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# Deploying OneAgent

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## Getting Data Into Dynatrace

OneAgent is the foundation of Dynatrace monitoring. This notebook covers deployment strategies, installation methods, and verification steps to ensure your infrastructure is reporting data.

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## Prerequisites

- Admin access to Dynatrace environment
- API token with `InstallerDownload` scope (created in ONBRD-02)
- Root/admin access to target hosts
- Network access from hosts to Dynatrace (port 443) or ActiveGate (ONBRD-03)
- Cloud integrations configured (ONBRD-04) for full context

## 1. What is OneAgent?

OneAgent is Dynatrace's unified monitoring agent that:

| Capability | Description |
|-----|-----|
| **Auto-discovery** | Automatically detects hosts, processes, services |
| **Full-stack** | Infrastructure, application, and user experience |
| **Zero configuration** | Works immediately after installation |
| **Distributed tracing** | End-to-end transaction visibility |
| **Log collection** | Collects and forwards log data |

![OneAgent Architecture]
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2. Deployment Strategy

Phased Rollout (Recommended)

Don't deploy everywhere at once. Use a phased approach:

| Phase | Scope | Purpose |
|----------------|------------------------|---|
| **Pilot** | 2-5 non-critical hosts | Validate installation, network, discovery |
| **Expand** | One application tier | Test service detection, tracing |
| **Production** | Full environment | Complete coverage |

Deployment Methods by Environment

| Environment | Recommended Method |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| **Bare metal/VMs** | Direct install or package manager |
| **Kubernetes** | Dynatrace Operator |
| **OpenShift** | Dynatrace Operator |
| **AWS ECS** | Task definition sidecar |
| **Azure** | VM Extension or AKS Operator |
| **GCP** | Direct install or GKE Operator |

Network Requirements

OneAgent needs outbound HTTPS (443) to:

- `*.apps.dynatrace.com` (SaaS)

If direct access isn't possible, OneAgents connect through **ActiveGate**

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(see ONBRD-03).
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3. Generating a Deployment Token

You need an API token with installer download permissions.

Location: Account Management → Access tokens → Generate new token

Required Scope

| Scope | API Name | Purpose |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | |
| **PaaS integration - Installer download** | `InstallerDownload` | Download OneAgent installer |

Token Naming Convention

Use descriptive names:

- `prod-oneagent-deployment`
- `dev-installer-token`
- `k8s-operator-token`

> **Important:** Copy the token immediately after creation. It won't be shown again.

4. Installation Methods

Linux (Direct Download)

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```bash
Download the installer
wget -O Dynatrace-OneAgent.sh \
 "https://{{tenant-}}.apps.dynatrace.com/api/v1/deployment/installer/agent/unix/default/latest?
 Api-Token={{token}}&arch=x86&flavor=default"

Run the installer
sudo /bin/sh Dynatrace-OneAgent.sh
```

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Linux (One-liner)

```
```bash
wget -O Dynatrace-OneAgent.sh "https://{{tenant-}}.apps.dynatrace.com/api/v1/deployment/installer/agent/unix/default/latest?
 Api-Token={{token}}" && sudo /bin/sh Dynatrace-OneAgent.sh
```

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### Windows (PowerShell)

```powershell
Download the installer
Invoke-WebRequest -Uri "https://{{tenant-
id}}.apps.dynatrace.com/api/v1/deployment/installer/agent/windows/default/latest?Api-Token={{token}}" -OutFile Dynatrace-OneAgent.exe

Run the installer
.\Dynatrace-OneAgent.exe
```

### Configuration Management

For Ansible, Puppet, Chef, or other tools, see:
- [Ansible Collection](https://docs.dynatrace.com/docs/setup-and-configuration/dynatrace-oneagent/installation-and-operation/linux/installation/install-oneagent-on-linux#expand--oneagent-deployment-automation-with-ansible--2)
- [Puppet Module](https://forge.puppet.com/modules/dynatrace/dynatrace_oneagent)
- [Chef Cookbook](https://supermarket.chef.io/cookbooks/dynatrace)

## 5. Kubernetes Deployment

For Kubernetes environments, use the Dynatrace Operator.

### Prerequisites

- `kubectl` access to cluster
- API token with required scopes
- Cluster admin permissions

### Required Token Scopes for Kubernetes

| Scope | Purpose |
|-----|-----|
| `InstallerDownload` | Download OneAgent |
| `entities.read` | Read topology |
| `settings.read` | Read configuration |
| `settings.write` | Write configuration |
| `DataExport` | Export data (optional) |

### Installation Steps

1. **Navigate to Kubernetes monitoring**
   - Infrastructure → Kubernetes → Add cluster

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2. **Follow the wizard**
  - Select your distribution
  - Choose observability options
  - Download dynakube.yaml

3. **Apply to cluster**
```bash
kubectl apply -f https://github.com/Dynatrace/dynatrace-
operator/releases/download/v1.3.2/kubernetes.yaml
kubectl apply -f dynakube.yaml
```

4. **Verify deployment**
```bash
kubectl get pods -n dynatrace
```

## 6. Verifying Deployment

After installation, verify OneAgent is reporting data.

```dql
// Check all hosts with OneAgent
fetch dt.entity.host
| fields entity.name, state, monitoringMode
| filter state == "RUNNING"
| sort entity.name
| limit 50
```

```dql
// Check hosts by monitoring state
fetch dt.entity.host
| summarize host_count = count(), by: {state, monitoringMode}
| sort host_count desc
```

```dql
// Check hosts by monitoring state – useful for verifying deployment
fetch dt.entity.host
| fields entity.name, state, monitoringMode
| summarize host_count = count(), by: {state}
| sort host_count desc
```

```dql
// Check discovered services
fetch dt.entity.service

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| fields entity.name, serviceType
| summarize service_count = count(), by: {serviceType}
| sort service_count desc
```

```dql
// Check for processes discovered
fetch dt.entity.process_group
| fields entity.name
| sort entity.name
| limit 50
```

### Host Verification Commands

**Linux:**
```bash
Check OneAgent status
sudo systemctl status oneagent

Check connection to Dynatrace
sudo /opt/dynatrace/oneagent/agent/tools/oneagent-connection-check

Check OneAgent logs
sudo tail -100 /var/log/dynatrace/oneagent/oneagent.log
```

**Windows:**
```powershell
Check service status
Get-Service -Name "Dynatrace OneAgent"

Check connection
& "C:\Program Files\dynatrace\oneagent\agent\tools\oneagent-connection-
check.exe"
```

## 7. Troubleshooting

### Common Issues



| Issue                        | Cause                   | Solution                       |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| **Host not appearing**       | Network blocked         | Check firewall rules for 443   |
| **Host showing but no data** | Agent not running       | Restart OneAgent service       |
| **Services not discovered**  | Processes not restarted | Restart monitored applications |


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| **Old OneAgent version** | Auto-update disabled | Enable auto-update or  
manual upgrade |  
| **Connection errors** | Proxy required | Configure ActiveGate or proxy |
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Network Verification

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```bash  
Test connectivity to Dynatrace
curl -v https://{{tenant-id}}.apps.dynatrace.com/api/v1/time

Check DNS resolution
nslookup {{tenant-id}}.apps.dynatrace.com

Test with OpenSSL
openssl s_client -connect {{tenant-id}}.apps.dynatrace.com:443
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Process Restart Requirement

OneAgent injects into running processes. After initial installation:

- **New processes** – Automatically monitored
- **Existing processes** – Restart required for full monitoring

For deep code-level visibility, restart:

- Application servers (Tomcat, JBoss, etc.)
- Web servers (Apache, Nginx, IIS)
- .NET/Java applications
- Node.js applications

8. Next Steps

With OneAgent deployed and verified:

1. **ONBRD-06: Organizing Your Environment** – Set up tags, segments, and naming conventions
2. Wait 15–30 minutes for full topology discovery
3. Check Smartscape for service dependencies
4. Plan broader rollout based on pilot results

Deployment Checklist

- [] Pilot hosts deployed (2–5 hosts)
- [] Hosts appearing in Dynatrace
- [] OneAgent status "RUNNING" on all hosts
- [] Services being discovered
- [] Connection check passing
- [] Smartscape showing topology

Summary

In this notebook, you learned:

- What OneAgent does and how it works
- Phased deployment strategy
- How to generate deployment tokens
- Installation methods for Linux, Windows, and Kubernetes
- How to verify successful deployment
- Common troubleshooting steps

References

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- [Linux Installation](<https://docs.dynatrace.com/docs/setup-and-configuration/dynatrace-oneagent/installation-and-operation/linux/installation/install-oneagent-on-linux>)
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