Installing OpenShift Container Platform 4.2 IBM Z clusters
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Abstract

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1.1. INSTALLING A CLUSTER ON IBM Z AND LINUXONE

In OpenShift Container Platform version 4.2, you can install a cluster on IBM Z or LinuxONE infrastructure that you provision.

**NOTE**

While this document refers only to IBM Z, all information in it also applies to LinuxONE.

**IMPORTANT**

Additional considerations exist for non-bare metal platforms. Review the information in the guidelines for deploying OpenShift Container Platform on non-tested platforms before you install an OpenShift Container Platform cluster.

**WARNING**

Restricted network installations are not tested or supported on IBM Z in OpenShift Container Platform 4.2.

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**Prerequisites**

- Provision persistent storage using NFS for your cluster. To deploy a private image registry, your storage must provide ReadWriteMany access modes.

- Review details about the OpenShift Container Platform installation and update processes.

- If you use a firewall, you must configure it to allow the sites that your cluster requires access to.

  **NOTE**

  Be sure to also review this site list if you are configuring a proxy.

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1.1.1. Internet and Telemetry access for OpenShift Container Platform

In OpenShift Container Platform 4.2, you require access to the internet to install your cluster. The Telemetry service, which runs by default to provide metrics about cluster health and the success of updates, also requires internet access. If your cluster is connected to the internet, Telemetry runs automatically, and your cluster is registered to the Red Hat OpenShift Cluster Manager (OCM).

Once you confirm that your Red Hat OpenShift Cluster Manager inventory is correct, either maintained automatically by Telemetry or manually using OCM, use subscription watch to track your OpenShift Container Platform subscriptions at the account or multi-cluster level.

You must have internet access to:
- Access the Red Hat OpenShift Cluster Manager page to download the installation program and perform subscription management. If the cluster has internet access and you do not disable Telemetry, that service automatically entitles your cluster.

- Access Quay.io to obtain the packages that are required to install your cluster.

- Obtain the packages that are required to perform cluster updates.

**IMPORTANT**

If your cluster cannot have direct internet access, you can perform a restricted network installation on some types of infrastructure that you provision. During that process, you download the content that is required and use it to populate a mirror registry with the packages that you need to install a cluster and generate the installation program. With some installation types, the environment that you install your cluster in will not require internet access. Before you update the cluster, you update the content of the mirror registry.

**1.1.2. Machine requirements for a cluster with user-provisioned infrastructure**

For a cluster that contains user-provisioned infrastructure, you must deploy all of the required machines.

**1.1.2.1. Required machines**

The smallest OpenShift Container Platform clusters require the following hosts:

- One temporary bootstrap machine
- Three control plane, or master, machines
- At least two compute machines, which are also known as worker machines

**NOTE**

The cluster requires the bootstrap machine to deploy the OpenShift Container Platform cluster on the three control plane machines. You can remove the bootstrap machine after you install the cluster.

**IMPORTANT**

To improve high availability of your cluster, distribute the control plane machines over different z/VM instances. These can, but need not, run on the same Z or LinuxONE hardware.

The bootstrap, control plane, and compute machines must use the Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS (RHCOS) as the operating system.

Note that RHCOS is based on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 and inherits all of its hardware certifications and requirements. See Red Hat Enterprise Linux technology capabilities and limits.

**1.1.2.2. Network connectivity requirements**
All the Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS (RHCOS) machines require network in **initramfs** during boot to fetch Ignition config files from the Machine Config Server. The machines are configured with static IP addresses. No DHCP server is required.

### 1.1.2.3. IBM Z network connectivity requirements

To install on IBM Z under z/VM, you require a single z/VM virtual NIC in layer 2 mode. You also need:

- A direct-attached OSA or RoCE network adapter
- A z/VM VSwitch set up. For a preferred setup, use OSA link aggregation.

### 1.1.2.4. Minimum resource requirements

Each cluster machine must meet the following minimum requirements:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Machine</th>
<th>Operating System</th>
<th>vCPU</th>
<th>Virtual RAM</th>
<th>Storage</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bootstrap</td>
<td>RHCOS</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>16 GB</td>
<td>120 GB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Control plane</td>
<td>RHCOS</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>16 GB</td>
<td>120 GB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Compute</td>
<td>RHCOS</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>8 GB</td>
<td>120 GB</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 1.1.2.5. Minimum IBM Z system requirements

You can install OpenShift Container Platform version 4.2 on the following IBM hardware:

- IBM Z: z13, z13s, all z14 models, all z15 models
- LinuxONE: all models

#### Hardware requirements

- 1 LPAR with 3 IFLs that supports SMT2
- 1 OSA or RoCE network adapter

#### Operating system requirements

- One instance of z/VM 7.1

On your z/VM instance, set up:

- 3 guest virtual machines for OpenShift Container Platform control plane machines
- 2 guest virtual machines for OpenShift Container Platform compute machines
- 1 guest virtual machine for the temporary OpenShift Container Platform bootstrap machine

#### Disk storage for the z/VM guest virtual machines
- FICON attached disk storage (DASDs). These can be z/VM minidisks, fullpack minidisks, or dedicated DASDs. To reach the minimum required DASD size for RHCOS installations, you need extended address volumes (EAV). If available, use HyperPAV to ensure optimal performance.

**NOTE**

In OpenShift Container Platform 4.2, you must use DASD disks if you require multi-path support.

- FCP attached disk storage

**Storage / Main Memory**

- 16 GB for OpenShift Container Platform control plane machines
- 8 GB for OpenShift Container Platform compute machines
- 16 GB for the temporary OpenShift Container Platform bootstrap machine

### 1.1.2.6. Preferred IBM Z system requirements

**Hardware requirements**

- 3 LPARs with 6 IFLs that support SMT2
- 1 or 2 OSA or RoCE network adapters, or both

**Operating system requirements**

- 2 or 3 instances of z/VM 7.1 for high availability

On your z/VM instances, set up:

- 3 guest virtual machines for OpenShift Container Platform control plane machines, one per z/VM instance
- At least 6 guest virtual machines for OpenShift Container Platform compute machines, distributed across the z/VM instances
- 1 guest virtual machine for the temporary OpenShift Container Platform bootstrap machine

**Disk storage for the z/VM guest virtual machines**

- FICON attached disk storage (DASDs). These can be z/VM minidisks, fullpack minidisks, or dedicated DASDs. To reach the minimum required DASD size for RHCOS installations, you need extended address volumes (EAV). If available, use HyperPAV to ensure optimal performance.

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• 16 GB for OpenShift Container Platform control plane machines
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• 16 GB for the temporary OpenShift Container Platform bootstrap machine

1.1.2.7. Certificate signing requests management

Because your cluster has limited access to automatic machine management when you use infrastructure that you provision, you must provide a mechanism for approving cluster certificate signing requests (CSRs) after installation. The **kube-controller-manager** only approves the kubelet client CSRs. The **machine-approver** cannot guarantee the validity of a serving certificate that is requested by using kubelet credentials because it cannot confirm that the correct machine issued the request. You must determine and implement a method of verifying the validity of the kubelet serving certificate requests and approving them.

**Additional resources**

- See [Bridging a HiperSockets LAN with a z/VM Virtual Switch](#) in the IBM Knowledge Center.
- See [Scaling HyperPAV alias devices on Linux guests on z/VM](#) for performance optimization.

1.1.3. Creating the user-provisioned infrastructure

Before you deploy an OpenShift Container Platform cluster that uses user-provisioned infrastructure, you must create the underlying infrastructure.

**Prerequisites**

- Review the [OpenShift Container Platform 4.x Tested Integrations](#) page before you create the supporting infrastructure for your cluster.

**Procedure**

1. Set up static IP addresses.
2. Set up an FTP server.
3. Provision the required load balancers.
4. Configure the ports for your machines.
5. Configure DNS.

1.1.3.1. Networking requirements for user-provisioned infrastructure

All the Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS (RHCOS) machines require network in **initramfs** during boot to fetch Ignition config from the Machine Config Server.

During the initial boot, the machines require an FTP server in order to establish a network connection to download their Ignition config files.

Ensure that the machines have persistent IP addresses and host names.
The Kubernetes API server, which runs on each master node after a successful cluster installation, must be able to resolve the node names of the cluster machines. If the API servers and worker nodes are in different zones, you can configure a default DNS search zone to allow the API server to resolve the node names. Another supported approach is to always refer to hosts by their fully-qualified domain names in both the node objects and all DNS requests.

You must configure the network connectivity between machines to allow cluster components to communicate. Each machine must be able to resolve the host names of all other machines in the cluster.

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<th>Protocol</th>
<th>Port</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>ICMP</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Network reachability tests</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>9000-9999</td>
<td>Host level services, including the node exporter on ports 9100-9101 and the Cluster Version Operator on port 9099.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>10250-10259</td>
<td>The default ports that Kubernetes reserves</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>10256</td>
<td>openshift.sdn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UDP</td>
<td>4789</td>
<td>VXLAN and GENEVE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>6081</td>
<td>VXLAN and GENEVE</td>
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<td></td>
<td>9000-9999</td>
<td>Host level services, including the node exporter on ports 9100-9101.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TCP/UDP</td>
<td>30000-32767</td>
<td>Kubernetes NodePort</td>
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<td>TCP</td>
<td>2379-2380</td>
<td>etcd server, peer, and metrics ports</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>6443</td>
<td>Kubernetes API</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Network topology requirements
The infrastructure that you provision for your cluster must meet the following network topology requirements.

**IMPORTANT**

OpenShift Container Platform requires all nodes to have internet access to pull images for platform containers and provide telemetry data to Red Hat.

Load balancers
Before you install OpenShift Container Platform, you must provision two layer-4 load balancers. The API requires one load balancer and the default Ingress Controller needs the second load balancer to provide ingress to applications.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Port</th>
<th>Machines</th>
<th>Internal</th>
<th>External</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>6443</td>
<td>Bootstrap and control plane. You remove the bootstrap machine from the load balancer after the bootstrap machine initializes the cluster control plane.</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>Kubernetes API server</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22623</td>
<td>Bootstrap and control plane. You remove the bootstrap machine from the load balancer after the bootstrap machine initializes the cluster control plane.</td>
<td>x</td>
<td></td>
<td>Machine Config server</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>443</td>
<td>The machines that run the Ingress router pods, compute, or worker, by default.</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>HTTPS traffic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>80</td>
<td>The machines that run the Ingress router pods, compute, or worker by default.</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>HTTP traffic</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**NOTE**
A working configuration for the Ingress router is required for an OpenShift Container Platform cluster. You must configure the Ingress router after the control plane initializes.

### 1.1.3.2. User-provisioned DNS requirements

The following DNS records are required for an OpenShift Container Platform cluster that uses user-provisioned infrastructure. In each record, `<cluster_name>` is the cluster name and `<base_domain>` is the cluster base domain that you specify in the `install-config.yaml` file. A complete DNS record takes the form: `<component>.<cluster_name>.<base_domain>..

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<tr>
<td>Kubernetes API</td>
<td>api.&lt;cluster_name&gt;.&lt;base_domain&gt;..</td>
<td>This DNS A/AAAA or CNAME record must point to the load balancer for the control plane machines. This record must be resolvable by both clients external to the cluster and from all the nodes within the cluster.</td>
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<tr>
<td>api-int.&lt;cluster_name&gt;.&lt;base_domain&gt;.</td>
<td></td>
<td>This DNS A/AAAA or CNAME record must point to the load balancer for the control plane machines. This record must be resolvable from all the nodes within the cluster.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IMPORTANT</td>
<td></td>
<td>The API server must be able to resolve the worker nodes by the host names that are recorded in Kubernetes. If it cannot resolve the node names, proxied API calls can fail, and you cannot retrieve logs from Pods.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Routes</td>
<td>*.apps.&lt;cluster_name&gt;.&lt;base_domain&gt;.</td>
<td>A wildcard DNS A/AAAA or CNAME record that points to the load balancer that targets the machines that run the Ingress router pods, which are the worker nodes by default. This record must be resolvable by both clients external to the cluster and from all the nodes within the cluster.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>etcd</td>
<td>etcd-&lt;index&gt;.&lt;cluster_name&gt;.&lt;base_domain&gt;.</td>
<td>OpenShift Container Platform requires DNS A/AAAA records for each etcd instance to point to the control plane machines that host the instances. The etcd instances are differentiated by <code>&lt;index&gt;</code> values, which start with 0 and end with n-1, where n is the number of control plane machines in the cluster. The DNS record must resolve to an unicast IPv4 address for the control plane machine, and the records must be resolvable from all the nodes in the cluster.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Component Record Description

For each control plane machine, OpenShift Container Platform also requires a SRV DNS record for etcd server on that machine with priority 0, weight 10 and port 2380. A cluster that uses three control plane machines requires the following records:

```plaintext
# _service._proto.name.
TTL    class SRV priority
weight port target.

_etcd-server-ssl._tcp.<cluster_name>.<base_domain>.  86400 IN SRV 0        10     2380 etcd-0.<cluster_name>.<base_domain>
_etcd-server-ssl._tcp.<cluster_name>.<base_domain>.  86400 IN SRV 0        10     2380 etcd-1.<cluster_name>.<base_domain>
_etcd-server-ssl._tcp.<cluster_name>.<base_domain>.  86400 IN SRV 0        10     2380 etcd-2.<cluster_name>.<base_domain>
```

### 1.1.4. Generating an SSH private key and adding it to the agent

If you want to perform installation debugging or disaster recovery on your cluster, you must provide an SSH key to both your `ssh-agent` and to the installation program.

**NOTE**

In a production environment, you require disaster recovery and debugging.

**IMPORTANT**

Do not skip this procedure in production environments where disaster recovery and debugging is required.

You can use this key to SSH into the master nodes as the user `core`. When you deploy the cluster, the key is added to the `core` user’s `~/.ssh/authorized_keys` list.
Procedure

1. If you do not have an SSH key that is configured for password-less authentication on your computer, create one. For example, on a computer that uses a Linux operating system, run the following command:

```
$ ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 4096 -N '' -f <path>/<file_name>
```

Specify the path and file name, such as `~/.ssh/id_rsa`, of the SSH key.

Running this command generates an SSH key that does not require a password in the location that you specified.

2. Start the `ssh-agent` process as a background task:

```
$ eval "$(ssh-agent -s)"
```

Agent pid 31874

3. Add your SSH private key to the `ssh-agent`:

```
$ ssh-add <path>/<file_name>
```

Identity added: /home/<you>/<path>/<file_name> (<computer_name>)

Specify the path and file name for your SSH private key, such as `~/.ssh/id_rsa`

Next steps

- When you install OpenShift Container Platform, provide the SSH public key to the installation program.

1.1.5. Obtaining the installation program

Before you install OpenShift Container Platform, download the installation file on your provisioning machine.

Prerequisites

- You must install the cluster from a machine that runs Linux, for example Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.
- You need 500 MB of local disk space to download the installation program.

Procedure

1. Access the Infrastructure Provider page on the Red Hat OpenShift Cluster Manager site. If you have a Red Hat account, log in with your credentials. If you do not, create an account.
2. Navigate to the page for your installation type, download the installation program for your operating system, and place the file in the directory where you will store the installation configuration files.

**IMPORTANT**

The installation program creates several files on the computer that you use to install your cluster. You must keep both the installation program and the files that the installation program creates after you finish installing the cluster.

3. Extract the installation program. For example, on a computer that uses a Linux operating system, run the following command:

```bash
$ tar xvf <installation_program>.tar.gz
```

4. From the Pull Secret page on the Red Hat OpenShift Cluster Manager site, download your installation pull secret as a .txt file. This pull secret allows you to authenticate with the services that are provided by the included authorities, including Quay.io, which serves the container images for OpenShift Container Platform components.

### 1.1.6. Installing the CLI

You can install the CLI in order to interact with OpenShift Container Platform using a command-line interface.

**IMPORTANT**

If you installed an earlier version of oc, you cannot use it to complete all of the commands in OpenShift Container Platform 4.2. Download and install the new version of oc.

**Procedure**

1. From the Infrastructure Provider page on the Red Hat OpenShift Cluster Manager site, navigate to the page for your installation type and click Download Command-line Tools.

2. Click the folder for your operating system and architecture and click the compressed file.

**NOTE**

You can install oc on Linux, Windows, or macOS.

3. Save the file to your file system.

4. Extract the compressed file.

5. Place it in a directory that is on your PATH.

After you install the CLI, it is available using the oc command:

```bash
$ oc <command>
```

### 1.1.7. Manually creating the installation configuration file
For installations of OpenShift Container Platform that use user-provisioned infrastructure, you must manually generate your installation configuration file.

**Prerequisites**

- Obtain the OpenShift Container Platform installation program and the access token for your cluster.

**Procedure**

1. Create an installation directory to store your required installation assets in:
   ```bash
   $ mkdir <installation_directory>
   ```

   **IMPORTANT**
   You must create a directory. Some installation assets, like bootstrap X.509 certificates have short expiration intervals, so you must not reuse an installation directory. If you want to reuse individual files from another cluster installation, you can copy them into your directory. However, the file names for the installation assets might change between releases. Use caution when copying installation files from an earlier OpenShift Container Platform version.

2. Customize the following `install-config.yaml` file template and save it in the `<installation_directory>`.

   **NOTE**
   You must name this configuration file `install-config.yaml`.

3. Back up the `install-config.yaml` file so that you can use it to install multiple clusters.

   **IMPORTANT**
   The `install-config.yaml` file is consumed during the next step of the installation process. You must back it up now.

### 1.1.7.1. Sample `install-config.yaml` file for IBM Z

You can customize the `install-config.yaml` file to specify more details about your OpenShift Container Platform cluster’s platform or modify the values of the required parameters.

```yaml
apiVersion: v1
baseDomain: example.com
compute:
  - hyperthreading: Enabled
    name: worker
    replicas: 0
controlPlane:
  hyperthreading: Enabled
  name: master
  replicas: 3
```
The base domain of the cluster. All DNS records must be sub-domains of this base and include the cluster name.

The **controlPlane** section is a single mapping, but the compute section is a sequence of mappings. To meet the requirements of the different data structures, the first line of the **compute** section must begin with a hyphen, `-`, and the first line of the **controlPlane** section must not. Although both sections currently define a single machine pool, it is possible that future versions of OpenShift Container Platform will support defining multiple compute pools during installation. Only one control plane pool is used.

Whether to enable or disable simultaneous multithreading, or **hyperthreading**. By default, simultaneous multithreading is enabled to increase the performance of your machines’ cores. You can disable it by setting the parameter value to **Disabled**. If you disable simultaneous multithreading in some cluster machines, you must disable it in all cluster machines.

**IMPORTANT**

If you disable simultaneous multithreading, ensure that your capacity planning accounts for the dramatically decreased machine performance.

You must set the value of the **replicas** parameter to 0. This parameter controls the number of workers that the cluster creates and manages for you, which are functions that the cluster does not perform when you use user-provisioned infrastructure. You must manually deploy worker machines for the cluster to use before you finish installing OpenShift Container Platform.

The number of control plane machines that you add to the cluster. Because the cluster uses this values as the number of etcd endpoints in the cluster, the value must match the number of control plane machines that you deploy.

The cluster name that you specified in your DNS records.

A block of IP addresses from which Pod IP addresses are allocated. This block must not overlap with existing physical networks. These IP addresses are used for the Pod network, and if you need to access the Pods from an external network, configure load balancers and routers to manage the traffic.

The subnet prefix length to assign to each individual node. For example, if **hostPrefix** is set to 23, then each node is assigned a /23 subnet out of the given **cidr**, which allows for 510 \(2^{32} - 23 - 2\) pod IPs addresses. If you are required to provide access to nodes from an external network, configure load balancers and routers to manage the traffic.
The IP address pool to use for service IP addresses. You can enter only one IP address pool. If you need to access the services from an external network, configure load balancers and routers to

You must set the platform to **none**. You cannot provide additional platform configuration variables for IBM Z infrastructure.

The pull secret that you obtained from the Pull Secret page on the Red Hat OpenShift Cluster Manager site. This pull secret allows you to authenticate with the services that are provided by the included authorities, including Quay.io, which serves the container images for OpenShift Container Platform components.

The public portion of the default SSH key for the **core** user in Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS (RHCOS).

**NOTE**

For production OpenShift Container Platform clusters on which you want to perform installation debugging or disaster recovery on, specify an SSH key that your **ssh-agent** process uses.

1.1.8. Creating the Kubernetes manifest and Ignition config files

Because you must modify some cluster definition files and manually start the cluster machines, you must generate the Kubernetes manifest and Ignition config files that the cluster needs to make its machines.

**IMPORTANT**

The Ignition config files that the installation program generates contain certificates that expire after 24 hours. You must complete your cluster installation and keep the cluster running for 24 hours in a non-degraded state to ensure that the first certificate rotation has finished.

**Prerequisites**

- Obtain the OpenShift Container Platform installation program.
- Create the **install-config.yaml** installation configuration file.

**Procedure**

1. Generate the Kubernetes manifests for the cluster:

   `$ ./openshift-install create manifests --dir=<installation_directory>`

   **WARNING** There are no compute nodes specified. The cluster will not fully initialize without compute nodes.
   **INFO** Consuming "Install Config" from target directory

   **1** For **<installation_directory>**, specify the installation directory that contains the **install-config.yaml** file you created.
Because you create your own compute machines later in the installation process, you can safely ignore this warning.

2. Modify the `manifests/cluster-scheduler-02-config.yml` Kubernetes manifest file to prevent Pods from being scheduled on the control plane machines:
   a. Open the `manifests/cluster-scheduler-02-config.yml` file.
   b. Locate the `mastersSchedulable` parameter and set its value to `False`.
   c. Save and exit the file.

   **NOTE**
   Currently, due to a Kubernetes limitation, router Pods running on control plane machines will not be reachable by the ingress load balancer. This step might not be required in a future minor version of OpenShift Container Platform.

3. Obtain the Ignition config files:

   ```bash
   $ ./openshift-install create ignition-configs --dir=<installation_directory>
   ```

   For `<installation_directory>`, specify the same installation directory.

   The following files are generated in the directory:

   ```
   ├── auth
   │    └── kubeadmin-password
   │    └── kubeconfig
   │    └── bootstrap.ign
   │    └── master.ign
   │    └── metadata.json
   └── worker.ign
   ```

1.1.9. Creating Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS (RHCOS) machines

Before you install a cluster on IBM Z infrastructure that you provision, you must install RHCOS on z/VM guest virtual machines for the cluster to use. Complete the following steps to create the machines.

**Prerequisites**

- An FTP server running on your provisioning machine that is accessible to the machines you create.

**Procedure**

1. Log in to Linux on your provisioning machine.

2. Download the Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS installation files from the RHCOS image mirror.
IMPORTANT

The RHCOS images might not change with every release of OpenShift Container Platform. You must download images with the highest version that is less than or equal to the OpenShift Container Platform version that you install. Use the image versions that match your OpenShift Container Platform version if they are available.

Download the following files:

- The initramfs: `rhcos-<version>-installer-initramfs.img`
- The kernel: `rhcos-<version>-installer-kernel`
- The operating system image for the disk on which you want to install RHCOS. This type can differ by virtual machine:
  - `rhcos<version>-dasd.s390x.raw.gz` for DASD
  - `rhcos<version>-metal.s390x.raw.gz` for FCP

3. Create parameter files. The following parameters are specific for a particular virtual machine:

- For `coreos.inst.install_dev=`, specify `dasda` for a DASD installation, or `sda` for FCP. Note that FCP requires `zfcp.allow_lun_scan=0`.
- For `rd.dasd=`, specifies the DASD where RHCOS is to be installed.
- `rd.zfcp=<adapter>,<wwpn>,<lun>` specifies the FCP disk to install RHCOS on.
- For `ip=`, specify the following seven entries:
  i. The IP address for the machine.
  ii. An empty string.
  iii. The gateway.
  iv. The netmask.
  v. The machine host and domain name in the form `hostname.domainname`. Omit this value to let RHCOS decide set it.
  vi. The network interface name. Omit this value to let RHCOS decide set it.
  vii. If you use static IP addresses, an empty string.
- For `coreos.inst.ignition_url=`, specify the Ignition file for the machine role. Use `bootstrap.ign`, `master.ign`, or `worker.ign`.
- All other parameters can stay as they are.

Example parameter file, `bootstrap-0.parm`, for the bootstrap machine:

```
rdd.neednet=1 coreos.inst=yes coreos.inst.install_dev=dasda coreos.inst.image_url=ftp://c1.provide.example.com:8080/assets/rhcos-42.80.20191105.0-metal-dasd.raw.gz coreos.inst.ignition_url=ftp://c1.provide.example.com:8080/ignition-bootstrap-0 ip=172.18.78.2::172.18.78.1:255.255.255.0:::none nameserver=172.18.78.1
```
4. Transfer the initramfs, kernel, parameter files, and RHCOS images to z/VM, for example with FTP. For details about how to transfer the files with FTP and boot from the virtual reader, see *Installing under Z/VM*.

5. Punch the files to the virtual reader of the z/VM guest virtual machine that is to become your bootstrap node.
   See **PUNCH** in the IBM Knowledge Center.

   **TIP**

   You can use the CP PUNCH command or, if you use Linux, the `vmur` command to transfer files between two z/VM guest virtual machines.


7. IPL the bootstrap machine from the reader:

   ```
   $ ipl c
   ```

   See **IPL** in the IBM Knowledge Center.

8. Repeat this procedure for the other machines in the cluster.

### 1.1.10. Creating the cluster

To create the OpenShift Container Platform cluster, you wait for the bootstrap process to complete on the machines that you provisioned by using the Ignition config files that you generated with the installation program.

**Prerequisites**

- Create the required infrastructure for the cluster.
- You obtained the installation program and generated the Ignition config files for your cluster.
- You used the Ignition config files to create RHCOS machines for your cluster.
- Your machines have direct internet access.

**Procedure**

1. Monitor the bootstrap process:

   ```
   $ ./openshift-install --dir=<installation_directory> wait-for bootstrap-complete \
   --log-level=info
   ```

   INFO Waiting up to 30m0s for the Kubernetes API at https://api.test.example.com:6443...
   INFO API v1.14.6+c4799753c up
   INFO Waiting up to 30m0s for the bootstrap-complete event...

   **1** For `<installation_directory>`, specify the path to the directory that you stored the installation files in.
2. After bootstrap process is complete, remove the bootstrap machine from the load balancer.

**IMPORTANT**

You must remove the bootstrap machine from the load balancer at this point. You can also remove or reformat the machine itself.

1.11. Logging in to the cluster

You can log in to your cluster as a default system user by exporting the cluster kubeconfig file. The kubeconfig file contains information about the cluster that is used by the CLI to connect a client to the correct cluster and API server. The file is specific to a cluster and is created during OpenShift Container Platform installation.

**Prerequisites**

- Deploy an OpenShift Container Platform cluster.
- Install the oc CLI.

**Procedure**

1. Export the kubeadmin credentials:

   ```
   $ export KUBECONFIG=<installation_directory>/auth/kubeconfig
   ```

   For `<installation_directory>`, specify the path to the directory that you stored the installation files in.

2. Verify you can run `oc` commands successfully using the exported configuration:

   ```
   $ oc whoami
   system:admin
   ```

1.12. Approving the CSRs for your machines

When you add machines to a cluster, two pending certificates signing request (CSRs) are generated for each machine that you added. You must confirm that these CSRs are approved or, if necessary, approve them yourself.

**Prerequisites**

- You added machines to your cluster.

**Procedure**
1. Confirm that the cluster recognizes the machines:

```
$ oc get nodes

NAME            STATUS  ROLES    AGE   VERSION
master-0.cl1mstr0.example.com   Ready   master   20h   v1.14.6+888f9c630
master-1.cl1mstr1.example.com   Ready   master   20h   v1.14.6+888f9c630
master-2.cl1mstr2.example.com   Ready   master   20h   v1.14.6+888f9c630
worker-0.cl1wrk00.example.com   Ready   worker   20h   v1.14.6+888f9c630
worker-1.cl1wrk01.example.com   Ready   worker   20h   v1.14.6+888f9c630
```

The output lists all of the machines that you created.

2. Review the pending certificate signing requests (CSRs) and ensure that you see a client and server request with **Pending** or **Approved** status for each machine that you added to the cluster:

```
$ oc get csr

NAME        AGE     REQUESTOR                                                                  CONDITION
csr-8b2br   15m     system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrapper   Pending 1
csr-8vnps   15m     system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrapper   Pending 1
csr-bfd72   5m26s   system:node:ip-10-0-50-126.us-east-2.compute.internal                    Pending 2
csr-c57lv   5m26s   system:node:ip-10-0-95-157.us-east-2.compute.internal                   Pending
...
```

1. A client request CSR.
2. A server request CSR.

In this example, two machines are joining the cluster. You might see more approved CSRs in the list.

3. If the CSRs were not approved, after all of the pending CSRs for the machines you added are in **Pending** status, approve the CSRs for your cluster machines:

**NOTE**

Because the CSRs rotate automatically, approve your CSRs within an hour of adding the machines to the cluster. If you do not approve them within an hour, the certificates will rotate, and more than two certificates will be present for each node. You must approve all of these certificates. After you approve the initial CSRs, the subsequent node client CSRs are automatically approved by the cluster **kube-controller-manager**. You must implement a method of automatically approving the kubelet serving certificate requests.

- To approve them individually, run the following command for each valid CSR:

```
$ oc adm certificate approve <csr_name> 1
```
<csr_name> is the name of a CSR from the list of current CSRs.

- To approve all pending CSRs, run the following command:

```bash
$ oc get csr -o go-template="{{range .items}}{{if not .status}}{{.metadata.name}}{{"\n"}}{{end}}{{end}}" | xargs oc adm certificate approve
```

## 1.1.13. Initial Operator configuration

After the control plane initializes, you must immediately configure some Operators so that they all become available.

### Prerequisites

- Your control plane has initialized.

### Procedure

1. Watch the cluster components come online:

```bash
$ watch -n5 oc get clusteroperators
```

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2. Configure the Operators that are not available.

### 1.1.13.1. Image registry storage configuration
11.13.1.1. Configuring registry storage for IBM Z

As a cluster administrator, following installation you must configure your registry to use storage.

**Prerequisites**

- Cluster administrator permissions.
- A cluster on IBM Z.
- Provision persistent storage for your cluster, such as NFS. To deploy a private image registry, your storage must provide ReadWriteMany access mode.
- Must have “100Gi” capacity.

**Procedure**

1. To configure your registry to use storage, change the `spec.storage.pvc` in the `configs.imageregistry/cluster` resource.

2. Verify you do not have a registry Pod:

   ```
   $ oc get pod -n openshift-image-registry
   ```

   **NOTE**

   If the storage type is `emptyDIR`, the replica number cannot be greater than 1. If the storage type is `NFS`, and you want to scale up the registry Pod by setting `replica>1` you must enable the `no_wdelay` mount option. For example:

   ```
   # cat /etc/exports
   /mnt/data *(rw,sync,no_wdelay,no_root_squash,insecure,fsid=0)
   sh-4.3# exportfs -rv
   exporting *:/mnt/data
   ```

3. Check the registry configuration:

   ```
   $ oc edit configs.imageregistry.operator.openshift.io
   ```

   ```
   storage:
   pvc:
   claim:
   ```

   Leave the claim field blank to allow the automatic creation of an `image-registry-storage` PVC.

4. Check the `clusteroperator` status:

   ```
   $ oc get clusteroperator image-registry
   ```
1.1.13.1.2. Configuring storage for the image registry in non-production clusters

You must configure storage for the image registry Operator. For non-production clusters, you can set the image registry to an empty directory. If you do so, all images are lost if you restart the registry.

Procedure

- To set the image registry storage to an empty directory:

  ```bash
  $ oc patch configs.imageregistry.operator.openshift.io cluster --type merge --patch '{"spec": {"storage": {"emptyDir": {}}}'}
  ```

  **WARNING**

  Configure this option for only non-production clusters.

  If you run this command before the Image Registry Operator initializes its components, the `oc patch` command fails with the following error:

  ```
  Error from server (NotFound): configs.imageregistry.operator.openshift.io "cluster" not found
  ```

  Wait a few minutes and run the command again.

1.1.14. Completing installation on user-provisioned infrastructure

After you complete the Operator configuration, you can finish installing the cluster on infrastructure that you provide.

Prerequisites

- Your control plane has initialized.
- You have completed the initial Operator configuration.

Procedure

1. Confirm that all the cluster components are online:

  ```bash
  $ watch -n 5 oc get clusteroperators
  ```

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When all of the cluster Operators are **AVAILABLE**, you can complete the installation.

2. Monitor for cluster completion:

   ```
   $ ./openshift-install --dir=<installation_directory> wait-for install-complete
   INFO Waiting up to 30m0s for the cluster to initialize...
   ```

   For `<installation_directory>`, specify the path to the directory that you stored the installation files in.

   The command succeeds when the Cluster Version Operator finishes deploying the OpenShift Container Platform cluster from Kubernetes API server.

   **IMPORTANT**

   The Ignition config files that the installation program generates contain certificates that expire after 24 hours. You must keep the cluster running for 24 hours in a non-degraded state to ensure that the first certificate rotation has finished.

3. Confirm that the Kubernetes API server is communicating with the Pods.
   
   a. To view a list of all Pods, use the following command:

   ```
   $ oc get pods --all-namespaces
   ```

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b. View the logs for a Pod that is listed in the output of the previous command by using the following command:

```
$ oc logs <pod_name> -n <namespace>
```

Specify the Pod name and namespace, as shown in the output of the previous command.

If the Pod logs display, the Kubernetes API server can communicate with the cluster machines.

### 1.1.15. Collecting debugging information

You can gather debugging information that might help you to troubleshoot and debug certain issues with an OpenShift Container Platform installation on IBM Z.

**Prerequisites**

- The oc CLI tool installed.

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the cluster:

   ```
   $ oc login
   ```

2. On the node you want to gather hardware information about, start a debugging container:

   ```
   $ oc debug node/<nodename>
   ```

3. Change to the `/host` file system and start `toolbox`:

   ```
   $ chroot /host
   $ toolbox
   ```

4. Collect the `dbginfo` data:

   ```
   $ dbginfo.sh
   ```

5. You can then retrieve the data, for example, using `scp`.

**Additional resources**

- See also [How to generate SOSREPORT within OpenShift4 nodes without SSH](#).

**Next steps**
- Customize your cluster.
- If necessary, you can opt out of remote health reporting.