

OpenShift 4.17 Installation - Simple Command Guide

STEP 1: Prepare Your Bastion Computer

What this does: Gets your management computer ready with all the tools needed

Run these commands on your bastion server:

```
# Update your system
sudo dnf update -y

# Install required tools
sudo dnf install -y git wget curl vim bind-utils telnet httpd-tools jq podman buildah skopeo firewalld dnsmasq httpd openssl

# Start firewall
sudo systemctl enable --now firewalld
```

STEP 2: Download OpenShift Files (Internet Required)

What this does: Downloads OpenShift software from Red Hat (do this on a computer with internet)

Run these commands on a connected computer:

```
# Create download folder
mkdir -p ~/openshift-downloads
cd ~/openshift-downloads

# Download OpenShift tools
wget https://mirror.openshift.com/pub/openshift-v4/clients/ocp/4.17.0/openshift-client-linux.tar.gz
wget https://mirror.openshift.com/pub/openshift-v4/clients/ocp/4.17.0/openshift-install-linux.tar.gz
wget https://mirror.openshift.com/pub/openshift-v4/clients/ocp/4.17.0/oc-mirror.tar.gz

# Download operating system
## <span style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">Use OS not RHEL- Once we boot the live iso it need to configure the ip address</span>
wget https://mirror.openshift.com/pub/openshift-v4/dependencies/rhcos/4.17/4.17.0/rhcos-4.17.0-x86_64-live.x86_64.iso

# Package everything
tar -czf openshift-tools.tar.gz *.tar.gz *.iso

# Transfer openshift-tools.tar.gz to your bastion computer
```

STEP 3: Install OpenShift Tools on Bastion

What this does: Installs the OpenShift management tools on your bastion computer

Run these commands on bastion:

```
# Extract tools
cd /tmp
tar -xzf openshift-tools.tar.gz
tar -xzf openshift-client-linux.tar.gz
tar -xzf openshift-install-linux.tar.gz
tar -xzf oc-mirror.tar.gz

# Install tools
sudo cp oc kubectrl openshift-install oc-mirror /usr/local/bin/
sudo chmod +x /usr/local/bin/{oc,kubectrl,openshift-install,oc-mirror}

# Check they work
oc version --client
openshift-install version
```

STEP 4: Create Your Local App Store (Container Registry) - Ask the team for the root certificate for the container registry and the exact path where they clone this 4.17 release image

What this does: Creates a local place to store OpenShift software since your cluster can't reach the internet

Run these commands on bastion:

```
# Create folders for registry
sudo mkdir -p /opt/registry/{data,certs,auth}

# Create security certificate
sudo openssl req -newkey rsa:4096 -nodes -sha256 \
-keyout /opt/registry/certs/registry.key \
-x509 -days 365 \
-out /opt/registry/certs/registry.crt \
-subj "/C=US/ST=State/L=City/O=Organization/CN=registry.example.com"

# Create login credentials
sudo htpasswd -bBc /opt/registry/auth/htpasswd admin password123

# Start the registry
sudo podman run -d --name local-registry \
-p 5000:5000 \
-v /opt/registry/data:/var/lib/registry:Z \
```

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-v /opt/registry/certs:/certs:Z \
-v /opt/registry/auth:/auth:Z \
-e REGISTRY_AUTH=htpasswd \
-e REGISTRY_AUTH_HTPASSWD_REALM="Registry Realm" \
-e REGISTRY_AUTH_HTPASSWD_PATH=/auth/htpasswd \
-e REGISTRY_HTTP_TLS_CERTIFICATE=/certs/registry.crt \
-e REGISTRY_HTTP_TLS_KEY=/certs/registry.key \
docker.io/library/registry:2

# Make it start automatically
sudo systemctl enable podman
sudo podman generate systemd --name local-registry --files --new
sudo mv container-local-registry.service /etc/systemd/system/
sudo systemctl daemon-reload
sudo systemctl enable container-local-registry.service

# Trust the certificate
sudo cp /opt/registry/certs/registry.crt /etc/pki/ca-trust/source/anchors/
sudo update-ca-trust extract
```

STEP 5: Load Balancer Setup - This is for Load Balancer Team

What this does: Gets the load balancer setup for nodes. Get the ip from the team to update in the address mentioned in below step.

STEP 6: Create Phone Book (DNS Setup) - This is for DNS Team

What this does: Sets up name resolution so computers can find each other by name. Take the Ip address from Step 5 and update for the address (will be done DNS Team)

Run these commands on bastion (replace IP addresses with your actual ones):

```
# Configure DNS server
sudo tee /etc/dnsmasq.conf << 'EOF'
interface=*
bind-interfaces
domain=example.com
expand-hosts
no-resolv
no-poll
# Your server addresses (CHANGE THESE TO MATCH YOUR NETWORK)
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<span style="background-color: yellow;">address=registry.example.com/192.168.1.100</span>
<span style="background-color: yellow;">address=api.eiab.us.eclub.com/192.168.1.101</span>
<span style="background-color: yellow;">address=api-int.eiab.us.eclub.com/192.168.1.101</span>
<span style="background-color: yellow;">address=*.apps.eiab.us.eclub.com/192.168.1.102</span>
<span style="background-color: yellow;">address=master1.us.eclub.com/192.168.1.102</span>
<span style="background-color: yellow;">address=master2.us.eclub.com/192.168.1.102</span>
<span style="background-color: yellow;">address=master3.us.eclub.com/192.168.1.102</span>
<span style="background-color: yellow;">address=worker1.us.eclub.com/192.168.1.102</span>
<span style="background-color: yellow;">address=worker2.us.eclub.com/192.168.1.102</span>
<span style="background-color: yellow;">address=worker3.us.eclub.com/192.168.1.102</span>
<span style="background-color: yellow;">address=worker4.us.eclub.com/192.168.1.102</span>
<span style="background-color: yellow;">address=worker5.imageContentSourcesus.eclub.com/192.168.1.102</span>
<span style="background-color: yellow;">address=infra1.us.eclub.com/192.168.1.102</span>

cache-size=1000
log-queries
log-facility=/var/log/dnsmasq.log
```

STEP 7: Fill Your App Store (Copy OpenShift Software) - Ignore if registry setup already done and we have clone for ocp 4.17

What this does: Downloads all OpenShift software and puts it in your local registry

Get your Red Hat credentials first: 1. Go to <https://cloud.redhat.com/openshift/install/pull-secret> 2. Download and save as ~/pull-secret.json

Run these commands on bastion:

```
# Prepare credentials
REGISTRY_AUTH=$(echo -n 'admin:password123' | base64 -w0)
jq --arg auth "$REGISTRY_AUTH" \
  ',auths += [{"registry.example.com:5000": {"auth": $auth}}]' \
~/pull-secret.json > ~/combined-pull-secret.json

# Create mirror configuration
mkdir -p ~/mirror-config
cd ~/mirror-config
cat > imageset-config.yaml << 'EOF'
apiVersion: mirror.openshift.io/v1alpha2
kind: ImageSetConfiguration
metadata:
  name: openshift-4-17-mirror
mirror:
  platform:
    channels:
      - name: stable-4.17
        type: ocp
        minVersion: 4.17.0
        maxVersion: 4.17.0
    graph: true
  operators:
    - catalog: registry.redhat.io/redhat/redhat-operator-index:v4.17
```

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    packages:
      - name: local-storage-operator
    additionalImages:
      - name: registry.redhat.io/ubi8/ubi:latest
    helm: {}
EOF

# Login to registries
podman login --authfile ~/combined-pull-secret.json registry.redhat.io
podman login --authfile ~/combined-pull-secret.json quay.io
podman login --authfile ~/combined-pull-secret.json -u admin -p password123 registry.example.com:5000

# Copy all images (THIS TAKES 1-3 HOURS)
oc mirror --config=imageset-config.yaml \
docker://registry.example.com:5000 \
--dest-skip-tls \
--continue-on-error

```

STEP 8: Create Door Keys (SSH Keys)

What this does: Creates keys so you can log into your servers if needed

Run these commands on bastion:

```

# Create SSH keys
ssh-keygen -t ed25519 -N '' -f ~/.ssh/openshift-key

# Add to SSH agent
eval "$(ssh-agent -s)"
ssh-add ~/.ssh/openshift-key

# Show your public key (you'll need this later)
cat ~/.ssh/openshift-key.pub

```

STEP 9: Write Your Cluster Plan - Check with Team for registry url and the path under imageContentSources

What this does: Creates the blueprint for your OpenShift cluster

Run these commands on bastion:

```

# Create installation folder
mkdir ~/ocp-install
cd ~/ocp-install

# Create cluster configuration (CHANGE NETWORK ADDRESSES TO MATCH YOURS)
cat > install-config.yaml << EOF
apiVersion: v1
baseDomain: us.eclub.com
metadata:
  name: eiab
networking:
  networkType: OVNKubernetes
  clusterNetwork:
    - cidr: 10.128.0.0/14
      hostPrefix: 23
  serviceNetwork:
    - 172.30.0.0/16
compute:
  - name: worker
    replicas: 6
controlPlane:
  name: master
  replicas: 3
platform:
  none: {}
pullSecret: '{"auths":{"<local_registry>":{"auth": "<credentials>","email": "you@example.com"}}}'
sshKey: |
$(cat ~/.ssh/openshift-key.pub)
imageContentSources:
- mirrors:
  - registry.example.com:5000/openshift/release-images
  source: quay.io/openshift-release-dev/ocp-release
- mirrors:
  - registry.example.com:5000/openshift/release
  source: quay.io/openshift-release-dev/ocp-v4.0-art-dev
additionalTrustBundle: |
$(cat /opt/registry/certs/registry.crt | sed 's/^/ /')
EOF

# Backup your configuration
cp install-config.yaml install-config.yaml.backup

```

STEP 10: Create Detailed Instructions

What this does: Turns your plan into specific instructions for each server

Run these commands on bastion:

```

# Create detailed plans
cd ~/ocp-install

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openshift-install create manifests --dir . # this will return some output filenames

# For production, make masters not run applications (optional)
sed -i 's/mastersSchedulable: true/mastersSchedulable: false/' manifests/cluster-scheduler-02-config.yml # no output

# Create final instructions for each server
openshift-install create ignition-configs --dir . # it will give some lines of output

# You should now see these files:
ls -la *.ign
# bootstrap.ign - instructions for bootstrap server
# master.ign - instructions for master servers
# worker.ign - instructions for worker servers
```

STEP 11: Set Up Instruction Delivery

What this does: Creates a web server to deliver instructions to the bootstrap server

Run these commands on bastion:

```
# Start web server
sudo systemctl enable --now httpd

# Open firewall
sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=http
sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=https
sudo firewall-cmd --reload

# Copy bootstrap instructions to web server
sudo cp bootstrap.ign /var/www/html/
sudo cp master.ign /var/www/html/
sudo cp worker.ign /var/www/html/
sudo chown apache:apache /var/www/html/bootstrap.ign
sudo chown apache:apache /var/www/html/master.ign
sudo chown apache:apache /var/www/html/worker.ign
sudo chmod 644 /var/www/html/bootstrap.ign
sudo chmod 644 /var/www/html/master.ign
sudo chmod 644 /var/www/html/worker.ign

sudo systemctl restart httpd

# Test it works
curl -s http://$(hostname -I | awk '{print $1}')/bootstrap.ign | head -5 # hostname will replace by webserver try from another machine
```

STEP 12: Install Operating System on Servers

What this does: Installs Red Hat CoreOS on all your physical servers. Once we boot the live iso it need to configure the ip address(Check with support Team)

For each server, boot from the RHCOS ISO and run:

Bootstrap Server: ## this will take 10-15 min

```
sudo coreos-installer install \
--ignition-url=http://webserver-ip-address/bootstrap.ign \
/dev/sda --copy-network
```

Master Servers (run on each of 3 master servers):

```
sudo coreos-installer install \
--ignition-url=http://webserver-ip-address/master.ign \
/dev/sda --copy-network
```

Worker Servers (run on each worker server):

```
sudo coreos-installer install \
--ignition-url=http://webserver-ip-address/worker.ign \
/dev/sda --copy-network
```

**** Reboot all the nodes: Start by bootstrap then masters and workers****

STEP 13: Watch Your Cluster Build Itself

What this does: Monitors the automatic installation process

Run these commands on bastion:

```
# Set up access to your cluster
cd ~/ocp-install
export KUBECONFIG=~/.ocp-install/auth/kubeconfig

# Wait for bootstrap to finish (20-30 minutes)
openshift-install wait-for bootstrap-complete --log-level=debug

# Watch the progress
tail -f .openshift_install.log
```

STEP 14: Let Workers Join the Team

What this does: Gives permission for worker servers to join your cluster

Run these commands on bastion:

```
# Check for workers waiting to join
oc get csr

# Give them permission (run this several times as new requests appear)
oc get csr -o name | xargs oc adm certificate approve

# Watch for new requests
watch 'oc get csr | grep Pending'
```

STEP 15: Wait for Everything to Finish

What this does: Waits for all cluster services to start properly

Run these commands on bastion:

```
# Wait for installation to complete (30-60 minutes total)
openshift-install wait-for install-complete --log-level=debug

# Check everything is working
oc get nodes
oc get clusteroperators
```

STEP 16: Set Up Internal Storage – Not Needed

What this does: Configures OpenShift's internal image storage

Run these commands on bastion:

```
# Configure storage for images
oc patch configs.imageregistry.operator.openshift.io cluster \
--type merge --patch '{"spec":{"storage":{"emptyDir":{}}}}'

# Enable the registry
oc patch configs.imageregistry.operator.openshift.io cluster \
--type merge --patch '{"spec":{"managementState":"Managed"}}'
```

STEP 17: Test Everything Works

What this does: Verifies your cluster is healthy and ready to use

Run these commands on bastion:

```
# Check cluster health
oc get nodes
oc get clusteroperators
oc get pods --all-namespaces | grep -v Running | grep -v Completed

# Get web console access
echo "Web Console: https://$(oc get routes console -n openshift-console -o jsonpath='{.spec.host}')"
echo "Username: kubeadmin"
echo "Password: $(cat ~/ocp-install/auth/kubeadmin-password)"
```

Summary

Your OpenShift cluster is now ready! You can: - Access the web console using the URL and credentials from Step 16 - Use oc commands to manage your cluster - Deploy applications to your cluster

Important files to keep safe: - ~/ocp-install/auth/kubeconfig - Access to your cluster - ~/ocp-install/auth/kubeadmin-password - Admin password - ~/.ssh/openshift-key - SSH access to servers - /opt/registry/certs/registry.crt - Registry certificate