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Ansible Playbook Bundle Development Guide

Developing with Ansible Playbook Bundle (APB)
**Abstract**

This guide outlines the design concepts and workflow of APB
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CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This guide outlines the design concepts and workflow of Ansible Playbook Bundles (APBs), shows how to install and use the apb CLI tooling, and provides a tutorial and reference material on writing your own APBs.

1.2. DESIGN OVERVIEW

An APB is a lightweight application definition that borrows several concepts from the Nulecule and Atomicapp projects, namely the concept of a short-lived container with the sole purpose of orchestrating the deployment of the intended application. For the case of APBs, this short-lived container is the APB itself: a container with an Ansible runtime environment plus any files required to assist in orchestration, such as playbooks, roles, and extra dependencies.

The OpenShift Ansible broker (OAB) is an implementation of the Open Service Broker (OSB) API that manages applications defined by APBs. The OAB is supported and deployed by default starting in OpenShift Container Platform 3.7.

Specification of an APB is intended to be lightweight, consisting of several named playbooks and a metadata file to capture information such as parameters to pass into the application.

1.3. WORKFLOW

The APB workflow is broken up into the following steps:

1. Preparation
   a. APB initialization
   b. APB spec file
   c. Actions (provision, deprovision, bind, unbind)

2. Build

3. Deploy

1.3.1. Preparation

You must prepare your APB’s directory structure and spec file before you can build and deploy it. The Getting Started topic provides a step by step tutorial on creating your first APB, while the following sections briefly cover this workflow.

1.3.1.1. APB Initialization

The apb init command creates the required skeleton directory structure and a few required files (for example, the apb.yml spec file) for the APB.

The following shows an example directory structure of an APB:

Directory Structure
1.3.1.2. APB Spec File

An APB spec file (`apb.yml`) must be edited for your specific application. For example, the default spec file after running `apb init` looks as follows:

```yaml
version: 1.0
name: my-test-apb
description: This is a sample application generated by apb init
bindable: False
async: optional
metadata:
  displayName: my-test
plans:
  - name: default
    description: This default plan deploys my-test-apb
    free: True
    metadata: {}
    parameters: []
```

1. The `metadata` field is optional and used when integrating with the OpenShift Container Platform service catalog.

2. For APBs that do not have any parameters, the `parameters` field should be blank.

**NOTE**

See the Reference topic for a fully-defined example APB spec file.

1.3.1.3. Actions

The following are the actions for an APB. At a minimum, an APB must implement the provision and deprovision actions:

`provision.yml`

Playbook called to handle installing application to the cluster.

`deprovision.yml`

Playbook called to handle uninstalling.
**bind.yml**

Playbook to grant access to another service to use this service, such as generating credentials.

**unbind.yml**

Playbook to revoke access to this service.

**test.yml**

(Optional) Playbook to test that the APB is valid.

The required named playbooks correspond to methods defined by the OSB API. For example, when the OAB needs to provision an APB it will execute `provision.yml`.

After the required named playbooks have been generated, the files can be used directly to test management of the application. A developer may want to work with this directory of files, make tweaks, run, repeat until they are happy with the behavior. They can test the playbooks by invoking Ansible directly with the playbook and any required variables.

### 1.3.2. Build

The build step is responsible for building a container image from the named playbooks for distribution. Packaging combines a base image containing an Ansible runtime with Ansible artifacts and any dependencies required to run the playbooks.

The result is a container image with an **ENTRYPOINT** set to take in several arguments, one of which is the method to execute, such as provision and deprovision.

**Figure 1.1. APB Build**

![Figure 1.1. APB Build](image)

### 1.3.3. Deploy

Deploying an APB means invoking the container and passing in the name of the playbook to execute along with any required variables. It is possible to invoke the APB directly without going through the OAB. Each APB is packaged so its **ENTRYPOINT** will invoke Ansible when run. The container is intended to be short-lived, coming up to execute the Ansible playbook for managing the application then exiting.

In a typical APB deploy, the APB container will provision an application by running the `provision.yml` playbook, which executes an Ansible role. The role is responsible for creating the OpenShift Container Platform resources, perhaps through calling `oc create` commands or leveraging Ansible modules. The end result is that the APB runs Ansible to talk to OpenShift Container Platform to orchestrate the provisioning of the intended application.

The following diagrams illustrate this deployment flow in two phases: a user discovering a list of available APBs and then requesting their chosen APB be provisioned to their project:
An OpenShift Container Platform user is interested in provisioning a service into their project, so they interact with the service catalog by accessing the OpenShift Container Platform UI (web console or CLI) to discover any APBs that are already available.

The service catalog requests a list of APBs from the OAB to show the user.

The OAB searches all configured container registries (the cluster’s OpenShift Container Registry or any other remote registry) for any APBs (images with a specific label, for example `LABEL=apb-1.0`).

The OAB returns the discovered list to the service catalog, to be viewed by the user in the OpenShift Container Platform UI.
Figure 1.3. Deploying a Chosen APB

The user now chooses an APB from the discovered list provided by the service catalog.

The service catalog communicates with the OAB that the user has requested use of the chosen APB.

The OAB initiates the image pull from the appropriate container registry.

After the image is pulled, the OAB defers the logic for orchestrating the application to the APB. The service is deployed by running the APB container with a few parameters. To do so, the following command is issued against the OpenShift Container Platform cluster in a temporary namespace:

```
$ oc run $IMAGE $METHOD $VARS ansible-playbook ${METHOD}.yaml ${VARS}
```

To break this command down further:

1. The `oc run` command runs the APB image.

2. In the short-lived container that is created as a result, Ansible is launched using the `ansible-playbook` command, which runs the appropriate playbook (for example, `provision.yaml`) to execute the requested action. This creates OpenShift Container Platform resources in the user’s project.

3. The container exits at the end of the run, and the temporary namespace is removed.
As a result, the user views via the OpenShift Container Platform UI that their requested service has been successfully provisioned in their project.
CHAPTER 2. CLI TOOLING

2.1. OVERVIEW

The `apb` CLI tool helps Ansible Playbook Bundle (APB) authors create, build, and publish their APBs to container registries. It enforces best practices and takes care of the details so they should be easy to deploy.

2.2. INSTALLING THE TOOL

2.2.1. Prerequisites

2.2.1.1. Docker Daemon

The `docker` daemon must be correctly installed and running on the system.

2.2.1.2. Access Permissions

The `apb` tool requires you to be logged in as a tokened cluster user; the default `system:admin` system user is not sufficient because it does not have a token that can be used for the tool’s authentication. In addition, there are a number of local roles (project-scoped) and cluster roles (cluster-wide) that must exist to permit the full breadth of the `apb` tool’s functions (see Cluster and Local RBAC).

The easiest option is to ensure the user has the `cluster-admin` cluster role. To add this role to another user, you can run the following as a user that already has such permissions (for example, the `system:admin` default system user):

```
WARNING
This is effectively cluster root and should only be used in a development setting.
```

```
$ oc adm policy add-cluster-role-to-user cluster-admin <user>
$ oc login -u <user> <openshift_server>
```

If you would like a more strictly permissioned environment, an OpenShift template is provided that by default will permission a user called `developer`. The template must be run by a user with sufficient permissions to create the various roles. The `developer` user does not have such permissions, but the `system:admin` user is sufficient.

To run the template:

1. Download the `openshift-permissions.template.yaml` file locally.

2. Run the following command:

```
$ oc process -f openshift-permissions.template.yaml \
   -p BROKER_NAMESPACE=openshift-ansible-service-broker \
```
2.2.2. Installing via RPM

The APB CLI tool is provided by the `apb` package, which is available from the `rhel-7-server-ose-3.7-rpms` channel:

```
$ sudo yum install apb
```

2.2.3. Verifying the Installation

Run `apb help` to make sure the tool is installed correctly:

```
$ apb help
usage: apb [-h] [--debug] [--project BASE_PATH]
        {init,help,prepare,push,bootstrap,list,remove,build} ...

APB tooling for assisting in building and packaging APBs.

optional arguments:
  -h, --help            show this help message and exit
  --debug               Enable debug output
  --project BASE_PATH, -p BASE_PATH
                        Specify a path to your project. Defaults to CWD.

subcommand:
  {init,help,prepare,push,bootstrap,list,remove,build}
    init                Initialize the directory for APB development
    help                Display this help message
    prepare             Prepare an ansible-container project for APB
    push                Push local APB spec to an OAB
    bootstrap           Tell OAB to reload APBs from the container repository
    list                List APBs from the target OAB
    remove              Remove APBs from the target OAB
    build               Build and package APB container
```

2.3. TYPICAL WORKFLOWS

2.3.1. Local Registry

In order to use the OpenShift Container Registry to source APBs, you must have configured the OpenShift Ansible broker to use the `local_openshift` type registry adapter. See the `config` section for more information.
If you are using a namespace other than the default `openshift` namespace to host your APBs, then you can use the following command:

```
$ apb push --namespace <namespace>
```

### 2.3.2. Remote Registry

OAB can also be configured to use a remote registry and organization such as `docker.io/ansibleplaybookbundle` or your own personal account. In order to use this for developing APBs, you can build and push to your remote registry and then `bootstrap` to reload your APBs:

```
$ apb init my-new-apb
$ cd my-new-apb
$ apb build --tag docker.io/my-org/my-new-apb
$ docker push docker.io/my-org/my-new-apb
$ apb bootstrap
$ apb list
```

### 2.4. APB CREATION COMMANDS

#### 2.4.1. init

**Description**

Initializes a directory structure for a new APB. Also creates example files for the new APB with sensible defaults.

**Usage**

```
$ apb init [OPTIONS] NAME
```

**Arguments**

**NAME**: Name of the APB and directory to be created.

**Options**

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<td>Show help message</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>--force</code></td>
<td>Force re-init and overwrite the directory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>--async</code></td>
<td>Specify asynchronous operation on application. Usually defaulted to <code>optional</code>.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>{required,optional,unsupported}</code></td>
<td>Generate an application with bindable settings</td>
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<tr>
<td>--skip-provision</td>
<td>Do not generate provision playbook and role</td>
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<tr>
<td>--skip-deprovision</td>
<td>Do not generate deprovision playbook and role</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--skip-bind</td>
<td>Do not generate bind playbook and role</td>
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<tr>
<td>--skip-unbind</td>
<td>Do not generate unbind playbook and role</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--skip-roles</td>
<td>Do not generate any roles</td>
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### NOTE
Async bind and unbind is an experimental feature and is not supported or enabled by default.

### Examples

Create directory `my-new-apb`:

```bash
$ apb init my-new-apb
# my-new-apb/
# ├── apb.yml
# ├── Dockerfile
# ├── playbooks
# │   ├── deprovision.yml
# │   └── provision.yml
# └── roles
#     ├── deprovision-my-new-apb
#     │   └── tasks
#     │       └── main.yml
#     └── provision-my-new-apb
#         └── tasks
#             └── main.yml
```

Create directory `my-new-apb`, but skip generating deprovision playbook and roles:

```bash
$ apb init my-new-apb --skip-deprovision
# my-new-apb/
# ├── apb.yml
# ├── Dockerfile
# ├── playbooks
# │   └── provision.yml
# └── roles
#     └── provision-my-new-apb
#         └── tasks
#             └── main.yml
```

Create directory `my-new-apb`, overwriting any old versions. The APB will be configured to be bindable and set async to optional:
2.4.2. prepare

Description
Compiles the APB into base64 encoding and writes it as a label to the `Dockerfile`

This will allow the OAB to read the APB metadata from the registry without downloading the images. This command must be run from inside the APB directory. Running the `build` command will automatically run prepare as well, meaning you generally do not need to run `prepare` by itself.

Usage

```
$ apb prepare [OPTIONS]
```

Options

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<td>--help, -h</td>
<td>Show help message</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--dockerfile DOCKERFILE, -f DOCKERFILE</td>
<td>Writes the APB spec to the target file name instead of a file named <code>Dockerfile</code></td>
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</table>

Examples

Writes the label for the spec field in the `Dockerfile`:

```
$ apb prepare
```

Writes the label for the spec field in `Dockerfile-custom`:

```
$ apb prepare --dockerfile Dockerfile-custom
```
2.4.3. build

**Description**
Builds the image for the APB.

Similar to running `apb prepare` and `docker build` with a tag.

**Usage**
```
$ apb build [OPTIONS]
```

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<tr>
<td>--tag TAG</td>
<td>Sets the tag of the built image to a string in the format <code>&lt;registry&gt;/&lt;org&gt;/&lt;name&gt;</code></td>
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<tr>
<td>--registry</td>
<td>Registry portion of the tag of the image (e.g., <code>docker.io</code>)</td>
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<tr>
<td>--org, -o</td>
<td>User or organization portion of the tag of the image</td>
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**Examples**
Build the image and use the name field from `apb.yml` as the tag:
```
$ apb build
```

Build the image and use the tag `docker.io/my-org/my-new-apb`:
```
$ apb build --tag docker.io/my-org/my-new-apb
```

Build the image and use the tag `docker.io/my-org/<my-apb-name>`:
```
$ apb build --registry docker.io --org my-org
```

Build the image using the file `Dockerfile-custom` as the `Dockerfile` definition:
```
$ apb build --dockerfile Dockerfile-custom
```

2.4.4. push

**Description**
Uploads the APB to an OpenShift Container Registry or a broker mock registry where it will be read by the OAB.

When using the broker’s mock registry, the spec is uploaded and will be displayed in OpenShift Container Platform, but OpenShift Container Platform will pull the image from the registry normally. Usually that means the registry where `oc cluster up` was performed.
When using the OpenShift Container Registry, the image is uploaded to OpenShift Container Platform directly.

Usage

```bash
$ apb push [OPTIONS]
```

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<td><code>--broker BROKER_URL</code></td>
<td>Route to the OAB</td>
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<td><code>--namespace NAMESPACE</code></td>
<td>Namespace to push to the OpenShift Container Registry</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>--openshift, -o</code></td>
<td>Use the OpenShift Container Registry</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>--dockerfile DOCKERFILE, -f DOCKERFILE</code></td>
<td>Dockerfile to build internal registry image. Usually defaults to Dockerfile but can be set to any file name.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>--secure</code></td>
<td>Use secure connection to OAB</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>--username USERNAME</code></td>
<td>Basic authentication user name to be used in broker communication</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>--password PASSWORD</code></td>
<td>Basic authentication password to be used in broker communication</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>--no-relist</code></td>
<td>Do not relist the catalog after pushing an APB to the broker</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>--broker-name</code></td>
<td>Name of the ServiceBroker Kubernetes resource</td>
</tr>
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Examples

Push to the OAB development endpoint:

```bash
$ apb push
```

Push to the local OpenShift Container Registry:

```bash
$ apb push
```

Push to the local OpenShift Container Registry under namespace `myproject`:

```bash
$ apb push --namespace myproject
```
2.4.5. test

Description
Runs the APB unit tests.

Usage

```bash
$ apb test [OPTIONS]
```

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Examples

Run the tests:

```bash
$ apb test
```

Run the tests but use a specific tag on the built image:

```bash
$ apb test --tag docker.io/my-org/my-new-apb
```

2.5. BROKER UTILITY COMMANDS

2.5.1. list

Description
Lists all the APBs the broker has loaded.

Usage

```bash
$ apb list [OPTIONS]
```

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<td>--verbose, -v</td>
<td>Output verbose spec information from OAB</td>
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## Option, Shorthand | Description
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--output {yaml, json}, -o {yaml, json} | Specify verbose output format in yaml (default) or json
--username BASIC_AUTH_USERNAME, -u BASIC_AUTH_USERNAME | Specify the basic authentication user name to be used
--password BASIC_AUTH_PASSWORD, -p BASIC_AUTH_PASSWORD | Specify the basic authentication password to be used

### Examples
Basic list of APBs including name, ID, and description:

```
$ apb list
```

List verbose, easily readable specs:

```
$ apb list -v
```

List all the JSON output:

```
$ apb list -v -o json
```

### 2.5.2. bootstrap

#### Description
Requests the OAB to reload all APBs from the registries.

#### Usage

```
$ apb bootstrap [OPTIONS]
```

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<td>Do not relist the catalog after bootstrapping the broker</td>
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<td>--username BASIC_AUTH_USERNAME, -u BASIC_AUTH_USERNAME</td>
<td>Specify the basic authentication user name to be used</td>
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Examples
Basic reload of APBs:

```bash
$ apb bootstrap
```

2.5.3. remove

Description
Removes one (or all) APBs from the OAB.

Usage

```bash
$ apb remove [OPTIONS]
```

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<td>ID of APB to remove</td>
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<td>Use secure connection to OAB</td>
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<tr>
<td>--no-relist</td>
<td>Do not relist the catalog after deletion</td>
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Examples
Remove an APB using an ID:
$ apb remove --id ca91b61da8476984f18fc13883ae2fdb

NOTE
If you need an ID of an APB, use:

$ apb list
ID                     NAME
DESCRIPTION
ca91b61da8476984f18fc13883ae2fdb dh-etherpad-apb Note
taking web application

Remove all APBs:

$ apb remove --all

2.5.4. relist
Description
Forces service catalog to relist the provided services to match the broker.

Usage

$ apb relist [OPTIONS]

Options

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Examples

$ apb relist

2.6. OTHER COMMANDS

2.6.1. help
Description
Displays a help message.

Usage
$ apb help

Examples
$ apb help
$ apb -h
3.1. WRITING APBS: GETTING STARTED

3.1.1. Overview

In this tutorial, you will walk through the creation of some sample Ansible Playbook Bundles (APBs). You will create actions for them to allow provision, deprovision, bind, and unbind. You can find more information about the design of APBs in the Design topic. More in-depth information about writing APBs is available in the Reference topic.

NOTE

For the remainder of this tutorial, substitute your own information for items marked in brackets; for example, <host>:<port> might need to be replaced with 172.17.0.1.nip.io:8443.

3.1.2. Before You Begin

Before getting started creating your own APBs, you must set up your development environment:

1. Ensure you have access to an OpenShift Container Platform cluster. The cluster should be running both the service catalog and the OpenShift Ansible broker (OAB), which is supported starting with OpenShift Container Platform 3.7.

2. Install the APB tools as documented in the CLI Tooling topic. To verify, you can run the `apb help` command and check for a valid response.

3. If you are developing against an OpenShift Container Platform cluster that exists on a remote host or you do not have access to the `docker` daemon, see Working with Remote Clusters for alternative steps when using the `apb push` and `apb run` commands described in this guide.

3.1.3. Creating Your First APB

In this tutorial, you will create an APB for a containerized hello world application. You will work through a basic APB that will mirror the APB `hello-world-apb`.

1. Your first task is to initialize the APB using the `apb` CLI tool. This creates the skeleton for your APB. The command for this is simple:

   ```
   $ apb init my-test-apb
   ```

   After initialization, you will see the following file structure:

   ```
   my-test-apb/
   ├── apb.yml
   ├── Dockerfile
   └── playbooks
      └── roles
```

   1. deprovision-my-test-apb
   2. tasks
   ```
Two files were created at the root directory: an `apb.yml` (the APB spec file) and a `Dockerfile`. These are the minimum files required for any APB. For more information about the APB spec file, see the Reference topic. There is also an explanation of what you can do in the `Dockerfile`.

### apb.yml

```yaml
version: 1.0
name: my-test-apb
description: This is a sample application generated by apb init
bindable: False
async: optional
metadata:
  displayName: my-test
plans:
  - name: default
description: This default plan deploys my-test-apb
  free: True
  metadata: {}
  parameters: []
```

### Dockerfile

```bash
FROM ansibleplaybookbundle/apb-base
LABEL "com.redhat.apb.spec"=
COPY playbooks /opt/apb/actions
COPY roles /opt/ansible/roles
RUN chmod -R g=u /opt/{ansible,apb}
USER apb
```

2. In the `Dockerfile`, there are two updates to make:

   a. Change the `FROM` directive to use the image from the Red Hat Container Catalog. The first line should now read:

   ```bash
   FROM openshift3/apb-base
   ```

   b. Update `com.redhat.apb.spec` in the `LABEL` instruction with a base64 encoded version of `apb.yml`. To do this, run `apb prepare`:

   ```bash
   $ cd my-test-apb
   $ apb prepare
   ```

   This updates the `Dockerfile` as follows:

   ```bash
   FROM openshift3/apb-base
   ```
3. At this point, you have a fully formed APB that you can build. If you skipped using `apb prepare`, the `apb build` command will still prepare the APB before building the image:

```
$ apb build
```

4. You can now push the new APB image to the local OpenShift Container Registry:

```
$ apb push
```

5. Querying the OAB will now show your new APB listed:

```
$ apb list
ID                                NAME            DESCRIPTION
< ------------ ID ------------->  dh-my-test-apb  This is a sample application generated by apb init
```

Similarly, visiting the OpenShift Container Platform web console will now display the new APB named `my-test-apb` in the service catalog under the All and Other tabs.

### 3.1.4. Adding Actions

The brand new APB created in the last section does not do much in its current state. For that, you must add some actions. The actions supported are:

- provision
- deprovision
- bind
- unbind
- test

You will add each of these actions in the following sections. But before beginning:
1. Ensure that you are logged in to your OpenShift Container Platform cluster via the `oc` CLI. This will ensure the `apb` tool can interact with OpenShift Container Platform and the OAB:

   ```bash
   # oc login <cluster_host>:<port> -u <user_name> -p <password>
   ```

2. Log in to the OpenShift Container Platform web console and verify your APB listed in the catalog:

   **Figure 3.1. OpenShift Container Platform Web Console**

   ![OpenShift Container Platform Web Console](image)

3. Create a project named **getting-started** where you will deploy OpenShift Container Platform resources. You can create it using the web console or CLI:

   ```bash
   $ oc new-project getting-started
   ```

### 3.1.4.1. Provision

During the `apb init` process, two parts of the provision task were stubbed out. The playbook, `playbooks/provision.yml`, and the associated role in `roles/provision-my-test-apb`:

```
my-test-apb
├── apb.yml
├── Dockerfile
├── playbooks
│   └── provision.yml
└── roles
    └── provision-my-test-apb
        └── tasks
            └── main.yml
```

1. Inspect this playbook.
2. Edit this role.

The `playbooks/provision.yml` file is the Ansible playbook that will be run when the provision action is called from the OAB. You can change the playbook, but for now you can just leave the code as is.
playbooks/provision.yml

- name: my-test-apb playbook to provision the application
  hosts: localhost
  gather_facts: false
  connection: local
  roles:
    - role: ansible.kubernetes-modules
      install_python_requirements: no
    - role: ansibleplaybookbundle.asb-modules
    - role: provision-my-test-apb
      playbook_debug: false

The playbook will execute on localhost and execute the role provision-my-test-apb. This playbook works on its local container created by the service broker. The ansible.kubernetes-modules role allows you to use the kubernetes-modules to create your OpenShift Container Platform resources. The asb-modules provide additional functionality for use with the OAB.

Currently, there are no tasks in the role. The contents of the roles/provision-my-test-apb/tasks/main.yml only contains comments showing common resource creation tasks. You can currently execute the provision task, but since there are no tasks to perform, it would simply launch the APB container and exit without deploying anything.

You can try this now by clicking on the my-test APB and deploying it to the getting-started project using the web console:

Figure 3.2. Provisioning my-test

When the provision is executing, a new namespace is created with the name dh-my-test-apb-prov-<random>. In development mode, it will persist, but usually this namespace would be deleted after successful completion. If the APB fails provisioning, the namespace will persist by default.
By looking at the pod resources, you can see the log for the execution of the APB. To view the pod’s logs:

1. Find the namespaces by either using the web console to view all namespaces and sort by creation date, or using the following command:

   ```
   $ oc get ns
   NAME                                STATUS    AGE
   ansible-service-broker              Active    1h
   default                             Active    1h
   dh-my-test-apb-prov-<random>        Active    4m
   ```

2. Switch to the project:

   ```
   $ oc project dh-my-test-apb-prov-<random>
   Now using project "dh-my-test-apb-prov-<random>" on server "<cluster_host>:<port>".
   ```

3. Get the pod name:

   ```
   $ oc get pods
   NAME             READY     STATUS      RESTARTS   AGE
   <apb_pod_name>   0/1       Completed   0          3m
   ```

4. View the logs:

   ```
   $ oc logs -f <apb_pod_name>
   ...
   + ansible-playbook /opt/apb/actions/provision.yml --extra-vars
   '{"_apb_plan_id":"default","namespace":"getting-started"}'
   PLAY [my-test-apb playbook to provision the application]
   **********************
   TASK [ansible.kubernetes-modules : Install latest openshift client]
   *************
   skipping: [localhost]
   TASK [ansibleplaybookbundle.asb-modules : debug]
   **********************
   skipping: [localhost]
   PLAY RECAP
   ************************************************************************
   *
   localhost                  : ok=0    changed=0    unreachable=0
   failed=0
   ```

### 3.1.4.1.1. Creating a Deploying Configuration

At the minimum, your APB should deploy the application pods. You can do this by specifying a deployment configuration:

1. One of the first tasks that is commented out in the `provision-my-test-apb/tasks/main.yml` file is the creation of the deployment configuration. You can uncomment it or paste the following:
NOTE

Normally, you would replace the image: value with your own application image.

```yaml
- name: create deployment config
  openshift_v1_deployment_config:
    name: my-test
    namespace: '{{ namespace }}'
    labels:
      - app: my-test
        service: my-test
    replicas: 1
    selector:
      - app: my-test
        service: my-test
    spec_template_metadata_labels:
      - app: my-test
        service: my-test
    containers:
      - env:
          - name: my-test
            ports:
              - container_port: 8080
                protocol: TCP
```

1. Designates which namespace the deployment configuration should be in.
2. Used to help organize, group, and select objects.
3. Specifies that you only want one pod.
4. The selector section is a labels query over pods.
5. This containers section specifies a container with a hello-world application running on port 8080 on TCP. The image is stored at docker.io/ansibleplaybookbundle/hello-world.

For more information, Writing APBs: Reference has more detail, and you can see the ansible-kubernetes-modules documentation for a full accounting of all fields.

2. Build and push the APB:
   ```
   $ apb build
   $ apb push
   ```

3. Provision the APB using the web console.

4. After provisioning, there will be a new running pod and a new deployment configuration. Verify by checking your OpenShift Container Platform resources:
   ```
   $ oc project getting-started
   $ oc get all
   NAME         REVISION   DESIRED   CURRENT   TRIGGERED BY
   dc/my-test   1          1         1         config
   ```
You will also be able to see the deployed application in the web console on the project's Overview page.

The only way to use this pod in its current state is to use:

```
$ oc describe pods/<pod_name>
```

to find its IP address and access it directly. If there were multiple pods, they would be accessed separately. To treat them like a single host, you need to create a service, described in the next section.

**TIP**

To clean up before moving on and allow you to provision again, you can delete the getting-started project and recreate it or create a new one.

### 3.1.4.1.2. Creating a Service

You will want to use multiple pods, load balance them, and create a service so that a user can access them as a single host:

1. Modify the `provision-my-test-apb/tasks/main.yml` file and add the following:

   ```yaml
   - name: create my-test service
     k8s_v1_service:
       name: my-test
       namespace: '{{ namespace }}'
       labels:
         app: my-test
         service: my-test
       selector:
         app: my-test
         service: my-test
       ports:
         - name: web
           port: 80
           target_port: 8080
   ```

   The selector section will allow the my-test service to include the correct pods. The ports will take the target port from the pods (8080) and expose them as a single port for the service (80). Notice the application was running on 8080 but has now been made available on the default HTTP port of 80.

   The name field of the port allows you to specify this port in the future with other resources. More information is available in the k8s_v1_service module.

2. Build and push the APB:
$ apb build
$ apb push

3. Provision the APB using the web console.

After provisioning, you will see a new service in the web console or CLI. In the web console, you can click on the new service under Networking in the application on the Overview page or under Applications → Services. The service’s IP address will be shown which you can use to access the load balanced application.

To view the service information from the command line, you can do the following:

$ oc project getting-started
$ oc get services
$ oc describe services/my-test

The describe command will show the IP address to access the service. However, using an IP address for users to access your application is not generally what you want. Instead, you should create a route, described in the next section.

**TIP**

To clean up before moving on and allow you to provision again, you can delete the getting-started project and recreate it or create a new one.

### 3.1.4.1.3. Creating a Route

You can expose external access to your application through a reliable named route:

1. Modify the `provision-my-test-apb/tasks/main.yml` file and adding the following:

   ```yaml
   - name: create my-test route
     openshift_v1_route:
       name: my-test
       namespace: '{{ namespace }}'
       labels:
         app: my-test
         service: my-test
       to_name: my-test
       spec_port_target_port: web
   ```

   The to_name is the name of the target service. The spec_port_target_port refers to the name of the target service’s port. More information is available in the openshift_v1_route module.

2. Build and push the APB:

   $ apb build
   $ apb push

3. Provision the APB using the web console.
After provisioning, you will see the new route created. On the web console’s Overview page for the getting-started project, you will now see an active and clickable route link listed on the application. Clicking on the route or visiting the URL will bring up the hello-world application.

You can also view the route information from the CLI:

```
$ oc project getting-started
$ oc get routes
NAME      HOST/PORT                                   PATH      SERVICES
PORT      TERMINATION   WILDCARD
my-test   my-test-getting-started.172.17.0.1.nip.io             my-test
web                      None

$ oc describe routes/my-test
Name:   my-test
Namespace:  getting-started
...
```

At this point, your my-test application is fully functional, load balanced, scalable, and accessible. You can compare your finished APB to the hello-world APB in the hello-world-apb example repository.

### 3.1.4.2. Deprovision

For the deprovision task, you must destroy all provisioned resources, usually in reverse order from how they were created.

To add the deprovision action, you need a deprovision.yml file under playbooks/ directory and related tasks in the roles/deprovision-my-test-apb/tasks/main.yml. Both these files should already be created for you:

```
my-test-apb/
├── apb.yml
├── Dockerfile
├── playbooks
│   └── deprovision.yml 1
└── roles
    └── deprovision-my-test-apb
        └── tasks
            └── main.yml 2
```

1. Inspect this file.
2. Edit this file.

The content of the deprovision.yml file looks the same as the provision task, except it is calling a different role:

```
playbooks/deprovision.yml
- name: my-test-apb playbook to deprovision the application
  hosts: localhost
  gather_facts: false
  connection: local
```
Edit that role in the file `roles/deprovision-my-test-apb/tasks/main.yml`. By uncommenting the tasks, the resulting file without comments should look like the following:

```yaml
- openshift_v1_route:
  name: my-test
  namespace: '{{ namespace }}'
  state: absent

- k8s_v1_service:
  name: my-test
  namespace: '{{ namespace }}'
  state: absent

- openshift_v1_deployment_config:
  name: my-test
  namespace: '{{ namespace }}'
  state: absent
```

In the `provision.yml` file created earlier, you created a deployment configuration, service, then route. For the deprovision action, you should delete the resources in reverse order. You can do so by identifying the resource by `namespace` and `name`, and then marking it as `state: absent`.

To run the deprovision template, click on the menu on the list of Deployed Services and select Delete.

### 3.1.4.2.1. Bind

From the previous sections, you learned how to deploy a standalone application. However, in most cases applications will need to communicate with other applications, and often with a data source. In the following sections, you will create a PostgreSQL database that the `hello-world` application deployed from `my-test-apb` can use.

### 3.1.4.2.1.1. Preparation

For a good starting point, create the necessary files for provision and deprovisioning PostgreSQL.

**NOTE**

A more in-depth example can be found at the PostgreSQL example APB.

1. Initialize the APB using the `--bindable` option:

   ```bash
   $ apb init my-pg-apb --bindable
   ```

   This creates the normal APB file structure with a few differences:

   ```bash
   my-pg-apb/
   ├── apb.yml
   ```
1. **Bindable flag set to true**

2. New file

3. New file

4. New empty file

5. Encoded binding credentials

6. New empty file

In addition to the normal files, new playbooks `bind.yml`, `unbind.yml`, and their associated roles have been stubbed out. The `bind.yml` and `unbind.yml` files are both empty and, because you are using the default binding behavior, will remain empty.

2. Edit the `apb.yml` file. Notice the setting **Bindable: true**. In addition to those changes, you must add some parameters to the `apb.yml` for configuring PostgreSQL. They will be available fields in the web console when provisioning your new APB:

```yaml
version: 1.0
name: my-pg-apb
description: This is a sample application generated by apb init
bindable: True
async: optional
metadata:
  displayName: my-pg
plans:
  - name: default
description: This default plan deploys my-pg-apb
  free: True
  metadata: {}
  # edit the parameters and add the ones below.
parameters:
  - name: postgresql_database
```

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The `playbooks/provision.yml` will look like the following:

```yaml
- name: my-pg-apb playbook to provision the application
  hosts: localhost
  gather_facts: false
  connection: local
  roles:
    - role: ansible.kubernetes-modules
      install_python_requirements: no
    - role: ansibleplaybookbundle.asb-modules
    - role: provision-my-pg-apb
      playbook_debug: false
```

The `playbooks/deprovision.yml` will look like the following:

```yaml
- name: my-pg-apb playbook to deprovision the application
  hosts: localhost
  gather_facts: false
  connection: local
  roles:
    - role: ansible.kubernetes-modules
      install_python_requirements: no
    - role: deprovision-my-pg-apb
      playbook_debug: false
```

3. Edit the `roles/provision-my-pg-apb/tasks/main.yml` file. This file mirrors your `hello-world` application in many respects, but adds a persistent volume (PV) to save data between restarts and various configuration options for the deployment configuration. In addition, a new task has been added at the very bottom after the provision tasks. To save the credentials created during the provision process, you must encode them for retrieval by the OAB. The new task, using the module `asb_encode_binding`, will do so for you.

You can safely delete everything in that file and replace it with the following:

```yaml
# New persistent volume claim
- name: create volumes
  k8s_v1PersistentVolumeClaim:
    name: my-pg
    namespace: '{{ namespace }}'
    state: present
    access_modes:
      - ReadWriteOnce
    resources_requests:
```
storage: 1Gi

- name: create deployment config
  openshift_v1_deployment_config:
    name: my-pg
    namespace: '{{ namespace }}'
    labels:
      app: my-pg
      service: my-pg
    replicas: 1
    selector:
      app: my-pg
      service: my-pg
    spec_template_metadata_labels:
      app: my-pg
      service: my-pg
    containers:
      - env:
          - name: POSTGRESQL_PASSWORD
            value: '{{ postgresql_password }}'
          - name: POSTGRESQL_USER
            value: '{{ postgresql_user }}'
          - name: POSTGRESQL_DATABASE
            value: '{{ postgresql_database }}'
    image: docker.io/centos/postgresql-94-centos7
    ports:
      - container_port: 5432
        protocol: TCP
        termination_message_path: /dev/termination-log
    volumes:
      - mount_path: /var/lib/pgsql/data
        name: my-pg
        working_dir: /
    volumes:
      - name: my-pg
        persistent_volume_claim:
          claim_name: my-pg
        test: false
        triggers:
          - type: ConfigChange

- name: create service
  k8s_v1_service:
    name: my-pg
    namespace: '{{ namespace }}'
    state: present
    labels:
      app: my-pg
      service: my-pg
    selector:
      app: my-pg
      service: my-pg
    ports:
      - name: port-5432
        port: 5432
The `encode bind credentials` task will make available several fields as environment variables: `DB_TYPE`, `DB_HOST`, `DB_PORT`, `DB_USER`, `DB_PASSWORD`, and `DB_NAME`. This is the default behavior when the `bind.yml` file is left empty. Any application (such as `hello-world`) can use these environment variables to connect to the configured database after performing a bind operation.

4. Edit the `roles/deprovision-my-pg-apb/tasks/main.yml` and uncomment the following lines so that the created resources will be deleted during deprovisioning:

```
- k8s_v1_service:
  name: my-pg
  namespace: '{{ namespace }}'
  state: absent

- openshift_v1_deployment_config:
  name: my-pg
  namespace: '{{ namespace }}'
  state: absent

- k8s_v1_persistent_volume_claim:
  name: my-pg
  namespace: '{{ namespace }}'
  state: absent
```

5. Finally, build and push your APB:

```
$ apb build
$ apb push
```

At this point, the APB can create a fully functional PostgreSQL database to your cluster. You can test it out in the next section.

### 3.1.4.2.1.2. Executing From the UI

To test your application, you can bind a `hello-world` application to the provisioned PostgreSQL database. You can use the application previously created in the Provision section of this tutorial, or you can use the `hello-world-apb`:

1. First, provision `my-test-apb`. 

```yaml
protocol: TCP
target_port: 5432

# New encoding task makes credentials available to future bind operations
- name: encode bind credentials
  asb_encode_binding:
    fields:
      DB_TYPE: postgres
      DB_HOST: my-pg
      DB_PORT: "5432"
      DB_USER: "{{ postgresql_user }}"
      DB_PASSWORD: "{{ postgresql_password }}"
      DB_NAME: "{{ postgresql_database }}"
```

The `encode bind credentials` task will make available several fields as environment variables: `DB_TYPE`, `DB_HOST`, `DB_PORT`, `DB_USER`, `DB_PASSWORD`, and `DB_NAME`. This is the default behavior when the `bind.yml` file is left empty. Any application (such as `hello-world`) can use these environment variables to connect to the configured database after performing a bind operation.
2. Then, provision `my-pg-apb` and select the option to **Create a secret**:
3. Now, if you have not already done so, navigate to the project. You can see both your hello-world application and your PostgreSQL database. If you did not select to create a binding at provision time, you can also do so here with the Create binding link.

4. After you the binding has been created, you must add the secret created by the binding into the application. First, navigate to the secrets on the Resources → Secrets page:
5. Add the secret as environment variables:
6. After this addition, you can return to the **Overview** page. The **my-test** application may still be redeploying from the configuration change. If so, wait until you can click on the route to view the application:
After clicking the route, you will see the **hello-world** application has detected and connected to the **my-pg** database:

![Hello World](image)

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Database information:

- **Type:** PostgreSQL
- **Host:** hello-world-db
- **Port:** 5432
- **DB Name:** hello-world
- **User:** hello-world-user
- **Version:** PostgreSQL 9.5.7 on x86_64-redhat-linux-gnu, compiled by gcc (GCC) 4.8.5 20150623 (Red Hat 4.8.5-11), 64-bit
- **Uptime:** 0:01:55.785803 seconds
- **Connection Count:** 1

### 3.1.4.2.2. Test

Test actions are intended to check that an APB passes a basic sanity check before publishing to the service catalog. They are not meant to test a live service. OpenShift Container Platform provides the ability to test a live service using **liveness and readiness probes**, which you can add when provisioning.

The actual implementation of your test is left to you as the APB author. The following sections provide guidance and best practices.

#### 3.1.4.2.2.1. Writing a Test Action
To create a test action for your APB:

- Include a `playbooks/test.yml` file.
- Include defaults for the test in the `playbooks/vars/` directory.

To orchestrate the testing of an APB, you should use the `include_vars` and `include_role` modules in your `test.yml` file:

```yaml
- name: test media wiki abp
  hosts: localhost
  gather_facts: false
  connection: local

  roles:
  - role: ansible.kubernetes-modules
    install_python_requirements: no

  post_tasks:
  - name: Load default variables for testing
    include_vars: test_defaults.yaml
  - name: create project for namespace
    openshift_v1_project:
      name: '{{ namespace }}'
  - name: Run the provision role.
    include_role:
      name: provision-mediawiki-apb
  - name: Run the verify role.
    include_role:
      name: verify-mediawiki-apb
```

1. Load the Ansible Kubernetes modules.
2. Include the default values needed for provision from the test role.
3. Include the provision role to run.
4. Include the verify role to run. See Writing a Verify Role.

### 3.1.4.2.2.2. Writing a Verify Role

A `verify role` allows you to determine if the provision has failed or succeeded. The `verify_<name>` role should be in the `roles/` directory. This should be a normal Ansible role.
3.1.4.2.2.3. Saving Test Results

The `asb_save_test_result` module can also be used in the verify role, allowing the APB to save test results so that the `apb test` command can return them. The APB pod will stay alive for the tool to retrieve the test results.

For example, adding `asb_save_test_result` usage to the previous `main.yml` example:

```yaml
- name: url check for media wiki
  uri:
    url: "http://{{ route.route.spec.host }}"
    return_content: yes
    register: webpage
  failed_when: webpage.status != 200

- name: Save failure for the web page
  asb_save_test_result:
    fail: true
    msg: "Could not reach route and retrieve a 200 status code. Received status - {{ webpage.status }}"
    when: webpage.status != 200

- fail:
  msg: "Could not reach route and retrieve a 200 status code. Received status - {{ webpage.status }}"
  when: webpage.status != 200

- name: Save test pass
  asb_save_test_result:
    fail: false
    when: webpage.status == 200
```

3.1.4.2.2.4. Running a Test Action

After you have defined your test action, you can use the CLI tooling to run the test:

```
$ apb test
```
The test action will:

- build the image,
- start up a pod as if it was being run by the service broker, and
- retrieve the test results if any were saved.

The status of pod after execution has finished will determine the status of the test. If the pod is in an error state, then something failed and the command reports that the test was unsuccessful.

### 3.2. WRITING APBS: REFERENCE

#### 3.2.1. Overview

While the Getting Started topic provides a step by step walkthrough on creating your first Ansible Playbook Bundle (APB), this topic provides more in-depth reference material. The fundamental components that make up an APB are explained in further detail to help an experienced APB developer get a better understanding of each individual component within an APB.

For completed APB examples, you can browse APBs in the ansibleplaybookbundle organization on GitHub.

#### 3.2.2. Directory Structure

The following shows an example directory structure of an APB:

```bash
example-apb/
├── Dockerfile
├── apb.yml
├── roles/
│   ├── example-apb-openshift
│       ├── defaults
│       │   └── main.yml
│       └── tasks
│           └── main.yml
├── playbooks/
│   ├── provision.yml
│   ├── deprovision.yml
│   └── bind.yml
│       └── unbind.yml
└── playbooks/
    └── provision.yml
    └── deprovision.yml
    └── bind.yml
    └── unbind.yml
```

#### 3.2.3. APB Spec File

The APB spec file is located at `apb.yml` and is where the outline of your application is declared. The following is an example APB spec:

```yaml
version: 1.0
name: example-apb
description: A short description of what this APB does
bindable: True
async: optional
metadata:
    documentationUrl: <link_to_documentation>
```
Async bind and unbind is an experimental feature and is not supported or enabled by default.

### 3.2.3.1. Top-level Structure

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<tr>
<td><strong>version</strong></td>
<td>Version of the APB spec. See APB Spec Versioning for details.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>name</strong></td>
<td>Name of the APB. Names must be valid ASCII and may contain lowercase letters, digits, underscores, periods, and dashes. See Docker’s guidelines for valid tag names.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>description</strong></td>
<td>Short description of this APB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>bindable</strong></td>
<td>Boolean option of whether or not this APB can be bound to. Accepted fields are true or false.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>metadata</strong></td>
<td>Dictionary field declaring relevant metadata information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>plans</strong></td>
<td>A list of plans that can be deployed. See Plans for details.</td>
</tr>
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### 3.2.3.2. Metadata

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<tr>
<td>documentationUrl</td>
<td>URL to the application’s documentation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>imageUrl</td>
<td>URL to an image which will be displayed in the web console for the service catalog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dependencies</td>
<td>List of images which are consumed from within the APB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>displayName</td>
<td>The name that will be displayed in the web console for this APB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>longDescription</td>
<td>Longer description that will be displayed when the APB is clicked in the web console.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>providerDisplayName</td>
<td>Name of who is providing this APB for consumption.</td>
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### 3.2.3.3. Plans

Plans are declared as a list. This section explains what each field in a plan describes.

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<tr>
<td>name</td>
<td>Unique name of plan to deploy. This will be displayed when the APB is clicked from the service catalog.</td>
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<tr>
<td>description</td>
<td>Short description of what will be deployed from this plan.</td>
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<tr>
<td>free</td>
<td>Boolean field to determine if this plan is free or not. Accepted fields are <strong>true</strong> or <strong>false</strong>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>metadata</td>
<td>Dictionary field declaring relevant plan metadata information. See Plan Metadata for details.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>parameters</td>
<td>List of parameter dictionaries used as input to the APB. See Parameters for details.</td>
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### 3.2.3.4. Plan Metadata

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<tr>
<td>displayName</td>
<td>Name to display for the plan in the web console.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Field</td>
<td>Description</td>
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<td>--------------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>longDescription</td>
<td>Longer description of what this plan deploys.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cost</td>
<td>How much the plan will cost to deploy. Accepted field is $x.yz.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 3.2.3.5. Parameters

Each item in the `parameters` section can have several fields. The `name` field is required. The order of the parameters will be displayed in sequential order in the form in the OpenShift Container Platform web console.

```yaml
parameters:
  - name: my_param
    title: My Parameter
    type: enum
    enum: ['X', 'Y', 'Z']
    required: True
    default: X
    display_type: select
    display_group: Group 1
```

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>name</td>
<td>Unique name of the parameter passed into the APB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>title</td>
<td>Displayed label in the web console.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>type</td>
<td>Data type of the parameters as specified by link <code>json-schema</code>, such as <code>string</code>, <code>number</code>, <code>int</code>, <code>boolean</code>, or <code>enum</code>. Default input field type in the web console will be assigned if no <code>display_type</code> is assigned.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>required</td>
<td>Whether or not the parameter is required for APB execution. Required field in the web console.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>default</td>
<td>Default value assigned to the parameter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>display_type</td>
<td>Display type for the web console. For example, you can override a string input as a <code>password</code> to hide it in the web console. Accepted fields include <code>text</code>, <code>textarea</code>, <code>password</code>, <code>checkbox</code>, or <code>select</code>.</td>
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<td>Field</td>
<td>Description</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>display_group</td>
<td>Will cause a parameter to display in groups with adjacent parameters with matching display_group fields. In the above example, adding another field below with display_group: Group 1 will visually group them together in the web console under the heading Group 1.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

When using a long list of parameters, it can be useful to use a shared parameter list. For an example of this, see the rhscl-postgresql-apb.

### 3.2.3.6. APB Spec Versioning

The APB spec uses semantic versioning with the format of `x.y` where `x` is a major release and `y` is a minor release.

The current spec version is **1.0**.

#### 3.2.3.6.1. Major Version

The APB spec will increment the major version whenever an API breaking change is introduced to the spec. Some examples include:

- Introduction or deletion of a required field.
- Changing the YAML format.
- New features.

#### 3.2.3.6.2. Minor Version

The APB spec will increment the minor version whenever a non-breaking change is introduced to the spec. Some examples include:

- Introduction or deletion of an optional field.
- Spelling change.
- Introduction of new options to an existing field.

### 3.2.4. Dockerfile

The Dockerfile is what is used to actually build the APB image. As a result, sometimes you will need to customize it for your own needs. For example, if running a playbook that requires interactions with PostgreSQL, you may want to install the required packages by adding the **yum install** command:

```
FROM ansibleplaybookbundle/apb-base
MAINTAINER Ansible Playbook Bundle Community
```
### INSTALL THE REQUIRED PACKAGES
RUN yum -y install python-boto postgresql && yum clean all

USER apb

#### 3.2.5. APB Actions (Playbooks)

An action for an APB is the command that the APB is run with. The standard actions that are supported are:

- provision
- deprovision
- bind
- unbind
- test

For an action to be valid, there must be a valid file in the `playbooks/` directory named `<action>.yml`. These playbooks can do anything, which also means that you can technically create any action you would like. For example, the mediawiki-apb has playbook creating an `update` action.

Most APBs will normally have a provision action to create resources and a deprovision action to destroy the resources when deleting the service.

The bind and unbind actions are used when the coordinates of one service needs to be made available to another service. This is often the case when creating a data service and making it available to an application. Currently, the coordinates are made available during the provision.

To properly make your coordinates available to another service, use the `asb_encode_binding` module. This module should be called at the end of the APB’s provision role, and it will return bind credentials to the OpenShift Ansible broker (OAB):

```yaml
- name: encode bind credentials
  asb_encode_binding:
    fields:
      EXAMPLE_FIELD: foo
      EXAMPLE_FIELD2: foo2
```

#### 3.2.6. Working With Common Resources

This section describes a list of common OpenShift Container Platform resources that are created when developing APBs. See the Ansible Kubernetes Module for a full list of available resource modules.
3.2.6.1. Service

The following is a sample Ansible task to create a service named **hello-world**. The **namespace** variable in an APB will be provided by the OAB when launched from the web console.

**Provision**

```yaml
- name: create hello-world service
  k8s_v1_service:
    name: hello-world
    namespace: '{{ namespace }}'
    labels:
      app: hello-world
      service: hello-world
    selector:
      app: hello-world
      service: hello-world
    ports:
      - name: web
        port: 8080
        target_port: 8080
```

**Deprovision**

```yaml
- k8s_v1_service:
  name: hello-world
  namespace: '{{ namespace }}'
  state: absent
```

3.2.6.2. Deployment Configuration

The following is a sample Ansible task to create a deployment configuration for the image `docker.io/ansibleplaybookbundle/hello-world` which maps to service **hello-world**.

**Provision**

```yaml
- name: create deployment config
  openshift_v1_deployment_config:
    name: hello-world
    namespace: '{{ namespace }}'
    labels:
      app: hello-world
      service: hello-world
    replicas: 1
    selector:
      app: hello-world
      service: hello-world
    spec_template_metadata_labels:
      app: hello-world
      service: hello-world
    containers:
      - env:
          image: docker.io/ansibleplaybookbundle/hello-world:latest
          name: hello-world
          ports:
3.2.6.3. Route

The following is an example of creating a route named `hello-world` which maps to the service `hello-world`.

Provision

```
- name: create hello-world route
  openshift_v1_route:
    name: hello-world
    namespace: '{{ namespace }}'
    spec_port_target_port: web
    labels:
      app: hello-world
      service: hello-world
    to_name: hello-world
```

Deprovision

```
- openshift_v1_route:
  name: hello-world
  namespace: '{{ namespace }}'
  state: absent
```

3.2.6.4. Persistent Volume

The following is an example of creating a persistent volume claim (PVC) resource and deployment configuration that uses it.

Provision

```
# Persistent volume resource
- name: create volume claim
  k8s_v1_persistent_volume_claim:
    name: hello-world-db
    namespace: '{{ namespace }}'
    state: present
    access_modes:
      - ReadWriteOnce
    resources_requests:
      storage: 1Gi
```

In addition to the resource, add your volume to the deployment configuration declaration:
You can add optional variables to an APB by using environment variables. To pass variables into an APB, you must escape the variable substitution in your .yml files.

For example, consider the following roles/provision-etherpad-apb/tasks/main.yml file in the etherpad-apb:

```
- name: create hello-world-db deployment config
  openshift_v1_deployment_config:
    name: hello-world-db
    ---
    volumes:
      - name: hello-world-db
        persistent_volume_claim:
          claim_name: hello-world-db
          test: false
          triggers:
            - type: ConfigChange
```

**Deprovision**

```
- openshift_v1_deployment_config:
  name: hello-world-db
  namespace:('{{ namespace }}')
  state: absent

- k8s_v1_persistent_volume_claim:
  name: hello-world-db
  namespace: '{{ namespace }}'
  state: absent
```

### 3.2.7. Optional Variables

You can add optional variables to an APB by using environment variables. To pass variables into an APB, you must escape the variable substitution in your .yml files.

For example, consider the following roles/provision-etherpad-apb/tasks/main.yml file in the etherpad-apb:

```
- name: create mariadb deployment config
  openshift_v1_deployment_config:
    name: mariadb
    namespace: '{{ namespace }}'
    ...  
    env:
      - name: MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD
        value: '{{ mariadb_root_password }}'
      - name: MYSQL_DATABASE
        value: '{{ mariadb_name }}'
      - name: MYSQL_USER
        value: '{{ mariadb_user }}'
      - name: MYSQL_PASSWORD
        value: '{{ mariadb_password }}'
```

Variables for the APB are defined in the roles/provision-etherpad-apb/defaults/main.yml file:

```
playbook_debug: no
mariadb_root_password: "{{ lookup('env','MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD') | default('admin', true) }}"
mariadb_name: "{{ lookup('env','MYSQL_DATABASE') | default('etherpad', true) }}"
```
3.2.8. Working with Remote Clusters

When developing APBs, there are a few factors which could prevent the developer from using the full development lifecycle that the `apb` tooling offers. Primarily, these factors are:

- Developing against an OpenShift Container Platform cluster that exists on a remote host.
- Developing APBs on a machine that does not have access to the `docker` daemon.

If a developer meets any of these criteria, use the following workflow to publish images to the internal OpenShift Container Platform registry so that the broker can bootstrap the image (the process of loading APB specs into the broker). The following sections show how to do these steps with the `apb` tooling and without.

3.2.8.1. Pushing APBs

To use the `apb push` command when working with a remote OpenShift Container Platform cluster:

1. Ensure the base64-encoded APB spec is a label in the Dockerfile. This is usually done using the `apb prepare` command. If you do not have the `apb` tooling installed, you can run:

   ```
   $ cat apb.yml | base64
   ```

   This will return the base64-encoded `apb.yml`, which you can copy and paste into the `Dockerfile` under the `LABEL "com.redhat.apb.spec"` like:

   ```
   LABEL "com.redhat.apb.spec"="
   "dmVyc2lvbjogMS4wCm5hbWUvUW5ld3dldC1oZXRhbGFuZ3VhcnQv
   cGiwaWYtZGVtZW50YXRpb24KcGxlbWVudGVsZXRlc3QKICAgICAmdS5pY29uLmNldCIKICAmdS5p
   Y29uLmNldotideqaW5zdGFuY2VzZDE4MDQKICAmdS5pY29uLmNldotideqaW5zdGFuY2VzZDE4MDQK
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   "
   
   mariadb_user: "{{ lookup('env','MYSQL_USER') | default('etherpad', true) }}"
   mariadb_password: "{{ lookup('env','MYSQL_PASSWORD') | default('admin', true) }}"
   etherpad_admin_password: "{{ lookup('env','ETHERPAD_ADMIN_PASSWORD') | default('admin', true) }}"
   etherpad_admin_user: "{{ lookup('env','ETHERPAD_ADMIN_USER') | default('etherpad', true) }}"
   etherpad_db_host: "{{ lookup('env','ETHERPAD_DB_HOST') | default('mariadb', true) }}"
   state: present
   ```
2. Populate the internal OpenShift Container Platform registry with your built APB image. This is normally handled by the `apb push` command. In order to build your image without using the `docker` CLI, you can take advantage of the S2I functionality of OpenShift Container Platform.

By default, the OAB is configured to look for published APBs in the `openshift` project, which is a global namespace that exposes its images and image streams to be available to any authenticated user on the cluster. You can take advantage of this by using the `oc new-app` command in the `openshift` project to build your image:

```
$ oc new-app <path_to_bundle_source> \
   --name <bundle_name> \
   -n openshift
```

After a couple of minutes, you should see your image in the internal registry:
$ oc get images | grep <bundle_name>

sha256:b2dcb4b95e178e9b7ac73e5ee0211080c10b24260f76cfec30b89e74e8ee6742
172.30.1.1:5000/openshift/<bundle_name>@sha256:b2dcb4b95e178e9b7ac73e5ee0211080c10b24260f76cfec30b89e74e8ee6742

3. Bootstrap the OAB. This is normally also handled by the **apb push** or **apb bootstrap** command. The **apb bootstrap** command is preferable for this step because it will also relist the service catalog without having to wait five to ten minutes.

If you do not have the **apb** tooling installed, you can alternatively perform the following:

a. Get the route name for the broker:

```bash
$ oc get route -n openshift-ansible-service-broker
```

<table>
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<th>HOST/PORT</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>PATH</td>
<td>SERVICES PORT TERMINATION WILDCARD</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>asb-1338</td>
<td>asb-1338-openshift-ansible-service-broker</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>172.17.0.1.nip.io asb port-1338 reencrypt None</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

b. Get the list of supported paths for the broker:

```bash
$ curl -H "Authorization: Bearer $(oc whoami -t)" -k \ 
   https://asb-1338-openshift-ansible-service-broker.172.17.0.1.nip.io/

{
   "paths": ["/apis",
               "/ansible-service-broker/", 1
               "/healthz",
               "/healthz/ping",
               "/healthz/poststarthook/generic-apiserver-start-informers",
               "/metrics"
   ]
}
```

This path provides the **v2/bootstrap** and **v2/catalog** paths.

c. Curl the **v2/bootstrap** path using the value found from the previous step:

```bash
$ curl -H "Authorization: Bearer $(oc whoami -t)" -k -X POST \ 
   https://asb-1338-openshift-ansible-service-broker.172.17.0.1.nip.io/ansible-service-broker/v2/bootstrap 1

{
   "spec_count": 38,
   "image_count": 109
}
```
1. Replace `ansible-service-broker` if it differs from the value found in the previous step.

**NOTE**

The `oc whoami -t` command should return a token and the authenticated user must have permissions as described in Access Permissions.

4. Verify the new APB exists in the OAB. This is normally the functionality of the `apb list` command. If you do not have the `apb` tooling installed, you can alternatively perform the following:

   a. Curl the `v2/catalog` path using the route and supported path name gathered from the previous `v2/bootstrap` step:

   ```
   $ curl -H "Authorization: Bearer $(oc whoami -t)" -k \\
   https://asb-1338-openshift-ansible-service-broker.172.17.0.1.nip.io/ansible-service-broker/v2/catalog
   ```

   You should see a list of all bootstrapped APB specs and one that is labeled `localregistry-<bundle_name>`. Use `|grep <bundle_name>` to help find it, since the output is in JSON.

### 3.2.8.2. Running APBs

Due to the limitations when working with remote clusters, you may want the same functionality as the `apb run` command without having to rely on the `apb push` command being successful. This is because `apb run` implicitly performs `apb push` first before attempting to provision the application.

In order to work around this:

1. Follow the steps described in Pushing APBs to push your image onto the internal OpenShift Container Platform registry. After the image exists, you should be able to see it with:

   ```
   $ oc get images | grep <bundle_name>
   ```

   ```
   sha256:bfaa73a5e15bf90faec343c75f8cc4f952987afdbc3f11a24c54c037528d2ed
   172.30.1.1:5000/openshift/<bundle_name>@sha256:bfaa73a5e15bf90faec343c75f8cc4f952987afdbc3f11a24c54c037528d2ed
   ```

2. To provision, use the `oc run` command to launch the APB:

   ```
   $ oc new-project <target_namespace>
   $ oc create serviceaccount apb
   $ oc create rolebinding apb --clusterrole=admin --serviceaccount= <target_namespace>:apb
   $ oc run <pod_name> \
   --env="POD_NAME=<pod_name>" \
   --env="POD_NAMESPACE=<target_namespace>" \
   --image=<pull_spec> \  
   --restart=Never \ 
   --attach=true \
   ```
1. Use the pull specification for the image shown when running `oc get images` from the previous step, since the registry will determine the fully-qualified domain name (FQDN).

### 3.2.9. Working With the Restricted SCC

When building an OpenShift Container Platform image, it is important that you do not have your application running as the root user when at all possible. When running under the **restricted** security context, the application image is launched with a random UID. This causes problems if your application folder is owned by the root user.

A good way to work around this is to add a user to the root group and make the application folder owned by the root group. See [OpenShift Container Platform-Specific Guidelines](#) for details on supporting arbitrary user IDs.

The following is a **Dockerfile** example of a node application running in `/usr/src`. This command would be run after the application is installed in `/usr/src` and the associated environment variables set:

```bash
ENV USER_NAME=haste \
    USER_UID=1001 \
    HOME=/usr/src

RUN useradd -u ${USER_UID} -r -g 0 -M -d /usr/src -b /usr/src -s /sbin/nologin -c "<username> user" ${USER_NAME} \
    && chown -R ${USER_NAME}:0 /usr/src \n    && chmod -R g=u /usr/src /etc/passwd
```

### 3.2.10. Using a ConfigMap Within an APB

There is a temporary workaround for creating ConfigMaps from Ansible due to a bug in the Ansible modules.

One common use case for ConfigMaps is when the parameters of an APB will be used within a configuration file of an application or service. The ConfigMap module allows you to mount a ConfigMap into a pod as a volume, which can be used to store the configuration file. This approach allows you to also leverage the power of Ansible's **template** module to create a ConfigMap out of APB parameters.

The following is an example of creating a ConfigMap from a Jinja template mounted into a pod as a volume:

```yaml
- name: Create hastebin config from template
  template:
    src: config.js.j2
    dest: /tmp/config.js

- name: Create hastebin configmap
  shell: oc create configmap haste-config --from-file=haste-config=/tmp/config.js
```

<snip>
3.2.11. Customizing Error Messages

A default error message is returned in the web console when a provision call fails. For example:

```
Error occurred during provision. Please contact administrator if the issue persists.
```

To provide more information for troubleshooting purposes should a failure occur, you can write custom error messages for your APB that the web console can check for and return to the user.

Kubernetes allows pods to log fatal events to a termination log. The log file location is set by the `terminationMessagePath` field in a pod’s specification and defaults to `/dev/termination-log`.

Starting in OpenShift Container Platform 3.10, the broker now checks this termination log for any messages that have been written to the file and passes the content to the service catalog. The web console then displays any such messages found in the event of a failure.
NOTE
See Kubernetes documentation for more details on pod termination messages.

The following is an example of how this can be done in an APB utilizing a CloudFormation template:

```yaml
- name: Writing Termination Message
  shell: echo "[CloudFormation Error] - {{ ansible_failed_result.msg }}" > /dev/termination-log
- fail: msg="$\{APB Failed Plain - '{{ _apb_plan_id }'\}""
```

If an error occurs, this example custom message is written to the default termination log path before it fails the pod.