Using the PackStack Install of OpenStack



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Objectives



OpenStack CLI Authentication

Creating a Virtual Machine from the CLI

Creating a Virtual Machine from the Dashboard

OpenStack Logs



Understanding OpenStack Credentials Files

OS_AUTH_URL URL of Keystone API

OS_AUTH_VERSION Identity API Version for

authentication

OS_IDENTITY_API_VERSION Identity API used for identity

operations

OS_PROJECT_DOMAIN_NAME The project's domain name

OS_USER_DOMAIN_NAME The user's domain name

OS_PROJECT_NAME The user's project

OS_USERNAME The user name

OS_PASSWORD The user's password



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Creating a Custom File
#!/bin/bash
echo "Enter the OpenStack password for ${OS_USERNAME}"
read -sr OS_PASSWORD_INPUT
export OS_PASSWORD=${OS_PASSWORD_INPUT}
if openstack token issue &> /dev/null
 then
  echo "Authentication Successful"
  export PS1="\u@\h: [${OS_USERNAME}]\w> "
  else
echo "Authentication Failed"
  export PS1="\u@\h:\w>"
```

```
# openstack \
    --os-username demo \
    --os-tenant-name demo \
    --os-password Password1 \
    --os-auth-url http://192.168.56.5:5000/v2.0/ \
    token issue
```

CLI Authentication

Other than the KeystoneRC which set variables we can authenticate from the command line. This may be useful when we want to quickly check something as another account



Working with Credentials



```
# source demorc

# openstack server list

# openstack server delete <server name>

# openstack image list

# openstack network list

# openstack flavor list
```

Create an Instance (Virtual Machine) from CLI

Ultimately, OpenStack is about creating Virtual Machines. As the demo account we will first research the current environment deleting any Virtual Machine we may already have



```
# openstack help create server
# openstack create server \
    --image cirros \
    --flavor m1.tiny \
    --nic net-id=private \
    myvm
```

Create Instance



Create Virtual Machine Instance



Create Virtual Machine from Dashboard



tail -fn0 /var/log/nova/nova-compute.log

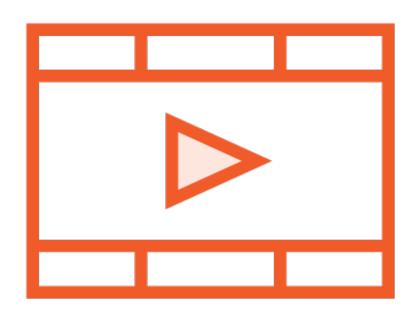
Log Files

Log files can be located in the project sub-directory below /var/log. Often the setting verbose=True is in place but you have to decide if this is required



Working with Logs





Authentication: Customizing RC files and adding in options such as --os-username

Create Instance from CLI: Using the openstack command we could research the current resources and create a new VM

Create Instance from Dashboard: We used the Dashboard to create a virtual machine replicating the work at the command line

Logs: We looked at the tail -fnO option and discussed the verbose=True logging option



Next up: Understanding Backend Services

