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Overview

In this section, we will show how to utilize FSx for ONTAP as a persistent storage layer for applications running on ROSA. It will show the installation of the NetApp Trident CSI driver on a ROSA cluster, the provisioning of an FSx for ONTAP file system, and the deployment of a sample stateful application. It will also show strategies for backing up and restoring your application data. With this integrated solution, you can establish a shared storage framework that effortlessly scales across AZs, simplifying the processes of scaling, protecting, and restoring your data using the Trident CSI driver.

Prerequisites

- AWS account
- A Red Hat account
- IAM user with appropriate permissions to create and access ROSA cluster
- AWS CLI
- ROSA CLI
- OpenShift command-line interface (oc)
- Helm 3 documentation
- A HCP ROSA cluster
- Access to Red Hat OpenShift web console

This diagram shows the ROSA cluster deployed in multiple AZs. ROSA cluster's master nodes, infrastructure nodes are in Red Hat's VPC, while the worker nodes are in a VPC in the customer's account . We'll create an FSx for ONTAP file system within the same VPC and install the Trident driver in the ROSA cluster, allowing all the subnets of this VPC to connect to the file system.

Initial Setup

1. Provision FSx for NetApp ONTAP

Create a multi-AZ FSx for NetApp ONTAP in the same VPC as the ROSA cluster. There are several ways to do this. The details of creating FSxN using a CloudFormation Stack are provided

a.Clone the GitHub repository

```
$ git clone https://github.com/aws-samples/rosa-fsx-netapp-ontap.git
```

b.Run the CloudFormation Stack

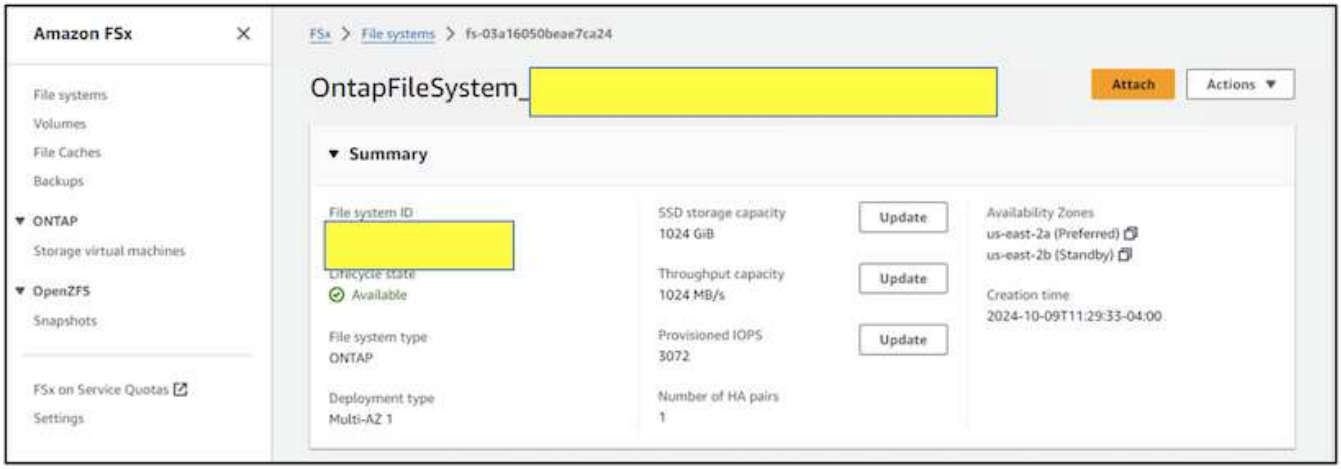
Run the command below by replacing the parameter values with your own values:

```
$ cd rosa-fsx-netapp-ontap/fsx
```

```
$ aws cloudformation create-stack \
  --stack-name ROSA-FSXONTAP \
  --template-body file://./FSxONTAP.yaml \
  --region <region-name> \
  --parameters \
  ParameterKey=Subnet1ID,ParameterValue=[subnet1_ID] \
  ParameterKey=Subnet2ID,ParameterValue=[subnet2_ID] \
  ParameterKey=myVpc,ParameterValue=[VPC_ID] \
ParameterKey=FSxONTAPRouteTable,ParameterValue=[routetable1_ID,routetable2
_ID] \
  ParameterKey=FileSystemName,ParameterValue=ROSA-myFSxONTAP \
  ParameterKey=ThroughputCapacity,ParameterValue=1024 \
  ParameterKey=FSxAllowedCIDR,ParameterValue=[your_allowed_CIDR] \
  ParameterKey=FsxAdminPassword,ParameterValue=[Define Admin password] \
  ParameterKey=SvmAdminPassword,ParameterValue=[Define SVM password] \
  --capabilities CAPABILITY_NAMED_IAM
```

Where :
region-name: same as the region where the ROSA cluster is deployed
subnet1_ID : id of the Preferred subnet for FSxN
subnet2_ID: id of the Standby subnet for FSxN
VPC_ID: id of the VPC where the ROSA cluster is deployed
routetable1_ID, routetable2_ID: ids of the route tables associated with the subnets chosen above
your_allowed_CIDR: allowed CIDR range for the FSx for ONTAP security groups ingress rules to control access. You can use 0.0.0.0/0 or any appropriate CIDR to allow all
traffic to access the specific ports of FSx for ONTAP.
Define Admin password: A password to login to FSxN
Define SVM password: A password to login to SVM that will be created.

Verify that your file system and storage virtual machine (SVM) has been created using the Amazon FSx console, shown below:



2.Install and configure Trident CSI driver for the ROSA cluster

a.Add the Trident Helm repository

```
$ helm repo add netapp-trident https://netapp.github.io/trident-helm-chart
```

b.Install trident using helm

```
$ helm install trident netapp-trident/trident-operator --version
100.2406.0 --create-namespace --namespace trident
```

Depending on the version you install, the version parameter will need to be changed in the command shown. Refer to the documentation for the correct version number. For additional methods of installing Trident, refer to the Trident documentation.

c.Verify that all Trident pods are in the running state

```
[root@localhost hcp-testing]#
[root@localhost hcp-testing]#
[root@localhost hcp-testing]# oc get pods -n trident
NAME                                READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
trident-controller-f5f6796f-vd2sk   6/6     Running   0          19h
trident-node-linux-4svgz            2/2     Running   0          19h
trident-node-linux-dj9j4            2/2     Running   0          19h
trident-node-linux-jlshh            2/2     Running   0          19h
trident-node-linux-sqthw            2/2     Running   0          19h
trident-node-linux-ttj9c            2/2     Running   0          19h
trident-node-linux-vmjr5            2/2     Running   0          19h
trident-node-linux-wvqsf            2/2     Running   0          19h
trident-operator-545869857c-kgc7p   1/1     Running   0          19h
[root@localhost hcp-testing]#
```

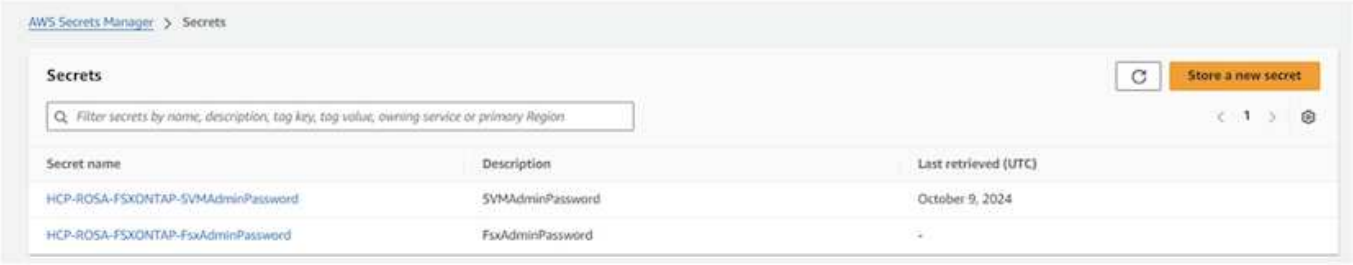
3. Configure the Trident CSI backend to use FSx for ONTAP (ONTAP NAS)

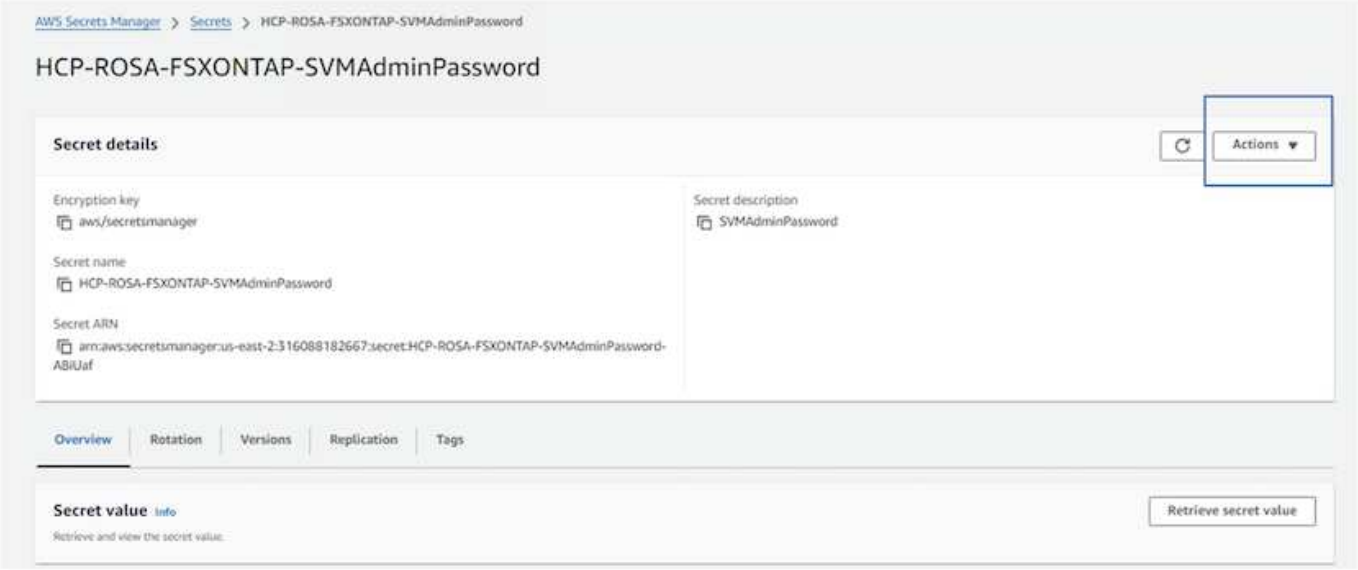
The Trident back-end configuration tells Trident how to communicate with the storage system (in this case, FSx for ONTAP). For creating the backend, we will provide the credentials of the Storage Virtual machine to connect to, along with the Cluster Management and the NFS data interfaces. We will use the ontap-nas driver to provision storage volumes in FSx file system.

a. First, create a secret for the SVM credentials using the following yaml

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: backend-fsx-ontap-nas-secret
  namespace: trident
type: Opaque
stringData:
  username: vsadmin
  password: <value provided for Define SVM password as a parameter to the
Cloud Formation Stack>
```

You can also retrieve the SVM password created for FSxN from the AWS Secrets Manager as shown below.





b.Next, add the secret for the SVM credentials to the ROSA cluster using the following command

```
$ oc apply -f svm_secret.yaml
```

You can verify that the secret has been added in the trident namespace using the following command

```
$ oc get secrets -n trident |grep backend-fsx-ontap-nas-secret
```

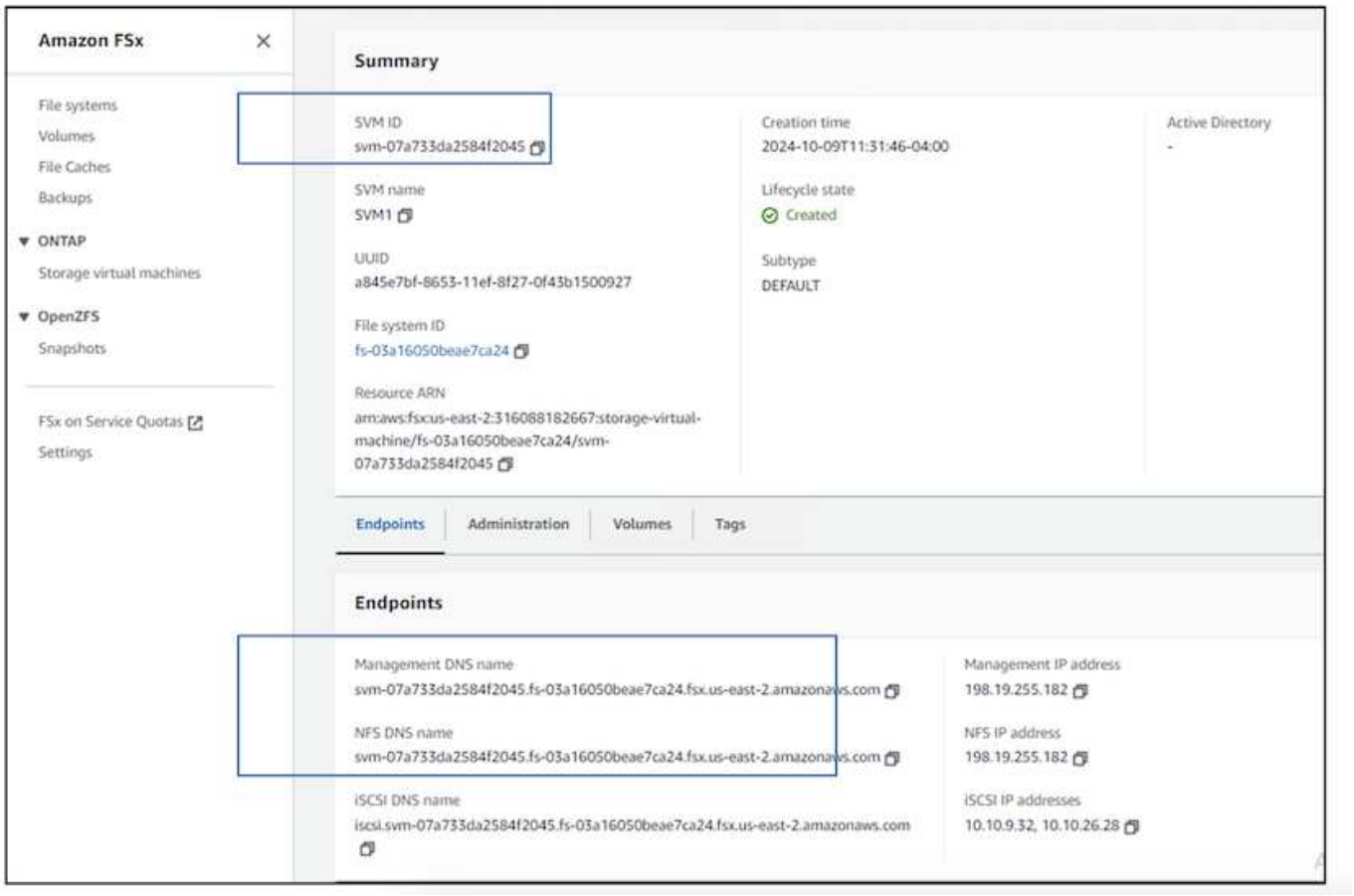
```
[root@localhost hcp-testing]#
[root@localhost hcp-testing]# oc get secrets -n trident | grep backend-fsx-ontap-nas-secret
backend-fsx-ontap-nas-secret         Opaque                  2      21h
[root@localhost hcp-testing]#
```

c. Next, create the backend object
For this, move into the **fsx** directory of your cloned Git repository. Open the file backend-ontap-nas.yaml. Replace the following:
managementLIF with the Management DNS name
dataLIF with the NFS DNS name of the Amazon FSx SVM and
svm with the SVM name. Create the backend object using the following command.

Create the backend object using the following command.

```
$ oc apply -f backend-ontap-nas.yaml
```

You can get the Management DNS name, NFS DNS name and the SVM name from the Amazon FSx Console as shown in the screenshot below



d. Now, run the following command to verify that the backend object has been created and Phase is

showing Bound and Status is Success

```
[root@localhost hcp-testing]#
[root@localhost hcp-testing]#
[root@localhost hcp-testing]# oc apply -f backend-ontap-nas.yaml
tridentbackendconfig.trident.netapp.io/backend-fsx-ontap-nas created
[root@localhost hcp-testing]# oc get tbc -n trident
NAME                   BACKEND NAME   BACKEND UUID                           PHASE   STATUS
backend-fsx-ontap-nas   fsx-ontap      acc65405-56be-4719-999d-27b448a50e29   Bound   Success
[root@localhost hcp-testing]#
```

4. Create Storage Class

Now that the Trident backend is configured, you can create a Kubernetes storage class to use the backend. Storage class is a resource object made available to the cluster. It describes and classifies the type of storage that you can request for an application.

a. Review the file storage-class-csi-nas.yaml in the fsx folder.

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: trident-csi
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
  backendType: "ontap-nas"
  fsType: "ext4"
allowVolumeExpansion: True
reclaimPolicy: Retain
```

b. Create Storage Class in ROSA cluster and verify that trident-csi storage class has been created.

```
[root@localhost hcp-testing]#
[root@localhost hcp-testing]#
[root@localhost hcp-testing]# oc apply -f storage-class-csi-nas.yaml
storageclass.storage.k8s.io/trident-csi created
[root@localhost hcp-testing]# oc get sc
NAME              PROVISIONER             RECLAIMPOLICY   VOLUMEBINDINGMODE      ALLOWVOLUMEEXPANSION   AGE
gp2-csi           ebs.csi.aws.com         Delete          WaitForFirstConsumer   true                   2d16h
gp3-csi (default)   ebs.csi.aws.com         Delete          WaitForFirstConsumer   true                   2d16h
trident-csi       csi.trident.netapp.io   Retain          Immediate              true                   4s
[root@localhost hcp-testing]#
```

This completes the installation of Trident CSI driver and its connectivity to FSx for ONTAP file system. Now you can deploy a sample Postgresql stateful application on ROSA using file volumes on FSx for ONTAP.

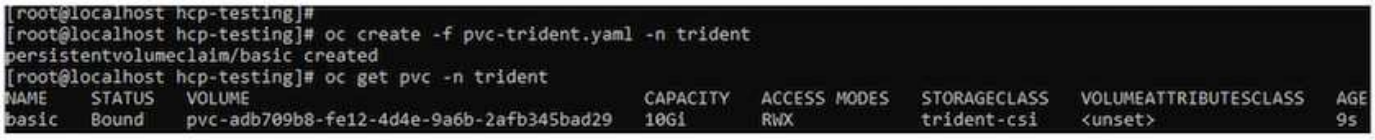
c. Verify that there are no PVCs and PVs created using the trident-csi storage class.

d. Verify that applications can create PV using Trident CSI.

Create a PVC using the pvc-trident.yaml file provided in the **fsx** folder.

```
pvc-trident.yaml
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: basic
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 10Gi
  storageClassName: trident-csi
```

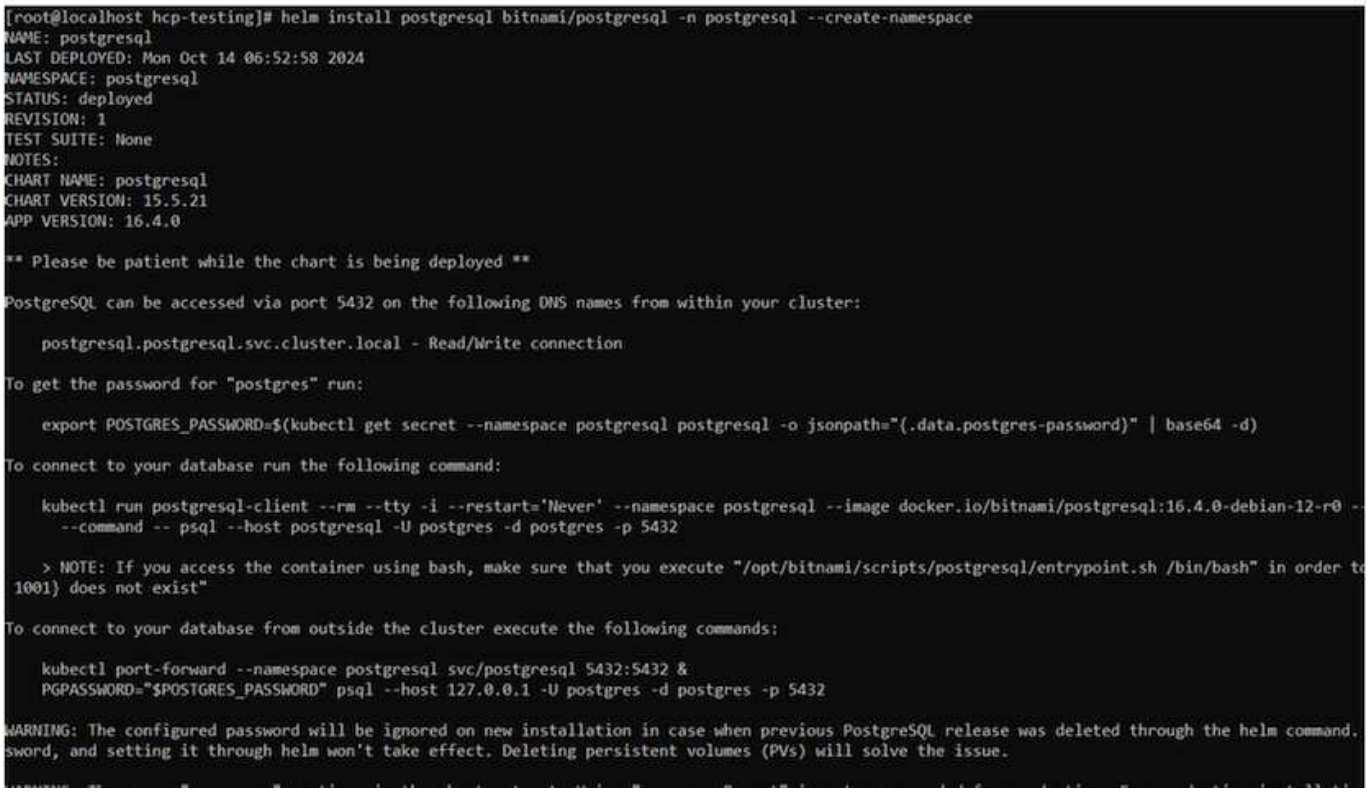
```
You can issue the following commands to create a pvc and verify that it
has been created.
```



5. Deploy a sample Postgresql stateful application

a. Use helm to install postgresql

```
$ helm install postgresql bitnami/postgresql -n postgresql --create
-namespace
```



b. Verify that the application pod is running, and a PVC and PV is created for the application.

c. Deploy a Postgresql client

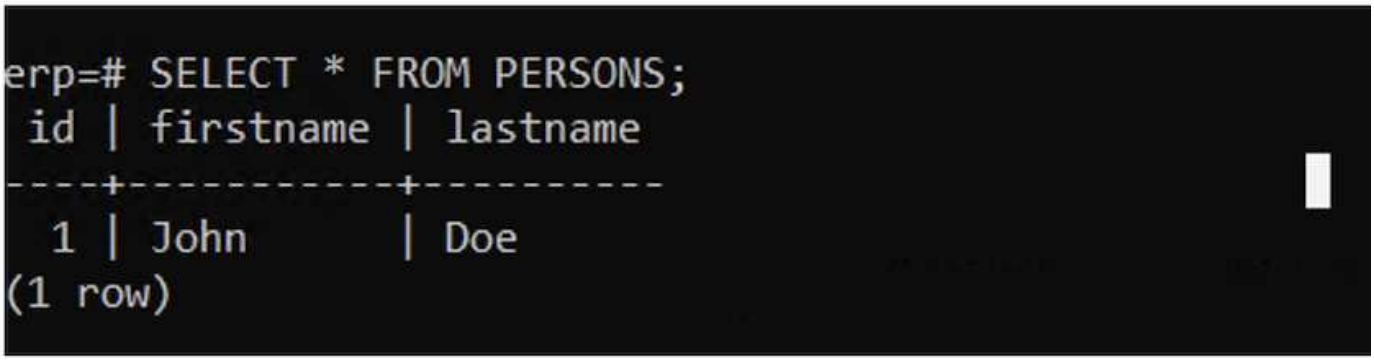
Use the following command to get the password for the postgresql server that was installed.

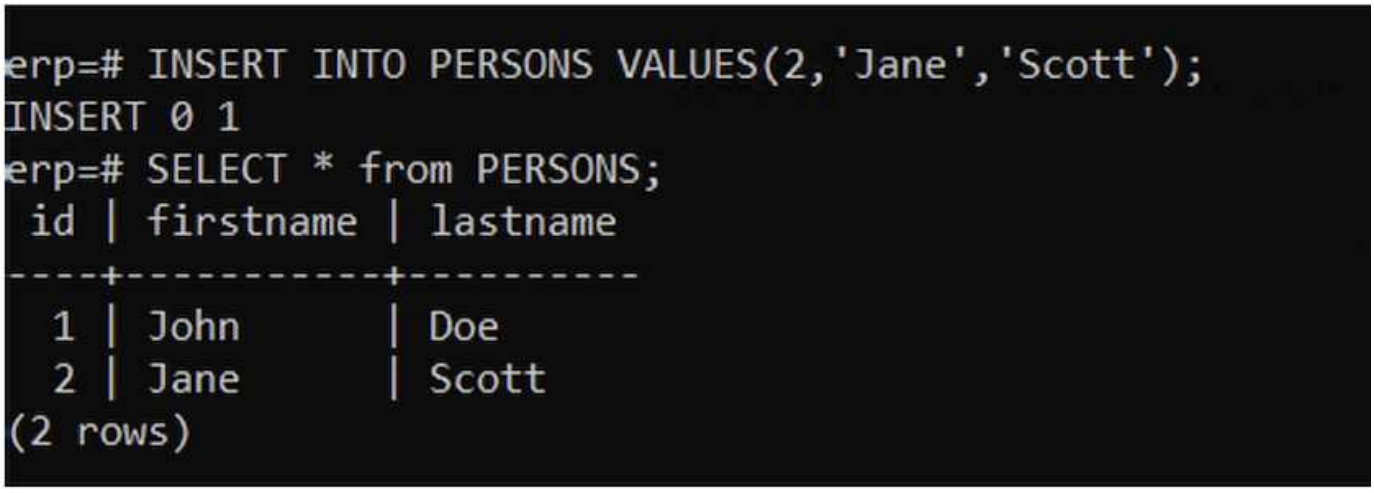
```
$ export POSTGRES_PASSWORD=$(kubectl get secret --namespace postgresql
postgresql -o jsoata.postgres-password}" | base64 -d)
```

Use the following command to run a postgresql client and connect to the server using the password

```
$ kubectl run postgresql-client --rm --tty -i --restart='Never'
--namespace postgresql --image docker.io/bitnami/postgresql:16.2.0-debian-
11-r1 --env="PGPASSWORD=$POSTGRES_PASSWORD" \
> --command -- psql --host postgresql -U postgres -d postgres -p 5432
```

d. Create a database and a table. Create a schema for the table and insert 2 rows of data into the table.





Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS with NetApp ONTAP

This document will outline how to use NetApp ONTAP with the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA).

Create Volume Snapshot

1. Create a Snapshot of the app volume

In this section, we will show how to create a trident snapshot of the volume associated with the app.This will be a point in time copy of the app data. If the application data is lost, we can recover the data from this point in time copy.
NOTE: This snapshot is stored in the same aggregate as the original volume in ONTAP(on-premises or in the cloud). So if the ONTAP storage aggregate is lost, we cannot recover the app data from its snapshot.

**a. Create a VolumeSnapshotClass
Save the following manifest in a file called volume-snapshot-class.yaml

```
apiVersion: snapshot.storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: VolumeSnapshotClass
metadata:
 name: fsx-snapclass
driver: csi.trident.netapp.io
deletionPolicy: Delete
```

Create a snapshot by using the above manifest.

```
[root@localhost hcp-testing]# oc create -f volume-snapshot-class.yaml
volumesnapshotclass.snapshot.storage.k8s.io/fsx-snapclass created
[root@localhost hcp-testing]#
```

b. Next, create a snapshot
Create a snapshot of the existing PVC by creating VolumeSnapshot to take a point-in-time copy of your Postgresql data. This creates an FSx snapshot that takes almost no space in the filesystem backend. Save the following manifest in a file called volume-snapshot.yaml:

```
apiVersion: snapshot.storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: VolumeSnapshot
metadata:
 name: postgresql-volume-snap-01
spec:
 volumeSnapshotClassName: fsx-snapclass
 source:
   persistentVolumeClaimName: data-postgresql-0
```

c. Create the volume snapshot and confirm that it is created

Delete the database to simulate the loss of data (data loss can happen due to a variety of reasons, here we are just simulating it by deleting the database)

```
[root@localhost hcp-testing]#
[root@localhost hcp-testing]# oc create -f postgresql-volume-snapchot.yaml -n postgresql
volumesnapshot.snapshot.storage.k8s.io/postgresql-volume-snap-01 created
[root@localhost hcp-testing]# oc get VolumeSnapShot -n postgresql
NAME                        READYTOUSE   SOURCEPVC          SOURCESNAPSHOTCONTENT   RESTORESIZE   SNAPSHOTCLASS   SNAPSHOTCONTENT
postgresql-volume-snap-01   true         data-postgresql-0                          41500Ki       fsx-snapclass   snapcontent-5baf4337-922e-4318-be82-6db822082339
[root@localhost hcp-testing]#
```

d. Delete the database to simulate the loss of data (data loss can happen due to a variety of reasons, here we are just simulating it by deleting the database)

```
postgres=# \c erp;
psql (16.2, server 16.4)
You are now connected to database "erp" as user "postgres".
erp=# SELECT * FROM persons;
 id | firstname | lastname
----+-----------+----------
  1 | John      | Doe
  2 | Jane      | Scott
(2 rows)
```

```
postgres=# DROP DATABASE erp;
DROP DATABASE
postgres=# \c erp;
connection to server at "postgresql" (172.30.103.67), port 5432 failed: FATAL:  database "erp" does not exist
Previous connection kept
postgres=#
```

Restore from Volume Snapshot

1. Restore from Snapshot
In this section, we will show how to restore an application from the trident snapshot of the app volume.

a. Create a volume clone from the snapshot

To restore the volume to its previous state, you must create a new PVC based on the data in the snapshot you took. To do this, save the following manifest in a file named pvc-clone.yaml

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
 name: postgresql-volume-clone
spec:
 accessModes:
   - ReadWriteOnce
 storageClassName: trident-csi
 resources:
   requests:
     storage: 8Gi
 dataSource:
   name: postgresql-volume-snap-01
   kind: VolumeSnapshot
   apiGroup: snapshot.storage.k8s.io
```

Create a clone of the volume by creating a PVC using the snapshot as the source using the above manifest. Apply the manifest and ensure that the clone is created.

```
[root@localhost hcp-testing]# oc create -f postgresql-pvc-clone.yaml -n postgresql
persistentvolumeclaim/postgresql-volume-clone created
[root@localhost hcp-testing]# oc get pvc -n postgresql
NAME                     STATUS   VOLUME                                     CAPACITY   ACCESS MODES   STORAGECLASS
data-postgresql-0        Bound    pvc-e3ddd9bd-e6a7-4a4a-b935-f1c090fd8db6   8Gi        RWO            trident-csi
postgresql-volume-clone  Bound    pvc-b38fbc54-55dc-47e8-934d-47f181fddac6   8Gi        RWO            trident-csi
[root@localhost hcp-testing]#
```

b. Delete the original postgresql installation

```
[root@localhost hcp-testing]#
[root@localhost hcp-testing]# helm uninstall postgresql -n postgresql
release "postgresql" uninstalled
[root@localhost hcp-testing]# oc get pods -n postgresql
No resources found in postgresql namespace.
[root@localhost hcp-testing]#
```

c. Create a new postgresql application using the new clone PVC

```
$ helm install postgresql bitnami/postgresql --set
primary.persistence.enabled=true --set
primary.persistence.existingClaim=postgresql-volume-clone -n postgresql
```

```
[root@localhost hcp-testing]#
[root@localhost hcp-testing]# helm install postgresql bitnami/postgresql --set primary.persistence.enabled=true \
> --set primary.persistence.existingClaim=postgresql-volume-clone -n postgresql
NAME: postgresql
LAST DEPLOYED: Mon Oct 14 12:03:31 2024
NAMESPACE: postgresql
STATUS: deployed
REVISION: 1
TEST SUITE: None
NOTES:
CHART NAME: postgresql
CHART VERSION: 15.5.21
APP VERSION: 16.4.0

** Please be patient while the chart is being deployed **

PostgreSQL can be accessed via port 5432 on the following DNS names from within your cluster:

    postgresql.postgresql.svc.cluster.local - Read/Write connection

To get the password for "postgres" run:

    export POSTGRES_PASSWORD=$(kubectl get secret --namespace postgresql postgresql -o jsonpath="{.data.postgres-password}" | ba

To connect to your database run the following command:

    kubectl run postgresql-client --rm --tty -i --restart='Never' --namespace postgresql --image docker.io/bitnami/postgresql:16
      --command -- psql --host postgresql -U postgres -d postgres -p 5432

    > NOTE: If you access the container using bash, make sure that you execute "/opt/bitnami/scripts/postgresql/entrypoint.sh /b
 1001} does not exist"

To connect to your database from outside the cluster execute the following commands:

    kubectl port-forward --namespace postgresql svc/postgresql 5432:5432 &
    PGPASSWORD="$POSTGRES_PASSWORD" psql --host 127.0.0.1 -U postgres -d postgres -p 5432

WARNING: The configured password will be ignored on new installation in case when previous PostgreSQL release was deleted throug
sword, and setting it through helm won't take effect. Deleting persistent volumes (PVs) will solve the issue.

WARNING: There are "resources" sections in the chart not set. Using "resourcesPreset" is not recommended for production. For pro
ng to your workload needs:
  - primary.resources
  - readReplicas.resources
+info https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/configuration/manage-resources-containers/
[root@localhost hcp-testing]#
```

d. Verify that the application pod is in the running state

```
[root@localhost hcp-testing]# oc get pods -n postgresql
NAME           READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
postgresql-0   1/1     Running   0          2m1s
[root@localhost hcp-testing]#
```

e. Verify that the pod uses the clone as its PVC

```
[root@localhost hcp-testing]#
[root@localhost hcp-testing]# oc describe pod/postgresql-0 -n postgresql
```

```
  ContainersReady             True
  PodScheduled                True
Volumes:
  empty-dir:
    Type:       EmptyDir (a temporary directory that shares a pod's lifetime)
    Medium:
    SizeLimit:  <unset>
  dshm:
    Type:       EmptyDir (a temporary directory that shares a pod's lifetime)
    Medium:     Memory
    SizeLimit:  <unset>
  data:
    Type:       PersistentVolumeClaim (a reference to a PersistentVolumeClaim in the same namespace)
    ClaimName:  postgresql-volume-clone
    ReadOnly:   false
QoS Class:      Burstable
Node-Selectors: <none>
Tolerations:    node.kubernetes.io/memory-pressure:NoSchedule op=Exists
                node.kubernetes.io/not-ready:NoExecute op=Exists for 300s
                node.kubernetes.io/unreachable:NoExecute op=Exists for 300s
Events:
  Type    Reason                  Age    From                     Message
  ----    ------                  ----   ----                     -------
  Normal  Scheduled               3m55s  default-scheduler        Successfully assigned postgresql/postgres
.us-east-2.compute.internal
  Normal  SuccessfulAttachVolume  3m54s  attachdetach-controller  AttachVolume.Attach succeeded for volume
8-934d-47f181fddac6"
  Normal  AddedInterface          3m43s  multus                   Add eth0 [10.129.2.126/23] from ovn-kuber
  Normal  Pulled                  3m43s  kubelet                  Container image "docker.io/bitnami/postgr
r0" already present on machine
  Normal  Created                 3m42s  kubelet                  Created container postgresql
  Normal  Started                 3m42s  kubelet                  Started container postgresql
[root@localhost hcp-testing]#
```

f) To validate that the database has been restored as expected, go back to the container console and show the existing databases

```
[root@localhost hcp-testing]# kubectl run postgresql-client --rm --tty -i --restart='Never' --namespace postgresql --image docker.io/bitnami/postgresql:
$POSTGRES_PASSWORD"  --command -- psql --host postgresql -U postgres -d postgres -p 5432
Warning: would violate PodSecurity "restricted:v1.24": allowPrivilegeEscalation != false (container "postgresql-client" must set securityContext.allowPri
 capabilities (container "postgresql-client" must set securityContext.capabilities.drop=["ALL"]), runAsNonRoot != true (pod or container "postgresql-clie
Root=true), seccompProfile (pod or container "postgresql-client" must set securityContext.seccompProfile.type to "RuntimeDefault" or "Localhost")
If you don't see a command prompt, try pressing enter.

postgres=# \l
                                                 List of databases
   Name    |  Owner   | Encoding | Locale Provider |   Collate   |    Ctype    | ICU Locale | ICU Rules |   Access privileges
-----------+----------+----------+-----------------+-------------+-------------+------------+-----------+-----------------------
 erp       | postgres | UTF8     | libc            | en_US.UTF-8 | en_US.UTF-8 |            |           |
 postgres  | postgres | UTF8     | libc            | en_US.UTF-8 | en_US.UTF-8 |            |           |
 template0 | postgres | UTF8     | libc            | en_US.UTF-8 | en_US.UTF-8 |            |           | =c/postgres          +
           |          |          |                 |             |             |            |           | postgres=CTc/postgres
 template1 | postgres | UTF8     | libc            | en_US.UTF-8 | en_US.UTF-8 |            |           | =c/postgres          +
           |          |          |                 |             |             |            |           | postgres=CTc/postgres
(4 rows)

postgres=# \c erp;
psql (16.2, server 16.4)
You are now connected to database "erp" as user "postgres".
erp=# \dt
        List of relations
 Schema |  Name   | Type  |  Owner
--------+---------+-------+----------
 public | persons | table | postgres
(1 row)

erp=# SELECT * FROM PERSONS;
 id | firstname | lastname
----+-----------+----------
  1 | John      | Doe
  2 | Jane      | Scott
(2 rows)
```

Demo video

Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP wth Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS using Hosted Control Plane

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