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Configuring Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS clusters
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Abstract

This document provides information about configuring Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) clusters.
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CHAPTER 1. CONFIGURING PRIVATE CONNECTIONS

1.1. CONFIGURING PRIVATE CONNECTIONS

Private cluster access can be implemented to suit the needs of your Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) environment.

Procedure

1. Access your ROSA AWS account and use one or more of the following methods to establish a private connection to your cluster:
   - Configuring AWS VPC peering: Enable VPC peering to route network traffic between two private IP addresses.
   - Configuring AWS VPN: Establish a Virtual Private Network to securely connect your private network to your Amazon Virtual Private Cloud.
   - Configuring AWS Direct Connect: Configure AWS Direct Connect to establish a dedicated network connection between your private network and an AWS Direct Connect location.

2. Configure a private cluster on ROSA.

1.2. CONFIGURING AWS VPC PEERING

This sample process configures an Amazon Web Services (AWS) VPC containing a Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS cluster to peer with another AWS VPC network. For more information about creating an AWS VPC Peering connection or for other possible configurations, see the AWS VPC Peering guide.

1.2.1. VPC peering terms

When setting up a VPC peering connection between two VPCs on two separate AWS accounts, the following terms are used:

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<td>Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS AWS Account</td>
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<tr>
<td>Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS Cluster VPC</td>
<td>The VPC that contains the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS cluster.</td>
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<td>Customer AWS Account</td>
<td>Your non-Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS AWS Account that you would like to peer with.</td>
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<td>Customer VPC</td>
<td>The VPC in your AWS Account that you would like to peer with.</td>
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1.2.2. Initiating the VPC peer request

You can send a VPC peering connection request from the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS AWS Account to the Customer AWS Account.

Prerequisites

- Gather the following information about the Customer VPC required to initiate the peering request:
  - Customer AWS account number
  - Customer VPC ID
  - Customer VPC Region
  - Customer VPC CIDR

- Check the CIDR block used by the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS Cluster VPC. If it overlaps or matches the CIDR block for the Customer VPC, then peering between these two VPCs is not possible; see the Amazon VPC Unsupported VPC Peering Configurations documentation for details. If the CIDR blocks do not overlap, you can continue with the procedure.

Procedure

1. Log in to the Web Console for the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS AWS Account and navigate to the **VPC Dashboard** in the region where the cluster is being hosted.

2. Go to the **Peering Connections** page and click the **Create Peering Connection** button.

3. Verify the details of the account you are logged in to and the details of the account and VPC you are connecting to:
   a. **Peering connection name tag**: Set a descriptive name for the VPC Peering Connection.
   b. **VPC (Requester)**: Select the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS Cluster VPC ID from the dropdown list.
   c. **Account**: Select **Another account** and provide the Customer AWS Account number *(without dashes).*
   d. **Region**: If the Customer VPC Region differs from the current region, select **Another Region** and select the customer VPC Region from the dropdown list.
   e. **VPC (Accepter)**: Set the Customer VPC ID.
4. Click **Create Peering Connection**

5. Confirm that the request enters a **Pending** state. If it enters a **Failed** state, confirm the details and repeat the process.

### 1.2.3. Accepting the VPC peer request

After you create the VPC peering connection, you must accept the request in the Customer AWS Account.

**Prerequisites**
- Initiate the VPC peer request.

**Procedure**
1. Log in to the AWS Web Console.
2. Navigate to **VPC Service**.
3. Go to **Peering Connections**.
4. Click on **Pending peering connection**
5. Confirm the AWS Account and VPC ID that the request originated from. This should be from the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS AWS Account and Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS Cluster VPC.
6. Click **Accept Request**.

### 1.2.4. Configuring the routing tables

After you accept the VPC peering request, both VPCs must configure their routes to communicate across the peering connection.

**Prerequisites**
- Initiate and accept the VPC peer request.

**Procedure**
1. Log in to the AWS Web Console for the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS AWS Account.
2. Navigate to the **VPC Service**, then **Route Tables**.
3. Select the Route Table for the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS Cluster VPC.

**NOTE**
On some clusters, there may be more than one route table for a particular VPC. Select the private one that has a number of explicitly associated subnets.

4. Select the **Routes** tab, then **Edit**.
5. Enter the Customer VPC CIDR block in the **Destination** text box.

6. Enter the Peering Connection ID in the **Target** text box.

7. Click **Save**.

8. You must complete the same process with the other VPC’s CIDR block:
   a. Log into the Customer AWS Web Console → **VPC Service** → **Route Tables**.
   b. Select the Route Table for your VPC.
   c. Select the **Routes** tab, then **Edit**.
   d. Enter the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS Cluster VPC CIDR block in the **Destination** text box.
   e. Enter the Peering Connection ID in the **Target** text box.
   f. Click **Save**.

The VPC peering connection is now complete. Follow the verification procedure to ensure connectivity across the peering connection is working.

### 1.2.5. Verifying and troubleshooting VPC peering

After you set up a VPC peering connection, it is best to confirm it has been configured and is working correctly.

**Prerequisites**

- Initiate and accept the VPC peer request.
- Configure the routing tables.

**Procedure**

- In the AWS console, look at the route table for the cluster VPC that is peered. Ensure that the steps for configuring the routing tables were followed and that there is a route table entry pointing the VPC CIDR range destination to the peering connection target. If the routes look correct on both the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS Cluster VPC route table and Customer VPC route table, then the connection should be tested using the `netcat` method below. If the test calls are successful, then VPC peering is working correctly.

- To test network connectivity to an endpoint device, `nc` (or `netcat`) is a helpful troubleshooting tool. It is included in the default image and provides quick and clear output if a connection can be established:
  a. Create a temporary pod using the `busybox` image, which cleans up after itself:

     ```bash
     $ oc run netcat-test \
     --image=busybox -i -t \
     --restart=Never --rm \ 
     -- /bin/sh
     ``
  b. Check the connection using `nc`.

Example successful connection results:
```
/ nc -zvv 192.168.1.1 8080
10.181.3.180 (10.181.3.180:8080) open
sent 0, rcvd 0
```

Example failed connection results:
```
/ nc -zvv 192.168.1.2 8080
nc: 10.181.3.180 (10.181.3.180:8081): Connection refused
sent 0, rcvd 0
```
c. Exit the container, which automatically deletes the Pod:
```
/ exit
```

1.3. CONFIGURING AWS VPN

This sample process configures an Amazon Web Services (AWS) Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS cluster to use a customer’s on-site hardware VPN device.

**NOTE**

AWS VPN does not currently provide a managed option to apply NAT to VPN traffic. See the [AWS Knowledge Center](https://aws.amazon.com) for more details.

**NOTE**

Routing all traffic, for example `0.0.0.0/0`, through a private connection is not supported. This requires deleting the internet gateway, which disables SRE management traffic.

For more information about connecting an AWS VPC to remote networks using a hardware VPN device, see the Amazon VPC [VPN Connections](https://aws.amazon.com) documentation.

1.3.1. Creating a VPN connection

You can configure an Amazon Web Services (AWS) Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS cluster to use a customer’s on-site hardware VPN device using the following procedures.

**Prerequisites**

- Hardware VPN gateway device model and software version, for example Cisco ASA running version 8.3. See the Amazon VPC [Network Administrator Guide](https://aws.amazon.com) to confirm whether your gateway device is supported by AWS.
- Public, static IP address for the VPN gateway device.
- BGP or static routing: if BGP, the ASN is required. If static routing, you must configure at least one static route.
- Optional: IP and Port/Protocol of a reachable service to test the VPN connection.
1.3.1.1. Configuring the VPN connection

Procedure

1. Log in to the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS AWS Account Dashboard, and navigate to the VPC Dashboard.

2. Click on Your VPCs and identify the name and VPC ID for the VPC containing the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS cluster.

3. From the VPC Dashboard, click Customer Gateway.

4. Click Create Customer Gateway and give it a meaningful name.

5. Select the routing method: Dynamic or Static.

6. If Dynamic, enter the BGP ASN in the field that appears.

7. Paste in the VPN gateway endpoint IP address.

8. Click Create.

9. If you do not already have a Virtual Private Gateway attached to the intended VPC:
   a. From the VPC Dashboard, click on Virtual Private Gateway.
   b. Click Create Virtual Private Gateway give it a meaningful name, and click Create.
   c. Leave the default Amazon default ASN.
   d. Select the newly created gateway, click Attach to VPC, and attach it to the cluster VPC you identified earlier.

1.3.1.2. Establishing the VPN Connection

Procedure

1. From the VPC dashboard, click on Site-to-Site VPN Connections.

2. Click Create VPN Connection
   a. Give it a meaningful name tag.
   b. Select the virtual private gateway created previously.
   c. For Customer Gateway, select Existing.
   d. Select the customer gateway device by name.
   e. If the VPN will use BGP, select Dynamic, otherwise select Static. Enter Static IP CIDRs. If there are multiple CIDRs, add each CIDR as Another Rule.
   f. Click Create.
   g. Wait for VPN status to change to Available, approximately 5 to 10 minutes.

3. Select the VPN you just created and click Download Configuration.
a. From the dropdown list, select the vendor, platform, and version of the customer gateway device, then click Download.

b. The Generic vendor configuration is also available for retrieving information in a plain text format.

NOTE
After the VPN connection has been established, be sure to set up Route Propagation or the VPN may not function as expected.

NOTE
Note the VPC subnet information, which you must add to your configuration as the remote network.

1.3.1.3. Enabling VPN route propagation

After you have set up the VPN connection, you must ensure that route propagation is enabled so that the necessary routes are added to the VPC’s route table.

Procedure

1. From the VPC Dashboard, click on Route Tables.

2. Select the private Route table associated with the VPC that contains your Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS cluster.

NOTE
On some clusters, there may be more than one route table for a particular VPC. Select the private one that has a number of explicitly associated subnets.

3. Click on the Route Propagation tab.

4. In the table that appears, you should see the virtual private gateway you created previously. Check the value in the Propagate column.

   a. If Propagate is set to No, click Edit route propagation, check the Propagate checkbox next to the virtual private gateway’s name and click Save.

After you configure your VPN tunnel and AWS detects it as Up, your static or BGP routes are automatically added to the route table.

1.3.2. Verifying the VPN connection

After you have set up your side of the VPN tunnel, you can verify that the tunnel is up in the AWS console and that connectivity across the tunnel is working.

Prerequisites

- Created a VPN connection.
1. Verify the tunnel is up in AWS.
   a. From the VPC Dashboard, click on **VPN Connections**.
   b. Select the VPN connection you created previously and click the **Tunnel Details** tab.
   c. You should be able to see that at least one of the VPN tunnels is **Up**.

2. Verify the connection.
   To test network connectivity to an endpoint device, **nc** (or **netcat**) is a helpful troubleshooting tool. It is included in the default image and provides quick and clear output if a connection can be established:
   
   a. Create a temporary pod using the **busybox** image, which cleans up after itself:
      
      ```
      $ oc run netcat-test \
          --image=busybox -i -t \
          --restart=Never --rm \
          -- /bin/sh
      ```
      
   b. Check the connection using **nc**.
      
      - Example successful connection results:
      
      ```
      / nc -zvv 192.168.1.1 8080
      10.181.3.180 (10.181.3.180:8080) open
      sent 0, rcvd 0
      ```
      
      - Example failed connection results:
      
      ```
      / nc -zvv 192.168.1.2 8080
      nc: 10.181.3.180 (10.181.3.180:8081): Connection refused
      sent 0, rcvd 0
      ```
      
   c. Exit the container, which automatically deletes the Pod:
      
      ```
      / exit
      ```

1.3.3. Troubleshooting the VPN connection

**Tunnel does not connect**

If the tunnel connection is still **Down**, there are several things you can verify:

- The AWS tunnel will not initiate a VPN connection. The connection attempt must be initiated from the Customer Gateway.
- Ensure that your source traffic is coming from the same IP as the configured customer gateway. AWS will silently drop all traffic to the gateway whose source IP address does not match.
- Ensure that your configuration matches values supported by AWS. This includes IKE versions, DH groups, IKE lifetime, and more.
- Recheck the route table for the VPC. Ensure that propagation is enabled and that there are entries in the route table that have the virtual private gateway you created earlier as a target.
- Confirm that you do not have any firewall rules that could be causing an interruption.

- Check if you are using a policy-based VPN as this can cause complications depending on how it is configured.

- Further troubleshooting steps can be found at the AWS Knowledge Center.

**Tunnel does not stay connected**

If the tunnel connection has trouble staying *Up* consistently, know that all AWS tunnel connections must be initiated from your gateway. AWS tunnels do *not initiate tunneling*.

Red Hat recommends setting up an SLA Monitor (Cisco ASA) or some device on your side of the tunnel that constantly sends "interesting" traffic, for example *ping*, *nc*, or *telnet*, at any IP address configured within the VPC CIDR range. It does not matter whether the connection is successful, just that the traffic is being directed at the tunnel.

**Secondary tunnel in Down state**

When a VPN tunnel is created, AWS creates an additional failover tunnel. Depending upon the gateway device, sometimes the secondary tunnel will be seen as in the *Down* state.

The AWS Notification is as follows:

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You have new non-redundant VPN connections

One or more of your vpn connections are not using both tunnels. This mode of operation is not highly available and we strongly recommend you configure your second tunnel. View your non-redundant VPN connections.

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**1.4. CONFIGURING AWS DIRECT CONNECT**

This process describes accepting an AWS Direct Connect virtual interface with Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS. For more information about AWS Direct Connect types and configuration, see the AWS Direct Connect components documentation.

**1.4.1. AWS Direct Connect methods**

A Direct Connect connection requires a hosted Virtual Interface (VIF) connected to a Direct Connect Gateway (DXGateway), which is in turn associated to a Virtual Gateway (VGW) or a Transit Gateway in order to access a remote VPC in the same or another account.

If you do not have an existing DXGateway, the typical process involves creating the hosted VIF, with the DXGateway and VGW being created in the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS AWS Account.

If you have an existing DXGateway connected to one or more existing VGWs, the process involves the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS AWS Account sending an Association Proposal to the DXGateway owner. The DXGateway owner must ensure that the proposed CIDR will not conflict with any other VGWs they have associated.

See the following AWS documentation for more details:

- [Virtual Interfaces](#)
- [Direct Connect Gateways](#)
- [Associating a VGW across accounts](#)
IMPORTANT
When connecting to an existing DXGateway, you are responsible for the costs.

There are two configuration options available:

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<td>Create the hosted VIF and then the DXGateway and VGW.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Method 2</td>
<td>Request a connection via an existing Direct Connect Gateway that you own.</td>
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1.4.2. Creating the hosted Virtual Interface

Prerequisites
- Gather Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS AWS Account ID.

1.4.2.1. Determining the type of Direct Connect connection

View the Direct Connect Virtual Interface details to determine the type of connection.

Procedure
1. Log in to the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS AWS Account Dashboard and select the correct region.
2. Select Direct Connect from the Services menu.
3. There will be one or more Virtual Interfaces waiting to be accepted, select one of them to view the Summary.
4. View the Virtual Interface type: private or public.
5. Record the Amazon side ASN value.

If the Direct Connect Virtual Interface type is Private, a Virtual Private Gateway is created. If the Direct Connect Virtual Interface is Public, a Direct Connect Gateway is created.

1.4.2.2. Creating a Private Direct Connect

A Private Direct Connect is created if the Direct Connect Virtual Interface type is Private.

Procedure
1. Log in to the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS AWS Account Dashboard and select the correct region.
2. From the AWS region, select VPC from the Services menu.
3. Select Virtual Private Gateways from VPN Connections.
4. Click Create Virtual Private Gateway.
5. Give the Virtual Private Gateway a suitable name.
6. Select **Custom ASN** and enter the **Amazon side ASN** value gathered previously.

7. Create the Virtual Private Gateway.

8. Click the newly created Virtual Private Gateway and choose **Attach to VPC** from the **Actions** tab.

9. Select the **Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS Cluster VPC** from the list, and attach the Virtual Private Gateway to the VPC.

10. From the **Services** menu, click **Direct Connect**. Choose one of the Direct Connect Virtual Interfaces from the list.

11. Acknowledge the **I understand that Direct Connect port charges apply once I click Accept Connection** message, then choose **Accept Connection**.

12. Choose to **Accept** the Virtual Private Gateway Connection and select the Virtual Private Gateway that was created in the previous steps.

13. Select **Accept** to accept the connection.

14. Repeat the previous steps if there is more than one Virtual Interface.

### 1.4.2.3. Creating a Public Direct Connect

A Public Direct Connect is created if the Direct Connect Virtual Interface type is Public.

**Procedure**

1. Log in to the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS AWS Account Dashboard and select the correct region.

2. From the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS AWS Account region, select **Direct Connect** from the **Services** menu.

3. Select **Direct Connect Gateways** and **Create Direct Connect Gateway**.

4. Give the Direct Connect Gateway a suitable name.

5. In the **Amazon side ASN**, enter the Amazon side ASN value gathered previously.

6. Create the Direct Connect Gateway.

7. Select **Direct Connect** from the **Services** menu.

8. Select one of the Direct Connect Virtual Interfaces from the list.

9. Acknowledge the **I understand that Direct Connect port charges apply once I click Accept Connection** message, then choose **Accept Connection**.

10. Choose to **Accept** the Direct Connect Gateway Connection and select the Direct Connect Gateway that was created in the previous steps.

11. Click **Accept** to accept the connection.

12. Repeat the previous steps if there is more than one Virtual Interface.
1.4.2.4. Verifying the Virtual Interfaces

After the Direct Connect Virtual Interfaces have been accepted, wait a short period and view the status of the Interfaces.

Procedure

1. Log in to the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS AWS Account Dashboard and select the correct region.

2. From the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS AWS Account region, select Direct Connect from the Services menu.

3. Select one of the Direct Connect Virtual Interfaces from the list.

4. Check the Interface State has become Available.

5. Check the Interface BGP Status has become Up.

6. Repeat this verification for any remaining Direct Connect Interfaces.

After the Direct Connect Virtual Interfaces are available, you can log in to the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS AWS Account Dashboard and download the Direct Connect configuration file for configuration on your side.

1.4.3. Connecting to an existing Direct Connect Gateway

Prerequisites

- Confirm the CIDR range of the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS VPC will not conflict with any other VGWs you have associated.

- Gather the following information:
  - The Direct Connect Gateway ID.
  - The AWS Account ID associated with the virtual interface.
  - The BGP ASN assigned for the DXGateway. Optional: the Amazon default ASN may also be used.

Procedure

1. Log in to the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS AWS Account Dashboard and select the correct region.

2. From the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS AWS Account region, select VPC from the Services menu.

3. From VPN Connections, select Virtual Private Gateways.

4. Select Create Virtual Private Gateway.

5. Give the Virtual Private Gateway a suitable name.
6. Click **Custom ASN** and enter the **Amazon side ASN** value gathered previously or use the Amazon Provided ASN.

7. Create the Virtual Private Gateway.

8. In the **Navigation** pane of the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS AWS Account Dashboard, choose **Virtual private gateways** and select the virtual private gateway. Choose **View details**.

9. Choose **Direct Connect gateway associations** and click **Associate Direct Connect gateway**.

10. Under **Association account type**, for Account owner, choose **Another account**.

11. For **Direct Connect gateway owner**, enter the ID of the AWS account that owns the Direct Connect gateway.

12. Under **Association settings**, for Direct Connect gateway ID, enter the ID of the Direct Connect gateway.

13. Under **Association settings**, for Virtual interface owner, enter the ID of the AWS account that owns the virtual interface for the association.


15. Choose **Associate Direct Connect gateway**.

16. After the Association Proposal has been sent, it will be waiting for your acceptance. The final steps you must perform are available in the **AWS Documentation**.

1.4.4. Troubleshooting Direct Connect

Further troubleshooting can be found in the Troubleshooting AWS Direct Connect documentation.
CHAPTER 2. CLUSTER AUTOSCALING

Applying autoscaling to Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS clusters involves configuring a cluster autoscaler and then configuring a machine autoscaler for at least one machine pool in your cluster.

**IMPORTANT**

You can configure the cluster autoscaler only in clusters where the machine API is operational.

Only one cluster autoscaler can be created per cluster.

### 2.1. ABOUT THE CLUSTER AUTOSCALER

The cluster autoscaler adjusts the size of an Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS cluster to meet its current deployment needs. It uses declarative, Kubernetes-style arguments to provide infrastructure management that does not rely on objects of a specific cloud provider. The cluster autoscaler has a cluster scope, and is not associated with a particular namespace.

The cluster autoscaler increases the size of the cluster when there are pods that fail to schedule on any of the current worker nodes due to insufficient resources or when another node is necessary to meet deployment needs. The cluster autoscaler does not increase the cluster resources beyond the limits that you specify.

The cluster autoscaler computes the total memory and CPU on all nodes the cluster, even though it does not manage the control plane nodes. These values are not single-machine oriented. They are an aggregation of all the resources in the entire cluster. For example, if you set the maximum memory resource limit, the cluster autoscaler includes all the nodes in the cluster when calculating the current memory usage. That calculation is then used to determine if the cluster autoscaler has the capacity to add more worker resources.

**IMPORTANT**

Ensure that the `maxNodesTotal` value in the `ClusterAutoscaler` resource definition that you create is large enough to account for the total possible number of machines in your cluster. This value must encompass the number of control plane machines and the possible number of compute machines that you might scale to.

Every 10 seconds, the cluster autoscaler checks which nodes are unnecessary in the cluster and removes them. The cluster autoscaler considers a node for removal if the following conditions apply:

- The node utilization is less than the *node utilization level* threshold for the cluster. The node utilization level is the sum of the requested resources divided by the allocated resources for the node. If you do not specify a value in the `ClusterAutoscaler` custom resource, the cluster autoscaler uses a default value of 0.5, which corresponds to 50% utilization.

- The cluster autoscaler can move all pods running on the node to the other nodes. The Kubernetes scheduler is responsible for scheduling pods on the nodes.

- The cluster autoscaler does not have scale down disabled annotation.

If the following types of pods are present on a node, the cluster autoscaler will not remove the node:

- Pods with restrictive pod disruption budgets (PDBs).
- Kube-system pods that do not run on the node by default.
- Kube-system pods that do not have a PDB or have a PDB that is too restrictive.
- Pods that are not backed by a controller object such as a deployment, replica set, or stateful set.
- Pods with local storage.
- Pods that cannot be moved elsewhere because of a lack of resources, incompatible node selectors or affinity, matching anti-affinity, and so on.
- Unless they also have a `cluster-autoscaler.kubernetes.io/safe-to-evict`: "true" annotation, pods that have a `cluster-autoscaler.kubernetes.io/safe-to-evict`: "false" annotation.

For example, you set the maximum CPU limit to 64 cores and configure the cluster autoscaler to only create machines that have 8 cores each. If your cluster starts with 30 cores, the cluster autoscaler can add up to 4 more nodes with 32 cores, for a total of 62.

If you configure the cluster autoscaler, additional usage restrictions apply:

- Do not modify the nodes that are in autoscaled node groups directly. All nodes within the same node group have the same capacity and labels and run the same system pods.
- Specify requests for your pods.
- If you have to prevent pods from being deleted too quickly, configure appropriate PDBs.
- Confirm that your cloud provider quota is large enough to support the maximum node pools that you configure.
- Do not run additional node group autoscalers, especially the ones offered by your cloud provider.

The horizontal pod autoscaler (HPA) and the cluster autoscaler modify cluster resources in different ways. The HPA changes the deployment’s or replica set’s number of replicas based on the current CPU load. If the load increases, the HPA creates new replicas, regardless of the amount of resources available to the cluster. If there are not enough resources, the cluster autoscaler adds resources so that the HPA-created pods can run. If the load decreases, the HPA stops some replicas. If this action causes some nodes to be underutilized or completely empty, the cluster autoscaler deletes the unnecessary nodes.

The cluster autoscaler takes pod priorities into account. The Pod Priority and Preemption feature enables scheduling pods based on priorities if the cluster does not have enough resources, but the cluster autoscaler ensures that the cluster has resources to run all pods. To honor the intention of both features, the cluster autoscaler includes a priority cutoff function. You can use this cutoff to schedule “best-effort” pods, which do not cause the cluster autoscaler to increase resources but instead run only when spare resources are available.

Pods with priority lower than the cutoff value do not cause the cluster to scale up or prevent the cluster from scaling down. No new nodes are added to run the pods, and nodes running these pods might be deleted to free resources.

Cluster autoscaling is supported for the platforms that have machine API available on it.

2.2. ENABLE AUTOSCALING DURING CLUSTER CREATION WITH OPENShift CLUSTER MANAGER
You can use OpenShift Cluster Manager to autoscale during cluster creation.

Procedure

1. During cluster creation, check the Enable autoscaling box. The Edit cluster autoscaling settings button becomes selectable.
   a. You can also choose the minimum or maximum amount of nodes to autoscale.

2. Click Edit cluster autoscaling settings

3. Edit any settings you want and then click Close.

2.3. ENABLE AUTOSCALING AFTER CLUSTER CREATION WITH OPENSHIFT CLUSTER MANAGER

You can use OpenShift Cluster Manager to autoscale after cluster creation.

Procedure

1. In OpenShift Cluster Manager, click the name of the cluster you want to autoscale. The Overview page for the cluster has a Autoscaling item that indicates if it is enabled or disabled.

2. Click the Machine Pools tab.

3. Click the Edit cluster autoscaling button. The Edit cluster autoscaling settings window is shown.

4. Click the Autoscale cluster toggle at the top of the window. All the settings are now editable.

5. Edit any settings you want and then click Save.

6. Click the x at the top right of the screen to close the settings window.

To revert all autoscaling settings to the defaults if they have been changed, click the Revert all to defaults button.

2.4. CLUSTER AUTOSCALING SETTINGS USING OPENSHIFT CLUSTER MANAGER

The tables explain all the configurable UI settings when using cluster autoscaling with OpenShift Cluster Manager.

2.4.1. General settings

Table 2.1. Configurable general settings for cluster autoscaling when using the OpenShift Cluster Manager

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<tr>
<td>log-verbosity</td>
<td>Sets the autoscaler log level. The default value is 1. Level 4 is recommended for debugging. Level 6 enables almost everything.</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>skip-nodes-with-local-storage</td>
<td>If true, the cluster autoscaler never deletes nodes with pods with local storage, e.g. EmptyDir or HostPath.</td>
<td>boolean</td>
<td>true</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>max-pod-grace-period</td>
<td>Gives pods graceful termination time in seconds before scaling down.</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>600</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>max-node-provision-time</td>
<td>Maximum time the cluster autoscaler waits for nodes to be provisioned.</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>15m</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pod-priority-threshold</td>
<td>Allows users to schedule &quot;best-effort&quot; pods, which are not expected to trigger cluster autoscaler actions. These pods only run when spare resources are available.</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>-10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ignore-daemonsets-utilization</td>
<td>Determines whether the cluster autoscaler ignores daemon set pods when calculating resource utilization for scaling down.</td>
<td>boolean</td>
<td>false</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>balance-similar-node-groups</td>
<td>If true, this setting automatically identifies node groups with the same instance type and the same set of labels and tries to keep the respective sizes of those node groups balanced.</td>
<td>boolean</td>
<td>false</td>
</tr>
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</table>
### balancing-ignored-labels

This option specifies labels that the cluster autoscaler should ignore when considering node group similarity. For example, if you have nodes with a "topology.ebs.csi.aws.com/zone" label, you can add the name of this label to prevent the cluster autoscaler from splitting nodes into different node groups based on its value. This option cannot contain spaces.

Format should be a comma-separated list of labels.

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<tr>
<td>balancing-ignored-labels</td>
<td>This option specifies labels that the cluster autoscaler should ignore when considering node group similarity. For example, if you have nodes with a &quot;topology.ebs.csi.aws.com/zone&quot; label, you can add the name of this label to prevent the cluster autoscaler from splitting nodes into different node groups based on its value. This option cannot contain spaces.</td>
<td>array (string)</td>
<td>Format should be a comma-separated list of labels.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

### 2.4.2. Resource limits

**Table 2.2. Configurable resource limit settings for cluster autoscaling when using the OpenShift Cluster Manager**

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<td>cores-total-min</td>
<td>Minimum number of cores in cluster. The cluster autoscaler does not scale the cluster less than this number.</td>
<td>object</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cores-total-max</td>
<td>Maximum number of cores in cluster. The cluster autoscaler does not scale the cluster greater than this number.</td>
<td>object</td>
<td>180 * 64 (11520)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>memory-total-min</td>
<td>Minimum number of gigabytes of memory in cluster. The cluster autoscaler does not scale the cluster less than this number.</td>
<td>object</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Setting</td>
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<tr>
<td>memory-total-max</td>
<td>Maximum number of gigabytes of memory in cluster. The cluster autoscaler does not scale the cluster greater than this number.</td>
<td>object</td>
<td>180 * 64 * 20 (230400)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>max-nodes-total</td>
<td>Maximum number of nodes in all node groups. Includes all nodes, not just automatically scaled nodes. The cluster autoscaler does not grow the cluster greater than this number.</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>180</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GPUs</td>
<td>Minimum and maximum number of different GPUs in cluster. The cluster autoscaler does not scale the cluster less than or greater than these numbers.</td>
<td>array</td>
<td>Format should be a comma-separated list of &quot;&lt;gpu_type&gt;:&lt;min&gt;:&lt;max&gt;&quot;.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

### 2.4.3. Scale down configuration

Table 2.3. Configurable scale down settings for cluster autoscaling when using the OpenShift Cluster Manager

<table>
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<tr>
<td>scale-down-enabled</td>
<td>Should the cluster autoscaler scale down the cluster.</td>
<td>boolean</td>
<td>true</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>scale-down-utilization-threshold</td>
<td>Node utilization level, defined as the sum of the requested resources divided by capacity, below which a node can be considered for scale down.</td>
<td>float</td>
<td>0.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>scale-down-unneeded-time</td>
<td>How long a node should be unneeded before it is eligible for scale down.</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>10m</td>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>scale-down-delay-after-add</td>
<td>How long after scale up that scale-down evaluation resumes.</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>10m</td>
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<tr>
<td>scale-down-delay-after-delete</td>
<td>How long after node deletion that scale-down evaluation resumes.</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>0s</td>
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<tr>
<td>scale-down-delay-after-failure</td>
<td>How long after scale down failure that scale-down evaluation resumes.</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>3m</td>
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</table>

### 2.5. ENABLE AUTOSCALING DURING CLUSTER CREATION BY USING THE INTERACTIVE MODE WITH THE ROSA CLI

You can use the interactive mode of your terminal, if available, to set cluster-wide autoscaling behavior during cluster creation.

Interactive mode provides more information about available configurable parameters. Interactive mode also does basic checks and preflight validations, meaning that if a provided value is invalid, the terminal outputs a prompt for a valid input.

**Procedure**

- During cluster creation, use the `--enable-autoscaling` and `--interactive` parameters to enable cluster autoscaling:

  **Example:**

  ```
  $ rosa create cluster --cluster-name <cluster_name> --enable-autoscaling --interactive
  ```

  When the following prompt appears, enter `y` to go through all available autoscaling options.

  **Example interactive prompt:**

  ```
  ? Configure cluster-autoscaler (optional): [? for help] (y/N) y <enter>
  ```

#### 2.5.1. Enable autoscaling after cluster creation by using the interactive mode with the ROSA CLI

You can use the interactive mode of your terminal, if available, to set cluster-wide autoscaling behavior after cluster creation.

**Procedure**

- After you have created a cluster, type the following command:
Example:

$ rosa create autoscaler --cluster=<mycluster> --interactive

You can then set all available autoscaling parameters.

2.6. ENABLE AUTOSCALING DURING CLUSTER CREATION WITH THE ROSA CLI

You can use the ROSA CLI (rosa) to set cluster-wide autoscaling behavior during cluster creation. You can enable the autoscaler on the entire machine or just a cluster.

Procedure

- During cluster creation, type `--enable autoscaling` after the cluster name to enable machine autoscaling:

Example:

$ rosa create cluster --cluster-name <cluster_name> --enable-autoscaling

Set at least one parameter to enable cluster autoscaling by running the following command:

Example:

$ rosa create cluster --cluster-name <cluster_name> --enable-autoscaling <parameter>

2.6.1. Enable autoscaling after cluster creation with the ROSA CLI

You can use the ROSA CLI (rosa) to set cluster-wide autoscaling after cluster creation.

Procedure

- After you have created a cluster, create the autoscaler:

Example:

$ rosa create autoscaler --cluster=<mycluster>

a. You can also create the autoscaler with specific parameters using the following command:

Example:

$ rosa create autoscaler --cluster=<mycluster> <parameter>

2.6.2. Edit autoscaling after cluster creation with the ROSA CLI

You can edit any specific parameters of the cluster autoscaler after creating the autoscaler.

- To edit the cluster autoscaler, run the following command:
Example:

$ rosa edit autoscaler --cluster=<mycluster>

a. To edit a specific parameter, run the following command:

Example:

$ rosa edit autoscaler --cluster=<mycluster> <parameter>

2.6.3. Delete autoscaling using the ROSA CLI

You can delete the cluster autoscaler if you no longer want to use it.

- To delete the cluster autoscaler, run the following command:

Example:

$ rosa delete autoscaler --cluster=<mycluster>

2.7. CLUSTER AUTOSCALING PARAMETERS USING THE ROSA CLI

You can add the following parameters to the cluster creation command to configure autoscaler parameters when using the ROSA CLI (rosa).

Table 2.4. Configurable autoscaler parameters available with the ROSA CLI (rosa)

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<td>--autoscaler-balance-similar-node-groups</td>
<td>Identify node groups with the same instance type and label set, and try to balance respective sizes of those node groups.</td>
<td>boolean</td>
<td>Add it to set to true, omit the option to set to false.</td>
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<tr>
<td>--autoscaler-skip-nodes-with-local-storage</td>
<td>If set, the cluster autoscaler does not delete nodes with pods that have local storage, for example, EmptyDir or HostPath.</td>
<td>boolean</td>
<td>Add it to set to true, omit the option to set to false.</td>
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<tr>
<td>--autoscaler-log-verbosity int</td>
<td>Autoscaler log level. Replace int in the command with the number you want to use.</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>--autoscaler-log-verbosity 4</td>
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<td>--autoscaler-max-pod-grace-period int</td>
<td>Gives pods graceful termination time before scaling down, measured in seconds. Replace int in the command with the number of seconds you want to use.</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>--autoscaler-max-pod-grace-period 0</td>
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<tr>
<td>--autoscaler-pod-priority-threshold int</td>
<td>The priority that a pod must exceed to cause the cluster autoscaler to deploy additional nodes. Replace int in the command with the number you want to use, can be negative.</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td>--autoscaler-pod-priority-threshold -10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--autoscaler-gpu-limit stringArray</td>
<td>Minimum and maximum number of different GPUs in cluster. Cluster autoscaler does not scale the cluster less than or greater than these numbers. The format must be a comma-separated list of &quot;&lt;gpu_type&gt;,&lt;min&gt;,&lt;max&gt;&quot;.</td>
<td>array</td>
<td>--autoscaler-gpu-limit nvidia.com/gpu,0,10 --autoscaler-gpu-limit amd.com/gpu,1,5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--autoscaler-ignore-daemonsets-utilization</td>
<td>If set, the cluster- autoscaler ignores daemon set pods when calculating resource utilization for scaling down.</td>
<td>boolean</td>
<td>Add it to set to true, omit the option to set to false.</td>
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<tr>
<td>--autoscaler-max-node-provision-time string</td>
<td>Maximum time that the cluster autoscaler waits for a node to be provisioned. Replace string in the command with an integer and time unit (ns,us,µs,ms,s,m,h).</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>--autoscaler-max-node-provision-time 35m</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>--autoscaler-balancing-ignored-labels</strong> <em>strings</em></td>
<td>A comma-separated list of label keys that the cluster autoscaler should ignore when comparing node groups for similarity. Replace <em>strings</em> in the command with the relevant labels.</td>
<td>string</td>
<td><strong>--autoscaler-balancing-ignored-labels</strong> topology.ebs.csi.aw s.com/zone, alpha.ek sctl.io/instance-id</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>--autoscaler-max-nodes-total</strong> <em>int</em></td>
<td>Maximum amount of nodes in the cluster, including the autoscaled nodes. Replace <em>int</em> in the command with the number you want to use.</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td><strong>--autoscaler-max-nodes-total</strong> 180</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>--autoscaler-min-cores</strong> <em>int</em></td>
<td>Minimum number of cores to deploy in the cluster. Replace <em>int</em> in the command with the number you want to use.</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td><strong>--autoscaler-min-cores</strong> 0</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>--autoscaler-max-cores</strong> <em>int</em></td>
<td>Maximum number of cores to deploy in the cluster. Replace <em>int</em> in the command with the number you want to use.</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td><strong>--autoscaler-max-cores</strong> 100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>--autoscaler-min-memory</strong> <em>int</em></td>
<td>Minimum amount of memory, in GiB, in the cluster. Replace <em>int</em> in the command with the number you want to use.</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td><strong>--autoscaler-min-memory</strong> 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>--autoscaler-max-memory</strong> <em>int</em></td>
<td>Maximum amount of memory, in GiB, in the cluster. Replace <em>int</em> in the command with the number you want to use.</td>
<td>integer</td>
<td><strong>--autoscaler-max-memory</strong> 4096</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>--autoscaler-scale-down-enabled</strong></td>
<td>If set, the cluster autoscaler should scale down the cluster.</td>
<td>boolean</td>
<td>Add it to set to true, omit the option to set to false.</td>
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<td>--autoscaler-scale-down-unneeded-time <strong>string</strong></td>
<td>How long a node should be unneeded before it is eligible for scale down. Replace <strong>string</strong> in the command with an integer and time unit (ns,us,µs,ms,s,m,h).</td>
<td><strong>string</strong></td>
<td>--autoscaler-scale-down-unneeded-time 1h</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--autoscaler-scale-down-utilization-threshold <strong>float</strong></td>
<td>Node utilization level, defined as sum of requested resources divided by capacity, below which a node can be considered for scale down. Value must be between 0 and 1.</td>
<td><strong>float</strong></td>
<td>--autoscaler-scale-down-utilization-threshold 0.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--autoscaler-scale-down-delay-after-add <strong>string</strong></td>
<td>How long after scale up that scale down evaluation resumes. Replace <strong>string</strong> in the command with an integer and time unit (ns,us,µs,ms,s,m,h).</td>
<td><strong>string</strong></td>
<td>--autoscaler-scale-down-delay-after-add 1h</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--autoscaler-scale-down-delay-after-delete <strong>string</strong></td>
<td>How long after node deletion that scale down evaluation resumes. Replace <strong>string</strong> in the command with an integer and time unit (ns,us,µs,ms,s,m,h).</td>
<td><strong>string</strong></td>
<td>--autoscaler-scale-down-delay-after-delete 1h</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--autoscaler-scale-down-delay-after-failure <strong>string</strong></td>
<td>How long after scale down failure that scale down evaluation resumes. Replace <strong>string</strong> in the command with an integer and time unit (ns,us,µs,ms,s,m,h).</td>
<td><strong>string</strong></td>
<td>--autoscaler-scale-down-delay-after-failure 1h</td>
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</table>
3.1. ABOUT MACHINE POOLS

Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS uses machine pools as an elastic, dynamic provisioning method on top of your cloud infrastructure.

The primary resources are machines, compute machine sets, and machine pools.

**IMPORTANT**

As of the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS versions 4.8.35, 4.9.26, 4.10.6, the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS default per-pod pid limit is 4096. If you want to enable this PID limit, you must upgrade your Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS clusters to these versions or later. Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS clusters with prior versions use a default PID limit of 1024.

You cannot configure the per-pod PID limit on any Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS cluster.

3.1.1. Machines

A machine is a fundamental unit that describes the host for a worker node.

3.1.2. Machine sets

**MachineSet** resources are groups of compute machines. If you need more machines or must scale them down, change the number of replicas in the machine pool to which the compute machine sets belong.

Machine sets are not directly modifiable in ROSA.

3.1.3. Machine pools

Machine pools are a higher level construct to compute machine sets.

A machine pool creates compute machine sets that are all clones of the same configuration across availability zones. Machine pools perform all of the host node provisioning management actions on a worker node. If you need more machines or must scale them down, change the number of replicas in the machine pool to meet your compute needs. You can manually configure scaling or set autoscaling.

By default, a cluster has one machine pool. During cluster installation, you can define instance type or size and add labels to this machine pool.

After a cluster’s installation:

- You can remove or add labels to any machine pool.
- You can add additional machine pools to an existing cluster.
- You can add taints to any machine pool as long as there is one machine pool without any taints.
- You can create or delete a machine pool as long as there is one machine pool without any taints and at least two replicas for a Single-AZ cluster or three replicas for a Multi-AZ cluster.
NOTE

You cannot change the machine pool node type or size. The machine pool node type or size is specified during their creation only. If you need a different node type or size, you must re-create a machine pool and specify the required node type or size values.

- You can add a label to each added machine pool.

Multiple machine pools can exist on a single cluster, and each machine pool can contain a unique node type and node size configuration.

### 3.1.4. Machine pools in multiple zone clusters

In a cluster created across multiple Availability Zones (AZ), the machine pools can be created across either all of the three AZs or any single AZ of your choice. The machine pool created by default at the time of cluster creation will be created with machines in all three AZs and scale in multiples of three.

If you create a new Multi-AZ cluster, the machine pools are replicated to those zones automatically. By default, if you add a machine pool to an existing Multi-AZ cluster, the new machine pool is automatically created in all of the zones.

NOTE

You can override this default setting and create a machine pool in a Single-AZ of your choice.

Similarly, deleting a machine pool will delete it from all zones. Due to this multiplicative effect, using machine pools in Multi-AZ cluster can consume more of your project’s quota for a specific region when creating machine pools.

### 3.1.5. Additional resources

- Managing compute nodes
- About autoscaling

### 3.2. MANAGING COMPUTE NODES

This document describes how to manage compute (also known as worker) nodes with Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA).

The majority of changes for compute nodes are configured on machine pools. A machine pool is a group of compute nodes in a cluster that have the same configuration, providing ease of management.

You can edit machine pool configuration options such as scaling, adding node labels, and adding taints.

#### 3.2.1. Creating a machine pool

A machine pool is created when you install a Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) cluster. After installation, you can create additional machine pools for your cluster by using OpenShift Cluster Manager or the ROSA CLI (\texttt{rosa}).
For users of ROSA CLI rosa version 1.2.25 and earlier versions, the machine pool created along with the cluster is identified as Default. For users of ROSA CLI rosa version 1.2.26 and later, the machine pool created along with the cluster is identified as worker.

3.2.1.1. Creating a machine pool using OpenShift Cluster Manager

You can create additional machine pools for your Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) cluster by using OpenShift Cluster Manager.

Prerequisites

- You created a ROSA cluster.

Procedure

1. Navigate to OpenShift Cluster Manager Hybrid Cloud Console and select your cluster.
2. Under the Machine pools tab, click Add machine pool.
3. Add a Machine pool name.
4. Select a Compute node instance type from the drop-down menu. The instance type defines the vCPU and memory allocation for each compute node in the machine pool.

   NOTE
   You cannot change the instance type for a machine pool after the pool is created.

5. Optional: Configure autoscaling for the machine pool:
   a. Select Enable autoscaling to automatically scale the number of machines in your machine pool to meet the deployment needs.
   b. Set the minimum and maximum node count limits for autoscaling. The cluster autoscaler does not reduce or increase the machine pool node count beyond the limits that you specify.
      - If you deployed your cluster using a single availability zone, set the Minimum and maximum node count. This defines the minimum and maximum compute node limits in the availability zone.
      - If you deployed your cluster using multiple availability zones, set the Minimum nodes per zone and Maximum nodes per zone. This defines the minimum and maximum compute node limits per zone.

   NOTE
   Alternatively, you can set your autoscaling preferences for the machine pool after the machine pool is created.

6. If you did not enable autoscaling, select a compute node count:
• If you deployed your cluster using a single availability zone, select a **Compute node count** from the drop-down menu. This defines the number of compute nodes to provision to the machine pool for the zone.

• If you deployed your cluster using multiple availability zones, select a **Compute node count (per zone)** from the drop-down menu. This defines the number of compute nodes to provision to the machine pool per zone.

7. Optional: Configure **Root disk size**.

8. Optional: Add node labels and taints for your machine pool:
   a. Expand the **Edit node labels and taints** menu.
   b. Under **Node labels**, add **Key** and **Value** entries for your node labels.
   c. Under **Taints**, add **Key** and **Value** entries for your taints.

   **NOTE**
   Creating a machine pool with taints is only possible if the cluster already has at least one machine pool without a taint.

   d. For each taint, select an **Effect** from the drop-down menu. Available options include **NoSchedule**, **PreferNoSchedule**, and **NoExecute**.

   **NOTE**
   Alternatively, you can add the node labels and taints after you create the machine pool.

9. Optional: Select additional custom security groups to use for nodes in this machine pool. You must have already created the security groups and associated them with the VPC that you selected for this cluster. You cannot add or edit security groups after you create the machine pool. For more information, see the requirements for security groups in the "Additional resources" section.

10. Optional: Use Amazon EC2 Spot Instances if you want to configure your machine pool to deploy machines as non-guaranteed AWS Spot Instances:
   a. Select **Use Amazon EC2 Spot Instances**.
   b. Leave **Use On-Demand instance price** selected to use the on-demand instance price. Alternatively, select **Set maximum price** to define a maximum hourly price for a Spot Instance.

   For more information about Amazon EC2 Spot Instances, see the **AWS documentation**.

   **IMPORTANT**
   Your Amazon EC2 Spot Instances might be interrupted at any time. Use Amazon EC2 Spot Instances only for workloads that can tolerate interruptions.
NOTE

If you select Use Amazon EC2 Spot Instances for a machine pool, you cannot disable the option after the machine pool is created.

11. Click Add machine pool to create the machine pool.

Verification

- Verify that the machine pool is visible on the Machine pools page and the configuration is as expected.

Additional resources

- Additional custom security groups

3.2.1.2. Creating a machine pool using the ROSA CLI

You can create additional machine pools for your Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) cluster by using the ROSA CLI (rosa).

Prerequisites

- You installed and configured the latest Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) CLI, rosa, on your workstation.
- You logged in to your Red Hat account using the ROSA CLI (rosa).
- You created a ROSA cluster.

Procedure

- To add a machine pool that does not use autoscaling, create the machine pool and define the instance type, compute (also known as worker) node count, and node labels:

  ```bash
  $ rosa create machinepool --cluster=<cluster-name> \
  --name=<machine_pool_id> \n  --replicas=<replica_count> \n  --instance-type=<instance_type> \n  --labels=<key>=<value>,<key>=<value> \n  --taints=<key>=<value>:<effect>,<key>=<value>:<effect> \n  --use-spot-instances \n  --spot-max-price=0.5 \n  --disk-size=<disk_size> \n  --availability-zone=<az> \n  --additional-security-group-ids <sec_group_id>
  ```

1. Specifies the name of the machine pool. Replace <machine_pool_id> with the name of your machine pool.
2. Specifies the number of compute nodes to provision. If you deployed ROSA using a single availability zone, this defines the number of compute nodes to provision to the machine pool for the zone. If you deployed your cluster using multiple availability zones, this defines
the number of compute nodes to provision in total across all zones and the count must be a multiple of 3. The \(--replicas\) argument is required when autoscaling is not configured.

3. Optional: Sets the instance type for the compute nodes in your machine pool. The instance type defines the vCPU and memory allocation for each compute node in the pool. Replace \(<instance_type>\) with an instance type. The default is \(m5.xlarge\). You cannot change the instance type for a machine pool after the pool is created.

4. Optional: Defines the labels for the machine pool. Replace \(<key>=<value>,<key>=<value>\) with a comma-delimited list of key-value pairs, for example \(--labels=key1=value1,key2=value2\).

5. Optional: Defines the taints for the machine pool. Replace \(<key>=<value>:<effect>,<key>=<value>:<effect>\) with a key, value, and effect for each taint, for example \(--taints=key1=value1:NoSchedule,key2=value2:NoExecute\). Available effects include NoSchedule, PreferNoSchedule, and NoExecute.

6. Optional: Configures your machine pool to deploy machines as non-guaranteed AWS Spot Instances. For information, see Amazon EC2 Spot Instances in the AWS documentation. If you select Use Amazon EC2 Spot Instances for a machine pool, you cannot disable the option after the machine pool is created.

7. Optional: If you have opted to use Spot Instances, you can specify this argument to define a maximum hourly price for a Spot Instance. If this argument is not specified, the on-demand price is used.

8. Optional: Specifies the worker node disk size. The value can be in GB, GiB, TB, or TiB. Replace \(<disk_size>\) with a numeric value and unit, for example \(--disk-size=200GiB\).

9. Optional: For Multi-AZ clusters, you can create a machine pool in a Single-AZ of your choice. Replace \(<az>\) with a Single-AZ.

10. Optional: For machine pools in clusters that do not have Red Hat managed VPCs, you can select additional custom security groups to use in your machine pools. You must have already created the security groups and associated them with the VPC that you selected for this cluster. You cannot add or edit security groups after you create the machine pool. For more information, see the requirements for security groups in the “Additional resources” section.

**IMPORTANT**

Your Amazon EC2 Spot Instances might be interrupted at any time. Use Amazon EC2 Spot Instances only for workloads that can tolerate interruptions.

The following example creates a machine pool called \(mymachinepool\) that uses the \(m5.xlarge\) instance type and has 2 compute node replicas. The example also adds 2 workload-specific labels:

```
$ rosa create machinepool --cluster=mycluster --name=mymachinepool --replicas=2 --instance-type=m5.xlarge --labels=app-db,tier=backend
```

Example output
To add a machine pool that uses autoscaling, create the machine pool and define the autoscaling configuration, instance type and node labels:

```
$ rosa create machinepool --cluster=<cluster-name> \n  --name=<machine_pool_id> \n  --enable-autoscaling \n  --min-replicas=<minimum_replica_count> \n  --max-replicas=<maximum_replica_count> \n  --instance-type=<instance_type> \n  --labels=<key>=<value>,<key>=<value> \n  --taints=<key>=<value>:<effect>,<key>=<value>:<effect> \n  --use-spot-instances \n  --spot-max-price=0.5 \n  --availability-zone=<az>
```

1. Specifies the name of the machine pool. Replace `<machine_pool_id>` with the name of your machine pool.
2. Enables autoscaling in the machine pool to meet the deployment needs.
3. 4. Defines the minimum and maximum compute node limits. The cluster autoscaler does not reduce or increase the machine pool node count beyond the limits that you specify. If you deployed ROSA using a single availability zone, the `--min-replicas` and `--max-replicas` arguments define the autoscaling limits in the machine pool for the zone. If you deployed your cluster using multiple availability zones, the arguments define the autoscaling limits in total across all zones and the counts must be multiples of 3.
5. Optional: Sets the instance type for the compute nodes in your machine pool. The instance type defines the vCPU and memory allocation for each compute node in the pool. Replace `<instance_type>` with an instance type. The default is `m5.xlarge`. You cannot change the instance type for a machine pool after the pool is created.
6. Optional: Defines the labels for the machine pool. Replace `<key>=<value>,<key>=<value>` with a comma-delimited list of key-value pairs, for example `--labels=key1=value1,key2=value2`.
7. Optional: Defines the taints for the machine pool. Replace `<key>=<value>:<effect>,<key>=<value>:<effect>` with a key, value, and effect for each taint, for example `--taints=key1=value1:NoSchedule,key2=value2:NoExecute`. Available effects include `NoSchedule`, `PreferNoSchedule`, and `NoExecute`.
8. Optional: Configures your machine pool to deploy machines as non-guaranteed AWS Spot Instances. For information, see Amazon EC2 Spot Instances in the AWS documentation. If you select Use Amazon EC2 Spot Instances for a machine pool, you cannot disable the option after the machine pool is created.
9. Optional: If you have opted to use Spot Instances, you can specify this argument to define a maximum hourly price for a Spot Instance. If this argument is not specified, the on-demand price is used.
IMPORTANT

Your Amazon EC2 Spot Instances might be interrupted at any time. Use Amazon EC2 Spot Instances only for workloads that can tolerate interruptions.

The following example creates a machine pool called `mymachinepool` that uses the `m5.xlarge` instance type and has autoscaling enabled. The minimum compute node limit is 3 and the maximum is 6 overall. The example also adds 2 workload-specific labels:

```bash
$ rosa create machinepool --cluster=mycluster --name=mymachinepool --enable-autoscaling --min-replicas=3 --max-replicas=6 --instance-type=m5.xlarge --labels=app=db,tier=backend
```

Example output

I: Machine pool 'mymachinepool' created successfully on cluster 'mycluster'
I: To view all machine pools, run 'rosa list machinepools -c mycluster'

Verification

You can list all machine pools on your cluster or describe individual machine pools.

1. List the available machine pools on your cluster:

```bash
$ rosa list machinepools --cluster=<cluster_name>
```

Example output

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ID</th>
<th>AUTOSCALING</th>
<th>REPLICAS</th>
<th>INSTANCE TYPE</th>
<th>LABELS</th>
<th>TAINTS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Default</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>m5.xlarge</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mymachinepool</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>3-6</td>
<td>m5.xlarge</td>
<td>app=db, tier=backend</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

2. Describe the information of a specific machine pool in your cluster:

```bash
$ rosa describe machinepool --cluster=<cluster_name> mymachinepool
```

Example output

ID:                         mymachinepool
Cluster ID:                 27iimopsг1mге0м81l0sqivkne2qu6dr
Autoscaling:                Yes
Replicas:                   3-6
Instance type:              m5.xlarge
Labels:                     app=db, tier=backend
Taints:                     
Availability zones:         us-east-1a, us-east-1b, us-east-1c
Subnets:                    

3. Verify that the machine pool is included in the output and the configuration is as expected.

Additional resources

- Additional custom security groups

3.2.2. Configuring machine pool disk volume

Machine pool disk volume size can be configured for additional flexibility. The default disk size is 300 GiB. For cluster version 4.13 or earlier, the disk size can be configured to a minimum of 128 GiB to a maximum of 1 TiB. For cluster version 4.14 and later, the disk size can be configured to a minimum of 128 GiB to a maximum of 16 TiB.

You can configure the machine pool disk size for your cluster by using OpenShift Cluster Manager or the ROSA CLI (`rosa`).

**NOTE**

Existing cluster and machine pool node volumes cannot be resized.

**IMPORTANT**

The default disk size is 300 GiB. For cluster version 4.13 or earlier, the disk size can be configured to a minimum of 128 GiB to a maximum of 1 TiB. For cluster version 4.14 and later, the disk size can be configured to a minimum of 128 GiB to a maximum of 16 TiB.

3.2.2.1. Configuring machine pool disk volume using OpenShift Cluster Manager

**Prerequisite for cluster creation**

- You have the option to select the node disk sizing for the default machine pool during cluster installation.

**Procedure for cluster creation**

1. From ROSA cluster wizard, navigate to Cluster settings.
2. Navigate to **Machine pool** step.
3. Select the desired **Root disk size**.
4. Select **Next** to continue creating your cluster.

**Prerequisite for machine pool creation**

- You have the option to select the node disk sizing for the new machine pool after the cluster has been installed.

**Procedure for machine pool creation**
1. Navigate to OpenShift Cluster Manager Hybrid Cloud Console and select your cluster.


3. Click Add machine pool.

4. Select the desired Root disk size.

5. Select Add machine pool to create the machine pool.

3.2.2.2. Configuring machine pool disk volume using the ROSA CLI

**Prerequisite for cluster creation**

- You have the option to select the root disk sizing for the default machine pool during cluster installation.

**Procedure for cluster creation**

- Run the following command when creating your OpenShift cluster for the desired root disk size:

  ```
  $ rosa create cluster --worker-disk-size=<disk_size>
  ```

  The value can be in GB, GiB, TB, or TiB. Replace `<disk_size>` with a numeric value and unit, for example `--worker-disk-size=200GiB`. You cannot separate the digit and the unit. No spaces are allowed.

**Prerequisite for machine pool creation**

- You have the option to select the root disk sizing for the new machine pool after the cluster has been installed.

**Procedure for machine pool creation**

1. Scale up the cluster by executing the following command:

   ```
   $ rosa create machinepool --cluster=<cluster_id>  
   --disk-size=<disk_size>
   ```

   1. Specifies the ID or name of your existing OpenShift cluster
   2. Specifies the worker node disk size. The value can be in GB, GiB, TB, or TiB. Replace `<disk_size>` with a numeric value and unit, for example `--disk-size=200GiB`. You cannot separate the digit and the unit. No spaces are allowed.

2. Confirm new machine pool disk volume size by logging into the AWS console and find the EC2 virtual machine root volume size.

**Additional resources**

- For a detailed list of the arguments that are available for the `rosa create machinepool` subcommand, see Managing objects with the ROSA CLI.
3.2.3. Deleting a machine pool

You can delete a machine pool in the event that your workload requirements have changed and your current machine pools no longer meet your needs.

You can delete machine pools using the OpenShift Cluster Manager or the ROSA CLI (rosa).

3.2.3.1. Deleting a machine pool using OpenShift Cluster Manager

You can delete a machine pool for your Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) cluster by using OpenShift Cluster Manager.

Prerequisites

- You created a ROSA cluster.
- The cluster is in the ready state.
- You have an existing machine pool without any taints and with at least two instances for a single-AZ cluster or three instances for a multi-AZ cluster.

Procedure

1. From OpenShift Cluster Manager Hybrid Cloud Console, navigate to the Clusters page and select the cluster that contains the machine pool that you want to delete.
2. On the selected cluster, select the Machine pools tab.
3. Under the Machine pools tab, click the options menu for the machine pool that you want to delete.
4. Click Delete.

The selected machine pool is deleted.

3.2.3.2. Deleting a machine pool using the ROSA CLI

You can delete a machine pool for your Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) cluster by using the ROSA CLI.

NOTE

For users of ROSA CLI rosa version 1.2.25 and earlier versions, the machine pool (ID='Default') that is created along with the cluster cannot be deleted. For users of ROSA CLI rosa version 1.2.26 and later, the machine pool (ID='worker') that is created along with the cluster can be deleted as long as there is one machine pool within the cluster that contains no taints, and at least two replicas for a Single-AZ cluster or three replicas for a Multi-AZ cluster.

Prerequisites

- You created a ROSA cluster.
• The cluster is in the ready state.

• You have an existing machine pool without any taints and with at least two instances for a Single-AZ cluster or three instances for a Multi-AZ cluster.

**Procedure**

1. From the ROSA CLI, run the following command:

   ```bash
   $ rosa delete machinepool -c=<cluster_name> <machine_pool_ID>
   ```

   **Example output**

   ```bash
   ? Are you sure you want to delete machine pool <machine_pool_ID> on cluster <cluster_name>? (y/N)
   ```

2. Enter ‘y’ to delete the machine pool. The selected machine pool is deleted.

### 3.2.4. Scaling compute nodes manually

If you have not enabled autoscaling for your machine pool, you can manually scale the number of compute (also known as worker) nodes in the pool to meet your deployment needs.

You must scale each machine pool separately.

**Prerequisites**

- You installed and configured the latest Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) CLI, `rosa`, on your workstation.

- You logged in to your Red Hat account using the ROSA CLI (`rosa`).

- You created a Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) cluster.

- You have an existing machine pool.

**Procedure**

1. List the machine pools in the cluster:

   ```bash
   $ rosa list machinepools --cluster=<cluster_name>
   ```

   **Example output**

   ```
   ID   AUTOSCALING  REPLICAS  INSTANCE TYPE  LABELS   TAINTS
   AVAILABILITY ZONES  DISK SIZE  SG IDs
   default  No 2  m5.xlarge  us-east-1a  300GiB  sg-
   0e375ff0ec4a6cfa2
   mp1  No 2  m5.xlarge  us-east-1a  300GiB  sg-
   0e375ff0ec4a6cfa2
   ```

2. Increase or decrease the number of compute node replicas in a machine pool:
If you deployed Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) using a single availability zone, the replica count defines the number of compute nodes to provision to the machine pool for the zone. If you deployed your cluster using multiple availability zones, the count defines the total number of compute nodes in the machine pool across all zones and must be a multiple of 3.

Replace `<machine_pool_id>` with the ID of your machine pool, as listed in the output of the preceding command.

Verification

1. List the available machine pools in your cluster:

   ```
   $ rosa list machinepools --cluster=<cluster_name>
   ```

   **Example output**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ID</th>
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<tr>
<td>default</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>m5.xlarge</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mp1</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>m5.xlarge</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

2. In the output of the preceding command, verify that the compute node replica count is as expected for your machine pool. In the example output, the compute node replica count for the `mp1` machine pool is scaled to 3.

### 3.2.5. Node labels

A label is a key-value pair applied to a **Node** object. You can use labels to organize sets of objects and control the scheduling of pods.

You can add labels during cluster creation or after. Labels can be modified or updated at any time.

**Additional resources**

- For more information about labels, see [Kubernetes Labels and Selectors overview](#).

#### 3.2.5.1. Adding node labels to a machine pool

Add or edit labels for compute (also known as worker) nodes at any time to manage the nodes in a manner that is relevant to you. For example, you can assign types of workloads to specific nodes.

Labels are assigned as key-value pairs. Each key must be unique to the object it is assigned to.

**Prerequisites**

```
You installed and configured the latest Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) CLI, `rosa`, on your workstation.

You logged in to your Red Hat account using the ROSA CLI (`rosa`).

You created a Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) cluster.

You have an existing machine pool.

**Procedure**

1. List the machine pools in the cluster:

   ```
   $ rosa list machinepools --cluster=<cluster_name>
   ```

   **Example output**

<table>
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<tr>
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<th>LABELS</th>
<th>TAINS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Default</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>m5.xlarge</td>
<td>us-east-1a</td>
<td>N/A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>db-nodes-mp</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>m5.xlarge</td>
<td>us-east-1a</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

2. Add or update the node labels for a machine pool:

   - To add or update node labels for a machine pool that does not use autoscaling, run the following command:

     ```
     $ rosa edit machinepool --cluster=<cluster_name> \
     --replicas=<replica_count> \n     --labels=<key>=<value>,<key>=<value> \n     <machine_pool_id>
     ```

   For machine pools that do not use autoscaling, you must provide a replica count when adding node labels. If you do not specify the `--replicas` argument, you are prompted for a replica count before the command completes. If you deployed Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) using a single availability zone, the replica count defines the number of compute nodes to provision to the machine pool for the zone. If you deployed your cluster using multiple availability zones, the count defines the total number of compute nodes in the machine pool across all zones and must be a multiple of 3.

   Replace `<key>=<value>,<key>=<value>` with a comma-delimited list of key-value pairs, for example `--labels=key1=value1,key2=value2`. This list overwrites any modifications made to node labels on an ongoing basis.

   The following example adds labels to the `db-nodes-mp` machine pool:

   ```
   $ rosa edit machinepool --cluster=mycluster --replicas=2 --labels=app=db,tier=backend db-nodes-mp
   ```

   **Example output**

   I: Updated machine pool 'db-nodes-mp' on cluster 'mycluster'
To add or update node labels for a machine pool that uses autoscaling, run the following command:

```
$ rosa edit machinepool --cluster=<cluster_name> \
  --min-replicas=<minimum_replica_count> \
  --max-replicas=<maximum_replica_count> \
  --labels=<key>=<value>,<key>=<value> \n  <machine_pool_id>
```

For machine pools that use autoscaling, you must provide minimum and maximum compute node replica limits. If you do not specify the arguments, you are prompted for the values before the command completes. The cluster autoscaler does not reduce or increase the machine pool node count beyond the limits that you specify. If you deployed ROSA using a single availability zone, the `--min-replicas` and `--max-replicas` arguments define the autoscaling limits in the machine pool for the zone. If you deployed your cluster using multiple availability zones, the arguments define the autoscaling limits in total across all zones and the counts must be multiples of 3.

Replace `<key>=<value>,<key>=<value>` with a comma-delimited list of key-value pairs, for example `--labels=key1=value1,key2=value2`. This list overwrites any modifications made to node labels on an ongoing basis.

The following example adds labels to the `db-nodes-mp` machine pool:

```
$ rosa edit machinepool --cluster=mycluster --min-replicas=2 --max-replicas=3 --labels=app=db,tier=backend db-nodes-mp
```

**Example output**

```
I: Updated machine pool 'db-nodes-mp' on cluster 'mycluster'
```

**Verification**

1. Describe the details of the machine pool with the new labels:

```
$ rosa describe machinepool --cluster=<cluster_name> <machine-pool-name>
```

**Example output**

```
ID:                         db-nodes-mp
Cluster ID:                 <ID_of_cluster>
Autoscaling:                No
Replicas:                   2
Instance type:              m5.xlarge
Labels:                     app=db, tier=backend
Taints:                     
Availability zones:         us-east-1a
Subnets:                    
Spot instances:             No
Disk size:                  300 GiB
Security Group IDs:         
```
2. Verify that the labels are included for your machine pool in the output.

3.2.6. Adding taints to a machine pool

You can add taints for compute (also known as worker) nodes in a machine pool to control which pods are scheduled to them. When you apply a taint to a machine pool, the scheduler cannot place a pod on the nodes in the pool unless the pod specification includes a toleration for the taint. Taints can be added to a machine pool using the OpenShift Cluster Manager or the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) CLI, rosa.

NOTE
A cluster must have at least one machine pool that does not contain any taints.

3.2.6.1. Adding taints to a machine pool using OpenShift Cluster Manager

You can add taints to a machine pool for your Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) cluster by using OpenShift Cluster Manager.

Prerequisites

- You created a Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) cluster.
- You have an existing machine pool that does not contain any taints and contains at least two instances.

Procedure

1. Navigate to OpenShift Cluster Manager Hybrid Cloud Console and select your cluster.
2. Under the Machine pools tab, click the options menu for the machine pool that you want to add a taint to.
3. Select Edit taints.
4. Add Key and Value entries for your taint.
5. Select an Effect for your taint from the drop-down menu. Available options include NoSchedule, PreferNoSchedule, and NoExecute.
6. Optional: Select Add taint if you want to add more taints to the machine pool.
7. Click Save to apply the taints to the machine pool.

Verification

1. Under the Machine pools tab, select >next to your machine pool to expand the view.
2. Verify that your taints are listed under Taints in the expanded view.

3.2.6.2. Adding taints to a machine pool using the ROSA CLI

Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS 4 Cluster administration
You can add taints to a machine pool for your Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) cluster by using the ROSA CLI.

NOTE

For users of ROSA CLI `rosa` version 1.2.25 and prior versions, the number of taints cannot be changed within the machine pool (ID=Default) created along with the cluster. For users of ROSA CLI `rosa` version 1.2.26 and beyond, the number of taints can be changed within the machine pool (ID=worker) created along with the cluster. There must be at least one machine pool without any taints and with at least two replicas for a Single-AZ cluster or three replicas for a Multi-AZ cluster.

**Prerequisites**

- You installed and configured the latest AWS (aws), ROSA (rosa), and OpenShift (oc) CLIs on your workstation.
- You logged in to your Red Hat account by using the `rosa` CLI.
- You created a Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) cluster.
- You have an existing machine pool that does not contain any taints and contains at least two instances.

**Procedure**

1. List the machine pools in the cluster by running the following command:

   ```bash
   $ rosa list machinepools --cluster=<cluster_name>
   ```

   **Example output**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ID</th>
<th>AUTOSCALING</th>
<th>REPLICAS</th>
<th>INSTANCE TYPE</th>
<th>LABELS</th>
<th>TAINTS</th>
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<tr>
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<td>m5.xlarge</td>
<td>us-east-1a</td>
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</table>

2. Add or update the taints for a machine pool:

   - To add or update taints for a machine pool that does not use autoscaling, run the following command:

     ```bash
     $ rosa edit machinepool --cluster=<cluster_name> \
     --replicas=<replica_count> \ ①
     --taints=<key>=<value>:<effect>,<key>=<value>:<effect> \ ②
     <machine_pool_id>
     ```

   ① For machine pools that do not use autoscaling, you must provide a replica count when adding taints. If you do not specify the `--replicas` argument, you are prompted for a replica count before the command completes. If you deployed Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) using a single availability zone, the replica count defines the number of compute nodes to provision to the machine pool for the zone. If you
deployed your cluster using multiple availability zones, the count defines the total number of compute nodes in the machine pool across all zones and must be a multiple of 3.

Replace `<key>=<value>:<effect>,<key>=<value>:<effect>` with a key, value, and effect for each taint, for example `taints=key1=value1:NoSchedule,key2=value2:NoExecute`. Available effects include `NoSchedule`, `PreferNoSchedule`, and `NoExecute`. This list overwrites any modifications made to node taints on an ongoing basis.

The following example adds taints to the `db-nodes-mp` machine pool:

```bash
$ rosa edit machinepool --cluster=mycluster --replicas 2 --
taints=key1=value1:NoSchedule,key2=value2:NoExecute db-nodes-mp
```

**Example output**

```
I: Updated machine pool 'db-nodes-mp' on cluster 'mycluster'
```

- To add or update taints for a machine pool that uses autoscaling, run the following command:

```bash
$ rosa edit machinepool --cluster=<cluster_name> --
--min-replicas=<minimum_replica_count> --
--max-replicas=<maximum_replica_count> --
--taints=<key>=<value>:<effect>,<key>=<value>:<effect> --

<machine_pool_id>
```

For machine pools that use autoscaling, you must provide minimum and maximum compute node replica limits. If you do not specify the arguments, you are prompted for the values before the command completes. The cluster autoscaler does not reduce or increase the machine pool node count beyond the limits that you specify. If you deployed ROSA using a single availability zone, the `--min-replicas` and `--max-replicas` arguments define the autoscaling limits in the machine pool for the zone. If you deployed your cluster using multiple availability zones, the arguments define the autoscaling limits in total across all zones and the counts must be multiples of 3.

Replace `<key>=<value>:<effect>,<key>=<value>:<effect>` with a key, value, and effect for each taint, for example `taints=key1=value1:NoSchedule,key2=value2:NoExecute`. Available effects include `NoSchedule`, `PreferNoSchedule`, and `NoExecute`. This list overwrites any modifications made to node taints on an ongoing basis.

The following example adds taints to the `db-nodes-mp` machine pool:

```bash
$ rosa edit machinepool --cluster=mycluster --min-replicas=2 --max-replicas=3 --
taints=key1=value1:NoSchedule,key2=value2:NoExecute db-nodes-mp
```

**Example output**

```
I: Updated machine pool 'db-nodes-mp' on cluster 'mycluster'
```
Verification

1. Describe the details of the machine pool with the new taints:

   $ rosa describe machinepool --cluster=<cluster_name> <machine-pool-name>

Example output

   ID:                         db-nodes-mp
   Cluster ID:                 <ID_of_cluster>
   Autoscaling:                No
   Replicas:                   2
   Instance type:              m5.xlarge
   Labels:                     
   Taints:                     key1=value1:NoSchedule, key2=value2:NoExecute
   Availability zones:         us-east-1a
   Subnets:                    
   Spot instances:             No
   Disk size:                  300 GiB
   Security Group IDs:         

2. Verify that the taints are included for your machine pool in the output.

3.2.7. Adding node tuning to a machine pool

You can add tunings for compute, also called worker, nodes in a machine pool to control their configuration on Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) with hosted control planes (HCP) clusters.

NOTE

This feature is only supported on Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) with hosted control planes (HCP) clusters.

Prerequisites

- You installed and configured the latest Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) CLI, rosa, on your workstation.

- You logged in to your Red Hat account by using the ROSA CLI.

- You created a Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) with hosted control planes (HCP) cluster.

- You have an existing machine pool.

- You have an existing tuning configuration.

Procedure

1. List all of the machine pools in the cluster:

   $ rosa list machinepools --cluster=<cluster_name>

Example output
2. You can add tuning configurations to an existing or new machine pool.
   
a. Add tunings when creating a machine pool:

   $ rosa create machinepool -c <cluster-name> <machinepoolname> --tuning-configs <tuning_config_name>

   **Example output**

   ? Tuning configs: sample-tuning
   I: Machine pool 'db-nodes-mp' created successfully on hosted cluster 'sample-cluster'
   I: To view all machine pools, run 'rosa list machinepools -c sample-cluster'

   b. Add or update the tunings for a machine pool:

   $ rosa edit machinepool -c <cluster-name> <machinepoolname> --tuning-configs <tuningconfigname>

   **Example output**

   I: Updated machine pool 'db-nodes-mp' on cluster 'mycluster'

   **Verification**

   1. List the available machine pools in your cluster:

      $ rosa list machinepools --cluster=<cluster_name>

      **Example output**

      | ID          | AUTOSCALING | REPLICAS | INSTANCE TYPE | SUBNET       | VERSION  | AUTOREPAIR | TUNING CONFIGS | AVAILABILITY ZONES | SUBNET | VERSION | AUTOREPAIR | TUNING CONFIGS | AVAILABILITY ZONES |
      |------------|-------------|----------|---------------|--------------|----------|------------|---------------|-------------------|--------|----------|------------|---------------|-------------------|
      |            | No          | 2        | m5.xlarge     | us-east-1a   | N/A      | Yes        |               |                   |        |          |            |               |                   |
      |           |            |          |               |              |          |            |               |                   |        |          |            |               |                   |

   2. Verify that the tuning config is included for your machine pool in the output.

   3.2.8. Additional resources

   - About machine pools
   - About autoscaling
   - Enabling autoscaling
   - Disabling autoscaling
3.3. CONFIGURING MACHINE POOLS IN LOCAL ZONES

This document describes how to configure Local Zones in machine pools with Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA).

3.3.1. Configuring machine pools in Local Zones

Use the following steps to configure machine pools in Local Zones.

**IMPORTANT**

AWS Local Zones are supported on Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS 4.12. See the Red Hat Knowledgebase article for information on how to enable Local Zones.

Prerequisites

- Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) is generally available in the parent region of choice. See the AWS generally available locations list to determine the Local Zone available to specific AWS regions.
- The ROSA cluster was initially built in an existing Amazon VPC (BYO-VPC).
- The maximum transmission unit (MTU) for the ROSA cluster is set at 1200.

**IMPORTANT**

Generally, the Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU) between an Amazon EC2 instance in a Local Zone and an Amazon EC2 instance in the Region is 1300. See How Local Zones work in the AWS documentation. The cluster network MTU must always be less than the EC2 MTU to account for the overhead. The specific overhead is determined by your network plugin, for example:

- OVN-Kubernetes: **100 bytes**
- OpenShift SDN: **50 bytes**

The network plugin could provide additional features that may also decrease the MTU. Check the documentation for additional information.

- The AWS account has Local Zones enabled.
- The AWS account has a Local Zone subnet for the same VPC as the cluster.
- The AWS account has a subnet that is associated with a routing table that has a route to a NAT gateway.
- The AWS account has the tag `kubernetes.io/cluster/<infra_id>: shared` on the associated subnet.

Procedure

1. Create a machine pool on the cluster by running the following ROSA CLI (rosa) command.
$ rosa create machinepool -c <cluster-name> -i

2. Add the subnet and instance type for the machine pool in the ROSA CLI. After several minutes, the cluster will provision the nodes.

   I: Enabling interactive mode 1  
   ? Machine pool name: xx-lz-xx 2  
   ? Create multi-AZ machine pool: No 3  
   ? Select subnet for a single AZ machine pool (optional): Yes 4  
   ? Subnet ID: subnet-<a> (region-info) 5  
   ? Enable autoscaling (optional): No 6  
   ? Replicas: 2 7  
   I: Fetching instance types 8  
   ? disk-size (optional): 9

   1 Enables interactive mode. 
   2 Names the machine pool. This is limited to alphanumeric and a maximum length of 30 characters. 
   3 Set this option to no. 
   4 Set this option to yes. 
   5 Selects a subnet ID from the list. 
   6 Select yes to enable autoscaling or no to disable autoscaling. 
   7 Selects the number of machines for the machine pool. This number can be anywhere from 1 - 180. 
   8 Selects an instance type from the list. Only instance types that are supported in the selected Local Zone will appear. 
   9 Optional: Specifies the worker node disk size. The value can be in GB, GiB, TB, or TiB. Set a numeric value and unit, for example '200GiB'. You cannot separate the digit and the unit. No spaces are allowed.

3. Provide the subnet ID to provision the machine pool in the Local Zone.

See the [AWS Local Zones locations](#) list on AWS for generally available and announced AWS Local Zone locations.

### 3.4. ABOUT AUTOSCALING NODES ON A CLUSTER

The autoscaler option can be configured to automatically scale the number of machines in a cluster.

The cluster autoscaler increases the size of the cluster when there are pods that failed to schedule on any of the current nodes due to insufficient resources or when another node is necessary to meet deployment needs. The cluster autoscaler does not increase the cluster resources beyond the limits that you specify.
Additionally, the cluster autoscaler decreases the size of the cluster when some nodes are consistently not needed for a significant period, such as when it has low resource use and all of its important pods can fit on other nodes.

When you enable autoscaling, you must also set a minimum and maximum number of worker nodes.

**NOTE**

Additionally, you can configure autoscaling on the default machine pool when you create the cluster using interactive mode.

### 3.4.1. Enabling autoscaling nodes on a cluster

You can enable autoscaling on worker nodes to increase or decrease the number of nodes available by editing the machine pool definition for an existing cluster.

**Enabling autoscaling nodes in an existing cluster using Red Hat OpenShift Cluster Manager**

Enable autoscaling for worker nodes in the machine pool definition from OpenShift Cluster Manager console.

**Procedure**

1. From OpenShift Cluster Manager Hybrid Cloud Console, navigate to the Clusters page and select the cluster that you want to enable autoscaling for.

2. On the selected cluster, select the Machine pools tab.

3. Click the Options menu at the end of the machine pool that you want to enable autoscaling for and select Scale.

4. On the Edit node count dialog, select the Enable autoscaling checkbox.

5. Select Apply to save these changes and enable autoscaling for the cluster.

**NOTE**

Additionally, you can configure autoscaling on the default machine pool when you create the cluster using interactive mode.

**Enabling autoscaling nodes in an existing cluster using the ROSA CLI**

Configure autoscaling to dynamically scale the number of worker nodes up or down based on load.

Successful autoscaling is dependent on having the correct AWS resource quotas in your AWS account. Verify resource quotas and request quota increases from the AWS console.

**Procedure**

1. To identify the machine pool IDs in a cluster, enter the following command:

   ```bash
   $ rosa list machinepools --cluster=<cluster_name>
   ```

   **Example output**
2. Get the ID of the machine pools that you want to configure.

3. To enable autoscaling on a machine pool, enter the following command:

   ```
   $ rosa edit machinepool --cluster=<cluster_name> <machinepool_ID> --enable-autoscaling -
   --min-replicas=<number> --max-replicas=<number>
   ```

   **Example**

   Enable autoscaling on a machine pool with the ID `mp1` on a cluster named `mycluster`, with the
   number of replicas set to scale between 2 and 5 worker nodes:

   ```
   $ rosa edit machinepool --cluster=mycluster mp1 --enable-autoscaling --min-replicas=2 --
   max-replicas=5
   ```

### 3.4.2. Disabling autoscaling nodes on a cluster

You can disable autoscaling on worker nodes to increase or decrease the number of nodes available by editing the machine pool definition for an existing cluster.

You can disable autoscaling on a cluster using OpenShift Cluster Manager console or the Red Hat
OpenShift Service on AWS CLI.

**NOTE**

Additionally, you can configure autoscaling on the default machine pool when you create
the cluster using interactive mode.

**Disabling autoscaling nodes in an existing cluster using Red Hat OpenShift Cluster Manager**

Disable autoscaling for worker nodes in the machine pool definition from OpenShift Cluster Manager
console.

**Procedure**

1. From OpenShift Cluster Manager Hybrid Cloud Console, navigate to the Clusters page and select the cluster with autoscaling that must be disabled.

2. On the selected cluster, select the Machine pools tab.

3. Click the Options menu at the end of the machine pool with autoscaling and select Scale.

4. On the "Edit node count" dialog, deselect the Enable autoscaling checkbox.

5. Select Apply to save these changes and disable autoscaling from the cluster.
Disabling autoscaling nodes in an existing cluster using the ROSA CLI
Disable autoscaling for worker nodes in the machine pool definition using the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) CLI, **rosa**.

**Procedure**

1. Enter the following command:

   ```bash
   $ rosa edit machinepool --cluster=<cluster_name> <machinepool_ID> --enable-autoscaling=false --replicas=<number>
   ```

   **Example**

   Disable autoscaling on the **default** machine pool on a cluster named **mycluster**:

   ```bash
   $ rosa edit machinepool --cluster=mycluster default --enable-autoscaling=false --replicas=3
   ```

3.4.3. Additional resources

- Troubleshooting: Autoscaling is not scaling down nodes
- About machinepools
- Managing compute nodes
- Managing objects with the ROSA CLI

### 3.5. CONFIGURING CLUSTER MEMORY TO MEET CONTAINER MEMORY AND RISK REQUIREMENTS

As a cluster administrator, you can help your clusters operate efficiently through managing application memory by:

- Determining the memory and risk requirements of a containerized application component and configuring the container memory parameters to suit those requirements.
- Configuring containerized application runtimes (for example, OpenJDK) to adhere optimally to the configured container memory parameters.
- Diagnosing and resolving memory-related error conditions associated with running in a container.

#### 3.5.1. Understanding managing application memory

It is recommended to fully read the overview of how Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS manages Compute Resources before proceeding.

For each kind of resource (memory, CPU, storage), Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS allows optional **request** and **limit** values to be placed on each container in a pod.

Note the following about memory requests and memory limits:

- Memory request
The memory request value, if specified, influences the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS scheduler. The scheduler considers the memory request when scheduling a container to a node, then fences off the requested memory on the chosen node for the use of the container.

- If a node’s memory is exhausted, Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS prioritizes evicting its containers whose memory usage most exceeds their memory request. In serious cases of memory exhaustion, the node OOM killer may select and kill a process in a container based on a similar metric.

- The cluster administrator can assign quota or assign default values for the memory request value.

- The cluster administrator can override the memory request values that a developer specifies, to manage cluster overcommit.

**Memory limit**

- The memory limit value, if specified, provides a hard limit on the memory that can be allocated across all the processes in a container.

- If the memory allocated by all of the processes in a container exceeds the memory limit, the node Out of Memory (OOM) killer will immediately select and kill a process in the container.

- If both memory request and limit are specified, the memory limit value must be greater than or equal to the memory request.

- The cluster administrator can assign quota or assign default values for the memory limit value.

- The minimum memory limit is 12 MB. If a container fails to start due to a Cannot allocate memory pod event, the memory limit is too low. Either increase or remove the memory limit. Removing the limit allows pods to consume unbounded node resources.

### 3.5.1.1. Managing application memory strategy

The steps for sizing application memory on Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS are as follows:

1. **Determine expected container memory usage**
   Determine expected mean and peak container memory usage, empirically if necessary (for example, by separate load testing). Remember to consider all the processes that may potentially run in parallel in the container: for example, does the main application spawn any ancillary scripts?

2. **Determine risk appetite**
   Determine risk appetite for eviction. If the risk appetite is low, the container should request memory according to the expected peak usage plus a percentage safety margin. If the risk appetite is higher, it may be more appropriate to request memory according to the expected mean usage.

3. **Set container memory request**
   Set container memory request based on the above. The more accurately the request represents the application memory usage, the better. If the request is too high, cluster and quota usage will be inefficient. If the request is too low, the chances of application eviction increase.

4. **Set container memory limit, if required**
   Set container memory limit, if required. Setting a limit has the effect of immediately killing a
container process if the combined memory usage of all processes in the container exceeds the limit, and is therefore a mixed blessing. On the one hand, it may make unanticipated excess memory usage obvious early (“fail fast”); on the other hand it also terminates processes abruptly.

Note that some Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS clusters may require a limit value to be set; some may override the request based on the limit; and some application images rely on a limit value being set as this is easier to detect than a request value.

If the memory limit is set, it should not be set to less than the expected peak container memory usage plus a percentage safety margin.

5. **Ensure application is tuned**
   Ensure application is tuned with respect to configured request and limit values, if appropriate. This step is particularly relevant to applications which pool memory, such as the JVM. The rest of this page discusses this.

### 3.5.2. Understanding OpenJDK settings for Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS

The default OpenJDK settings do not work well with containerized environments. As a result, some additional Java memory settings must always be provided whenever running the OpenJDK in a container.

The JVM memory layout is complex, version dependent, and describing it in detail is beyond the scope of this documentation. However, as a starting point for running OpenJDK in a container, at least the following three memory-related tasks are key:

1. Overriding the JVM maximum heap size.
2. Encouraging the JVM to release unused memory to the operating system, if appropriate.
3. Ensuring all JVM processes within a container are appropriately configured.

Optimally tuning JVM workloads for running in a container is beyond the scope of this documentation, and may involve setting multiple additional JVM options.

#### 3.5.2.1. Understanding how to override the JVM maximum heap size

For many Java workloads, the JVM heap is the largest single consumer of memory. Currently, the OpenJDK defaults to allowing up to 1/4 (1/\(\text{-XX:MaxRAMFraction}\)) of the compute node’s memory to be used for the heap, regardless of whether the OpenJDK is running in a container or not. It is therefore **essential** to override this behavior, especially if a container memory limit is also set.

There are at least two ways the above can be achieved:

- If the container memory limit is set and the experimental options are supported by the JVM, set `-XX:+UnlockExperimentalVMOptions -XX:+UseCGroupMemoryLimitForHeap`.

  **NOTE**

  The `UseCGroupMemoryLimitForHeap` option has been removed in JDK 11. Use `-XX:+UseContainerSupport` instead.

  This sets `-XX:MaxRAM` to the container memory limit, and the maximum heap size (`-XX:MaxHeapSize / -Xmx`) to 1/\(-XX:MaxRAMFraction\) (1/4 by default).
• Directly override one of `-XX:MaxRAM`, `-XX:MaxHeapSize` or `-Xmx`. This option involves hard-coding a value, but has the advantage of allowing a safety margin to be calculated.

3.5.2.2. Understanding how to encourage the JVM to release unused memory to the operating system

By default, the OpenJDK does not aggressively return unused memory to the operating system. This may be appropriate for many containerized Java workloads, but notable exceptions include workloads where additional active processes co-exist with a JVM within a container, whether those additional processes are native, additional JVMs, or a combination of the two.

Java-based agents can use the following JVM arguments to encourage the JVM to release unused memory to the operating system:

```
-XX:+UseParallelGC
-XX:MinHeapFreeRatio=5 -XX:MaxHeapFreeRatio=10 -XX:GCTimeRatio=4
-XX:AdaptiveSizePolicyWeight=90.
```

These arguments are intended to return heap memory to the operating system whenever allocated memory exceeds 110% of in-use memory (`-XX:MaxHeapFreeRatio`), spending up to 20% of CPU time in the garbage collector (`-XX:GCTimeRatio`). At no time will the application heap allocation be less than the initial heap allocation (overridden by `-XX:InitialHeapSize` / `-Xms`). Detailed additional information is available Tuning Java's footprint in OpenShift (Part 1), Tuning Java's footprint in OpenShift (Part 2), and at OpenJDK and Containers.

3.5.2.3. Understanding how to ensure all JVM processes within a container are appropriately configured

In the case that multiple JVMs run in the same container, it is essential to ensure that they are all configured appropriately. For many workloads it will be necessary to grant each JVM a percentage memory budget, leaving a perhaps substantial additional safety margin.

Many Java tools use different environment variables (`JAVA_OPTS`, `GRADLE_OPTS`, and so on) to configure their JVMs and it can be challenging to ensure that the right settings are being passed to the right JVM.

The `JAVA_TOOL_OPTIONS` environment variable is always respected by the OpenJDK, and values specified in `JAVA_TOOL_OPTIONS` will be overridden by other options specified on the JVM command line. By default, to ensure that these options are used by default for all JVM workloads run in the Java-based agent image, the Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS Jenkins Maven agent image sets:

```
JAVA_TOOL_OPTIONS="-XX:+UnlockExperimentalVMOptions
-XX:+UseCGroupMemoryLimitForHeap -Dsun.zip.disableMemoryMapping=true"
```

**NOTE**

The `UseCGroupMemoryLimitForHeap` option has been removed in JDK 11. Use `-XX:+UseContainerSupport` instead.

This does not guarantee that additional options are not required, but is intended to be a helpful starting point.
3.5.3. Finding the memory request and limit from within a pod

An application wishing to dynamically discover its memory request and limit from within a pod should use the Downward API.

Procedure

1. Configure the pod to add the MEMORY_REQUEST and MEMORY_LIMIT stanzas:
   a. Create a YAML file similar to the following:

   ```yaml
   apiVersion: v1
   kind: Pod
   metadata:
     name: test
   spec:
     containers:
       - name: test
         image: fedora:latest
         command:
           - sleep
           - "3600"
         env:
           - name: MEMORY_REQUEST
             valueFrom:
               resourceFieldRef:
                 containerName: test
                 resource: requests.memory
           - name: MEMORY_LIMIT
             valueFrom:
               resourceFieldRef:
                 containerName: test
                 resource: limits.memory
   resources:
     requests:
       memory: 384Mi
     limits:
       memory: 512Mi
   ```

   1. Add this stanza to discover the application memory request value.
   2. Add this stanza to discover the application memory limit value.

   b. Create the pod by running the following command:

   ```bash
   $ oc create -f <file-name>.yaml
   ```

Verification

1. Access the pod using a remote shell:

   ```bash
   $ oc rsh test
   ```

2. Check that the requested values were applied:
3.5.4. Understanding OOM kill policy

Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS can kill a process in a container if the total memory usage of all the processes in the container exceeds the memory limit, or in serious cases of node memory exhaustion.

When a process is Out of Memory (OOM) killed, this might result in the container exiting immediately. If the container PID 1 process receives the **SIGKILL**, the container will exit immediately. Otherwise, the container behavior is dependent on the behavior of the other processes.

For example, a container process exited with code 137, indicating it received a SIGKILL signal.

If the container does not exit immediately, an OOM kill is detectable as follows:

1. Access the pod using a remote shell:
   ```
   # oc rsh test
   ```

2. Run the following command to see the current OOM kill count in `/sys/fs/cgroup/memory/memory.oom_control`:
   ```
   $ grep "^oom_kill " /sys/fs/cgroup/memory/memory.oom_control
   Example output
   oom_kill 0
   ```

3. Run the following command to provoke an OOM kill:
   ```
   $ sed -e " </dev/zero
   Example output
   Killed
   ```

4. Run the following command to view the exit status of the **sed** command:
   ```
   $ echo $?
   Example output
   ```

**NOTE**

The memory limit value can also be read from inside the container by the `/sys/fs/cgroup/memory/memory.limit_in_bytes` file.
The 137 code indicates the container process exited with code 137, indicating it received a SIGKILL signal.

5. Run the following command to see that the OOM kill counter in `/sys/fs/cgroup/memory/memory.oom_control` incremented:

$$
grep '^oom_kill ' /sys/fs/cgroup/memory/memory.oom_control
$$

Example output

oom_kill 1

If one or more processes in a pod are OOM killed, when the pod subsequently exits, whether immediately or not, it will have phase Failed and reason OOMKilled. An OOM-killed pod might be restarted depending on the value of restartPolicy. If not restarted, controllers such as the replication controller will notice the pod’s failed status and create a new pod to replace the old one.

Use the following command to get the pod status:

$$
$ oc get pod test
$$

Example output

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAME</th>
<th>READY</th>
<th>STATUS</th>
<th>RESTARTS</th>
<th>AGE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>test</td>
<td>0/1</td>
<td>OOMKilled</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1m</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- If the pod has not restarted, run the following command to view the pod:

$$
$ oc get pod test -o yaml
$$

Example output

```
... status:
  containerStatuses:
  - name: test
    ready: false
    restartCount: 0
    state:
      terminated:
        exitCode: 137
        reason: OOMKilled
        phase: Failed
```  

- If restarted, run the following command to view the pod:

$$
$ oc get pod test -o yaml
$$

Example output
3.5.5. Understanding pod eviction

Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS may evict a pod from its node when the node’s memory is exhausted. Depending on the extent of memory exhaustion, the eviction may or may not be graceful. Graceful eviction implies the main process (PID 1) of each container receiving a SIGTERM signal, then some time later a SIGKILL signal if the process has not exited already. Non-graceful eviction implies the main process of each container immediately receiving a SIGKILL signal.

An evicted pod has phase Failed and reason Evicted. It will not be restarted, regardless of the value of restartPolicy. However, controllers such as the replication controller will notice the pod’s failed status and create a new pod to replace the old one.

```
$ oc get pod test

Example output

NAME    READY  STATUS    RESTARTS  AGE
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test     0/1    Evicted  0        1m
```

```
$ oc get pod test -o yaml

Example output

... status:
  message: 'Pod The node was low on resource: [MemoryPressure].'
  phase: Failed
  reason: Evicted
```