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Abstract

This document provides instructions for migrating your stateful application workloads between OpenShift Container Platform 4 clusters.

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CHAPTER 1. ABOUT THE MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS

The Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) enables you to migrate stateful application workloads between OpenShift Container Platform 4 clusters at the granularity of a namespace.



NOTE

If you are migrating from OpenShift Container Platform 3, see [About migrating from OpenShift Container Platform 3 to 4](#) and [Installing the legacy Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator on OpenShift Container Platform 3](#).

You can migrate applications within the same cluster or between clusters by using state migration.

MTC provides a web console and an API, based on Kubernetes custom resources, to help you control the migration and minimize application downtime.

The MTC console is installed on the target cluster by default. You can configure the Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator to install the console on a [remote cluster](#).

See [Advanced migration options](#) for information about the following topics:

- Automating your migration with migration hooks and the MTC API.
- Configuring your migration plan to exclude resources, support large-scale migrations, and enable automatic PV resizing for direct volume migration.

1.1. TERMINOLOGY

Table 1.1. MTC terminology

Term	Definition
Source cluster	Cluster from which the applications are migrated.
Destination cluster ^[1]	Cluster to which the applications are migrated.
Replication repository	Object storage used for copying images, volumes, and Kubernetes objects during indirect migration or for Kubernetes objects during direct volume migration or direct image migration. The replication repository must be accessible to all clusters.
Host cluster	Cluster on which the migration-controller pod and the web console are running. The host cluster is usually the destination cluster but this is not required. The host cluster does not require an exposed registry route for direct image migration.

Term	Definition
Remote cluster	<p>A remote cluster is usually the source cluster but this is not required.</p> <p>A remote cluster requires a Secret custom resource that contains the migration-controller service account token.</p> <p>A remote cluster requires an exposed secure registry route for direct image migration.</p>
Indirect migration	Images, volumes, and Kubernetes objects are copied from the source cluster to the replication repository and then from the replication repository to the destination cluster.
Direct volume migration	Persistent volumes are copied directly from the source cluster to the destination cluster.
Direct image migration	Images are copied directly from the source cluster to the destination cluster.
Stage migration	<p>Data is copied to the destination cluster without stopping the application.</p> <p>Running a stage migration multiple times reduces the duration of the cutover migration.</p>
Cutover migration	The application is stopped on the source cluster and its resources are migrated to the destination cluster.
State migration	Application state is migrated by copying specific persistent volume claims to the destination cluster.
Rollback migration	Rollback migration rolls back a completed migration.

¹ Called the *target* cluster in the MTC web console.

1.2. MTC WORKFLOW

You can migrate Kubernetes resources, persistent volume data, and internal container images to OpenShift Container Platform 4.15 by using the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) web console or the Kubernetes API.

MTC migrates the following resources:

- A namespace specified in a migration plan.
- Namespace-scoped resources: When the MTC migrates a namespace, it migrates all the objects and resources associated with that namespace, such as services or pods. Additionally, if a resource that exists in the namespace but not at the cluster level depends on a resource that exists at the cluster level, the MTC migrates both resources.
For example, a security context constraint (SCC) is a resource that exists at the cluster level and a service account (SA) is a resource that exists at the namespace level. If an SA exists in a namespace that the MTC migrates, the MTC automatically locates any SCCs that are linked to

the SA and also migrates those SCCs. Similarly, the MTC migrates persistent volumes that are linked to the persistent volume claims of the namespace.



NOTE

Cluster-scoped resources might have to be migrated manually, depending on the resource.

- Custom resources (CRs) and custom resource definitions (CRDs): MTC automatically migrates CRs and CRDs at the namespace level.

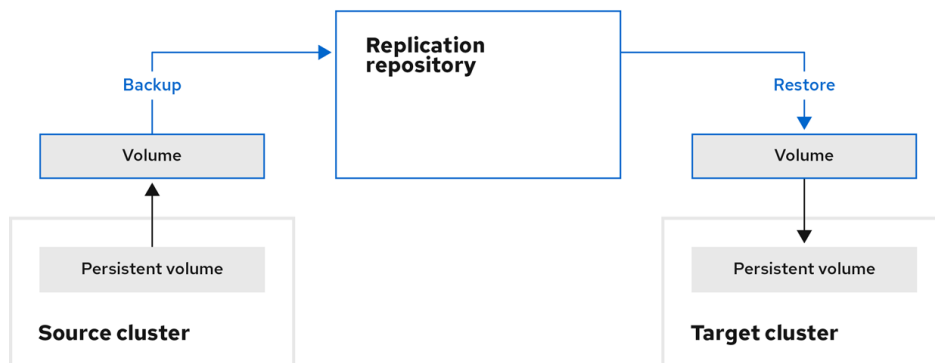
Migrating an application with the MTC web console involves the following steps:

1. Install the Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator on all clusters.
You can install the Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator in a restricted environment with limited or no internet access. The source and target clusters must have network access to each other and to a mirror registry.
2. Configure the replication repository, an intermediate object storage that MTC uses to migrate data.
The source and target clusters must have network access to the replication repository during migration. If you are using a proxy server, you must configure it to allow network traffic between the replication repository and the clusters.
3. Add the source cluster to the MTC web console.
4. Add the replication repository to the MTC web console.
5. Create a migration plan, with one of the following data migration options:
 - **Copy:** MTC copies the data from the source cluster to the replication repository, and from the replication repository to the target cluster.



NOTE

If you are using direct image migration or direct volume migration, the images or volumes are copied directly from the source cluster to the target cluster.



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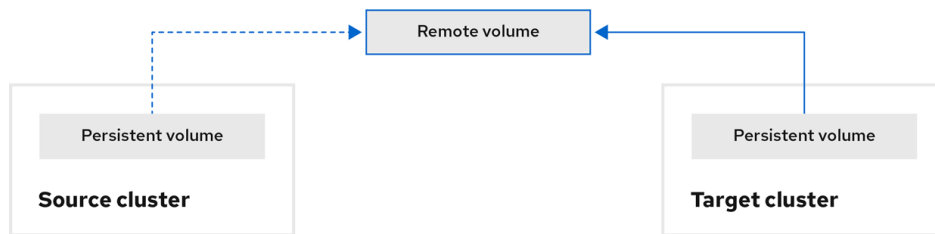
- **Move:** MTC unmounts a remote volume, for example, NFS, from the source cluster, creates a PV resource on the target cluster pointing to the remote volume, and then mounts the remote volume on the target cluster. Applications running on the target cluster use the

same remote volume that the source cluster was using. The remote volume must be accessible to the source and target clusters.



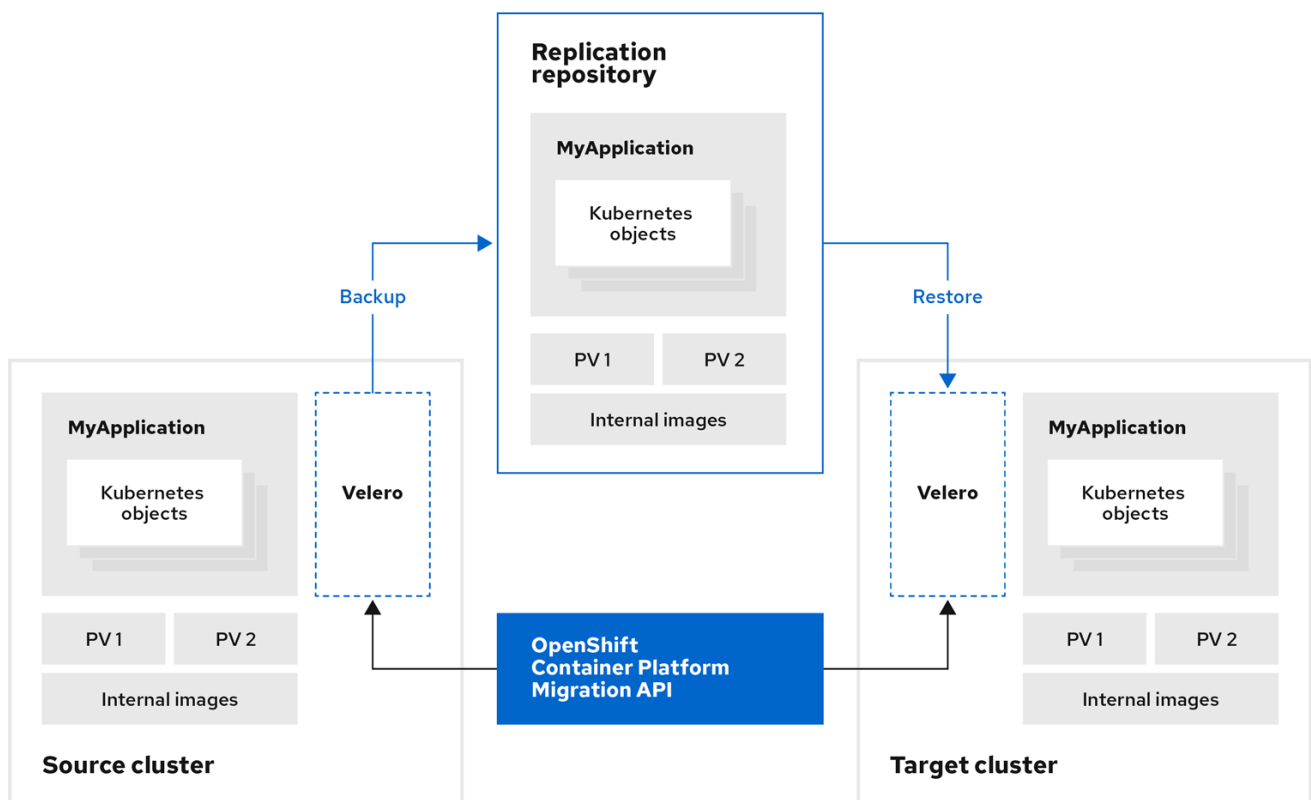
NOTE

Although the replication repository does not appear in this diagram, it is required for migration.



6. Run the migration plan, with one of the following options:

- **Stage** copies data to the target cluster without stopping the application. A stage migration can be run multiple times so that most of the data is copied to the target before migration. Running one or more stage migrations reduces the duration of the cutover migration.
- **Cutover** stops the application on the source cluster and moves the resources to the target cluster. Optional: You can clear the **Halt transactions on the source cluster during migration** checkbox.



1.3. ABOUT DATA COPY METHODS

The Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) supports the file system and snapshot data copy methods for migrating data from the source cluster to the target cluster. You can select a method that is suited for your environment and is supported by your storage provider.

1.3.1. File system copy method

MTC copies data files from the source cluster to the replication repository, and from there to the target cluster.

The file system copy method uses Restic for indirect migration or Rsync for direct volume migration.

Table 1.2. File system copy method summary

Benefits	Limitations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clusters can have different storage classes. • Supported for all S3 storage providers. • Optional data verification with checksum. • Supports direct volume migration, which significantly increases performance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slower than the snapshot copy method. • Optional data verification significantly reduces performance.



NOTE

The Restic and Rsync PV migration assumes that the PVs supported are only **volumeMode=filesystem**. Using **volumeMode=Block** for file system migration is *not* supported.

1.3.2. Snapshot copy method

MTC copies a snapshot of the source cluster data to the replication repository of a cloud provider. The data is restored on the target cluster.

The snapshot copy method can be used with Amazon Web Services, Google Cloud Provider, and Microsoft Azure.

Table 1.3. Snapshot copy method summary

Benefits	Limitations
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Benefits	Limitations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Faster than the file system copy method.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Cloud provider must support snapshots.● Clusters must be on the same cloud provider.● Clusters must be in the same location or region.● Clusters must have the same storage class.● Storage class must be compatible with snapshots.● Does not support direct volume migration.

1.4. DIRECT VOLUME MIGRATION AND DIRECT IMAGE MIGRATION

You can use direct image migration (DIM) and direct volume migration (DVM) to migrate images and data directly from the source cluster to the target cluster.

If you run DVM with nodes that are in different availability zones, the migration might fail because the migrated pods cannot access the persistent volume claim.

DIM and DVM have significant performance benefits because the intermediate steps of backing up files from the source cluster to the replication repository and restoring files from the replication repository to the target cluster are skipped. The data is transferred with [Rsync](#).

DIM and DVM have additional prerequisites.

CHAPTER 2. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS

RELEASE NOTES

The release notes for Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) describe new features and enhancements, deprecated features, and known issues.

The MTC enables you to migrate application workloads between OpenShift Container Platform clusters at the granularity of a namespace.

You can migrate from [OpenShift Container Platform 3 to 4.15](#) and between OpenShift Container Platform 4 clusters.

MTC provides a web console and an API, based on Kubernetes custom resources, to help you control the migration and minimize application downtime.

For information on the support policy for MTC, see [OpenShift Application and Cluster Migration Solutions](#), part of the *Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform Life Cycle Policy*.

2.1. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS 1.8.3 RELEASE NOTES

2.1.1. Technical changes

Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) 1.8.3 has the following technical changes:

OADP 1.3 is now supported

MTC 1.8.3 adds support to OpenShift API for Data Protection (OADP) as a dependency of MTC 1.8.z.

2.1.2. Resolved issues

This release has the following major resolved issues:

CVE-2024-24786: Flaw in Golang `protobuf` module causes `unmarshal` function to enter infinite loop

In previous releases of MTC, a vulnerability was found in Golang's **protobuf** module, where the **unmarshal** function entered an infinite loop while processing certain invalid inputs. Consequently, an attacker provided carefully constructed invalid inputs, which caused the function to enter an infinite loop.

With this update, the **unmarshal** function works as expected.

For more information, see [CVE-2024-24786](#).

CVE-2023-45857: Axios Cross-Site Request Forgery Vulnerability

In previous releases of MTC, a vulnerability was discovered in Axios 1.5.1 that inadvertently revealed a confidential **XSRF-TOKEN** stored in cookies by including it in the HTTP header **X-XSRF-TOKEN** for every request made to the host, allowing attackers to view sensitive information.

For more information, see [CVE-2023-45857](#).

Restic backup does not work properly when the source workload is not quiesced

In previous releases of MTC, some files did not migrate when deploying an application with a route. The Restic backup did not function as expected when the quiesce option was unchecked for the source workload.

This issue has been resolved in MTC 1.8.3.

For more information, see [BZ#2242064](#).

The Migration Controller fails to install due to an unsupported value error in Velero

The **MigrationController** failed to install due to an unsupported value error in Velero. Updating OADP 1.3.0 to OADP 1.3.1 resolves this problem. For more information, see [BZ#2267018](#).

This issue has been resolved in MTC 1.8.3.

For a complete list of all resolved issues, see the list of [MTC 1.8.3 resolved issues](#) in Jira.

2.1.3. Known issues

MTC has the following known issues:

The associated SCC for service account cannot be migrated in OpenShift Container Platform 4.12

The associated Security Context Constraints (SCCs) for service accounts in OpenShift Container Platform version 4.12 cannot be migrated. This issue is planned to be resolved in a future release of MTC. ([MIG-1454](#)).

For a complete list of all known issues, see the list of [MTC 1.8.3 known issues](#) in Jira.

2.2. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS 1.8.2 RELEASE NOTES

2.2.1. Resolved issues

This release has the following major resolved issues:

Backup phase fails after setting custom CA replication repository

In previous releases of Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC), after editing the replication repository, adding a custom CA certificate, successfully connecting the repository, and triggering a migration, a failure occurred during the backup phase.

CVE-2023-26136: tough-cookie package before 4.1.3 are vulnerable to Prototype Pollution

In previous releases of (MTC), versions before 4.1.3 of the **tough-cookie** package used in MTC were vulnerable to prototype pollution. This vulnerability occurred because CookieJar did not handle cookies properly when the value of the **rejectPublicSuffixes** was set to **false**.

For more details, see ([CVE-2023-26136](#))

CVE-2022-25883 openshift-migration-ui-container: nodejs-semver: Regular expression denial of service

In previous releases of (MTC), versions of the **semver** package before 7.5.2, used in MTC, were vulnerable to Regular Expression Denial of Service (ReDoS) from the function **newRange**, when untrusted user data was provided as a range.

For more details, see [\(CVE-2022-25883\)](#)

2.2.2. Known issues

There are no major known issues in this release.

2.3. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS 1.8.1 RELEASE NOTES

2.3.1. Resolved issues

This release has the following major resolved issues:

CVE-2023-39325: golang: net/http, x/net/http2: rapid stream resets can cause excessive work

A flaw was found in handling multiplexed streams in the HTTP/2 protocol, which is used by Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC). A client could repeatedly make a request for a new multiplex stream and immediately send an **RST_STREAM** frame to cancel it. This creates additional workload for the server in terms of setting up and dismantling streams, while avoiding any server-side limitations on the maximum number of active streams per connection, resulting in a denial of service due to server resource consumption. ([BZ#2245079](#))

It is advised to update to MTC 1.8.1 or later, which resolve this issue.

For more details, see [\(CVE-2023-39325\)](#) and [\(CVE-2023-44487\)](#)

2.3.2. Known issues

There are no major known issues in this release.

2.4. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS 1.8 RELEASE NOTES

2.4.1. Resolved issues

This release has the following resolved issues:

Indirect migration is stuck on backup stage

In previous releases, an indirect migration became stuck at the backup stage, due to **InvalidImageName** error. ([BZ#2233097](#))

PodVolumeRestore remain In Progress keeping the migration stuck at Stage Restore

In previous releases, on performing an indirect migration, the migration became stuck at the **Stage Restore** step, waiting for the **podvolumerestore** to be completed. ([BZ#2233868](#))

Migrated application unable to pull image from internal registry on target cluster

In previous releases, on migrating an application to the target cluster, the migrated application failed to pull the image from the internal image registry resulting in an **application failure**. ([BZ#2233103](#))

Migration failing on Azure due to authorization issue

In previous releases, on an Azure cluster, when backing up to Azure storage, the migration failed at the **Backup** stage. ([BZ#2238974](#))

2.4.2. Known issues

This release has the following known issues:

Old Restic pods are not getting removed on upgrading MTC 1.7.x → 1.8.x

In this release, on upgrading the MTC Operator from 1.7.x to 1.8.x, the old Restic pods are not being removed. Therefore after the upgrade, both Restic and node-agent pods are visible in the namespace. ([BZ#2236829](#))

Migrated builder pod fails to push to image registry

In this release, on migrating an application including a **BuildConfig** from a source to target cluster, builder pod results in **error**, failing to push the image to the image registry. ([BZ#2234781](#))

[UI] CA bundle file field is not properly cleared

In this release, after enabling **Require SSL verification** and adding content to the CA bundle file for an MCG NooBaa bucket in MigStorage, the connection fails as expected. However, when reverting these changes by removing the CA bundle content and clearing **Require SSL verification**, the connection still fails. The issue is only resolved by deleting and re-adding the repository. ([BZ#2240052](#))

Backup phase fails after setting custom CA replication repository

In (MTC), after editing the replication repository, adding a custom CA certificate, successfully connecting the repository, and triggering a migration, a failure occurs during the backup phase.

This issue is resolved in MTC 1.8.2.

CVE-2023-26136: tough-cookie package before 4.1.3 are vulnerable to Prototype Pollution

Versions before 4.1.3 of the **tough-cookie** package, used in MTC, are vulnerable to prototype pollution. This vulnerability occurs because CookieJar does not handle cookies properly when the value of the **rejectPublicSuffixes** is set to **false**.

This issue is resolved in MTC 1.8.2.

For more details, see ([CVE-2023-26136](#))

CVE-2022-25883 openshift-migration-ui-container: nodejs-semver: Regular expression denial of service

In previous releases of (MTC), versions of the **semver** package before 7.5.2, used in MTC, are vulnerable to Regular Expression Denial of Service (ReDoS) from the function **newRange**, when untrusted user data is provided as a range.

This issue is resolved in MTC 1.8.2.

For more details, see ([CVE-2022-25883](#))

2.4.3. Technical changes

This release has the following technical changes:

- Migration from OpenShift Container Platform 3 to OpenShift Container Platform 4 requires a legacy Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) Operator and MTC 1.7.x.
- Migration from MTC 1.7.x to MTC 1.8.x is not supported.

- You must use MTC 1.7.x to migrate anything with a source of OpenShift Container Platform 4.9 or earlier.
 - MTC 1.7.x must be used on both source and destination.
- MTC 1.8.x only supports migrations from OpenShift Container Platform 4.10 or later to OpenShift Container Platform 4.10 or later. For migrations only involving cluster versions 4.10 and later, either 1.7.x or 1.8.x might be used. However, but it must be the same MTC 1.Y.z on both source and destination.
 - Migration from source MTC 1.7.x to destination MTC 1.8.x is unsupported.
 - Migration from source MTC 1.8.x to destination MTC 1.7.x is unsupported.
 - Migration from source MTC 1.7.x to destination MTC 1.7.x is supported.
 - Migration from source MTC 1.8.x to destination MTC 1.8.x is supported.
- MTC 1.8.x by default installs OADP 1.2.x.
- Upgrading from MTC 1.7.x to MTC 1.8.0, requires manually changing the OADP channel to 1.2. If this is not done, the upgrade of the Operator fails.

2.5. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS 1.7.14 RELEASE NOTES

2.5.1. Resolved issues

This release has the following resolved issues:

CVE-2023-39325 CVE-2023-44487: various flaws

A flaw was found in the handling of multiplexed streams in the HTTP/2 protocol, which is utilized by Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC). A client could repeatedly make a request for a new multiplex stream then immediately send an **RST_STREAM** frame to cancel those requests. This activity created additional workloads for the server in terms of setting up and dismantling streams, but avoided any server-side limitations on the maximum number of active streams per connection. As a result, a denial of service occurred due to server resource consumption.

- [\(BZ#2243564\)](#)
- [\(BZ#2244013\)](#)
- [\(BZ#2244014\)](#)
- [\(BZ#2244015\)](#)
- [\(BZ#2244016\)](#)
- [\(BZ#2244017\)](#)

To resolve this issue, upgrade to MTC 1.7.14.

For more details, see [\(CVE-2023-44487\)](#) and [\(CVE-2023-39325\)](#).

CVE-2023-39318 CVE-2023-39319 CVE-2023-39321: various flaws

- [\(CVE-2023-39318\)](#): A flaw was discovered in Golang, utilized by MTC. The **html/template**

package did not properly handle HTML-like `""` comment tokens, or the hashbang `"#!"` comment tokens, in `<script>` contexts. This flaw could cause the template parser to improperly interpret the contents of `<script>` contexts, causing actions to be improperly escaped.

- [\(BZ#2238062\)](#)
- [\(BZ#2238088\)](#)
- [\(CVE-2023-39319\)](#): A flaw was discovered in Golang, utilized by MTC. The **html/template** package did not apply the proper rules for handling occurrences of `"<script"`, `"<!--"`, and `"</script"` within JavaScript literals in `<script>` contexts. This could cause the template parser to improperly consider script contexts to be terminated early, causing actions to be improperly escaped.
 - [\(BZ#2238062\)](#)
 - [\(BZ#2238088\)](#)
- [\(CVE-2023-39321\)](#): A flaw was discovered in Golang, utilized by MTC. Processing an incomplete post-handshake message for a QUIC connection could cause a panic.
 - [\(BZ#2238062\)](#)
 - [\(BZ#2238088\)](#)
- [\(CVE-2023-3932\)](#): A flaw was discovered in Golang, utilized by MTC. Connections using the QUIC transport protocol did not set an upper bound on the amount of data buffered when reading post-handshake messages, allowing a malicious QUIC connection to cause unbounded memory growth.
 - [\(BZ#2238088\)](#)

To resolve these issues, upgrade to MTC 1.7.14.

For more details, see [\(CVE-2023-39318\)](#), [\(CVE-2023-39319\)](#), and [\(CVE-2023-39321\)](#).

2.5.2. Known issues

There are no major known issues in this release.

2.6. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS 1.7.13 RELEASE NOTES

2.6.1. Resolved issues

There are no major resolved issues in this release.

2.6.2. Known issues

There are no major known issues in this release.

2.7. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS 1.7.12 RELEASE NOTES

2.7.1. Resolved issues

There are no major resolved issues in this release.

2.7.2. Known issues

This release has the following known issues:

Error code 504 is displayed on the Migration details page

On the **Migration details** page, at first, the **migration details** are displayed without any issues. However, after sometime, the details disappear, and a **504** error is returned. ([BZ#2231106](#))

Old restic pods are not removed when upgrading MTC 1.7.x to MTC 1.8

On upgrading the MTC operator from 1.7.x to 1.8.x, the old restic pods are not removed. After the upgrade, both restic and node-agent pods are visible in the namespace. ([BZ#2236829](#))

2.8. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS 1.7.11 RELEASE NOTES

2.8.1. Resolved issues

There are no major resolved issues in this release.

2.8.2. Known issues

There are no known issues in this release.

2.9. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS 1.7.10 RELEASE NOTES

2.9.1. Resolved issues

This release has the following major resolved issue:

Adjust rsync options in DVM

In this release, you can prevent absolute symlinks from being manipulated by Rsync in the course of direct volume migration (DVM). Running DVM in privileged mode preserves absolute symlinks inside the persistent volume claims (PVCs). To switch to privileged mode, in the **MigrationController** CR, set the **migration_rsync_privileged** spec to **true**. ([BZ#2204461](#))

2.9.2. Known issues

There are no known issues in this release.

2.10. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS 1.7.9 RELEASE NOTES

2.10.1. Resolved issues

There are no major resolved issues in this release.

2.10.2. Known issues

This release has the following known issue:

Adjust rsync options in DVM

In this release, users are unable to prevent absolute symlinks from being manipulated by rsync during direct volume migration (DVM). ([BZ#2204461](#))

2.11. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS 1.7.8 RELEASE NOTES

2.11.1. Resolved issues

This release has the following major resolved issues:

Velero image cannot be overridden in the MTC operator

In previous releases, it was not possible to override the velero image using the `velero_image_fqn` parameter in the **MigrationController** Custom Resource (CR). ([BZ#2143389](#))

Adding a MigCluster from the UI fails when the domain name has more than six characters

In previous releases, adding a MigCluster from the UI failed when the domain name had more than six characters. The UI code expected a domain name of between two and six characters. ([BZ#2152149](#))

UI fails to render the Migrations' page: Cannot read properties of undefined (reading 'name')

In previous releases, the UI failed to render the Migrations' page, returning **Cannot read properties of undefined (reading 'name')**. ([BZ#2163485](#))

Creating DPA resource fails on Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform 4.6 clusters

In previous releases, when deploying MTC on an OpenShift Container Platform 4.6 cluster, the DPA failed to be created according to the logs, which resulted in some pods missing. From the logs in the migration-controller in the OCP 4.6 cluster, it indicated that an unexpected **null** value was passed, which caused the error. ([BZ#2173742](#))

2.11.2. Known issues

There are no known issues in this release.

2.12. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS 1.7.7 RELEASE NOTES

2.12.1. Resolved issues

There are no major resolved issues in this release.

2.12.2. Known issues

There are no known issues in this release.

2.13. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS 1.7.6 RELEASE NOTES

2.13.1. New features

Implement proposed changes for DVM support with PSA in Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform 4.12

With the incoming enforcement of Pod Security Admission (PSA) in OpenShift Container Platform 4.12

the default pod would run with a **restricted** profile. This **restricted** profile would mean workloads to migrate would be in violation of this policy and no longer work as of now. The following enhancement outlines the changes that would be required to remain compatible with OCP 4.12. ([MIG-1240](#))

2.13.2. Resolved issues

This release has the following major resolved issues:

Unable to create Storage Class Conversion plan due to missing cronjob error in Red Hat OpenShift Platform 4.12

In previous releases, on the persistent volumes page, an error is thrown that a CronJob is not available in version **batch/v1beta1**, and when clicking on cancel, the migplan is created with status **Not ready**. ([BZ#2143628](#))

2.13.3. Known issues

This release has the following known issue:

Conflict conditions are cleared briefly after they are created

When creating a new state migration plan that will result in a conflict error, that error is cleared shortly after it is displayed. ([BZ#2144299](#))

2.14. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS 1.7.5 RELEASE NOTES

2.14.1. Resolved issues

This release has the following major resolved issue:

Direct Volume Migration is failing as rsync pod on source cluster move into Error state

In previous release, migration succeeded with warnings but Direct Volume Migration failed with rsync pod on source namespace going into error state. ([*BZ#2132978](#))

2.14.2. Known issues

This release has the following known issues:

Velero image cannot be overridden in the MTC operator

In previous releases, it was not possible to override the velero image using the **velero_image_fqin** parameter in the **MigrationController** Custom Resource (CR). ([BZ#2143389](#))

When editing a MigHook in the UI, the page might fail to reload

The UI might fail to reload when editing a hook if there is a network connection issue. After the network connection is restored, the page will fail to reload until the cache is cleared. ([BZ#2140208](#))

2.15. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS 1.7.4 RELEASE NOTES

2.15.1. Resolved issues

There are no major resolved issues in this release.

2.15.2. Known issues

Rollback missing out deletion of some resources from the target cluster

On performing the roll back of an application from the MTC UI, some resources are not being deleted from the target cluster and the roll back is showing a status as successfully completed. ([BZ#2126880](#))

2.16. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS 1.7.3 RELEASE NOTES

2.16.1. Resolved issues

This release has the following major resolved issues:

Correct DNS validation for destination namespace

In previous releases, the MigPlan could not be validated if the destination namespace started with a non-alphabetic character. ([BZ#2102231](#))

Deselecting all PVCs from UI still results in an attempted PVC transfer

In previous releases, while doing a full migration, unselecting the persistent volume claims (PVCs) would not skip selecting the PVCs and still try to migrate them. ([BZ#2106073](#))

Incorrect DNS validation for destination namespace

In previous releases, MigPlan could not be validated because the destination namespace started with a non-alphabetic character. ([BZ#2102231](#))

2.16.2. Known issues

There are no known issues in this release.

2.17. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS 1.7.2 RELEASE NOTES

2.17.1. Resolved issues

This release has the following major resolved issues:

MTC UI does not display logs correctly

In previous releases, the MTC UI did not display logs correctly. ([BZ#2062266](#))

StorageClass conversion plan adding migstorage reference in migplan

In previous releases, StorageClass conversion plans had a **migstorage** reference even though it was not being used. ([BZ#2078459](#))

Velero pod log missing from downloaded logs

In previous releases, when downloading a compressed (.zip) folder for all logs, the velero pod was missing. ([BZ#2076599](#))

Velero pod log missing from UI drop down

In previous releases, after a migration was performed, the velero pod log was not included in the logs provided in the dropdown list. ([BZ#2076593](#))

Rsync options logs not visible in log-reader pod

In previous releases, when trying to set any valid or invalid rsync options in the **migrationcontroller**, the log-reader was not showing any logs regarding the invalid options or about the rsync command being used. ([BZ#2079252](#))

Default CPU requests on Velero/Restic are too demanding and fail in certain environments

In previous releases, the default CPU requests on Velero/Restic were too demanding and fail in certain environments. Default CPU requests for Velero and Restic Pods are set to 500m. These values were high. ([BZ#2088022](#))

2.17.2. Known issues

This release has the following known issues:

Updating the replication repository to a different storage provider type is not respected by the UI

After updating the replication repository to a different type and clicking **Update Repository**, it shows connection successful, but the UI is not updated with the correct details. When clicking on the **Edit** button again, it still shows the old replication repository information.

Furthermore, when trying to update the replication repository again, it still shows the old replication details. When selecting the new repository, it also shows all the information you entered previously and the **Update repository** is not enabled, as if there are no changes to be submitted. ([BZ#2102020](#))

Migrations fails because the backup is not found

Migration fails at the restore stage because of initial backup has not been found. ([BZ#2104874](#))

Update Cluster button is not enabled when updating Azure resource group

When updating the remote cluster, selecting the **Azure resource group** checkbox, and adding a resource group does not enable the **Update cluster** option. ([BZ#2098594](#))

Error pop-up in UI on deleting migstorage resource

When creating a **backupStorage** credential secret in OpenShift Container Platform, if the **migstorage** is removed from the UI, a 404 error is returned and the underlying secret is not removed. ([BZ#2100828](#))

Miganalytic resource displaying resource count as 0 in UI

After creating a migplan from backend, the Miganalytic resource displays the resource count as **0** in UI. ([BZ#2102139](#))

Registry validation fails when two trailing slashes are added to the Exposed route host to image registry

After adding two trailing slashes, meaning //, to the exposed registry route, the MigCluster resource is showing the status as **connected**. When creating a migplan from backend with DIM, the plans move to the **unready** status. ([BZ#2104864](#))

Service Account Token not visible while editing source cluster

When editing the source cluster that has been added and is in **Connected** state, in the UI, the service account token is not visible in the field. To save the wizard, you have to fetch the token again and provide details inside the field. ([BZ#2097668](#))

2.18. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS 1.7.1 RELEASE NOTES

2.18.1. Resolved issues

There are no major resolved issues in this release.

2.18.2. Known issues

This release has the following known issues:

Incorrect DNS validation for destination namespace

MigPlan cannot be validated because the destination namespace starts with a non-alphabetic character. ([BZ#2102231](#))

Cloud propagation phase in migration controller is not functioning due to missing labels on Velero pods

The Cloud propagation phase in the migration controller is not functioning due to missing labels on Velero pods. The **EnsureCloudSecretPropagated** phase in the migration controller waits until replication repository secrets are propagated on both sides. As this label is missing on Velero pods, the phase is not functioning as expected. ([BZ#2088026](#))

Default CPU requests on Velero/Restic are too demanding when making scheduling fail in certain environments

Default CPU requests on Velero/Restic are too demanding when making scheduling fail in certain environments. Default CPU requests for Velero and Restic Pods are set to 500m. These values are high. The resources can be configured in DPA using the **podConfig** field for Velero and Restic. Migration operator should set CPU requests to a lower value, such as 100m, so that Velero and Restic pods can be scheduled in resource constrained environments MTC often operates in. ([BZ#2088022](#))

Warning is displayed on persistentVolumes page after editing storage class conversion plan

A warning is displayed on the **persistentVolumes** page after editing the storage class conversion plan. When editing the existing migration plan, a warning is displayed on the UI **At least one PVC must be selected for Storage Class Conversion**. ([BZ#2079549](#))

Velero pod log missing from downloaded logs

When downloading a compressed (.zip) folder for all logs, the velero pod is missing. ([BZ#2076599](#))

Velero pod log missing from UI drop down

After a migration is performed, the velero pod log is not included in the logs provided in the dropdown list. ([BZ#2076593](#))

2.19. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS 1.7 RELEASE NOTES

2.19.1. New features and enhancements

This release has the following new features and enhancements:

- The Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) Operator now depends upon the OpenShift API for Data Protection (OADP) Operator. When you install the MTC Operator, the Operator Lifecycle Manager (OLM) automatically installs the OADP Operator in the same namespace.
- You can migrate from a source cluster that is behind a firewall to a cloud-based destination cluster by establishing a network tunnel between the two clusters by using the **crane tunnel-api** command.
- Converting storage classes in the MTC web console: You can convert the storage class of a persistent volume (PV) by migrating it within the same cluster.

2.19.2. Known issues

This release has the following known issues:

- **MigPlan** custom resource does not display a warning when an AWS gp2 PVC has no available space. ([BZ#1963927](#))
- Direct and indirect data transfers do not work if the destination storage is a PV that is dynamically provisioned by the AWS Elastic File System (EFS). This is due to limitations of the AWS EFS Container Storage Interface (CSI) driver. ([BZ#2085097](#))
- Block storage for IBM Cloud must be in the same availability zone. See the [IBM FAQ for block storage for virtual private cloud](#).
- MTC 1.7.6 cannot migrate cron jobs from source clusters that support **v1beta1** cron jobs to clusters of OpenShift Container Platform 4.12 and later, which do not support **v1beta1** cron jobs. ([BZ#2149119](#))

2.20. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS 1.6 RELEASE NOTES

2.20.1. New features and enhancements

This release has the following new features and enhancements:

- State migration: You can perform repeatable, state-only migrations by selecting specific persistent volume claims (PVCs).
- "New operator version available" notification: The Clusters page of the MTC web console displays a notification when a new Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator is available.

2.20.2. Deprecated features

The following features are deprecated:

- MTC version 1.4 is no longer supported.

2.20.3. Known issues

This release has the following known issues:

- On OpenShift Container Platform 3.10, the **MigrationController** pod takes too long to restart. The Bugzilla report contains a workaround. ([BZ#1986796](#))
- **Stage** pods fail during direct volume migration from a classic OpenShift Container Platform

source cluster on IBM Cloud. The IBM block storage plugin does not allow the same volume to be mounted on multiple pods of the same node. As a result, the PVCs cannot be mounted on the Rsync pods and on the application pods simultaneously. To resolve this issue, stop the application pods before migration. ([BZ#1887526](#))

- **MigPlan** custom resource does not display a warning when an AWS gp2 PVC has no available space. ([BZ#1963927](#))
- Block storage for IBM Cloud must be in the same availability zone. See the [IBM FAQ for block storage for virtual private cloud](#).

2.21. MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS 1.5 RELEASE NOTES

2.21.1. New features and enhancements

This release has the following new features and enhancements:

- The **Migration resource** tree on the **Migration details** page of the web console has been enhanced with additional resources, Kubernetes events, and live status information for monitoring and debugging migrations.
- The web console can support hundreds of migration plans.
- A source namespace can be mapped to a different target namespace in a migration plan. Previously, the source namespace was mapped to a target namespace with the same name.
- Hook phases with status information are displayed in the web console during a migration.
- The number of Rsync retry attempts is displayed in the web console during direct volume migration.
- Persistent volume (PV) resizing can be enabled for direct volume migration to ensure that the target cluster does not run out of disk space.
- The threshold that triggers PV resizing is configurable. Previously, PV resizing occurred when the disk usage exceeded 97%.
- Velero has been updated to version 1.6, which provides numerous fixes and enhancements.
- Cached Kubernetes clients can be enabled to provide improved performance.

2.21.2. Deprecated features

The following features are deprecated:

- MTC versions 1.2 and 1.3 are no longer supported.
- The procedure for updating deprecated APIs has been removed from the troubleshooting section of the documentation because the **oc convert** command is deprecated.

2.21.3. Known issues

This release has the following known issues:

- Microsoft Azure storage is unavailable if you create more than 400 migration plans. The **MigStorage** custom resource displays the following message: **The request is being throttled as the limit has been reached for operation type.** ([BZ#1977226](#))
- If a migration fails, the migration plan does not retain custom persistent volume (PV) settings for quiesced pods. You must manually roll back the migration, delete the migration plan, and create a new migration plan with your PV settings. ([BZ#1784899](#))
- PV resizing does not work as expected for AWS gp2 storage unless the **pv_resizing_threshold** is 42% or greater. ([BZ#1973148](#))
- PV resizing does not work with OpenShift Container Platform 3.7 and 3.9 source clusters in the following scenarios:
 - The application was installed after MTC was installed.
 - An application pod was rescheduled on a different node after MTC was installed. OpenShift Container Platform 3.7 and 3.9 do not support the Mount Propagation feature that enables Velero to mount PVs automatically in the **Restic** pod. The **MigAnalytic** custom resource (CR) fails to collect PV data from the **Restic** pod and reports the resources as **0**. The **MigPlan** CR displays a status similar to the following:

Example output

```
status:
  conditions:
    - category: Warn
      lastTransitionTime: 2021-07-15T04:11:44Z
      message: Failed gathering extended PV usage information for PVs [nginx-logs nginx-
html], please see MigAnalytic openshift-migration/ocp-24706-basicvolmig-migplan-
1626319591-szwd6 for details
      reason: FailedRunningDf
      status: "True"
      type: ExtendedPVAnalysisFailed
```

To enable PV resizing, you can manually restart the Restic daemonset on the source cluster or restart the **Restic** pods on the same nodes as the application. If you do not restart Restic, you can run the direct volume migration without PV resizing. ([BZ#1982729](#))

2.21.4. Technical changes

This release has the following technical changes:

- The legacy Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator version 1.5.1 is installed manually on OpenShift Container Platform versions 3.7 to 4.5.
- The Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator version 1.5.1 is installed on OpenShift Container Platform versions 4.6 and later by using the Operator Lifecycle Manager.

CHAPTER 3. INSTALLING THE MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS

You can install the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) on OpenShift Container Platform 4.



NOTE

To install MTC on OpenShift Container Platform 3, see [Installing the legacy Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator on OpenShift Container Platform 3](#).

By default, the MTC web console and the **Migration Controller** pod run on the target cluster. You can configure the **Migration Controller** custom resource manifest to run the MTC web console and the **Migration Controller** pod on a [remote cluster](#).

After you have installed MTC, you must configure an object storage to use as a replication repository.

To uninstall MTC, see [Uninstalling MTC and deleting resources](#).

3.1. COMPATIBILITY GUIDELINES

You must install the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) Operator that is compatible with your OpenShift Container Platform version.

Definitions

legacy platform

OpenShift Container Platform 4.5 and earlier.

modern platform

OpenShift Container Platform 4.6 and later.

legacy operator

The MTC Operator designed for legacy platforms.

modern operator

The MTC Operator designed for modern platforms.

control cluster

The cluster that runs the MTC controller and GUI.

remote cluster

A source or destination cluster for a migration that runs Velero. The Control Cluster communicates with Remote clusters via the Velero API to drive migrations.

You must use the compatible MTC version for migrating your OpenShift Container Platform clusters. For the migration to succeed both your source cluster and the destination cluster must use the same version of MTC.

MTC 1.7 supports migrations from OpenShift Container Platform 3.11 to 4.8.

MTC 1.8 only supports migrations from OpenShift Container Platform 4.9 and later.

Table 3.1. MTC compatibility: Migrating from a legacy or a modern platform

Details	OpenShift Container Platform 3.11	OpenShift Container Platform 4.0 to 4.5	OpenShift Container Platform 4.6 to 4.8	OpenShift Container Platform 4.9 or later
Stable MTC version	MTC v.1.7.z	MTC v.1.7.z	MTC v.1.7.z	MTC v.1.8.z
Installation		Legacy MTC v.1.7.z operator: Install manually with the operator.yml file. [IMPORTANT] This cluster cannot be the control cluster.	Install with OLM, release channel release-v1.7	Install with OLM, release channel release-v1.8

Edge cases exist in which network restrictions prevent modern clusters from connecting to other clusters involved in the migration. For example, when migrating from an OpenShift Container Platform 3.11 cluster on premises to a modern OpenShift Container Platform cluster in the cloud, where the modern cluster cannot connect to the OpenShift Container Platform 3.11 cluster.

With MTC v.1.7.z, if one of the remote clusters is unable to communicate with the control cluster because of network restrictions, use the **crane tunnel-api** command.

With the stable MTC release, although you should always designate the most modern cluster as the control cluster, in this specific case it is possible to designate the legacy cluster as the control cluster and push workloads to the remote cluster.

3.2. INSTALLING THE LEGACY MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS OPERATOR ON OPENSIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM 4.2 TO 4.5

You can install the legacy Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator manually on OpenShift Container Platform versions 4.2 to 4.5.

Prerequisites

- You must be logged in as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges on all clusters.
- You must have access to **registry.redhat.io**.
- You must have **podman** installed.

Procedure

1. Log in to **registry.redhat.io** with your Red Hat Customer Portal credentials:

```
$ podman login registry.redhat.io
```

2. Download the **operator.yml** file by entering the following command:

```
podman cp $(podman create registry.redhat.io/rhmtc/openshift-migration-legacy-rhel8-operator:v1.7)/operator.yml ./
```

- Download the **controller.yml** file by entering the following command:

```
podman cp $(podman create registry.redhat.io/rhmtc/openshift-migration-legacy-rhel8-operator:v1.7)/controller.yml ./
```

- Log in to your OpenShift Container Platform source cluster.

- Verify that the cluster can authenticate with **registry.redhat.io**:

```
$ oc run test --image registry.redhat.io/ubi9 --command sleep infinity
```

- Create the Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator object:

```
$ oc create -f operator.yml
```

Example output

```
namespace/openshift-migration created
rolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/system:deployers created
serviceaccount/migration-operator created
customresourcedefinition.apiextensions.k8s.io/migrationcontrollers.migration.openshift.io
created
role.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/migration-operator created
rolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/migration-operator created
clusterrolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/migration-operator created
deployment.apps/migration-operator created
Error from server (AlreadyExists): error when creating "./operator.yml":
rolebindings.rbac.authorization.k8s.io "system:image-builders" already exists 1
Error from server (AlreadyExists): error when creating "./operator.yml":
rolebindings.rbac.authorization.k8s.io "system:image-pullers" already exists
```

- 1** You can ignore **Error from server (AlreadyExists)** messages. They are caused by the Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator creating resources for earlier versions of OpenShift Container Platform 4 that are provided in later releases.

- Create the **MigrationController** object:

```
$ oc create -f controller.yml
```

- Verify that the MTC pods are running:

```
$ oc get pods -n openshift-migration
```

3.3. INSTALLING THE MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS OPERATOR ON OPENSIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM 4.15

You install the Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator on OpenShift Container Platform 4.15 by using the Operator Lifecycle Manager.

Prerequisites

- You must be logged in as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges on all clusters.

Procedure

- In the OpenShift Container Platform web console, click **Operators → OperatorHub**.
- Use the **Filter by keyword** field to find the **Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator**.
- Select the **Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator** and click **Install**.
- Click **Install**.
On the **Installed Operators** page, the **Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator** appears in the **openshift-migration** project with the status **Succeeded**.
- Click **Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator**.
- Under **Provided APIs**, locate the **Migration Controller** tile, and click **Create Instance**.
- Click **Create**.
- Click **Workloads → Pods** to verify that the MTC pods are running.

3.4. PROXY CONFIGURATION

For OpenShift Container Platform 4.1 and earlier versions, you must configure proxies in the **MigrationController** custom resource (CR) manifest after you install the Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator because these versions do not support a cluster-wide **proxy** object.

For OpenShift Container Platform 4.2 to 4.15, the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) inherits the cluster-wide proxy settings. You can change the proxy parameters if you want to override the cluster-wide proxy settings.

3.4.1. Direct volume migration

Direct Volume Migration (DVM) was introduced in MTC 1.4.2. DVM supports only one proxy. The source cluster cannot access the route of the target cluster if the target cluster is also behind a proxy.

If you want to perform a DVM from a source cluster behind a proxy, you must configure a TCP proxy that works at the transport layer and forwards the SSL connections transparently without decrypting and re-encrypting them with their own SSL certificates. A Stunnel proxy is an example of such a proxy.

3.4.1.1. TCP proxy setup for DVM

You can set up a direct connection between the source and the target cluster through a TCP proxy and configure the **stunnel_tcp_proxy** variable in the **MigrationController** CR to use the proxy:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigrationController
metadata:
  name: migration-controller
  namespace: openshift-migration
```

```
spec:
  [...]
  stunnel_tcp_proxy: http://username:password@ip:port
```

Direct volume migration (DVM) supports only basic authentication for the proxy. Moreover, DVM works only from behind proxies that can tunnel a TCP connection transparently. HTTP/HTTPS proxies in man-in-the-middle mode do not work. The existing cluster-wide proxies might not support this behavior. As a result, the proxy settings for DVM are intentionally kept different from the usual proxy configuration in MTC.

3.4.1.2. Why use a TCP proxy instead of an HTTP/HTTPS proxy?

You can enable DVM by running Rsync between the source and the target cluster over an OpenShift route. Traffic is encrypted using Stunnel, a TCP proxy. The Stunnel running on the source cluster initiates a TLS connection with the target Stunnel and transfers data over an encrypted channel.

Cluster-wide HTTP/HTTPS proxies in OpenShift are usually configured in man-in-the-middle mode where they negotiate their own TLS session with the outside servers. However, this does not work with Stunnel. Stunnel requires that its TLS session be untouched by the proxy, essentially making the proxy a transparent tunnel which simply forwards the TCP connection as-is. Therefore, you must use a TCP proxy.

3.4.1.3. Known issue

Migration fails with error **Upgrade request required**

The migration Controller uses the SPDY protocol to execute commands within remote pods. If the remote cluster is behind a proxy or a firewall that does not support the SPDY protocol, the migration controller fails to execute remote commands. The migration fails with the error message **Upgrade request required**. Workaround: Use a proxy that supports the SPDY protocol.

In addition to supporting the SPDY protocol, the proxy or firewall also must pass the **Upgrade** HTTP header to the API server. The client uses this header to open a websocket connection with the API server. If the **Upgrade** header is blocked by the proxy or firewall, the migration fails with the error message **Upgrade request required**. Workaround: Ensure that the proxy forwards the **Upgrade** header.

3.4.2. Tuning network policies for migrations

OpenShift supports restricting traffic to or from pods using *NetworkPolicy* or *EgressFirewalls* based on the network plugin used by the cluster. If any of the source namespaces involved in a migration use such mechanisms to restrict network traffic to pods, the restrictions might inadvertently stop traffic to Rsync pods during migration.

Rsync pods running on both the source and the target clusters must connect to each other over an OpenShift Route. Existing *NetworkPolicy* or *EgressNetworkPolicy* objects can be configured to automatically exempt Rsync pods from these traffic restrictions.

3.4.2.1. NetworkPolicy configuration

3.4.2.1.1. Egress traffic from Rsync pods

You can use the unique labels of Rsync pods to allow egress traffic to pass from them if the **NetworkPolicy** configuration in the source or destination namespaces blocks this type of traffic. The following policy allows **all** egress traffic from Rsync pods in the namespace:

■

```

apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: allow-all-egress-from-rsync-pods
spec:
  podSelector:
    matchLabels:
      owner: directvolumemigration
      app: directvolumemigration-rsync-transfer
  egress:
  - {}
  policyTypes:
  - Egress

```

3.4.2.1.2. Ingress traffic to Rsync pods

```

apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: allow-all-egress-from-rsync-pods
spec:
  podSelector:
    matchLabels:
      owner: directvolumemigration
      app: directvolumemigration-rsync-transfer
  ingress:
  - {}
  policyTypes:
  - Ingress

```

3.4.2.2. EgressNetworkPolicy configuration

The **EgressNetworkPolicy** object or *Egress Firewalls* are OpenShift constructs designed to block egress traffic leaving the cluster.

Unlike the **NetworkPolicy** object, the Egress Firewall works at a project level because it applies to all pods in the namespace. Therefore, the unique labels of Rsync pods do not exempt only Rsync pods from the restrictions. However, you can add the CIDR ranges of the source or target cluster to the *Allow* rule of the policy so that a direct connection can be setup between two clusters.

Based on which cluster the Egress Firewall is present in, you can add the CIDR range of the other cluster to allow egress traffic between the two:

```

apiVersion: network.openshift.io/v1
kind: EgressNetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: test-egress-policy
  namespace: <namespace>
spec:
  egress:
  - to:
      cidrSelector: <cidr_of_source_or_target_cluster>
    type: Deny

```

3.4.2.3. Choosing alternate endpoints for data transfer

By default, DVM uses an OpenShift Container Platform route as an endpoint to transfer PV data to destination clusters. You can choose another type of supported endpoint, if cluster topologies allow.

For each cluster, you can configure an endpoint by setting the **rsync_endpoint_type** variable on the appropriate **destination** cluster in your **MigrationController** CR:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigrationController
metadata:
  name: migration-controller
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  [...]
  rsync_endpoint_type: [NodePort|ClusterIP|Route]
```

3.4.2.4. Configuring supplemental groups for Rsync pods

When your PVCs use a shared storage, you can configure the access to that storage by adding supplemental groups to Rsync pod definitions in order for the pods to allow access:

Table 3.2. Supplementary groups for Rsync pods

Variable	Type	Default	Description
src_supplemental_groups	string	Not set	Comma-separated list of supplemental groups for source Rsync pods
target_supplemental_groups	string	Not set	Comma-separated list of supplemental groups for target Rsync pods

Example usage

The **MigrationController** CR can be updated to set values for these supplemental groups:

```
spec:
  src_supplemental_groups: "1000,2000"
  target_supplemental_groups: "2000,3000"
```

3.4.3. Configuring proxies

Prerequisites

- You must be logged in as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges on all clusters.

Procedure

1. Get the **MigrationController** CR manifest:

```
$ oc get migrationcontroller <migration_controller> -n openshift-migration
```

2. Update the proxy parameters:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigrationController
metadata:
  name: <migration_controller>
  namespace: openshift-migration
...
spec:
  stunnel_tcp_proxy: http://<username>:<password>@<ip>:<port> 1
  noProxy: example.com 2
```

- 1 Stunnel proxy URL for direct volume migration.
- 2 Comma-separated list of destination domain names, domains, IP addresses, or other network CIDRs to exclude proxying.

Preface a domain with `.` to match subdomains only. For example, `.y.com` matches `x.y.com`, but not `y.com`. Use `*` to bypass proxy for all destinations. If you scale up workers that are not included in the network defined by the `networking.machineNetwork[].cidr` field from the installation configuration, you must add them to this list to prevent connection issues.

This field is ignored if neither the `httpProxy` nor the `httpsProxy` field is set.

3. Save the manifest as **migration-controller.yaml**.
4. Apply the updated manifest:

```
$ oc replace -f migration-controller.yaml -n openshift-migration
```

For more information, see [Configuring the cluster-wide proxy](#).

3.4.4. Running Rsync as either root or non-root

OpenShift Container Platform environments have the **PodSecurityAdmission** controller enabled by default. This controller requires cluster administrators to enforce Pod Security Standards by means of namespace labels. All workloads in the cluster are expected to run one of the following Pod Security Standard levels: **Privileged**, **Baseline** or **Restricted**. Every cluster has its own default policy set.

To guarantee successful data transfer in all environments, Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) 1.7.5 introduced changes in Rsync pods, including running Rsync pods as non-root user by default. This ensures that data transfer is possible even for workloads that do not necessarily require higher privileges. This change was made because it is best to run workloads with the lowest level of privileges possible.

3.4.4.1. Manually overriding default non-root operation for data transfer

Although running Rsync pods as non-root user works in most cases, data transfer might fail when you run workloads as root user on the source side. MTC provides two ways to manually override default non-root operation for data transfer:

- Configure all migrations to run an Rsync pod as root on the destination cluster for all migrations.

- Run an Rsync pod as root on the destination cluster per migration.

In both cases, you must set the following labels on the source side of any namespaces that are running workloads with higher privileges before migration: **enforce**, **audit**, and **warn**.

To learn more about Pod Security Admission and setting values for labels, see [Controlling pod security admission synchronization](#).

3.4.4.2. Configuring the MigrationController CR as root or non-root for all migrations

By default, Rsync runs as non-root.

On the destination cluster, you can configure the **MigrationController** CR to run Rsync as root.

Procedure

- Configure the **MigrationController** CR as follows:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigrationController
metadata:
  name: migration-controller
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  [...]
  migration_rsync_privileged: true
```

This configuration will apply to all future migrations.

3.4.4.3. Configuring the MigMigration CR as root or non-root per migration

On the destination cluster, you can configure the **MigMigration** CR to run Rsync as root or non-root, with the following non-root options:

- As a specific user ID (UID)
- As a specific group ID (GID)

Procedure

1. To run Rsync as root, configure the **MigMigration** CR according to this example:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigMigration
metadata:
  name: migration-controller
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  [...]
  runAsRoot: true
```

2. To run Rsync as a specific User ID (UID) or as a specific Group ID (GID), configure the **MigMigration** CR according to this example:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
```

```
kind: MigMigration
metadata:
  name: migration-controller
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  [...]
  runAsUser: 10010001
  runAsGroup: 3
```

3.5. CONFIGURING A REPLICATION REPOSITORY

You must configure an object storage to use as a replication repository. The Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) copies data from the source cluster to the replication repository, and then from the replication repository to the target cluster.

MTC supports the [file system and snapshot data copy methods](#) for migrating data from the source cluster to the target cluster. Select a method that is suited for your environment and is supported by your storage provider.

MTC supports the following storage providers:

- [Multicloud Object Gateway](#)
- [Amazon Web Services S3](#)
- [Google Cloud Platform](#)
- [Microsoft Azure Blob](#)
- Generic S3 object storage, for example, Minio or Ceph S3

3.5.1. Prerequisites

- All clusters must have uninterrupted network access to the replication repository.
- If you use a proxy server with an internally hosted replication repository, you must ensure that the proxy allows access to the replication repository.

3.5.2. Retrieving Multicloud Object Gateway credentials

You must retrieve the Multicloud Object Gateway (MCG) credentials and S3 endpoint in order to configure MCG as a replication repository for the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC). You must retrieve the Multicloud Object Gateway (MCG) credentials in order to create a **Secret** custom resource (CR) for the OpenShift API for Data Protection (OADP).

MCG is a component of OpenShift Data Foundation.

Prerequisites

- You must deploy OpenShift Data Foundation by using the appropriate [OpenShift Data Foundation deployment guide](#).

Procedure

1. Obtain the S3 endpoint, **AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID**, and **AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY** by running the [describe command](#) on the **NooBaa** custom resource. You use these credentials to add MCG as a replication repository.

3.5.3. Configuring Amazon Web Services

You configure Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 object storage as a replication repository for the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC).

Prerequisites

- You must have the [AWS CLI](#) installed.
- The AWS S3 storage bucket must be accessible to the source and target clusters.
- If you are using the snapshot copy method:
 - You must have access to EC2 Elastic Block Storage (EBS).
 - The source and target clusters must be in the same region.
 - The source and target clusters must have the same storage class.
 - The storage class must be compatible with snapshots.

Procedure

1. Set the **BUCKET** variable:

```
$ BUCKET=<your_bucket>
```

2. Set the **REGION** variable:

```
$ REGION=<your_region>
```

3. Create an AWS S3 bucket:

```
$ aws s3api create-bucket \
  --bucket $BUCKET \
  --region $REGION \
  --create-bucket-configuration LocationConstraint=$REGION ❶
```

❶ **us-east-1** does not support a **LocationConstraint**. If your region is **us-east-1**, omit **--create-bucket-configuration LocationConstraint=\$REGION**.

4. Create an IAM user:

```
$ aws iam create-user --user-name velero ❶
```

❶ If you want to use Velero to back up multiple clusters with multiple S3 buckets, create a unique user name for each cluster.

5. Create a **velero-policy.json** file:

```
$ cat > velero-policy.json <<EOF
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "ec2:DescribeVolumes",
        "ec2:DescribeSnapshots",
        "ec2:CreateTags",
        "ec2:CreateVolume",
        "ec2:CreateSnapshot",
        "ec2>DeleteSnapshot"
      ],
      "Resource": "*"
    },
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "s3:GetObject",
        "s3>DeleteObject",
        "s3:PutObject",
        "s3:AbortMultipartUpload",
        "s3:ListMultipartUploadParts"
      ],
      "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:s3:::${BUCKET}/*"
      ]
    },
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "s3:ListBucket",
        "s3:GetBucketLocation",
        "s3:ListBucketMultipartUploads"
      ],
      "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:s3:::${BUCKET}"
      ]
    }
  ]
}
EOF
```

6. Attach the policies to give the **velero** user the minimum necessary permissions:

```
$ aws iam put-user-policy \
  --user-name velero \
  --policy-name velero \
  --policy-document file://velero-policy.json
```

7. Create an access key for the **velero** user:

```
$ aws iam create-access-key --user-name velero
```

Example output

```
{
  "AccessKey": {
    "UserName": "velero",
    "Status": "Active",
    "CreateDate": "2017-07-31T22:24:41.576Z",
    "SecretAccessKey": <AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY>,
    "AccessKeyId": <AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID>
  }
}
```

Record the **AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY** and the **AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID**. You use the credentials to add AWS as a replication repository.

3.5.4. Configuring Google Cloud Platform

You configure a Google Cloud Platform (GCP) storage bucket as a replication repository for the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC).

Prerequisites

- You must have the **gcloud** and **gsutil** CLI tools installed. See the [Google cloud documentation](#) for details.
- The GCP storage bucket must be accessible to the source and target clusters.
- If you are using the snapshot copy method:
 - The source and target clusters must be in the same region.
 - The source and target clusters must have the same storage class.
 - The storage class must be compatible with snapshots.

Procedure

1. Log in to GCP:

```
$ gcloud auth login
```

2. Set the **BUCKET** variable:

```
$ BUCKET=<bucket> 1
```

- 1** Specify your bucket name.

3. Create the storage bucket:

```
$ gsutil mb gs://$BUCKET/
```

4. Set the **PROJECT_ID** variable to your active project:

```
$ PROJECT_ID=$(gcloud config get-value project)
```

5. Create a service account:

```
$ gcloud iam service-accounts create velero \  
  --display-name "Velero service account"
```

6. List your service accounts:

```
$ gcloud iam service-accounts list
```

7. Set the **SERVICE_ACCOUNT_EMAIL** variable to match its **email** value:

```
$ SERVICE_ACCOUNT_EMAIL=$(gcloud iam service-accounts list \  
  --filter="displayName:Velero service account" \  
  --format 'value(email)')
```

8. Attach the policies to give the **velero** user the minimum necessary permissions:

```
$ ROLE_PERMISSIONS=(  
  compute.disks.get  
  compute.disks.create  
  compute.disks.createSnapshot  
  compute.snapshots.get  
  compute.snapshots.create  
  compute.snapshots.useReadOnly  
  compute.snapshots.delete  
  compute.zones.get  
  storage.objects.create  
  storage.objects.delete  
  storage.objects.get  
  storage.objects.list  
  iam.serviceAccounts.signBlob  
)
```

9. Create the **velero.server** custom role:

```
$ gcloud iam roles create velero.server \  
  --project $PROJECT_ID \  
  --title "Velero Server" \  
  --permissions "$(IFS=" "; echo "${ROLE_PERMISSIONS[*]}")"
```

10. Add IAM policy binding to the project:

```
$ gcloud projects add-iam-policy-binding $PROJECT_ID \  
  --member serviceAccount:$SERVICE_ACCOUNT_EMAIL \  
  --role projects/$PROJECT_ID/roles/velero.server
```

11. Update the IAM service account:

```
$ gsutil iam ch serviceAccount:$SERVICE_ACCOUNT_EMAIL:objectAdmin gs://${BUCKET}
```

12. Save the IAM service account keys to the **credentials-velero** file in the current directory:

```
$ gcloud iam service-accounts keys create credentials-velero \
  --iam-account $SERVICE_ACCOUNT_EMAIL
```

You use the **credentials-velero** file to add GCP as a replication repository.

3.5.5. Configuring Microsoft Azure

You configure a Microsoft Azure Blob storage container as a replication repository for the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC).

Prerequisites

- You must have the [Azure CLI](#) installed.
- The Azure Blob storage container must be accessible to the source and target clusters.
- If you are using the snapshot copy method:
 - The source and target clusters must be in the same region.
 - The source and target clusters must have the same storage class.
 - The storage class must be compatible with snapshots.

Procedure

1. Log in to Azure:

```
$ az login
```

2. Set the **AZURE_RESOURCE_GROUP** variable:

```
$ AZURE_RESOURCE_GROUP=Velero_Backups
```

3. Create an Azure resource group:

```
$ az group create -n $AZURE_RESOURCE_GROUP --location CentralUS 1
```

- 1** Specify your location.

4. Set the **AZURE_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_ID** variable:

```
$ AZURE_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_ID="velero$(uuidgen | cut -d '-' -f5 | tr '[:lower:]' '[:upper:]')"
```

5. Create an Azure storage account:

```
$ az storage account create \
  --name $AZURE_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_ID \
  --resource-group $AZURE_RESOURCE_GROUP \
  --sku Standard_GRS \
  --encryption-services blob \
```

```
--https-only true \
--kind BlobStorage \
--access-tier Hot
```

- Set the **BLOB_CONTAINER** variable:

```
$ BLOB_CONTAINER=velero
```

- Create an Azure Blob storage container:

```
$ az storage container create \
-n $BLOB_CONTAINER \
--public-access off \
--account-name $AZURE_STORAGE_ACCOUNT_ID
```

- Create a service principal and credentials for **velero**:

```
$ AZURE_SUBSCRIPTION_ID=`az account list --query '[?isDefault].id' -o tsv` \
  AZURE_TENANT_ID=`az account list --query '[?isDefault].tenantId' -o tsv` \
  AZURE_CLIENT_SECRET=`az ad sp create-for-rbac --name "velero" \
  --role "Contributor" --query 'password' -o tsv` \
  AZURE_CLIENT_ID=`az ad sp list --display-name "velero" \
  --query '[0].appId' -o tsv`
```

- Save the service principal credentials in the **credentials-velero** file:

```
$ cat << EOF > ./credentials-velero
AZURE_SUBSCRIPTION_ID=${AZURE_SUBSCRIPTION_ID}
AZURE_TENANT_ID=${AZURE_TENANT_ID}
AZURE_CLIENT_ID=${AZURE_CLIENT_ID}
AZURE_CLIENT_SECRET=${AZURE_CLIENT_SECRET}
AZURE_RESOURCE_GROUP=${AZURE_RESOURCE_GROUP}
AZURE_CLOUD_NAME=AzurePublicCloud
EOF
```

You use the **credentials-velero** file to add Azure as a replication repository.

3.5.6. Additional resources

- [MTC workflow](#)
- [About data copy methods](#)
- [Adding a replication repository to the MTC web console](#)

3.6. UNINSTALLING MTC AND DELETING RESOURCES

You can uninstall the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) and delete its resources to clean up the cluster.



NOTE

Deleting the **velero** CRDs removes Velero from the cluster.

Prerequisites

- You must be logged in as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges.

Procedure

1. Delete the **MigrationController** custom resource (CR) on all clusters:

```
$ oc delete migrationcontroller <migration_controller>
```

2. Uninstall the Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator on OpenShift Container Platform 4 by using the Operator Lifecycle Manager.

3. Delete cluster-scoped resources on all clusters by running the following commands:

- **migration** custom resource definitions (CRDs):

```
$ oc delete $(oc get crds -o name | grep 'migration.openshift.io')
```

- **velero** CRDs:

```
$ oc delete $(oc get crds -o name | grep 'velero')
```

- **migration** cluster roles:

```
$ oc delete $(oc get clusterroles -o name | grep 'migration.openshift.io')
```

- **migration-operator** cluster role:

```
$ oc delete clusterrole migration-operator
```

- **velero** cluster roles:

```
$ oc delete $(oc get clusterroles -o name | grep 'velero')
```

- **migration** cluster role bindings:

```
$ oc delete $(oc get clusterrolebindings -o name | grep 'migration.openshift.io')
```

- **migration-operator** cluster role bindings:

```
$ oc delete clusterrolebindings migration-operator
```

- **velero** cluster role bindings:

```
$ oc delete $(oc get clusterrolebindings -o name | grep 'velero')
```

CHAPTER 4. INSTALLING THE MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS IN A RESTRICTED NETWORK ENVIRONMENT

You can install the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) on OpenShift Container Platform 4 in a restricted network environment by performing the following procedures:

1. Create a [mirrored Operator catalog](#).
This process creates a **mapping.txt** file, which contains the mapping between the **registry.redhat.io** image and your mirror registry image. The **mapping.txt** file is required for installing the *legacy* Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator on an OpenShift Container Platform 4.2 to 4.5 source cluster.
2. Install the Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator on the OpenShift Container Platform 4.15 target cluster by using Operator Lifecycle Manager.
By default, the MTC web console and the **Migration Controller** pod run on the target cluster. You can configure the **Migration Controller** custom resource manifest to run the MTC web console and the **Migration Controller** pod on a [remote cluster](#).
3. Install the Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator on the source cluster:
 - OpenShift Container Platform 4.6 or later: Install the Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator by using Operator Lifecycle Manager.
 - OpenShift Container Platform 4.2 to 4.5: Install the legacy Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator from the command line interface.
4. Configure object storage to use as a replication repository.



NOTE

To install MTC on OpenShift Container Platform 3, see [Installing the legacy Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator on OpenShift Container Platform 3](#).

To uninstall MTC, see [Uninstalling MTC and deleting resources](#).

4.1. COMPATIBILITY GUIDELINES

You must install the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) Operator that is compatible with your OpenShift Container Platform version.

Definitions

legacy platform

OpenShift Container Platform 4.5 and earlier.

modern platform

OpenShift Container Platform 4.6 and later.

legacy operator

The MTC Operator designed for legacy platforms.

modern operator

The MTC Operator designed for modern platforms.

control cluster

The cluster that runs the MTC controller and GUI.

remote cluster

A source or destination cluster for a migration that runs Velero. The Control Cluster communicates with Remote clusters via the Velero API to drive migrations.

You must use the compatible MTC version for migrating your OpenShift Container Platform clusters. For the migration to succeed both your source cluster and the destination cluster must use the same version of MTC.

MTC 1.7 supports migrations from OpenShift Container Platform 3.11 to 4.8.

MTC 1.8 only supports migrations from OpenShift Container Platform 4.9 and later.

Table 4.1. MTC compatibility: Migrating from a legacy or a modern platform

Details	OpenShift Container Platform 3.11	OpenShift Container Platform 4.0 to 4.5	OpenShift Container Platform 4.6 to 4.8	OpenShift Container Platform 4.9 or later
Stable MTC version	MTC v.1.7.z	MTC v.1.7.z	MTC v.1.7.z	MTC v.1.8.z
Installation		Legacy MTC v.1.7.z operator: Install manually with the operator.yml file. [IMPORTANT] This cluster cannot be the control cluster.	Install with OLM, release channel release-v1.7	Install with OLM, release channel release-v1.8

Edge cases exist in which network restrictions prevent modern clusters from connecting to other clusters involved in the migration. For example, when migrating from an OpenShift Container Platform 3.11 cluster on premises to a modern OpenShift Container Platform cluster in the cloud, where the modern cluster cannot connect to the OpenShift Container Platform 3.11 cluster.

With MTC v.1.7.z, if one of the remote clusters is unable to communicate with the control cluster because of network restrictions, use the **crane tunnel-api** command.

With the stable MTC release, although you should always designate the most modern cluster as the control cluster, in this specific case it is possible to designate the legacy cluster as the control cluster and push workloads to the remote cluster.

4.2. INSTALLING THE MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS OPERATOR ON OPENSIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM 4.15

You install the Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator on OpenShift Container Platform 4.15 by using the Operator Lifecycle Manager.

Prerequisites

- You must be logged in as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges on all clusters.
- You must create an Operator catalog from a mirror image in a local registry.

Procedure

1. In the OpenShift Container Platform web console, click **Operators → OperatorHub**.
2. Use the **Filter by keyword** field to find the **Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator**.
3. Select the **Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator** and click **Install**.
4. Click **Install**.
On the **Installed Operators** page, the **Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator** appears in the **openshift-migration** project with the status **Succeeded**.
5. Click **Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator**.
6. Under **Provided APIs**, locate the **Migration Controller** tile, and click **Create Instance**.
7. Click **Create**.
8. Click **Workloads → Pods** to verify that the MTC pods are running.

4.3. INSTALLING THE LEGACY MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS OPERATOR ON OPENSIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM 4.2 TO 4.5

You can install the legacy Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator manually on OpenShift Container Platform versions 4.2 to 4.5.

Prerequisites

- You must be logged in as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges on all clusters.
- You must have access to **registry.redhat.io**.
- You must have **podman** installed.
- You must have a Linux workstation with network access in order to download files from **registry.redhat.io**.
- You must create a mirror image of the Operator catalog.
- You must install the Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator from the mirrored Operator catalog on OpenShift Container Platform 4.15.

Procedure

1. Log in to **registry.redhat.io** with your Red Hat Customer Portal credentials:

```
$ podman login registry.redhat.io
```

2. Download the **operator.yml** file by entering the following command:

■

```
podman cp $(podman create registry.redhat.io/rhmtc/openshift-migration-legacy-rhel8-operator:v1.7):/operator.yml ./
```

- Download the **controller.yml** file by entering the following command:

```
podman cp $(podman create registry.redhat.io/rhmtc/openshift-migration-legacy-rhel8-operator:v1.7):/controller.yml ./
```

- Obtain the Operator image mapping by running the following command:

```
$ grep openshift-migration-legacy-rhel8-operator ./mapping.txt | grep rhmtc
```

The **mapping.txt** file was created when you mirrored the Operator catalog. The output shows the mapping between the **registry.redhat.io** image and your mirror registry image.

Example output

```
registry.redhat.io/rhmtc/openshift-migration-legacy-rhel8-operator@sha256:468a6126f73b1ee12085ca53a312d1f96ef5a2ca03442bcb63724af5e2614e8a=<registry.apps.example.com>/rhmtc/openshift-migration-legacy-rhel8-operator
```

- Update the **image** values for the **ansible** and **operator** containers and the **REGISTRY** value in the **operator.yml** file:

```
containers:
  - name: ansible
    image: <registry.apps.example.com>/rhmtc/openshift-migration-legacy-rhel8-operator@sha256:
<468a6126f73b1ee12085ca53a312d1f96ef5a2ca03442bcb63724af5e2614e8a> ❶
  ...
  - name: operator
    image: <registry.apps.example.com>/rhmtc/openshift-migration-legacy-rhel8-operator@sha256:
<468a6126f73b1ee12085ca53a312d1f96ef5a2ca03442bcb63724af5e2614e8a> ❷
  ...
  env:
    - name: REGISTRY
      value: <registry.apps.example.com> ❸
```

❶ ❷ Specify your mirror registry and the **sha256** value of the Operator image.

❸ Specify your mirror registry.

- Log in to your OpenShift Container Platform source cluster.
- Create the Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator object:

```
$ oc create -f operator.yml
```

Example output

```
namespace/openshift-migration created
```

```

rolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/system:deployers created
serviceaccount/migration-operator created
customresourcedefinition.apiextensions.k8s.io/migrationcontrollers.migration.openshift.io
created
role.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/migration-operator created
rolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/migration-operator created
clusterrolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/migration-operator created
deployment.apps/migration-operator created
Error from server (AlreadyExists): error when creating "./operator.yml":
rolebindings.rbac.authorization.k8s.io "system:image-builders" already exists 1
Error from server (AlreadyExists): error when creating "./operator.yml":
rolebindings.rbac.authorization.k8s.io "system:image-pullers" already exists

```

- 1** You can ignore **Error from server (AlreadyExists)** messages. They are caused by the Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator creating resources for earlier versions of OpenShift Container Platform 4 that are provided in later releases.

8. Create the **MigrationController** object:

```
$ oc create -f controller.yml
```

9. Verify that the MTC pods are running:

```
$ oc get pods -n openshift-migration
```

4.4. PROXY CONFIGURATION

For OpenShift Container Platform 4.1 and earlier versions, you must configure proxies in the **MigrationController** custom resource (CR) manifest after you install the Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator because these versions do not support a cluster-wide **proxy** object.

For OpenShift Container Platform 4.2 to 4.15, the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) inherits the cluster-wide proxy settings. You can change the proxy parameters if you want to override the cluster-wide proxy settings.

4.4.1. Direct volume migration

Direct Volume Migration (DVM) was introduced in MTC 1.4.2. DVM supports only one proxy. The source cluster cannot access the route of the target cluster if the target cluster is also behind a proxy.

If you want to perform a DVM from a source cluster behind a proxy, you must configure a TCP proxy that works at the transport layer and forwards the SSL connections transparently without decrypting and re-encrypting them with their own SSL certificates. A Stunnel proxy is an example of such a proxy.

4.4.1.1. TCP proxy setup for DVM

You can set up a direct connection between the source and the target cluster through a TCP proxy and configure the **stunnel_tcp_proxy** variable in the **MigrationController** CR to use the proxy:

```

apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigrationController
metadata:
  name: migration-controller

```

```
namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  [...]
  stunnel_tcp_proxy: http://username:password@ip:port
```

Direct volume migration (DVM) supports only basic authentication for the proxy. Moreover, DVM works only from behind proxies that can tunnel a TCP connection transparently. HTTP/HTTPS proxies in man-in-the-middle mode do not work. The existing cluster-wide proxies might not support this behavior. As a result, the proxy settings for DVM are intentionally kept different from the usual proxy configuration in MTC.

4.4.1.2. Why use a TCP proxy instead of an HTTP/HTTPS proxy?

You can enable DVM by running Rsync between the source and the target cluster over an OpenShift route. Traffic is encrypted using Stunnel, a TCP proxy. The Stunnel running on the source cluster initiates a TLS connection with the target Stunnel and transfers data over an encrypted channel.

Cluster-wide HTTP/HTTPS proxies in OpenShift are usually configured in man-in-the-middle mode where they negotiate their own TLS session with the outside servers. However, this does not work with Stunnel. Stunnel requires that its TLS session be untouched by the proxy, essentially making the proxy a transparent tunnel which simply forwards the TCP connection as-is. Therefore, you must use a TCP proxy.

4.4.1.3. Known issue

Migration fails with error **Upgrade request required**

The migration Controller uses the SPDY protocol to execute commands within remote pods. If the remote cluster is behind a proxy or a firewall that does not support the SPDY protocol, the migration controller fails to execute remote commands. The migration fails with the error message **Upgrade request required**. Workaround: Use a proxy that supports the SPDY protocol.

In addition to supporting the SPDY protocol, the proxy or firewall also must pass the **Upgrade** HTTP header to the API server. The client uses this header to open a websocket connection with the API server. If the **Upgrade** header is blocked by the proxy or firewall, the migration fails with the error message **Upgrade request required**. Workaround: Ensure that the proxy forwards the **Upgrade** header.

4.4.2. Tuning network policies for migrations

OpenShift supports restricting traffic to or from pods using *NetworkPolicy* or *EgressFirewalls* based on the network plugin used by the cluster. If any of the source namespaces involved in a migration use such mechanisms to restrict network traffic to pods, the restrictions might inadvertently stop traffic to Rsync pods during migration.

Rsync pods running on both the source and the target clusters must connect to each other over an OpenShift Route. Existing *NetworkPolicy* or *EgressNetworkPolicy* objects can be configured to automatically exempt Rsync pods from these traffic restrictions.

4.4.2.1. NetworkPolicy configuration

4.4.2.1.1. Egress traffic from Rsync pods

You can use the unique labels of Rsync pods to allow egress traffic to pass from them if the **NetworkPolicy** configuration in the source or destination namespaces blocks this type of traffic. The following policy allows **all** egress traffic from Rsync pods in the namespace:

```

apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: allow-all-egress-from-rsync-pods
spec:
  podSelector:
    matchLabels:
      owner: directvolumemigration
      app: directvolumemigration-rsync-transfer
  egress:
  - {}
  policyTypes:
  - Egress

```

4.4.2.1.2. Ingress traffic to Rsync pods

```

apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: allow-all-egress-from-rsync-pods
spec:
  podSelector:
    matchLabels:
      owner: directvolumemigration
      app: directvolumemigration-rsync-transfer
  ingress:
  - {}
  policyTypes:
  - Ingress

```

4.4.2.2. EgressNetworkPolicy configuration

The **EgressNetworkPolicy** object or *Egress Firewalls* are OpenShift constructs designed to block egress traffic leaving the cluster.

Unlike the **NetworkPolicy** object, the Egress Firewall works at a project level because it applies to all pods in the namespace. Therefore, the unique labels of Rsync pods do not exempt only Rsync pods from the restrictions. However, you can add the CIDR ranges of the source or target cluster to the *Allow* rule of the policy so that a direct connection can be setup between two clusters.

Based on which cluster the Egress Firewall is present in, you can add the CIDR range of the other cluster to allow egress traffic between the two:

```

apiVersion: network.openshift.io/v1
kind: EgressNetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: test-egress-policy
  namespace: <namespace>
spec:
  egress:
  - to:
      cidrSelector: <cidr_of_source_or_target_cluster>
    type: Deny

```


4.4.2.3. Choosing alternate endpoints for data transfer

By default, DVM uses an OpenShift Container Platform route as an endpoint to transfer PV data to destination clusters. You can choose another type of supported endpoint, if cluster topologies allow.

For each cluster, you can configure an endpoint by setting the **rsync_endpoint_type** variable on the appropriate **destination** cluster in your **MigrationController** CR:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigrationController
metadata:
  name: migration-controller
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  [...]
  rsync_endpoint_type: [NodePort|ClusterIP|Route]
```

4.4.2.4. Configuring supplemental groups for Rsync pods

When your PVCs use a shared storage, you can configure the access to that storage by adding supplemental groups to Rsync pod definitions in order for the pods to allow access:

Table 4.2. Supplementary groups for Rsync pods

Variable	Type	Default	Description
src_supplemental_groups	string	Not set	Comma-separated list of supplemental groups for source Rsync pods
target_supplemental_groups	string	Not set	Comma-separated list of supplemental groups for target Rsync pods

Example usage

The **MigrationController** CR can be updated to set values for these supplemental groups:

```
spec:
  src_supplemental_groups: "1000,2000"
  target_supplemental_groups: "2000,3000"
```

4.4.3. Configuring proxies

Prerequisites

- You must be logged in as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges on all clusters.

Procedure

- Get the **MigrationController** CR manifest:

```
$ oc get migrationcontroller <migration_controller> -n openshift-migration
```

2. Update the proxy parameters:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigrationController
metadata:
  name: <migration_controller>
  namespace: openshift-migration
...
spec:
  stunnel_tcp_proxy: http://<username>:<password>@<ip>:<port> 1
  noProxy: example.com 2
```

- 1 Stunnel proxy URL for direct volume migration.
- 2 Comma-separated list of destination domain names, domains, IP addresses, or other network CIDRs to exclude proxying.

Preface a domain with `.` to match subdomains only. For example, `.y.com` matches `x.y.com`, but not `y.com`. Use `*` to bypass proxy for all destinations. If you scale up workers that are not included in the network defined by the `networking.machineNetwork[].cidr` field from the installation configuration, you must add them to this list to prevent connection issues.

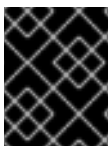
This field is ignored if neither the `httpProxy` nor the `httpsProxy` field is set.

3. Save the manifest as **migration-controller.yaml**.
4. Apply the updated manifest:

```
$ oc replace -f migration-controller.yaml -n openshift-migration
```

For more information, see [Configuring the cluster-wide proxy](#).

4.5. RUNNING RSYNC AS EITHER ROOT OR NON-ROOT



IMPORTANT

This section applies only when you are working with the OpenShift API, not the web console.

OpenShift environments have the **PodSecurityAdmission** controller enabled by default. This controller requires cluster administrators to enforce Pod Security Standards by means of namespace labels. All workloads in the cluster are expected to run one of the following Pod Security Standard levels:

Privileged, **Baseline** or **Restricted**. Every cluster has its own default policy set.

To guarantee successful data transfer in all environments, Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) 1.7.5 introduced changes in Rsync pods, including running Rsync pods as non-root user by default. This ensures that data transfer is possible even for workloads that do not necessarily require higher privileges. This change was made because it is best to run workloads with the lowest level of privileges possible.

Manually overriding default non-root operation for data transfer

Although running Rsync pods as non-root user works in most cases, data transfer might fail when you run workloads as root user on the source side. MTC provides two ways to manually override default non-root operation for data transfer:

- Configure all migrations to run an Rsync pod as root on the destination cluster for all migrations.
- Run an Rsync pod as root on the destination cluster per migration.

In both cases, you must set the following labels on the source side of any namespaces that are running workloads with higher privileges prior to migration: **enforce**, **audit**, and **warn**.

To learn more about Pod Security Admission and setting values for labels, see [Controlling pod security admission synchronization](#).

4.5.1. Configuring the MigrationController CR as root or non-root for all migrations

By default, Rsync runs as non-root.

On the destination cluster, you can configure the **MigrationController** CR to run Rsync as root.

Procedure

- Configure the **MigrationController** CR as follows:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigrationController
metadata:
  name: migration-controller
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  [...]
  migration_rsync_privileged: true
```

This configuration will apply to all future migrations.

4.5.2. Configuring the MigMigration CR as root or non-root per migration

On the destination cluster, you can configure the **MigMigration** CR to run Rsync as root or non-root, with the following non-root options:

- As a specific user ID (UID)
- As a specific group ID (GID)

Procedure

1. To run Rsync as root, configure the **MigMigration** CR according to this example:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigMigration
metadata:
  name: migration-controller
  namespace: openshift-migration
```

```
spec:
  [...]
  runAsRoot: true
```

2. To run Rsync as a specific User ID (UID) or as a specific Group ID (GID), configure the **MigMigration** CR according to this example:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigMigration
metadata:
  name: migration-controller
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  [...]
  runAsUser: 10010001
  runAsGroup: 3
```

4.6. CONFIGURING A REPLICATION REPOSITORY

The Multicloud Object Gateway is the only supported option for a restricted network environment.

MTC supports the [file system and snapshot data copy methods](#) for migrating data from the source cluster to the target cluster. You can select a method that is suited for your environment and is supported by your storage provider.

4.6.1. Prerequisites

- All clusters must have uninterrupted network access to the replication repository.
- If you use a proxy server with an internally hosted replication repository, you must ensure that the proxy allows access to the replication repository.

4.6.2. Retrieving Multicloud Object Gateway credentials

You must retrieve the Multicloud Object Gateway (MCG) credentials in order to create a **Secret** custom resource (CR) for the OpenShift API for Data Protection (OADP).

MCG is a component of OpenShift Data Foundation.

Prerequisites

- You must deploy OpenShift Data Foundation by using the appropriate [OpenShift Data Foundation deployment guide](#).

Procedure

1. Obtain the S3 endpoint, **AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID**, and **AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY** by running the [describe command](#) on the **NooBaa** custom resource.

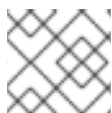
4.6.3. Additional resources

- [Disconnected environment](#) in the Red Hat OpenShift Data Foundation documentation.
- [MTC workflow](#)

- [About data copy methods](#)
- [Adding a replication repository to the MTC web console](#)

4.7. UNINSTALLING MTC AND DELETING RESOURCES

You can uninstall the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) and delete its resources to clean up the cluster.



NOTE

Deleting the **velero** CRDs removes Velero from the cluster.

Prerequisites

- You must be logged in as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges.

Procedure

1. Delete the **MigrationController** custom resource (CR) on all clusters:

```
$ oc delete migrationcontroller <migration_controller>
```

2. Uninstall the Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator on OpenShift Container Platform 4 by using the Operator Lifecycle Manager.
3. Delete cluster-scoped resources on all clusters by running the following commands:

- **migration** custom resource definitions (CRDs):

```
$ oc delete $(oc get crds -o name | grep 'migration.openshift.io')
```

- **velero** CRDs:

```
$ oc delete $(oc get crds -o name | grep 'velero')
```

- **migration** cluster roles:

```
$ oc delete $(oc get clusterroles -o name | grep 'migration.openshift.io')
```

- **migration-operator** cluster role:

```
$ oc delete clusterrole migration-operator
```

- **velero** cluster roles:

```
$ oc delete $(oc get clusterroles -o name | grep 'velero')
```

- **migration** cluster role bindings:

```
$ oc delete $(oc get clusterrolebindings -o name | grep 'migration.openshift.io')
```

- **migration-operator** cluster role bindings:

```
$ oc delete clusterrolebindings migration-operator
```

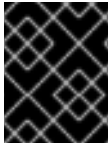
- **velero** cluster role bindings:

```
$ oc delete $(oc get clusterrolebindings -o name | grep 'velero')
```

CHAPTER 5. UPGRADING THE MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS

You can upgrade the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) on OpenShift Container Platform 4.15 by using Operator Lifecycle Manager.

You can upgrade MTC on OpenShift Container Platform 4.5, and earlier versions, by reinstalling the legacy Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator.



IMPORTANT

If you are upgrading from MTC version 1.3, you must perform an additional procedure to update the **MigPlan** custom resource (CR).

5.1. UPGRADING THE MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS ON OPENSIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM 4.15

You can upgrade the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) on OpenShift Container Platform 4.15 by using the Operator Lifecycle Manager.



IMPORTANT

When upgrading the MTC by using the Operator Lifecycle Manager, you must use a supported migration path.

Migration paths

- Migrating from OpenShift Container Platform 3 to OpenShift Container Platform 4 requires a legacy MTC Operator and MTC 1.7.x.
- Migrating from MTC 1.7.x to MTC 1.8.x is not supported.
- You must use MTC 1.7.x to migrate anything with a source of OpenShift Container Platform 4.9 or earlier.
 - MTC 1.7.x must be used on both source and destination.
- MTC 1.8.x only supports migrations from OpenShift Container Platform 4.10 or later to OpenShift Container Platform 4.10 or later. For migrations only involving cluster versions 4.10 and later, either 1.7.x or 1.8.x may be used. However, it must be the same MTC version on both source & destination.
 - Migration from source MTC 1.7.x to destination MTC 1.8.x is unsupported.
 - Migration from source MTC 1.8.x to destination MTC 1.7.x is unsupported.
 - Migration from source MTC 1.7.x to destination MTC 1.7.x is supported.
 - Migration from source MTC 1.8.x to destination MTC 1.8.x is supported

Prerequisites

- You must be logged in as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges.

Procedure

1. In the OpenShift Container Platform console, navigate to **Operators → Installed Operators**. Operators that have a pending upgrade display an **Upgrade available** status.
2. Click **Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator**.
3. Click the **Subscription** tab. Any upgrades requiring approval are displayed next to **Upgrade Status**. For example, it might display **1 requires approval**.
4. Click **1 requires approval**, then click **Preview Install Plan**.
5. Review the resources that are listed as available for upgrade and click **Approve**.
6. Navigate back to the **Operators → Installed Operators** page to monitor the progress of the upgrade. When complete, the status changes to **Succeeded** and **Up to date**.
7. Click **Workloads → Pods** to verify that the MTC pods are running.

5.2. UPGRADING THE MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS TO 1.8.0

To upgrade the Migration Toolkit for Containers to 1.8.0, complete the following steps.

Procedure

1. Determine subscription names and current channels to work with for upgrading by using one of the following methods:

- Determine the subscription names and channels by running the following command:

```
$ oc -n openshift-migration get sub
```

Example output

NAME CHANNEL	PACKAGE	SOURCE
mtc-operator catalog release-v1.7	mtc-operator	mtc-operator-
redhat-oadp-operator-stable-1.0-mtc-operator-catalog-openshift-marketplace	redhat-oadp-operator	mtc-operator-catalog stable-1.0

- Or return the subscription names and channels in JSON by running the following command:

```
$ oc -n openshift-migration get sub -o json | jq -r '.items[] | { name: .metadata.name, package: .spec.name, channel: .spec.channel }'
```

Example output

```
{
  "name": "mtc-operator",
  "package": "mtc-operator",
  "channel": "release-v1.7"
}
```



```
{
  "name": "redhat-oadp-operator-stable-1.0-mtc-operator-catalog-openshift-marketplace",
  "package": "redhat-oadp-operator",
  "channel": "stable-1.0"
}
```

- For each subscription, patch to move from the MTC 1.7 channel to the MTC 1.8 channel by running the following command:

```
$ oc -n openshift-migration patch subscription mtc-operator --type merge --patch '{"spec": {"channel": "release-v1.8"}}'
```

Example output

```
subscription.operators.coreos.com/mtc-operator patched
```

5.2.1. Upgrading OADP 1.0 to 1.2 for Migration Toolkit for Containers 1.8.0

To upgrade OADP 1.0 to 1.2 for Migration Toolkit for Containers 1.8.0, complete the following steps.

Procedure

- For each subscription, patch the OADP operator from OADP 1.0 to OADP 1.2 by running the following command:

```
$ oc -n openshift-migration patch subscription redhat-oadp-operator-stable-1.0-mtc-operator-catalog-openshift-marketplace --type merge --patch '{"spec": {"channel": "stable-1.2"}}'
```



NOTE

Sections indicating the user-specific returned **NAME** values that are used for the installation of MTC & OADP, respectively.

Example output

```
subscription.operators.coreos.com/redhat-oadp-operator-stable-1.0-mtc-operator-catalog-openshift-marketplace patched
```



NOTE

The returned value will be similar to **redhat-oadp-operator-stable-1.0-mtc-operator-catalog-openshift-marketplace**, which is used in this example.

- If the **installPlanApproval** parameter is set to **Automatic**, the Operator Lifecycle Manager (OLM) begins the upgrade process.
- If the **installPlanApproval** parameter is set to **Manual**, you must approve each **installPlan** before the OLM begins the upgrades.

Verification

1. Verify that the OLM has completed the upgrades of OADP and MTC by running the following command:

```
$ oc -n openshift-migration get subscriptions.operators.coreos.com mtc-operator -o json | jq '.status | (.state=="AtLatestKnown")'
```

2. When a value of **true** is returned, verify the channel used for each subscription by running the following command:

```
$ oc -n openshift-migration get sub -o json | jq -r '.items[] | {name: .metadata.name, channel: .spec.channel }'
```

Example output

```
{
  "name": "mtc-operator",
  "channel": "release-v1.8"
}
{
  "name": "redhat-oadp-operator-stable-1.0-mtc-operator-catalog-openshift-marketplace",
  "channel": "stable-1.2"
}
```

Confirm that the `mtc-operator.v1.8.0`` and `oadp-operator.v1.2.x`` packages are installed by running the following command:

```
$ oc -n openshift-migration get csv
```

Example output

NAME	DISPLAY	VERSION	REPLACES
mtc-operator.v1.8.0	Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator	1.8.0	mtc-operator.v1.7.13
oadp-operator.v1.2.2	OADP Operator	1.2.2	oadp-operator.v1.0.13

5.3. UPGRADING THE MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR CONTAINERS ON OPENSIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM VERSIONS 4.2 TO 4.5

You can upgrade Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) on OpenShift Container Platform versions 4.2 to 4.5 by manually installing the legacy Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator.

Prerequisites

- You must be logged in as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges.
- You must have access to **registry.redhat.io**.
- You must have **podman** installed.

Procedure

1. Log in to **registry.redhat.io** with your Red Hat Customer Portal credentials by entering the following command:

```
$ podman login registry.redhat.io
```

2. Download the **operator.yml** file by entering the following command:

```
$ podman cp $(podman create \
registry.redhat.io/rhmtc/openshift-migration-legacy-rhel8-operator:v1.8):/operator.yml ./
```

3. Replace the Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator by entering the following command:

```
$ oc replace --force -f operator.yml
```

4. Scale the **migration-operator** deployment to **0** to stop the deployment by entering the following command:

```
$ oc scale -n openshift-migration --replicas=0 deployment/migration-operator
```

5. Scale the **migration-operator** deployment to **1** to start the deployment and apply the changes by entering the following command:

```
$ oc scale -n openshift-migration --replicas=1 deployment/migration-operator
```

6. Verify that the **migration-operator** was upgraded by entering the following command:

```
$ oc -o yaml -n openshift-migration get deployment/migration-operator | grep image: | awk -F
":" '{ print $NF }'
```

7. Download the **controller.yml** file by entering the following command:

```
$ podman cp $(podman create \
registry.redhat.io/rhmtc/openshift-migration-legacy-rhel8-operator:v1.8):/controller.yml ./
```

8. Create the **migration-controller** object by entering the following command:

```
$ oc create -f controller.yml
```

9. Verify that the MTC pods are running by entering the following command:

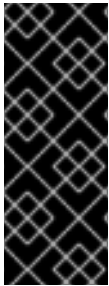
```
$ oc get pods -n openshift-migration
```

5.4. UPGRADING MTC 1.3 TO 1.8

If you are upgrading Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) version 1.3.x to 1.8, you must update the **MigPlan** custom resource (CR) manifest on the cluster on which the **MigrationController** pod is running.

Because the **indirectImageMigration** and **indirectVolumeMigration** parameters do not exist in MTC 1.3, their default value in version 1.4 is **false**, which means that direct image migration and direct volume

migration are enabled. Because the direct migration requirements are not fulfilled, the migration plan cannot reach a **Ready** state unless these parameter values are changed to **true**.



IMPORTANT

- Migrating from OpenShift Container Platform 3 to OpenShift Container Platform 4 requires a legacy MTC Operator and MTC 1.7.x.
- Upgrading MTC 1.7.x to 1.8.x requires manually updating the OADP channel from **stable-1.0** to **stable-1.2** in order to successfully complete the upgrade from 1.7.x to 1.8.x.

Prerequisites

- You must be logged in as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges.

Procedure

1. Log in to the cluster on which the **MigrationController** pod is running.
2. Get the **MigPlan** CR manifest:

```
$ oc get migplan <migplan> -o yaml -n openshift-migration
```

3. Update the following parameter values and save the file as **migplan.yaml**:

```
...
spec:
  indirectImageMigration: true
  indirectVolumeMigration: true
```

4. Replace the **MigPlan** CR manifest to apply the changes:

```
$ oc replace -f migplan.yaml -n openshift-migration
```

5. Get the updated **MigPlan** CR manifest to verify the changes:

```
$ oc get migplan <migplan> -o yaml -n openshift-migration
```

CHAPTER 6. PREMIGRATION CHECKLISTS

Before you migrate your application workloads with the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC), review the following checklists.

6.1. CLUSTER HEALTH CHECKLIST

- ☐ The clusters meet the minimum hardware requirements for the specific platform and installation method, for example, on [bare metal](#).
- ☐ All [MTC prerequisites](#) are met.
- ☐ All nodes have an active OpenShift Container Platform subscription.
- ☐ You have [verified node health](#).
- ☐ The [identity provider](#) is working.
- ☐ The migration network has a minimum throughput of 10 Gbps.
- ☐ The clusters have sufficient resources for migration.



NOTE

Clusters require additional memory, CPUs, and storage in order to run a migration on top of normal workloads. Actual resource requirements depend on the number of Kubernetes resources being migrated in a single migration plan. You must test migrations in a non-production environment in order to estimate the resource requirements.

- ☐ The [etcd disk performance](#) of the clusters has been checked with **fio**.

6.2. SOURCE CLUSTER CHECKLIST

- ☐ You have checked for persistent volumes (PVs) with abnormal configurations stuck in a **Terminating** state by running the following command:

```
$ oc get pv
```

- ☐ You have checked for pods whose status is other than **Running** or **Completed** by running the following command:

```
$ oc get pods --all-namespaces | egrep -v 'Running | Completed'
```

- ☐ You have checked for pods with a high restart count by running the following command:

```
$ oc get pods --all-namespaces --field-selector=status.phase=Running \
-o json | jq '.items[]|select(any( .status.containerStatuses[]; \
.restartCount > 3))|.metadata.name'
```

Even if the pods are in a **Running** state, a high restart count might indicate underlying problems.

- ☐ The cluster certificates are valid for the duration of the migration process.

- ☐ You have checked for pending certificate-signing requests by running the following command:

```
$ oc get csr -A | grep pending -i
```

- ☐ The registry uses a [recommended storage type](#).
- ☐ You can read and write images to the registry.
- ☐ The [etcd cluster](#) is healthy.
- ☐ The [average API server response time](#) on the source cluster is less than 50 ms.

6.3. TARGET CLUSTER CHECKLIST

- ☐ The cluster has the correct network configuration and permissions to access external services, for example, databases, source code repositories, container image registries, and CI/CD tools.
- ☐ External applications and services that use services provided by the cluster have the correct network configuration and permissions to access the cluster.
- ☐ Internal container image dependencies are met.
- ☐ The target cluster and the replication repository have sufficient storage space.

CHAPTER 7. NETWORK CONSIDERATIONS

Review the strategies for redirecting your application network traffic after migration.

7.1. DNS CONSIDERATIONS

The DNS domain of the target cluster is different from the domain of the source cluster. By default, applications get FQDNs of the target cluster after migration.

To preserve the source DNS domain of migrated applications, select one of the two options described below.

7.1.1. Isolating the DNS domain of the target cluster from the clients

You can allow the clients' requests sent to the DNS domain of the source cluster to reach the DNS domain of the target cluster without exposing the target cluster to the clients.

Procedure

1. Place an exterior network component, such as an application load balancer or a reverse proxy, between the clients and the target cluster.
2. Update the application FQDN on the source cluster in the DNS server to return the IP address of the exterior network component.
3. Configure the network component to send requests received for the application in the source domain to the load balancer in the target cluster domain.
4. Create a wildcard DNS record for the ***.apps.source.example.com** domain that points to the IP address of the load balancer of the source cluster.
5. Create a DNS record for each application that points to the IP address of the exterior network component in front of the target cluster. A specific DNS record has higher priority than a wildcard record, so no conflict arises when the application FQDN is resolved.



NOTE

- The exterior network component must terminate all secure TLS connections. If the connections pass through to the target cluster load balancer, the FQDN of the target application is exposed to the client and certificate errors occur.
- The applications must not return links referencing the target cluster domain to the clients. Otherwise, parts of the application might not load or work properly.

7.1.2. Setting up the target cluster to accept the source DNS domain

You can set up the target cluster to accept requests for a migrated application in the DNS domain of the source cluster.

Procedure

For both non-secure HTTP access and secure HTTPS access, perform the following steps:

1. Create a route in the target cluster's project that is configured to accept requests addressed to the application's FQDN in the source cluster:

```
$ oc expose svc <app1-svc> --hostname <app1.apps.source.example.com> \
-n <app1-namespace>
```

With this new route in place, the server accepts any request for that FQDN and sends it to the corresponding application pods. In addition, when you migrate the application, another route is created in the target cluster domain. Requests reach the migrated application using either of these hostnames.

2. Create a DNS record with your DNS provider that points the application's FQDN in the source cluster to the IP address of the default load balancer of the target cluster. This will redirect traffic away from your source cluster to your target cluster.
The FQDN of the application resolves to the load balancer of the target cluster. The default Ingress Controller router accept requests for that FQDN because a route for that hostname is exposed.

For secure HTTPS access, perform the following additional step:

1. Replace the x509 certificate of the default Ingress Controller created during the installation process with a custom certificate.
2. Configure this certificate to include the wildcard DNS domains for both the source and target clusters in the **subjectAltName** field.
The new certificate is valid for securing connections made using either DNS domain.

Additional resources

- See [Replacing the default ingress certificate](#) for more information.

7.2. NETWORK TRAFFIC REDIRECTION STRATEGIES

After a successful migration, you must redirect network traffic of your stateless applications from the source cluster to the target cluster.

The strategies for redirecting network traffic are based on the following assumptions:

- The application pods are running on both the source and target clusters.
- Each application has a route that contains the source cluster hostname.
- The route with the source cluster hostname contains a CA certificate.
- For HTTPS, the target router CA certificate contains a Subject Alternative Name for the wildcard DNS record of the source cluster.

Consider the following strategies and select the one that meets your objectives.

- Redirecting all network traffic for all applications at the same time
Change the wildcard DNS record of the source cluster to point to the target cluster router's virtual IP address (VIP).

This strategy is suitable for simple applications or small migrations.

- Redirecting network traffic for individual applications
Create a DNS record for each application with the source cluster hostname pointing to the target cluster router's VIP. This DNS record takes precedence over the source cluster wildcard DNS record.

- Redirecting network traffic gradually for individual applications
 1. Create a proxy that can direct traffic to both the source cluster router's VIP and the target cluster router's VIP, for each application.
 2. Create a DNS record for each application with the source cluster hostname pointing to the proxy.
 3. Configure the proxy entry for the application to route a percentage of the traffic to the target cluster router's VIP and the rest of the traffic to the source cluster router's VIP.
 4. Gradually increase the percentage of traffic that you route to the target cluster router's VIP until all the network traffic is redirected.
- User-based redirection of traffic for individual applications

Using this strategy, you can filter TCP/IP headers of user requests to redirect network traffic for predefined groups of users. This allows you to test the redirection process on specific populations of users before redirecting the entire network traffic.

 1. Create a proxy that can direct traffic to both the source cluster router's VIP and the target cluster router's VIP, for each application.
 2. Create a DNS record for each application with the source cluster hostname pointing to the proxy.
 3. Configure the proxy entry for the application to route traffic matching a given header pattern, such as **test customers**, to the target cluster router's VIP and the rest of the traffic to the source cluster router's VIP.
 4. Redirect traffic to the target cluster router's VIP in stages until all the traffic is on the target cluster router's VIP.

CHAPTER 8. DIRECT MIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

Direct Migration is available with Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) 1.4.0 or later.

There are two parts of the Direct Migration:

- Direct Volume Migration
- Direct Image Migration

Direct Migration enables the migration of persistent volumes and internal images directly from the source cluster to the destination cluster without an intermediary replication repository (object storage).

8.1. PREREQUISITES

- Expose the internal registries for both clusters (source and destination) involved in the migration for external traffic.
- Ensure the remote source and destination clusters can communicate using OpenShift Container Platform routes on port 443.
- Configure the exposed registry route in the source and destination MTC clusters; do this by specifying the **spec.exposedRegistryPath** field or from the MTC UI.



NOTE

- If the destination cluster is the same as the host cluster (where a migration controller exists), there is no need to configure the exposed registry route for that particular MTC cluster.
- The **spec.exposedRegistryPath** is required only for Direct Image Migration and not Direct Volume Migration.
- Ensure the two spec flags in **MigPlan** custom resource (CR) **indirectImageMigration** and **indirectVolumeMigration** are set to **false** for Direct Migration to be performed. The default value for these flags is **false**.

The Direct Migration feature of MTC uses the Rsync utility.

8.2. RSYNC CONFIGURATION FOR DIRECT VOLUME MIGRATION

Direct Volume Migration (DVM) in MTC uses Rsync to synchronize files between the source and the target persistent volumes (PVs), using a direct connection between the two PVs.

Rsync is a command-line tool that allows you to transfer files and directories to local and remote destinations.

The **rsync** command used by DVM is optimized for clusters functioning as expected.

The **MigrationController** CR exposes the following variables to configure **rsync_options** in Direct Volume Migration:

Variable	Type	Default value	Description
rsync_opt_bwlimit	int	Not set	When set to a positive integer, --bwlimit=<int> option is added to Rsync command.
rsync_opt_archive	bool	true	Sets the --archive option in the Rsync command.
rsync_opt_partial	bool	true	Sets the --partial option in the Rsync command.
rsync_opt_delete	bool	true	Sets the --delete option in the Rsync command.
rsync_opt_hardlinks	bool	true	Sets the --hard-links option in the Rsync command.
rsync_opt_info	string	COPY2 DEL2 REMOVE2 SKIP2 FLIST2 PROGRESS2 STATS2	Enables detailed logging in Rsync Pod.
rsync_opt_extras	string	Empty	Reserved for any other arbitrary options.

- Setting the options set through the variables above are *global* for all migrations. The configuration will take effect for all future migrations as soon as the Operator successfully reconciles the **MigrationController** CR. Any ongoing migration can use the updated settings depending on which step it currently is in. Therefore, it is recommended that the settings be applied before running a migration. The users can always update the settings as needed.
- Use the **rsync_opt_extras** variable with caution. Any options passed using this variable are appended to the **rsync** command, with addition. Ensure you add white spaces when specifying more than one option. Any error in specifying options can lead to a failed migration. However, you can update **MigrationController** CR as many times as you require for future migrations.
- Customizing the **rsync_opt_info** flag can adversely affect the progress reporting capabilities in MTC. However, removing progress reporting can have a performance advantage. This option should only be used when the performance of Rsync operation is observed to be unacceptable.

**NOTE**

The default configuration used by DVM is tested in various environments. It is acceptable for most production use cases provided the clusters are healthy and performing well. These configuration variables should be used in case the default settings do not work and the Rsync operation fails.

8.2.1. Resource limit configurations for Rsync pods

The **MigrationController** CR exposes following variables to configure resource usage requirements and limits on Rsync:

Variable	Type	Default	Description
source_rsync_pod_cpu_limits	string	1	Source rsync pod's CPU limit
source_rsync_pod_memory_limits	string	1Gi	Source rsync pod's memory limit
source_rsync_pod_cpu_requests	string	400m	Source rsync pod's cpu requests
source_rsync_pod_memory_requests	string	1Gi	Source rsync pod's memory requests
target_rsync_pod_cpu_limits	string	1	Target rsync pod's cpu limit
target_rsync_pod_cpu_requests	string	400m	Target rsync pod's cpu requests
target_rsync_pod_memory_limits	string	1Gi	Target rsync pod's memory limit
target_rsync_pod_memory_requests	string	1Gi	Target rsync pod's memory requests

8.2.1.1. Supplemental group configuration for Rsync pods

If Persistent Volume Claims (PVC) are using a shared storage, the access to storage can be configured by adding supplemental groups to Rsync pod definitions in order for the pods to allow access:

Variable	Type	Default	Description
src_supplemental_groups	string	Not Set	Comma separated list of supplemental groups for source Rsync pods

Variable	Type	Default	Description
target_suppl emental_gro ups	string	Not Set	Comma separated list of supplemental groups for target Rsync Pods

For example, the **MigrationController** CR can be updated to set the previous values:

```
spec:
  src_supplemental_groups: "1000,2000"
  target_supplemental_groups: "2000,3000"
```

8.2.1.2. Rsync retry configuration

With MTC 1.4.3 and later, a new ability of retrying a failed Rsync operation is introduced.

By default, the migration controller retries Rsync until all of the data is successfully transferred from the source to the target volume or a specified number of retries is met. The default retry limit is set to **20**.

For larger volumes, a limit of **20** retries may not be sufficient.

You can increase the retry limit by using the following variable in the **MigrationController** CR:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigrationController
metadata:
  name: migration-controller
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  [...]
  rsync_backoff_limit: 40
```

In this example, the retry limit is increased to **40**.

8.2.1.3. Running Rsync as either root or non-root

OpenShift Container Platform environments have the **PodSecurityAdmission** controller enabled by default. This controller requires cluster administrators to enforce Pod Security Standards by means of namespace labels. All workloads in the cluster are expected to run one of the following Pod Security Standard levels: **Privileged**, **Baseline** or **Restricted**. Every cluster has its own default policy set.

To guarantee successful data transfer in all environments, Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) 1.7.5 introduced changes in Rsync pods, including running Rsync pods as non-root user by default. This ensures that data transfer is possible even for workloads that do not necessarily require higher privileges. This change was made because it is best to run workloads with the lowest level of privileges possible.

8.2.1.3.1. Manually overriding default non-root operation for data transfer

Although running Rsync pods as non-root user works in most cases, data transfer might fail when you run workloads as root user on the source side. MTC provides two ways to manually override default non-root operation for data transfer:

- Configure all migrations to run an Rsync pod as root on the destination cluster for all migrations.
- Run an Rsync pod as root on the destination cluster per migration.

In both cases, you must set the following labels on the source side of any namespaces that are running workloads with higher privileges before migration: **enforce**, **audit**, and **warn**.

To learn more about Pod Security Admission and setting values for labels, see [Controlling pod security admission synchronization](#).

8.2.1.3.2. Configuring the MigrationController CR as root or non-root for all migrations

By default, Rsync runs as non-root.

On the destination cluster, you can configure the **MigrationController** CR to run Rsync as root.

Procedure

- Configure the **MigrationController** CR as follows:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigrationController
metadata:
  name: migration-controller
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  [...]
  migration_rsync_privileged: true
```

This configuration will apply to all future migrations.

8.2.1.3.3. Configuring the MigMigration CR as root or non-root per migration

On the destination cluster, you can configure the **MigMigration** CR to run Rsync as root or non-root, with the following non-root options:

- As a specific user ID (UID)
- As a specific group ID (GID)

Procedure

1. To run Rsync as root, configure the **MigMigration** CR according to this example:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigMigration
metadata:
  name: migration-controller
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  [...]
  runAsRoot: true
```

2. To run Rsync as a specific User ID (UID) or as a specific Group ID (GID), configure the **MigMigration** CR according to this example:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigMigration
metadata:
  name: migration-controller
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  [...]
  runAsUser: 10010001
  runAsGroup: 3
```

8.2.2. MigCluster Configuration

For every **MigCluster** resource created in MTC, a **ConfigMap** named **migration-cluster-config** is created in the Migration Operator's namespace on the cluster which MigCluster resource represents.

The **migration-cluster-config** allows you to configure MigCluster specific values. The Migration Operator manages the **migration-cluster-config**.

You can configure every value in the **ConfigMap** using the variables exposed in the **MigrationController** CR:

Variable	Type	Required	Description
migration_stage_image_fqin	string	No	Image to use for Stage Pods (applicable only to IndirectVolumeMigration)
migration_registry_image_fqin	string	No	Image to use for Migration Registry
rsync_endpoint_type	string	No	Type of endpoint for data transfer (Route , ClusterIP , NodePort)
rsync_transfer_image_fqin	string	No	Image to use for Rsync Pods (applicable only to DirectVolumeMigration)
migration_rsync_privileged	bool	No	Whether to run Rsync Pods as privileged or not
migration_rsync_super_privileged	bool	No	Whether to run Rsync Pods as super privileged containers (spc_t SELinux context) or not
cluster_subdomain	string	No	Cluster's subdomain
migration_registry_readiness_timeout	int	No	Readiness timeout (in seconds) for Migration Registry Deployment

Variable	Type	Required	Description
migration_registry_liveness_timeout	int	No	Liveness timeout (in seconds) for Migration Registry Deployment
exposed_registry_validation_path	string	No	Subpath to validate exposed registry in a MigCluster (for example /v2)

CHAPTER 9. MIGRATING YOUR APPLICATIONS

You can migrate your applications by using the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) web console or the [command line](#).

Most cluster-scoped resources are not yet handled by MTC. If your applications require cluster-scoped resources, you might have to create them manually on the target cluster.

You can use stage migration and cutover migration to migrate an application between clusters:

- Stage migration copies data from the source cluster to the target cluster without stopping the application. You can run a stage migration multiple times to reduce the duration of the cutover migration.
- Cutover migration stops the transactions on the source cluster and moves the resources to the target cluster.

You can use state migration to migrate an application's state:

- State migration copies selected persistent volume claims (PVCs).
- You can use state migration to migrate a namespace within the same cluster.

During migration, the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) preserves the following namespace annotations:

- **openshift.io/sa.scc.mcs**
- **openshift.io/sa.scc.supplemental-groups**
- **openshift.io/sa.scc.uid-range**

These annotations preserve the UID range, ensuring that the containers retain their file system permissions on the target cluster. There is a risk that the migrated UIDs could duplicate UIDs within an existing or future namespace on the target cluster.

9.1. MIGRATION PREREQUISITES

- You must be logged in as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges on all clusters.

Direct image migration

- You must ensure that the secure OpenShift image registry of the source cluster is exposed.
- You must create a route to the exposed registry.

Direct volume migration

- If your clusters use proxies, you must configure an Stunnel TCP proxy.

Clusters

- The source cluster must be upgraded to the latest MTC z-stream release.
- The MTC version must be the same on all clusters.

Network

NETWORK

- The clusters have unrestricted network access to each other and to the replication repository.
- If you copy the persistent volumes with **move**, the clusters must have unrestricted network access to the remote volumes.
- You must enable the following ports on an OpenShift Container Platform 4 cluster:
 - **6443** (API server)
 - **443** (routes)
 - **53** (DNS)
- You must enable port **443** on the replication repository if you are using TLS.

Persistent volumes (PVs)

- The PVs must be valid.
- The PVs must be bound to persistent volume claims.
- If you use snapshots to copy the PVs, the following additional prerequisites apply:
 - The cloud provider must support snapshots.
 - The PVs must have the same cloud provider.
 - The PVs must be located in the same geographic region.
 - The PVs must have the same storage class.

9.2. MIGRATING YOUR APPLICATIONS BY USING THE MTC WEB CONSOLE

You can configure clusters and a replication repository by using the MTC web console. Then, you can create and run a migration plan.

9.2.1. Launching the MTC web console

You can launch the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) web console in a browser.

Prerequisites

- The MTC web console must have network access to the OpenShift Container Platform web console.
- The MTC web console must have network access to the OAuth authorization server.

Procedure

1. Log in to the OpenShift Container Platform cluster on which you have installed MTC.
2. Obtain the MTC web console URL by entering the following command:

```
$ oc get -n openshift-migration route/migration -o go-template='https://{ .spec.host }'
```

The output resembles the following: **https://migration-openshift-migration.apps.cluster.openshift.com**.

3. Launch a browser and navigate to the MTC web console.



NOTE

If you try to access the MTC web console immediately after installing the Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator, the console might not load because the Operator is still configuring the cluster. Wait a few minutes and retry.

4. If you are using self-signed CA certificates, you will be prompted to accept the CA certificate of the source cluster API server. The web page guides you through the process of accepting the remaining certificates.
5. Log in with your OpenShift Container Platform **username** and **password**.

9.2.2. Adding a cluster to the MTC web console

You can add a cluster to the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) web console.

Prerequisites

- If you are using Azure snapshots to copy data:
 - You must specify the Azure resource group name for the cluster.
 - The clusters must be in the same Azure resource group.
 - The clusters must be in the same geographic location.
- If you are using direct image migration, you must expose a route to the image registry of the source cluster.

Procedure

1. Log in to the cluster.
2. Obtain the **migration-controller** service account token:

```
$ oc sa get-token migration-controller -n openshift-migration
```

Example output

```
eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsImtpZCI6IjI9.eyJpc3MiOiJrdWJlcm5ldGVzL3NlcnZpY2VhY2NvdW50liwi
a3ViZXJuZXRlcy5pby9zZXJ2aWNlYWNjb3VudC9uYW1lc3BhY2UiOiJtaWciLCJrdWJlcm5ldGVz
LmlvL3NlcnZpY2VhY2NvdW50L3NlY3JldC5uYW1lIjoibWlnLXRva2VuLW50dDZyIiwia3ViZXJuZ
XRlcy5pby9zZXJ2aWNlYWNjb3VudC9zZXJ2aWNlWFJY291bnQubmFtZSI6Im1pZyIsImt1YmV
ybWV0ZXMuaW8vc2VydmljZWJY291bnQvc2VydmljZS1hY2NvdW50LnVpZCI6ImE1YjFiYWMM
wLWMMxYmYtMTFIOS05Y2NiLTAYOWRmODYwYjMwOCIsInN1Yil6InN5c3RibTpsZXJ2aWNlY
WNjb3VudDptaWc6bWlnIn0.xqeeAINK7UXpdRqAtOj70qhBJPeMwmngLomV9iFxr5RoqUgKchZ
RG2J2rkqmPm6vr7K-
```

```
cm7ibD1lBpdQJCcVDuoHYsFgV4mp9vgOfn9osSDp2TGikwNz4Az95e81xnjVUmzh-
NjDsEpw71DH92iHV_xt2sTwzftS49LpPW2LjrV0evtNBP_t_RfskdArt5VSv25eORI7zScqfe1CiM
kcVbf2UqACQjo3LbkpfN26HAioO2oH0ECPiRzT0Xyh-KwFutJLS9Xgghyw-
LD9kPKcE_xbbJ9Y4Rqajh7WdPYuB0Jd9DPVrslmzK-F6cgHHYoZEv0SvLQi-
PO0rpDrcjOEQQ
```

3. In the MTC web console, click **Clusters**.

4. Click **Add cluster**.

5. Fill in the following fields:

- **Cluster name:** The cluster name can contain lower-case letters (**a-z**) and numbers (**0-9**). It must not contain spaces or international characters.
- **URL:** Specify the API server URL, for example, **https://<www.example.com>:8443**.
- **Service account token:** Paste the **migration-controller** service account token.
- **Exposed route host to image registry** If you are using direct image migration, specify the exposed route to the image registry of the source cluster.
To create the route, run the following command:

- For OpenShift Container Platform 3:

```
$ oc create route passthrough --service=docker-registry --port=5000 -n default
```

- For OpenShift Container Platform 4:

```
$ oc create route passthrough --service=image-registry --port=5000 -n openshift-
image-registry
```

- **Azure cluster:** You must select this option if you use Azure snapshots to copy your data.
- **Azure resource group:** This field is displayed if **Azure cluster** is selected. Specify the Azure resource group.
- **Require SSL verification:** Optional: Select this option to verify SSL connections to the cluster.
- **CA bundle file:** This field is displayed if **Require SSL verification** is selected. If you created a custom CA certificate bundle file for self-signed certificates, click **Browse**, select the CA bundle file, and upload it.

6. Click **Add cluster**.

The cluster appears in the **Clusters** list.

9.2.3. Adding a replication repository to the MTC web console

You can add an object storage as a replication repository to the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) web console.

MTC supports the following storage providers:

- Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3

- Multi-Cloud Object Gateway (MCG)
- Generic S3 object storage, for example, Minio or Ceph S3
- Google Cloud Provider (GCP)
- Microsoft Azure Blob

Prerequisites

- You must configure the object storage as a replication repository.

Procedure

1. In the MTC web console, click **Replication repositories**.
2. Click **Add repository**.
3. Select a **Storage provider type** and fill in the following fields:
 - **AWS** for S3 providers, including AWS and MCG:
 - **Replication repository name** Specify the replication repository name in the MTC web console.
 - **S3 bucket name**: Specify the name of the S3 bucket.
 - **S3 bucket region**: Specify the S3 bucket region. **Required** for AWS S3. **Optional** for some S3 providers. Check the product documentation of your S3 provider for expected values.
 - **S3 endpoint**: Specify the URL of the S3 service, not the bucket, for example, **https://<s3-storage.apps.cluster.com>**. **Required** for a generic S3 provider. You must use the **https://** prefix.
 - **S3 provider access key**: Specify the **<AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY>** for AWS or the S3 provider access key for MCG and other S3 providers.
 - **S3 provider secret access key**: Specify the **<AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID>** for AWS or the S3 provider secret access key for MCG and other S3 providers.
 - **Require SSL verification**: Clear this checkbox if you are using a generic S3 provider.
 - If you created a custom CA certificate bundle for self-signed certificates, click **Browse** and browse to the Base64-encoded file.
 - **GCP**:
 - **Replication repository name** Specify the replication repository name in the MTC web console.
 - **GCP bucket name**: Specify the name of the GCP bucket.
 - **GCP credential JSON blob**: Specify the string in the **credentials-velero** file.
 - **Azure**:

- **Replication repository name** Specify the replication repository name in the MTC web console.
 - **Azure resource group**: Specify the resource group of the Azure Blob storage.
 - **Azure storage account name** Specify the Azure Blob storage account name.
 - **Azure credentials - INI file contents** Specify the string in the **credentials-velero** file.
4. Click **Add repository** and wait for connection validation.
 5. Click **Close**.
The new repository appears in the **Replication repositories** list.

9.2.4. Creating a migration plan in the MTC web console

You can create a migration plan in the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) web console.

Prerequisites

- You must be logged in as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges on all clusters.
- You must ensure that the same MTC version is installed on all clusters.
- You must add the clusters and the replication repository to the MTC web console.
- If you want to use the *move* data copy method to migrate a persistent volume (PV), the source and target clusters must have uninterrupted network access to the remote volume.
- If you want to use direct image migration, you must specify the exposed route to the image registry of the source cluster. This can be done by using the MTC web console or by updating the **MigCluster** custom resource manifest.

Procedure

1. In the MTC web console, click **Migration plans**.
2. Click **Add migration plan**.
3. Enter the **Plan name**.
The migration plan name must not exceed 253 lower-case alphanumeric characters (**a-z, 0-9**) and must not contain spaces or underscores (_).
4. Select a **Source cluster**, a **Target cluster**, and a **Repository**.
5. Click **Next**.
6. Select the projects for migration.
7. Optional: Click the edit icon beside a project to change the target namespace.
8. Click **Next**.
9. Select a **Migration type** for each PV:

- The **Copy** option copies the data from the PV of a source cluster to the replication repository and then restores the data on a newly created PV, with similar characteristics, in the target cluster.
- The **Move** option unmounts a remote volume, for example, NFS, from the source cluster, creates a PV resource on the target cluster pointing to the remote volume, and then mounts the remote volume on the target cluster. Applications running on the target cluster use the same remote volume that the source cluster was using.

10. Click **Next**.

11. Select a **Copy method** for each PV:

- **Snapshot copy** backs up and restores data using the cloud provider's snapshot functionality. It is significantly faster than **Filesystem copy**.
- **Filesystem copy** backs up the files on the source cluster and restores them on the target cluster.
The file system copy method is required for direct volume migration.

12. You can select **Verify copy** to verify data migrated with **Filesystem copy**. Data is verified by generating a checksum for each source file and checking the checksum after restoration. Data verification significantly reduces performance.

13. Select a **Target storage class**.

If you selected **Filesystem copy**, you can change the target storage class.

14. Click **Next**.

15. On the **Migration options** page, the **Direct image migration** option is selected if you specified an exposed image registry route for the source cluster. The **Direct PV migration** option is selected if you are migrating data with **Filesystem copy**.

The direct migration options copy images and files directly from the source cluster to the target cluster. This option is much faster than copying images and files from the source cluster to the replication repository and then from the replication repository to the target cluster.

16. Click **Next**.

17. Optional: Click **Add Hook** to add a hook to the migration plan.

A hook runs custom code. You can add up to four hooks to a single migration plan. Each hook runs during a different migration step.

- Enter the name of the hook to display in the web console.
- If the hook is an Ansible playbook, select **Ansible playbook** and click **Browse** to upload the playbook or paste the contents of the playbook in the field.
- Optional: Specify an Ansible runtime image if you are not using the default hook image.
- If the hook is not an Ansible playbook, select **Custom container image** and specify the image name and path.
A custom container image can include Ansible playbooks.
- Select **Source cluster** or **Target cluster**.
- Enter the **Service account name** and the **Service account namespace**

g. Select the migration step for the hook:

- **preBackup**: Before the application workload is backed up on the source cluster
- **postBackup**: After the application workload is backed up on the source cluster
- **preRestore**: Before the application workload is restored on the target cluster
- **postRestore**: After the application workload is restored on the target cluster

h. Click **Add**.

18. Click **Finish**.

The migration plan is displayed in the **Migration plans** list.

Additional resources for persistent volume copy methods

- [MTC file system copy method](#)
- [MTC snapshot copy method](#)

9.2.5. Running a migration plan in the MTC web console

You can migrate applications and data with the migration plan you created in the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) web console.



NOTE

During migration, MTC sets the reclaim policy of migrated persistent volumes (PVs) to **Retain** on the target cluster.

The **Backup** custom resource contains a **PVOriginalReclaimPolicy** annotation that indicates the original reclaim policy. You can manually restore the reclaim policy of the migrated PVs.


Prerequisites

The MTC web console must contain the following:

- Source cluster in a **Ready** state
- Target cluster in a **Ready** state
- Replication repository
- Valid migration plan

Procedure

1. Log in to the MTC web console and click **Migration plans**.

2. Click the Options menu  next to a migration plan and select one of the following options under **Migration**:

- **Stage** copies data from the source cluster to the target cluster without stopping the application.
- **Cutover** stops the transactions on the source cluster and moves the resources to the target cluster.
Optional: In the **Cutover migration** dialog, you can clear the **Halt transactions on the source cluster during migration** checkbox.
- **State** copies selected persistent volume claims (PVCs).



IMPORTANT

Do not use state migration to migrate a namespace between clusters. Use stage or cutover migration instead.

- Select one or more PVCs in the **State migration** dialog and click **Migrate**.
3. When the migration is complete, verify that the application migrated successfully in the OpenShift Container Platform web console:
 - a. Click **Home → Projects**.
 - b. Click the migrated project to view its status.
 - c. In the **Routes** section, click **Location** to verify that the application is functioning, if applicable.
 - d. Click **Workloads → Pods** to verify that the pods are running in the migrated namespace.
 - e. Click **Storage → Persistent volumes** to verify that the migrated persistent volumes are correctly provisioned.

CHAPTER 10. ADVANCED MIGRATION OPTIONS

You can automate your migrations and modify the **MigPlan** and **MigrationController** custom resources in order to perform large-scale migrations and to improve performance.

10.1. TERMINOLOGY

Table 10.1. MTC terminology

Term	Definition
Source cluster	Cluster from which the applications are migrated.
Destination cluster ^[1]	Cluster to which the applications are migrated.
Replication repository	Object storage used for copying images, volumes, and Kubernetes objects during indirect migration or for Kubernetes objects during direct volume migration or direct image migration. The replication repository must be accessible to all clusters.
Host cluster	Cluster on which the migration-controller pod and the web console are running. The host cluster is usually the destination cluster but this is not required. The host cluster does not require an exposed registry route for direct image migration.
Remote cluster	A remote cluster is usually the source cluster but this is not required. A remote cluster requires a Secret custom resource that contains the migration-controller service account token. A remote cluster requires an exposed secure registry route for direct image migration.
Indirect migration	Images, volumes, and Kubernetes objects are copied from the source cluster to the replication repository and then from the replication repository to the destination cluster.
Direct volume migration	Persistent volumes are copied directly from the source cluster to the destination cluster.
Direct image migration	Images are copied directly from the source cluster to the destination cluster.
Stage migration	Data is copied to the destination cluster without stopping the application. Running a stage migration multiple times reduces the duration of the cutover migration.
Cutover migration	The application is stopped on the source cluster and its resources are migrated to the destination cluster.

Term	Definition
State migration	Application state is migrated by copying specific persistent volume claims to the destination cluster.
Rollback migration	Rollback migration rolls back a completed migration.

¹ Called the *target* cluster in the MTC web console.

10.2. MIGRATING APPLICATIONS BY USING THE COMMAND LINE

You can migrate applications with the MTC API by using the command line interface (CLI) in order to automate the migration.

10.2.1. Migration prerequisites

- You must be logged in as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges on all clusters.

Direct image migration

- You must ensure that the secure OpenShift image registry of the source cluster is exposed.
- You must create a route to the exposed registry.

Direct volume migration

- If your clusters use proxies, you must configure an Stunnel TCP proxy.

Clusters

- The source cluster must be upgraded to the latest MTC z-stream release.
- The MTC version must be the same on all clusters.

Network

- The clusters have unrestricted network access to each other and to the replication repository.
- If you copy the persistent volumes with **move**, the clusters must have unrestricted network access to the remote volumes.
- You must enable the following ports on an OpenShift Container Platform 4 cluster:
 - **6443** (API server)
 - **443** (routes)
 - **53** (DNS)
- You must enable port **443** on the replication repository if you are using TLS.

Persistent volumes (PVs)

- The PVs must be valid.
- The PVs must be bound to persistent volume claims.
- If you use snapshots to copy the PVs, the following additional prerequisites apply:
 - The cloud provider must support snapshots.
 - The PVs must have the same cloud provider.
 - The PVs must be located in the same geographic region.
 - The PVs must have the same storage class.

10.2.2. Creating a registry route for direct image migration

For direct image migration, you must create a route to the exposed OpenShift image registry on all remote clusters.

Prerequisites

- The OpenShift image registry must be exposed to external traffic on all remote clusters. The OpenShift Container Platform 4 registry is exposed by default.

Procedure

- To create a route to an OpenShift Container Platform 4 registry, run the following command:

```
$ oc create route passthrough --service=image-registry -n openshift-image-registry
```

10.2.3. Proxy configuration

For OpenShift Container Platform 4.1 and earlier versions, you must configure proxies in the **MigrationController** custom resource (CR) manifest after you install the Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator because these versions do not support a cluster-wide **proxy** object.

For OpenShift Container Platform 4.2 to 4.15, the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) inherits the cluster-wide proxy settings. You can change the proxy parameters if you want to override the cluster-wide proxy settings.

10.2.3.1. Direct volume migration

Direct Volume Migration (DVM) was introduced in MTC 1.4.2. DVM supports only one proxy. The source cluster cannot access the route of the target cluster if the target cluster is also behind a proxy.

If you want to perform a DVM from a source cluster behind a proxy, you must configure a TCP proxy that works at the transport layer and forwards the SSL connections transparently without decrypting and re-encrypting them with their own SSL certificates. A Stunnel proxy is an example of such a proxy.

10.2.3.1.1. TCP proxy setup for DVM

You can set up a direct connection between the source and the target cluster through a TCP proxy and configure the **stunnel_tcp_proxy** variable in the **MigrationController** CR to use the proxy:

```

apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigrationController
metadata:
  name: migration-controller
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  [...]
  stunnel_tcp_proxy: http://username:password@ip:port

```

Direct volume migration (DVM) supports only basic authentication for the proxy. Moreover, DVM works only from behind proxies that can tunnel a TCP connection transparently. HTTP/HTTPS proxies in man-in-the-middle mode do not work. The existing cluster-wide proxies might not support this behavior. As a result, the proxy settings for DVM are intentionally kept different from the usual proxy configuration in MTC.

10.2.3.1.2. Why use a TCP proxy instead of an HTTP/HTTPS proxy?

You can enable DVM by running Rsync between the source and the target cluster over an OpenShift route. Traffic is encrypted using Stunnel, a TCP proxy. The Stunnel running on the source cluster initiates a TLS connection with the target Stunnel and transfers data over an encrypted channel.

Cluster-wide HTTP/HTTPS proxies in OpenShift are usually configured in man-in-the-middle mode where they negotiate their own TLS session with the outside servers. However, this does not work with Stunnel. Stunnel requires that its TLS session be untouched by the proxy, essentially making the proxy a transparent tunnel which simply forwards the TCP connection as-is. Therefore, you must use a TCP proxy.

10.2.3.1.3. Known issue

Migration fails with error **Upgrade request required**

The migration Controller uses the SPDY protocol to execute commands within remote pods. If the remote cluster is behind a proxy or a firewall that does not support the SPDY protocol, the migration controller fails to execute remote commands. The migration fails with the error message **Upgrade request required**. Workaround: Use a proxy that supports the SPDY protocol.

In addition to supporting the SPDY protocol, the proxy or firewall also must pass the **Upgrade** HTTP header to the API server. The client uses this header to open a websocket connection with the API server. If the **Upgrade** header is blocked by the proxy or firewall, the migration fails with the error message **Upgrade request required**. Workaround: Ensure that the proxy forwards the **Upgrade** header.

10.2.3.2. Tuning network policies for migrations

OpenShift supports restricting traffic to or from pods using *NetworkPolicy* or *EgressFirewalls* based on the network plugin used by the cluster. If any of the source namespaces involved in a migration use such mechanisms to restrict network traffic to pods, the restrictions might inadvertently stop traffic to Rsync pods during migration.

Rsync pods running on both the source and the target clusters must connect to each other over an OpenShift Route. Existing *NetworkPolicy* or *EgressNetworkPolicy* objects can be configured to automatically exempt Rsync pods from these traffic restrictions.

10.2.3.2.1. NetworkPolicy configuration

10.2.3.2.1.1. Egress traffic from Rsync pods

You can use the unique labels of Rsync pods to allow egress traffic to pass from them if the **NetworkPolicy** configuration in the source or destination namespaces blocks this type of traffic. The following policy allows **all** egress traffic from Rsync pods in the namespace:

```
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: allow-all-egress-from-rsync-pods
spec:
  podSelector:
    matchLabels:
      owner: directvolumemigration
      app: directvolumemigration-rsync-transfer
  egress:
  - {}
  policyTypes:
  - Egress
```

10.2.3.2.1.2. Ingress traffic to Rsync pods

```
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: allow-all-egress-from-rsync-pods
spec:
  podSelector:
    matchLabels:
      owner: directvolumemigration
      app: directvolumemigration-rsync-transfer
  ingress:
  - {}
  policyTypes:
  - Ingress
```

10.2.3.2.2. EgressNetworkPolicy configuration

The **EgressNetworkPolicy** object or *Egress Firewalls* are OpenShift constructs designed to block egress traffic leaving the cluster.

Unlike the **NetworkPolicy** object, the Egress Firewall works at a project level because it applies to all pods in the namespace. Therefore, the unique labels of Rsync pods do not exempt only Rsync pods from the restrictions. However, you can add the CIDR ranges of the source or target cluster to the *Allow* rule of the policy so that a direct connection can be setup between two clusters.

Based on which cluster the Egress Firewall is present in, you can add the CIDR range of the other cluster to allow egress traffic between the two:

```
apiVersion: network.openshift.io/v1
kind: EgressNetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: test-egress-policy
  namespace: <namespace>
```

```
spec:
  egress:
  - to:
      cidrSelector: <cidr_of_source_or_target_cluster>
      type: Deny
```

10.2.3.2.3. Choosing alternate endpoints for data transfer

By default, DVM uses an OpenShift Container Platform route as an endpoint to transfer PV data to destination clusters. You can choose another type of supported endpoint, if cluster topologies allow.

For each cluster, you can configure an endpoint by setting the **rsync_endpoint_type** variable on the appropriate **destination** cluster in your **MigrationController** CR:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigrationController
metadata:
  name: migration-controller
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  [...]
  rsync_endpoint_type: [NodePort|ClusterIP|Route]
```

10.2.3.2.4. Configuring supplemental groups for Rsync pods

When your PVCs use a shared storage, you can configure the access to that storage by adding supplemental groups to Rsync pod definitions in order for the pods to allow access:

Table 10.2. Supplementary groups for Rsync pods

Variable	Type	Default	Description
src_supplemental_groups	string	Not set	Comma-separated list of supplemental groups for source Rsync pods
target_supplemental_groups	string	Not set	Comma-separated list of supplemental groups for target Rsync pods

Example usage

The **MigrationController** CR can be updated to set values for these supplemental groups:

```
spec:
  src_supplemental_groups: "1000,2000"
  target_supplemental_groups: "2000,3000"
```

10.2.3.3. Configuring proxies

Prerequisites

- You must be logged in as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges on all clusters.

Procedure

1. Get the **MigrationController** CR manifest:

```
$ oc get migrationcontroller <migration_controller> -n openshift-migration
```

2. Update the proxy parameters:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigrationController
metadata:
  name: <migration_controller>
  namespace: openshift-migration
...
spec:
  stunnel_tcp_proxy: http://<username>:<password>@<ip>:<port> 1
  noProxy: example.com 2
```

- 1 Stunnel proxy URL for direct volume migration.
- 2 Comma-separated list of destination domain names, domains, IP addresses, or other network CIDRs to exclude proxying.

Preface a domain with **.** to match subdomains only. For example, **.y.com** matches **x.y.com**, but not **y.com**. Use ***** to bypass proxy for all destinations. If you scale up workers that are not included in the network defined by the **networking.machineNetwork[].cidr** field from the installation configuration, you must add them to this list to prevent connection issues.

This field is ignored if neither the **httpProxy** nor the **httpsProxy** field is set.

3. Save the manifest as **migration-controller.yaml**.
4. Apply the updated manifest:

```
$ oc replace -f migration-controller.yaml -n openshift-migration
```

10.2.4. Migrating an application by using the MTC API

You can migrate an application from the command line by using the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) API.

Procedure

1. Create a **MigCluster** CR manifest for the host cluster:

```
$ cat << EOF | oc apply -f -
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigCluster
metadata:
  name: <host_cluster>
  namespace: openshift-migration
```



```
spec:
  isHostCluster: true
EOF
```

2. Create a **Secret** object manifest for each remote cluster:

```
$ cat << EOF | oc apply -f -
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: <cluster_secret>
  namespace: openshift-config
type: Opaque
data:
  saToken: <sa_token>
EOF
```

- 1 Specify the base64-encoded **migration-controller** service account (SA) token of the remote cluster. You can obtain the token by running the following command:

```
$ oc sa get-token migration-controller -n openshift-migration | base64 -w 0
```

3. Create a **MigCluster** CR manifest for each remote cluster:

```
$ cat << EOF | oc apply -f -
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigCluster
metadata:
  name: <remote_cluster>
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  exposedRegistryPath: <exposed_registry_route>
  insecure: false
  isHostCluster: false
  serviceAccountSecretRef:
    name: <remote_cluster_secret>
    namespace: openshift-config
  url: <remote_cluster_url>
EOF
```

- 1 Specify the **Cluster** CR of the remote cluster.
- 2 Optional: For direct image migration, specify the exposed registry route.
- 3 SSL verification is enabled if **false**. CA certificates are not required or checked if **true**.
- 4 Specify the **Secret** object of the remote cluster.
- 5 Specify the URL of the remote cluster.

4. Verify that all clusters are in a **Ready** state:

```
$ oc describe cluster <cluster>
```

5. Create a **Secret** object manifest for the replication repository:

```
$ cat << EOF | oc apply -f -
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  namespace: openshift-config
  name: <migstorage_creds>
type: Opaque
data:
  aws-access-key-id: <key_id_base64> ❶
  aws-secret-access-key: <secret_key_base64> ❷
EOF
```

- ❶ Specify the key ID in base64 format.
- ❷ Specify the secret key in base64 format.

AWS credentials are base64-encoded by default. For other storage providers, you must encode your credentials by running the following command with each key:

```
$ echo -n "<key>" | base64 -w 0 ❶
```

- ❶ Specify the key ID or the secret key. Both keys must be base64-encoded.

6. Create a **MigStorage** CR manifest for the replication repository:

```
$ cat << EOF | oc apply -f -
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigStorage
metadata:
  name: <migstorage>
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  backupStorageConfig:
    awsBucketName: <bucket> ❶
    credsSecretRef:
      name: <storage_secret> ❷
      namespace: openshift-config
  backupStorageProvider: <storage_provider> ❸
  volumeSnapshotConfig:
    credsSecretRef:
      name: <storage_secret> ❹
      namespace: openshift-config
  volumeSnapshotProvider: <storage_provider> ❺
EOF
```

- ❶ Specify the bucket name.
- ❷ Specify the **Secrets** CR of the object storage. You must ensure that the credentials stored

- 3 Specify the storage provider.
- 4 Optional: If you are copying data by using snapshots, specify the **Secrets** CR of the object storage. You must ensure that the credentials stored in the **Secrets** CR of the object storage are correct.
- 5 Optional: If you are copying data by using snapshots, specify the storage provider.

7. Verify that the **MigStorage** CR is in a **Ready** state:

```
$ oc describe migstorage <migstorage>
```

8. Create a **MigPlan** CR manifest:

```
$ cat << EOF | oc apply -f -
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigPlan
metadata:
  name: <migplan>
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  destMigClusterRef:
    name: <host_cluster>
    namespace: openshift-migration
  indirectImageMigration: true 1
  indirectVolumeMigration: true 2
  migStorageRef:
    name: <migstorage> 3
    namespace: openshift-migration
  namespaces:
    - <source_namespace_1> 4
    - <source_namespace_2>
    - <source_namespace_3>:<destination_namespace> 5
  srcMigClusterRef:
    name: <remote_cluster> 6
    namespace: openshift-migration
EOF
```

- 1 Direct image migration is enabled if **false**.
- 2 Direct volume migration is enabled if **false**.
- 3 Specify the name of the **MigStorage** CR instance.
- 4 Specify one or more source namespaces. By default, the destination namespace has the same name.
- 5 Specify a destination namespace if it is different from the source namespace.
- 6 Specify the name of the source cluster **MigCluster** instance.

9. Verify that the **MigPlan** instance is in a **Ready** state:

```
$ oc describe migplan <migplan> -n openshift-migration
```

10. Create a **MigMigration** CR manifest to start the migration defined in the **MigPlan** instance:

```
$ cat << EOF | oc apply -f -
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigMigration
metadata:
  name: <migmigration>
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  migPlanRef:
    name: <migplan> ❶
    namespace: openshift-migration
  quiescePods: true ❷
  stage: false ❸
  rollback: false ❹
EOF
```

- ❶ Specify the **MigPlan** CR name.
- ❷ The pods on the source cluster are stopped before migration if **true**.
- ❸ A stage migration, which copies most of the data without stopping the application, is performed if **true**.
- ❹ A completed migration is rolled back if **true**.

11. Verify the migration by watching the **MigMigration** CR progress:

```
$ oc watch migmigration <migmigration> -n openshift-migration
```

The output resembles the following:

Example output

```
Name:      c8b034c0-6567-11eb-9a4f-0bc004db0fbc
Namespace: openshift-migration
Labels:    migration.openshift.io/migplan-name=django
Annotations: openshift.io/touch: e99f9083-6567-11eb-8420-0a580a81020c
API Version: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
Kind:      MigMigration
...
Spec:
  Mig Plan Ref:
    Name:      migplan
    Namespace: openshift-migration
  Stage:      false
Status:
  Conditions:
    Category:      Advisory
    Last Transition Time: 2021-02-02T15:04:09Z
    Message:        Step: 19/47
```

```

Reason:      InitialBackupCreated
Status:      True
Type:        Running
Category:    Required
Last Transition Time: 2021-02-02T15:03:19Z
Message:     The migration is ready.
Status:      True
Type:        Ready
Category:    Required
Durable:     true
Last Transition Time: 2021-02-02T15:04:05Z
Message:     The migration registries are healthy.
Status:      True
Type:        RegistriesHealthy
Itinerary:   Final
Observed Digest:
7fae9d21f15979c71ddc7dd075cb97061895caac5b936d92fae967019ab616d5
Phase:       InitialBackupCreated
Pipeline:
  Completed: 2021-02-02T15:04:07Z
  Message:   Completed
  Name:      Prepare
  Started:   2021-02-02T15:03:18Z
  Message:   Waiting for initial Velero backup to complete.
  Name:      Backup
  Phase:     InitialBackupCreated
  Progress:
    Backup openshift-migration/c8b034c0-6567-11eb-9a4f-0bc004db0fbc-wpc44: 0 out of
    estimated total of 0 objects backed up (5s)
  Started:   2021-02-02T15:04:07Z
  Message:   Not started
  Name:      StageBackup
  Message:   Not started
  Name:      StageRestore
  Message:   Not started
  Name:      DirectImage
  Message:   Not started
  Name:      DirectVolume
  Message:   Not started
  Name:      Restore
  Message:   Not started
  Name:      Cleanup
Start Timestamp: 2021-02-02T15:03:18Z
Events:
Type Reason Age From Message
----
Normal Running 57s migmigration_controller Step: 2/47
Normal Running 57s migmigration_controller Step: 3/47
Normal Running 57s (x3 over 57s) migmigration_controller Step: 4/47
Normal Running 54s migmigration_controller Step: 5/47
Normal Running 54s migmigration_controller Step: 6/47
Normal Running 52s (x2 over 53s) migmigration_controller Step: 7/47
Normal Running 51s (x2 over 51s) migmigration_controller Step: 8/47
Normal Ready 50s (x12 over 57s) migmigration_controller The migration is ready.
Normal Running 50s migmigration_controller Step: 9/47
Normal Running 50s migmigration_controller Step: 10/47

```

10.2.5. State migration

You can perform repeatable, state-only migrations by using Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) to migrate persistent volume claims (PVCs) that constitute an application's state. You migrate specified PVCs by excluding other PVCs from the migration plan. You can map the PVCs to ensure that the source and the target PVCs are synchronized. Persistent volume (PV) data is copied to the target cluster. The PV references are not moved, and the application pods continue to run on the source cluster.

State migration is specifically designed to be used in conjunction with external CD mechanisms, such as OpenShift GitOps. You can migrate application manifests using GitOps while migrating the state using MTC.

If you have a CI/CD pipeline, you can migrate stateless components by deploying them on the target cluster. Then you can migrate stateful components by using MTC.

You can perform a state migration between clusters or within the same cluster.



IMPORTANT

State migration migrates only the components that constitute an application's state. If you want to migrate an entire namespace, use stage or cutover migration.

Prerequisites

- The state of the application on the source cluster is persisted in **PersistentVolumes** provisioned through **PersistentVolumeClaims**.
- The manifests of the application are available in a central repository that is accessible from both the source and the target clusters.

Procedure

1. Migrate persistent volume data from the source to the target cluster.
You can perform this step as many times as needed. The source application continues running.
2. Quiesce the source application.
You can do this by setting the replicas of workload resources to **0**, either directly on the source cluster or by updating the manifests in GitHub and re-syncing the Argo CD application.
3. Clone application manifests to the target cluster.
You can use Argo CD to clone the application manifests to the target cluster.
4. Migrate the remaining volume data from the source to the target cluster.
Migrate any new data created by the application during the state migration process by performing a final data migration.
5. If the cloned application is in a quiesced state, unquiesce it.
6. Switch the DNS record to the target cluster to re-direct user traffic to the migrated application.



NOTE

MTC 1.6 cannot quiesce applications automatically when performing state migration. It can only migrate PV data. Therefore, you must use your CD mechanisms for quiescing or unquiescing applications.

MTC 1.7 introduces explicit Stage and Cutover flows. You can use staging to perform initial data transfers as many times as needed. Then you can perform a cutover, in which the source applications are quiesced automatically.

Additional resources

- See [Excluding PVCs from migration](#) to select PVCs for state migration.
- See [Mapping PVCs](#) to migrate source PV data to provisioned PVCs on the destination cluster.
- See [Migrating Kubernetes objects](#) to migrate the Kubernetes objects that constitute an application's state.

10.3. MIGRATION HOOKS

You can add up to four migration hooks to a single migration plan, with each hook running at a different phase of the migration. Migration hooks perform tasks such as customizing application quiescence, manually migrating unsupported data types, and updating applications after migration.

A migration hook runs on a source or a target cluster at one of the following migration steps:

- **PreBackup:** Before resources are backed up on the source cluster.
- **PostBackup:** After resources are backed up on the source cluster.
- **PreRestore:** Before resources are restored on the target cluster.
- **PostRestore:** After resources are restored on the target cluster.

You can create a hook by creating an Ansible playbook that runs with the default Ansible image or with a custom hook container.

Ansible playbook

The Ansible playbook is mounted on a hook container as a config map. The hook container runs as a job, using the cluster, service account, and namespace specified in the **MigPlan** custom resource. The job continues to run until it reaches the default limit of 6 retries or a successful completion. This continues even if the initial pod is evicted or killed.

The default Ansible runtime image is **registry.redhat.io/rhmtc/openshift-migration-hook-runner-rhel7:1.8**. This image is based on the Ansible Runner image and includes **python-openshift** for Ansible Kubernetes resources and an updated **oc** binary.

Custom hook container

You can use a custom hook container instead of the default Ansible image.

10.3.1. Writing an Ansible playbook for a migration hook

You can write an Ansible playbook to use as a migration hook. The hook is added to a migration plan by using the MTC web console or by specifying values for the **spec.hooks** parameters in the **MigPlan** custom resource (CR) manifest.

The Ansible playbook is mounted onto a hook container as a config map. The hook container runs as a job, using the cluster, service account, and namespace specified in the **MigPlan** CR. The hook container uses a specified service account token so that the tasks do not require authentication before they run in the cluster.

10.3.1.1. Ansible modules

You can use the Ansible **shell** module to run **oc** commands.

Example shell module

```
- hosts: localhost
gather_facts: false
tasks:
- name: get pod name
  shell: oc get po --all-namespaces
```

You can use **kubernetes.core** modules, such as **k8s_info**, to interact with Kubernetes resources.

Example k8s_facts module

```
- hosts: localhost
gather_facts: false
tasks:
- name: Get pod
  k8s_info:
    kind: pods
    api: v1
    namespace: openshift-migration
    name: "{{ lookup('env', 'HOSTNAME') }}"
    register: pods

- name: Print pod name
  debug:
    msg: "{{ pods.resources[0].metadata.name }}"
```

You can use the **fail** module to produce a non-zero exit status in cases where a non-zero exit status would not normally be produced, ensuring that the success or failure of a hook is detected. Hooks run as jobs and the success or failure status of a hook is based on the exit status of the job container.

Example fail module

```
- hosts: localhost
gather_facts: false
tasks:
- name: Set a boolean
  set_fact:
    do_fail: true

- name: "fail"
```



```
fail:
  msg: "Cause a failure"
  when: do_fail
```

10.3.1.2. Environment variables

The **MigPlan** CR name and migration namespaces are passed as environment variables to the hook container. These variables are accessed by using the **lookup** plugin.

Example environment variables

```
- hosts: localhost
  gather_facts: false
  tasks:
  - set_fact:
      namespaces: "{{ (lookup('env', 'MIGRATION_NAMESPACES')).split(',') }}"

  - debug:
      msg: "{{ item }}"
      with_items: "{{ namespaces }}"

  - debug:
      msg: "{{ lookup('env', 'MIGRATION_PLAN_NAME') }}"
```

10.4. MIGRATION PLAN OPTIONS

You can exclude, edit, and map components in the **MigPlan** custom resource (CR).

10.4.1. Excluding resources

You can exclude resources, for example, image streams, persistent volumes (PVs), or subscriptions, from a Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) migration plan to reduce the resource load for migration or to migrate images or PVs with a different tool.

By default, the MTC excludes service catalog resources and Operator Lifecycle Manager (OLM) resources from migration. These resources are parts of the service catalog API group and the OLM API group, neither of which is supported for migration at this time.

Procedure

1. Edit the **MigrationController** custom resource manifest:

```
$ oc edit migrationcontroller <migration_controller> -n openshift-migration
```

2. Update the **spec** section by adding parameters to exclude specific resources. For those resources that do not have their own exclusion parameters, add the **additional_excluded_resources** parameter:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigrationController
metadata:
  name: migration-controller
  namespace: openshift-migration
```

```
spec:
  disable_image_migration: true 1
  disable_pv_migration: true 2
  additional_excluded_resources: 3
  - resource1
  - resource2
  ...
```

- 1 Add **disable_image_migration: true** to exclude image streams from the migration. **imagestreams** is added to the **excluded_resources** list in **main.yml** when the **MigrationController** pod restarts.
- 2 Add **disable_pv_migration: true** to exclude PVs from the migration plan. **persistentvolumes** and **persistentvolumeclaims** are added to the **excluded_resources** list in **main.yml** when the **MigrationController** pod restarts. Disabling PV migration also disables PV discovery when you create the migration plan.
- 3 You can add OpenShift Container Platform resources that you want to exclude to the **additional_excluded_resources** list.

3. Wait two minutes for the **MigrationController** pod to restart so that the changes are applied.
4. Verify that the resource is excluded:

```
$ oc get deployment -n openshift-migration migration-controller -o yaml | grep
EXCLUDED_RESOURCES -A1
```

The output contains the excluded resources:

Example output

```
name: EXCLUDED_RESOURCES
value:
resource1,resource2,imagetags,templateinstances,clusterserviceversions,packagemanifests,sul
scriptions,servicebrokers,servicebindings,serviceclasses,serviceinstances,serviceplans,imagest
ams,persistentvolumes,persistentvolumeclaims
```

10.4.2. Mapping namespaces

If you map namespaces in the **MigPlan** custom resource (CR), you must ensure that the namespaces are not duplicated on the source or the destination clusters because the UID and GID ranges of the namespaces are copied during migration.

Two source namespaces mapped to the same destination namespace

```
spec:
  namespaces:
  - namespace_2
  - namespace_1:namespace_2
```

If you want the source namespace to be mapped to a namespace of the same name, you do not need to create a mapping. By default, a source namespace and a target namespace have the same name.

Incorrect namespace mapping

```
spec:
  namespaces:
    - namespace_1:namespace_1
```

Correct namespace reference

```
spec:
  namespaces:
    - namespace_1
```

10.4.3. Excluding persistent volume claims

You select persistent volume claims (PVCs) for state migration by excluding the PVCs that you do not want to migrate. You exclude PVCs by setting the **spec.persistentVolumes.pvc.selection.action** parameter of the **MigPlan** custom resource (CR) after the persistent volumes (PVs) have been discovered.

Prerequisites

- **MigPlan** CR is in a **Ready** state.

Procedure

- Add the **spec.persistentVolumes.pvc.selection.action** parameter to the **MigPlan** CR and set it to **skip**:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigPlan
metadata:
  name: <migplan>
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  ...
  persistentVolumes:
    - capacity: 10Gi
      name: <pv_name>
      pvc:
        ...
        selection:
          action: skip
```

10.4.4. Mapping persistent volume claims

You can migrate persistent volume (PV) data from the source cluster to persistent volume claims (PVCs) that are already provisioned in the destination cluster in the **MigPlan** CR by mapping the PVCs. This mapping ensures that the destination PVCs of migrated applications are synchronized with the source PVCs.

You map PVCs by updating the **spec.persistentVolumes.pvc.name** parameter in the **MigPlan** custom resource (CR) after the PVs have been discovered.

Prerequisites

- **MigPlan** CR is in a **Ready** state.

Procedure

- Update the **spec.persistentVolumes.pvc.name** parameter in the **MigPlan** CR:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigPlan
metadata:
  name: <migplan>
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  ...
  persistentVolumes:
    - capacity: 10Gi
      name: <pv_name>
      pvc:
        name: <source_pvc>:<destination_pvc> 1
```

- 1 Specify the PVC on the source cluster and the PVC on the destination cluster. If the destination PVC does not exist, it will be created. You can use this mapping to change the PVC name during migration.

10.4.5. Editing persistent volume attributes

After you create a **MigPlan** custom resource (CR), the **MigrationController** CR discovers the persistent volumes (PVs). The **spec.persistentVolumes** block and the **status.destStorageClasses** block are added to the **MigPlan** CR.

You can edit the values in the **spec.persistentVolumes.selection** block. If you change values outside the **spec.persistentVolumes.selection** block, the values are overwritten when the **MigPlan** CR is reconciled by the **MigrationController** CR.

NOTE

The default value for the **spec.persistentVolumes.selection.storageClass** parameter is determined by the following logic:

1. If the source cluster PV is Gluster or NFS, the default is either **cephfs**, for **accessMode: ReadWriteMany**, or **cephrbd**, for **accessMode: ReadWriteOnce**.
2. If the PV is neither Gluster nor NFS or if **cephfs** or **cephrbd** are not available, the default is a storage class for the same provisioner.
3. If a storage class for the same provisioner is not available, the default is the default storage class of the destination cluster.

You can change the **storageClass** value to the value of any **name** parameter in the **status.destStorageClasses** block of the **MigPlan** CR.

If the **storageClass** value is empty, the PV will have no storage class after migration. This option is appropriate if, for example, you want to move the PV to an NFS volume on the destination cluster.

Prerequisites

- **MigPlan** CR is in a **Ready** state.

Procedure

- Edit the **spec.persistentVolumes.selection** values in the **MigPlan** CR:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigPlan
metadata:
  name: <migplan>
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  persistentVolumes:
    - capacity: 10Gi
      name: pvc-095a6559-b27f-11eb-b27f-021bddcaf6e4
      proposedCapacity: 10Gi
      pvc:
        accessModes:
          - ReadWriteMany
        hasReference: true
        name: mysql
        namespace: mysql-persistent
      selection:
        action: <copy> 1
        copyMethod: <filesystem> 2
        verify: true 3
        storageClass: <gp2> 4
        accessMode: <ReadWriteMany> 5
      storageClass: cephfs
```

- 1 Allowed values are **move**, **copy**, and **skip**. If only one action is supported, the default value is the supported action. If multiple actions are supported, the default value is **copy**.

- 2 Allowed values are **snapshot** and **filesystem**. Default value is **filesystem**.
- 3 The **verify** parameter is displayed if you select the verification option for file system copy in the MTC web console. You can set it to **false**.
- 4 You can change the default value to the value of any **name** parameter in the **status.destStorageClasses** block of the **MigPlan** CR. If no value is specified, the PV will have no storage class after migration.
- 5 Allowed values are **ReadWriteOnce** and **ReadWriteMany**. If this value is not specified, the default is the access mode of the source cluster PVC. You can only edit the access mode in the **MigPlan** CR. You cannot edit it by using the MTC web console.

10.4.6. Converting storage classes in the MTC web console

You can convert the storage class of a persistent volume (PV) by migrating it within the same cluster. To do so, you must create and run a migration plan in the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) web console.

Prerequisites

- You must be logged in as a user with **cluster-admin** privileges on the cluster on which MTC is running.
- You must add the cluster to the MTC web console.

Procedure

1. In the left-side navigation pane of the OpenShift Container Platform web console, click **Projects**.
2. In the list of projects, click your project.
The **Project details** page opens.
3. Click the **DeploymentConfig** name. Note the name of its running pod.
4. Open the YAML tab of the project. Find the PVs and note the names of their corresponding persistent volume claims (PVCs).
5. In the MTC web console, click **Migration plans**.
6. Click **Add migration plan**.
7. Enter the **Plan name**.
The migration plan name must contain 3 to 63 lower-case alphanumeric characters (**a-z, 0-9**) and must not contain spaces or underscores (**_**).
8. From the **Migration type** menu, select **Storage class conversion**.
9. From the **Source cluster** list, select the desired cluster for storage class conversion.
10. Click **Next**.
The **Namespaces** page opens.
11. Select the required project.

12. Click **Next**.
The **Persistent volumes** page opens. The page displays the PVs in the project, all selected by default.
13. For each PV, select the desired target storage class.
14. Click **Next**.
The wizard validates the new migration plan and shows that it is ready.
15. Click **Close**.
The new plan appears on the **Migration plans** page.
16. To start the conversion, click the options menu of the new plan.
Under **Migrations**, two options are displayed, **Stage** and **Cutover**.

**NOTE**

Cutover migration updates PVC references in the applications.

Stage migration does not update PVC references in the applications.

17. Select the desired option.
Depending on which option you selected, the **Stage migration** or **Cutover migration** notification appears.
18. Click **Migrate**.
Depending on which option you selected, the **Stage started** or **Cutover started** message appears.
19. To see the status of the current migration, click the number in the **Migrations** column.
The **Migrations** page opens.
20. To see more details on the current migration and monitor its progress, select the migration from the **Type** column.
The **Migration details** page opens. When the migration progresses to the DirectVolume step and the status of the step becomes **Running Rsync Pods to migrate Persistent Volume data**, you can click **View details** and see the detailed status of the copies.
21. In the breadcrumb bar, click **Stage** or **Cutover** and wait for all steps to complete.
22. Open the **PersistentVolumeClaims** tab of the OpenShift Container Platform web console.
You can see new PVCs with the names of the initial PVCs but ending in **new**, which are using the target storage class.
23. In the left-side navigation pane, click **Pods**. See that the pod of your project is running again.

Additional resources

- For details about the **move** and **copy** actions, see [MTC workflow](#).
- For details about the **skip** action, see [Excluding PVCs from migration](#).
- For details about the file system and snapshot copy methods, see [About data copy methods](#).

10.4.7. Performing a state migration of Kubernetes objects by using the MTC API

After you migrate all the PV data, you can use the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) API to perform a one-time state migration of Kubernetes objects that constitute an application.

You do this by configuring **MigPlan** custom resource (CR) fields to provide a list of Kubernetes resources with an additional label selector to further filter those resources, and then performing a migration by creating a **MigMigration** CR. The **MigPlan** resource is closed after the migration.



NOTE

Selecting Kubernetes resources is an API-only feature. You must update the **MigPlan** CR and create a **MigMigration** CR for it by using the CLI. The MTC web console does not support migrating Kubernetes objects.



NOTE

After migration, the **closed** parameter of the **MigPlan** CR is set to **true**. You cannot create another **MigMigration** CR for this **MigPlan** CR.

You add Kubernetes objects to the **MigPlan** CR by using one of the following options:

- Adding the Kubernetes objects to the **includedResources** section. When the **includedResources** field is specified in the **MigPlan** CR, the plan takes a list of **group-kind** as input. Only resources present in the list are included in the migration.
- Adding the optional **labelSelector** parameter to filter the **includedResources** in the **MigPlan**. When this field is specified, only resources matching the label selector are included in the migration. For example, you can filter a list of **Secret** and **ConfigMap** resources by using the label **app: frontend** as a filter.

Procedure

1. Update the **MigPlan** CR to include Kubernetes resources and, optionally, to filter the included resources by adding the **labelSelector** parameter:
 - a. To update the **MigPlan** CR to include Kubernetes resources:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigPlan
metadata:
  name: <migplan>
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  includedResources:
    - kind: <kind> 1
      group: ""
    - kind: <kind>
      group: ""
```

- 1 Specify the Kubernetes object, for example, **Secret** or **ConfigMap**.

- b. Optional: To filter the included resources by adding the **labelSelector** parameter:

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigPlan
```



```

metadata:
  name: <migplan>
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  includedResources:
    - kind: <kind> ❶
      group: ""
    - kind: <kind>
      group: ""
  ...
  labelSelector:
    matchLabels:
      <label> ❷

```

- ❶ Specify the Kubernetes object, for example, **Secret** or **ConfigMap**.
- ❷ Specify the label of the resources to migrate, for example, **app: frontend**.

2. Create a **MigMigration** CR to migrate the selected Kubernetes resources. Verify that the correct **MigPlan** is referenced in **migPlanRef**:

```

apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigMigration
metadata:
  generateName: <migplan>
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  migPlanRef:
    name: <migplan>
    namespace: openshift-migration
  stage: false

```

10.5. MIGRATION CONTROLLER OPTIONS

You can edit migration plan limits, enable persistent volume resizing, or enable cached Kubernetes clients in the **MigrationController** custom resource (CR) for large migrations and improved performance.

10.5.1. Increasing limits for large migrations

You can increase the limits on migration objects and container resources for large migrations with the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC).



IMPORTANT

You must test these changes before you perform a migration in a production environment.

Procedure

1. Edit the **MigrationController** custom resource (CR) manifest:

```
$ oc edit migrationcontroller -n openshift-migration
```

2. Update the following parameters:

```

...
mig_controller_limits_cpu: "1" ❶
mig_controller_limits_memory: "10Gi" ❷
...
mig_controller_requests_cpu: "100m" ❸
mig_controller_requests_memory: "350Mi" ❹
...
mig_pv_limit: 100 ❺
mig_pod_limit: 100 ❻
mig_namespace_limit: 10 ❼
...

```

- ❶ Specifies the number of CPUs available to the **MigrationController** CR.
- ❷ Specifies the amount of memory available to the **MigrationController** CR.
- ❸ Specifies the number of CPU units available for **MigrationController** CR requests. **100m** represents 0.1 CPU units ($100 * 1e-3$).
- ❹ Specifies the amount of memory available for **MigrationController** CR requests.
- ❺ Specifies the number of persistent volumes that can be migrated.
- ❻ Specifies the number of pods that can be migrated.
- ❼ Specifies the number of namespaces that can be migrated.

3. Create a migration plan that uses the updated parameters to verify the changes.

If your migration plan exceeds the **MigrationController** CR limits, the MTC console displays a warning message when you save the migration plan.

10.5.2. Enabling persistent volume resizing for direct volume migration

You can enable persistent volume (PV) resizing for direct volume migration to avoid running out of disk space on the destination cluster.

When the disk usage of a PV reaches a configured level, the **MigrationController** custom resource (CR) compares the requested storage capacity of a persistent volume claim (PVC) to its actual provisioned capacity. Then, it calculates the space required on the destination cluster.

A **pv_resizing_threshold** parameter determines when PV resizing is used. The default threshold is **3%**. This means that PV resizing occurs when the disk usage of a PV is more than **97%**. You can increase this threshold so that PV resizing occurs at a lower disk usage level.

PVC capacity is calculated according to the following criteria:

- If the requested storage capacity (**spec.resources.requests.storage**) of the PVC is not equal to its actual provisioned capacity (**status.capacity.storage**), the greater value is used.
- If a PV is provisioned through a PVC and then subsequently changed so that its PV and PVC capacities no longer match, the greater value is used.

Prerequisites

Prerequisites

- The PVCs must be attached to one or more running pods so that the **MigrationController** CR can execute commands.

Procedure

1. Log in to the host cluster.
2. Enable PV resizing by patching the **MigrationController** CR:

```
$ oc patch migrationcontroller migration-controller -p '{"spec":
{"enable_dvm_pv_resizing":true}}' \ 1
--type='merge' -n openshift-migration
```

- 1** Set the value to **false** to disable PV resizing.

3. Optional: Update the **pv_resizing_threshold** parameter to increase the threshold:

```
$ oc patch migrationcontroller migration-controller -p '{"spec":{"pv_resizing_threshold":41}}' \ 1
--type='merge' -n openshift-migration
```

- 1** The default value is **3**.

When the threshold is exceeded, the following status message is displayed in the **MigPlan** CR status:

```
status:
  conditions:
  ...
  - category: Warn
    durable: true
    lastTransitionTime: "2021-06-17T08:57:01Z"
    message: 'Capacity of the following volumes will be automatically adjusted to avoid disk
capacity issues in the target cluster: [pvc-b800eb7b-cf3b-11eb-a3f7-0eae3e0555f3]'
    reason: Done
    status: "False"
    type: PvCapacityAdjustmentRequired
```



NOTE

For AWS gp2 storage, this message does not appear unless the **pv_resizing_threshold** is 42% or greater because of the way gp2 calculates volume usage and size. ([BZ#1973148](#))

10.5.3. Enabling cached Kubernetes clients

You can enable cached Kubernetes clients in the **MigrationController** custom resource (CR) for improved performance during migration. The greatest performance benefit is displayed when migrating between clusters in different regions or with significant network latency.



NOTE

Delegated tasks, for example, Rsync backup for direct volume migration or Velero backup and restore, however, do not show improved performance with cached clients.

Cached clients require extra memory because the **MigrationController** CR caches all API resources that are required for interacting with **MigCluster** CRs. Requests that are normally sent to the API server are directed to the cache instead. The cache watches the API server for updates.

You can increase the memory limits and requests of the **MigrationController** CR if **OOMKilled** errors occur after you enable cached clients.

Procedure

1. Enable cached clients by running the following command:

```
$ oc -n openshift-migration patch migrationcontroller migration-controller --type=json --patch \
'[{ "op": "replace", "path": "/spec/mig_controller_enable_cache", "value": true}]'
```

2. Optional: Increase the **MigrationController** CR memory limits by running the following command:

```
$ oc -n openshift-migration patch migrationcontroller migration-controller --type=json --patch \
'[{ "op": "replace", "path": "/spec/mig_controller_limits_memory", "value": <10Gi>}]'
```

3. Optional: Increase the **MigrationController** CR memory requests by running the following command:

```
$ oc -n openshift-migration patch migrationcontroller migration-controller --type=json --patch \
'[{ "op": "replace", "path": "/spec/mig_controller_requests_memory", "value": <350Mi>}]'
```

CHAPTER 11. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section describes resources for troubleshooting the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC).

For known issues, see the [MTC release notes](#).

11.1. MTC WORKFLOW

You can migrate Kubernetes resources, persistent volume data, and internal container images to OpenShift Container Platform 4.15 by using the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) web console or the Kubernetes API.

MTC migrates the following resources:

- A namespace specified in a migration plan.
- Namespace-scoped resources: When the MTC migrates a namespace, it migrates all the objects and resources associated with that namespace, such as services or pods. Additionally, if a resource that exists in the namespace but not at the cluster level depends on a resource that exists at the cluster level, the MTC migrates both resources.
For example, a security context constraint (SCC) is a resource that exists at the cluster level and a service account (SA) is a resource that exists at the namespace level. If an SA exists in a namespace that the MTC migrates, the MTC automatically locates any SCCs that are linked to the SA and also migrates those SCCs. Similarly, the MTC migrates persistent volumes that are linked to the persistent volume claims of the namespace.



NOTE

Cluster-scoped resources might have to be migrated manually, depending on the resource.

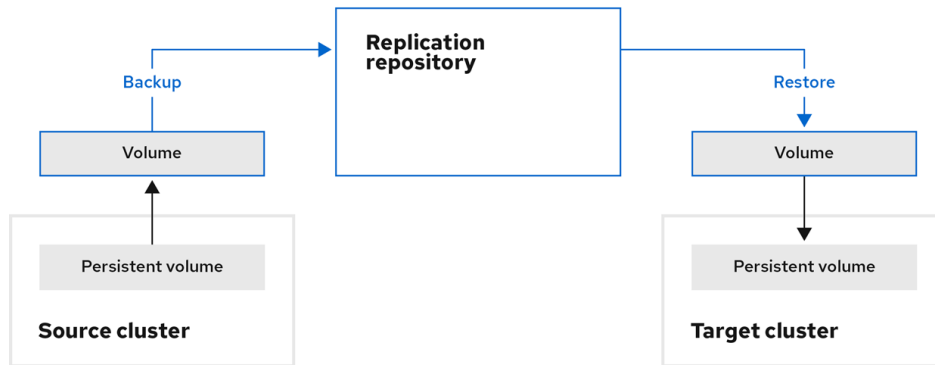
- Custom resources (CRs) and custom resource definitions (CRDs): MTC automatically migrates CRs and CRDs at the namespace level.

Migrating an application with the MTC web console involves the following steps:

1. Install the Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator on all clusters.
You can install the Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator in a restricted environment with limited or no internet access. The source and target clusters must have network access to each other and to a mirror registry.
2. Configure the replication repository, an intermediate object storage that MTC uses to migrate data.
The source and target clusters must have network access to the replication repository during migration. If you are using a proxy server, you must configure it to allow network traffic between the replication repository and the clusters.
3. Add the source cluster to the MTC web console.
4. Add the replication repository to the MTC web console.
5. Create a migration plan, with one of the following data migration options:
 - **Copy:** MTC copies the data from the source cluster to the replication repository, and from the replication repository to the target cluster.

**NOTE**

If you are using direct image migration or direct volume migration, the images or volumes are copied directly from the source cluster to the target cluster.

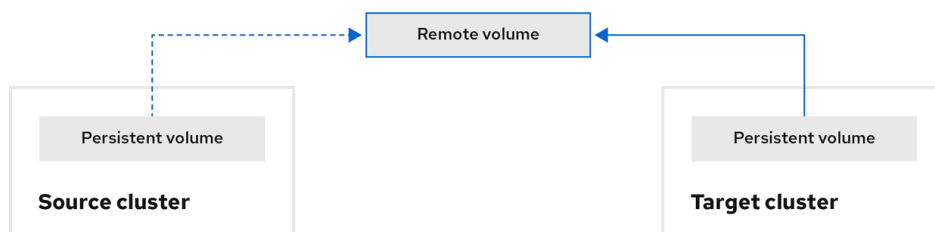


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- **Move:** MTC unmounts a remote volume, for example, NFS, from the source cluster, creates a PV resource on the target cluster pointing to the remote volume, and then mounts the remote volume on the target cluster. Applications running on the target cluster use the same remote volume that the source cluster was using. The remote volume must be accessible to the source and target clusters.

**NOTE**

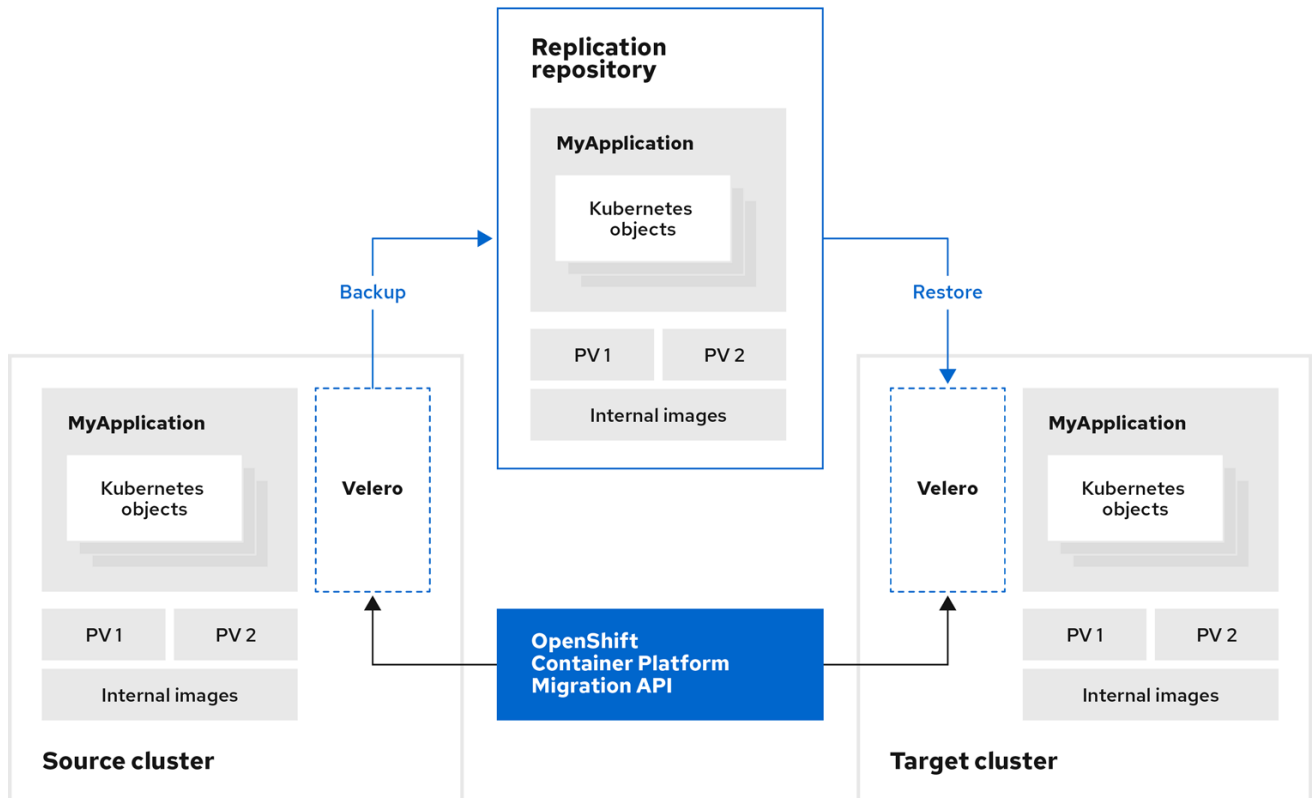
Although the replication repository does not appear in this diagram, it is required for migration.



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6. Run the migration plan, with one of the following options:

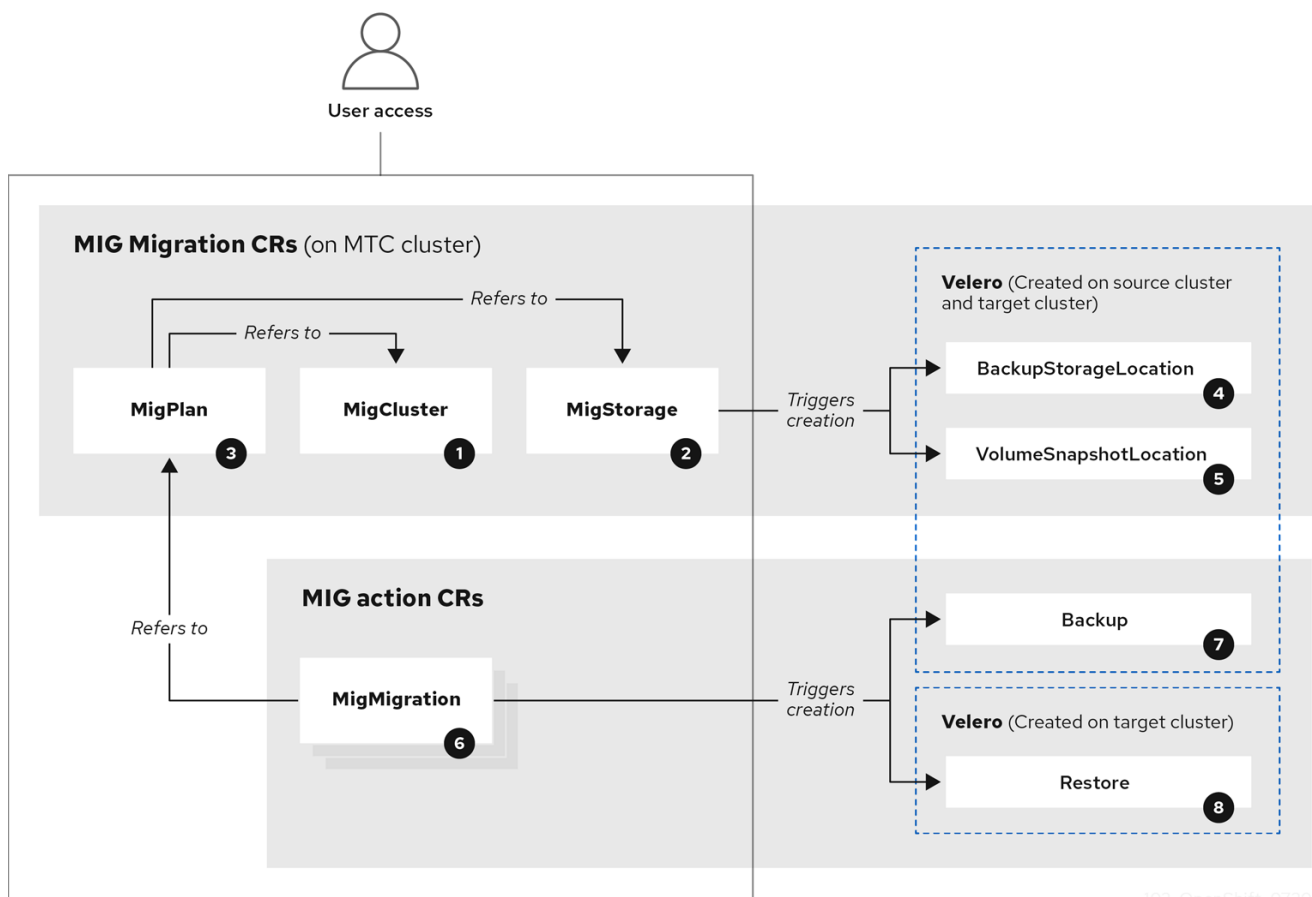
- **Stage** copies data to the target cluster without stopping the application. A stage migration can be run multiple times so that most of the data is copied to the target before migration. Running one or more stage migrations reduces the duration of the cutover migration.
- **Cutover** stops the application on the source cluster and moves the resources to the target cluster.
Optional: You can clear the **Halt transactions on the source cluster during migration** checkbox.



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About MTC custom resources

The Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) creates the following custom resources (CRs):



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- 1 **MigCluster** (configuration, MTC cluster): Cluster definition
- 2 **MigStorage** (configuration, MTC cluster): Storage definition
- 3 **MigPlan** (configuration, MTC cluster): Migration plan

The **MigPlan** CR describes the source and target clusters, replication repository, and namespaces being migrated. It is associated with 0, 1, or many **MigMigration** CRs.



NOTE

Deleting a **MigPlan** CR deletes the associated **MigMigration** CRs.

- 4 **BackupStorageLocation** (configuration, MTC cluster): Location of **Velero** backup objects
- 5 **VolumeSnapshotLocation** (configuration, MTC cluster): Location of **Velero** volume snapshots
- 6 **MigMigration** (action, MTC cluster): Migration, created every time you stage or migrate data. Each **MigMigration** CR is associated with a **MigPlan** CR.
- 7 **Backup** (action, source cluster): When you run a migration plan, the **MigMigration** CR creates two **Velero** backup CRs on each source cluster:
 - Backup CR #1 for Kubernetes objects
 - Backup CR #2 for PV data
- 8 **Restore** (action, target cluster): When you run a migration plan, the **MigMigration** CR creates two **Velero** restore CRs on the target cluster:
 - Restore CR #1 (using Backup CR #2) for PV data
 - Restore CR #2 (using Backup CR #1) for Kubernetes objects

11.2. MTC CUSTOM RESOURCE MANIFESTS

Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) uses the following custom resource (CR) manifests for migrating applications.

11.2.1. DirectImageMigration

The **DirectImageMigration** CR copies images directly from the source cluster to the destination cluster.

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: DirectImageMigration
metadata:
  labels:
    controller-tools.k8s.io: "1.0"
  name: <direct_image_migration>
spec:
```



```

srcMigClusterRef:
  name: <source_cluster>
  namespace: openshift-migration
destMigClusterRef:
  name: <destination_cluster>
  namespace: openshift-migration
namespaces: 1
  - <source_namespace_1>
  - <source_namespace_2>:<destination_namespace_3> 2

```

1 One or more namespaces containing images to be migrated. By default, the destination namespace has the same name as the source namespace.

2 Source namespace mapped to a destination namespace with a different name.

11.2.2. DirectImageStreamMigration

The **DirectImageStreamMigration** CR copies image stream references directly from the source cluster to the destination cluster.

```

apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: DirectImageStreamMigration
metadata:
  labels:
    controller-tools.k8s.io: "1.0"
  name: <direct_image_stream_migration>
spec:
  srcMigClusterRef:
    name: <source_cluster>
    namespace: openshift-migration
  destMigClusterRef:
    name: <destination_cluster>
    namespace: openshift-migration
  imageStreamRef:
    name: <image_stream>
    namespace: <source_image_stream_namespace>
  destNamespace: <destination_image_stream_namespace>

```

11.2.3. DirectVolumeMigration

The **DirectVolumeMigration** CR copies persistent volumes (PVs) directly from the source cluster to the destination cluster.

```

apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: DirectVolumeMigration
metadata:
  name: <direct_volume_migration>
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  createDestinationNamespaces: false 1
  deleteProgressReportingCRs: false 2
  destMigClusterRef:
    name: <host_cluster> 3

```

```

namespace: openshift-migration
persistentVolumeClaims:
- name: <pvc> 4
  namespace: <pvc_namespace>
srcMigClusterRef:
  name: <source_cluster>
  namespace: openshift-migration

```

- 1** Set to **true** to create namespaces for the PVs on the destination cluster.
- 2** Set to **true** to delete **DirectVolumeMigrationProgress** CRs after migration. The default is **false** so that **DirectVolumeMigrationProgress** CRs are retained for troubleshooting.
- 3** Update the cluster name if the destination cluster is not the host cluster.
- 4** Specify one or more PVCs to be migrated.

11.2.4. DirectVolumeMigrationProgress

The **DirectVolumeMigrationProgress** CR shows the progress of the **DirectVolumeMigration** CR.

```

apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: DirectVolumeMigrationProgress
metadata:
  labels:
    controller-tools.k8s.io: "1.0"
  name: <direct_volume_migration_progress>
spec:
  clusterRef:
    name: <source_cluster>
    namespace: openshift-migration
  podRef:
    name: <rsync_pod>
    namespace: openshift-migration

```

11.2.5. MigAnalytic

The **MigAnalytic** CR collects the number of images, Kubernetes resources, and the persistent volume (PV) capacity from an associated **MigPlan** CR.

You can configure the data that it collects.

```

apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigAnalytic
metadata:
  annotations:
    migplan: <migplan>
  name: <miganalytic>
  namespace: openshift-migration
  labels:
    migplan: <migplan>
spec:
  analyzeImageCount: true 1

```

```

analyzeK8SResources: true 2
analyzePVCapacity: true 3
listImages: false 4
listImagesLimit: 50 5
migPlanRef:
  name: <migplan>
  namespace: openshift-migration

```

- 1 Optional: Returns the number of images.
- 2 Optional: Returns the number, kind, and API version of the Kubernetes resources.
- 3 Optional: Returns the PV capacity.
- 4 Returns a list of image names. The default is **false** so that the output is not excessively long.
- 5 Optional: Specify the maximum number of image names to return if **listImages** is **true**.

11.2.6. MigCluster

The **MigCluster** CR defines a host, local, or remote cluster.

```

apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigCluster
metadata:
  labels:
    controller-tools.k8s.io: "1.0"
  name: <host_cluster> 1
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  isHostCluster: true 2
  # The 'azureResourceGroup' parameter is relevant only for Microsoft Azure.
  azureResourceGroup: <azure_resource_group> 3
  caBundle: <ca_bundle_base64> 4
  insecure: false 5
  refresh: false 6
  # The 'restartRestic' parameter is relevant for a source cluster.
  restartRestic: true 7
  # The following parameters are relevant for a remote cluster.
  exposedRegistryPath: <registry_route> 8
  url: <destination_cluster_url> 9
  serviceAccountSecretRef:
    name: <source_secret> 10
    namespace: openshift-config

```

- 1 Update the cluster name if the **migration-controller** pod is not running on this cluster.
- 2 The **migration-controller** pod runs on this cluster if **true**.
- 3 Microsoft Azure only: Specify the resource group.
- 4 Optional: If you created a certificate bundle for self-signed CA certificates and if the **insecure** parameter value is **false**, specify the base64-encoded certificate bundle.

- 5 Set to **true** to disable SSL verification.
- 6 Set to **true** to validate the cluster.
- 7 Set to **true** to restart the **Restic** pods on the source cluster after the **Stage** pods are created.
- 8 Remote cluster and direct image migration only: Specify the exposed secure registry path.
- 9 Remote cluster only: Specify the URL.
- 10 Remote cluster only: Specify the name of the **Secret** object.

11.2.7. MigHook

The **MigHook** CR defines a migration hook that runs custom code at a specified stage of the migration. You can create up to four migration hooks. Each hook runs during a different phase of the migration.

You can configure the hook name, runtime duration, a custom image, and the cluster where the hook will run.

The migration phases and namespaces of the hooks are configured in the **MigPlan** CR.

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigHook
metadata:
  generateName: <hook_name_prefix> 1
  name: <mighook> 2
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  activeDeadlineSeconds: 1800 3
  custom: false 4
  image: <hook_image> 5
  playbook: <ansible_playbook_base64> 6
  targetCluster: source 7
```

- 1 Optional: A unique hash is appended to the value for this parameter so that each migration hook has a unique name. You do not need to specify the value of the **name** parameter.
- 2 Specify the migration hook name, unless you specify the value of the **generateName** parameter.
- 3 Optional: Specify the maximum number of seconds that a hook can run. The default is **1800**.
- 4 The hook is a custom image if **true**. The custom image can include Ansible or it can be written in a different programming language.
- 5 Specify the custom image, for example, **quay.io/konveyor/hook-runner:latest**. Required if **custom** is **true**.
- 6 Base64-encoded Ansible playbook. Required if **custom** is **false**.
- 7 Specify the cluster on which the hook will run. Valid values are **source** or **destination**.

11.2.8. MigMigration

The **MigMigration** CR runs a **MigPlan** CR.

You can configure a **Migmigration** CR to run a stage or incremental migration, to cancel a migration in progress, or to roll back a completed migration.

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigMigration
metadata:
  labels:
    controller-tools.k8s.io: "1.0"
  name: <migmigration>
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  canceled: false 1
  rollback: false 2
  stage: false 3
  quiescePods: true 4
  keepAnnotations: true 5
  verify: false 6
  migPlanRef:
    name: <migplan>
    namespace: openshift-migration
```

- ¹ Set to **true** to cancel a migration in progress.
- ² Set to **true** to roll back a completed migration.
- ³ Set to **true** to run a stage migration. Data is copied incrementally and the pods on the source cluster are not stopped.
- ⁴ Set to **true** to stop the application during migration. The pods on the source cluster are scaled to **0** after the **Backup** stage.
- ⁵ Set to **true** to retain the labels and annotations applied during the migration.
- ⁶ Set to **true** to check the status of the migrated pods on the destination cluster are checked and to return the names of pods that are not in a **Running** state.

11.2.9. MigPlan

The **MigPlan** CR defines the parameters of a migration plan.

You can configure destination namespaces, hook phases, and direct or indirect migration.



NOTE

By default, a destination namespace has the same name as the source namespace. If you configure a different destination namespace, you must ensure that the namespaces are not duplicated on the source or the destination clusters because the UID and GID ranges are copied during migration.

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigPlan
```

```

metadata:
  labels:
    controller-tools.k8s.io: "1.0"
  name: <migplan>
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  closed: false ❶
  srcMigClusterRef:
    name: <source_cluster>
    namespace: openshift-migration
  destMigClusterRef:
    name: <destination_cluster>
    namespace: openshift-migration
  hooks: ❷
    - executionNamespace: <namespace> ❸
      phase: <migration_phase> ❹
      reference:
        name: <hook> ❺
        namespace: <hook_namespace> ❻
        serviceAccount: <service_account> ❼
  indirectImageMigration: true ❽
  indirectVolumeMigration: false ❾
  migStorageRef:
    name: <migstorage>
    namespace: openshift-migration
  namespaces:
    - <source_namespace_1> ❿
    - <source_namespace_2>
    - <source_namespace_3>:<destination_namespace_4> ⓫
  refresh: false ⓬

```

- ❶ The migration has completed if **true**. You cannot create another **MigMigration** CR for this **MigPlan** CR.
- ❷ Optional: You can specify up to four migration hooks. Each hook must run during a different migration phase.
- ❸ Optional: Specify the namespace in which the hook will run.
- ❹ Optional: Specify the migration phase during which a hook runs. One hook can be assigned to one phase. Valid values are **PreBackup**, **PostBackup**, **PreRestore**, and **PostRestore**.
- ❺ Optional: Specify the name of the **MigHook** CR.
- ❻ Optional: Specify the namespace of **MigHook** CR.
- ❼ Optional: Specify a service account with **cluster-admin** privileges.
- ❽ Direct image migration is disabled if **true**. Images are copied from the source cluster to the replication repository and from the replication repository to the destination cluster.
- ❾ Direct volume migration is disabled if **true**. PVs are copied from the source cluster to the replication repository and from the replication repository to the destination cluster.
- ❿ Specify one or more source namespaces. If you specify only the source namespace, the destination namespace is the same.

namespace is the same.

- 11 Specify the destination namespace if it is different from the source namespace.
- 12 The **MigPlan** CR is validated if **true**.

11.2.10. MigStorage

The **MigStorage** CR describes the object storage for the replication repository.

Amazon Web Services (AWS), Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud Storage, Multi-Cloud Object Gateway, and generic S3-compatible cloud storage are supported.

AWS and the snapshot copy method have additional parameters.

```
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigStorage
metadata:
  labels:
    controller-tools.k8s.io: "1.0"
  name: <migstorage>
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
  backupStorageProvider: <backup_storage_provider> 1
  volumeSnapshotProvider: <snapshot_storage_provider> 2
  backupStorageConfig:
    awsBucketName: <bucket> 3
    awsRegion: <region> 4
    credsSecretRef:
      namespace: openshift-config
      name: <storage_secret> 5
    awsKmsKeyId: <key_id> 6
    awsPublicUrl: <public_url> 7
    awsSignatureVersion: <signature_version> 8
  volumeSnapshotConfig:
    awsRegion: <region> 9
    credsSecretRef:
      namespace: openshift-config
      name: <storage_secret> 10
  refresh: false 11
```

- 1 Specify the storage provider.
- 2 Snapshot copy method only: Specify the storage provider.
- 3 AWS only: Specify the bucket name.
- 4 AWS only: Specify the bucket region, for example, **us-east-1**.
- 5 Specify the name of the **Secret** object that you created for the storage.
- 6 AWS only: If you are using the AWS Key Management Service, specify the unique identifier of the key.

- 7 AWS only: If you granted public access to the AWS bucket, specify the bucket URL.
- 8 AWS only: Specify the AWS signature version for authenticating requests to the bucket, for example, **4**.
- 9 Snapshot copy method only: Specify the geographical region of the clusters.
- 10 Snapshot copy method only: Specify the name of the **Secret** object that you created for the storage.
- 11 Set to **true** to validate the cluster.

11.3. LOGS AND DEBUGGING TOOLS

This section describes logs and debugging tools that you can use for troubleshooting.

11.3.1. Viewing migration plan resources

You can view migration plan resources to monitor a running migration or to troubleshoot a failed migration by using the MTC web console and the command line interface (CLI).

Procedure

1. In the MTC web console, click **Migration Plans**.
2. Click the **Migrations** number next to a migration plan to view the **Migrations** page.
3. Click a migration to view the **Migration details**.
4. Expand **Migration resources** to view the migration resources and their status in a tree view.



NOTE

To troubleshoot a failed migration, start with a high-level resource that has failed and then work down the resource tree towards the lower-level resources.



5. Click the Options menu next to a resource and select one of the following options:
 - **Copy oc describe command** copies the command to your clipboard.
 - Log in to the relevant cluster and then run the command.
The conditions and events of the resource are displayed in YAML format.
 - **Copy oc logs command** copies the command to your clipboard.
 - Log in to the relevant cluster and then run the command.
If the resource supports log filtering, a filtered log is displayed.
 - **View JSON** displays the resource data in JSON format in a web browser.
The data is the same as the output for the **oc get <resource>** command.

11.3.2. Viewing a migration plan log

You can view an aggregated log for a migration plan. You use the MTC web console to copy a command to your clipboard and then run the command from the command line interface (CLI).

The command displays the filtered logs of the following pods:

- **Migration Controller**
- **Velero**
- **Restic**
- **Rsync**
- **Stunnel**
- **Registry**

Procedure

1. In the MTC web console, click **Migration Plans**.
2. Click the **Migrations** number next to a migration plan.
3. Click **View logs**.
4. Click the Copy icon to copy the **oc logs** command to your clipboard.
5. Log in to the relevant cluster and enter the command on the CLI.
The aggregated log for the migration plan is displayed.

11.3.3. Using the migration log reader

You can use the migration log reader to display a single filtered view of all the migration logs.

Procedure

1. Get the **mig-log-reader** pod:

```
$ oc -n openshift-migration get pods | grep log
```

2. Enter the following command to display a single migration log:

```
$ oc -n openshift-migration logs -f <mig-log-reader-pod> -c color 1
```

- 1** The **-c plain** option displays the log without colors.

11.3.4. Accessing performance metrics

The **MigrationController** custom resource (CR) records metrics and pulls them into on-cluster monitoring storage. You can query the metrics by using Prometheus Query Language (PromQL) to diagnose migration performance issues. All metrics are reset when the Migration Controller pod restarts.

You can access the performance metrics and run queries by using the OpenShift Container Platform web console.

Procedure

1. In the OpenShift Container Platform web console, click **Observe → Metrics**.
2. Enter a PromQL query, select a time window to display, and click **Run Queries**.
If your web browser does not display all the results, use the Prometheus console.

11.3.4.1. Provided metrics

The **MigrationController** custom resource (CR) provides metrics for the **MigMigration** CR count and for its API requests.

11.3.4.1.1. cam_app_workload_migrations

This metric is a count of **MigMigration** CRs over time. It is useful for viewing alongside the **mtc_client_request_count** and **mtc_client_request_elapsed** metrics to collate API request information with migration status changes. This metric is included in Telemetry.

Table 11.1. cam_app_workload_migrations metric

Queryable label name	Sample label values	Label description
status	running, idle, failed, completed	Status of the MigMigration CR
type	stage, final	Type of the MigMigration CR

11.3.4.1.2. mtc_client_request_count

This metric is a cumulative count of Kubernetes API requests that **MigrationController** issued. It is not included in Telemetry.

Table 11.2. mtc_client_request_count metric

Queryable label name	Sample label values	Label description
cluster	https://migcluster-url:443	Cluster that the request was issued against
component	MigPlan, MigCluster	Sub-controller API that issued request
function	(*ReconcileMigPlan).Reconcile	Function that the request was issued from
kind	SecretList, Deployment	Kubernetes kind the request was issued for

11.3.4.1.3. mtc_client_request_elapsed

This metric is a cumulative latency, in milliseconds, of Kubernetes API requests that **MigrationController** issued. It is not included in Telemetry.

Table 11.3. `mtc_client_request_elapsed` metric

Queryable label name	Sample label values	Label description
cluster	https://cluster-url.com:443	Cluster that the request was issued against
component	migplan, migcluster	Sub-controller API that issued request
function	(*ReconcileMigPlan).Reconcile	Function that the request was issued from
kind	SecretList, Deployment	Kubernetes resource that the request was issued for

11.3.4.1.4. Useful queries

The table lists some helpful queries that can be used for monitoring performance.

Table 11.4. Useful queries

Query	Description
mtc_client_request_count	Number of API requests issued, sorted by request type
sum(mtc_client_request_count)	Total number of API requests issued
mtc_client_request_elapsed	API request latency, sorted by request type
sum(mtc_client_request_elapsed)	Total latency of API requests
sum(mtc_client_request_elapsed) / sum(mtc_client_request_count)	Average latency of API requests
mtc_client_request_elapsed / mtc_client_request_count	Average latency of API requests, sorted by request type
cam_app_workload_migrations{status="running"} * 100	Count of running migrations, multiplied by 100 for easier viewing alongside request counts

11.3.5. Using the must-gather tool

You can collect logs, metrics, and information about MTC custom resources by using the **must-gather** tool.

The **must-gather** data must be attached to all customer cases.

You can collect data for a one-hour or a 24-hour period and view the data with the Prometheus console.

Prerequisites

- You must be logged in to the OpenShift Container Platform cluster as a user with the **cluster-admin** role.
- You must have the OpenShift CLI (**oc**) installed.

Procedure

1. Navigate to the directory where you want to store the **must-gather** data.
2. Run the **oc adm must-gather** command for one of the following data collection options:
 - To collect data for the past 24 hours, use the following command:

```
$ oc adm must-gather --image=registry.redhat.io/rhmtc/openshift-migration-must-gather-rhel8:v1.8
```

This command saves the data as the **must-gather/must-gather.tar.gz** file. You can upload this file to a support case on the [Red Hat Customer Portal](#).

- To collect data for the past 24 hours, use the following command:

```
$ oc adm must-gather --image=registry.redhat.io/rhmtc/openshift-migration-must-gather-rhel8:v1.8 -- /usr/bin/gather_metrics_dump
```

This operation can take a long time. This command saves the data as the **must-gather/metrics/prom_data.tar.gz** file.

11.3.6. Debugging Velero resources with the Velero CLI tool

You can debug **Backup** and **Restore** custom resources (CRs) and retrieve logs with the Velero CLI tool.

The Velero CLI tool provides more detailed information than the OpenShift CLI tool.

Syntax

Use the **oc exec** command to run a Velero CLI command:

```
$ oc -n openshift-migration exec deployment/velero -c velero -- ./velero \  
<backup_restore_cr> <command> <cr_name>
```

Example

```
$ oc -n openshift-migration exec deployment/velero -c velero -- ./velero \  
backup describe 0e44ae00-5dc3-11eb-9ca8-df7e5254778b-2d8ql
```

Help option

Use the **velero --help** option to list all Velero CLI commands:

```
$ oc -n openshift-migration exec deployment/velero -c velero -- ./velero \
--help
```

Describe command

Use the **velero describe** command to retrieve a summary of warnings and errors associated with a **Backup** or **Restore** CR:

```
$ oc -n openshift-migration exec deployment/velero -c velero -- ./velero \
<backup_restore_cr> describe <cr_name>
```

Example

```
$ oc -n openshift-migration exec deployment/velero -c velero -- ./velero \
backup describe 0e44ae00-5dc3-11eb-9ca8-df7e5254778b-2d8ql
```

The following types of restore errors and warnings are shown in the output of a **velero describe** request:

- **Velero:** A list of messages related to the operation of Velero itself, for example, messages related to connecting to the cloud, reading a backup file, and so on
- **Cluster:** A list of messages related to backing up or restoring cluster-scoped resources
- **Namespaces:** A list of list of messages related to backing up or restoring resources stored in namespaces

One or more errors in one of these categories results in a **Restore** operation receiving the status of **PartiallyFailed** and not **Completed**. Warnings do not lead to a change in the completion status.

IMPORTANT

- For resource-specific errors, that is, **Cluster** and **Namespaces** errors, the **restore describe --details** output includes a resource list that lists all resources that Velero succeeded in restoring. For any resource that has such an error, check to see if the resource is actually in the cluster.
- If there are **Velero** errors, but no resource-specific errors, in the output of a **describe** command, it is possible that the restore completed without any actual problems in restoring workloads, but carefully validate post-restore applications. For example, if the output contains **PodVolumeRestore** or node agent-related errors, check the status of **PodVolumeRestores** and **DataDownloads**. If none of these are failed or still running, then volume data might have been fully restored.

Logs command

Use the **velero logs** command to retrieve the logs of a **Backup** or **Restore** CR:

```
$ oc -n openshift-migration exec deployment/velero -c velero -- ./velero \
<backup_restore_cr> logs <cr_name>
```

Example

```
$ oc -n openshift-migration exec deployment/velero -c velero -- ./velero \
restore logs ccc7c2d0-6017-11eb-afab-85d0007f5a19-x4lbf
```

11.3.7. Debugging a partial migration failure

You can debug a partial migration failure warning message by using the Velero CLI to examine the **Restore** custom resource (CR) logs.

A partial failure occurs when Velero encounters an issue that does not cause a migration to fail. For example, if a custom resource definition (CRD) is missing or if there is a discrepancy between CRD versions on the source and target clusters, the migration completes but the CR is not created on the target cluster.

Velero logs the issue as a partial failure and then processes the rest of the objects in the **Backup** CR.

Procedure

1. Check the status of a **MigMigration** CR:

```
$ oc get migmigration <migmigration> -o yaml
```

Example output

```
status:
  conditions:
  - category: Warn
    durable: true
    lastTransitionTime: "2021-01-26T20:48:40Z"
    message: 'Final Restore openshift-migration/ccc7c2d0-6017-11eb-afab-85d0007f5a19-
x4lbf: partially failed on destination cluster'
    status: "True"
    type: VeleroFinalRestorePartiallyFailed
  - category: Advisory
    durable: true
    lastTransitionTime: "2021-01-26T20:48:42Z"
    message: The migration has completed with warnings, please look at `Warn` conditions.
    reason: Completed
    status: "True"
    type: SucceededWithWarnings
```

2. Check the status of the **Restore** CR by using the Velero **describe** command:

```
$ oc -n {namespace} exec deployment/velero -c velero -- ./velero \
restore describe <restore>
```

Example output

```
Phase: PartiallyFailed (run 'velero restore logs ccc7c2d0-6017-11eb-afab-85d0007f5a19-
x4lbf' for more information)

Errors:
  Velero: <none>
  Cluster: <none>
  Namespaces:
    migration-example: error restoring example.com/migration-example/migration-example:
the server could not find the requested resource
```

3. Check the **Restore** CR logs by using the Velero **logs** command:

```
$ oc -n {namespace} exec deployment/velero -c velero -- ./velero \
  restore logs <restore>
```

Example output

```
time="2021-01-26T20:48:37Z" level=info msg="Attempting to restore migration-example:
migration-example" logSource="pkg/restore/restore.go:1107" restore=openshift-
migration/ccc7c2d0-6017-11eb-afab-85d0007f5a19-x4lbf
time="2021-01-26T20:48:37Z" level=info msg="error restoring migration-example: the server
could not find the requested resource" logSource="pkg/restore/restore.go:1170"
restore=openshift-migration/ccc7c2d0-6017-11eb-afab-85d0007f5a19-x4lbf
```

The **Restore** CR log error message, **the server could not find the requested resource**, indicates the cause of the partially failed migration.

11.3.8. Using MTC custom resources for troubleshooting

You can check the following Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) custom resources (CRs) to troubleshoot a failed migration:

- **MigCluster**
- **MigStorage**
- **MigPlan**

- **BackupStorageLocation**

The **BackupStorageLocation** CR contains a **migrationcontroller** label to identify the MTC instance that created the CR:

```
labels:
  migrationcontroller: ebe13bee-c803-47d0-a9e9-83f380328b93
```

- **VolumeSnapshotLocation**

The **VolumeSnapshotLocation** CR contains a **migrationcontroller** label to identify the MTC instance that created the CR:

```
labels:
  migrationcontroller: ebe13bee-c803-47d0-a9e9-83f380328b93
```

- **MigMigration**

- **Backup**

MTC changes the reclaim policy of migrated persistent volumes (PVs) to **Retain** on the target cluster. The **Backup** CR contains an **openshift.io/orig-reclaim-policy** annotation that indicates the original reclaim policy. You can manually restore the reclaim policy of the migrated PVs.

- **Restore**

Procedure

1. List the **MigMigration** CRs in the **openshift-migration** namespace:

```
$ oc get migmigration -n openshift-migration
```

Example output

```
NAME                                     AGE
88435fe0-c9f8-11e9-85e6-5d593ce65e10  6m42s
```

2. Inspect the **MigMigration** CR:

```
$ oc describe migmigration 88435fe0-c9f8-11e9-85e6-5d593ce65e10 -n openshift-migration
```

The output is similar to the following examples.

MigMigration example output

```
name:      88435fe0-c9f8-11e9-85e6-5d593ce65e10
namespace: openshift-migration
labels:    <none>
annotations: touch: 3b48b543-b53e-4e44-9d34-33563f0f8147
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind:      MigMigration
metadata:
  creationTimestamp: 2019-08-29T01:01:29Z
  generation:       20
  resourceVersion:  88179
  selfLink:         /apis/migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1/namespaces/openshift-
migration/migmigrations/88435fe0-c9f8-11e9-85e6-5d593ce65e10
  uid:              8886de4c-c9f8-11e9-95ad-0205fe66cbb6
spec:
  migPlanRef:
    name:      socks-shop-mig-plan
    namespace: openshift-migration
  quiescePods: true
  stage:       false
status:
  conditions:
    category:      Advisory
    durable:       True
    lastTransitionTime: 2019-08-29T01:03:40Z
    message:       The migration has completed successfully.
    reason:        Completed
    status:        True
    type:          Succeeded
    phase:         Completed
    startTimestamp: 2019-08-29T01:01:29Z
  events:         <none>
```

Velero backup CR #2 example output that describes the PV data

```
apiVersion: velero.io/v1
kind: Backup
metadata:
```



```

annotations:
  openshift.io/migrate-copy-phase: final
  openshift.io/migrate-quiesce-pods: "true"
  openshift.io/migration-registry: 172.30.105.179:5000
  openshift.io/migration-registry-dir: /socks-shop-mig-plan-registry-44dd3bd5-c9f8-11e9-95ad-0205fe66cbb6
  openshift.io/orig-reclaim-policy: delete
creationTimestamp: "2019-08-29T01:03:15Z"
generateName: 88435fe0-c9f8-11e9-85e6-5d593ce65e10-
generation: 1
labels:
  app.kubernetes.io/part-of: migration
  migmigration: 8886de4c-c9f8-11e9-95ad-0205fe66cbb6
  migration-stage-backup: 8886de4c-c9f8-11e9-95ad-0205fe66cbb6
  velero.io/storage-location: myrepo-vpzq9
name: 88435fe0-c9f8-11e9-85e6-5d593ce65e10-59gb7
namespace: openshift-migration
resourceVersion: "87313"
selfLink: /apis/velero.io/v1/namespaces/openshift-migration/backups/88435fe0-c9f8-11e9-85e6-5d593ce65e10-59gb7
uid: c80dbbc0-c9f8-11e9-95ad-0205fe66cbb6
spec:
  excludedNamespaces: []
  excludedResources: []
  hooks:
    resources: []
  includeClusterResources: null
  includedNamespaces:
  - sock-shop
  includedResources:
  - persistentvolumes
  - persistentvolumeclaims
  - namespaces
  - imagestreams
  - imagestreamtags
  - secrets
  - configmaps
  - pods
  labelSelector:
    matchLabels:
      migration-included-stage-backup: 8886de4c-c9f8-11e9-95ad-0205fe66cbb6
  storageLocation: myrepo-vpzq9
  ttl: 720h0m0s
  volumeSnapshotLocations:
  - myrepo-wv6fx
status:
  completionTimestamp: "2019-08-29T01:02:36Z"
  errors: 0
  expiration: "2019-09-28T01:02:35Z"
  phase: Completed
  startTimestamp: "2019-08-29T01:02:35Z"
  validationErrors: null
  version: 1
  volumeSnapshotsAttempted: 0
  volumeSnapshotsCompleted: 0
  warnings: 0

```

Velero restore CR #2 example output that describes the Kubernetes resources

```

apiVersion: velero.io/v1
kind: Restore
metadata:
  annotations:
    openshift.io/migrate-copy-phase: final
    openshift.io/migrate-quiesce-pods: "true"
    openshift.io/migration-registry: 172.30.90.187:5000
    openshift.io/migration-registry-dir: /socks-shop-mig-plan-registry-36f54ca7-c925-11e9-825a-06fa9fb68c88
  creationTimestamp: "2019-08-28T00:09:49Z"
  generateName: e13a1b60-c927-11e9-9555-d129df7f3b96-
  generation: 3
  labels:
    app.kubernetes.io/part-of: migration
    migmigration: e18252c9-c927-11e9-825a-06fa9fb68c88
    migration-final-restore: e18252c9-c927-11e9-825a-06fa9fb68c88
  name: e13a1b60-c927-11e9-9555-d129df7f3b96-gb8nx
  namespace: openshift-migration
  resourceVersion: "82329"
  selfLink: /apis/velero.io/v1/namespaces/openshift-migration/restores/e13a1b60-c927-11e9-9555-d129df7f3b96-gb8nx
  uid: 26983ec0-c928-11e9-825a-06fa9fb68c88
spec:
  backupName: e13a1b60-c927-11e9-9555-d129df7f3b96-sz24f
  excludedNamespaces: null
  excludedResources:
    - nodes
    - events
    - events.events.k8s.io
    - backups.velero.io
    - restores.velero.io
    - resticrepositories.velero.io
  includedNamespaces: null
  includedResources: null
  namespaceMapping: null
  restorePVs: true
status:
  errors: 0
  failureReason: ""
  phase: Completed
  validationErrors: null
  warnings: 15

```

11.4. COMMON ISSUES AND CONCERNS

This section describes common issues and concerns that can cause issues during migration.

11.4.1. Direct volume migration does not complete

If direct volume migration does not complete, the target cluster might not have the same **node-selector** annotations as the source cluster.

Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) migrates namespaces with all annotations to preserve security context constraints and scheduling requirements. During direct volume migration, MTC creates Rsync transfer pods on the target cluster in the namespaces that were migrated from the source cluster. If a target cluster namespace does not have the same annotations as the source cluster namespace, the Rsync transfer pods cannot be scheduled. The Rsync pods remain in a **Pending** state.

You can identify and fix this issue by performing the following procedure.

Procedure

1. Check the status of the **MigMigration** CR:

```
$ oc describe migmigration <pod> -n openshift-migration
```

The output includes the following status message:

Example output

```
Some or all transfer pods are not running for more than 10 mins on destination cluster
```

2. On the source cluster, obtain the details of a migrated namespace:

```
$ oc get namespace <namespace> -o yaml 1
```

1 Specify the migrated namespace.

3. On the target cluster, edit the migrated namespace:

```
$ oc edit namespace <namespace>
```

4. Add the missing **openshift.io/node-selector** annotations to the migrated namespace as in the following example:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Namespace
metadata:
  annotations:
    openshift.io/node-selector: "region=east"
...
```

5. Run the migration plan again.

11.4.2. Error messages and resolutions

This section describes common error messages you might encounter with the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) and how to resolve their underlying causes.

11.4.2.1. CA certificate error displayed when accessing the MTC console for the first time

If a **CA certificate error** message is displayed the first time you try to access the MTC console, the likely cause is the use of self-signed CA certificates in one of the clusters.

To resolve this issue, navigate to the **oauth-authorization-server** URL displayed in the error message and accept the certificate. To resolve this issue permanently, add the certificate to the trust store of your web browser.

If an **Unauthorized** message is displayed after you have accepted the certificate, navigate to the MTC console and refresh the web page.

11.4.2.2. OAuth timeout error in the MTC console

If a **connection has timed out** message is displayed in the MTC console after you have accepted a self-signed certificate, the causes are likely to be the following:

- Interrupted network access to the OAuth server
- Interrupted network access to the OpenShift Container Platform console
- Proxy configuration that blocks access to the **oauth-authorization-server** URL. See [MTC console inaccessible because of OAuth timeout error](#) for details.

To determine the cause of the timeout:

- Inspect the MTC console web page with a browser web inspector.
- Check the **Migration UI** pod log for errors.

11.4.2.3. Certificate signed by unknown authority error

If you use a self-signed certificate to secure a cluster or a replication repository for the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC), certificate verification might fail with the following error message: **Certificate signed by unknown authority**.

You can create a custom CA certificate bundle file and upload it in the MTC web console when you add a cluster or a replication repository.

Procedure

Download a CA certificate from a remote endpoint and save it as a CA bundle file:

```
$ echo -n | openssl s_client -connect <host_FQDN>:<port> \ 1
| sed -ne '/-BEGIN CERTIFICATE-/,/-END CERTIFICATE-/p' > <ca_bundle.cert> 2
```

- 1 Specify the host FQDN and port of the endpoint, for example, **api.my-cluster.example.com:6443**.
- 2 Specify the name of the CA bundle file.

11.4.2.4. Backup storage location errors in the Velero pod log

If a **Velero Backup** custom resource contains a reference to a backup storage location (BSL) that does not exist, the **Velero** pod log might display the following error messages:

```
$ oc logs <Velero_Pod> -n openshift-migration
```

Example output

```
level=error msg="Error checking repository for stale locks" error="error getting backup storage
location: BackupStorageLocation.velero.io \"ts-dpa-1\" not found" error.file="/remote-
source/src/github.com/vmware-tanzu/velero/pkg/restic/repository_manager.go:259"
```

You can ignore these error messages. A missing BSL cannot cause a migration to fail.

11.4.2.5. Pod volume backup timeout error in the Velero pod log

If a migration fails because Restic times out, the following error is displayed in the **Velero** pod log.

```
level=error msg="Error backing up item" backup=velero/monitoring error="timed out waiting for all
PodVolumeBackups to complete"
error.file="/go/src/github.com/heptio/velero/pkg/restic/backupper.go:165"
error.function="github.com/heptio/velero/pkg/restic.(*backupper).BackupPodVolumes" group=v1
```

The default value of **restic_timeout** is one hour. You can increase this parameter for large migrations, keeping in mind that a higher value may delay the return of error messages.

Procedure

1. In the OpenShift Container Platform web console, navigate to **Operators → Installed Operators**.
2. Click **Migration Toolkit for Containers Operator**.
3. In the **MigrationController** tab, click **migration-controller**.
4. In the **YAML** tab, update the following parameter value:

```
spec:
  restic_timeout: 1h 1
```

1 Valid units are **h** (hours), **m** (minutes), and **s** (seconds), for example, **3h30m15s**.

5. Click **Save**.

11.4.2.6. Restic verification errors in the MigMigration custom resource

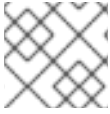
If data verification fails when migrating a persistent volume with the file system data copy method, the following error is displayed in the **MigMigration** CR.

Example output

```
status:
  conditions:
    - category: Warn
      durable: true
      lastTransitionTime: 2020-04-16T20:35:16Z
      message: There were verify errors found in 1 Restic volume restores. See restore `<registry-
example-migration-rvwcm>`
        for details 1
      status: "True"
      type: ResticVerifyErrors 2
```

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- 1 The error message identifies the **Restore** CR name.
- 2 **ResticVerifyErrors** is a general error warning type that includes verification errors.

**NOTE**

A data verification error does not cause the migration process to fail.

You can check the **Restore** CR to identify the source of the data verification error.

Procedure

1. Log in to the target cluster.
2. View the **Restore** CR:

```
$ oc describe <registry-example-migration-rvwcm> -n openshift-migration
```

The output identifies the persistent volume with **PodVolumeRestore** errors.

Example output

```
status:
  phase: Completed
  podVolumeRestoreErrors:
  - kind: PodVolumeRestore
    name: <registry-example-migration-rvwcm-98t49>
    namespace: openshift-migration
  podVolumeRestoreResticErrors:
  - kind: PodVolumeRestore
    name: <registry-example-migration-rvwcm-98t49>
    namespace: openshift-migration
```

3. View the **PodVolumeRestore** CR:

```
$ oc describe <migration-example-rvwcm-98t49>
```

The output identifies the **Restic** pod that logged the errors.

Example output

```
completionTimestamp: 2020-05-01T20:49:12Z
errors: 1
resticErrors: 1
...
resticPod: <restic-nr2v5>
```

4. View the **Restic** pod log to locate the errors:

```
$ oc logs -f <restic-nr2v5>
```

11.4.2.7. Restic permission error when migrating from NFS storage with root_squash enabled

If you are migrating data from NFS storage and **root_squash** is enabled, **Restic** maps to **nfsnobody** and does not have permission to perform the migration. The following error is displayed in the **Restic** pod log.

Example output

```
backup=openshift-migration/<backup_id> controller=pod-volume-backup error="fork/exec
/usr/bin/restic: permission denied" error.file="/go/src/github.com/vmware-
tanzu/velero/pkg/controller/pod_volume_backup_controller.go:280"
error.function="github.com/vmware-tanzu/velero/pkg/controller.
(*podVolumeBackupController).processBackup"
logSource="pkg/controller/pod_volume_backup_controller.go:280" name=<backup_id>
namespace=openshift-migration
```

You can resolve this issue by creating a supplemental group for Restic and adding the group ID to the **MigrationController** CR manifest.

Procedure

1. Create a supplemental group for Restic on the NFS storage.
2. Set the **setgid** bit on the NFS directories so that group ownership is inherited.
3. Add the **restic_supplemental_groups** parameter to the **MigrationController** CR manifest on the source and target clusters:

```
spec:
  restic_supplemental_groups: <group_id> 1
```

- 1 Specify the supplemental group ID.

4. Wait for the **Restic** pods to restart so that the changes are applied.

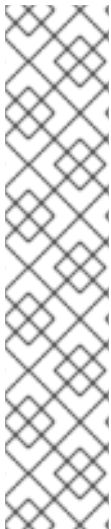
11.5. ROLLING BACK A MIGRATION

You can roll back a migration by using the MTC web console or the CLI.

You can also [roll back a migration manually](#).

11.5.1. Rolling back a migration by using the MTC web console

You can roll back a migration by using the Migration Toolkit for Containers (MTC) web console.



NOTE

The following resources remain in the migrated namespaces for debugging after a failed direct volume migration (DVM):

- Config maps (source and destination clusters)
- **Secret** objects (source and destination clusters)
- **Rsync** CRs (source cluster)


These resources do not affect rollback. You can delete them manually.

If you later run the same migration plan successfully, the resources from the failed migration are deleted automatically.

If your application was stopped during a failed migration, you must roll back the migration to prevent data corruption in the persistent volume.

Rollback is not required if the application was not stopped during migration because the original application is still running on the source cluster.

Procedure

1. In the MTC web console, click **Migration plans**.
2. Click the Options menu  beside a migration plan and select **Rollback** under **Migration**.
3. Click **Rollback** and wait for rollback to complete.
In the migration plan details, **Rollback succeeded** is displayed.
4. Verify that rollback was successful in the OpenShift Container Platform web console of the source cluster:
 - a. Click **Home → Projects**.
 - b. Click the migrated project to view its status.
 - c. In the **Routes** section, click **Location** to verify that the application is functioning, if applicable.
 - d. Click **Workloads → Pods** to verify that the pods are running in the migrated namespace.
 - e. Click **Storage → Persistent volumes** to verify that the migrated persistent volume is correctly provisioned.

11.5.2. Rolling back a migration from the command line interface

You can roll back a migration by creating a **MigMigration** custom resource (CR) from the command line interface.



NOTE

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- **Rsync** CRs (source cluster)

These resources do not affect rollback. You can delete them manually.

If you later run the same migration plan successfully, the resources from the failed migration are deleted automatically.

If your application was stopped during a failed migration, you must roll back the migration to prevent data corruption in the persistent volume.

Rollback is not required if the application was not stopped during migration because the original application is still running on the source cluster.

Procedure

1. Create a **MigMigration** CR based on the following example:

```
$ cat << EOF | oc apply -f -
apiVersion: migration.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: MigMigration
metadata:
  labels:
    controller-tools.k8s.io: "1.0"
  name: <migmigration>
  namespace: openshift-migration
spec:
...
  rollback: true
...
  migPlanRef:
    name: <migplan> 1
    namespace: openshift-migration
EOF
```

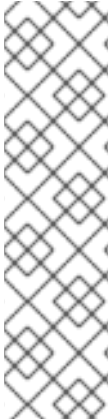
- 1 Specify the name of the associated **MigPlan** CR.

2. In the MTC web console, verify that the migrated project resources have been removed from the target cluster.
3. Verify that the migrated project resources are present in the source cluster and that the application is running.

11.5.3. Rolling back a migration manually

You can roll back a failed migration manually by deleting the **stage** pods and unquiescing the application.

If you run the same migration plan successfully, the resources from the failed migration are deleted automatically.



NOTE

The following resources remain in the migrated namespaces after a failed direct volume migration (DVM):

- Config maps (source and destination clusters)
- **Secret** objects (source and destination clusters)
- **Rsync** CRs (source cluster)

These resources do not affect rollback. You can delete them manually.

Procedure

1. Delete the **stage** pods on all clusters:

```
$ oc delete $(oc get pods -l migration.openshift.io/is-stage-pod -n <namespace>) 1
```

- 1** Namespaces specified in the **MigPlan** CR.

2. Unquiesce the application on the source cluster by scaling the replicas to their premigration number:

```
$ oc scale deployment <deployment> --replicas=<premigration_replicas>
```

The **migration.openshift.io/preQuiesceReplicas** annotation in the **Deployment** CR displays the premigration number of replicas:

```
apiVersion: extensions/v1beta1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  annotations:
    deployment.kubernetes.io/revision: "1"
    migration.openshift.io/preQuiesceReplicas: "1"
```

3. Verify that the application pods are running on the source cluster:

```
$ oc get pod -n <namespace>
```

Additional resources

- [Deleting Operators from a cluster using the web console](#)