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Deploying the Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform operator on OpenShift Container Platform

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Abstract

This guide provides procedures and reference information for the supported installation scenarios for the Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform operator on OpenShift Container Platform.
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Thank you for your interest in Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform. Ansible Automation Platform is a commercial offering that helps teams manage complex multi-tier deployments by adding control, knowledge, and delegation to Ansible-powered environments.

This guide helps you to understand the installation, migration and upgrade requirements for deploying the Ansible Automation Platform Operator on OpenShift Container Platform.
Red Hat is committed to replacing problematic language in our code, documentation, and web properties. We are beginning with these four terms: master, slave, blacklist, and whitelist. Because of the enormity of this endeavor, these changes will be implemented gradually over several upcoming releases. For more details, see our CTO Chris Wright’s message.
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CHAPTER 1. PLANNING YOUR RED HAT ANSIBLE AUTOMATION PLATFORM OPERATOR INSTALLATION ON RED HAT OPENSHIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM

Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform is supported on both Red Hat Enterprise Linux and Red Hat OpenShift.

OpenShift operators help install and automate day-2 operations of complex, distributed software on Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform. The Ansible Automation Platform Operator enables you to deploy and manage Ansible Automation Platform components on Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform.

You can use this section to help plan your Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform installation on your Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform environment. Before installing, review the supported installation scenarios to determine which meets your requirements.

1.1. ABOUT ANSIBLE AUTOMATION PLATFORM OPERATOR

The Ansible Automation Platform Operator provides cloud-native, push-button deployment of new Ansible Automation Platform instances in your OpenShift environment. The Ansible Automation Platform Operator includes resource types to deploy and manage instances of Automation controller and Private Automation hub. It also includes automation controller job resources for defining and launching jobs inside your automation controller deployments.

Deploying Ansible Automation Platform instances with a Kubernetes native operator offers several advantages over launching instances from a playbook deployed on Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform, including upgrades and full lifecycle support for your Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform deployments.

You can install the Ansible Automation Platform Operator from the Red Hat Operators catalog in OperatorHub.

1.2. OPENSHIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM VERSION COMPATIBILITY

The Ansible Automation Platform Operator to install Ansible Automation Platform 2.4 is available on OpenShift Container Platform 4.9 and later versions.

Additional resources

- See the Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform Life Cycle for the most current compatibility details.

1.3. SUPPORTED INSTALLATION SCENARIOS FOR RED HAT OPENSHIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM

You can use the OperatorHub on the Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform web console to install Ansible Automation Platform Operator.

Alternatively, you can install Ansible Automation Platform Operator from the OpenShift Container Platform command-line interface (CLI), oc.

Follow one of the workflows below to install the Ansible Automation Platform Operator and use it to install the components of Ansible Automation Platform that you require.
- Automation controller custom resources first, then automation hub custom resources;
- Automation hub custom resources first, then automation controller custom resources;
- Automation controller custom resources;
- Automation hub custom resources.

1.4. CUSTOM RESOURCES

You can define custom resources for each primary installation workflows.

1.5. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- See Understanding OperatorHub to learn more about OpenShift Container Platform OperatorHub.
CHAPTER 2. INSTALLING THE RED HAT ANSIBLE AUTOMATION PLATFORM OPERATOR ON RED HAT OPENSHIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM

Prerequisites

- You have installed the Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform catalog in OperatorHub.
- You have created a StorageClass object for your platform and a persistent volume claim (PVC) with ReadWriteMany access mode. See Dynamic provisioning for details.
- To run Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform clusters on Amazon Web Services (AWS) with ReadWriteMany access mode, you must add NFS or other storage.
  - For information about the AWS Elastic Block Store (EBS) or to use the aws-ebs storage class, see Persistent storage using AWS Elastic Block Store.
  - To use multi-attach ReadWriteMany access mode for AWS EBS, see Attaching a volume to multiple instances with Amazon EBS Multi-Attach.

Procedure

1. Log in to Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform.
4. Select an Update Channel
   - stable-2.x: installs a namespace-scoped operator, which limits deployments of automation hub and automation controller instances to the namespace the operator is installed in. This is suitable for most cases. The stable-2.x channel does not require administrator privileges and utilizes fewer resources because it only monitors a single namespace.
   - stable-2.x-cluster-scoped: deploys automation hub and automation controller across multiple namespaces in the cluster and requires administrator privileges for all namespaces in the cluster.
5. Select Installation Mode, Installed Namespace, and Approval Strategy.
6. Click Install.

The installation process will begin. When installation is complete, a modal will appear notifying you that the Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform operator is installed in the specified namespace.

- Click View Operator to view your newly installed Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform operator.
CHAPTER 3. INSTALLING AND CONFIGURING AUTOMATION CONTROLLER ON RED HAT OPENSIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM WEB CONSOLE

You can use these instructions to install the automation controller operator on Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform, specify custom resources, and deploy Ansible Automation Platform with an external database.

Automation controller configuration can be done through the automation controller extra_settings or directly in the user interface after deployment. However, it is important to note that configurations made in extra_settings take precedence over settings made in the user interface.

NOTE

When an instance of automation controller is removed, the associated PVCs are not automatically deleted. This can cause issues during migration if the new deployment has the same name as the previous one. Therefore, it is recommended that you manually remove old PVCs before deploying a new automation controller instance in the same namespace. See Finding and deleting PVCs for more information.

3.1. PREREQUISITES

- You have installed the Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform catalog in Operator Hub.
- For Controller, a default StorageClass must be configured on the cluster for the operator to dynamically create needed PVCs. This is not necessary if an external PostgreSQL database is configured.
- For Hub a StorageClass that supports ReadWriteMany must be available on the cluster to dynamically create the PVC needed for the content, redis and api pods. If it is not the default StorageClass on the cluster, you can specify it when creating your AutomationHub object.

3.2. INSTALLING THE AUTOMATION CONTROLLER OPERATOR

Use this procedure to install the automation controller operator.

Procedure

1. Navigate to Operators → Installed Operators, then click on the Ansible Automation Platform operator.
2. Locate the Automation controller tab, then click Create instance.

You can proceed with configuring the instance using either the Form View or YAML view.

3.2.1. Creating your automation controller form-view

Use this procedure to create your automation controller using the form-view.

Procedure

1. Ensure Form view is selected. It should be selected by default.
2. Enter the name of the new controller.

3. Optional: Add any labels necessary.

4. Click **Advanced configuration**.

5. Enter **Hostname** of the instance. The hostname is optional. The default hostname will be generated based upon the deployment name you have selected.

6. Enter the **Admin account username**.

7. Enter the **Admin email address**.

8. Under the **Admin password secret** drop-down menu, select the secret.

9. Under **Database configuration secret** drop-down menu, select the secret.

10. Under **Old Database configuration secret** drop-down menu, select the secret.

11. Under **Secret key secret** drop-down menu, select the secret.

12. Under **Broadcast Websocket Secret** drop-down menu, select the secret.

13. Enter any **Service Account Annotations** necessary.

### 3.2.2. Configuring your controller image pull policy

Use this procedure to configure the image pull policy on your automation controller.

**Procedure**

1. Under **Image Pull Policy**, click on the radio button to select
   
   - **Always**
   - **Never**
   - **IfNotPresent**

2. To display the option under **Image Pull Secrets**, click the arrow.
   
   a. Click + beside **Add Image Pull Secret** and enter a value.

3. To display fields under the **Web container resource requirements** drop-down list, click the arrow.
   
   a. Under **Limits**, and **Requests**, enter values for **CPU cores**, **Memory**, and **Storage**.

4. To display fields under the **Task container resource requirements** drop-down list, click the arrow.
   
   a. Under **Limits**, and **Requests**, enter values for **CPU cores**, **Memory**, and **Storage**.

5. To display fields under the **EE Control Plane container resource requirements** drop-down list, click the arrow.
   
   a. Under **Limits**, and **Requests**, enter values for **CPU cores**, **Memory**, and **Storage**.
6. To display fields under the PostgreSQL init container resource requirements (when using a managed service) drop-down list, click the arrow.
   a. Under Limits, and Requests, enter values for CPU cores, Memory, and Storage.

7. To display fields under the Redis container resource requirements drop-down list, click the arrow.
   a. Under Limits, and Requests, enter values for CPU cores, Memory, and Storage.

8. To display fields under the PostgreSQL container resource requirements (when using a managed instance)* drop-down list, click the arrow.
   a. Under Limits, and Requests, enter values for CPU cores, Memory, and Storage.

9. To display the PostgreSQL container storage requirements (when using a managed instance) drop-down list, click the arrow.
   a. Under Limits, and Requests, enter values for CPU cores, Memory, and Storage.

10. Under Replicas, enter the number of instance replicas.

11. Under Remove used secrets on instance removal select true or false. The default is false.

12. Under Preload instance with data upon creation select true or false. The default is true.

3.2.3. Configuring your controller LDAP security

Use this procedure to configure LDAP security for your automation controller.

Procedure

1. Under LDAP Certificate Authority Trust Bundle, click the drop-down menu and select a secret.

2. Under LDAP Password Secret, click the drop-down menu and select a secret.

3. Under EE Images Pull Credentials Secret, click the drop-down menu and select a secret.

4. Under Bundle Cacert Secret, click the drop-down menu and select a secret.

5. Under Service Type, click the drop-down menu and select
   - ClusterIP
   - LoadBalancer
   - NodePort

3.2.4. Configuring your automation controller operator route options

The Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform operator installation form allows you to further configure your automation controller operator route options under Advanced configuration.

Procedure

1. Click Advanced configuration.
2. Under **Ingress type**, click the drop-down menu and select **Route**.

3. Under **Route DNS host**, enter a common host name that the route answers to.

4. Under **Route TLS termination mechanism**, click the drop-down menu and select **Edge** or **Passthrough**. For most instances **Edge** should be selected.

5. Under **Route TLS credential secret**, click the drop-down menu and select a secret from the list.

6. Under **Enable persistence for /var/lib/projects directory** select either true or false by moving the slider.

### 3.2.5. Configuring the Ingress type for your automation controller operator

The Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform operator installation form allows you to further configure your automation controller operator Ingress under **Advanced configuration**.

**Procedure**

1. Click **Advanced Configuration**.

2. Under **Ingress type**, click the drop-down menu and select **Ingress**.

3. Under **Ingress annotations**, enter any annotations to add to the ingress.

4. Under **Ingress TLS secret**, click the drop-down menu and select a secret from the list.

After you have configured your automation controller operator, click **Create** at the bottom of the form view. Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform will now create the pods. This may take a few minutes.

You can view the progress by navigating to **Workloads → Pods** and locating the newly created instance.

**Verification**

Verify that the following operator pods provided by the Ansible Automation Platform Operator installation from automation controller are running:

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<td>● hub-api</td>
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<td>● hub-content</td>
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3.3. CONFIGURING AN EXTERNAL DATABASE FOR AUTOMATION CONTROLLER ON RED HAT ANSIBLE AUTOMATION PLATFORM OPERATOR

For users who prefer to deploy Ansible Automation Platform with an external database, they can do so by configuring a secret with instance credentials and connection information, then applying it to their cluster using the `oc create` command.

By default, the Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform operator automatically creates and configures a managed PostgreSQL pod in the same namespace as your Ansible Automation Platform deployment. You can deploy Ansible Automation Platform with an external database instead of the managed PostgreSQL pod that the Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform operator automatically creates.

Using an external database lets you share and reuse resources and manually manage backups, upgrades, and performance optimizations.

NOTE

The same external database (PostgreSQL instance) can be used for both automation hub and automation controller as long as the database names are different. In other words, you can have multiple databases with different names inside a single PostgreSQL instance.

The following section outlines the steps to configure an external database for your automation controller on a Ansible Automation Platform operator.

Prerequisite

The external database must be a PostgreSQL database that is the version supported by the current release of Ansible Automation Platform.

NOTE

Ansible Automation Platform 2.4 supports PostgreSQL 13.

Procedure

The external postgres instance credentials and connection information will need to be stored in a secret, which will then be set on the automation controller spec.

1. Create a `postgres_configuration_secret` yaml file, following the template below:

```yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: external-postgres-configuration
```
namespace: <target_namespace>  

stringData:
  host: "<external_ip_or_url_resolvable_by_the_cluster>"  
  port: "<external_port>"  
  database: "<desired_database_name>"  
  username: "<username_to_connect_as>"  
  password: "<password_to_connect_with>"  
  sslmode: "prefer"  
  type: "unmanaged"  
  type: Opaque

1. Namespace to create the secret in. This should be the same namespace you wish to deploy to.
2. The resolvable hostname for your database node.
3. External port defaults to 5432.
4. Value for variable password should not contain single or double quotes (’, ’) or backslashes (\) to avoid any issues during deployment, backup or restoration.
5. The variable sslmode is valid for external databases only. The allowed values are: prefer, disable, allow, require, verify-ca, and verify-full.

2. Apply external-postgres-configuration-secret.yml to your cluster using the oc create command.

$ oc create -f external-postgres-configuration-secret.yml

3. When creating your AutomationController custom resource object, specify the secret on your spec, following the example below:

```yaml
apiVersion: awx.ansible.com/v1beta1
kind: AutomationController
metadata:
  name: controller-dev
spec:
  postgres_configuration_secret: external-postgres-configuration
```

### 3.4. FINDING AND DELETING PVCS

A persistent volume claim (PVC) is a storage volume used to store data that automation hub and automation controller applications use. These PVCs are independent from the applications and remain even when the application is deleted. If you are confident that you no longer need a PVC, or have backed it up elsewhere, you can manually delete them.

**Procedure**

1. List the existing PVCs in your deployment namespace:

   `oc get pvc -n <namespace>`
2. Identify the PVC associated with your previous deployment by comparing the old deployment name and the PVC name.

3. Delete the old PVC:

   ```bash
   oc delete pvc -n <namespace> <pvc-name>
   ```

### 3.5. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- For more information on running operators on OpenShift Container Platform, navigate to the [OpenShift Container Platform product documentation](https://docs.openshift.com/container-platform/) and click the *Operators - Working with Operators in OpenShift Container Platform* guide.
CHAPTER 4. INSTALLING AND CONFIGURING AUTOMATION HUB ON RED HAT OPENSHIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM WEB CONSOLE

You can use these instructions to install the automation hub operator on Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform, specify custom resources, and deploy Ansible Automation Platform with an external database.

Automation hub configuration can be done through the automation hub pulp_settings or directly in the user interface after deployment. However, it is important to note that configurations made in pulp_settings take precedence over settings made in the user interface. Hub settings should always be set as lowercase on the Hub custom resource specification.

**NOTE**

When an instance of automation hub is removed, the PVCs are not automatically deleted. This can cause issues during migration if the new deployment has the same name as the previous one. Therefore, it is recommended that you manually remove old PVCs before deploying a new automation hub instance in the same namespace. See Finding and deleting PVCs for more information.

### 4.1. PREREQUISITES

- You have installed the Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform operator in Operator Hub.

### 4.2. INSTALLING THE AUTOMATION HUB OPERATOR

Use this procedure to install the automation hub operator.

**Procedure**

1. Navigate to **Operators → Installed Operators**.
2. Locate the **Automation hub** entry, then click **Create instance**.

#### 4.2.1. Storage options for Ansible Automation Platform Operator installation on Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform

Automation hub requires **ReadWriteMany** file-based storage, Azure Blob storage, or Amazon S3-compliant storage for operation so that multiple pods can access shared content, such as collections.

The process for configuring object storage on the **AutomationHub** CR is similar for Amazon S3 and Azure Blob Storage.

If you are using file-based storage and your installation scenario includes automation hub, ensure that the storage option for Ansible Automation Platform Operator is set to **ReadWriteMany**. **ReadWriteMany** is the default storage option.

In addition, OpenShift Data Foundation provides a **ReadWriteMany** or S3-compliant implementation. Also, you can set up NFS storage configuration to support **ReadWriteMany**. This, however, introduces the NFS server as a potential, single point of failure.

**Additional resources**
4.2.1.1. Provisioning OCP storage with ReadWriteMany access mode

To ensure successful installation of Ansible Automation Platform Operator, you must provision your storage type for automation hub initially to ReadWriteMany access mode.

Procedure

1. Click Provisioning to update the access mode.

2. In the first step, update the accessModes from the default ReadWriteOnce to ReadWriteMany.

3. Complete the additional steps in this section to create the persistent volume claim (PVC).

4.2.1.2. Configuring object storage on Amazon S3

Red Hat supports Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3) for automation hub. You can configure it when deploying the AutomationHub custom resource (CR), or you can configure it for an existing instance.

Prerequisites

- Create an Amazon S3 bucket to store the objects.
- Note the name of the S3 bucket.

Procedure

1. Create a Kubernetes secret containing the AWS credentials and connection details, and the name of your Amazon S3 bucket. The following example creates a secret called test-s3:

   ```bash
   $ oc -n $HUB_NAMESPACE apply -f- <<EOF
   apiVersion: v1
   kind: Secret
   metadata:
     name: 'test-s3'
   stringData:
     s3-access-key-id: $S3_ACCESS_KEY_ID
     s3-secret-access-key: $S3_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY
     s3-bucket-name: $S3_BUCKET_NAME
     s3-region: $S3_REGION
   EOF
   
   spec:
     object_storage_s3_secret: test-s3
   ```

2. Add the secret to the automation hub custom resource (CR) spec:

3. If you are applying this secret to an existing instance, restart the API pods for the change to take effect. <hub-name> is the name of your hub instance.
4.2.1.3. Configuring object storage on Azure Blob

Red Hat supports Azure Blob Storage for automation hub. You can configure it when deploying the AutomationHub custom resource (CR), or you can configure it for an existing instance.

Prerequisites

- Create an Azure Storage blob container to store the objects.
- Note the name of the blob container.

Procedure

1. Create a Kubernetes secret containing the credentials and connection details for your Azure account, and the name of your Azure Storage blob container. The following example creates a secret called test-azure:

   ```bash
   $ oc -n $HUB_NAMESPACE apply -f- <<EOF
   apiVersion: v1
   kind: Secret
   metadata:
     name: 'test-azure'
   stringData:
     azure-account-name: $AZURE_ACCOUNT_NAME
     azure-account-key: $AZURE_ACCOUNT_KEY
     azure-container: $AZURE_CONTAINER
     azure-container-path: $AZURE_CONTAINER_PATH
     azure-connection-string: $AZURE_CONNECTION_STRING
   EOF
   ```

2. Add the secret to the automation hub custom resource (CR) spec:

   ```yaml
   spec:
     object_storage_azure_secret: test-azure
   ```

3. If you are applying this secret to an existing instance, restart the API pods for the change to take effect. `<hub-name>` is the name of your hub instance.

   ```bash
   $ oc -n $HUB_NAMESPACE delete pod -l app.kubernetes.io/name=<hub-name>-api
   ```

4.2.2. Configure your automation hub operator route options

The Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform operator installation form allows you to further configure your automation hub operator route options under Advanced configuration.

Procedure

1. Click Advanced configuration.

2. Under Ingress type, click the drop-down menu and select Route.
3. Under **Route DNS host**, enter a common host name that the route answers to.

4. Under **Route TLS termination mechanism**, click the drop-down menu and select **Edge** or **Passthrough**.

5. Under **Route TLS credential secret**, click the drop-down menu and select a secret from the list.

### 4.2.3. Configuring the Ingress type for your automation hub operator

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1. Click **Advanced Configuration**.

2. Under **Ingress type**, click the drop-down menu and select **Ingress**.

3. Under **Ingress annotations**, enter any annotations to add to the ingress.

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After you have configured your automation hub operator, click **Create** at the bottom of the form view. Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform will now create the pods. This may take a few minutes.

You can view the progress by navigating to **Workloads → Pods** and locating the newly created instance.

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<td>● controller</td>
<td>● hub-api</td>
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<td>● automation-hub-operator-controller-manager</td>
<td>● controller-postgres</td>
<td>● hub-content</td>
</tr>
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<td>● resource-operator-controller-manager</td>
<td></td>
<td>● hub-postgres</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**NOTE**

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A missing pod can indicate the need for a pull secret. Pull secrets are required for protected or private image registries. See Using image pull secrets for more information. You can diagnose this issue further by running `oc describe pod <pod-name>` to see if there is an ImagePullBackOff error on that pod.

4.3. ACCESSING THE AUTOMATION HUB USER INTERFACE

You can access the automation hub interface once all pods have successfully launched.

Procedure

1. Navigate to Networking → Routes.
2. Under Location, click on the URL for your automation hub instance.

The automation hub user interface launches where you can sign in with the administrator credentials specified during the operator configuration process.

NOTE

If you did not specify an administrator password during configuration, one was automatically created for you. To locate this password, go to your project, select Workloads → Secrets and open controller-admin-password. From there you can copy the password and paste it into the Automation hub password field.

4.4. CONFIGURING AN EXTERNAL DATABASE FOR AUTOMATION HUB ON RED HAT ANSIBLE AUTOMATION PLATFORM OPERATOR

For users who prefer to deploy Ansible Automation Platform with an external database, they can do so by configuring a secret with instance credentials and connection information, then applying it to their cluster using the `oc create` command.

By default, the Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform operator automatically creates and configures a managed PostgreSQL pod in the same namespace as your Ansible Automation Platform deployment.

You can choose to use an external database instead if you prefer to use a dedicated node to ensure dedicated resources or to manually manage backups, upgrades, or performance tweaks.

NOTE

The same external database (PostgreSQL instance) can be used for both automation hub and automation controller as long as the database names are different. In other words, you can have multiple databases with different names inside a single PostgreSQL instance.

The following section outlines the steps to configure an external database for your automation hub on a Ansible Automation Platform operator.

Prerequisite
The external database must be a PostgreSQL database that is the version supported by the current release of Ansible Automation Platform.

NOTE
Ansible Automation Platform 2.4 supports PostgreSQL 13.

Procedure
The external postgres instance credentials and connection information will need to be stored in a secret, which will then be set on the automation hub spec.

1. Create a `postgres_configuration_secret.yaml` file, following the template below:

```yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: external-postgres-configuration
  namespace: <target_namespace>
stringData:
  host: "<external_ip_or_url_resolvable_by_the_cluster>" # 1
  port: "<external_port>" # 2
  database: "<desired_database_name>"
  username: "<username_to_connect_as>"
  password: "<password_to_connect_with>" # 3
  sslmode: "prefer" # 4
  type: "unmanaged"
  type: Opaque
```

1. Namespace to create the secret in. This should be the same namespace you wish to deploy to.

2. The resolvable hostname for your database node.

3. External port defaults to **5432**.

4. Value for variable `password` should not contain single or double quotes (',")) or backslashes (\) to avoid any issues during deployment, backup or restoration.

5. The variable `sslmode` is valid for **external** databases only. The allowed values are: **prefer**, **disable**, **allow**, **require**, **verify-ca**, and **verify-full**.

2. Apply `external-postgres-configuration-secret.yaml` to your cluster using the `oc create` command.

   ```bash
   $ oc create -f external-postgres-configuration-secret.yaml
   ```

3. When creating your **AutomationHub** custom resource object, specify the secret on your spec, following the example below:

```yaml
apiVersion: awx.ansible.com/v1beta1
kind: AutomationHub
metadata:
```

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name: hub-dev
spec:
postgres_configuration_secret: external-postgres-configuration

4.5. FINDING AND DELETING PVCS

A persistent volume claim (PVC) is a storage volume used to store data that automation hub and automation controller applications use. These PVCs are independent from the applications and remain even when the application is deleted. If you are confident that you no longer need a PVC, or have backed it up elsewhere, you can manually delete them.

Procedure

1. List the existing PVCs in your deployment namespace:
   oc get pvc -n <namespace>

2. Identify the PVC associated with your previous deployment by comparing the old deployment name and the PVC name.

3. Delete the old PVC:
   oc delete pvc -n <namespace> <pvc-name>

4.6. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- For more information on running operators on OpenShift Container Platform, navigate to the OpenShift Container Platform product documentation and click the Operators - Working with Operators in OpenShift Container Platform guide.
CHAPTER 5. INSTALLING ANSIBLE AUTOMATION PLATFORM OPERATOR FROM THE OPENSIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM CLI

Use these instructions to install the Ansible Automation Platform Operator on Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform from the OpenShift Container Platform command-line interface (CLI) using the `oc` command.

5.1. PREREQUISITES

- The OpenShift Container Platform CLI `oc` command is installed on your local system. Refer to Installing the OpenShift CLI in the Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform product documentation for further information.

5.2. SUBSCRIBING A NAMESPACE TO AN OPERATOR USING THE OPENSIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM CLI

Use this procedure to subscribe a namespace to an operator.

Procedure

1. Create a project for the operator
   
   `oc new-project ansible-automation-platform`

2. Create a file called `sub.yaml`.

3. Add the following YAML code to the `sub.yaml` file.

   ```yaml
   ---
   apiVersion: v1
   kind: Namespace
   metadata:
     labels:
       openshift.io/cluster-monitoring: "true"
       name: ansible-automation-platform
   ---
   apiVersion: operators.coreos.com/v1
   kind: OperatorGroup
   metadata:
     name: ansible-automation-platform-operator
     namespace: ansible-automation-platform
   spec:
     targetNamespaces:
       - ansible-automation-platform
   ---
   apiVersion: operators.coreos.com/v1alpha1
   kind: Subscription
   metadata:
   ```
name: ansible-automation-platform
namespace: ansible-automation-platform
spec:
  channel: 'stable-2.4'
  installPlanApproval: Automatic
  name: ansible-automation-platform-operator
  source: redhat-operators
  sourceNamespace: openshift-marketplace

apiVersion: automationcontroller.ansible.com/v1beta1
kind: AutomationController
metadata:
  name: example
  namespace: ansible-automation-platform
spec:
  replicas: 1

This file creates a Subscription object called ansible-automation-platform that subscribes the ansible-automation-platform namespace to the ansible-automation-platform-operator operator.

It then creates an AutomationController object called example in the ansible-automation-platform namespace.

To change the Automation controller name from example, edit the name field in the kind: AutomationController section of sub.yaml and replace <automation_controller_name> with the name you want to use:

apiVersion: automationcontroller.ansible.com/v1beta1
kind: AutomationController
metadata:
  name: <automation_controller_name>
  namespace: ansible-automation-platform

4. Run the oc apply command to create the objects specified in the sub.yaml file:

    oc apply -f sub.yaml

To verify that the namespace has been successfully subscribed to the ansible-automation-platform-operator operator, run the oc get subs command:

    $ oc get subs -n ansible-automation-platform

For further information about subscribing namespaces to operators, see Installing from OperatorHub using the CLI in the Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform Operators guide.

You can use the OpenShift Container Platform CLI to fetch the web address and the password of the Automation controller that you created.

5.3. FETCHING AUTOMATION CONTROLLER LOGIN DETAILS FROM THE OPENShift CONTAINER PLATFORM CLI

To login to the Automation controller, you need the web address and the password.
5.3.1. Fetching the automation controller web address

A Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform route exposes a service at a host name, so that external clients can reach it by name. When you created the automation controller instance, a route was created for it. The route inherits the name that you assigned to the automation controller object in the YAML file.

Use the following command to fetch the routes:

```bash
oc get routes -n <controller_namespace>
```

In the following example, the `example` automation controller is running in the `ansible-automation-platform` namespace.

```
$ oc get routes -n ansible-automation-platform
```

<table>
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<tr>
<th>NAME</th>
<th>HOST/PORT</th>
<th>PATH</th>
<th>SERVICES</th>
<th>PORT</th>
<th>TERMINATION</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>example</td>
<td>example-ansible-automation-platform.apps-crc.testing</td>
<td>example-service</td>
<td>http edge/Redirect</td>
<td>None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The address for the automation controller instance is `example-ansible-automation-platform.apps-crc.testing`.

5.3.2. Fetching the automation controller password

The YAML block for the automation controller instance in `sub.yaml` assigns values to the `name` and `admin_user` keys. Use these values in the following command to fetch the password for the automation controller instance.

```bash
oc get secret/<controller_name>-<admin_user>-password -o yaml
```

The default value for `admin_user` is `admin`. Modify the command if you changed the admin username in `sub.yaml`.

The following example retrieves the password for an automation controller object called `example`:

```
oc get secret/example-admin-password -o yaml
```

The password for the automation controller instance is listed in the `metadata` field in the output:

```
$ oc get secret/example-admin-password -o yaml
```

```yaml
apiVersion: v1
data:
  password: ODzLODzLODzLODzLODzLODzLODzLODzLODzLODzLODzLODzLODzL
kind: Secret
metadata:
  annotations:
    kubectl.kubernetes.io/last-applied-configuration: |{"apiVersion":"v1","kind":"Secret","metadata":
      |{"labels":{"app.kubernetes.io/component":"automationcontroller","app.kubernetes.io/managed-by":
        |"automationcontroller-operator","app.kubernetes.io/name":"example","app.kubernetes.io/operator-version":
          |","app.kubernetes.io/part-of":"example"},"name":"example-admin-password","namespace":"ansible-automation-platform"},"stringData":
```
For this example, the password is **88TG88TG88TG88TG88TG88TG88TG88TG**.

### 5.4. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- For more information on running operators on OpenShift Container Platform, navigate to the [OpenShift Container Platform product documentation](https://docs.openshift.com/container-platform/) and click the **Operators - Working with Operators in OpenShift Container Platform** guide.
CHAPTER 6. DEPLOYING EVENT-DRIVEN ANSIBLE CONTROLLER WITH ANSIBLE AUTOMATION PLATFORM OPERATOR ON OPENSFIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM

Event-Driven Ansible controller is the interface for event-driven automation and introduces automated resolution of IT requests. This component helps you connect to sources of events and acts on those events using rulebooks. When you deploy Event-Driven Ansible controller, you can automate decision making, use numerous event sources, implement event-driven automation within and across multiple IT use cases, and achieve more efficient service delivery.

Use the following instructions to install Event-Driven Ansible with your Ansible Automation Platform Operator on OpenShift Container Platform.

Prerequisites

- You have installed Ansible Automation Platform Operator on OpenShift Container Platform.
- You have installed and configured automation controller.

Procedure

1. Select **Operators → Installed Operators**.
2. Locate and select your installation of Ansible Automation Platform.
3. Under **Provided APIs**, locate the Event-Driven Ansible modal and click **Create instance**. This takes you to the Form View to customize your installation.
4. In the **Name** field, enter the name you want for your new Event-Driven Ansible controller deployment.
   
   **IMPORTANT**
   
   If you have other Ansible Automation Platform components installed in your current OpenShift Container Platform namespace, ensure that you provide a unique name for your Event-Driven Ansible controller when you create your Event-Driven Ansible custom resource. Otherwise, naming conflicts can occur and impact Event-Driven Ansible controller deployment.

5. Specify your controller URL.
   
   If you deployed automation controller in OpenShift as well, you can find the URL in the navigation panel under **Networking → Routes**.
   
   **NOTE**
   
   This is the only required customization, but you can customize other options using the UI form or directly in the YAML configuration tab, if desired.

6. Click **Create**. This deploys Event-Driven Ansible controller in the namespace you specified. After a couple minutes when the installation is marked as **Successful**, you can find the URL for the Event-Driven Ansible UI on the **Routes** page in the OpenShift UI.
7. From the navigation panel, select **Networking → Routes** to find the new Route URL that has been created for you. Routes are listed according to the name of your custom resource.

8. Click the new URL to navigate to Event-Driven Ansible in the browser.

9. From the navigation panel, select **Workloads → Secrets** and locate the Admin Password k8s secret that was created for you, unless you specified a custom one. Secrets are listed according to the name of your custom resource and appended with `-admin-password`.

**NOTE**

You can use the password value in the secret to log in to the Event-Driven Ansible controller UI. The default user is `admin`. 
CHAPTER 7. USING RED HAT SINGLE SIGN-ON OPERATOR WITH AUTOMATION HUB


The Red Hat Single Sign-On Operator creates and manages resources. Use this Operator to create custom resources to automate Red Hat Single Sign-On administration in Openshift.

- When installing Ansible Automation Platform on Virtual Machines (VMs) the installer can automatically install and configure Red Hat Single Sign-On for use with private automation hub.

This chapter describes the process to configure Red Hat Single Sign-On and integrate it with private automation hub when Ansible Automation Platform is installed on OpenShift Container Platform.

Prerequisites

- You have access to Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform using an account with operator installation permissions.
- You have installed the catalog containing the Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform operators.

7.1. CREATING A KEYCLOAK INSTANCE

When the Red Hat Single Sign-On Operator is installed you can create a Keycloak instance for use with Ansible Automation Platform.

From here you provide an external Postgres or one will be created for you.

Procedure

1. Navigate to Operator → Installed Operators.
2. Select the rh-sso project.
5. Click Create instance.
6. Click YAML view.
   The default Keycloak custom resource is as follows:

```yaml
apiVersion: keycloak.org/v1alpha1
kind: Keycloak
metadata:
  name: example-keycloak
labels:
```

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7. Click **Create**

8. When deployment is complete, you can use this credential to login to the administrative console.

9. You can find the credentials for the administrator in the `credential-<custom-resource>` (example keycloak) secret in the namespace.

### 7.2. CREATING A KEYCLOAK REALM FOR ANSIBLE AUTOMATION PLATFORM

Create a realm to manage a set of users, credentials, roles, and groups. A user belongs to and logs into a realm. Realms are isolated from one another and can only manage and authenticate the users that they control.

**Procedure**

1. Navigate to **Operator → Installed Operators**.

2. Select the **Red Hat Single Sign-On Operator** project.

3. Select the **Keycloak Realm** tab and click **Create Keycloak Realm**.

4. On the **Keycloak Realm** form, select **YAML view**. Edit the YAML file as follows:

```yaml
kind: KeycloakRealm
apiVersion: keycloak.org/v1alpha1
metadata:
  name: ansible-automation-platform-keycloakrealm
namespace: rh-sso
labels:
  app: sso
  realm: ansible-automation-platform
spec:
  realm:
    id: ansible-automation-platform
    realm: ansible-automation-platform
    enabled: true
    displayName: Ansible Automation Platform
  instanceSelector:
    matchLabels:
      app: sso
```

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<tr>
<th>Field</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>metadata.name</strong></td>
<td>Set a unique value in metadata for the name of the configuration resource (CR).</td>
</tr>
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</table>
5. Click **Create** and wait for the process to complete.

### 7.3. CREATING A KEYCLOAK CLIENT

Keycloak clients authenticate hub users with Red Hat Single Sign-On. When a user authenticates the request goes through the Keycloak client. When Single Sign-On validates or issues the OAuth token, the client provides the response to automation hub and the user can log in.

**Procedure**

1. Navigate to **Operator → Installed Operators**.
2. Select the Red Hat Single Sign-On Operator project.
3. Select the **Keycloak Client** tab and click **Create Keycloak Client**.
4. On the Keycloak Realm form, select **YAML view**.
5. Replace the default YAML file with the following:

   ```yaml
   kind: KeycloakClient
   apiVersion: keycloak.org/v1alpha1
   metadata:
     name: automation-hub-client-secret
     labels:
       app: sso
       realm: ansible-automation-platform
     namespace: rh-sso
   spec:
     realmSelector:
       matchLabels:
       app: sso
       realm: ansible-automation-platform
     client:
   ```
name: Automation Hub
clientId: automation-hub
secret: <client-secret>
clientAuthenticatorType: client-secret
description: Client for automation hub
attributes:
  user.info.response.signature.alg: RS256
  request.object.signature.alg: RS256
directAccessGrantsEnabled: true
publicClient: true
protocol: openid-connect
standardFlowEnabled: true
protocolMappers:
  - config:
    access.token.claim: "true"
    claim.name: "family_name"
    id.token.claim: "true"
    jsonType.label: String
    user.attribute: lastName
    userinfo.token.claim: "true"
    consentRequired: false
    name: family name
    protocol: openid-connect
    protocolMapper: oidc-usermodel-property-mapper
  - config:
    userinfo.token.claim: "true"
    user.attribute: email
    id.token.claim: "true"
    access.token.claim: "true"
    claim.name: email
    jsonType.label: String
    name: email
    protocol: openid-connect
    protocolMapper: oidc-usermodel-property-mapper
    consentRequired: false
  - config:
    multivalued: "true"
    access.token.claim: "true"
    claim.name: "resource_access.${client_id}.roles"
    jsonType.label: String
    name: client roles
    protocol: openid-connect
    protocolMapper: oidc-usermodel-client-role-mapper
    consentRequired: false
  - config:
    userinfo.token.claim: "true"
    user.attribute: firstName
    id.token.claim: "true"
    access.token.claim: "true"
    claim.name: given_name
    jsonType.label: String
    name: given name
    protocol: openid-connect
    protocolMapper: oidc-usermodel-property-mapper
    consentRequired: false
  - config:
id.token.claim: "true"
access.token.claim: "true"
userinfo.token.claim: "true"
name: full name
protocol: openid-connect
protocolMapper: oidc-full-name-mapper
consentRequired: false
- config:
  userinfo.token.claim: "true"
  user.attribute: username
  id.token.claim: "true"
  access.token.claim: "true"
  claim.name: preferred_username
  jsonType.label: String
  name: <username>
  protocol: openid-connect
  protocolMapper: oidc-usermodel-property-mapper
  consentRequired: false
- config:
  access.token.claim: "true"
  claim.name: "group"
  full.path: "true"
  id.token.claim: "true"
  userinfo.token.claim: "true"
  consentRequired: false
  name: group
  protocol: openid-connect
  protocolMapper: oidc-group-membership-mapper
- config:
  multivalued: 'true'
  id.token.claim: "true"
  access.token.claim: 'true'
  userinfo.token.claim: 'true'
  usermodel.clientRoleMapping.clientId: 'automation-hub'
  claim.name: client_roles
  jsonType.label: String
  name: client_roles
  protocolMapper: oidc-usermodel-client-role-mapper
  protocol: openid-connect
- config:
  id.token.claim: "true"
  access.token.claim: "true"
  included.client.audience: 'automation-hub'
  protocol: openid-connect
  name: audience mapper
  protocolMapper: oidc-audience-mapper
roles:
- name: "hubadmin"
  description: "An administrator role for automation hub"

Replace this with a unique value.

6. Click Create and wait for the process to complete.

When automation hub is deployed, you must update the client with the “Valid Redirect URIs” and “Web
Origins” as described in Updating the Red Hat Single Sign-On client. Additionally, the client comes pre-configured with token mappers, however, if your authentication provider does not provide group data to Red Hat SSO, then the group mapping must be updated to reflect how that information is passed. This is commonly by user attribute.

7.4. CREATING A KEYCLOAK USER

This procedure creates a Keycloak user, with the hubadmin role, that can log in to automation hub with Super Administration privileges.

Procedure

1. Navigate to Operator → Installed Operators.
2. Select the Red Hat Single Sign-On Operator project.
3. Select the Keycloak Realm tab and click Create Keycloak User.
4. On the Keycloak User form, select YAML view.
5. Replace the default YAML file with the following:

```yaml
apiVersion: keycloak.org/v1alpha1
kind: KeycloakUser
metadata:
  name: hubadmin-user
  labels:
    app: sso
    realm: ansible-automation-platform
    namespace: rh-sso
spec:
  realmSelector:
    matchLabels:
      app: sso
      realm: ansible-automation-platform
  user:
    username: hub_admin
    firstName: Hub
    lastName: Admin
    email: hub_admin@example.com
    enabled: true
    emailVerified: false
    credentials:
      - type: password
        value: <ch8ngeme>
    clientRoles:
      automation-hub:
        - hubadmin
```
6. Click Create and wait for the process to complete.

When a user is created, the Operator creates a Secret containing both the username and password using the following naming pattern: credential-<realm name>-<username>-<namespace>. In this example the credential is called credential-ansible-automation-platform-hub-admin-rh-sso. When a
user is created the Operator does not update the user’s password. Password changes are not reflected in the Secret.

7.5. INSTALLING THE ANSIBLE AUTOMATION PLATFORM OPERATOR

Procedure


2. Select the Ansible Automation Platform Operator project.

3. Click on the Operator tile.

4. Click Install.

5. Select a Project to install the Operator into. Red Hat recommends using the Operator recommended Namespace name.
   a. If you want to install the Operator into a project other than the recommended one, select Create Project from the drop down menu.
   b. Enter the Project name.
   c. Click Create.

6. Click Install.

7. When the Operator has been installed, click View Operator.

7.6. CREATING A RED HAT SINGLE SIGN-ON CONNECTION SECRET

Use this procedure to create a connection secret for Red Hat Single Sign-On.

Procedure


2. Copy the public_key value.

3. In the OpenShift Web UI, navigate to Workloads → Secrets.

4. Select the ansible-automation-platform project.

5. Click Create, and select From YAML.

6. Edit the following YAML to create the secret

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: automation-hub-sso
  namespace: ansible-automation-platform
type: Opaque
stringData:
```

1
keycloak_host: "keycloak-rh-sso.apps-crc.testing"
keycloak_port: "443"
keycloak_protocol: "https"
keycloak_realm: "ansible-automation-platform"
keycloak_admin_role: "hubadmin"
social_auth_keycloak_key: "automation-hub"
social_auth_keycloak_secret: "client-secret"
social_auth_keycloak_public_key:

1. This name is used in the next step when creating the automation hub instance.
2. If the secret was changed when creating the Keycloak client for automation hub be sure to change this value to match.
3. Enter the value of the public_key copied in Installing the Ansible Automation Platform Operator.

7. Click Create and wait for the process to complete.

7.7. INSTALLING AUTOMATION HUB USING THE OPERATOR

Use the following procedure to install automation hub using the operator.

Procedure

1. Navigate to Operator → Installed Operators.
2. Select the Ansible Automation Platform.
3. Select the Automation hub tab and click Create Automation hub.
4. Select YAML view. The YAML should be similar to:

```yaml
apiVersion: automationhub.ansible.com/v1beta1
kind: AutomationHub
metadata:
  name: private-ah
  namespace: ansible-automation-platform
spec:
  sso_secret: automation-hub-sso
  pulp_settings:
    verify_ssl: false
    route_tls_termination_mechanism: Edge
    ingress_type: Route
    loadbalancer_port: 80
    file_storage_size: 100Gi
    image_pull_policy: IfNotPresent
  web:
    replicas: 1
    file_storage_access_mode: ReadWriteMany
  content:
    log_level: INFO
    replicas: 2
    postgres_storage_requirements:
```
limits:
  storage: 50Gi
requests:
  storage: 8Gi
api:
  log_level: INFO
  replicas: 1
postgres_resource_requirements:
  limits:
    cpu: 1000m
    memory: 8Gi
  requests:
    cpu: 500m
    memory: 2Gi
loadbalancer_protocol: http
resource_manager:
  replicas: 1
worker:
  replicas: 2

1. Set metadata.name to the name to use for the instance.
2. Set spec.sso_secret to the name of the secret created in Creating a Secret to hold the Red Hat Single Sign On connection details.

NOTE

This YAML turns off SSL verification (ssl_verify: false). If you are not using self-signed certificates for OpenShift this setting can be removed.

5. Click Create and wait for the process to complete.

7.8. DETERMINING THE AUTOMATION HUB ROUTE

Use the following procedure to determine the hub route.

Procedure

1. Navigate to Networking → Routes.
2. Select the project you used for the install.
3. Copy the location of the private-ah-web-svc service. The name of the service is different if you used a different name when creating the automation hub instance. This is used later to update the Red Hat Single Sign-On client.

7.9. UPDATING THE RED HAT SINGLE SIGN-ON CLIENT

When automation hub is installed and you know the URL of the instance, you must update the Red Hat Single Sign-On to set the Valid Redirect URIs and Web Origins settings.

Procedure
1. Navigate to **Operator → Installed Operators**.

2. Select the RH-SSO project.

3. Click **Red Hat Single Sign-On Operator**.

4. Select **Keycloak Client**.

5. Click on the automation-hub-client-secret client.

6. Select **YAML**.

7. Update the Client YAML to add the Valid Redirect URIs and Web Origins settings.

   ```yaml
   redirectUris:
   - 'https://private-ah-ansible-automation-platform.apps-crc.testing/*'
   webOrigins:
   - 'https://private-ah-ansible-automation-platform.apps-crc.testing'
   ```

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   **NOTE**

   Ensure the indentation is correct when entering these settings.

8. Click **Save**.

**To verify connectivity**

1. Navigate to the automation hub route.

2. Enter the **hub_admin** user credentials and sign in.

3. Red Hat Single Sign-On processes the authentication and redirects back to automation hub.

### 7.10. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- For more information on running operators on OpenShift Container Platform, see *Working with Operators in OpenShift Container Platform* in the OpenShift Container Platform product documentation.
CHAPTER 8. MIGRATING RED HAT ANSIBLE AUTOMATION PLATFORM TO ANSIBLE AUTOMATION PLATFORM OPERATOR

Migrating your Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform deployment to the Ansible Automation Platform Operator allows you to take advantage of the benefits provided by a Kubernetes native operator, including simplified upgrades and full lifecycle support for your Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform deployments.

Use these procedures to migrate any of the following deployments to the Ansible Automation Platform Operator:

- A VM-based installation of Ansible Tower 3.8.6, automation controller, or automation hub
- An Openshift instance of Ansible Tower 3.8.6 (Ansible Automation Platform 1.2)

8.1. MIGRATION CONSIDERATIONS

If you are upgrading from Ansible Automation Platform 1.2 on OpenShift Container Platform 3 to Ansible Automation Platform 2.x on OpenShift Container Platform 4, you must provision a fresh OpenShift Container Platform version 4 cluster and then migrate the Ansible Automation Platform to the new cluster.

8.2. PREPARING FOR MIGRATION

Before migrating your current Ansible Automation Platform deployment to Ansible Automation Platform Operator, you need to back up your existing data, create k8s secrets for your secret key and postgresql configuration.

NOTE

If you are migrating both automation controller and automation hub instances, repeat the steps in Creating a secret key secret and Creating a postgresql configuration secret for both and then proceed to Migrating data to the Ansible Automation Platform Operator.

8.2.1. Prerequisites

To migrate Ansible Automation Platform deployment to Ansible Automation Platform Operator, you must have the following:

- Secret key secret
- Postgresql configuration
- Role-based Access Control for the namespaces on the new OpenShift cluster
- The new OpenShift cluster must be able to connect to the previous PostgreSQL database
8.2.1. Before migrating your data

Before migrating your data from Ansible Automation Platform 2.x or earlier, you must back up your data for loss prevention. To backup your data, do the following:

**Procedure**

1. Log in to your current deployment project.
2. Run setup.sh to create a backup of your current data/deployment:
   - For on-prem deployments of version 2.x or earlier:
     ```bash
     $ ./setup.sh -b
     ```
   - For OpenShift deployments prior to version 2.0 (non-operator deployments):
     ```bash
     ./setup_openshift.sh -b
     ```

8.2.2. Creating a secret key secret

To migrate your data to Ansible Automation Platform Operator on OpenShift Container Platform, you must create a secret key that matches the secret key defined in the inventory file during your initial installation. Otherwise, the migrated data will remain encrypted and unusable after migration.

**Procedure**

1. Locate the old secret key in the inventory file you used to deploy Ansible Automation Platform in your previous installation.
2. Create a yaml file for your secret key:
   ```yaml
   apiVersion: v1
   kind: Secret
   metadata:
     name: <resourcename>-secret-key
     namespace: <target-namespace>
   stringData:
     secret_key: <old-secret-key>
   type: Opaque
   ```
3. Apply the secret key yaml to the cluster:
   ```bash
   oc apply -f <secret-key.yaml>
   ```

8.2.3. Creating a postgresql configuration secret

For migration to be successful, you must provide access to the database for your existing deployment.
Procedure

1. Create a yaml file for your postgresql configuration secret:

```yaml
apiVersion: v1
class: Secret
metadata:
  name: <resourcename>-old-postgres-configuration
namespace: <target namespace>
stringData:
  host: "<external ip or url resolvable by the cluster>"
  port: "<external port, this usually defaults to 5432>"
  database: "<desired database name>"
  username: "<username to connect as>"
  password: "<password to connect with>"
type: Opaque
```

2. Apply the postgresql configuration yaml to the cluster:

```
oc apply -f <old-postgres-configuration.yml>
```

### 8.2.4. Verifying network connectivity

To ensure successful migration of your data, verify that you have network connectivity from your new operator deployment to your old deployment database.

**Prerequisites**

Take note of the host and port information from your existing deployment. This information is located in the postgres.py file located in the conf.d directory.

**Procedure**

1. Create a yaml file to verify the connection between your new deployment and your old deployment database:

```yaml
apiVersion: v1
class: Pod
metadata:
  name: dbchecker
spec:
  containers:
  - name: dbchecker
    image: registry.redhat.io/rhel8/postgresql-13:latest
    command: ["sleep"]
    args: ["600"]
```

2. Apply the connection checker yaml file to your new project deployment:

```
oc project ansible-automation-platform
oc apply -f connection_checker.yaml
```

3. Verify that the connection checker pod is running:
oc get pods

4. Connect to a pod shell:

oc rsh dbchecker

5. After the shell session opens in the pod, verify that the new project can connect to your old project cluster:

pg_isready -h <old-host-address> -p <old-port-number> -U awx

Example

<old-host-address>:<old-port-number> - accepting connections

8.3. MIGRATING DATA TO THE ANSIBLE AUTOMATION PLATFORM OPERATOR

After you have set your secret key, postgresql credentials, verified network connectivity and installed the Ansible Automation Platform Operator, you must create a custom resource controller object before you can migrate your data.

8.3.1. Creating an AutomationController object

Use the following steps to create an AutomationController custom resource object.

Procedure

1. Log in to Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform

2. Navigate to Operators → Installed Operators.

3. Select the Ansible Automation Platform Operator installed on your project namespace.

4. Select the Automation Controller tab.

5. Click Create AutomationController.

6. Enter a name for the new deployment.

7. In Advanced configurations, do the following:
   a. From the Admin Password Secret list, select your secret key secret.
   b. From the Database Configuration Secret list, select the postgres configuration secret.

8. Click Create.

8.3.2. Creating an AutomationHub object

Use the following steps to create an AutomationHub custom resource object.
Procedure

1. Log in to **Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform**
2. Navigate to **Operators → Installed Operators**.
3. Select the Ansible Automation Platform Operator installed on your project namespace.
4. Select the **Automation Hub** tab.
5. Click **Create AutomationHub**.
6. Enter a name for the new deployment.
7. In **Advanced configurations**, select your **secret key secret** and **postgres configuration secret**.
8. Click **Create**.

8.4. POST MIGRATION CLEANUP

After your data migration is complete, you must delete any InstanceGroups that are no longer required.

Procedure

1. Log in to **Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform** as the administrator with the password you created during migration.

   **NOTE**

   Note: If you did not create an administrator password during migration, one was automatically created for you. To locate this password, go to your project, select **Workloads → Secrets** and open controller-admin-password. From there you can copy the password and paste it into the Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform password field.

2. Select **Administration → InstanceGroups**.
3. Select all InstanceGroups except controlplane and default.
4. Click **Delete**.
CHAPTER 9. UPGRADING ANSIBLE AUTOMATION PLATFORM OPERATOR ON OPENSIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM


9.1. UPGRADE CONSIDERATIONS

Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform version 2.0 was the first release of the Ansible Automation Platform Operator. If you are upgrading from version 2.0, continue to the Upgrading the Ansible Automation Platform Operator procedure.

If you are using a version of OpenShift Container Platform that is not supported by the version of Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform to which you are upgrading, you must upgrade your OpenShift Container Platform cluster to a supported version prior to upgrading.

Refer to the Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform Life Cycle to determine the OpenShift Container Platform version needed.

For information about upgrading your cluster, refer to Updating clusters.

9.2. PREREQUISITES

To upgrade to a newer version of Ansible Automation Platform Operator, it is recommended that you do the following:

- Create AutomationControllerBackup and AutomationHubBackup objects.
- Review the release notes for the new Ansible Automation Platform version to which you are upgrading and any intermediate versions.

9.3. UPGRADING THE ANSIBLE AUTOMATION PLATFORM OPERATOR

To upgrade to the latest version of Ansible Automation Platform Operator on OpenShift Container Platform, do the following:

Procedure

1. Log in to OpenShift Container Platform.
2. Navigate to Operators → Installed Operators.
3. Select the Subscriptions tab.
4. Under Upgrade status, click Upgrade Available.
5. Click Preview InstallPlan.
6. Click Approve.