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Solution Validation and Use Cases: Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp

The examples provided on this page are solution validations and use cases for Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp.

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Deploy a Jenkins CI/CD Pipeline with Persistent Storage: Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp

This section provides the steps to deploy a continuous integration/continuous delivery or deployment (CI/CD) pipeline with Jenkins to validate solution operation.

Create the resources required for Jenkins deployment

To create the resources required for deploying the Jenkins application, complete the following steps:

1. Create a new project named Jenkins.
2. In this example, we deployed Jenkins with persistent storage. To support the Jenkins build, create the PVC. Navigate to Storage > Persistent Volume Claims and click Create Persistent Volume Claim. Select the storage class that was created, make sure that the Persistent Volume Claim Name is jenkins, select the appropriate size and access mode, and then click Create.
Deploy Jenkins with Persistent Storage

To deploy Jenkins with persistent storage, complete the following steps:

1. In the upper left corner, change the role from Administrator to Developer. Click +Add and select From Catalog. In the Filter by Keyword bar, search for jenkins. Select Jenkins Service with Persistent Storage.
2. Click Instantiate Template.

**Jenkins**

Provided by Red Hat, Inc.

 ![Instantiate Template](image)

**Provider**
Red Hat, Inc.

**Support**
Get support

**Created At**
May 26, 3:58 am

**Description**
Jenkins service, with persistent storage.

NOTE: You must have persistent volumes available in your cluster to use this template.

**Documentation**
https://docs.okd.io/latest/using_images/other_images/jenkins.html

3. By default, the details for the Jenkins application are populated. Based on your requirements, modify the parameters and click Create. This process creates all the required resources for supporting Jenkins on
4. The Jenkins pods take approximately 10 to 12 minutes to enter the Ready state.
5. After the pods are instantiated, navigate to Networking > Routes. To open the Jenkins webpage, click the URL provided for the jenkins route.

6. Because OpenShift OAuth was used while creating the Jenkins app, click Log in with OpenShift.
7. Authorize the Jenkins service account to access the OpenShift users.

Authorize Access

Service account jenkins in project jenkins is requesting permission to access your account (kube:admin)

Requested permissions

- **user:info**
  - Read-only access to your user information (including username, identities, and group membership)

- **user:check-access**
  - Read-only access to view your privileges (for example, "can I create builds?")

You will be redirected to https://jenkins-jenkins.apps.rhv-ocp-cluster.cle.netapp.com/securityRealm/finishLogin

[Allow selected permissions]  [Deny]

8. The Jenkins welcome page is displayed. Because we are using a Maven build, complete the Maven installation first. Navigate to Manage Jenkins > Global Tool Configuration, and then, in the Maven subhead, click Add Maven. Enter the name of your choice and make sure that the Install Automatically option is selected. Click Save.
9. You can now create a pipeline to demonstrate the CI/CD workflow. On the home page, click Create New Jobs or New Item from the left-hand menu.

10. On the Create Item page, enter the name of your choice, select Pipeline, and click Ok.

11. Select the Pipeline tab. From the Try Sample Pipeline drop-down menu, select Github + Maven. The code is automatically populated. Click Save.
12. Click Build Now to trigger the development through the preparation, build, and testing phase. It can take several minutes to complete the whole build process and display the results of the build.
13. Whenever there are any code changes, the pipeline can be rebuilt to patch the new version of software enabling continuous integration and continuous delivery. Click Recent Changes to track the changes from the previous version.
Configure Multi-tenancy on Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp ONTAP

Configuring multi-tenancy on Red Hat OpenShift with NetApp

Many organizations that run multiple applications or workloads on containers tend to deploy one Red Hat OpenShift cluster per application or workload. This allows them to implement strict isolation for the application or workload, optimize performance, and reduce security vulnerabilities. However, deploying a separate Red Hat OpenShift cluster for each application poses its own set of problems. It increases operational overhead having to monitor and manage each cluster on its own, increases cost owing to dedicated resources for different applications, and hinders efficient scalability.

To overcome these problems, one can consider running all the applications or workloads in a single Red Hat OpenShift cluster. But in such an architecture, resource isolation and application security vulnerabilities are one of the major challenges. Any security vulnerability in one workload could naturally spill over into another workload, thus increasing the impact zone. In addition, any abrupt uncontrolled resource utilization by one application can affect the performance of another application, because there is no resource allocation policy by default.

Therefore, organizations look out for solutions that pick up the best in both worlds, for example, by allowing them to run all their workloads in a single cluster and yet offering the benefits of a dedicated cluster for each
workload.

One such effective solution is to configure multitenancy on Red Hat OpenShift. Multitenancy is an architecture that allows multiple tenants to coexist on the same cluster with proper isolation of resources, security, and so on. In this context, a tenant can be viewed as a subset of the cluster resources that are configured to be used by a particular group of users for an exclusive purpose. Configuring multitenancy on a Red Hat OpenShift cluster provides the following advantages:

- A reduction in CapEx and OpEx by allowing cluster resources to be shared
- Lower operational and management overhead
- Securing the workloads from cross-contamination of security breaches
- Protection of workloads from unexpected performance degradation due to resource contention

For a fully realized multitenant OpenShift cluster, quotas and restrictions must be configured for cluster resources belonging to different resource buckets: compute, storage, networking, security, and so on. Although we cover certain aspects of all the resource buckets in this solution, we focus on best practices for isolating and securing the data served or consumed by multiple workloads on the same Red Hat OpenShift cluster by configuring multitenancy on storage resources that are dynamically allocated by Astra Trident backed by NetApp ONTAP.

Architecture

Although Red Hat OpenShift and Astra Trident backed by NetApp ONTAP do not provide isolation between workloads by default, they offer a wide range of features that can be used to configure multitenancy. To better understand designing a multitenant solution on a Red Hat OpenShift cluster with Astra Trident backed by NetApp ONTAP, let us consider an example with a set of requirements and outline the configuration around it.

Let us assume that an organization runs two of its workloads on a Red Hat OpenShift cluster as part of two projects that two different teams are working on. The data for these workloads reside on PVCs that are dynamically provisioned by Astra Trident on a NetApp ONTAP NAS backend. The organization has a requirement to design a multitenant solution for these two workloads and isolate the resources used for these projects to make sure that security and performance is maintained, primarily focused on the data that serves those applications.

The following figure depicts the multitenant solution on a Red Hat OpenShift cluster with Astra Trident backed by NetApp ONTAP.
Technology requirements

1. NetApp ONTAP storage cluster
2. Red Hat OpenShift cluster
3. Astra Trident

Red Hat OpenShift – Cluster resources

From the Red Hat OpenShift cluster point of view, the top-level resource to start with is the project. An OpenShift project can be viewed as a cluster resource that divides the whole OpenShift cluster into multiple virtual clusters. Therefore, isolation at project level provides a base for configuring multitenancy.

Next up is to configure RBAC in the cluster. The best practice is to have all the developers working on a single project or workload configured into a single user group in the Identity Provider (IdP). Red Hat OpenShift allows IdP integration and user group synchronization thus allowing the users and groups from the IdP to be imported into the cluster. This helps the cluster administrators to segregate access of the cluster resources dedicated to a project to a user group or groups working on that project, thereby restricting unauthorized access to any cluster resources. To learn more about IdP integration with Red Hat OpenShift, see the documentation here.

NetApp ONTAP

It is important to isolate the shared storage serving as a persistent storage provider for a Red Hat OpenShift cluster to make sure that the volumes created on the storage for each project appear to the hosts as if they are
created on separate storage. To do this, create as many SVMs (storage virtual machines) on NetApp ONTAP as there are projects or workloads, and dedicate each SVM to a workload.

Astra Trident

After you have different SVMs for different projects created on NetApp ONTAP, you must map each SVM to a different Trident backend. The backend configuration on Trident drives the allocation of persistent storage to OpenShift cluster resources, and it requires the details of the SVM to be mapped to. This should be the protocol driver for the backend at the minimum. Optionally, it allows you to define how the volumes are provisioned on the storage and to set limits for the size of volumes or usage of aggregates and so on. Details concerning the definition of the Trident backends can be found here.

Red Hat OpenShift – storage resources

After configuring the Trident backends, the next step is to configure StorageClasses. Configure as many storage classes as there are backends, providing each storage class access to spin up volumes only on one backend. We can map the StorageClass to a particular Trident backend by using the storagePools parameter while defining the storage class. The details to define a storage class can be found here. Thus, there is a one-to-one mapping from StorageClass to Trident backend which points back to one SVM. This ensures that all storage claims via the StorageClass assigned to that project are served by the SVM dedicated to that project only.

Because storage classes are not namespaced resources, how do we ensure that storage claims to storage class of one project by pods in another namespace or project gets rejected? The answer is to use ResourceQuotas. ResourceQuotas are objects that control the total usage of resources per project. It can limit the number as well as the total amount of resources that can be consumed by objects in the project. Almost all the resources of a project can be limited using ResourceQuotas and using this efficiently can help organizations cut cost and outages due to overprovisioning or overconsumption of resources. Refer to the documentation here for more information.

For this use case, we need to limit the pods in a particular project from claiming storage from storage classes that are not dedicated to their project. To do that, we need to limit the persistent volume claims for other storage classes by setting <storage-class-name>.storageclass.storage.k8s.io/persistentvolumeclaims to 0. In addition, a cluster administrator must ensure that the developers in a project should not have access to modify the ResourceQuotas.

Configuration

For any multitenant solution, no user can have access to more cluster resources than is required. So, the entire set of resources that are to be configured as part of the multitenancy configuration is divided between cluster-admin, storage-admin, and developers working on each project.

The following table outlines the different tasks to be performed by different users:
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<th>Role</th>
<th>Tasks</th>
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<td>Cluster-admin</td>
<td>Create projects for different applications or workloads</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Create ClusterRoles and RoleBindings for storage-admin</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Create Roles and RoleBindings for developers assigning access to specific projects</td>
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<td>[Optional] Configure projects to schedule pods on specific nodes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Storage-admin</td>
<td>Create SVMs on NetApp ONTAP</td>
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<td>Create Trident backends</td>
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<td>Create StorageClasses</td>
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<td>Create storage ResourceQuotas</td>
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<td>Developers</td>
<td>Validate access to create or patch PVCs or pods in assigned project</td>
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<td>Validate access to create or patch PVCs or pods in another project</td>
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<td>Validate access to view or edit Projects, ResourceQuotas, and StorageClasses</td>
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</tbody>
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**Configuration**

**Prerequisites**

- NetApp ONTAP cluster
- Red Hat OpenShift cluster
- Trident installed on the cluster
- Admin workstation with tridentctl and oc tools installed and added to $PATH
- Admin access to ONTAP
- Cluster-admin access to OpenShift cluster
- Cluster is integrated with Identity Provider
- Identity provider is configured to efficiently distinguish between users in different teams

**Configuration: cluster-admin tasks**

The following tasks are performed by the Red Hat OpenShift cluster-admin:

1. Log into Red Hat OpenShift cluster as the cluster-admin.
2. Create two projects corresponding to different projects.

```
oc create namespace project-1
oc create namespace project-2
```
3. Create the developer role for project-1.

cat << EOF | oc create -f -
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
kind: Role
metadata:
  namespace: project-1
  name: developer-project-1
rules:
  - verbs:
    - '*'
      apiGroups:
        - apps
        - batch
        - autoscaling
        - extensions
        - networking.k8s.io
        - policy
        - apps.openshift.io
        - build.openshift.io
        - image.openshift.io
        - ingress.operator.openshift.io
        - route.openshift.io
        - snapshot.storage.k8s.io
        - template.openshift.io
  resources:
    - '*'
    - bindings
    - configmaps
    - endpoints
    - events
    - persistentvolumeclaims
    - pods
    - pods/log
    - pods/attach
    - podtemplates
    - replicationcontrollers
    - services
    - limitranges
    - namespaces
    - componentstatuses
EOF
The role definition provided in this section is just an example. Developer roles must be defined based on end-user requirements.

4. Similarly, create developer roles for project-2.

5. All OpenShift and NetApp storage resources are usually managed by a storage admin. Access for storage administrators is controlled by the trident operator role that is created when Trident is installed. In addition to this, the storage admin also requires access to ResourceQuotas to control how storage is consumed.

6. Create a role for managing ResourceQuotas in all projects in the cluster to attach it to storage admin.

```
cat << EOF | oc create -f -
kind: ClusterRole
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  name: resource-quotas-role
rules:
  - verbs:
    - '*'
      apiGroups: 
    - ''
      resources:
    - resourcequotas
  - verbs:
    - '*'
      apiGroups: 
    - quota.openshift.io
      resources:
    - '*'
EOF
```

7. Make sure that the cluster is integrated with the organization’s identity provider and that user groups are synchronized with cluster groups. The following example shows that the identity provider has been integrated with the cluster and synchronized with the user groups.
$ oc get groups

<table>
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<tr>
<th>NAME</th>
<th>USERS</th>
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<tr>
<td>ocp-netapp-storage-admins</td>
<td>ocp-netapp-storage-admin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ocp-project-1</td>
<td>ocp-project-1-user</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ocp-project-2</td>
<td>ocp-project-2-user</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>


```yaml
cat << EOF | oc create -f -
kind: ClusterRoleBinding
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  name: netapp-storage-admin-trident-operator
subjects:
  - kind: Group
    apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
    name: ocp-netapp-storage-admins
roleRef:
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
  kind: ClusterRole
  name: trident-operator
---
kind: ClusterRoleBinding
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  name: netapp-storage-admin-resource-quotas-cr
subjects:
  - kind: Group
    apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
    name: ocp-netapp-storage-admins
roleRef:
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
  kind: ClusterRole
  name: resource-quotas-role
EOF
```

For storage admins, two roles must be bound: trident-operator and resource-quotas.

9. Create RoleBindings for developers binding the developer-project-1 role to the corresponding group (ocp-project-1) in project-1.
cat << EOF | oc create -f -
kind: RoleBinding
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  name: project-1-developer
  namespace: project-1
subjects:
  - kind: Group
    apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
    name: ocp-project-1
roleRef:
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
  kind: Role
  name: developer-project-1
EOF

10. Similarly, create RoleBindings for developers binding the developer roles to the corresponding user group in project-2.

Configuration: Storage-admin tasks

The following resources must be configured by a storage administrator:

1. Log into the NetApp ONTAP cluster as admin.
2. Navigate to Storage > Storage VMs and click Add. Create two SVMs, one for project-1 and the other for project-2, by providing the required details. Also create a vsadmin account to manage the SVM and its resources.
3. Log into the Red Hat OpenShift cluster as the storage administrator.

4. Create the backend for project-1 and map it to the SVM dedicated to the project. NetApp recommends using the SVM’s vsadmin account to connect the backend to SVM instead of using the ONTAP cluster administrator.
cat << EOF | tridentctl -n trident create backend -f
{
    "version": 1,
    "storageDriverName": "ontap-nas",
    "backendName": "nfs_project_1",
    "managementLIF": "172.21.224.210",
    "dataLIF": "10.61.181.224",
    "svm": "project-1-svm",
    "username": "vsadmin",
    "password": "NetApp123"
}
EOF

We are using the ontap-nas driver for this example. Use the appropriate driver when creating the backend based on the use case.

We assume that Trident is installed in the trident project.

5. Similarly create the Trident backend for project-2 and map it to the SVM dedicated to project-2.
6. Next, create the storage classes. Create the storage class for project-1 and configure it to use the storage pools from backend dedicated to project-1 by setting the storagePools parameter.

    cat << EOF | oc create -f -
    apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
    kind: StorageClass
    metadata:
    name: project-1-sc
    provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
    parameters:
    backendType: ontap-nas
    storagePools: "nfs_project_1:*"
EOF

7. Likewise, create a storage class for project-2 and configure it to use the storage pools from backend dedicated to project-2.
8. Create a ResourceQuota to restrict resources in project-1 requesting storage from storageclasses dedicated to other projects.
9. Similarly, create a ResourceQuota to restrict resources in project-2 requesting storage from storageclasses dedicated to other projects.

Validation

To validate the multitenant architecture that was configured in the previous steps, complete the following steps:

Validate access to create PVCs or pods in assigned project

1. Log in as ocp-project-1-user, developer in project-1.
2. Check access to create a new project.

   ```bash
   oc create ns sub-project-1
   ```

3. Create a PVC in project-1 using the storageclass that is assigned to project-1.

   ```bash
   cat << EOF | oc create -f -
   kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
   apiVersion: v1
   metadata:
     name: test-pvc-project-1
     namespace: project-1
   spec:
     accessModes:
     - ReadWriteOnce
     resources:
       requests:
          storage: 1Gi
     storageClassName: project-1-sc
   EOF
   ```
4. Check the PV associated with the PVC.

```
oc get pv
```

5. Validate that the PV and its volume is created in an SVM dedicated to project-1 on NetApp ONTAP.

```
volume show -vserver project-1-svm
```

6. Create a pod in project-1 and mount the PVC created in previous step.

```
cat << EOF | oc create -f -
kind: Pod
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: test-pvc-pod
  namespace: project-1
spec:
  volumes:
    - name: test-pvc-project-1
      persistentVolumeClaim:
        claimName: test-pvc-project-1
  containers:
    - name: test-container
      image: nginx
      ports:
        - containerPort: 80
          name: "http-server"
      volumeMounts:
        - mountPath: "/usr/share/nginx/html"
          name: test-pvc-project-1
EOF
```

7. Check if the pod is running and whether it mounted the volume.

```
oc describe pods test-pvc-pod -n project-1
```

Validate access to create PVCs or pods in another project or use resources dedicated to another project

1. Log in as ocp-project-1-user, developer in project-1.

2. Create a PVC in project-1 using the storageclass that is assigned to project-2.
cat << EOF | oc create -f -
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: test-pvc-project-1-sc-2
  namespace: project-1
  annotations:
    trident.netapp.io/reclaimPolicy: Retain
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteOnce
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 1Gi
  storageClassName: project-2-sc
EOF

3. Create a PVC in project-2.

cat << EOF | oc create -f -
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: test-pvc-project-2-sc-1
  namespace: project-2
  annotations:
    trident.netapp.io/reclaimPolicy: Retain
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteOnce
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 1Gi
  storageClassName: project-1-sc
EOF

4. Make sure that PVCs test-pvc-project-1-sc-2 and test-pvc-project-2-sc-1 were not created.

oc get pvc -n project-1
oc get pvc -n project-2

5. Create a pod in project-2.
cat << EOF | oc create -f -
kind: Pod
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
    name: test-pvc-pod
    namespace: project-1
spec:
    containers:
    - name: test-container
      image: nginx
      ports:
      - containerPort: 80
        name: "http-server"
EOF

Validate access to view and edit Projects, ResourceQuotas, and StorageClasses

1. Log in as ocp-project-1-user, developer in project-1.
2. Check access to create new projects.
   
   oc create ns sub-project-1

3. Validate access to view projects.
   
   oc get ns

4. Check if the user can view or edit ResourceQuotas in project-1.
   
   oc get resourcequotas -n project-1
   oc edit resourcequotas project-1-sc-rq -n project-1

5. Validate that the user has access to view the storageclasses.
   
   oc get sc

6. Check access to describe the storageclasses.
7. Validate the user’s access to edit the storageclasses.
   
   oc edit sc project-1-sc
Scaling: Adding more projects

In a multitenant configuration, adding new projects with storage resources requires additional configuration to make sure that multitenancy is not violated. For adding more projects in a multitenant cluster, complete the following steps:

1. Log into the NetApp ONTAP cluster as a storage admin.

2. Navigate to Storage → Storage VMs and click Add. Create a new SVM dedicated to project-3. Also create a vsadmin account to manage the SVM and its resources.
3. Log into the Red Hat OpenShift cluster as cluster admin.
4. Create a new project.

```
oc create ns project-3
```
5. Make sure that the user group for project-3 is created on IdP and synchronized with the OpenShift cluster.
6. Create the developer role for project-3.

```bash
cat << EOF | oc create -f -
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
kind: Role
metadata:
  namespace: project-3
  name: developer-project-3
rules:
- verbs:
  - '*'
    apiGroups:
    - apps
    - batch
    - autoscaling
    - extensions
    - networking.k8s.io
    - policy
    - apps.openshift.io
    - build.openshift.io
    - image.openshift.io
    - ingress.operator.openshift.io
    - route.openshift.io
    - snapshot.storage.k8s.io
    - template.openshift.io
  resources:
  - '*'
- verbs:
  - '*'
    apiGroups:
    - ''
  resources:
    - bindings
    - configmaps
    - endpoints
    - events
    - persistentvolumeclaims
    - pods
    - pods/log
    - pods/attach
    - podtemplates
    - replicationcontrollers
    - services
```
The role definition provided in this section is just an example. The developer role must be defined based on the end-user requirements.

7. Create RoleBinding for developers in project-3 binding the developer-project-3 role to the corresponding group (ocp-project-3) in project-3.

```
cat << EOF | oc create -f -
kind: RoleBinding
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  name: project-3-developer
  namespace: project-3
subjects:
  - kind: Group
    apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
    name: ocp-project-3
roleRef:
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
  kind: Role
  name: developer-project-3
EOF
```

8. Login to the Red Hat OpenShift cluster as storage admin.

9. Create a Trident backend and map it to the SVM dedicated to project-3. NetApp recommends using the SVM's vsadmin account to connect the backend to the SVM instead of using the ONTAP cluster administrator.
We are using the ontap-nas driver for this example. Use the appropriate driver for creating the backend based on the use-case.

We assume that Trident is installed in the trident project.

10. Create the storage class for project-3 and configure it to use the storage pools from backend dedicated to project-3.

```
cat << EOF | oc create -f -
apiversion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: project-3-sc
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
  backendType: ontap-nas
storagePools: "nfs_project_3:.*"
EOF
```

11. Create a ResourceQuota to restrict resources in project-3 requesting storage from storageclasses dedicated to other projects.
cat <<< EOF | oc create -f -
kind: ResourceQuota
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: project-3-sc-rq
  namespace: project-3
spec:
  hard:
    project-1-sc.storageclass.storage.k8s.io/persistentvolumeclaims: 0
    project-2-sc.storageclass.storage.k8s.io/persistentvolumeclaims: 0
EOF

12. Patch the ResourceQuotas in other projects to restrict resources in those projects from accessing storage from the storageclass dedicated to project-3.

oc patch resourcequotas project-1-sc-rq -n project-1 --patch '{"spec":{"hard":{"project-3-sc.storageclass.storage.k8s.io/persistentvolumeclaims": 0}}}'
oc patch resourcequotas project-2-sc-rq -n project-2 --patch '{"spec":{"hard":{"project-3-sc.storageclass.storage.k8s.io/persistentvolumeclaims": 0}}}'

Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization with NetApp ONTAP

Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization with NetApp ONTAP

Depending on the specific use case, both containers and virtual machines (VMs) can serve as optimal platforms for different types of applications. Therefore, many organizations run some of their workloads on containers and some on VMs. Often, this leads organizations to face additional challenges by having to manage separate platforms: a hypervisor for VMs and a container orchestrator for applications.

To address this challenge, Red Hat introduced OpenShift Virtualization (formerly known as Container Native Virtualization) starting from OpenShift version 4.6. The OpenShift Virtualization feature enables you to run and manage virtual machines alongside containers on the same OpenShift Container Platform installation, providing hybrid management capability to automate deployment and management of VMs through operators. In addition to creating VMs in OpenShift, with OpenShift Virtualization, Red Hat also supports importing VMs from VMware vSphere, Red Hat Virtualization, and Red Hat OpenStack Platform deployments.
Certain features like live VM migration, VM disk cloning, VM snapshots and so on are also supported by OpenShift Virtualization with assistance from Astra Trident when backed by NetApp ONTAP. Examples of each of these workflows are discussed later in this document in their respective sections.

To learn more about Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization, see the documentation here.

**Deployment for OpenShift Virtualization**

**Deploy Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization with NetApp ONTAP**

**Prerequisites**

- A Red Hat OpenShift cluster (later than version 4.6) installed on bare-metal infrastructure with RHCOS worker nodes
- The OpenShift cluster must be installed via installer provisioned infrastructure (IPI)
- Deploy Machine Health Checks to maintain HA for VMs
- A NetApp ONTAP cluster
- Astra Trident installed on the OpenShift cluster
- A Trident backend configured with an SVM on ONTAP cluster
- A StorageClass configured on the OpenShift cluster with Astra Trident as the provisioner
- Cluster-admin access to Red Hat OpenShift cluster
- Admin access to NetApp ONTAP cluster
- An admin workstation with tridentctl and oc tools installed and added to $PATH

Because OpenShift Virtualization is managed by an operator installed on the OpenShift cluster, it imposes additional overhead on memory, CPU, and storage, which must be accounted for while planning the hardware requirements for the cluster. See the documentation here for more details.

Optionally, you can also specify a subset of the OpenShift cluster nodes to host the OpenShift Virtualization operators, controllers, and VMs by configuring node placement rules. To configure node placement rules for OpenShift Virtualization, follow the documentation here.

For the storage backing OpenShift Virtualization, NetApp recommends having a dedicated StorageClass that
requests storage from a particular Trident backend, which in turn is backed by a dedicated SVM. This maintains a level of multitenancy with regard to the data being served for VM-based workloads on the OpenShift cluster.

**Deploy Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization with NetApp ONTAP**

To install OpenShift Virtualization, complete the following steps:

1. Log into the Red Hat OpenShift bare-metal cluster with cluster-admin access.
2. Select Administrator from the Perspective drop down.
4. Select the OpenShift Virtualization tile and click Install.
5. On the Install Operator screen, leave all default parameters and click Install.

**Requirements**
Your cluster must be installed on bare metal infrastructure with Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS workers.

**Details**
OpenShift Virtualization extends Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform, allowing you to host and manage virtualized workloads on the same platform as container-based workloads. From the OpenShift Container Platform web console, you can import a VMware virtual machine from vSphere, create new or clone existing VMs, perform live migrations between nodes, and more. You can use OpenShift Virtualization to manage both Linux and Windows VMs.

The technology behind OpenShift Virtualization is developed in the KubeVirt open source community. The KubeVirt project extends Kubernetes by adding additional virtualization resource types through Custom Resource Definitions (CRDs). Administrators can use Custom Resource Definitions to manage VirtualMachine resources alongside all other resources that Kubernetes provides.
6. Wait for the operator installation to complete.

![OpenShift Virtualization](image)

2.6.2 provided by Red Hat

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**Installing Operator**

The Operator is being installed. This may take a few minutes.

View installed Operators in Namespace openshift-cnv

7. After the operator has installed, click Create HyperConverged.

![OpenShift Virtualization](image)

2.6.2 provided by Red Hat

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**Installed operator - operand required**

The Operator has installed successfully. Create the required custom resource to be able to use this Operator.

![HC HyperConverged](image)

Required

Creates and maintains an OpenShift Virtualization Deployment

8. On the Create HyperConverged screen, click Create, accepting all default parameters. This step starts the installation of OpenShift Virtualization.
9. After all the pods move to the Running state in the openshift-cnv namespace and the OpenShift Virtualization operator is in the Succeeded state, the operator is ready to use. VMs can now be created on the OpenShift cluster.

Workflows

Workflows: Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization with NetApp ONTAP

Create VM

VMs are stateful deployments that require volumes to host the operating system and data. With CNV, because the VMs are run as pods, the VMs are backed by PVs hosted on NetApp ONTAP through Trident. These
To create a virtual machine on the OpenShift cluster, complete the following steps:

1. Navigate to Workloads > Virtualization > Virtual Machines and click Create > With Wizard.
2. Select the desired operating system and click Next.
3. If the selected operating system has no boot source configured, you must configure it. For Boot Source, select whether you want to import the OS image from an URL or from a registry and provide the corresponding details. Expand Advanced and select the Trident-backed StorageClass. Then click Next.
4. If the selected operating system already has a boot source configured, the previous step can be skipped.
5. In the Review and Create pane, select the project you want to create the VM in and furnish the VM details. Make sure that the boot source is selected to be Clone and boot from CD-ROM with the appropriate PVC assigned for the selected OS.
6. If you wish to customize the virtual machine, click Customize Virtual Machine and modify the required parameters.

7. Click Create Virtual Machine to create the virtual machine; this spins up a corresponding pod in the background.

When a boot source is configured for a template or an operating system from an URL or from a registry, it creates a PVC in the `openshift-virtualization-os-images` project and downloads the KVM guest image to the PVC. You must make sure that template PVCs have enough provisioned space to accommodate the KVM guest image for the corresponding OS. These PVCs are then cloned and attached as rootdisks to virtual machines when they are created using the respective templates in any project.

Workflows: Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization with NetApp ONTAP

**VM Live Migration**

Live Migration is a process of migrating a VM instance from one node to another in an OpenShift cluster with no downtime. For live migration to work in an OpenShift cluster, VMs must be bound to PVCs with shared ReadWriteMany access mode. Astra Trident backend configured with an SVM on a NetApp ONTAP cluster that is enabled for NFS protocol supports shared ReadWriteMany access for PVCs. Therefore, the VMs with PVCs that are requested from StorageClasses provisioned by Trident from NFS-enabled SVM can be migrated with no downtime.
To create a VM bound to PVCs with shared ReadWriteMany access:

1. Navigate to Workloads > Virtualization > Virtual Machines and click Create > With Wizard.
2. Select the desired operating system and click Next. Let us assume the selected OS already had a boot source configured with it.
3. In the Review and Create pane, select the project you want to create the VM in and furnish the VM details. Make sure that the boot source is selected to be Clone and boot from CD-ROM with the appropriate PVC assigned for the selected OS.
4. Click Customize Virtual Machine and then click Storage.
5. Click the ellipsis next to rootdisk, and make sure that the storageclass provisioned using Trident is selected. Expand Advanced and select Shared Access (RWX) for Access Mode. Then click Save.
6. Click Review and confirm and then click Create Virtual Machine.

To manually migrate a VM to another node in the OpenShift cluster, complete the following steps.

1. Navigate to Workloads > Virtualization > Virtual Machines.
2. For the VM you wish to migrate, click the ellipsis, and then click Migrate the Virtual Machine.
3. Click Migrate when the message pops up to confirm.

A VM instance in an OpenShift cluster automatically migrates to another node when the original node is placed into maintenance mode if the evictionStrategy is set to LiveMigrate.

Workflows: Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization with NetApp ONTAP

VM cloning

Cloning an existing VM in OpenShift is achieved with the support of Astra Trident’s Volume CSI cloning feature. CSI volume cloning allows for creation of a new PVC using an existing PVC as the data source by duplicating its PV. After the new PVC is created, it functions as a separate entity and without any link to or dependency on the source PVC.

There are certain restrictions with CSI volume cloning to consider:

1. Source PVC and destination PVC must be in the same project.
2. Cloning is supported within the same storage class.
3. Cloning can be performed only when source and destination volumes use the same VolumeMode setting; for example, a block volume can only be cloned to another block volume.
VMs in an OpenShift cluster can be cloned in two ways:

1. By shutting down the source VM
2. By keeping the source VM live

**By Shutting down the source VM**

Cloning an existing VM by shutting down the VM is a native OpenShift feature that is implemented with support from Astra Trident. Complete the following steps to clone a VM.

1. Navigate to Workloads > Virtualization > Virtual Machines and click the ellipsis next to the virtual machine you wish to clone.
2. Click Clone Virtual Machine and provide the details for the new VM.
3. Click Clone Virtual Machine; this shuts down the source VM and initiates the creation of the clone VM.
4. After this step is completed, you can access and verify the content of the cloned VM.

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**Clone Virtual Machine**

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- Start virtual machine on clone

**Configuration**

- Operating System
  - Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.0 or higher
- Flavor
  - Small: 1 CPU | 2 GiB Memory
- Workload Profile
  - server
- NICs
  - default - virtio
- Disks
  - cloudinitdisk - cloud-init disk
  - rootdisk - 20Gi - basic

⚠️ The VM rhel8-short-frog is still running. It will be powered off while cloning.
By keeping the source VM live

An existing VM can also be cloned by cloning the existing PVC of the source VM and then creating a new VM using the cloned PVC. This method does not require you to shut down the source VM. Complete the following steps to clone a VM without shutting it down.

1. Navigate to Storage > PersistentVolumeClaims and click the ellipsis next to the PVC that is attached to the source VM.
2. Click Clone PVC and furnish the details for the new PVC.

### Clone

**Name**

rhel8-short-frog-rootdisk-28dib-clone

**Access Mode**

- Single User (RWO)
- Shared Access (RWX)
- Read Only (ROX)

**Size**

- 20 GiB

**PVC details**

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3. Then click Clone. This creates a PVC for the new VM.
4. Navigate to Workloads > Virtualization > Virtual Machines and click Create > With YAML.
5. In the spec > template > spec > volumes section, attach the cloned PVC instead of the container disk.
   Provide all other details for the new VM according to your requirements.
6. Click Create to create the new VM.
7. After the VM is created successfully, access and verify that the new VM is a clone of the source VM.

**Workflows: Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization with NetApp ONTAP**

**Create VM from a Snapshot**

With Astra Trident and Red Hat OpenShift, users can take a snapshot of a persistent volume on Storage Classes provisioned by it. With this feature, users can take a point-in-time copy of a volume and use it to create a new volume or restore the same volume back to a previous state. This enables or supports a variety of use-cases, from rollback to clones to data restore.

For Snapshot operations in OpenShift, the resources VolumeSnapshotClass, VolumeSnapshot, and VolumeSnapshotContent must be defined.

- A VolumeSnapshotContent is the actual snapshot taken from a volume in the cluster. It is cluster-wide resource analogous to PersistentVolume for storage.
- A VolumeSnapshot is a request for creating the snapshot of a volume. It is analogous to a PersistentVolumeClaim.
- VolumeSnapshotClass lets the administrator specify different attributes for a VolumeSnapshot. It allows you to have different attributes for different snapshots taken from the same volume.

```yaml
- name: rootdisk
  persistentVolumeClaim:
    claimName: rhel8-short-frog-rootdisk-28dwb-clone
```
To create Snapshot of a VM, complete the following steps:

1. Create a VolumeSnapshotClass that can then be used to create a VolumeSnapshot. Navigate to Storage > VolumeSnapshotClasses and click Create VolumeSnapshotClass.

2. Enter the name of the Snapshot Class, enter csi.trident.netapp.io for the driver, and click Create.
3. Identify the PVC that is attached to the source VM and then create a Snapshot of that PVC. Navigate to Storage > VolumeSnapshots and click Create VolumeSnapshots.

4. Select the PVC that you want to create the Snapshot for, enter the name of the Snapshot or accept the default, and select the appropriate VolumeSnapshotClass. Then click Create.

5. This creates the snapshot of the PVC at that point in time.
Create a new VM from the snapshot

1. First, restore the Snapshot into a new PVC. Navigate to Storage > VolumeSnapshots, click the ellipsis next to the Snapshot that you wish to restore, and click Restore as new PVC.

2. Enter the details of the new PVC and click Restore. This creates a new PVC.

**Restore as new PVC**

When restore action for snapshot *rhel8-short-frog-rootdisk-28dvd-snapshot* is finished a new crash-consistent PVC copy will be created.

**Name**

*rhel8-short-frog-rootdisk-28dvd-snapshot-restore*

**Storage Class**

*basic*

**Access Mode**

- Single User (RWO)
- Shared Access (RWX)
- Read Only (ROX)

**Size**

| 20 GiB |

VolumeSnapshot details

**Created at**

*May 21, 12:46 am*

**Namespace**

*default*

**Status**

*Ready*

**API version**

*snapshot.storage.k8s.io/v1*

**Size**

*20 GiB*

3. Next, create a new VM from this PVC. Navigate to Workloads > Virtualization > Virtual Machines and click Create > With YAML.

4. In the spec > template > spec > volumes section, specify the new PVC created from Snapshot instead of
from the container disk. Provide all other details for the new VM according to your requirements.

```
- name: rootdisk
  persistentVolumeClaim:
    claimName: rhel8-short-frog-rootdisk-28dvb-snapshot-restore
```

5. Click Create to create the new VM.

6. After the VM is created successfully, access and verify that the new VM has the same state as that of the VM whose PVC was used to create the snapshot at the time when the snapshot was created.

**Workflows: Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization with NetApp ONTAP**

**Migration of VM from VMware to OpenShift Virtualization using Migration Toolkit for Virtualization**

In this section, we will see how to use the Migration Toolkit for Virtualization (MTV) to migrate virtual machines from VMware to OpenShift Virtualization running on OpenShift Container platform and integrated with NetApp ONTAP storage using Astra Trident.

The following video shows a demonstration of the migration of a RHEL VM from VMware to OpenShift Virtualization using ontap-san for persistent storage.

**Using Red Hat MTV to migrate VMs to OpenShift Virtualization with NetApp ONTAP Storage**

The following diagram shows a high level view of the migration of a VM from VMware to Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization.

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**Migration of VM from VMware to OpenShift Virtualization**

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**Prerequisites for the sample migration**
On VMware

• A RHEL 9 VM using rhel 9.3 with the following configurations were installed:
  ◦ CPU: 2, Memory: 20 GB, Hard disk: 20 GB
  ◦ user credentials: root user and an admin user credentials
• After the VM was ready, postgresql server was installed.
  ◦ postgresql server was started and enabled to start on boot

```
systemctl start postgresql.service
systemctl enable postgresql.service
The above command ensures that the server can start in the VM in
OpenShift Virtualization after migration
```

◦ Added 2 databases, 1 table and 1 row in the table were added. Refer here for the instructions for
installing postgresql server on RHEL and creating database and table entries.

Ensure that you start the postgresql server and enable the service to start at boot.

On OpenShift Cluster

The following installations were completed before installing MTV:

• OpenShift Cluster 4.13.34
• Astra Trident 23.10
• Multipath on the cluster nodes enabled for iSCSI (for ontap-san storage class). See the provided yaml to
create a daemon set that enables iSCSI on each node in the cluster.
• Trident backend and Storage class for ontap SAN using iSCSI. See the provided yaml files for trident
backend and storage class.
• OpenShift Virtualization

To install iscsi and multipath on the OpenShift Cluster nodes use the yaml file given below

Preparing the cluster nodes for iSCSI

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: DaemonSet
metadata:
  namespace: trident
  name: trident-iscsi-init
labels:
  name: trident-iscsi-init
spec:
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      name: trident-iscsi-init
template:
```
metadata:
  labels:
    name: trident-iscsi-init
spec:
  hostNetwork: true
  serviceAccount: trident-node-linux
  initContainers:
    - name: init-node
      command:
        - nsenter
        - --mount=/proc/1/ns/mnt
        - --
        - sh
        - -c
      args: ['"${STARTUP_SCRIPT}"']
  image: alpine:3.7
  env:
    - name: STARTUP_SCRIPT
      value: |
        #!/bin/bash
        sudo yum install -y lsscsi iscsi-initiator-utils sg3_utils
device-mapper-multipath
        rpm -q iscsi-initiator-utils
        sudo sed -i 's/^\(node.session.scan\).*/\1 = manual/'
        /etc/iscsi/iscsid.conf
        cat /etc/iscsi/initiatorname.iscsi
        sudo mpathconf --enable --with_multipathd y --find_multipaths
        n
        sudo systemctl enable --now iscsid multipathd
        sudo systemctl enable --now iscsi
  securityContext:
    privileged: true
  hostPID: true
  containers:
    - name: wait
      image: k8s.gcr.io/pause:3.1
  hostNetwork: true
  tolerations:
    - effect: NoSchedule
      key: node-role.kubernetes.io/master
  updateStrategy:
    type: RollingUpdate

Use the following yaml file to create trident backend configuration for using ontap san storage

Trident backend for iSCSI
Use the following yaml file to create trident storage class configuration for using ontap san storage

**Trident storage class for iSCSI**

```yaml
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: ontap-san
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
  backendType: "ontap-san"
  media: "ssd"
  provisioningType: "thin"
  snapshots: "true"
allowVolumeExpansion: true
```

**Install MTV**

Now you can install the Migration Toolkit for virtualization (MTV). Refer to the instructions provided [here](#) for help with the installation.

The Migration Toolkit for Virtualization (MTV) user interface is integrated into the OpenShift web console. You can refer [here](#) to start using the user interface for various tasks.
Create Source Provider

In order to migrate the RHEL VM from VMware to OpenShift Virtualization, you need to first create the source provider for VMware. Refer to the instructions [here](#) to create the source provider.

You need the following to create your VMware source provider:

- VCenter url
- VCenter Credentials
- VCenter server thumbprint
- VDDK image in a repository

Sample source provider creation:

![Sample source provider creation](image)
The Migration Toolkit for Virtualization (MTV) uses the VMware Virtual Disk Development Kit (VDDK) SDK to accelerate transferring virtual disks from VMware vSphere. Therefore, creating a VDDK image, although optional, is highly recommended.

To make use of this feature, you download the VMware Virtual Disk Development Kit (VDDK), build a VDDK image, and push the VDDK image to your image registry.

Follow the instructions provided here to create and push the VDDK image to a registry accessible from the OpenShift Cluster.

Create Destination provider

The host cluster is automatically added as the OpenShift virtualization provider is the source provider.

Create Migration Plan

Follow the instructions provided here to create a migration plan.

While creating a plan, you need to create the following if not already created:

- A network mapping to map the source network to the target network.
- A storage mapping to map the source datastore to the target storage class. For this you can choose ontap-san storage class.

Once the migration plan is created, the status of the plan should show Ready and you should now be able to Start the plan.

Clicking on Start will run through a sequence of steps to complete the migration of the VM.
When all steps are completed, you can see the migrated VMs by clicking on the virtual machines under Virtualization in the left-side navigation menu.

Instructions to access the virtual machines are provided here.

You can log into the virtual machine and verify the contents of the postgresql databases. The databases, tables and the entries in the table should be the same as what was created on the source VM.

Data Protection for OpenShift Virtualization

Data protection for VMs in OpenShift Virtualization using OpenShift API for Data Protection (OADP)

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This section of the reference document provides details for creating backups of VMs using the OpenShift API for Data Protection (OADP) with Velero on NetApp ONTAP S3 or NetApp StorageGRID S3. The backups of Persistent Volumes(PVs) of the VM disks are created using CSI Astra Trident Snapshots.

Virtual machines in the OpenShift Virtualization environment are containerized applications that run in the worker nodes of your OpenShift Container platform. It is important to protect the VM metadata as well as the persistent disks of the VMs, so that when they are lost or corrupted, you can recover them.

The persistent disks of the OpenShift Virtualization VMs can be backed by ONTAP storage integrated to the OpenShift Cluster using Astra Trident CSI. In this section we use OpenShift API for Data Protection (OADP) to perform backup of VMs including its data volumes to

- ONTAP Object Storage
- StorageGrid

We then restore from the backup when needed.
OADP enables backup, restore, and disaster recovery of applications on an OpenShift cluster. Data that can be protected with OADP include Kubernetes resource objects, persistent volumes, and internal images.

Red Hat OpenShift has leveraged the solutions developed by the OpenSource communities for data protection. Velero is an open-source tool to safely backup and restore, perform disaster recovery, and migrate Kubernetes cluster resources and persistent volumes. To use Velero easily, OpenShift has developed the OADP operator and the Velero plugin to integrate with the CSI storage drivers. The core of the OADP APIs that are exposed are based on the Velero APIs. After installing the OADP operator and configuring it, the backup/restore operations that can be performed are based on the operations exposed by the Velero API.
OADP 1.3 is available from the operator hub of OpenShift cluster 4.12 and later. It has a built-in Data Mover that can move CSI volume snapshots to a remote object store. This provides portability and durability by moving snapshots to an object storage location during backup. The snapshots are then available for restoration after disasters.

The following are the versions of the various components used for the examples in this section

- OpenShift Cluster 4.14
- OpenShift Virtualization installed via Operator
- OADP Operator 1.13 provided by Red Hat
- Velero CLI 1.13 for Linux
- Astra Trident 24.02
- ONTAP 9.12

**Installation of OpenShift API for Data Protection (OADP) Operator**

**Prerequisites**

- A Red Hat OpenShift cluster (later than version 4.12) installed on bare-metal infrastructure with RHCOS worker nodes
- A NetApp ONTAP cluster integrated with the cluster using Astra Trident
- A Trident backend configured with an SVM on ONTAP cluster
- A StorageClass configured on the OpenShift cluster with Astra Trident as the provisioner
If you want to take a backup of a VM when it is in the Running state, then you must install the QEMU guest agent on that virtual machine. If you install the VM using an existing template, then QEMU agent is installed automatically. QEMU allows the guest agent to quiesce in-flight data in the guest OS during the snapshot process, and avoid possible data corruption. If you do not have QEMU installed, you can stop the virtual machine before taking a backup.

Steps to install OADP Operator

1. Go to the Operator Hub of the cluster and select Red Hat OADP operator. In the Install page, use all the default selections and click install. On the next page, again use all the defaults and click Install. The OADP operator will be installed in the namespace openshift-adp.
OpenShift API for Data Protection (OADP) operator sets up and installs Velero on the OpenShift platform, allowing users to backup and restore applications.

Backup and restore Kubernetes resources and internal images, at the granularity of a namespace, using a version of Velero appropriate for the installed version of OADP.

OADP backs up Kubernetes objects and internal images by saving them as an archive file on object storage. OADP backs up persistent volumes (PVs) by creating snapshots with the native cloud snapshot API or with the Container Storage Interface (CSI). For cloud providers that do not support snapshots, OADP backs up resources and PV data with Restic or Kopia.

- Installing OADP for application backup and restore
- Installing OADP on a ROSA cluster and using STS, please follow the Getting Started Steps 1-3 in order to obtain the role ARN needed for using the standardized STS configuration flow via OLM
- Frequently Asked Questions

### Installed Operators

Installed Operators are represented by ClusterServiceVersions within this Namespace. For more information, see the Understanding Operators documentation. To install an Operator and ClusterServiceVersion using the Operator SDK.
Prerequisites for Velero configuration with Ontap S3 details

After the installation of the operator succeeds, configure the instance of Velero. Velero can be configured to use S3 compatible Object Storage. Configure ONTAP S3 using the procedures shown in the Object Storage Management section of ONTAP documentation. You will need the following information from your ONTAP S3 configuration to integrate with Velero.

• A Logical Interface (LIF) that can be used to access S3
• User credentials to access S3 that includes the access key and the secret access key
• A bucket name in S3 for backups with access permissions for the user
• For secure access to the Object storage, TLS certificate should be installed on the Object Storage server.

Prerequisites for Velero configuration with StorageGrid S3 details

Velero can be configured to use S3 compatible Object Storage. You can configure StorageGrid S3 using the procedures shown in the StorageGrid documentation. You will need the following information from your StorageGrid S3 configuration to integrate with Velero.

• The endpoint that can be used to access S3
• User credentials to access S3 that includes the access key and the secret access key
• A bucket name in S3 for backups with access permissions for the user
• For secure access to the Object storage, TLS certificate should be installed on the Object Storage server.

Steps to configure Velero

• First, create a secret for an ONTAP S3 user credential or StorageGrid Tenant user credentials. This will be used to configure Velero later. You can create a secret from the CLI or from the web console. To create a secret from the web console, select Secrets, then click on Key/Value Secret. Provide the values for the credential name, key and the value as shown. Be sure to use the Access Key Id and Secret Access Key of your S3 user. Name the secret appropriately. In the sample below, a secret with ONTAP S3 user credentials named ontap-s3-credentials is created.
To create a secret named sg-s3-credentials from the CLI you can use the following command.

```bash
# oc create secret generic cloud-credentials --namespace openshift-adp --from-file cloud=cloud-credentials.txt
```

credentials.txt file contains the Access Key Id and the Secret Access Key of the S3 user in the following format:

```
[default]
aws_access_key_id=<Access Key Id of S3 user>
aws_secret_access_key=<Secret Access Key of S3 user>
```

• Next, to configure Velero, select Installed Operators from the menu item under Operators, click on OADP operator, and then select the DataProtectionApplication tab.
Click on Create DataProtectionApplication. In the form view, provide a name for the DataProtection Application or use the default name.

Now go to the YAML view and replace the spec information as shown in the yaml file examples below.

**Sample yaml file for configuring Velero with ONTAP S3 as the backupLocation**
Sample yaml file for configuring Velero with StorageGrid S3 as the backupLocation and snapshotLocation
The spec section in the yaml file should be configured appropriately for the following parameters similar to the example above

**backupLocations**
ONTAP S3 or StorageGrid S3 (with its credentials and other information as shown in the yaml) is configured as the default BackupLocation for velero.

**snapshotLocations**
If you use Container Storage Interface (CSI) snapshots, you do not need to specify a snapshot location because you will create a VolumeSnapshotClass CR to register the CSI driver. In our example, you use Astra Trident CSI and you have previously created VolumeSnapshotClass CR using the Trident CSI driver.

**Enable CSI plugin**
Add csi to the defaultPlugins for Velero to back up persistent volumes with CSI snapshots. The Velero CSI plugins, to backup CSI backed PVCs, will choose the VolumeSnapshotClass in the cluster that has **velero.io/csi-volumesnapshot-class** label set on it. For this

- You must have the trident VolumeSnapshotClass created.
Edit the label of the trident-snapshotclass and set it to `velero.io/csi-volumesnapshot-class=true` as shown below.

Ensure that the snapshots can persist even if the VolumeSnapshot objects are deleted. This can be done by setting the `deletionPolicy` to Retain. If not, deleting a namespace will completely lose all PVCs ever backed up in it.

```yaml
apiVersion: snapshot.storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: VolumeSnapshotClass
metadata:
  name: trident-snapshotclass
driver: csi.trident.netapp.io
deletionPolicy: Retain
```
Ensure that the DataProtectionApplication is created and is in condition: Reconciled.

The OADP operator will create a corresponding BackupStorageLocation. This will be used when creating a backup.
Creating on-demand backup for VMs in OpenShift Virtualization

Steps to create a backup of a VM

To create an on-demand backup of the entire VM (VM metadata and VM disks), click on the Backup tab. This creates a Backup Custom Resource (CR). A sample yaml is provided to create the Backup CR. Using this yaml, the VM and its disks in the specified namespace will be backed up. Additional parameters can be set as shown in the documentation.

A snapshot of the persistent volumes backing the disks will be created by the CSI. A backup of the VM along with the snapshot of its disks are created and stored in the backup location specified in the yaml. The backup will remain in the system for 30 days as specified in the ttl.

```yaml
apiVersion: velero.io/v1
kind: Backup
metadata:
  name: backup1
  namespace: openshift-adp
spec:
  includedNamespaces:
  - virtual-machines-demo
  snapshotVolumes: true
  storageLocation: velero-demo-1 -->this is the backupStorageLocation previously created when Velero is configured.
  ttl: 720h0m0s
```
Once the backup completes, its Phase will show as completed.

You can inspect the backup in the Object storage with the help of an S3 browser application. The path of the backup shows in the configured bucket with the prefix name (velero/demobackup). You can see the contents of the backup includes the volume snapshots, logs, and other metadata of the virtual machine.

In StorageGrid, you can also use the S3 console that is available from the Tenant Manager to view the backup objects.

Creating scheduled backups for VMs in OpenShift Virtualization

To create backups on a schedule, you need to create a Schedule CR. The schedule is simply a Cron expression allowing you to specify the time at which you want to create the backup. A sample yaml to create a Schedule CR.
The Cron expression 0 7 * * * means a backup will be created at 7:00 every day. The namespaces to be included in the backup and the storage location for the backup are also specified. So instead of a Backup CR, Schedule CR is used to create a backup at the specified time and frequency.

Once the schedule is created, it will be Enabled.

Backups will be created according to this schedule, and can be viewed from the Backup tab.
Restore a VM from a backup

Prerequisites

To restore from a backup, let us assume that the namespace where the virtual machine existed got accidentally deleted.
To restore from the backup that we just created, we need to create a Restore Custom Resource (CR). We need to provide it a name, provide the name of the backup that we want to restore from and set the restorePVs to true. Additional parameters can be set as shown in the documentation. Click on Create button.

```
apiVersion: velero.io/v1
kind: Restore
metadata:
  name: restore1
  namespace: openshift-adp
spec:
  backupName: backup1
  restorePVs: true
```

When the phase shows completed, you can see that the virtual machines have been restored to the state when the snapshot was taken. (If the backup was created when the VM was running, restoring the VM from the backup will start the restored VM and bring it to a running state). The VM is restored to the same namespace.
**Restore to a different namespace**

To restore the VM to a different namespace, you can provide a namespaceMapping in the yaml definition of the Restore CR.

The following sample yaml file creates a Restore CR to restore a VM and its disks in the virtual-machines-demo namespace when the backup was taken to the virtual-machines namespace.

```yaml
apiVersion: velero.io/v1
kind: Restore
metadata:
  name: restore-to-different-ns
  namespace: openshift-adp
spec:
  backupName: backup
  restorePVs: true
  includedNamespaces:
  - virtual-machines-demo
  namespaceMapping:
    virtual-machines-demo: virtual-machines
```

When the phase shows completed, you can see that the virtual machines have been restored to the state when the snapshot was taken. (If the backup was created when the VM was running, restoring the VM from the backup will start the restored VM and bring it to a running state). The VM is restored to a different namespace as specified in the yaml.
**Restore to a different storage class**

Velero provides a generic ability to modify the resources during restore by specifying json patches. The json patches are applied to the resources before they are restored. The json patches are specified in a configmap and the configmap is referenced in the restore command. This feature enables you to restore using different storage class.

In the example below, the virtual machine, during creation uses ontap-nas as the storage class for its disks. A backup of the virtual machine named backup1 is created.

Simulate a loss of the VM by deleting the VM.

To restore the VM using a different storage class, for example, ontap-nas-eco storage class, you need to do the following two steps:

**Step 1**

Create a config map (console) in the openshift-adp namespace as follows:
Fill in the details as shown in the screenshot:
Select namespace : openshift-adp
Name: change-storage-class-config (can be any name)
Key: change-storage-class-config.yaml:
Value:

```yaml
version: v1
resourceModifierRules:
  - conditions:
      groupResource: persistentvolumeclaims
      resourceNameRegex: "^rhel*"
    namespaces:
      - virtual-machines-demo
  patches:
    - operation: replace
      path: "/spec/storageClassName"
      value: "ontap-nas-eco"
```

The resulting config map object should look like this (CLI):
This config map will apply the resource modifier rule when the restore is created. A patch will be applied to replace the storage class name to `ontap-nas-eco` for all persistent volume claims starting with `rhel`.

**Step 2**

To restore the VM use the following command from the Velero CLI:

```bash
# velero restore create restore1 --from-backup backup1 --resource
-modifier-configmap change-storage-class-config -n openshift-adp
```

The VM is restored in the same namespace with the disks created using the storage class `ontap-nas-eco`. 
Deleting backups and restores in using Velero

Deleting a backup

You can delete a Backup CR without deleting the Object Storage data by using the OC CLI tool.

```
oc delete backup <backup_CR_name> -n <velero_namespace>
```

If you want the delete the Backup CR and delete the associated object storage data, you can do so by using the Velero CLI tool.

Download the CLI as given in the instructions in the Velero documentation.

Execute the following delete command using the Velero CLI

```
velero backup delete <backup_CR_name> -n <velero_namespace>
```

You can also delete the Restore CR using the Velero CLI

```
velero restore delete restore --namespace openshift-adp
```

You can use oc command as well as the UI to delete the restore CR

```
oc delete backup <backup_CR_name> -n <velero_namespace>
```

Monitoring using Cloud Insights
Monitoring using Cloud Insights for VMs in Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization

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This section of the reference document provides details for integrating NetApp Cloud Insights with a Red Hat OpenShift Cluster to monitor OpenShift Virtualization VMs.

NetApp Cloud Insights is a cloud infrastructure monitoring tool that gives you visibility into your complete infrastructure. With Cloud Insights, you can monitor, troubleshoot, and optimize all your resources including your public clouds and your private data centers. For more information about NetApp Cloud Insights, refer to the Cloud Insights documentation.

To start using Cloud Insights, you must sign up on the NetApp BlueXP portal. For details, refer to the Cloud Insights Onboarding.

Cloud Insights has several features that enable you to quickly and easily find data, troubleshoot issues, and provide insights into your environment. You can find data easily with powerful queries, you can visualize data in dashboards, and send email alerts for data thresholds you set. Refer to the video tutorials to help you understand these features.

For Cloud Insights to start collecting data you need the following:

**Data Collectors**

There are 3 types of Data Collectors:

* Infrastructure (storage devices, network switches, compute infrastructure)
* Operating Systems (such as VMware or Windows)
* Services (such as Kafka)

Data Collectors discover information from the data sources, such as ONTAP storage device (infrastructure data collector). The information gathered is used for analysis, validation, monitoring, and troubleshooting.

**Acquisition Unit**

If you are using an infrastructure Data Collector, you also need an Acquisition Unit to inject data into Cloud Insights. An Acquisition Unit is a computer dedicated to hosting data collectors, typically a Virtual Machine. This computer is typically located in the same data center/VPC as the monitored items.

**Telegraf Agents**

Cloud Insights also supports Telegraf as its agent for collection of integration data. Telegraf is a plugin-driven server agent that can be used to collect and report metrics, events, and logs.

Cloud Insights Architecture
Integration with Cloud Insights for VMs in Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization

To start collecting data for VMs in OpenShift Virtualization you will need to install:

1. A Kubernetes monitoring operator and data collector to collect Kubernetes data
   For complete instructions, refer to the documentation.

2. An acquisition unit to collect data from ONTAP storage that provides persistent storage for the VM disks
   For complete instructions, refer to the documentation.

3. A data collector for ONTAP
   For complete instructions, refer to the documentation

Additionally, if you are using StorageGrid for VM backups, you need a data collector for the StorageGRID as well.

Sample Monitoring capabilities for VMs in Red Hat OpenShift Virtualization

Monitoring based on events and creating Alerts

Here is a sample where the namespace that contains a VM in OpenShift Virtualization is monitored based on events. In this example, a monitor is created based on `logs.kubernetes.event` for the specified namespace in the cluster.
This query provides all the events for the virtual machine in the namespace. (There is only one virtual machine in the namespace). An advanced query can also be constructed to filter based on the event where the reason is “failed” or “FailedMount” These events are typically created when there is an issue in creating a PV or mounting the PV to a pod indicating issues in the dynamic provisioner for creating persistent volumes for the VM.

While creating the Alert Monitor as shown above, you can also configure notification to recipients. You can also provide corrective actions or additional information that can be useful to resolve the error. In the above example, additional information could be to look into the Trident backend configuration and storage class definitions for resolving the issue.

Change Analytics

With Change Analytics, you can get a view of what changed in the state of your cluster including who made that change which can help in troubleshooting issues.
In the above example, Change Analysis is configured on the OpenShift cluster for the namespace that contains an OpenShift Virtualization VM. The dashboard shows changes against the timeline. You can drill down to see what changed and the click on All Changes Diff to see the diff of the manifests. From the manifest, you can see that a new backup of the persistent disks was created.
Backend Storage Mapping

With Cloud Insights, you can easily see the backend storage of the VM disks and several statistics about the PVCs.

You can click on the links under the backend column, which will pull data directly from the backend ONTAP storage.
Another way to look at all the pod to storage mapping is creating an All Metrics query From Observability menu under Explore.

Clicking on any of the links will give you the corresponding details from ONTP storage. For example, clicking on an SVM name in the storageVirtualMachine column will pull details about the SVM from ONTAP. Clicking on an internal volume name will pull details about the volume in ONTAP.
As a containerized application transitions from development to production, many organizations require multiple Red Hat OpenShift clusters to support the testing and deployment of that application. In conjunction with this, organizations usually host multiple applications or workloads on OpenShift clusters. Therefore, each organization ends up managing a set of clusters, and OpenShift administrators must thus face the added challenge of managing and maintaining multiple clusters across a range of environments that span multiple on-premises data centers and public clouds. To address these challenges, Red Hat introduced Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes.

Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes enables you to perform the following tasks:

1. Create, import, and manage multiple clusters across data centers and public clouds
2. Deploy and manage applications or workloads on multiple clusters from a single console
3. Monitor and analyze health and status of different cluster resources
4. Monitor and enforce security compliance across multiple clusters

Red Hat Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes is installed as an add-on to a Red Hat OpenShift cluster, and it uses this cluster as a central controller for all its operations. This cluster is known as hub cluster, and it exposes a management plane for the users to connect to Advanced Cluster Management. All the other OpenShift clusters that are either imported or created via the Advanced Cluster Management console are managed by the hub cluster and are called managed clusters. It installs an agent called Klusterlet on the managed clusters to connect them to the hub cluster and serve the requests for different activities related to cluster lifecycle management, application lifecycle management, observability, and security compliance.

For more information, see the documentation here.
Deployment

Deploy Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes

Prerequisites

1. A Red Hat OpenShift cluster (greater than version 4.5) for the hub cluster
2. Red Hat OpenShift clusters (greater than version 4.4.3) for managed clusters
3. Cluster-admin access to the Red Hat OpenShift cluster
4. A Red Hat subscription for Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes

Advanced Cluster Management is an add-on on for the OpenShift cluster, so there are certain requirements and restrictions on the hardware resources based on the features used across the hub and managed clusters. You need to take these issues into account when sizing the clusters. See the documentation here for more details.

Optionally, if the hub cluster has dedicated nodes for hosting infrastructure components and you would like to install Advanced Cluster Management resources only on those nodes, you need to add tolerations and selectors to those nodes accordingly. For more details, see the documentation here.

Deploy Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes

To install Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes on an OpenShift cluster, complete the following steps:

1. Choose an OpenShift cluster as the hub cluster and log into it with cluster-admin privileges.
4. On the Install Operator screen, provide the necessary details (NetApp recommends retaining the default parameters) and click Install.
5. Wait for the operator installation to complete.

6. After the operator is installed, click Create MultiClusterHub.
7. On the Create MultiClusterHub screen, click Create after furnishing the details. This initiates the installation of a multi-cluster hub.

8. After all the pods move to the Running state in the open-cluster-management namespace and the operator moves to the Succeeded state, Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes is installed.
9. It takes some time to complete the hub installation, and, after it is done, the MultiCluster hub moves to Running state.

10. It creates a route in the open-cluster-management namespace. Connect to the URL in the route to access the Advanced Cluster Management console.
Features

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Cluster Lifecycle Management

To manage different OpenShift clusters, you can either create or import them into Advanced Cluster Management.

1. First navigate to Automate Infrastructures > Clusters.
2. To create a new OpenShift cluster, complete the following steps:
   a. Create a provider connection: Navigate to Provider Connections and click Add a Connection, provide all the details corresponding to the selected provider type and click Add.
   b. To create a new cluster, navigate to Clusters and click Add a Cluster > Create a Cluster. Provide the details for the cluster and the corresponding provider and click Create.
c. After the cluster is created, it appears in the cluster list with the status Ready.

3. To import an existing cluster, complete the following steps:
   a. Navigate to Clusters and click Add a Cluster > Import an Existing Cluster.
   b. Enter the name of the cluster and click Save Import and Generate Code. A command to add the existing cluster is displayed.
   c. Click Copy Command and run the command on the cluster to be added to the hub cluster. This initiates the installation of the necessary agents on the cluster, and, after this process is complete, the cluster appears in the cluster list with status Ready.
4. After you create and import multiple clusters, you can monitor and manage them from a single console.

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Application lifecycle management

To create an application and manage it across a set of clusters,

1. Navigate to Manage Applications from the sidebar and click Create Application. Provide the details of the application you would like to create and click Save.
2. After the application components are installed, the application appears in the list.

3. The application can now be monitored and managed from the console.
Governance and risk

This feature allows you to define the compliance policies for different clusters and make sure that the clusters adhere to it. You can configure the policies to either inform or remediate any deviations or violations of the rules.

1. Navigate to Governance and Risk from the sidebar.

2. To create compliance policies, click Create Policy, enter the details of the policy standards, and select the clusters that should adhere to this policy. If you want to automatically remediate the violations of this policy, select the checkbox Enforce if Supported and click Create.
3. After all the required policies are configured, any policy or cluster violations can be monitored and remediated from Advanced Cluster Management.
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Observability

Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes provides a way to monitor the nodes, pods, and applications, and workloads across all the clusters.

1. Navigate to Observe Environments > Overview.
2. All pods and workloads across all clusters are monitored and sorted based on a variety of filters. Click Pods to view the corresponding data.

3. All nodes across the clusters are monitored and analyzed based on a variety of data points. Click Nodes to get more insight into the corresponding details.
4. All clusters are monitored and organized based on different cluster resources and parameters. Click Clusters to view cluster details.

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Create resources on multiple clusters

Advanced Cluster Management for Kubernetes allows users to create resources on one or more managed clusters simultaneously from the console. As an example, if you have OpenShift clusters at different sites backed with different NetApp ONTAP clusters and want to provision PVC’s at both sites, you can click the (+) sign on the top bar. Then select the clusters on which you want to create the PVC, paste the resource YAML, and click Create.
Create resource

Clusters | Select the clusters where the resource(s) will be deployed.

2 local-cluster,
ocp-vmw

Resource configuration | Enter the configuration manifest for the resource(s).

YAML

```
1 kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
2 apiVersion: v1
3 metadata:
4  name: demo-pvc
5 spec:
6   accessModes:
7     - ReadWriteOnce
8   resources:
9     requests:
10    storage: 16Gi
11    storageClassName: ocp-trident
```