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## Abstract

Whether you are a developer or a platform administrator, you can get started with OpenShift using the topics in this book. Administrators can use the installation utility and an interactive CLI tool, to quickly install and configure a new OpenShift instance across multiple hosts. Developers can use the OpenShift CLI or the web console to log in to an existing OpenShift instance and start creating applications.

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## CHAPTER 1. OVERVIEW

To get started with OpenShift Container Platform, find the appropriate topic based on your role:

I am a...	Links to relevant topics
<a href="#">Platform administrator</a>	<a href="#">Quick Install</a>
Developer	Step through a basic <a href="#">walkthrough using the web console</a> and create your first project and application.

## CHAPTER 2. DEVELOPERS: WEB CONSOLE WALKTHROUGH

### 2.1. OVERVIEW

This getting started experience walks you through the simplest way to get a sample project up and running on OpenShift Container Platform. There are a few different ways to launch images within a project, but this topic focuses on the quickest and easiest method.

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In addition, JBoss Middleware has put together a broad range of [OpenShift Container Platform templates](#) as well as [images](#) as part of their xPaaS services.



The technologies available with the xPaaS services in particular include:

- ✧ Java EE 6 Application Server provided by JBoss EAP 6
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- ✧ HTTP only vs. HTTP and HTTPS
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To help illustrate constructing such applications, the following sections guide you through creating a project that contains a sample Node.js application that will serve a welcome page and the current hit count (stored in a database).



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This topic discusses both [Quickstart](#) and [Instant App](#) templates and applications. Quickstarts provide a starting point for application development, but they rely on your development to create a useful application. In contrast, Instant Apps like Jenkins are instantly usable.

## 2.2. BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before you can get started:

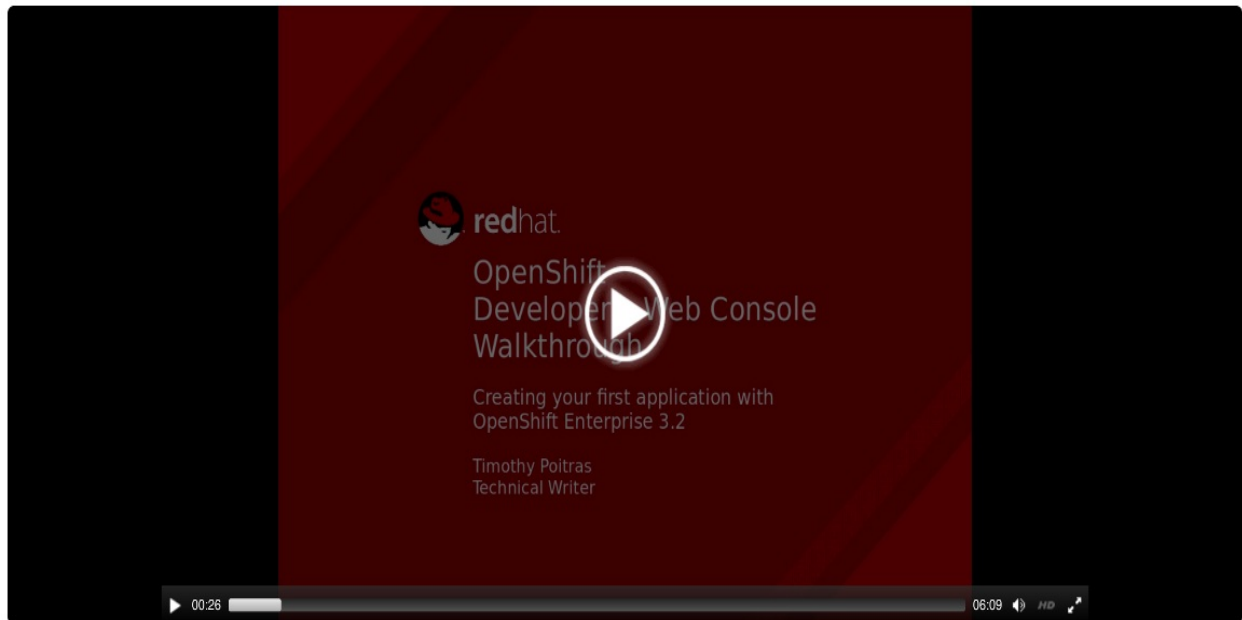
- ✧ You must be able to access a running instance of OpenShift Container Platform. If you do not have access, contact your cluster administrator.
- ✧ Your instance must be pre-configured by a cluster administrator with the [Instant App templates](#) and [builder images](#). If they are not available, direct your cluster administrator to the [Loading the Default Image Streams and Templates](#) topic.
- ✧ You must have the OpenShift Container Platform CLI [downloaded and installed](#).

## 2.3. BROWSER REQUIREMENTS

Review the [browser versions and operating systems](#) that can be used to access the web console.

## 2.4. TUTORIAL VIDEO

The following video walks you through the rest of this topic: [Click here to watch](#)



## 2.5. FORKING THE SAMPLE REPOSITORY

1. Visit the [Ruby example](#) page while you are logged in to GitHub.



### Note

This topic follows the Ruby example, but you can follow along using any of the language examples [provided in the OpenShift Container Platform GitHub project](#).

2. [Fork the repository](#).

You are redirected to your new fork.

3. Copy the clone URL for your fork.
4. Clone the repository to your local machine.

## 2.6. CREATING A PROJECT

To create an application, you must first create a new project, then select an InstantApp template. From there, OpenShift Container Platform begins the build process and creates a new deployment.

1. Visit the OpenShift Container Platform web console in your browser. The web console uses a self-signed certificate, so if prompted, continue past a browser warning.
2. Log in using the username and password recommended to you by your administrator.
3. To create a new project, click **New Project**.
4. Type a unique name, display name, and description for the new project.
5. Click **Create**.

The web console's welcome screen loads.

## 2.7. CREATING AN APPLICATION

The Select Image or Template page gives you the option to create from a publicly accessible git repository, or from a template:

1. If creating a new project did not automatically redirect you to the Select Image or Template page, you might need to click **Add to Project**
2. Click **Browse**, then select **ruby** from the drop-down list.
3. Click the **ruby:latest** builder image.
4. Type a **name** for your application, and specify the **Git Repository URL**, which is [https://github.com/<your\\_github\\_username>/ruby-ex.git](https://github.com/<your_github_username>/ruby-ex.git).
5. Optionally, click **Show advanced routing, build, and deployment options**, though by default this example application automatically creates a route, webhook trigger, and build change triggers.
6. Click **Create**.



### Note

After creation, some of these settings can be modified from the web console by clicking **Browse**, **Builds**, select your build, then click **Actions**, and either **Edit** or **Edit YAML**.

Creating your application might take some time. You can follow along on the Overview page of the web console to see the new resources being created, and watch the progress of the build and deployment.

While the Ruby pod is being created, its status is shown as pending. The Ruby pod then starts up and displays its newly-assigned IP address. When the Ruby pod is running, the build is complete.

## 2.8. VIEWING THE RUNNING APPLICATION

If your DNS is correctly configured, then your new application can be accessed using a web browser. If you cannot access your application, then speak with your system administrator.


To view your new application:

1. In the web console, view the overview page to determine the web address for the application. For example, under **SERVICE: RUBY-EX** you should see something similar to: **ruby-ex-my-test.example.openshiftapps.com**.
2. Visit the web address for your new application.

## 2.9. CONFIGURING AUTOMATED BUILDS

You forked the source code for this application from the [OpenShift Container Platform GitHub repository](#). Therefore, you can use a webhook to automatically trigger a rebuild of your application whenever you push code changes to your forked repository.

To set up a webhook for your application:

1. From the Web Console, navigate to the project containing your application.
2. Click the **Browse** tab, then click **Builds**.
3. Click your build name, then click the **Configuration** tab.
4. Click  next to **GitHub webhook URL** to copy your webhook payload URL.
5. Navigate to your forked repository on GitHub, then click **Settings**.
6. Click **Webhooks & Services**.
7. Click **Add webhook**.
8. Paste your webhook URL into the **Payload URL** field.
9. Click **Add webhook** to save.

GitHub now attempts to send a ping payload to your OpenShift Container Platform server to ensure that communication is successful. If you see a green check mark appear next to your webhook URL, then it is correctly configured. Hover your mouse over the check mark to see the status of the last delivery.

The next time you push a code change to your forked repository, your application will automatically rebuild.

## 2.10. WRITING A CODE CHANGE

To work locally and then push changes to your application:

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3. Commit the change in git, and push the change to your fork.

If your webhook is correctly configured, your application will immediately rebuild itself based on your changes. Once the rebuild is successful, view your updated application using the route that was created earlier.

Now going forward, all you need to do is push code updates and OpenShift Container Platform handles the rest.

### 2.10.1. Manually Rebuilding Images

You may find it useful to manually rebuild an image if your webhook is not working, or if a build fails and you do not want to change the code before restarting the build. To manually rebuild the image based on your latest committed change to your forked repository:

1. Click the **Browse** tab, then click **Builds**.

2. Find your build, then click **Start Build**.

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### 3.5. CREATING A PROJECT

To create an application, you must create a new project and specify the location of the source. From there, OpenShift Container Platform begins the build process and creates a new deployment.

1. Log into OpenShift Container Platform from the CLI:

✎ With username and password:

```
$ oc login -u=<username> -p=<password> --server=<your-openshift-server> --insecure-skip-tls-verify
```

✎ With oauth token:

```
$ oc login <https://api.your-openshift-server.com> --token=<tokenID>
```



2. To create a new project:

```
$ oc new-project <projectname> --description="<description>" --
display-name="<display_name>"
```

After creating the new project, you will be automatically switched to the new project namespace.

## 3.6. CREATING AN APPLICATION

To create a new application from the code in your forked repository:

1. Create the application by specifying the source of the code:

```
$ oc new-app openshift/ruby-20-
centos7~https://github.com/<your_github_username>/ruby-ex
```

OpenShift Container Platform finds the matching builder image (which in this case is **ruby-20-centos7**) and then creates resources for the application (image stream, build configuration, deployment configuration, service). It also schedules the build.

2. Track the progress of the build:

```
$ oc logs -f bc/ruby-ex
```

3. Once the build is complete and the resulting image has successfully pushed to your registry, check the status of your application:

```
$ oc status
```

Or you can view the build from the web console.

Creating your application might take some time. You can follow along on the Overview page of the web console to see the new resources being created, and watch the progress of the build and deployment. You can also use the **oc get pods** command to check when the pod is up and running, or the **oc get builds** command to see build statistics.

While the Ruby pod is being created, its status is shown as pending. The Ruby pod then starts up and displays its newly-assigned IP address. When the Ruby pod is running, the build is complete.

The **oc status** command tells you what IP address the service is running; the default port it deploys to is 8080.

## 3.7. CREATE A ROUTE

An OpenShift Container Platform route exposes a service at a host name, so that external clients can reach it by name. To create a route to your new application:

1. Expose a service for **ruby-ex**:

```
$ oc expose service ruby-ex
```

2. View your new route:

```
$ oc get route
```

3. Copy the route location, which will be something like **ruby-ex-my-test.example.openshiftapps.com**.

## 3.8. VIEW THE RUNNING APPLICATION

To view your new application, paste the route location that you copied (in the previous section) into the address bar of your web browser and hit enter.

The example **ruby-ex** application is a simple welcome screen, and contains details on how to deploy code changes, manage your application, and other development resources.

Next, configure automated builds via a GitHub webhook trigger, so that code changes in your forked repository cause your application to rebuild.

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To set up a webhook for your application:

1. View the triggers section of the **BuildConfig** to verify that a GitHub webhook trigger exists:

```
$ oc edit bc/ruby-ex
```

You should see something similar to this:

```
triggers
- github:
  secret: Q1tGY0i9f1ZFihQbX07S
  type: GitHub
```

The secret ensures that only you and your repository can trigger the build.

2. Run the following command to display the webhook URLs associated with your **BuildConfig**:

```
$ oc describe bc ruby-ex
```

3. Copy the GitHub webhook payload URL output by the above command.
4. Navigate to your forked repository on GitHub, then click **Settings**.
5. Click **Webhooks & Services**.
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```
$ oc start-build ruby-ex
```

## 3.11. TROUBLESHOOTING

### Changing Projects

Although the **`oc new-project`** command automatically sets your current project to the one you've just created, you can always change projects by running:

```
$ oc project <project-name>
```

To view a list of projects:

```
$ oc get projects
```

### Manually Triggering Builds

If the build does not start automatically, start a build and stream the logs:

```
$ oc start-build ruby-ex --follow
```

Alternatively, do not include **--follow** in the above command, and instead issue the following command after triggering the build, where **n** is the number of the build to track:

```
$ oc logs -f build/ruby-ex-n
```

## CHAPTER 4. ADMINISTRATORS: SETTING UP A CLUSTER

See the [quick installation](#) method to use an interactive CLI tool that allows you to install and configure a new trial OpenShift Container Platform instance across multiple hosts.

## CHAPTER 5. REVISION HISTORY: GETTING STARTED

### 5.1. WED JAN 18 2017

OpenShift Container Platform 3.4 initial release.