
  "destination": "ASSIGNED_NETWORK",
  "ports": "6379"
  }
}
```

### Assigning AZs

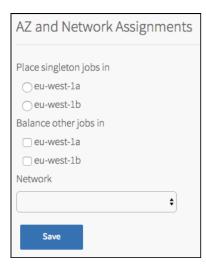
Assigning multiple AZs to Redis jobs will not guarantee high availability.

All of your Shared-VM instances will run on a single node in just one of the configured availability zones and are therefore not highly availabile.

Each On-Demand instance could be assigned to any of the configured availability zones, however each instance still operates as a single node with no

clustering. This separation over availability zones provides no high availability.

Each Dedicated-VM instance could be assigned to any of the configured availability zones, however each instance still operates as a single node with no clustering. This separation over availability zones provides no high availability.



## Validating Installation

Smoke tests are run as part of Redis for PCF installation to validate that the install succeeded. Smoke tests are described here 🔟.

## **Upgrading Redis for PCF**

This product enables a reliable upgrade experience between versions of the product that is deployed through Ops Manager.

The upgrade paths are detailed here 🖫 for each released version.

Note: As of Redis for PCF v1.8, Redis for PCF requires that you define and select a service network for all service plans types. Therefore, you must create a service network if you are upgrading to v1.8. However, if you are not using the on-demand service, you can create an empty service network by following instructions in this Knowledge Base article .

To upgrade the product:

- 1. Download the latest version of the product from Pivotal Network 🖫.
- 2. Upload the new .pivotal file to Ops Manager.
- 3. Upload the stemcell associated with the update (if required).
- 4. Update any new mandatory configuration parameters (*f required*). As part of this step, select a Service Network in the **Assign AZs and Networks** tab. See the **Note** above.
- 5. Click **Apply Changes** and the rest of the process is automated.

During the upgrade deployment each Redis instance will experience a small period of downtime as each Redis instance is updated with the new software components. This downtime is because the Redis instances are single VMs operating in a non HA setup. The length of the downtime depends on whether there is a stemcell update to replace the operating system image or whether the existing VM can simply have the redis software updated. Stemcells updates incur additional downtime while the IaaS creates the new VM while updates without a stemcell update are faster.

Ops Manager ensures the instances are updated with the new packages and any configuration changes are applied automatically.

Upgrading to a newer version of the product does not cause any loss of data or configuration. This is explicitly tested for during our build and test process for a new release of the product.

### **Release Policy**



When a new version of Redis is released we aim to release a new version of the product containing this soon after.

Where there is a new version of Redis or another dependent software component such as the stemcell released due to a critical CVE, Pivotal's goal is to release a new version of the product within 48 hours.

# Uninstalling Redis for PCF

To uninstall Redis for PCF, do the following:

- 1. In the PCF Ops Manager Installation dashboard, click the trash can icon in the lower right hand corner of the Redis for PCF tile.
- 2. Confirm deletion of the product, and then click **Apply Changes**.



# Configuring Automated Backups for Redis for PCF

#### Create Backups of Redis Instances

You can configure backups to be run for all instances, across dedicated-VM and shared-VM service plans. **Backups are not available for On-Demand instances.** 

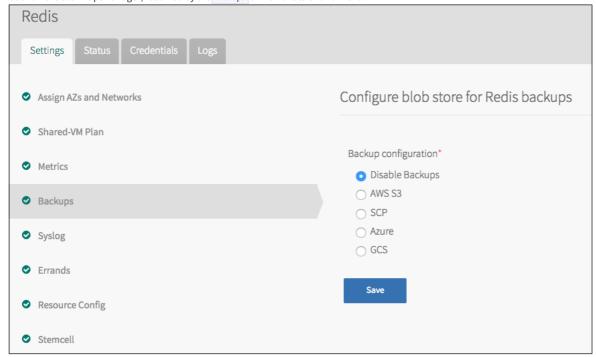
The key features are:

- Runs on a configurable schedule
- Every instance is backed up, across both service plans
- The Redis broker statefile is backed up
- For each backup artefact, a file is created that contains the MD5 checksum for that artifact. This can be used to validate that the artefact is not corrupted.
- You can configure AWS S3, SCP, Azure or Google Cloud Storage as your destination
- Data from Redis is flushed to disk, before the backup is started by running a BGSAVE on each instance
- Backups are labelled with timestamp, instance GUID and plan name

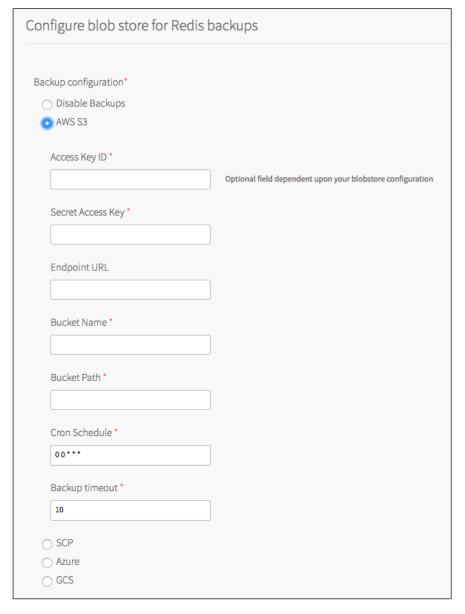
# Configuration

To enable backups, you will first need to choose your backup destination type - AWS S3, SCP, Azure or Google Cloud Storage.

Click on the tile in OpsManager, followed by the Backups link on the left hand menu.



# S3 backup fields



Field	Description	Mandatory/Optional
Access Key ID	The access key for your S3 account	Mandatory
Secret Access Key	The Secret Key associated with your Access Key	Mandatory
Endpoint URL	The endpoint of your S3 account, e.g. http://s3.amazonaws.com	Optional, defaults to http://s3.amazona ws.com if not specified
Bucket Name	Name of the bucket you wish the files to be stored in.	Mandatory
Path	Path inside the bucket to save backups to.	Mandatory
Backup timeout	The amount of time, in seconds, that the backup process will wait for the BGSAVE command to complete on your instance, before transferring the RDB file to your configured destination	Mandatory
Cron Schedule	Backups schedule in crontab format. For example, once daily at 2am is * 2 * * * . Also accepts a pre-defined schedule: any of @yearly , @monthly , @weekly , @daily , @hourly , or @every <time> , where <time> is any supported time string (e.g. </time></time>	

An AWS IAM policy describes the permissions related to your bucket. The minimum set of policies required in order to upload the backup files are:

#### Notes:

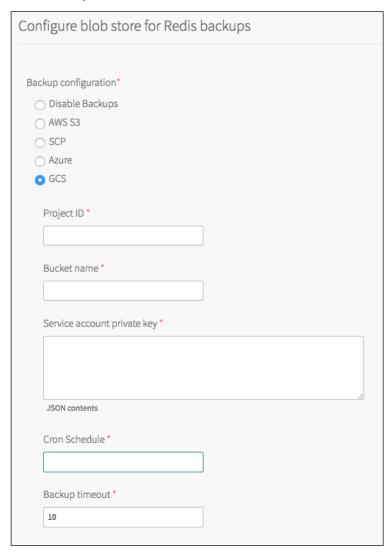
- s3:CreateBucket is only required if the S3 bucket does not exist.
- The additional s3:CreateBucket action is also required if the S3 bucket does not exist.

## SCP backup fields

/[ ]	nfigure blob store for Redis backups	
ac	ckup configuration*	
C	Disable Backups	
	AWS S3	
C	SCP	
	Username *	
	Private Key *	
	Hostname *	
	Destination Directory *	
	SCP Port *	
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Field	Description	Mandatory/Optional
Username	The username to use for transferring backups to the scp server	Mandatory
Private Key	The private ssh key of the user configured in Username	Mandatory
Hostname	The hostname or IP address of the SCP server	Mandatory
Destination Directory	The path in the scp server, where the backups will be transferred	Mandatory
SCP Port	The scp port of the scp server	Mandatory
Cron Schedule	Backups schedule in crontab format. Refer to table for S3 backups for details	Mandatory
Backup timeout	The amount of time, in seconds, that the backup process will wait for the BGSAVE command to complete on your instance, before transferring the RDB file to the scp server	Mandatory

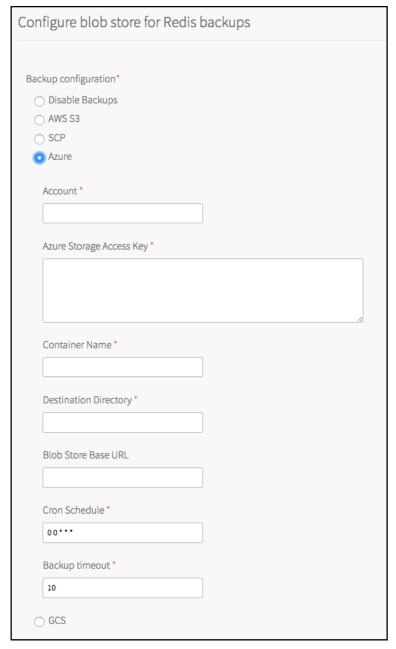
#### GCS backup fields



PCF Redis uses service account credentials to upload backups to Google Cloud Storage. The service account should have Storage Admin permissions. Please refer to the documentation 🖫 for details on how to set up a GCP service account.

Field	Description	Mandatory/Optional
Project ID	GCP Project ID	Mandatory
Bucket name	Name of the bucket you wish the files to be stored in.	Mandatory
Service account private key	The JSON Secret Key associated with your Service Account. See documentation 🗑 for details on how to set up service account keys.	Mandatory
Cron Schedule	Backups schedule in crontab format. For example, once daily at 2am is * 2 * * *. Also accepts a pre-defined schedule: any of @yearly, @monthly, @weekly, @daily, @hourly, or @every, where is any supported time string (e.g. 1h30m). For more information, see the cron package documentation.	Mandatory
Backup timeout	The amount of time, in seconds, that the backup process will wait for the BGSAVE command to complete on your instance, before transferring the RDB file to your configured destination	Mandatory

# Azure backup fields



Field	Description	Mandatory/Optional
Account	Account name	Mandatory
Azure Storage Access Key	Azure specific credentials required to write to the Azure container	Mandatory
Container name	Name of the Azure container which will store backup files.	Mandatory
Destination Directory	Directory where the backup files will be stored within the Azure container.	Mandatory
Blob Store Base URL	URL pointing to Azure resource	Optional
Cron Schedule	Backups schedule in crontab format. For example, once daily at 2am is * 2 * * *. Also accepts a pre-defined schedule: any of @yearly, @monthly, @weekly, @daily, @hourly, or @every, where is any supported time string (e.g. 1h30m). For more information, see the cron package documentation.	Mandatory
Backup timeout	The amount of time, in seconds, that the backup process will wait for the BGSAVE command to complete on your instance, before transferring the RDB file to your configured destination	Mandatory

#### Notes

For each backup destination, the field Backup timeout causes backups to fail after a configured timeout. Redis' BGSAVE will continue but backups will not be uploaded to destinations if this timeout is hit.



# Manually Backing up and Restoring Redis for PCF

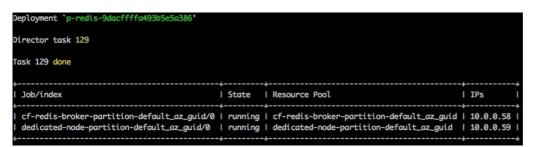
# Triggering a Manual Backup

Please note that this article is intended only for Dedicated-VM and Shared-VM service plans.

Backups of your Redis deployment will automatically occur per the Cron Schedule you set in your deployment. You can trigger manual backups at any time by following the steps below. The backup artifacts will be sent to the destination configured in Ops Manager for automatic backups.

- Follow these steps 🗵 to log into your Ops Manager installation and target the Redis tile deployment.
- Identify the VM which holds your instance by running bosh vms.
  - o For the shared-vm plan this will be the job name containing cf-redis-broker. Running manual-backup will back up all of the shared-vm instances and the broker state in the statefile.json file.
  - For the dedicated-vm plan this will be the job name containing dedicated-node. Running manual-backup will back up the Redis dump.rdb file for that dedicated-vm instance.
  - You can identify the exact node for your dedicated-vm service instance by comparing the IP Address from your application bindings.

An example output from bosh vms:



- Target the manifest of your deployed Redis with bosh deployment PATH-TO-MANIFEST.yml . If you do not have this file, you can download it by running bosh download manifest DEPLOYMENT-NAME .
- bosh ssh into the node you wish to back up (or the cf-redis-broker node in a shared-vm plan).

Once you have connected to the node, a manual backup can be triggered with these steps:

- 1. Switch to root using sudo -i.
- 2. Run /var/vcap/jobs/service-backup/bin/manual-backup

#### Notes

Triggering a manual backup of a large dump.rdb could take sufficiently long that your SSH connection will timeout. Ensure that you have given yourself enough of a timeout to complete the backup.

Back ups are currently not available for On-Demand instances.

1.8.2 enabled access to all AWS S3 regions (previously limited to the standard region, us-east-1). This requires specifying the region of your backup and the signature version used for your region. You can find this information here 💽. In most cases the default signature version will be sufficient.

# Making Your Own Backups

It is possible to create a back up of a Redis instance by hand, bypassing the automated backup tool altogether.

Persistence is enabled on these plans through the use of RDB files, using the following Redis config rules:

save 900 1 save 300 10 save 60 10000



#### Shared-VM Plan

You can either take the latest RDB file held on disk, which is generated by the above the rules, or trigger a recent update by using the redis-cli to trigger a BGSAVE. Credentials to log into the redis-cli can be obtained from VCAP\_SERVICES for your bound application.

The redis-cli is located in /var/vcap/packages/redis/bin/redis-cli .

On this plan, the BGSAVE command is aliased to a random string. This can be obtained from Ops Manager in the credentials tab.

#### Steps to Backup

- 1. bosh ssh into your desired node. See the above section on identifying the correct VM.
- 2. Change to root using sudo -i.
- 3. Copy the contents of the /var/vcap/store/cf-redis-broker directory to a .zip or .tar file.
- 4. Backup the folder / compressed file to your chosen location.

The /var/vcap/store/cf-redis-broker has sub-directories for each instance created of this plan. The backup file for each instance is called | dump.rdb |

For example, here are two instances:

```
root@66358f3e-3428-46df-9bb3-9acc7770b188:/var/vcap/store/cf-redis-broker# find -type f | xargs ls -1
/redis-data/3124f373-e9e2-44e1-ad12-a8865d8978b0/db/dump.rdb
/redis-data/3124f373-e9e2-44e1-ad12-a8865d8978b0/redis.conf
//redis-data/3124f373-e9e2-44e1-ad12-a8865d8978b0/redis-server.pid
/redis-data/62333bf9-f023-4566-b233-6686f26b8f4d/db/dump.rdb
/redis-data/62333bf9-f023-4566-b233-6686f26b8f4d/redis-server.pid
/redis-data/62333bf9-f023-4566-b233-6686f26b8f4d/redis-server.pid
/statefile.json
```

#### Dedicated-VM Plan

You can either take the latest RDB file on disk, as generated by the above rules, or trigger a more recent RDB file by executing the BGSAVE command using the redis-cli. Credentials can be obtained from the VCAP\_SERVICES from your bound application. The redis-cli can be found in var/vcap/packages/redis/bin/redis-cli.

#### Steps to Backup

- bosh ssh into your desired node. See the above section on identifying the correct VM.
- Change to root using sudo -i.
- Copy the contents of the /var/vcap/store/redis directory to a .zip or .tar file.
- Backup the folder / compressed file to your chosen location.

The backup file will be named dump.rdb.

# Restore Redis Instance from a Backup

#### To a Local System

You can choose to restore the RDB file to a local Redis instance.

The steps to do this depend on your configuration and setup. Refer to the Redis documentation 👿 for more details.

#### To Pivotal Cloud Foundry



You can also restore your backup file to another instance of the Redis for PCF tile.

#### Prerequisites

- Same resource configuration as the instance from which you backed up.
- Ensure that the persistent disk is large enough to accommodate the temporary files used during the restore process. It should be 3.5x the amount of RAM in the VM.

To restore your backup file to another instance of a Redis for PCF tile service instance:

- 1. Create a new instance of the plan that you wish to restore to.
- 2. Identify the VM which the instance of your plan is located on by following the steps from the Manual Backups section above. If you are restoring an instance of shared-vm, this VM is the broker VM.
- 3. bosh ssh into the identified VM. This is the broker VM if restoring a shared-vm instance.

Redis for PCF version 1.7 and later provides a script to automatically restore data in a newly provisioned Redis instance.

#### Preparation

- 1. Transfer your backup RDB file to a local path on the VM ( PATH-TO-RDB-BACKUP-ON-VM has to be under /var/vcap/store .
- 2. To verify that the RDB file hasn't been corrupted, run md5sum PATH\_TO-RDB-BACKUP-ON-VM and compare it against the contents of the .md5 file named after the backup file. The values should be the same. The .md5 file is located in the same bucket as the original backup file.
- 3. Switch to root user sudo su

#### Dedicated-VM Plan

The restore script will restore the data for the specified dedicated-vm instance.

#### Execution

- 1. Run /var/vcap/jobs/redis-backups/bin/restore --sourceRDB PATH-TO-RDB-BACKUP-ON-VM .
- 2. Tail the script logs at <a href="https://var/vcap/sys/log/redis-backups/redis-backups.log">/var/vcap/sys/log/redis-backups/redis-backups.log</a> to see progress. When the data restore has been successfully completed, you will see the message <a href="Redis">Redis</a> data restore completed successfully .

#### Debugging

The data restore script runs the steps listed below. It logs its process along the way and provides helpful messages in case of failure.

The script logs at /var/vcap/sys/log/redis-backups/redis-backups.log .

If a step has failed, resolve the reason that caused it to fail and execute the failed step and every next step manually. You can retrieve [instance\_password] through the binding to your service instance: cf service-key {instance\_name} {key\_name}]

1. StopAll

Run monit stop all

2. WaitForStop

Wait for monit services to enter the not monitored state, you can watch this with watch monit summary

3. DeleteExistingPersistenceFiles

Clean up existing Redis data files:

- o rm -f /var/vcap/store/redis/appendonly.aof
- o rm -f /var/vcap/store/redis/dump.rdb
- 4. CopyBackupFileWithCorrectPermissions

```
Restore your Redis backup file to /var/vcap/store/redis/dump.rdb and correct the owner and permissions with
    chown vcap:vcap /var/vcap/store/redis/dump.rdb && chmod 660 /var/vcap/store/redis/dump.rdb
 5. SetAppendOnly
   Edit the template Redis config file with vim $(find /var/vcap/data/jobs/-name redis.conf)` and make the following line changes:
     o appendonly yes -> appendonly no
 6. StartAll
   Run monit start all
 7. WaitForStart
   Wait for monit services to enter the running state, you can watch this with watch monit summary
 8. RewriteAOF
   Run /var/vcap/packages/redis/bin/redis-cli -a {instance_password} BGREWRITEAOF
 9. RewriteAOF
   Run watch "/var/vcap/packages/redis/bin/redis-cli -a {instance_password} INFO | grep aof_rewrite_in_progress" until
   aof_rewrite_in_progress is 0
10. StopAll
   Run monit stop all
11. WaitForStop
   Wait for monit services to enter the not monitored state, you can watch this with watch monit summary
12. ChownToUserAndGroup
   Set correct owner on appendonly.aof by running chown vcap:vcap /var/vcap/store/redis/appendonly.aof
13. SetAppendOnly
   Edit the template Redis config file with vim $(find /var/vcap/data/jobs/ -name redis.conf) and make the following line changes:
     o appendonly no -> appendonly yes
14. StartAll
   Run monit start all
```

#### Shared-VM Plan

The restore script will restore the data for the specified shared-vm instance.

#### Execution

- 1. Retrieve {instance\_guid} by running: cf service {instance\_name} --guid
- $2. \ \ \, \text{Run} \ \ \, \text{[\normalfill]} \ \ \, \text{(\normalfill]} \ \ \ \, \text{(\normalfill]} \ \ \ \, \text{(\normalfill]} \ \ \, \text{(\normalfill]} \ \ \ \, \text{(\normalfilll$
- 3. Tail the script logs at <a href="https://var/vcap/sys/log/redis-backups/redis-backups.log">https://var/vcap/sys/log/redis-backups/redis-backups.log</a> to see progress. When the data restore has been successfully completed, you will see the message Redis data restore completed successfully.

#### Debugging

The data restore script runs the steps listed below. It logs its process along the way and provides helpful messages in case of failure.

If a step has failed, resolve the reason that caused it to fail and execute the failed step and every next step manually. You can retrieve {instance\_password} and {port} through the binding to your service instance: cf service-key {instance\_name} {key\_name}

1. StopAll Run monit stop all

```
2. WaitForStop
   Wait for monit services to enter the not monitored state, you can watch this with watch monit summary
3. SetConfigCommand
   Edit the template Redis config file with vim /var/vcap/store/cf-redis-broker/redis-data/{instance_guid}/redis.conf and comment out
   the line:
     o rename-command CONFIG "configalias" -> #rename-command CONFIG "configalias"
4. SetRewriteCommand
   Edit the template Redis config file with vim /var/vcap/store/cf-redis-broker/redis-data/{instance_guid}/redis.conf and comment out
   the line:
     o rename-command BGREWRITEAOF "" -> #rename-command BGREWRITEAOF ""
5. DeleteExistingPersistenceFiles
   Clean up existing Redis data files if they exist:
     o rm -f /var/vcap/store/cf-redis-broker/redis-data/{instance_guid}/db/appendonly.aof
     o rm -f /var/vcap/store/cf-redis-broker/redis-data/{instance_guid}/db/dump.rdb
6. CopyBackupFileWithCorrectPermissions
   Restore your Redis backup file to | var/vcap/store/cf-redis-broker/redis-data/{instance_guid}/db/dump.rdb | and correct the owner and
   permissions with
    redis-broker/redis-data/{instance_guid}/db/dump.rdb
 7. SetAppendOnly
   Edit the template Redis config file with vim /var/vcap/store/cf-redis-broker/redis-data/{instance_guid}/redis.conf | and make the
   following line changes:
     o appendonly yes -> appendonly no
8. StartAll
   Run monit start all
9. WaitForStart
   Wait for monit services to enter the running state, you can watch this with watch monit summary
10. RewriteAOF
   Run /var/vcap/packages/redis/bin/redis-cli -a {instance_password} BGREWRITEAOF
   Run watch "/var/vcap/packages/redis/bin/redis-cli -a {instance_password} INFO | grep_aof_rewrite_in_progress" until
   aof_rewrite_in_progress is 0
12. StopAll
   Run monit stop all
13. WaitForStop
   Wait for monit services to enter the not monitored state, you can watch this with watch monit summary
14. ChownToUserAndGroup
   Set correct owner on appendonly.aof by running chown vcap:vcap /var/vcap/store/redis/appendonly.aof
15. SetAppendOnly
   Edit the template Redis config file with vim /var/vcap/store/cf-redis-broker/redis-data/{instance_guid}/redis.conf | and make the
   following line changes:
     o appendonly no -> appendonly yes
16. SetConfigCommand
   Edit the template Redis config file with vim /var/vcap/store/cf-redis-broker/redis-data/{instance_guid}/redis.conf and uncomment the
   line: #rename-command CONFIG "configalias" -> rename-command CONFIG "configalias"
17. SetRewriteCommand
   Edit the template Redis config file with vim /var/vcap/store/cf-redis-broker/redis-data/{instance_guid}/redis.conf and uncomment the
   line: #rename-command BGREWRITEAOF "" -> rename-command BGREWRITEAOF ""
```



18. StartAll Run monit start all

# Recovering Redis Instances

In the event of a recovery of Cloud Foundry, it is possible to recover bound Redis instances to healthy states that are in sync with Cloud Foundry. There are a few caveats to being able to recover previous instance state fully that depend on your plan.

#### Shared-VM Plan Caveats

- You need a backed up RDB Redis dump file this would be stored in your S3 buckets if you have backups configured
- You need a backed up /var/vcap/store/cf-redis-broker/redis-data directory from the service broker node (you do not need to backup and \*.aof or \*.rdb files from subdirectories if you have backups configured)

#### Dedicated-VM Plan Caveats

- You need a backed up RDB Redis dump file this would be stored in your S3 buckets if you have backups configured
- You need a backed up /var/vcap/store/redis/statefile.json from the service broker node

#### Note

This procedure assumes that a recovery of service information and service keys assigned to instances are restored with a restore of Cloud Foundry.

#### **Recovery Procedure**

After redeploying Redis, take the following steps.

#### Shared-VM Plan

- 1. bosh ssh into the service broker node of your Redis deployment
- 2. Run monit stop all && pkill redis-server
- 3. Wait for monit services to enter the not monitored state, you can watch this with watch monit summary
- 4. Confirm no running instances of redis-server with ps aux | grep redis-server
- 5. Copy the backed up redis-data directory into /var/vcap/store/cf-redis-broker
- 6. Follow the instructions here for your plan, skipping the first four steps described here, for restoring your backed up Redis data
- 7. Your Redis instance is now recovered

#### Dedicated-VM Plan

- 1. bosh ssh into the service broker node of your Redis deployment
- 2. Run monit stop all
- $\textbf{3. Wait for monit services to enter the} \quad \textbf{not monitored} \quad \textbf{state, you can watch this with} \quad \textbf{watch monit summary} \\$
- 4. Copy the backed up /var/vcap/store/cf-redis-broker/statefile.json and ensure ownership and permissions are correct with chown vcap:vcap /var/vcap/store/redis/dump.rdb && chmod 660 /var/vcap/store/redis/dump.rdb
- 5. Follow the instructions here for your plan, skipping the first three steps described here, for restoring your backed up Redis data



6. Your Redis instance is now recovered

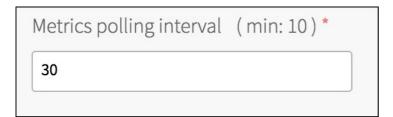


### Monitoring Redis for PCF

The PCF firehose exposes Redis metrics. For the On-Demand service plan, instance-level metrics are not available. The available On-Demand service metrics are listed below

#### **Polling Interval**

The metrics polling interval defaults to 30 seconds. This can be changed by navigating to the Metrics configuration page and entering a new value in **Metrics polling interval (min: 10).** 



Third-party monitoring tools can consume Redis metrics to monitor Redis performance and health. For an example Datadog configuration that displays some of the significant metrics outlined below, see the <a href="CF Redis example dashboard">CF Redis example dashboard</a>. Pivotal does not endorse or provide support for any third party solution.

# Monitoring Current Instances and Quotas Remaining

The following examples shows the number of total provisioned instances for On-Demand Plans across all On-Demand plans and for a specific On-Demand plan:

origin:"p.redis" eventType:ValueMetric timestamp:1491922454382895846 deployment: "redis-on-demand-broker" job: "redis-on-demand-broker" index: "3d004de5-1dae-4bcf-9af8-7b18e1e5b396 deployment: "redis-on-demand-broker" job: "redis-on-demand-broker" jo

origin:"p.redis" eventType:ValueMetric timestamp:1491922454382812931 deployment:"redis-on-demand-broker" job:"redis-on-demand-broker" index:"3d004de5-1dae-4bcf-9af8-7b18e1e5b39

The following examples shows the number of available instances for On-Demand Plans across all On-Demand plans and for a specific On-Demand plan:

origin:"p.redis" eventType:ValueMetric timestamp:1491922966211762492 deployment:"redis-on-demand-broker" job:"redis-on-demand-broker" index:"3d004de5-1dae-4bcf-9af8-7b18e1e5b39

origin:"p.redis" eventType:ValueMetric timestamp:1491922966211730803 deployment:"redis-on-demand-broker" job:"redis-on-demand-broker" index:"3d004de5-1dae-4bcf-9af8-7b18e1e5b39a

The following example shows the number of available instances for the Dedicated-VM plan metric:

origin:"p-redis" eventType:ValueMetric timestamp:1480084323333475533 deployment:"cf-redis" job:"cf-redis-broker" index:"3be5f4b9-cdf3-45c4-a3b2-19d923d63a01" ip:"10.0.1.49" valueMetric

#### **Redis Metrics**

Redis emits a number of metrics that can be used to monitor the health and performance of your Redis deployment. Currently these metrics are only available for dedicated-VM and shared-VM plans. On-demand broker metrics can be seen here

#### keyspace\_hits

Description	Number of successful lookups of keys in the main dictionary. "/p-redis/info/stats/keyspace_hits"
Significance	In conjunction with keyspace_misses, it can be used to calculate the hit ratio.
Notes	A successful lookup is a lookup on a key that exists.



### keyspace\_misses

Description	Number of unsuccessful lookups of keys in the main dictionary. "/p-redis/info/stats/keyspace_misses"
Significance	In conjunction with keyspace_hits, it can be used to calculate the hit ratio.
Notes	An unsuccessful lookup is a lookup on a key that does not exist.

#### used\_memory

Description	Number of bytes allocated by Redis. "/p-redis/info/memory/used_memory"
Significance	Grows as the number of unsaved keys increases.

#### maxmemory

Description	Maximum number of bytes available in Redis. "/p-redis/info/memory/maxmemory"
Significance	Indicates the max memory available in Redis.

### blocked\_clients

Description	Number of connected clients pending on a blocking call. "/p-redis/info/clients/blocked_clients"
Significance	Can be used as an indicator to detect deadlocks.

#### connected\_clients

Description	Number of clients connected to the Redis instance. "/p-redis/info/clients/connected_clients"
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## rdb\_changes\_since\_last\_save

Description	Number of keys currently in memory. "/p-redis/info/persistence/rdb_changes_since_last_save"
Significance	Memory usage grows in proportion to the number of keys in memory. If the Redis instance is stopped ungracefully, these changes may be lost.
Notes	Performing a BGSAVE writes these keys to disk and frees up memory.

## $total\_commands\_processed$

Description	Total number of commands processed by Redis. "/p-redis/info/stats/total_commands_processed"
Significance	A crude indicator of activity. Can be used in conjunction with uptime_in_seconds.

### mem\_fragmentation\_ratio

Description	Ratio of memory allocated by the operating system to the memory requested by Redis. "/p-redis/info/memory/mem_fragmentation_ratio"
Significance	A ratio in excess of 1.5 indicates excessive fragmentation, with your Redis instance consuming 150% of the physical memory it requested

## total\_instances [Dedicated VM]



Description	Total number of dedicated_vm instances of Redis. "/p-redis/service-broker/dedicated_vm_plan/total_instances"
Significance	Used in conjunction with available_instances, provides information about used instances.

#### available\_instances [Dedicated VM]

Description	Number of available dedicated-vm instances of Redis. "/p-redis/service-
	broker/dedicated_vm_plan/available_instances"
Significance	If zero, no more instances are available.

#### total\_instances [Shared-VM]

Description	Total number of shared-vm instances of Redis. "/p-redis/service-broker/shared_vm_plan/total_instances"
Significance	Used in conjunction with available_instances, provides information about used instances.

#### available\_instances [Shared-VM]

Description	Number of available shared_vm instances of Redis. "/p-redis/service-broker/shared_vm_plan/available_instances"
Significance	If zero, no more instances are available.

#### total\_instances [Across on-demand plans]

Description	Total number of on-demand instances of Redis available for all plans. "/on-demand-broker/p.redis/total_instances"
Significance	Used in conjunction with total_instances , provides information about used instances.

#### available\_instances [Across on-demand plans]

Description	Number of available on-demand instances of Redis available for all plans. "/on-demand-broker/p.redis/quota_remaining"
Significance	If zero, no more instances are available.

## total\_instances [Per on-demand plan]

Description	Total number of on-demand instances of Redis available for a specific plan. "/on-demand-broker/p.redis/{plan_name}/total_instances"
Significance	Used in conjunction with total_instances, provides information about used instances per plan.

#### available\_instances [Per on-demand plan]

Description	Number of available on-demand instances of Redis. "/on-demand-broker/p.redis/{plan_name}/quota_remaining"
Significance	If zero, no more instances are available per plan.

#### Other Metrics

Redis also exposes the following metrics. for more information, see the Redis documentation 🔟.

- arch\_bits
- uptime\_in\_seconds
- uptime\_in\_days
- hz
- lru\_clock
- client\_longest\_output\_list
- client biggest input buf
- used\_memory\_rss
- used\_memory\_peak
- used\_memory\_lua
- mem\_fragmentation\_ratio
- loading
- rdb\_bgsave\_in\_progress
- rdb\_last\_save\_time
- rdb\_last\_bgsave\_time\_sec
- rdb\_current\_bgsave\_time\_sec
- aof\_rewrite\_in\_progress
- aof\_rewrite\_scheduled
- aof\_last\_rewrite\_time\_sec
- aof\_current\_rewrite\_time\_sec
- total\_connections\_received
- total\_commands\_processed
- instantaneous\_ops\_per\_sec
- total\_net\_input\_bytes
- total\_net\_output\_bytes
- instantaneous\_input\_kbps
- instantaneous\_output\_kbps
- rejected\_connections
- sync\_full
- sync\_partial\_ok
- sync\_partial\_err
- expired\_keys
- evicted\_keys
- keyspace\_hits
- keyspace\_misses
- pubsub\_channels
- pubsub\_patterns
- latest\_fork\_usec
- migrate\_cached\_sockets
- connected\_slaves
- master\_repl\_offset
- repl\_backlog\_active
- repl\_backlog\_size
- repl\_backlog\_first\_byte\_offset
- repl\_backlog\_histlen
- used\_cpu\_sys
- used\_cpu\_user

- used\_cpu\_sys\_children
- used\_cpu\_user\_children
- cluster\_enabled
- rdb\_last\_bgsave\_status
- aof\_last\_bgrewrite\_status
- aof\_last\_write\_status



# Troubleshooting Redis for PCF

This topic lists troubleshooting information relevant to Redis for PCF.

# Troubleshooting Guides for PCF

General troubleshooting guides for Pivotal Cloud Foundry:

- PCF 1.8 ເ⊻
- PCF 1.7 ⊠
- PCF 1.6 ₪

# **Knowledge Base Articles**

Pivotal Knowledge Base 🛛 articles specifically about Redis for PCF:

- Create an Empty Service Network to use the Redis Tile without enabling the On-Demand Service 🗵
- Can't redeploy PCF Redis if shared-vm persistent disk full 🗵
- Issue with upgrading tile ▼
- Issue with deploy failing ☒
- Redis Instance Alive after Successful De-provisioning 🗵
- PCF Redis dedicated instance fails to persist to disk ⋈
- Redis error when saving changes after a back to AWS S3: Error: Access Denied for bucket' 🗵

#### Other Issues

Error	Cannot generate manifest for product Redis: Error in (( .properties.metrics_disable_etcd_tls.value ? .properties.null_string.value :cf.properties.cf_etcd_client_cert.cert_pem )): unknown property "cf_etcd_client_cert" (Product "Redis" / Job: nil)
	You are using PCF 1.10 and did not untick the `Use non-secure communication for metrics` checkbox on the metrics
Cause	configuration page in Ops Manager.
Solution	Please untick the checkbox and redeploy. See here reference for more information.

Error	Failed to target Cloud Foundry
Cause	Your Pivotal Cloud Foundry is unresponsive
Solution	Examine the detailed error message in the logs and check the PCF Troubleshooting Guide 🖫 for advice

Error	Failed to bind Redis service instance to test app	
Cause	Your deployment's broker has not been registered with Pivotal Cloud Foundry	
Solution Examine the broker-registrar installation step output and troubleshoot any problems.		

# **Useful Debugging Information**

If you encounter an issue, here is a list of useful information to gather, especially before you perform any destructive operations such as



- PCF Redis version
- Previous PCF Redis version if upgrading
- Ops Manager version, and previous if upgrading Ops Manager

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#### From OpsManager:

- The installation logs
- A copy of all files in /var/tempest/workspaces/default/deployments

#### For all VMs, unless specified otherwise:

- Copy of /var/vcap/sys/log (particularly the broker)
- If unable to get logs from disk, logs from a forwarded endpoint
- monit summary
- Full ps aux Has monit done its job?
- ps aux | grep redis-serve[r] Are Redis instances running?
- df -h disk usage
- free -m memory usage
- cf m
- tree /var/vcap/store/cf-redis-broker/redis-data (broker only)
- $\bullet \ \ \, \mathsf{Copy}\,\mathsf{of} \ \ \, \mathsf{[/var/vcap/store/cf-redis-broker/statefile.json]}} \ \, \mathsf{(broker}\,\mathsf{only)}$



## For App Developers

# **Redis Configuration**

For On-Demand plans, Redis has default configurations that App Developers can change using arbitrary parameters. These are listed in the table below:

Property	Default	Options	Description	
maxmemory- policy	allke ys- lru	allkeys-lru, noeviction, volatile-lru, allkeys-random, volatile-ttl	Sets the behavior Redis follows when `maxmemory` is reached	
notify- keyspace- events	66.39	Set a combination of the following characters (e.g., "Elg"): K, E, g, \$, l, s, h, z, x, e, A	Sets the keyspace notifications for events that affect the Redis data set	
slowlog-log- slower-than	10000	0-20000	Sets the threshhold execution time (seconds). Commands that exceed this execution time are added to the slowlog.	
slowlog-max- len	128	1-2024	Sets the length (count) of the slowlog queue.	

For Dedicated-VM and Shared-VM plans, Redis is configured with a maxmemory-policy of no-eviction. This policy means that the once memory is full, the service will not evict any keys and no write operations will be possible until memory becomes available. Persistence is configured for both RDB and AOF. The default maximum number of connections, maxclients, is set at 10000 but this number is adjusted by Redis according to the number of file handles available. Replication and event notification are not configured.

#### Service Plans

PCF Redis offers On-Demand, Dedicated-VM and Shared-VM plans. The memory allocated to the plans is determined by the operator at deploy time. For more information on the plans see the architecture and recommended usage pages.

# Using Redis for PCF

 $Instructions \ for \ creating, binding \ to, \ and \ deleting \ an \ instance \ of \ the \ On-Demand, \ Dedicated-VM \ or \ Shared-VM \ plan \ are \ \underline{\underline{here.}}$ 

# **Getting Started**

#### Using PCF Redis with Spring

Spring Cloud Connectors 🖫 can connect to PCF Redis. Spring Cloud Cloud Foundry connectors 🖫 will automatically connect to PCF Redis.

#### **PCF** Dev

PCF Dev is a small footprint version of PCF that's small enough to run on a local developer machine. More info herehttps://pivotal.io/pcf-dev 🖫.

#### Redis Example App

#### Redis

To learn more about Redis itself, visit redis.io 🖫.



## Using Redis for PCF

Redis for PCF can be used both via Pivotal Apps Manager and the CLI, both methods are outlined below. An example application has also been created to help application developers get started with Redis for PCF, and can be downloaded here .

See Redis for PCF Recommended Usage for recommendations regarding Redis for PCF service plans, and memory allocation.

# Creating a Redis Service Instance

The following procedure describes how to create a Redis service instance in the Pivotal Cloud Foundry Elastic Runtime environment.

#### Available Plans

Before creating a Redis instance, it is worth being aware of the three available plans:

Plan Name	Suitable for	Tenancy Model per Instance	Highly Available	Backup Functionality
On-Demand	Cache uses (small, medium and large)	Dedicated VM	No	No
Shared-VM	Lighter workloads that do not require dedicated resources	Shared VM	No	Yes
Dedicated- VM	Increased workloads that require dedicated resources	Dedicated VM	No	Yes

#### Using Pivotal Apps Manager

- 1. From within Pivotal Apps Manager, select Marketplace from the left navigation menu under Spaces. The Services Marketplace displays.
- 3. Click on the appropriate Select this plan button to select the required Redis Service Plan.
- 4. In the Instance Name field, enter a name that will identify this specific Redis service instance.
- 5. From the Add to Space drop-down list, select the space where you or other users will deploy the applications that will bind to the service.
- 6. Click the **Add** button.

#### Using the CLI

1. Run of marketplace to view the available service plans. This example shows the p-redis service which offers the dedicated-VM and shared-VM plan. The On-Demand service plan introduced in 1.8 is reffered to as p.redis in the marketplace:

```
S cf marketplace

Getting services from marketplace in org system / space apps-manager as admin...

OK

service plans description
p-redis shared-vm, dedicated-vm Redis service to provide a key-value store

TIP: Use 'cf marketplace -s SERVICE' to view descriptions of individual plans of a given service.
```

2. Run of create service to create the service plan. Include the service plan name as listed in the Services Markeplace and a descriptive name you want to use for the service:

\$ cf create-service p-redis SERVICE-PLAN-NAME SERVICE-INSTANCE-NAME

For example:



\$ cf create-service p-redis shared-vm redis

# Binding an Application to the Redis Service

The following procedures describe how to bind a Redis service instance to your Pivotal Cloud Foundry application. This can be done via the Pivotal Apps Manager or Using the Pivotal Cloud Foundry CLI.

#### Using Pivotal Apps Manager

- 1. Select the application that you wish to bind to the service. A page displays showing the already bound services and instances for this application.
- 2. Click Bind. A list of available services displays.
- 3. Click the Bind button for the Redis service you want to bind to this application.
- 4. Start or restage your app from the command line:

\$ cf restage APPLICATION-NAME

#### Using the CLI

1. Run cf services to view running service instances.

```
$ cf services

Getting services in org system / space apps-manager as admin...

OK

name service plan bound apps last operation
my-redis-instance p-redis shared-vm create succeeded
```

2. Run cf bind-service to bind the application to the service instance.

\$ cf bind-service APPLICATION-NAME SERVICE-INSTANCE-NAME

For example:

\$ cf bind-service my-application redis

3. Run cf restage to restage your application.

\$ cf restage APPLICATION-NAME

# Entries in the VCAP\_SERVICES Environment Variable

Applications running in Cloud Foundry gain access to the bound service instances via an environment variable credentials hash called VCAP\_SERVICES. An example hash is show below:

```
{
    "p-redis": [{
        "credentials": {
            "bost": "10.0.0.11",
            "password": "<redacted>",
            "port": 6379
        },
        "label": "p-redis",
        "name": "redis",
        "plan": "dedicated-vm",
        "provider": null,
        "syslog_drain_url": null,
        "tags": [
            "pivotal",
        "redis"
        ],
        "volume_mounts": []
        }]
    }
```

You can search for your service by its name, given when creating the service instance, or dynamically via the tags or label properties.

# Deleting a Redis Instance

When you delete a Redis service instance, all applications that are bound to that service are automatically unbound and any data in the service instance is cleared.

#### Using Pivotal Apps Manager

- 1. Locate the row under Services that contains the service instance you want to delete and click **Delete**.
- 2. If you had applications that were bound to this service, you may need to restage or re-push your application for the application changes to take effect.

\$ cf restage APPLICATION-NAME

#### Using the CLI

1. Run of delete-service and include the service instance name that you would like to delete. Enter y when prompted to confirm.

\$ cf delete-service SERVICE-INSTANCE-NAME

For example:

```
$ cf delete-service my-redis-instance

Really delete the service my-redis-instance?> y

Deleting service my-redis-instance in org system / space apps-manager as admin...

OK
```

2. If you had applications that were bound to this service, you may need to restage or re-push your application for the application changes to take effect.

\$ cf restage APPLICATION-NAME



# Troubleshooting Instances

This topic provides basic instructions for app developers troubleshooting On-Demand Redis for PCF.

# **Temporary Outages**

Redis for PCF service instances can become temporarily inaccessible during upgrades and VM or network failures.

#### **Errors**

You may see an error when using the Cloud Foundry Command-Line Interface (cf CLI) to perform basic operations on a Redis for PCF service instance:

- cf create
- cf update
- cf bind
- cf unbind
- cf delete

#### Parse a Cloud Foundry (CF) Error Message

Failed operations (create, update, bind, unbind, delete) result in an error message. You can retrieve the error message later by running the cf CLI command of service INSTANCE-NAME.

```
Service: super-db
Bound apps:
Tags:
Plan: dedicated-vm
Description: Dedicated Instance
Dashboard:
Last Operation
Status: create failed
Message: Instance provisioning failed: There was a problem completing your request.
  Please contact your operations team providing the following information:
  service: redis-acceptance
  service-instance-guid: ae9e232c-0bd5-4684-af27-1b08b0c70089,
  broker-request-id: 63da3a35-24aa-4183-aec6-db8294506bac.
  task-id: 442.
  operation: create
Started: 2017-03-13T10:16:55Z
Updated: 2017-03-13T10:17:58Z
```

Use the information in the Message field to debug further. Provide this information to Pivotal Support when filing a ticket.

The task-id field maps to the BOSH task id. For further information on a failed BOSH task, use the bosh task TASK-ID command in v1 of the BOSH CLI. For v2, use bosh2 task TASK-ID.

The broker-request-guid maps to the portion of the On-Demand Broker log containing the failed step. Access the broker log through your syslog aggregator, or access BOSH logs for the broker by typing bosh logs broker 0. If you have more than one broker instance, repeat this process for each instance.

#### Retrieve Service Instance Information

1. Log into the space containing the instance or failed instance.

\$ cf login



2. If you do not know the name of the service instance, run cf services to see a listing of all service instances in the space. The service instances are listed in the name column.

```
$ cf services
Getting services in org my-org / space my-space as user@example.com...
OK
name service plan bound apps last operation
my-instance p.Redis db-small create succeeded
```

- $\textbf{3. Run} \ \boxed{\textbf{cf service SERVICE-INSTANCE-NAME}} \ \textbf{to retrieve more information about a specific instance}.$
- 4. Run of service SERVICE-INSTANCE-NAME --guid to retrieve the GUID of the instance, which is useful for debugging.

#### Select the BOSH Deployment for a Service Instance

This is an additional troubleshooting option for BOSH CLI v1 only. It does not apply to the BOSH CLI v2.

- $1. \ \ \text{Retrieve the GUID of your service instance with the command} \ \ \underline{\text{cf service YOUR-SERVICE-INSTANCE --guid}}.$
- 2. To download your BOSH manifest for the service, run bosh download manifest service-instance\_SERVICE-INSTANCE-GUID myservice.yml using the GUID you just obtained and a file name you want to use when saving the manifest.
- 3. Run bosh deployment MY-SERVICE.yml to select the deployment.

# **Knowledge Base (Community)**

Find the answer to your question and browse product discussions and solutions by searching the Pivotal Knowledge Base 🔞

# File a Support Ticket

You can file a support ticket here 🖫. Be sure to provide the error message from of service YOUR-SERVICE-INSTANCE .

To help expedite troubleshooting, if possible also provide your service broker logs, service instance logs, and BOSH task output. Your cloud operator should be able to obtain these from your error message.

# Sample Redis Configuration

The following is a redis.conf file from a Dedicated-VM plan instance:

```
daemonize ves
pidfile /var/vcap/sys/run/redis.pid
port 6379
tcp-backlog 511
timeout 0
tcp-keepalive 0
loglevel notice
logfile /var/vcap/sys/log/redis/redis.log
syslog-enabled yes
syslog-ident redis-server
syslog-facility local0
databases 16
save 900 1
save 300 10
save 60 10000
stop-writes-on-bgsave-error yes
rdbcompression yes
rdbchecksum yes
dbfilename dump.rdb
dir /var/vcap/store/redis
slave-serve-stale-data yes
slave-read-only yes
repl-diskless-sync no
repl-diskless-sync-delay 5
repl-ping-slave-period 10
repl-timeout 60
repl-disable-tcp-nodelay no
slave-priority 100
maxmemory-policy noeviction
appendonly yes
appendfilename appendonly.aof
appendfsync everysec
no-appendfsync-on-rewrite no
auto-aof-rewrite-percentage 100
auto-aof-rewrite-min-size 64mb
aof-load-truncated yes
lua-time-limit 5000
slowlog-log-slower-than 10000
slowlog-max-len 128
latency-monitor-threshold 0
notify-keyspace-events "
hash-max-ziplist-entries 512
hash-max-ziplist-value 64
list-max-ziplist-entries 512
list-max-ziplist-value 64
set-max-intset-entries 512
zset-max-ziplist-entries 128
zset-max-ziplist-value 64
hll-sparse-max-bytes 3000
activerehashing yes
client-output-buffer-limit normal 0 0 0
client-output-buffer-limit slave 256mb 64mb 60
client-output-buffer-limit pubsub 32mb 8mb 60 \,
aof-rewrite-incremental-fsync yes
rename-command CONFIG "A-B-Ab1AZec_-AaC1A2bAbB22a_a1Baa"
rename-command SAVE "SAVE"
rename-command BGSAVE "BGSAVE"
rename-command DEBUG ""
rename-command SHUTDOWN ""
rename-command SLAVEOF ""
rename-command SYNC ""
requirepass 1a1a2bb0-0ccc-222a-444b-1e1e1e1e2222
maxmemory 1775550873
```