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Is it supported to have mixed environment (VMware+Baremetal) setup for RHOCP 4.x cluster?

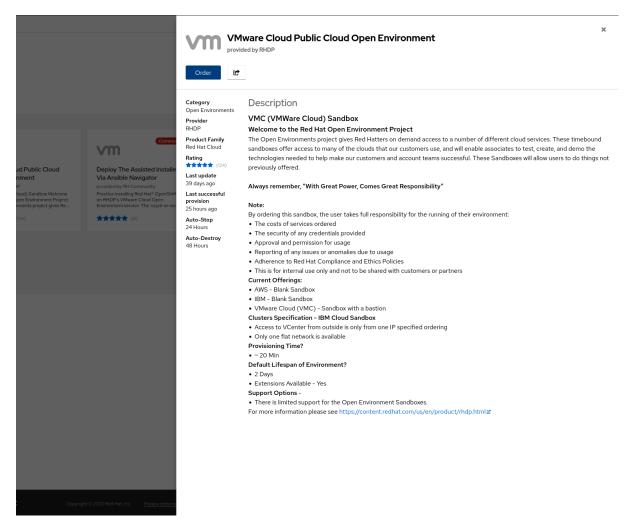
The next link could be outdated because the support is supposed to be available in 4.14, according to the Epic. But the docs still state that platform:none is only supported on SNO. https://access.redhat.com/solutions/7008469

There is a documentation bug opened for that <a href="https://issues.redhat.com/browse/OCPBUGS-29306">https://issues.redhat.com/browse/OCPBUGS-29306</a>

The final response is that YES, it is supported

# Installing a hybrid cluster

Create 2 VMware Cloud Public Cloud Open Environment in demo.redhat.com.



One will be used to deploy an IPI OCP 4.14 cluster hub cluster, the other will be used to create the managed cluster.

# IPI cluster installation

Deploy an IPI cluster on vsphere.

Make sure to enable DNS records creation for OCP.



It takes about 20 minutes for the environment to be provisioned and ready.

When the environment is ready an email is received with important information.

Ssh into the bastion node.

Verify the DNS records for the cluster:

```
Unset
$ dig +short api.glnm2.dynamic.opentlc.com
3.223.59.140
$ dig +short *.apps.glnm2.dynamic.opentlc.com
34.198.235.139
```

Get the installer, oc client and pull secret from <u>here</u> and copy them to the bastion host. Uncompress the tar files and put them in the running path:

```
Unset

$ scp ~/Descargas/openshift-*/home/jjerezro/Descargas/pull-secret.txt \
    lab-user@bastion-glnm2.glnm2.dynamic.opentlc.com

$ tar xvf openshift-client-linux.tar.gz
README.md
oc
kubectl

$ tar xvf openshift-install-linux.tar.gz
README.md
openshift-install

$ sudo cp -vi openshift-install oc /usr/local/bin
'openshift-install' -> '/usr/local/bin/openshift-install'
'oc' -> '/usr/local/bin/oc'
```

#### Create an ssh key pair

```
Unset
$ ssh localhost
The authenticity of host 'localhost (::1)' can't be established.

ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:AIOgCA9BvbsRJN9NSt0jqJ6xEd4pjlcqyHPwF9aLr3Q.

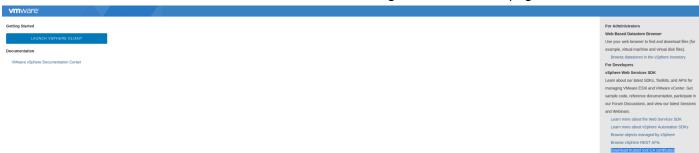
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added 'localhost' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.

lab-user@localhost's password:

$ ssh-keygen -t ed25519 -N '' -f ~/.ssh/ocp
Generating public/private ed25519 key pair.
Your identification has been saved in /home/lab-user/.ssh/ocp.
Your public key has been saved in /home/lab-user/.ssh/ocp.pub.
The key fingerprint is:
...
```

Download the vCenter's root CA certificates. Go to the base URL of the vCenter, for example <a href="https://portal.vc.opentlc.com/">https://portal.vc.opentlc.com/</a>

Click on the link Download trusted root CA certificates on the right side of the web page



#### For Administrators

#### Web-Based Datastore Browser

Use your web browser to find and download files (for example, virtual machine and virtual disk files).

Browse datastores in the vSphere inventory

#### For Developers

#### vSphere Web Services SDK

Learn about our latest SDKs, Toolkits, and APIs for managing VMware ESXi and VMware vCenter. Get sample code, reference documentation, participate in our Forum Discussions, and view our latest Sessions and Webinars.

Learn more about the Web Services SDK

Learn more about vSphere Automation SDKs

Browse objects managed by vSphere

Browse vSphere REST APIs

Download trusted root CA certificates

The copy the downloaded file to the bastion host Extract the file in the bastion host

```
Unset

$ unzip download.zip

Archive: download.zip

inflating: certs/lin/7255df92.0

inflating: certs/mac/7255df92.0

inflating: certs/win/7255df92.0.crt

inflating: certs/lin/75c43eb5.r0

inflating: certs/mac/75c43eb5.r0

inflating: certs/win/75c43eb5.r0.crl

...
```

#### Update your system trust

```
Unset
$ sudo cp -vi certs/lin/* /etc/pki/ca-trust/source/anchors
'certs/lin/02265526.0' -> '/etc/pki/ca-trust/source/anchors/02265526.0'
'certs/lin/2835d715.0' -> '/etc/pki/ca-trust/source/anchors/2835d715.0'
...
$ sudo update-ca-trust extract
```

Create the install-config.yaml file. To get the initial configuration that later needs to be modified use the command.

The information required is in the email from RHDP. For the VIP for API and Ingress use the NAT IP described in the email.

```
Unset
$ openshift-install create install-config
? SSH Public Key /home/lab-user/.ssh/ocp.pub
? Platform vsphere
?vCentervcenter.sddc-44-197-86-61.vmwarevmc.com
? Username sandbox-glnm2@vc.opentlc.com
? Password [? for help] ********
INFO Connecting to vCenter vcenter.sddc-44-197-86-61.vmwarevmc.com
INFO Defaulting to only available datacenter: SDDC-Datacenter
INFO Defaulting to only available cluster: /SDDC-Datacenter/host/Cluster-1
INFO Defaulting to only available datastore: /SDDC-Datacenter/datastore/WorkloadDatastore
INFO Defaulting to only available network: segment-sandbox-glnm2
? Virtual IP Address for API 192.168.95.201
? Virtual IP Address for Ingress 192.168.95.202
? Base Domain dynamic.opentlc.com
? Cluster Name glnm2
? Pull Secret [? for help] *****************************...
INFO Install-Config created in: .
```

Edit the install-config.yaml file and add the vcenter folder where the VMs will be created

```
Unset
platform:
 vsphere:
      apiVIPs:
      - 192.168.95.201
      failureDomains:
      - name: generated-failure-domain
      region: generated-region
      server: vcenter.sddc-44-197-86-61.vmwarevmc.com
      topology:
      computeCluster: /SDDC-Datacenter/host/Cluster-1
      datacenter: SDDC-Datacenter
      datastore: /SDDC-Datacenter/datastore/WorkloadDatastore
      networks:
      - segment-sandbox-glnm2
      resourcePool: /SDDC-Datacenter/host/Cluster-1//Resources
      folder: /SDDC-Datacenter/vm/Workloads/sandbox-glnm2
      zone: generated-zone
```

If this is a disconnected installation, follow the instructions in section Mirror Registry to install the local registry and mirror the installation images.

Create a directory with the name of the cluster in the bastion host and copy the install-config.yaml file there:

```
Unset
$ mkdir glnm2
$ cp install-config.yaml glnm2/
```

#### Run the installer

```
Unset
$ openshift-install create cluster --dir glnm2/
INFO Consuming Install Config from target directory
INFO Creating infrastructure resources...
INFO Waiting up to 20m0s (until 3:21AM EST) for the Kubernetes API at
https://api.glnm2.dynamic.opentlc.com:6443...
INFO API v1.28.6+6216ea1 up
INFO Waiting up to 1h0m0s (until 4:04AM EST) for bootstrapping to complete...
INFO Destroying the bootstrap resources...
```

```
INFO Waiting up to 40m0s (until 3:58AM EST) for the cluster at https://api.glnm2.dynamic.opentlc.com:6443 to initialize...
INFO Waiting up to 30m0s (until 4:03AM EST) to ensure each cluster operator has finished progressing...
INFO All cluster operators have completed progressing
INFO Checking to see if there is a route at openshift-console/console...
INFO Install complete!
INFO To access the cluster as the system:admin user when using 'oc', run 'export
KUBECONFIG=/home/lab-user/glnm2/auth/kubeconfig'
INFO Access the OpenShift web-console here:
https://console-openshift-console.apps.glnm2.dynamic.opentlc.com
INFO Login to the console with user: "kubeadmin", and password: "7azGi-RUI6u-HR8ph-PuRyH"
INFO Time elapsed: 36m40s
```

#### Infra nodes

https://access.redhat.com/solutions/5034771

To have infra nodes created at installation time (day 1 configuration) start by creating the manifests from the install-config.yaml file

```
Unset

$ openshift-install create manifests --dir glnm2/

INFO Consuming Install Config from target directory

INFO Manifests created in: glnm2/manifests and glnm2/openshift
```

One of the manifests defines the worker machineset

```
Unset
$ ls glnm2/openshift/*machineset*
glnm2/openshift/99_openshift-cluster-api_worker-machineset-0.yaml
```

In this example a new machineset for infra nodes is created, resulting in 2 machinesets: one for workers and one for infra. See later for an example in which the worker machineset is replaced by an infra machineset

Copy the worker machineset as the infra machineset

```
Unset
$ cd glnm2/openshift/
```

```
$ cp 99_openshift-cluster-api_worker-machineset-0.yaml \
99_openshift-cluster-api_infra-machineset-0.yaml
```

Modify the infra machineset according to the documentation.

The amount of disk, CPU, and memory resources can be specified in the machineset. Keep the reference for the worker user data

The final result looks like this:

```
Unset
apiVersion: machine.openshift.io/v1beta1
kind: MachineSet
metadata:
creationTimestamp: null
labels:
 machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-cluster: glnm2-7jvd8
name: glnm2-7jvd8-infra-0
namespace: openshift-machine-api
spec:
replicas: 2
selector:
 matchLabels:
  machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-cluster: glnm2-7jvd8
  machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machineset: glnm2-7jvd8-infra-0
 template:
  metadata:
  labels:
   machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-cluster:glnm2-7jvd8
   machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machine-role:infra
   machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machine-type:infra
   machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machineset:glnm2-7jvd8-infra-0
  spec:
  lifecycleHooks: {}
  metadata:
   labels:
    node-role.kubernetes.io/infra: ""
   - key: node-role.kubernetes.io/infra
   effect: NoSchedule
  providerSpec:
   value:
    apiVersion: machine.openshift.io/v1beta1
    credentialsSecret:
     name: vsphere-cloud-credentials
    diskGiB: 120
    kind: VSphereMachineProviderSpec
    memoryMiB: 8192
```

```
metadata:
creationTimestamp: null
network:
devices:
 - networkName: segment-sandbox-glnm2
numCPUs: 4
numCoresPerSocket: 4
snapshot: ""
template: glnm2-7jvd8-rhcos-generated-region-generated-zone
userDataSecret:
name: worker-user-data
workspace:
datacenter: SDDC-Datacenter
 datastore: /SDDC-Datacenter/datastore/WorkloadDatastore
 folder: /SDDC-Datacenter/vm/Workloads/sandbox-glnm2
 resourcePool: /SDDC-Datacenter/host/Cluster-1//Resources
 server: vcenter.sddc-44-197-86-61.vmwarevmc.com
```

In case of a cluster with no worker nodes, in wich only infra workloads are going to be run, <u>replace the</u> worker machineset by an infra machineset and leva the taint out of the infra nodes.

After creating the manifests edit the manifest defining the machineset for workers like this. In the example below the **taint** is not present. Keep the reference for the worker user data:

```
Unset
$ mv 99_openshift-cluster-api_worker-machineset-0.yaml \
 99_openshift-cluster-api_infra-machineset-0.yaml
$ vim 99_openshift-cluster-api_infra-machineset-0.yaml
apiVersion: machine.openshift.io/v1beta1
kind: MachineSet
metadata:
 creationTimestamp: null
 labels:
   machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-cluster: glnm2-ln65x
 name: glnm2-ln65x-infra-0
 namespace: openshift-machine-api
spec:
  replicas: 3
 selector:
   matchLabels:
      machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-cluster: glnm2-ln65x
      machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machineset: glnm2-ln65x-infra-0
 template:
    metadata:
```

```
labels:
   machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-cluster: glnm2-ln65x
   machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machine-role: infra
   machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machine-type: infra
   machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machineset: glnm2-ln65x-infra-0
spec:
 lifecycleHooks: {}
 metadata:
   labels:
     node-role.kubernetes.io/infra: ""
 providerSpec:
   value:
     apiVersion: machine.openshift.io/v1beta1
     credentialsSecret:
        name: vsphere-cloud-credentials
     diskGiB: 120
     kind: VSphereMachineProviderSpec
     memoryMiB: 16384
     metadata:
       creationTimestamp: null
     network:
       devices:
        - networkName: segment-sandbox-glnm2
     numCPUs: 4
     numCoresPerSocket: 4
     snapshot: ""
     template: glnm2-ln65x-rhcos-generated-region-generated-zone
     userDataSecret:
        name: worker-user-data
     workspace:
        datacenter: SDDC-Datacenter
        datastore: /SDDC-Datacenter/datastore/WorkloadDatastore
        folder: /SDDC-Datacenter/vm/Workloads/sandbox-glnm2
        resourcePool: /SDDC-Datacenter/host/Cluster-1//Resources
        server: vcenter.sddc-44-197-86-61.vmwarevmc.com
```

#### Run the installer again.

```
Unset

$ openshift-install create cluster --dir glnm2/

INFO Consuming OpenShift Install (Manifests) from target directory

INFO Consuming Master Machines from target directory

INFO Consuming Common Manifests from target directory
```

```
INFO Consuming Worker Machines from target directory
INFO Consuming Openshift Manifests from target directory
INFO Creating infrastructure resources...
INFO Waiting up to 20m0s (until 4:49AM EST) for the Kubernetes API at
https://api.glnm2.dynamic.opentlc.com:6443...
INFO API v1.28.6+6216ea1 up
INFO Waiting up to 1h0m0s (until 5:32AM EST) for bootstrapping to complete...
INFO Destroying the bootstrap resources...
INFO Waiting up to 40m0s (until 5:29AM EST) for the cluster at
https://api.glnm2.dynamic.opentlc.com:6443 to initialize...
INFO Waiting up to 30m0s (until 5:32AM EST) to ensure each cluster operator has finished
progressing...
INFO All cluster operators have completed progressing
INFO Checking to see if there is a route at openshift-console/console...
INFO Install complete!
INFO To access the cluster as the system:admin user when using 'oc', run 'export
KUBECONFIG=/home/lab-user/glnm2/auth/kubeconfig'
INFO Access the OpenShift web-console here:
https://console-openshift-console.apps.glnm2.dynamic.opentlc.com
INFO Login to the console with user: "kubeadmin", and password: "RLAiW-c83BZ-9SiAU-89pWa"
INFO Time elapsed: 38m14s
```

The resulting cluster has 3 worker and 2 infra nodes, but the infra services are running on the worker nodes because they don't have the matching tolerations to run on the infra nodes. This must be taken into account if the cluster does not have any worker nodes.

Moving the router pods to the infra nodes

Edit the default ingress controller and add a nodePlacement section that matches the infra label, and add the toleration for the infra taint

```
Unset

$ oc edit ingresscontroller default -n openshift-ingress-operator
apiVersion: operator.openshift.io/v1
kind: IngressController
metadata:
    name: default
    namespace: openshift-ingress-operator
spec:
...

nodePlacement:
    nodeSelector:
    matchLabels:
    node-role.kubernetes.io/infra: ""
tolerations:
    - effect: NoSchedule
```

```
key: node-role.kubernetes.io/infra
replicas: 2
tuningOptions:
  reloadInterval: 0s
```

After this, the router pods are redeployed to the infra nodes.

Moving the registry pods to the infra nodes

In the case of vsphere IPI installation, the registry is is a removed state because no object storage is readily available:

```
Unset

$ oc get config cluster -o yaml
apiVersion: imageregistry.operator.openshift.io/v1
kind: Config
metadata:
    creationTimestamp: "2024-03-02T09:49:10Z"
    finalizers:
        - imageregistry.operator.openshift.io/finalizer
    generation: 1
    name: cluster
    resourceVersion: "825739"
    uid: 53953d91-929f-40a6-93bb-f6ff25b0cb3f
spec:
    logLevel: Normal
    managementState: Removed
...
```

This has the effect of not having any registry pods running in the cluster

```
Unset
$ oc get pod -n openshift-image-registry -l docker-registry=default
No resources found in openshift-image-registry namespace.
```

So I would have to assing storage to the registry and the add the nodePlacement section

Moving the monitoring stack to the infra nodes

You need to create a configmap with the nodePlacement section and toleratoins for all the monitoring components:

```
Unset
$ cat cluster-monitoring-config
apiVersion: v1
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
name: cluster-monitoring-config
namespace: openshift-monitoring
data:
config.yaml: |+
 alertmanagerMain:
  nodeSelector:
   node-role.kubernetes.io/infra: ""
   tolerations:
  - key: node-role.kubernetes.io/infra
   effect: NoSchedule
  prometheusK8s:
  nodeSelector:
   node-role.kubernetes.io/infra: ""
  tolerations:
   - key: node-role.kubernetes.io/infra
   effect: NoSchedule
  prometheusOperator:
  nodeSelector:
   node-role.kubernetes.io/infra: ""
  tolerations:
  - key: node-role.kubernetes.io/infra
   effect: NoSchedule
  k8sPrometheusAdapter:
  nodeSelector:
   node-role.kubernetes.io/infra: ""
  tolerations:
  - key: node-role.kubernetes.io/infra
   effect: NoSchedule
  kubeStateMetrics:
  nodeSelector:
   node-role.kubernetes.io/infra: ""
  tolerations:
   - key: node-role.kubernetes.io/infra
   effect: NoSchedule
  telemeterClient:
  nodeSelector:
   node-role.kubernetes.io/infra: ""
   tolerations:
  - key: node-role.kubernetes.io/infra
   effect: NoSchedule
  openshiftStateMetrics:
  nodeSelector:
   node-role.kubernetes.io/infra: ""
  tolerations:
```

```
- key: node-role.kubernetes.io/infra
  effect: NoSchedule
thanosQuerier:
  nodeSelector:
   node-role.kubernetes.io/infra: ""
  tolerations:
  - key: node-role.kubernetes.io/infra
  effect: NoSchedule
```

#### Apply the config map definition

```
Unset

$ oc create -f cluster-monitoring-config

$ watch -n4 "oc get pods -n openshift-monitoring -o wide"
```

#### Monitoring-plugin pods are still running on worker nodes

Other elements that need to be moved to infra nodes

Cronjobs for image-prunner and openshift-operator-lifecycle-manager may need to be modified so that the pods can run on infra nodes.

#### The network-check-source pod

```
Unset
$ oc get po -n openshift-network-diagnostics network-check-source-c9468c84c-4q9cn -o yaml|less
$ oc get deployment -n openshift-network-diagnostics network-check-source -o yaml|less
$ oc get network cluster -o yaml|less
```

## **RHACM Operator Deployment**

https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-us/red hat advanced cluster management for kubernetes/2\_9/html/install/installing#installing-from-the-cli

RHACM is installed on infra nodes and therefore the OCP web console cannot be used, so the installation instructions are based on the following chapters in the RHACM documentation:

- Installing from the OpenShift Container Platform CLI
- Installing the Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management hub cluster on infrastructure nodes

Create the recommended namespace to hold ACM components:

```
Unset

$ oc create namespace open-cluster-management
namespace/open-cluster-management created

$ oc project open-cluster-management
Now using project "open-cluster-management"
```

Create the operator group based on the following yaml file

```
Unset
$ cat og.yaml
apiVersion: operators.coreos.com/v1
kind: OperatorGroup
metadata:
name: rhacm-og
namespace: open-cluster-management
spec:
targetNamespaces:
- open-cluster-management
$ oc create -f og.yaml
operatorgroup.operators.coreos.com/rhacm-og created
```

Create the operator subscription based on the following yaml file

There is no **tolerations** section because the infra nodes don't have a taint section, because the cluster has only infra nodes:

```
Unset
$ cat subs.yaml
apiVersion: operators.coreos.com/v1alpha1
kind: Subscription
metadata:
name: acm-operator-subscription
spec:
sourceNamespace: openshift-marketplace
source: redhat-operators
channel: release-2.9
installPlanApproval: Automatic
name: advanced-cluster-management
```

```
config:
 nodeSelector:
  node-role.kubernetes.io/infra: ""
$ oc apply -f subs.yaml
subscription.operators.coreos.com/acm-operator-subscription created
$ oc get pod
                                             READY STATUS
NAME
                                                                RESTARTS
                                                                           AGE
multiclusterhub-operator-7bbd6b66bc-699hz
                                          1/1
                                                   Running
                                                                      32s
$ oc get csv
                                 ... VERSION ... PHASE
NAME
advanced-cluster-management.v2.9.2 ... 2.9.2
                                               ... Succeeded
```

Create the multiclusterhub custom resource based on the following yaml file:

```
Unset
$ cat multiclusterhub.yaml
apiVersion: operator.open-cluster-management.io/v1
kind: MultiClusterHub
metadata:
    name: multiclusterhub
namespace: open-cluster-management
spec:
nodeSelector:
node-role.kubernetes.io/infra: ""
```

If RHACM is being installed on a disconnected environment an special annotation needs to be added to the multiclusterhub definition with the name of the catalogsource for the redat operators

```
Unset

$ oc get catalogsource -n openshift-marketplace
NAME DISPLAY TYPE PUBLISHER AGE
cs-redhat-operator-index grpc 4h16m

$ cat multiclusterhub.yaml
apiVersion: operator.open-cluster-management.io/v1
kind: MultiClusterHub
metadata:
name: multiclusterhub
namespace: open-cluster-management
annotations:
```

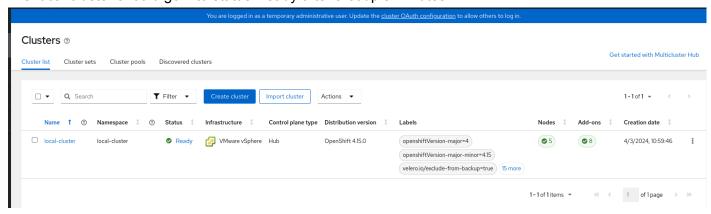
```
installer.open-cluster-management.io/mce-subscription-spec: '{"source":
"cs-redhat-operator-index"}'
spec: {}
```

```
Unset
$ oc apply -f multiclusterhub.yaml
multiclusterhub.operator.open-cluster-management.io/multiclusterhub created
$ oc get pods -n open-cluster-management
NAME
                                                                   READY
                                                                           STATUS
cluster-permission-8595fb4db-wrgjw
                                                                   1/1
                                                                           Running
console-chart-console-v2-865d774dff-76jhq
                                                                   1/1
                                                                           Running
console-chart-console-v2-865d774dff-9hnfh
                                                                   1/1
                                                                           Running
grc-policy-addon-controller-7db8c447bd-5xs8p
                                                                           Running
                                                                   1/1
grc-policy-addon-controller-7db8c447bd-fjtzs
                                                                   1/1
                                                                           Running
grc-policy-propagator-6975744dbd-h8tfp
                                                                   2/2
                                                                           Running
grc-policy-propagator-6975744dbd-tlnvs
                                                                           Running
                                                                   2/2
insights-client-b9c7995b7-r2nnh
                                                                           Running
                                                                   1/1
insights-metrics-5c947cd6d6-qnrgw
                                                                   2/2
                                                                           Running
klusterlet-addon-controller-v2-589566fd7f-f17dv
                                                                           Running
                                                                   1/1
klusterlet-addon-controller-v2-589566fd7f-lfrf5
                                                                   1/1
                                                                           Running
multicluster-integrations-74d4b8d46f-42xxh
                                                                           Running
                                                                   3/3
multicluster-observability-operator-659cf79d5f-zxqx4
                                                                   1/1
                                                                           Running
multicluster-operators-application-cfb6bb778-jbbnz
                                                                   3/3
                                                                           Running
multicluster-operators-channel-c5c98b697-m8f46
                                                                           Running
                                                                   1/1
multicluster-operators-hub-subscription-6c565cb64b-j6gjn
                                                                   1/1
                                                                           Running
multicluster-operators-standalone-subscription-69d95c6f5-npqnv
                                                                   1/1
                                                                           Running
multicluster-operators-subscription-report-69d7675479-499g8
                                                                   1/1
                                                                           Running
multiclusterhub-operator-7bbd6b66bc-699hz
                                                                           Running
                                                                   1/1
search-api-7bc68d4785-nbxwm
                                                                   1/1
                                                                           Running
search-collector-6b499ffdbf-whxxp
                                                                   1/1
                                                                           Running
search-indexer-dcf75d665-pnx2m
                                                                   1/1
                                                                           Running
search-postgres-5d96ccd86b-qbnpn
                                                                           Running
                                                                   1/1
search-v2-operator-controller-manager-5b6fdd4b6f-tnmgt
                                                                   2/2
                                                                           Running
submariner-addon-98b6fff65-kk92v
                                                                   1/1
                                                                           Running
volsync-addon-controller-8cfbd5d5f-h6dqn
                                                                           Running
                                                                   1/1
```

A new dropdown menu should appear in the Openshift web site.



The local cluster should go into status Ready after a couple minutes:



# Mirror Registry

https://github.com/quay/mirror-registry

https://docs.openshift.com/container-platform/4.15/installing/disconnected\_install/installing-mirroring-creating-registry.html#mirror-registry-localhost\_installing-mirroring-creating-registry

How to use the oc-mirror plug-in to mirror operators

### Setting up the environment

The mirror registry service needs to be resolvable by DNS, so we are going to deploy it remotely from one **VMware Cloud Public Cloud Open Environment** onto another so the bastion on the second environment can be used as the mirror registry for the first one, and the bastion public DNS name can be used to access the mirror registry.

Create a new VMware Cloud Public Cloud Open Environment

#### On the second VMware Cloud Public Cloud Open Environment

The bastion host does not have enough resources to run the mirror registry. Shutdown the bastion host and add:

- One additional vCPU, 2 in total
- Increase the memory to 8GB
- Add a disk of 50GB.

#### Boot up the bastion

Show the available disks, a new sdb disk of 50G should appear

```
Unset
$ lsblk
NAME MAJ:MIN RM SIZE RO TYPE MOUNTPOINT
sda 8:0 0 30G 0 disk
|-sda1 8:1 0 1M 0 part
|-sda2 8:2 0 100M 0 part / boot/efi
|-sda3 8:3 0 29.9G 0 part /
sdb 8:16 0 50G 0 disk
```

(Use LVM instead of the device directly, this way you can extend the partition if you run out of space)

```
Unset
$ sudo yum install lvm2
$ lsblk
$ sudo pvcreate /dev/sdb
$ sudo pvcreate /dev/sdd
$ sudo vgcreate viena /dev/sdb /dev/sdd
$ sudo vgs
$ sudo lvcreate -n lvmirror -l +100%FREE viena
$ sudo lvs
$ sudo mkfs.xfs /dev/viena/lvmirror
```

#### Format the new disk

```
Unset
$ sudo mkfs.xfs /dev/sdb
```

#### Create the mount point

```
Unset
$ sudo mkdir /var/mirror-registry
```

#### Get the UUID for the /dev/sdb disk

```
Unset
$ sudo blkid
...
```

```
/dev/sdb: UUID="d327e61d-8372-435..." BLOCK_SIZE="512" TYPE="xfs"
```

#### Add an entry like the following to the /etc/fstab file

```
Unset
UUID=d327e61d-8372-435... /var/mirror-registry xfs defaults 0 0
```

#### Mount the partition

```
Unset
$ sudo mount -a
$ df -Ph
```

### Installing the mirror registry software

### On the first VMware Cloud Public Cloud Open Environment

The mirror registry installer needs to be executed on the first environment, but it needs to run an ansible playbook against the second environment with root privileges so that the registry service can listen on privileged port 443.

Copy the existing ssh key for the root user in the second environment to the first environment

If a non privileged port like the default 843 is used, the ansible playbook can run as a normal user in the second environment and an ssh key for the lab user can be created and copied over

```
$\ssh-keygen -N'' -f \( \rangle \).\ssh/mirror
$\ssh-copy-id -i \( \rangle \).\ssh/mirror.pub \( \frac{1ab-user@bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com \)
$\ssh -i \( \rangle \).\ssh/mirror lab-user@bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com
```

Download the **mirror-registry.tar.gz** package for the latest version of the mirror registry found on the OpenShift console **Downloads** page.

Uncompress the tar file

```
Unset

$ mkdir mirror

$ mv mirror-registry.tar.gz mirror

$ cd mirror/

$ tar xvf mirror-registry.tar.gz

image-archive.tar

execution-environment.tar

mirror-registry
```

Run the installer on the first env to install the mirror registry remotely on the second env. The resolvable hostname for the mirror registry service is the public hostname for the bastion host on the second environment and the port it uses is the standard for https 443

```
--quayHostname bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com:443
```

The partition where the images will be storage is the one associated with the disk added earlier

```
--quayStorage /var/mirror-registry
```

Because this is a remote installation from the first environment into the second environment, the connection parameters for the second environment are needed

```
--targetHostname bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com --targetUsername lab-user -k \sim/.ssh/mirror-root
```

```
Unset
$ ./mirror-registry install --quayHostname bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com:443
--quayStorage /var/mirror-registry --targetHostname bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com
--targetUsername lab-user -k ~/.ssh/mirror-root
```

The final message contains the URL to access the registry and the user credentials.

```
Unset
....
INFO[2024-03-07 02:22:58] Quay is available at https://bastion-sjmzk:8443 with credentials
(init, j4HPx6Gu18052I70zlknDQw9do3thqKF)
```

Save the credentials for later use.

The installer creates systemd services for the different components:

```
Unset
$ systemctl status quay-app.service
$ systemctl status quay-postgres.service
$ systemctl status quay-redis.service
$ systemctl status quay-pod.service
```

Test the access to the registry. The option --tls-verify=false is used so that podman does not reject the unknown root CA in the mirror registry:

```
Unset
$ podman login --tls-verify=false -u init -p j4HPx... bastion-sjmzk.sjmzk.dynamic.opentlc.com
Login Succeeded!
```

Access the web interface using the bastion external name (i.e. bastion-sjmzk.sjmzk.dynamic.opentlc.com)



Download the **mirror-plugin** and the oc CLI packages from the <u>OpenShift console **Downloads**</u> page. Install the oc CLI and the oc-mirror plugin

```
Unset
$ tar xvf oc-mirror.tar.gz
oc-mirror
$ chmod +x oc-mirror

$ tar xvf openshift-client-linux.tar.gz
README.md
oc
```

```
kubectl
$ sudo cp oc oc-mirror /usr/local/bin/
```

Download your registry.redhat.io pull secret from Red Hat OpenShift Cluster Manager.

Make a copy of your pull secret in JSON format:

```
Unset
$ cat pull-secret.txt | jq . > pull-secret_json.txt
```

Generate the base64-encoded username and password or token for your mirror registry:

```
Unset
$ echo -n 'init:j4HPx6Gu18052I70zlknDQw9do3thqKF'| base64 -w0
aW5pdDpqNEhQeDZHdTE4TzUySTcwemxrbkRRdzlkbzN0aHFLRg==
```

Edit the JSON file and add a section that describes your registry to it: Make sure to add the port where the mirror registry is listening on

```
Unset
 "auths": {
       "cloud.openshift.com": {
       "auth": "b3BlbnNoaWZ0LXJlbGVhc2...
       "email": "jjerezro@redhat.com"
       },
       "quay.io": {
       "auth": "b3BlbnNoaWZ0LXJlbGVhc...
       "email": "jjerezro@redhat.com"
       }.
       "registry.connect.redhat.com": {
       "auth": "NTIzMjU0MDB8dWhjLTFIaW...
       "email": "jjerezro@redhat.com"
       },
       "registry.redhat.io": {
       "auth": "NTIzMjU0MDB8dWhjLTFIaWRhWDBvbHZ0Wnl...
       "email": "jjerezro@redhat.com"
      },
      "bastion-sjmzk.sjmzk.dynamic.opentlc.com:443": {
        "auth": "aW5pdDpwa1pFUDhzNj12Q251SDcyVk9mMzFkeEpRTTBsWDRvNQ==",
```

```
"email": "jjerezro@redhat.com"
}
}
```

Install the merged pull secret so that it can be used by the oc CLI. Verify the pull secret and create the image set configuration file template. The "oc mirror" command can take a couple minutes to complete

## Mirroring packages

Edit the imageset-config.yaml file and include the required content to be mirrored to the local registry. Examples and further details can be found <u>here</u>

To mirror a particular version of Openshift use a configuration like. This configuration file only mirrors one particular OCP version and does not include any operators:

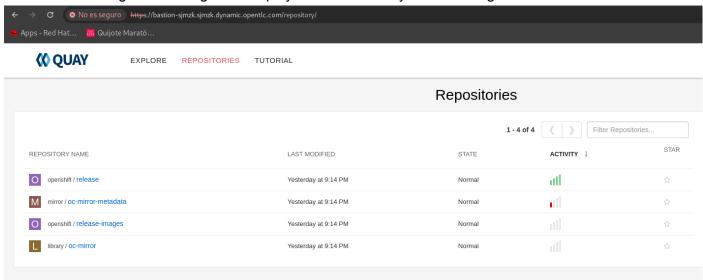
```
Unset
kind: ImageSetConfiguration
apiVersion: mirror.openshift.io/v1alpha2
storageConfig:
  registry:
    imageURL: bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com:443/mirror/oc-mirror-metadata
    skipTLS: true
mirror:
  platform:
    architectures:
    - amd64
    channels:
    - name: stable-4.15
     minVersion: 4.15.0
      maxVersion: 4.15.0
      type: ocp
```

If the ImageSetConfiguration contains an operators section you need to apply the catalog source obtained after the content is mirrored into the registry, see <a href="here">here</a>
Execute the images mirroring:

```
Unset

$ oc mirror --config=./imageset-config.yaml \
    docker://bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com:443 --dest-skip-tls
Checking push permissions for bastion-sjmzk.localdomain:443
Found: oc-mirror-workspace/src/publish
Found: oc-mirror-workspace/src/v2
Found: oc-mirror-workspace/src/charts
Found: oc-mirror-workspace/src/release-signatures
No metadata detected, creating new workspace
...
info: Mirroring completed in 7m43.76s (42.41MB/s)
Writing image mapping to oc-mirror-workspace/results-1709842466/mapping.txt
Writing ICSP manifests to oc-mirror-workspace/results-1709842466
```

When the mirroring is finished go to the guay web site to verify that the images are there



#### On the second VMware Cloud Public Cloud Open Environment

Download the RHCOS image to install OpenShift on a restricted network vSphere environment. The installer needs to load the installation ova image into vSphere, so we need to download the image "Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS - vSphere" from the <u>Product Downloads page</u>. This ova image is more than 1GB in size, keep that in mind.

Copy the image to the bastion host in the second environment:

```
Unset $ scp /home/jjerezro/Descargas/rhcos-vmware.x86_64.ova \
```

```
lab-user@bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com:
```

On the bastion in the second environment verify the RHCOS image and move to a directory

```
Unset
$ mkdir images
$ mv rhcos-vmware.x86_64.ova images
$ sha256sum images/rhcos-vmware.x86_64.ova
9b3d5a598928ec52b0d32092d0a9a41f0ec8a238eb9fff8563266b9351919e20 ...
```

The image must be published in a web server, in this case an apache container image is used for such purpose since the server only has to be available during installation of the cluster.

The container has to be run as root because the pod binds to port 80, because other ports are not accessible from other environments.

```
Unset
$ sudo podman run -p 80:8080 --name httpd -d \
--volume ~/images:/var/www/html:Z registry.access.redhat.com/ubi8/httpd-24
```

Test the access to the web site from the first environment:

The install-config.yaml file needs to include additional configurations for the disconnected installation:

 The clusterOSImage with the URL to get the ova image, and the sha256 sum obtained from the downloads page or computed using the sha256sum command

- The pull secret for the mirror registry
  Use the same definition that you used in the json pull-secret for the mirror registry, including the port number. If they differ the nodes will not be able to pull the images from the registry.
- The CA certificate for the mirror registry

This is obtained from the file **quay-install/quay-rootCA/rootCA.pem** in the home of the user who installed the mirror registry in the <u>target host</u>. In this case because the installer was run with sudo, the file is in the root's home directory of the 2nd environment.

It is important that the certificate itself is properly indented

 The image content resources obtained from the file oc-mirror-workspace/results-1709896183/imageContentSourcePolicy.yaml
 This file is found in the host where the installer was run (bastion in 1st environment)

The resulting file looks like this:

```
Unset
additionalTrustBundlePolicy: Proxyonly
apiVersion: v1
baseDomain: dynamic.opentlc.com
compute:
- architecture: amd64
  hyperthreading: Enabled
  name: worker
 platform: {}
  replicas: 3
controlPlane:
  architecture: amd64
  hyperthreading: Enabled
  name: master
  platform: {}
  replicas: 3
metadata:
  creationTimestamp: null
  name: sjmzk
networking:
  clusterNetwork:
  - cidr: 10.128.0.0/14
   hostPrefix: 23
  machineNetwork:
  - cidr: 10.0.0.0/16
  networkType: OVNKubernetes
  serviceNetwork:
  - 172.30.0.0/16
platform:
  vsphere:
   apiVIPs:
    - 192.168.95.201
   failureDomains:
    - name: generated-failure-domain
```

```
region: generated-region
      server: vcenter.sddc-44-197-86-61.vmwarevmc.com
      topology:
        computeCluster: /SDDC-Datacenter/host/Cluster-1
        datacenter: SDDC-Datacenter
        datastore: /SDDC-Datacenter/datastore/WorkloadDatastore
        networks:
        - segment-sandbox-sjmzk
        resourcePool: /SDDC-Datacenter/host/Cluster-1//Resources
        folder: /SDDC-Datacenter/vm/Workloads/sandbox-sjmzk
      zone: generated-zone
    ingressVIPs:
    - 192.168.95.202
    vcenters:
    - datacenters:
      - SDDC-Datacenter
      password: t4uy8zoGPJQ7
      port: 443
      server: vcenter.sddc-44-197-86-61.vmwarevmc.com
      user: sandbox-sjmzk@vc.opentlc.com
    clusterOSImage: http://bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com/rhcos-vmware.x86_64.ova?sha256=9b3d...
imageContentSources:
 - mirrors:
   - bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com:443/openshift/release-images
   source: quay.io/openshift-release-dev/ocp-release
   - bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com:443/openshift/release
   source: quay.io/openshift-release-dev/ocp-v4.0-art-dev
pullSecret: '{"auths":{"bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com:443":{"auth":"aW5pd..."}}}'
sshKey: |
  ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1y...
additionalTrustBundle: |
  ----BEGIN CERTIFICATE----
  MIID0jCCArqgAwIBAgIULG+VT17hJhwC+1H9hHg0cAQAWQEwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQEL
  X2d/YiJ23sGBtDxKuQpdTSS1iG9wag==
  ----END CERTIFICATE----
```

Add the vCenter root CA certificates as described <u>above</u>
Run the installer

```
Unset
$ mkdir sjmzk
$ cp install-config.yaml sjmzk/
$ openshift-install create cluster --dir sjmzk/
```

### **Operator Catalog Content**

The Operator Lifecycle Manager (OLM) applies the <u>original catalogSources</u> to the cluster, but the pods associated with them don't exist in the mirror registry and therefore cannot be started. Listing the pods in the openshift-marketplace project shows that some pods are not starting.

```
Unset
$ oc get pods -n openshift-marketplace
                   READY STATUS
                                        RESTARTS
                                                     AGE
                                        Init:ImagePullBackOff 0
certified-operators-9rtn5
                                 0/1
                                                                         21h
certified-operators-wshfs
                                 0/1
                                        Init:ImagePullBackOff 0
                                                                         21h
                                        Init:ImagePullBackOff 0
community-operators-5h5hc
                                 0/1
                                                                         21h
                                        Init:ImagePullBackOff 0
community-operators-wpb48
                                 0/1
                                                                         21h
cs-redhat-operator-index-4jdk6
                                 1/1
                                        Runnina
                                                           4h7m
marketplace-operator-5fc5bc69d8-gd7zr 1/1
                                              Running
                                                            5 (21h ago) 21h
redhat-marketplace-d2tm8
                                        Init:ImagePullBackOff 0
                                 0/1
redhat-marketplace-srs5v
                                 0/1
                                        Init:ImagePullBackOff 0
                                                                         21h
redhat-operators-m679s
                                        Init:ImagePullBackOff 0
                                 0/1
                                                                         21h
                                 0/1
                                        Init:ImagePullBackOff 0
redhat-operators-pzlkf
                                                                         21h
```

For some reason this situation blocks the installation of any operator that has been loaded to the mirror registry.

The logs of the catalog operator show constant connection errors

```
Unset
I0309 17:41:44.746653
                            1 event.go:298] Event(v1.ObjectReference{Kind:"Namespace",
Namespace: "", Name: "open-cluster-management", UID: "21e8b0a3-78ff-4374-90bf-820ad49ce97b",
APIVersion: "v1", ResourceVersion: "491216", FieldPath: ""}): type: 'Warning' reason:
'ResolutionFailed' [failed to populate resolver cache from source
redhat-operators/openshift-marketplace: failed to list bundles: rpc error: code = Unavailable
desc = connection error: desc = "transport: Error while dialing dial tcp 172.30.192.30:50051:
connect: connection refused", failed to populate resolver cache from source
community-operators/openshift-marketplace: failed to list bundles: rpc error: code =
Unavailable desc = connection error: desc = "transport: Error while dialing dial tcp
172.30.238.156:50051: connect: connection refused", failed to populate resolver cache from
source certified-operators/openshift-marketplace: failed to list bundles: rpc error: code =
Unavailable desc = connection error: desc = "transport: Error while dialing dial tcp
172.30.65.26:50051: connect: connection refused", failed to populate resolver cache from source
redhat-marketplace/openshift-marketplace: failed to list bundles: rpc error: code = Unavailable
desc = connection error: desc = "transport: Error while dialing dial tcp 172.30.142.8:50051:
connect: connection refused"]
```

To fix this situation, <u>Disable the default OperatorHub sources</u>.

```
Unset
$ oc patch OperatorHub cluster --type json \
  -p'[{"op": "add", "path": "/spec/disableAllDefaultSources", "value": true}]'
$ oc get operatorhub cluster -o yaml
apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1
kind: OperatorHub
metadata:
annotations:
  capability.openshift.io/name: marketplace
  include.release.openshift.io/ibm-cloud-managed: "true"
  include.release.openshift.io/self-managed-high-availability: "true"
  include.release.openshift.io/single-node-developer: "true"
  release.openshift.io/create-only: "true"
name: cluster
spec:
disableAllDefaultSources: true
status:
sources:
 - disabled: true
 name: redhat-operators
 status: Success
 - disabled: true
 name: certified-operators
 status: Success
 - disabled: true
 name: community-operators
 status: Success
 - disabled: true
 name: redhat-marketplace
  status: Success
```

To include operator images in the mirror registry we need to collect some additional information.

All these commands take up to a couple of minutes to execute. Faster alternatives may exist using **opm** or **grpcurl** 

#### Get the catalogs

```
Unset
$ oc-mirror list operators --catalogs --version=4.15 > catalogs_4.15
$ cat catalogs_4.15
Available OpenShift OperatorHub catalogs:
OpenShift 4.15:
registry.redhat.io/redhat/redhat-operator-index:v4.15
```

```
registry.redhat.io/redhat/certified-operator-index:v4.15
registry.redhat.io/redhat/community-operator-index:v4.15
registry.redhat.io/redhat/redhat-marketplace-index:v4.15
```

#### Find the available packages in each catalog

```
Unset
$ oc-mirror list operators \
    -catalog=registry.redhat.io/redhat/redhat-operator-index:v4.15 \
    redhat_package_4.15

$ oc-mirror list operators \
    -catalog=registry.redhat.io/redhat/certified-operator-index:v4.15 \
    certified_package_4.15

$ oc-mirror list operators \
    -catalog=registry.redhat.io/redhat/community-operator-index:v4.15 \
    community_package_4.15

$ oc-mirror list operators \
    -catalog=registry.redhat.io/redhat/redhat-marketplace-index:v4.15 \
    marketplace_package_4.15
```

Find the available channels for the selected packages. This command is very slow, if you are requesting information about several operators, it can take a long time to complete.

```
Unset

$ oc-mirror list operators \
    --catalog=registry.redhat.io/redhat/redhat-operator-index:v4.15 \
    --package=advanced-cluster-management

NAME DISPLAY NAME DEFAULT CHANNEL
advanced-cluster-management Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes release-2.9

PACKAGE CHANNEL HEAD
advanced-cluster-management release-2.9 advanced-cluster-management.v2.9.2
```

#### Find the package versions within the selected channel

```
Unset
$ oc-mirror list operators \
   --catalog=<u>registry.redhat.io/redhat/redhat-operator-index:v4.15</u> \
   --package=advanced-cluster-management --channel=release-2.9
```

```
VERSIONS
2.9.0
2.9.1
2.9.2
```

With this information add a new section for the operators to the ImageSetConfiguration file

```
Unset
kind: ImageSetConfiguration
apiVersion: mirror.openshift.io/v1alpha2
storageConfig:
 registry:
    imageURL: bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com:443/mirror/oc-mirror-metadata
    skipTLS: true
mirror:
 platform:
   architectures:
    - "amd64"
   - "multi"
   channels:
    - name: stable-4.15
     minVersion: 4.15.0
     maxVersion: 4.15.0
     type: ocp
 operators:
   - catalog: registry.redhat.io/redhat/redhat-operator-index:v4.15
      packages:
     - name: advanced-cluster-management
       channels:
        - name: release-2.9
         minVersion: '2.9.1'
         maxVersion: '2.9.2'
      - name: multicluster-engine
       channels: stable-2.4
        - name:
         minVersion: '2.4.2'
         maxVersion: '2.4.3'
```

Mirror the content, in this example the packages are downloaded to the local filesystem (/var/mirror-registry/operator\_catalog) instead of uploading them directly to the mirror registry. The directory is created if it does not exist.

This command takes quite some time to complete, to the point where it looks like it is hung.

```
Unset

$ oc mirror --config=./imageset-config.yaml \
file:///var/mirror-registry/operator_catalog --dest-skip-tls

Creating directory: /var/mirror-registry/operator_catalog/oc-mirror-workspace/src/publish

Creating directory: /var/mirror-registry/operator_catalog/oc-mirror-workspace/src/v2

Creating directory: /var/mirror-registry/operator_catalog/oc-mirror-workspace/src/charts

Creating directory: /var/mirror-registry/operator_catalog/oc-mirror-workspace/src/release-signatures

wrote mirroring manifests to
/var/mirror-registry/operator_catalog/oc-mirror-workspace/operators.1709985535/manifests-redhat-operator-index
...

info: Mirroring completed in 1m47.59s (133MB/s)

Creating archive /var/mirror-registry/operator_catalog/mirror_seq2_000000.tar
```

One reason it takes so long is because it compares the contents of the mirror registry with the packages to be downloaded so that it only downloads the packages that are not already in the mirror registry. The command also removes any packages from the mirror registry that are not referenced in the imagesetconfiguration.

Running the same command a second time renders the following result:

```
Unset

$ oc mirror --config=./2imageset-config.yaml file:///var/mirror-registry/operator_catalog
--dest-skip-tls

Creating directory: /var/mirror-registry/operator_catalog/oc-mirror-workspace/src/publish

Creating directory: /var/mirror-registry/operator_catalog/oc-mirror-workspace/src/v2

Creating directory: /var/mirror-registry/operator_catalog/oc-mirror-workspace/src/charts

Creating directory:
/var/mirror-registry/operator_catalog/oc-mirror-workspace/src/release-signatures
wrote mirroring manifests to
/var/mirror-registry/operator_catalog/oc-mirror-workspace/operators.1709994990/manifests-redhat-operator-index

To upload local images to a registry, run:

oc adm catalog mirror file://redhat/redhat-operator-index:v4.15 REGISTRY/REPOSITORY
No new images detected, process stopping
```

The file needs to be uploaded to the mirror registry from the first bastion where the public DNS name can be used to access the mirror registry, so the tar file will not be transferred to the second bastion and will not be loaded from there as would be the case in another less stringent situation.

Load the file from the first bastion into the second bastion

Link the new content uploaded to the mirror registry with the OCP cluster by applying the imageContentSourcePolicy and catalogSource files generated by the oc mirror command in the first bastion host

```
Unset
$ ls -1 oc-mirror-workspace/results-1709989778/
catalogSource-cs-redhat-operator-index.yaml
charts
imageContentSourcePolicy.yaml
mapping.txt
release-signatures

$ oc apply -f oc-mirror-workspace/results-1709989778/imageContentSourcePolicy.yaml
imagecontentsourcepolicy.operator.openshift.io/operator-0 created

$ oc apply -f
oc-mirror-workspace/results-1709989778/catalogSource-cs-redhat-operator-index.yaml
catalogsource.operators.coreos.com/cs-redhat-operator-index created
```

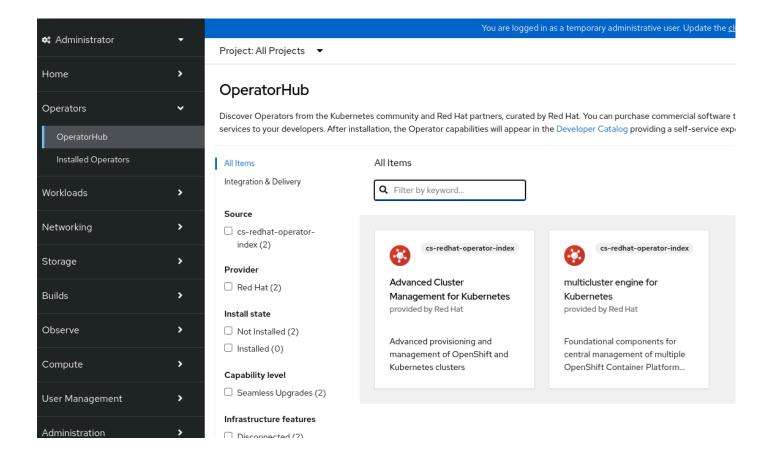
Verify that the cluster sees the new operator. It takes a few minutes for the catalog operator to process the information and make the packagemanifests and the operators available.

```
Unset
$ oc get catalogsource -n openshift-marketplace cs-redhat-operator-index
NAME DISPLAY TYPE PUBLISHER AGE
cs-redhat-operator-index grpc 7m4s
$ oc logs -f catalog-operator-674487f7b5-w4bmb -n openshift-operator-lifecycle-manager
```

\$ oc get packagemanifests -n openshift-marketplace

NAME CATALOG AGE

advanced-cluster-management 7m29s



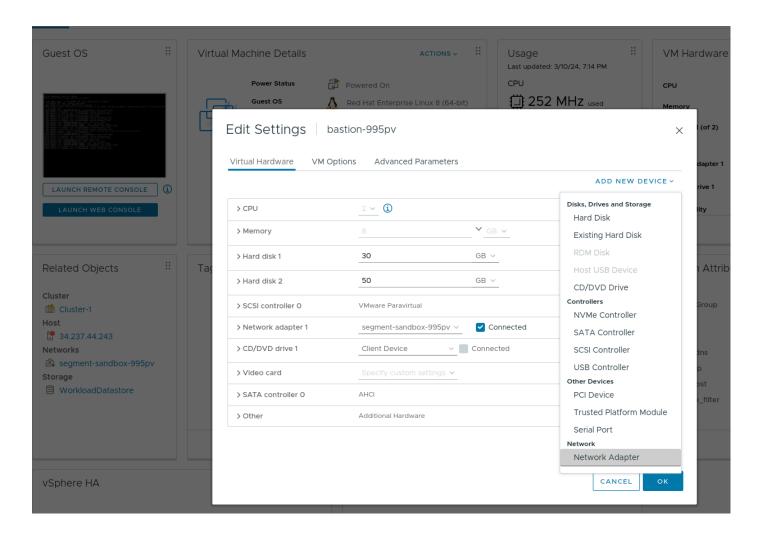
# Managed cluster environment configuration

This section applies mostly to the additional **VMware Cloud Public Cloud Open Environments** where the managed OCP clusters are being installed.

You cannot use the same **VMware Cloud Public Cloud Open Environments** for the mirror registry and for the managed cluster because the mirror registry is already using port 443, and probably there is an http server to publish the clusterOSImage using port 80. In this case a 3rd **VMware Cloud Public Cloud Open Environments** 

The goal here is to assign the IP addresses for api and \*.apps DNS records to the bastion host, and install haproxy in the bastion to redirect requests to the OCP 4 managed cluster.

On the secondary **VMware Cloud Public Cloud Open Environment** add a new network interface to the bastion host.



Configure the network interface to have the IP addresses assigned to the api and \*.apps DNS records API DNS api.rscp4.dynamic.opentlc.com points to NAT IP to 192.168.188.201 Wildcard DNS \*.apps.rscp4.dynamic.opentlc.com points to NAT IP to 192.168.188.202

#### The new NIC is eth1

```
Unset
$ nmcli con show
NAME
                   UUID
                                                            TYPE
                                                                  DEVICE
System eth0
                    5fb06bd0-0bb0-7ffb-45f1-d6edd65f3e03 ethernet eth0
                    9529674c-0f4d-4738-8736-1e589df0afc4
cni-podman0
                                                          bridge
                                                                  cni-podman0
Wired connection 1 1c6cb2f2-78a7-3a1a-a7ef-4d18be5d80cd ethernet eth1
$ sudo nmcli con down "Wired connection 1"
$ sudo nmcli con mod "Wired connection 1" ipv4.method manual ipv4.addr "192.168.188.201,
192.168.188.202"
$ sudo nmcli con up "Wired connection 1"
$ ip -4 a
```

```
3: eth1: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc fq_codel state UP group default
qlen 1000
    inet 192.168.188.201/32 scope global noprefixroute eth1
    valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet 192.168.188.202/32 scope global noprefixroute eth1
```

### Clone the following git repository:

```
Unset
$ git clone https://github.com/tale-toul/OCPonpremviaACM.git
$ cd OCPonpremviaACM/
```

#### Install ansible:

```
Unset
$ sudo python3 -m pip install ansible
```

Update the vars file. Add some properties to ansible/vars.yml. We're interested in this section:

The ansible playbook is simplified so that only the tasks related to installing and enabling haproxy, the bind DNS server, and the task that downloads the oc client are executed.

### Run the playbook

```
Unset
$ ansible-playbook -vvv ansible/main.yml
```

Verify that haproxy is listening on the expected ports

| Unset<br>\$ sudo ss -tlnp |                       |                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| State                     | Local Address:Port    | Peer Address:Port |
| LISTEN                    | 192.168.188.202:443   | 0.0.0.0:*         |
| LISTEN                    | 192.168.188.201:22623 | 0.0.0.0:*         |
| LISTEN                    | 192.168.188.201:6443  | 0.0.0.0:*         |
| LISTEN                    | 192.168.188.202:80    | 0.0.0.0:*         |
|                           |                       |                   |

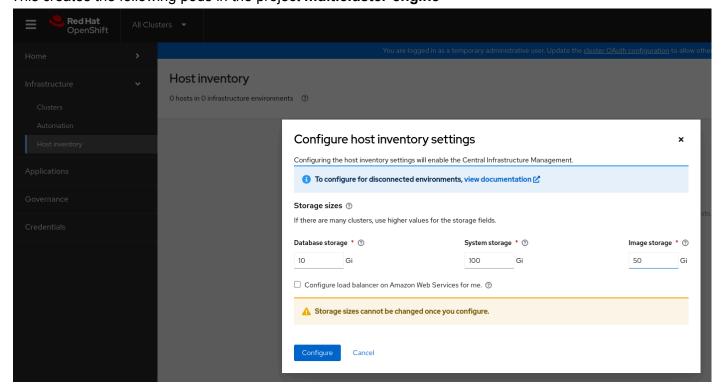
## Create a Host inventory

https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-us/red\_hat\_advanced\_cluster\_management\_for\_kubernetes/2\_9/html/clusters/cluster\_mce\_overview#create-host-inventory-console-steps\_

Before creating the first host inventory, the host inventory settings must be set.

From the All cluster web console -> Host inventory -> Configure host inventory settings

This creates the following pods in the project **multicluster-engine** 



```
agentinstalladmission-6bdf8c65d4-ltjnp 1/1 Running 0 8m15s
assisted-image-service-0 1/1 Running 0 8m15s
assisted-service-5c84fc8bf9-rj5dj 2/2 Running 0 8m15s
```

### And the following PVCs

```
Unset
$ oc get pvc -n multicluster-engine
                       STATUS VOLUME
NAME
                                                       CAPACITY ACCESS MODES
STORAGECLASS AGE
assisted-service
                       Bound pvc-c3802bb2-bb29-4d34-b90d-6e318cf6a660 50Gi
                                                                                RWO
     thin-csi 9m53s
image-service-data-assisted-image-service-0 Bound
pvc-dd039e55-d750-4d62-936a-b7447e26750e 30Gi
                                                             thin-csi 9m52s
                                                 RWO
                        Bound pvc-5de1ba28-41e1-4c7d-bad1-9d55cd2a5f9a 10Gi
                                                                                RWO
postgres
      thin-csi
                 9m53s
```

I am not creating the baremetal host and provisioning resources as requested in the <u>documentation</u> because I am not using baremetal hosts.

For a <u>disconnected environment</u> create the following config map, in a connected environment skip the creation of this configmap

The <u>ca-bundle.crt</u> content is the same as was used in the **additionalTrustBundle** section of the install-config.yaml and contains the CA root for the mirror registry.

The registry configuration should contain entries for any repositories that are being accessed on the mirror registry. The official documentation is not clear on this part, it looks like only

<u>registry.redhat.io/multicluster-engine</u> is needed, but that is not enough.

The entries in registries.conf will end up in the imagecontentsourcepolicy resource in the installed cluster. The format for the registries.conf is different from that of the install-config.yaml and the imagecontentsourcepolicy, more info can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>

```
Unset
$ cat mirror-config

apiVersion: v1
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
name: mirror-config
namespace: multicluster-engine
labels:
app: assisted-service
data:
ca-bundle.crt: |
```

```
----BEGIN CERTIFICATE----
 MIID/jCCAuagAwIBAqIUcTPqO9RSv9q5Ys76wxsvZjS3PdwwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQEL
 2VAODDFugUjzzmTV+UTfM5mu
 ----END CERTIFICATE----
registries.conf: |
  unqualified-search-registries = ["registry.access.redhat.com", "docker.io"]
 [[registry]]
   prefix = ""
   location = "registry.redhat.io/multicluster-engine"
   mirror-by-digest-only = true
  [[registry.mirror]]
   location = "bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com:443/multicluster-engine"
  [[registry]]
   prefix = ""
   location = "quay.io/openshift-release-dev/ocp-release"
   mirror-by-digest-only = true
  [[registry.mirror]]
   location = "bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com:443/openshift/release-images"
  [[registry]]
   prefix = ""
   location = "quay.io/openshift-release-dev/ocp-v4.0-art-dev"
   mirror-by-digest-only = true
  [[registry.mirror]]
   location = "bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com:443/openshift/release"
  [[registry]]
   prefix = ""
   location = "registry.redhat.io/rhacm2"
   mirror-by-digest-only = true
  [[registry.mirror]]
   location = "bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com:443/rhacm2"
$ oc apply -f mirror-config
```

If you modify the mirror-config configmap at some point you need to restart the assisted service pod

For a <u>disconnected environment</u> create the AgentServiceConfig custom resource The mirrorRegistryRef points to the config map created above

The oslmages section defines a collection of Operating System images (ie. RHCOS images) that the assisted-service should use as the base when generating discovery ISOs.

The url field must point to a web server holding the live iso and live-rootfs images. The rootFSUrl field is deprecated

The images can be obtained from <u>here</u>.

The same pod based http web server that was used to hold the "ova" image can be used for this purpose.

Make sure that the file has a SELinux label fo container\_file\_t

```
Unset
$ sudo semanage fcontext -a -t container_file_t /home/lab-user/images/
$ sudo restorecon -Rv /home/lab-user/images/
...
Relabeled /home/lab-user/images/rhcos-4.15.0-x86_64-live-rootfs.x86_64.img from unconfined_u:object_r:user_home_t:s0 to unconfined_u:object_r:container_file_t:s0
```

• The version field is obtained from the live iso image itself, use the following command

```
Unset

$ file rhcos-4.15.0-x86_64-live.x86_64.iso

rhcos-4.15.0-x86_64-live.x86_64.iso: ISO 9660 CD-ROM filesystem data (DOS/MBR boot sector)

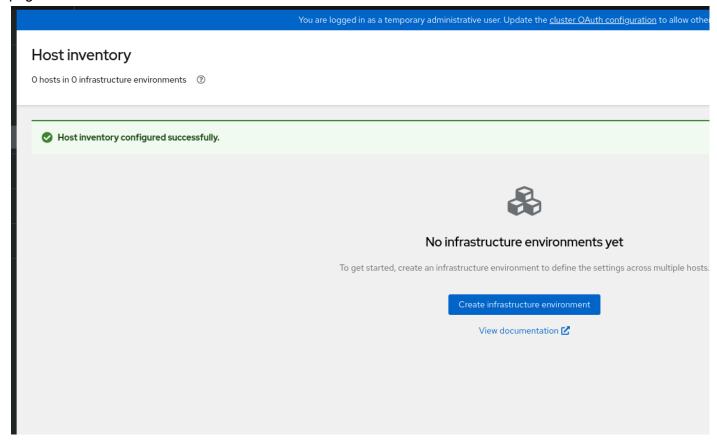
'rhcos-415.92.202402130021-0' (bootable)
```

```
Unset
$ cat agent-service.yaml
apiVersion: agent-install.openshift.io/v1beta1
kind: AgentServiceConfig
metadata:
 name: agent
spec:
databaseStorage:
 accessModes:
 - ReadWriteOnce
 resources:
  requests:
   storage: 10Gi
 filesystemStorage:
 accessModes:
  - ReadWriteOnce
  resources:
  requests:
   storage: 100Gi
imageStorage:
 accessModes:
  - ReadWriteOnce
  resources:
  requests:
   storage: 50Gi
 mirrorRegistryRef:
 name: mirror-config
```

```
osImages:
   -openshiftVersion: "4.15"
   version: "415.92.202402130021-0"
   url: "http://bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com/rhcos-4.15.0-x86_64-live.x86_64.iso"
   cpuArchitecture: "x86_64"

$ oc apply -f agent-service.yaml
```

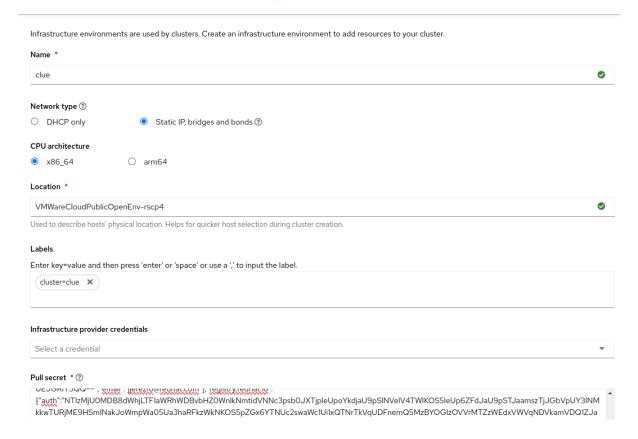
Create the infrastructure environment by clicking on the blue button on the middle of the Host inventory page.



In a <u>disconnected cluster</u> the pull secret is for the mirror registry, but it must contains at least an entry for registry.redhat.io or the web interface complains about this.

#### Create infrastructure environment



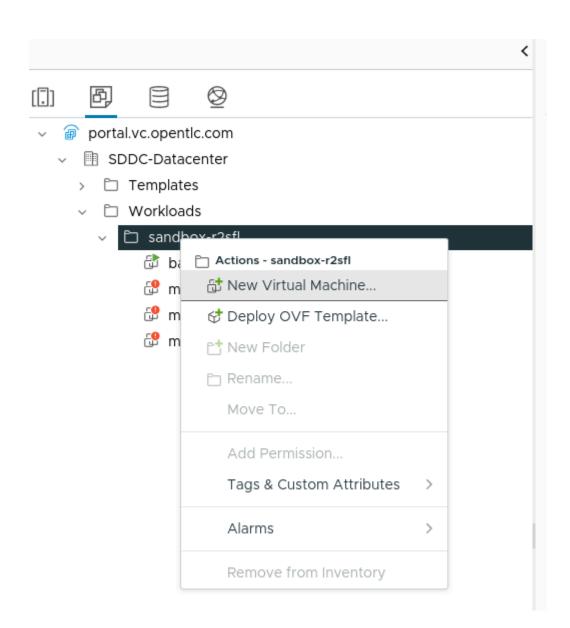


## Create new VMs

Create new virtual machines in vsphere.

Most of the information is left as default, exceptions are:

- The guest OS is changed to Linux RHEL 8
- Hardware resources are updated to 4 CPU; 16GB RAM; 120GB disk
- In advance parameters tab, the diskEnableUUID=TRUE is added



#### New Virtual Machine

### Select a creation type

#### 1 Select a creation type

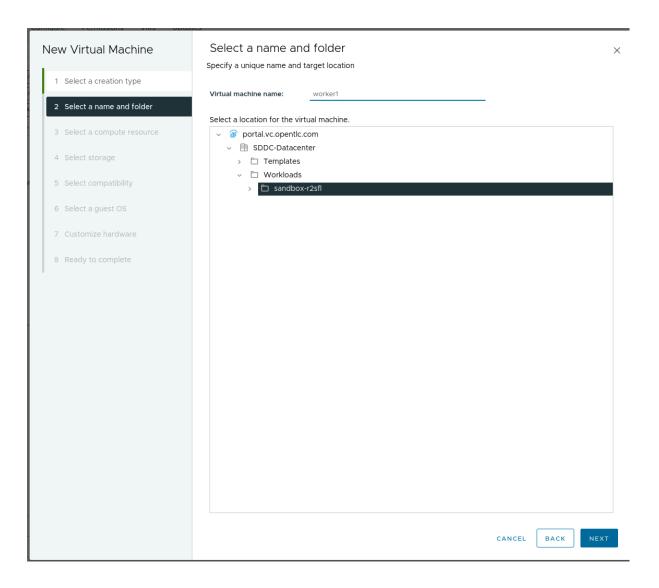
- 3 Select a compute resource
- 4 Select storage
- 5 Select compatibility
- 6 Select a guest OS
- 8 Ready to complete

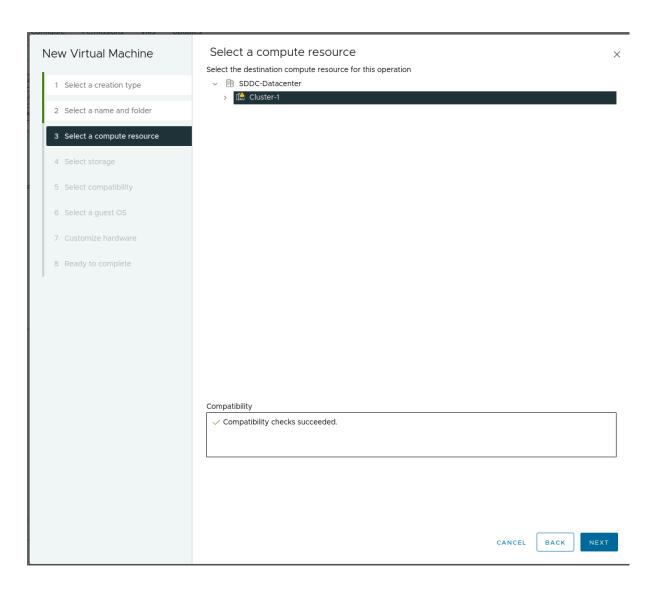
How would you like to create a virtual machine? Create a new virtual machine

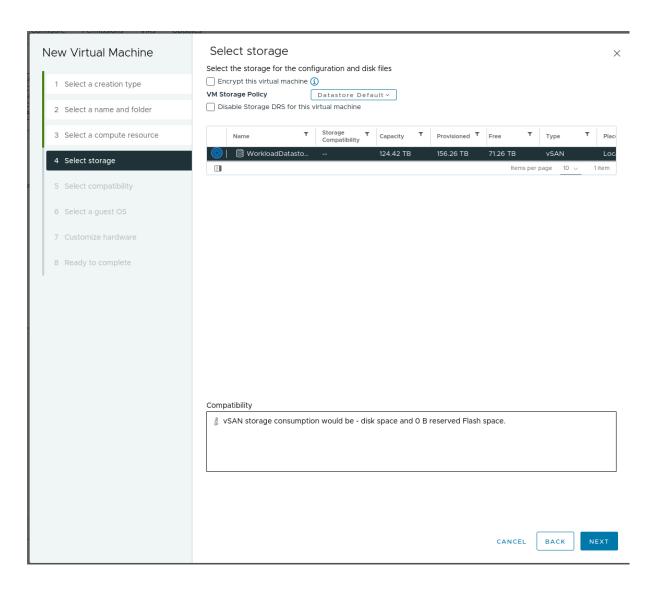
Deploy from template Clone an existing virtual machine Clone virtual machine to template Convert template to virtual machine Clone template to template

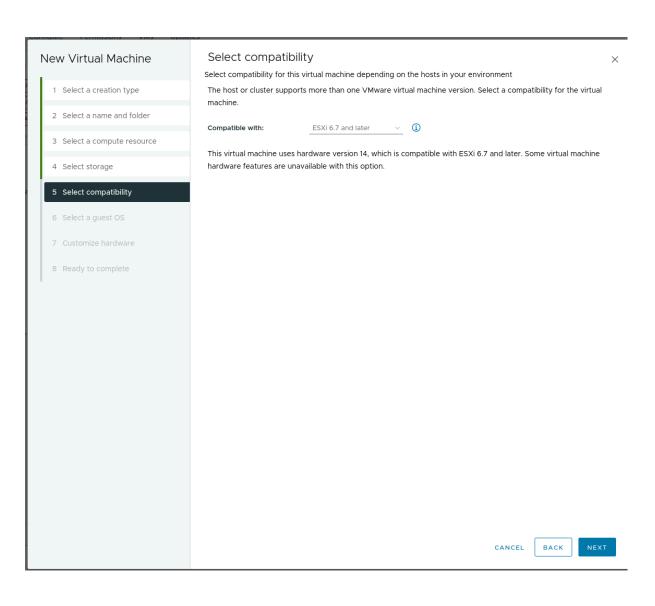
This option guides you through creating a new virtual machine. You will be able to customize processors, memory, network connections, and storage. You will need to install a guest operating system after creation.

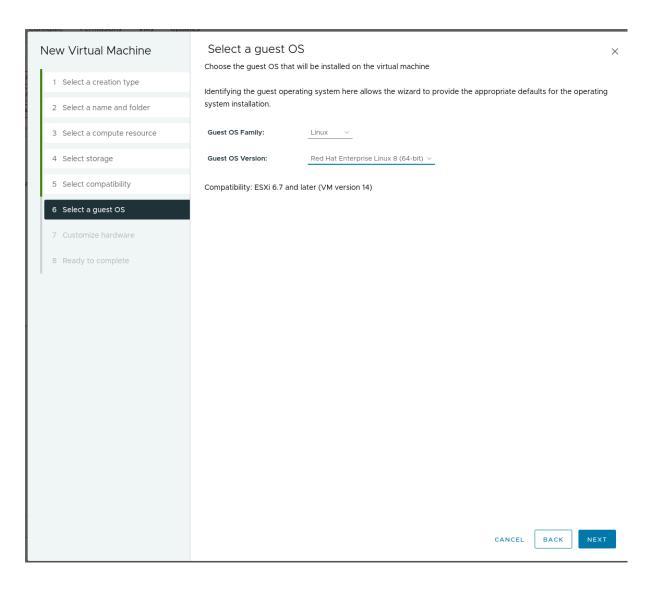
CANCEL NEXT

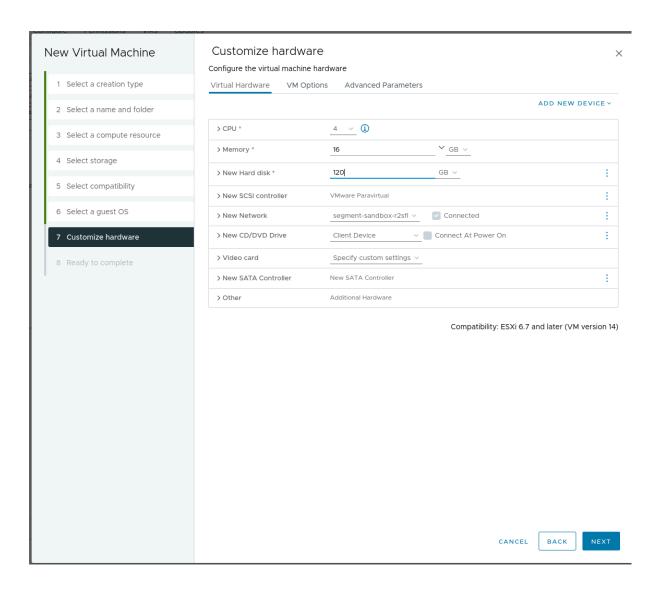


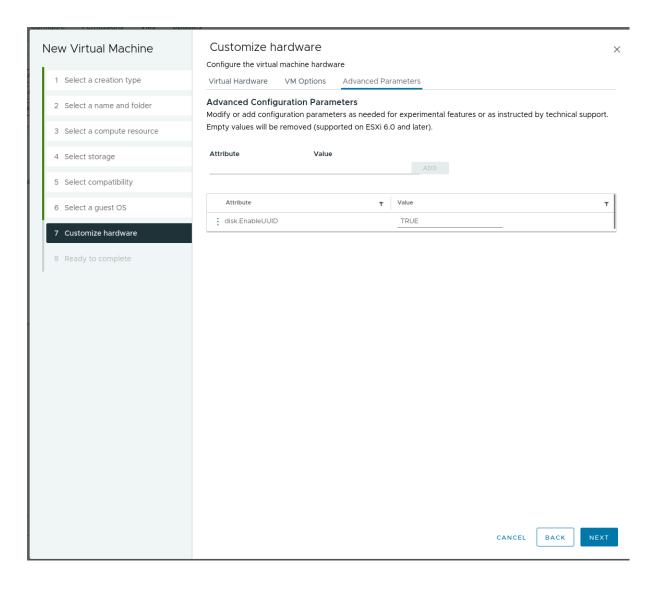


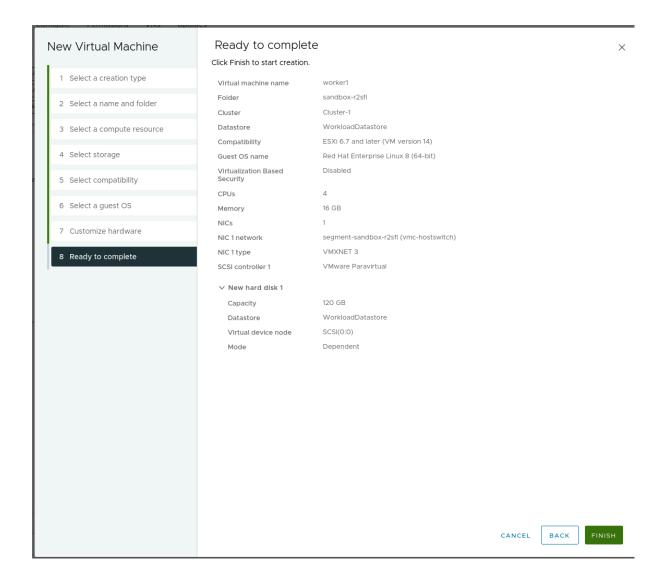












# Advance network configuration

If the hosts need to get advanced network configuration, like is the case in the demo.redhat.com environment, where DHCP is available but the IP is unpredictable, so static IPs must be assigned to the nodes so they can be used in the DNS and LB configurations, then add a nmstateconfig object for each of the nodes that are going to be added to the cluster.

https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-us/red\_hat\_advanced\_cluster\_management\_for\_kubernetes/2\_9/html/clusters/cluster\_mce\_overview#cim-network-steps

https://access.redhat.com/documentation/es-es/openshift\_container\_platform/4.12/html/installing/installing-an-on-premise-cluster-with-the-agent-based-installer#sample-ztp-custom-resources\_installing-with-agent-based-installer

The nmstateconfig definitions are similar to the following, one for each node in the cluster:

- The namespace is the same as the name of the host inventory as defined in ACM
- The label is obtained from the infraenv object in ACM

```
Unset

$ oc get infraenv -n desligado desligado -o yaml
...

spec:
agentLabels:
agentclusterinstalls.extensions.hive.openshift.io/location:

VMwareRedHatOpenShiftInstallation-llr58
disco:nected
cpuArchitecture: x86_64
ipxeScriptType: DiscoveryImageAlways
nmStateConfigLabelSelector:
matchLabels:
infraenvs.agent-install.openshift.io: desligado
...
```

- The MACs are obtained from the vsphere VMs.
- The IPs are assigned as:
  - IP for the node is chosen at random within the network or the one defined in DNS
  - IP for the DNS server is obtained from /etc/resolv.conf in the bastion IP, should be the bastion's IP
  - o IP for the default route is obtained from running the command "ip route" in the bastion

```
Unset
apiVersion: agent-install.openshift.io/v1beta1
kind: NMStateConfig
metadata:
name: master-1
namespace: hybridcluster
labels:
       infraenvs.agent-install.openshift.io: hybridcluster
spec:
config:
 interfaces:
   - name: eth0
    type: ethernet
    state: up
    mac-address: 00:50:56:a2:5d:4d
    ipv4:
     enabled: true
     address:
      - ip: 192.168.64.101
        prefix-length: 24
     dhcp: false
  dns-resolver:
  config:
```

```
server:
    - 192.168.64.10
 routes:
  config:
   - destination: 0.0.0.0/0
     next-hop-address: 192.168.64.1
     next-hop-interface: eth0
    table-id: 254
interfaces:
  - name: "eth0"
   macAddress: 00:50:56:a2:5d:4d
apiVersion: agent-install.openshift.io/v1beta1
kind: NMStateConfig
metadata:
 name: master-2
 namespace: hybridcluster
      infraenvs.agent-install.openshift.io: hybridcluster
spec:
 config:
      interfaces:
      - name: eth0
      type: ethernet
      state: up
      mac-address: 00:50:56:a2:e9:43
      ipv4:
      enabled: true
      address:
             - ip: 192.168.64.102
             prefix-length: 24
      dhcp: false
      dns-resolver:
      config:
      server:
      - 192.168.64.10
      routes:
      config:
      - destination: 0.0.0.0/0
      next-hop-address: 192.168.64.1
      next-hop-interface: eth0
      table-id: 254
 interfaces:
      - name: "eth0"
      macAddress: 00:50:56:a2:e9:43
apiVersion: agent-install.openshift.io/v1beta1
kind: NMStateConfig
```

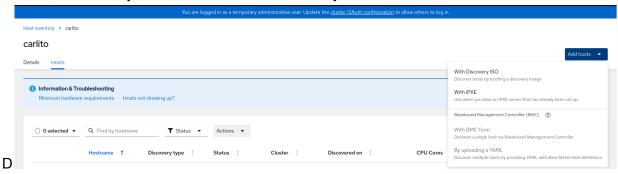
```
metadata:
 name: master-3
 namespace: hybridcluster
 labels:
      infraenvs.agent-install.openshift.io: hybridcluster
spec:
 config:
      interfaces:
      - name: eth0
      type: ethernet
      state: up
      mac-address: 00:50:56:a2:4a:1d
      ipv4:
      enabled: true
      address:
             - ip: 192.168.64.103
             prefix-length: 24
      dhcp: false
      dns-resolver:
      config:
      server:
      - 192.168.64.10
      routes:
      config:
      - destination: 0.0.0.0/0
      next-hop-address: 192.168.64.1
      next-hop-interface: eth0
      table-id: 254
 interfaces:
      - name: "eth0"
      macAddress: 00:50:56:a2:4a:1d
```

### Apply the objects to the cluster:

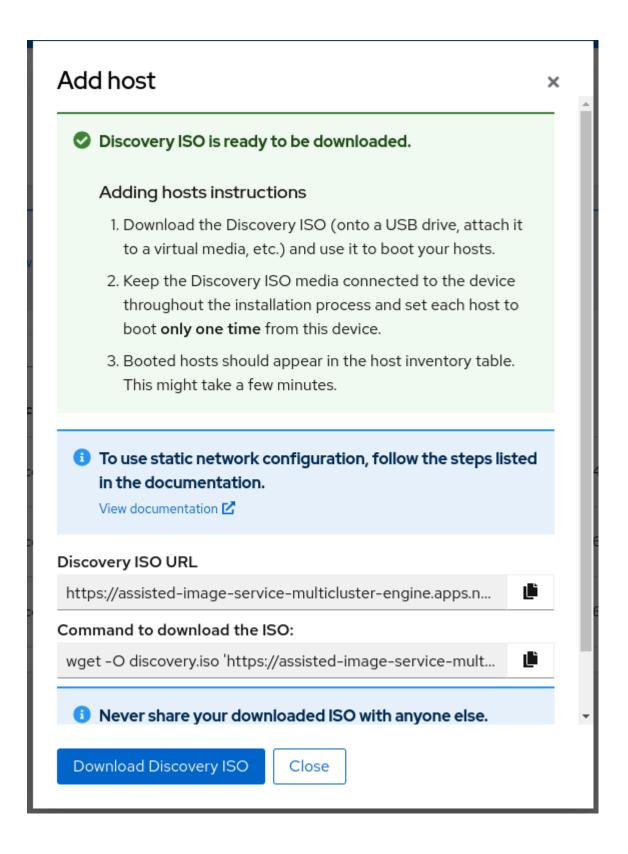
After applying the nmstateconfig objects, a new discovery ISO Image is created

# Download the discovery ISO

From Host inventory -> Add hosts -> With Discovery ISO

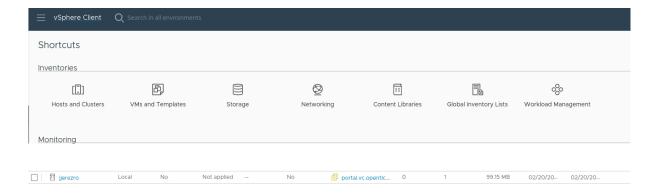


Download Discovery ISO



## Upload the discovery ISO to vsphere

Create a content library by going to Content Libraries -> Create

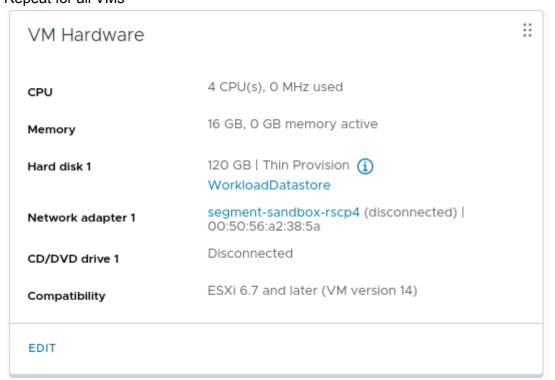


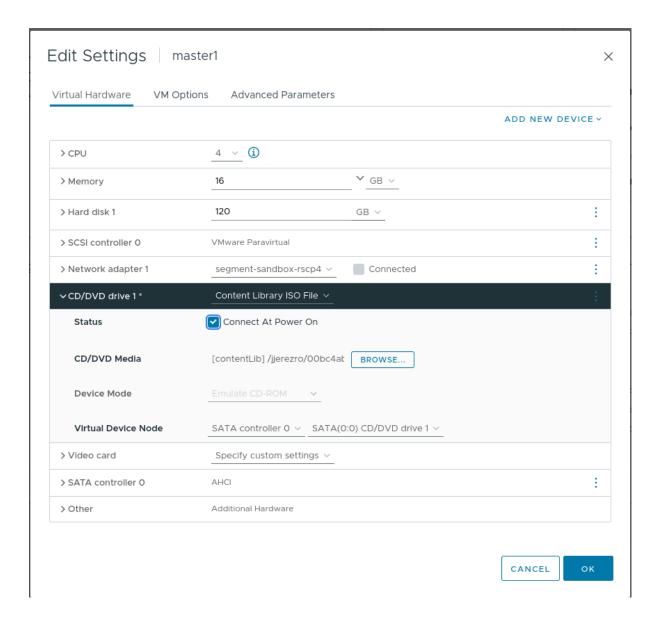
### Once created, go to the content library -> Actions -> Import Item



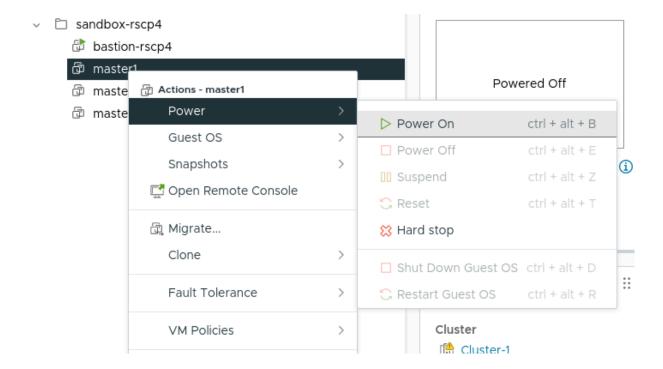
## Boot the VMs with the discovery ISO

Edit the VM hardware and attach the discovery ISO from the content library to the CD. Enable the option connect at Power On so that the VM boots from the ISO. Repeat for all VMs





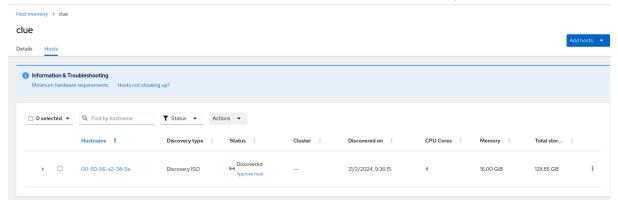
Boot the VMs, one by one



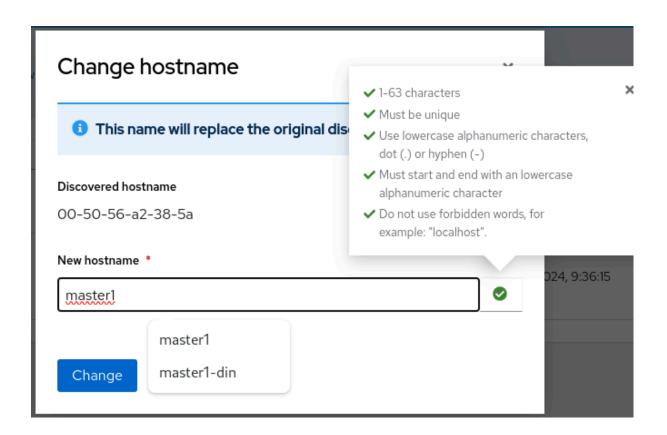
### After a couple minutes the VM should be fully booted

```
Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS 414.92.202305090606-0 (Plow) 4.14 SSH host key: SHA256:rmdmxBsOFph/FwOxxPpFPDAmt7U2VU3hUIfyjie1FKQ (ED25519) SSH host key: SHA256:33CcEYjbbEhh0VbDnq7yNM5CDoM7p005R7RWij0nY7s (ECDSA) SSH host key: SHA256:EJwvHX3HxcPowrqh+JoU1kz/xv2BZh2XVgMSO8wMcIg (RSA) ens192: 192.168.188.100 Ignition: ran on 2024/02/21 08:35:43 UTC (this boot) Ignition: user-provided config was applied localhost login: _
```

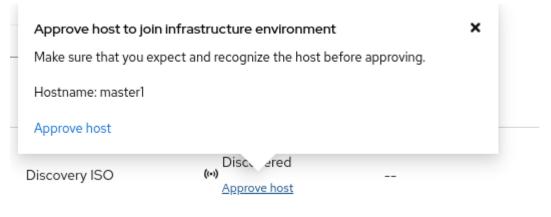
#### And the new host should appear in the Hosts list of the ACM inventory:



If the name cannot be resolved by DNS in the ACM host, it appears as the mac address, this can be changed here.



## Approve the discovered host



#### The final result looks like this:



## Create the cluster

https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-us/red\_hat\_advanced\_cluster\_management\_for\_kubernetes/2.9/html/clusters/cluster\_mce\_overview#creating-a-cluster-on-premises

If the cluster is created in a disconnected environment you need to create one (or more) cluster image sets that reference the images by digest and not by tag.

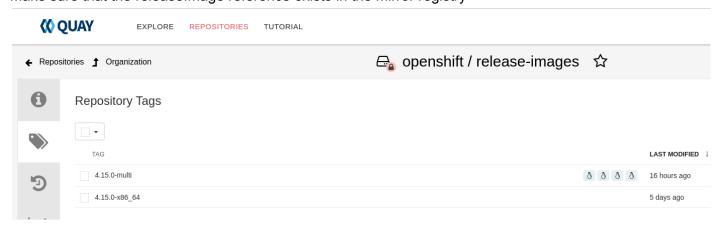
The list of cluster image sets is maintained in the git repository <u>acm-hive-openshift-releases</u>. Select the branch that matches the multicluster-engine operator version, backplace-2.4 in this case.

The cluster image set looks like this

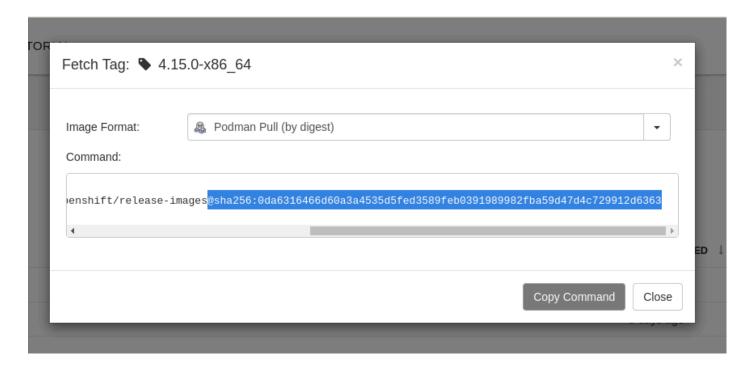
```
Unset

apiVersion: hive.openshift.io/v1
kind: ClusterImageSet
metadata:
labels:
    channel: stable
    visible: 'false'
name: img4.15.0-x86-64-appsub
spec:
    releaseImage: quay.io/openshift-release-dev/ocp-release:4.15.0-x86_64
```

Make sure that the releaselmage reference exists in the mirror registry



Modify the definition to include the sha256 hash shown in quay.



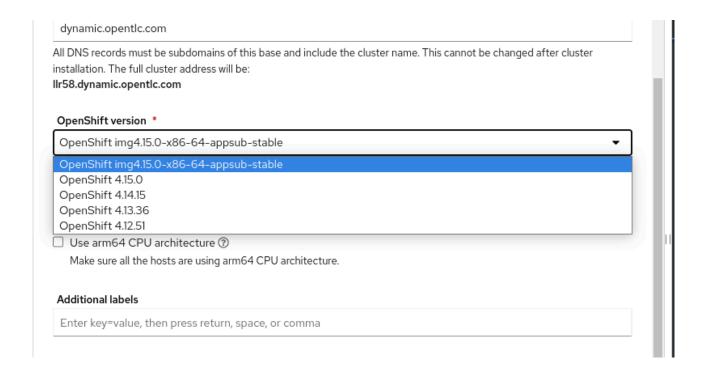
It is likely that the cluster image set already exists, change the name and make it visible so it shows up in the web console

```
Unset
apiVersion: hive.openshift.io/v1
kind: ClusterImageSet
metadata:
labels:
    channel: stable
    visible: 'true'
name: img4.15.0-x86-64-appsub-stable
spec:
    releaseImage:
quay.io/openshift-release-dev/ocp-release@sha256:0da6316466d60a3a4535d5fed3589feb039198998
2fba59d47d4c729912d6363
```

### Apply the new cluster image set

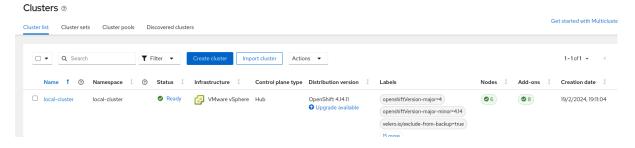
```
Unset
$ oc apply -f clusterimageset-4.15.0.yaml
clusterimageset.hive.openshift.io/img4.15.0-x86-64-appsub-stable created
```

Later you have to make sure that the clusterimageset reference is in the AgentClusterInstall yaml definition. The new cluster image set should be available in the dropdown list in the web interface but it takes a while to appear.



If you modify any of the cluster image sets you may have to restart the assisted service pod to remove the cached information so that the new definition is used.

#### Go to Infrastructure -> Clusters -> Create cluster



Select Host inventory



# **Host inventory**

A Red Hat OpenShift cluster that is running on available hosts from your on-premise inventory; bare metal or virtualized.

In this case, choose Standalone as opposed to Hosted control plane cluster.

## Standalone

Run an OpenShift cluster where the control plane and data plane are coupled. The control plane is hosted by a dedicated group of physical or virtual nodes and the network stack is shared.

- Increased resiliency with closely interconnected control plane and worker nodes.
- Provide customized control plane cluster configuration.
  - Standard
  - Single node OpenShift
  - Three-node cluster

Use existing hosts

# Use existing hosts

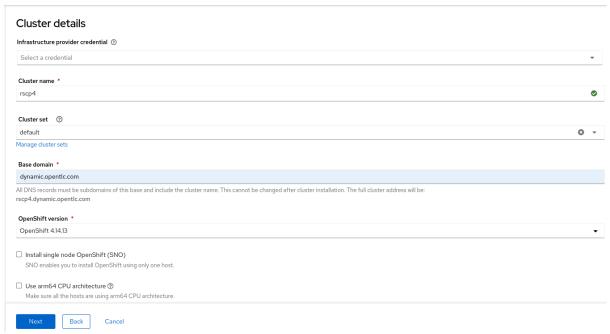
Create a cluster from hosts that have been discovered and made available in your host inventory.

Enter the cluster details.

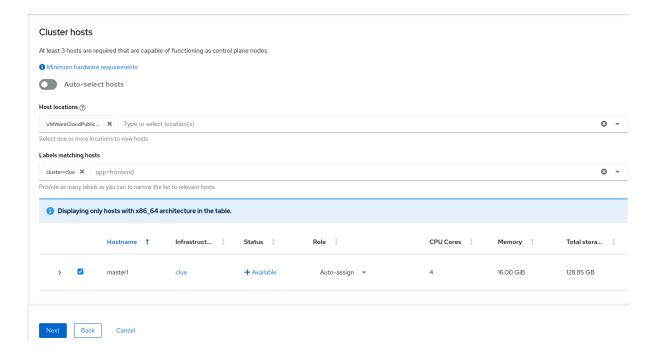
The cluster name must be the GUID assigned by demo.redhat.com

GUID rscp4

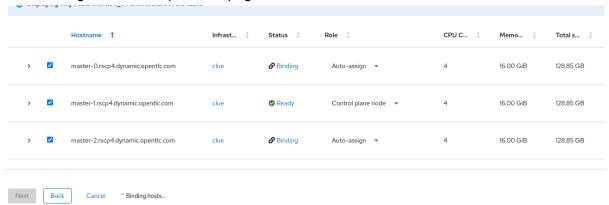
The base domain in the case of demo.redhat.com is **dynamic.opentlc.com** Add a pull secret



Assign the hosts for the cluster. In this case a 3 node compact cluster is being created, and the hosts are being assigned manually



After clicking Next on the previous page, the hosts are checked and bound

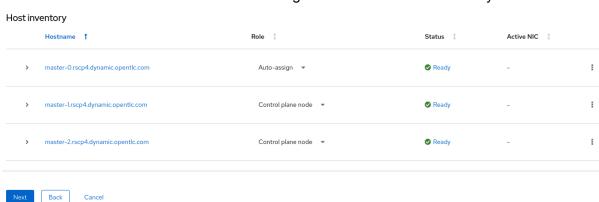


Add the networking configuration.

In this case User-Managed networking is used because we provide the LB and DNS. This is defined in the DNS server and is populated by the ansible playbook that was executed earlier.

Add a public ssh key to propagate to the nodes.

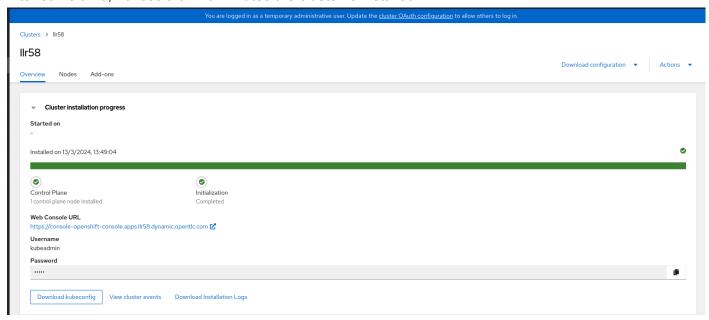
It will take a short while until the hosts status goes from insufficient to Ready.



The next page shows the summary before proceeding to the actual cluster installation.

Follow the logs from the assisted service pod and the logs from the nodes where OCP is being installed to see the evolution of the installation.

After some time, no less than 40 minutes the cluster is installed



In the case of the demo.redhat.com platform, the environment is not actually disconnected. To verify if any images where pulled from the Internet check the crictl logs from the nodes:

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Unset
[core@master-0~]$ journalctl-ucrio--no-pager|grep "Trying to access"|less-S
...
171Z" level=info msg="Trying to access
\"bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com:443/multicluster-engine/cluster-proxy-addon-rhel
8@sha256:add356580a3aa058d6e26e72023fd605726fbe1f65d5169c38b>

097Z" level=info msg="Trying to access
\"bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com:443/multicluster-engine/cluster-proxy-addon-rhel
8@sha256:add356580a3aa058d6e26e72023fd605726fbe1f65d5169c38b>

659Z" level=info msg="Trying to access
\"registry.redhat.io/rhacm2/search-collector-rhel8@sha256:181655607a19a17083f24dc34e018804
eed046ef3a1f0f68673cc24851caf5f0\""

075Z" level=info msg="Trying to access
\"bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com:443/multicluster-engine/cluster-proxy-addon-rhel
8@sha256:add356580a3aa058d6e26e72023fd605726fbe1f65d5169c38b>
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964Z" level=info msg="Trying to access

\"registry.redhat.io/rhacm2/search-collector-rhel8@sha256:181655607a19a17083f24dc34e018804 eed046ef3a1f0f68673cc24851caf5f0\""

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717Z" level=info msg="Trying to access

\"bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com:443/multicluster-engine/multicloud-manager-rhel8@sha256:7b6b5b839fd1df2d4faaecf93279000786e3ccdc3f332aea5566>

076Z" level=info msg="Trying to access

\"registry.redhat.io/rhacm2/kube-rbac-proxy-rhel8@sha256:eb13f6fa0768104e940701c50914d0d1b 049177f75ab2dd98abf123468e08958\""

877Z" level=info msg="Trying to access

 $\verb|\bastion-995pv.995pv.dynamic.opentlc.com:443/multicluster-engine/multicloud-manager-rhel8| @sha256:7b6b5b839fd1df2d4faaecf93| \\$ 

Most of the images come from the mirror registry (bastion-995pv) but some are pulled directly from registry.redhat.io

This means that the mirror-config configmap should have included entries for these repositories.