External Load Balancing for the Overcloud

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Abstract

This guide provides information on configuring a Red Hat OpenStack Platform environment to use an external load balancer for the Overcloud. This includes configuration guidelines for your load balancer and configuration of the Overcloud through the OpenStack Platform director.
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CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

Red Hat OpenStack Platform director creates a cloud environment called the Overcloud. The Overcloud contains a set of different node types that perform certain roles. One of these node types is the Controller node. The Controller is responsible for Overcloud administration and uses specific OpenStack components. An Overcloud uses multiple Controllers together as a high availability cluster, which ensures maximum operational performance for your OpenStack services. In addition, the cluster provides load balancing for access to the OpenStack services, which evenly distributes traffic to the Controller nodes and reduces server overload for each node.

It is also possible to use an external load balancer to perform this distribution. For example, an organization might use their own hardware-based load balancer to handle traffic distribution to the Controller nodes. This guide provides the necessary details to help define the configuration for both an external load balancer and the Overcloud creation. This involved the following process:

1. **Installing and Configuring the Load Balancer** - This guide includes some HAProxy options for load balancing and services. Translate the settings to the equivalent of your own external load balancer.

2. **Configuring and Deploying the Overcloud** - This guide includes some Heat template parameters help the Overcloud integrate with the external load balancer. This mainly involves the IP addresses of the load balancer and potential nodes. This guide also includes the command to start the Overcloud deployment and its configuration to use the external load balancer.

1.1. USING LOAD BALANCING IN THE OVERCLOUD

The Overcloud uses a open source tool called HAProxy. HAProxy load-balances traffic to Controller nodes running OpenStack services. The haproxy package contains the haproxy daemon, which is started from the haproxy systemd service, along with logging features and sample configurations. However, the Overcloud also uses a high availability resource manager (Pacemaker) to control HAProxy itself as a highly available service (haproxy-clone). This means HAProxy runs on each Controller node and distributes traffic according to a set of rules defined in each configuration.

1.2. DEFINING AN EXAMPLE SCENARIO

This article uses the following scenario as an example:

- An external load balancing server using HAProxy. This demonstrates how to use a federated HAProxy server. You can substitute this for another supported external load balancer.

- One OpenStack Platform director node

- An Overcloud that consists of:
  - 3 Controller nodes in a highly available cluster
  - 1 Compute node
  - Network isolation with VLANs

The scenario uses the following IP address assignments for each network:

- Internal API: 172.16.20.0/24
- **Tenant:** 172.16.22.0/24
- **Storage:** 172.16.21.0/24
- **Storage Management:** 172.16.19.0/24
- **External:** 172.16.23.0/24

These IP ranges will include IP assignments for the Controller nodes and virtual IPs that the load balancer binds to OpenStack services.
CHAPTER 2. DEFINING THE DEFAULT CONFIGURATION

When creating and configuring an Overcloud without an external load balancer, the director configures HAProxy to distribute traffic to multiple OpenStack services. The director provides this configuration in the `/etc/haproxy/haproxy.conf` file on each Controller node. The default configuration contains three main parts: global, defaults, and multiple service configurations.

The next few sections examine the default parameters from each configuration section. This provides an example of the configuration settings for installing and configuring your external load balancer. Note that these parameters are only a fraction of the total HAProxy parameters. For details about these and other parameters, see the “HAProxy Configuration Manual” located in `/usr/share/doc/haproxy-*configuration.txt` on the Controller nodes (or any system where the `haproxy` package is installed).

2.1. GLOBAL CONFIGURATION

```plaintext
global
daemon
group haproxy
log /dev/log local0
maxconn 10000
pidfile /var/run/haproxy.pid
user haproxy
```

This section defines a set of process-wide parameters. This includes the following:

- **daemon**: Run as a background process.
- **user haproxy, group haproxy**: Defines the Linux user and group that owns the process.
- **log**: Enables logging for the service. The `global` value means that the logging functions use the `log` parameters in the `global` section.
- **maxconn**: Sets the maximum number of concurrent connections to the process.
- **pidfile**: Sets file to use for the process IDs.

2.2. DEFAULTS CONFIGURATION

```plaintext
defaults
log global
mode tcp
retries 3
timeout http-request 10s
timeout queue 1m
timeout connect 10s
timeout client 1m
timeout server 1m
timeout check 10s
```

This section defines a default set of parameters for each service. This includes the following:

- **log**: Enables logging for the service. The `global` value means that the logging functions use the `log` parameters in the `global` section.
- **mode**: Sets the protocol to use. In this case, the default is TCP.
- **retries**: Sets the number of retries to perform on a server before reporting a connection failure.
- **timeout**: Sets the maximum time to wait for a particular function. For example, **timeout http-request** sets the maximum time to wait for a complete HTTP request.

### 2.3. SERVICES CONFIGURATION

```
listen ceilometer
  bind 172.16.20.250:8777
  bind 172.16.23.250:8777
  server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:8777 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:8777 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:8777 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
```

There are multiple service configuration sections in the default file. Each service configuration includes the following:

- **listen**: The name of the service listening for requests
- **bind**: The IP address and TCP port number the on which the service listens
- **server**: The name of each server providing the service, the server's IP address and listening port, and other information.

The example above shows the HAProxy settings for the **ceilometer** service. This services identifies the IP addresses and ports on which the ceilometer service is offered (port 8777 on 172.16.20.2500 and 172.16.23.250). HAProxy directs the requests made for those addresses to **overcloud-controller-0** (172.16.20.150:8777), **overcloud-controller-1** (172.16.20.151:8777), or **overcloud-controller-2** (172.16.0.152:8777).

In addition, the example **server** parameters enable the following:

- **check**: Enables health checks
- **fall 5**: After five failed health checks, the service is considered dead.
- **inter 2000**: The interval between two consecutive health checks set to 2000 milliseconds (or 2 seconds).
- **rise 2**: After two successful health checks, a server is considered operational.

Each service binds to different addresses, representing different network traffic types. Also some services contain additional configuration options. The next chapter examines each specific service configuration so that you can replicate these details on your external load balancer.
This chapter outlines the configuration for each specific service in the Overcloud that uses load balancing. Use this configuration as a guide to configuring your own external load balancer. For details about these and other parameters, see the "HAProxy Configuration Manual" located in /usr/share/doc/haproxy-*/configuration.txt on the Controller nodes (or any system where the haproxy package is installed).

Note

Most services use a default health check configuration:

- The interval between two consecutive health checks set to 2000 milliseconds (or 2 seconds).
- After two successful health checks, a server is considered operational.
- After five failed health checks, the service is considered dead.

Each service includes the default health check as a part of the Other information section. Note the port variation for the mysql service health checks.

3.1. CEILOMETER

Port Number: 8777

Binds to: internal_api, external

Target network/server: internal_api on overcloud-controller-0, overcloud-controller-1, and overcloud-controller-2

Other information:

- Each target server uses a default health check

HAProxy Example:

```
listen ceilometer
  bind 172.16.20.250:8777
  bind 172.16.23.250:8777
  server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:8777 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:8777 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:8777 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
```

3.2. CINDER

Port Number: 8776

Binds to: internal_api, external
**Target network/server:** internal_api on overcloud-controller-0, overcloud-controller-1, and overcloud-controller-2

**Other information:**

- Each target server uses a default health check

**HAProxy Example:**

```plaintext
listen cinder
    bind 172.16.20.250:8776
    bind 172.16.23.250:8776
    server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:8776 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:8776 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:8776 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
```

3.3. GLANCE_API

**Port Number:** 9292

**Binds to:** storage, external

**Target network/server:** storage on overcloud-controller-0, overcloud-controller-1, and overcloud-controller-2

**Other information:**

- Each target server uses a default health check

**HAProxy Example:**

```plaintext
listen glance_api
    bind 172.16.23.250:9292
    bind 172.16.21.250:9292
    server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.21.150:9292 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.21.151:9292 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.21.152:9292 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
```

3.4. GLANCE_REGISTRY

**Port Number:** 9191

**Binds to:** internal_api

**Target network/server:** internal_api on overcloud-controller-0, overcloud-controller-1, and overcloud-controller-2

**Other information:**

- Each target server uses a default health check
HAProxy Example:

```bash
listen glance_registry
  bind 172.16.20.250:9191
  server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:9191 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:9191 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:9191 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
```

3.5. HEAT_API

**Port Number:** 8004

**Binds to:** internal_api, external

**Target network/server:** internal_api on overcloud-controller-0, overcloud-controller-1, and overcloud-controller-2

**Other information:**

- Each target server uses a default health check
- This service uses HTTP mode instead of the default TCP mode

HAProxy Example:

```bash
listen heat_api
  bind 172.16.20.250:8004
  bind 172.16.23.250:8004
  mode http
  server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:8004 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:8004 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:8004 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
```

3.6. HEAT_CFN

**Port Number:** 8000

**Binds to:** internal_api, external

**Target network/server:** internal_api on overcloud-controller-0, overcloud-controller-1, and overcloud-controller-2

**Other information:**

- Each target server uses a default health check

HAProxy Example:

```bash
listen heat_cfn
  bind 172.16.20.250:8000
```
bind 172.16.23.250:8000
server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:8000 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.152:8000 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.151:8000 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2

3.7. HEAT_CLOUDWATCH

Port Number: 8003

Binds to: internal_api, external

Target network/server: internal_api on overcloud-controller-0, overcloud-controller-1, and overcloud-controller-2

Other information:
- Each target server uses a default health check

HAProxy Example:

```
listen heat_cloudwatch
  bind 172.16.20.250:8003
  bind 172.16.23.250:8003
  server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:8003 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.152:8003 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.151:8003 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
```

3.8. HORIZON

Port Number: 80

Binds to: internal_api, external

Target network/server: internal_api on overcloud-controller-0, overcloud-controller-1, and overcloud-controller-2

Other information:
- Each target server uses a default health check
- This service uses HTTP mode instead of the default TCP mode
- This service uses cookie-based persistence for interactions with the UI

HAProxy Example:

```
listen horizon
  bind 172.16.20.250:80
  bind 172.16.23.250:80
  mode http
```
cookie SERVERID insert indirect nocache
server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:80 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:80 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:80 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2

3.9. KEYSTONE_ADMIN

Port Number: 35357

Binds to: internal_api, external

Target network/server: internal_api on overcloud-controller-0, overcloud-controller-1, and overcloud-controller-2

Other information:

- Each target server uses a default health check

HAProxy Example:

```plaintext
listen keystone_admin
  bind 172.16.23.250:35357
  bind 172.16.20.250:35357
  server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:35357 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:35357 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:35357 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
```

3.10. KEYSTONE_ADMIN_SSH

Port Number: 22

Binds to: internal_api

Target network/server: internal_api on overcloud-controller-0, overcloud-controller-1, and overcloud-controller-2

Other information:

- Each target server uses a default health check

HAProxy Example:

```plaintext
listen keystone_admin_ssh
  bind 172.16.20.250:22
  server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:22 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:22 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:22 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
```
3.11. KEYSTONE_PUBLIC

**Port Number:** 5000

**Binds to:** internal_api, external

**Target network/server:** internal_api on overcloud-controller-0, overcloud-controller-1, and overcloud-controller-2

**Other information:**
- Each target server uses a default health check

**HAProxy Example:**

```plaintext
listen keystone_public
    bind 172.16.20.250:5000
    bind 172.16.23.250:5000
    server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:5000 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:5000 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:5000 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
```

3.12. MYSQL

**Port Number:** 3306

**Binds to:** internal_api

**Target network/server:** internal_api on overcloud-controller-0, overcloud-controller-1, and overcloud-controller-2

**Other information:**
- Each target server uses a default health check. However, the health checks use port 9200.
- This service is load balanced to only one server at a time.
- Each server is only used in load balancing when all other non-backup servers are unavailable.
- If the server is marked down, all connections are immediately terminated.
- Enable the sending of TCP keepalive packets on both sides.
- Enable HTTP protocol to check on the servers health.
- Configure a stickiness table to store IP address. This helps maintain persistence.
Important

The mysql service uses Galera to provide a highly available database cluster. While Galera supports an active/active configuration, we recommend using an active/passive configuration enforced by the load balancer to avoid lock contention.

**HAProxy Example:**

```
listen mysql
  bind 172.16.20.250:3306
  option tcpka
  option httpchk
  stick on dst
  stick-table type ip size 1000
  timeout client 0
  timeout server 0
  server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:3306 backup check fall 5 inter 2000 on-marked-down shutdown-sessions port 9200 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:3306 backup check fall 5 inter 2000 on-marked-down shutdown-sessions port 9200 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:3306 backup check fall 5 inter 2000 on-marked-down shutdown-sessions port 9200 rise 2
```

### 3.13. NEUTRON

**Port Number:** 9696

**Binds to:** internal_api, external

**Target network/server:** internal_api on overcloud-controller-0, overcloud-controller-1, and overcloud-controller-2

**Other information:**

- Each target server uses a default health check

**HAProxy Example:**

```
listen neutron
  bind 172.16.20.250:9696
  bind 172.16.23.250:9696
  server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:9696 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:9696 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:9696 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
```

### 3.14. NOVA_EC2

**Port Number:** 8773

**Binds to:** internal_api, external
3.15. NOVA_METADATA

Port Number: 8775

Binds to: internal_api

Target network/server: internal_api on overcloud-controller-0, overcloud-controller-1, and overcloud-controller-2

Other information:

- Each target server uses a default health check

HAProxy Example:

```
listen nova_metadata
  bind 172.16.20.250:8775
  server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:8775 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:8775 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:8775 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
```

3.16. NOVA_NOVNC_PROXY

Port Number: 6080

Binds to: internal_api, external

Target network/server: internal_api on overcloud-controller-0, overcloud-controller-1, and overcloud-controller-2

Other information:

- Each target server uses a default health check
The default balancing method is round-robin. However, for this service, use a **source** method. This method hashes the source IP address and divides it by the total weight of the running servers. This designates the server that receives the request. This ensures the same client IP address always reaches the same server as long as no server goes down or up. If the hash result changes due to a change in the number of running servers, the balancer redirects many clients to a different server.

**HAProxy Example:**

```plaintext
listen nova_novncproxy
  bind 172.16.20.250:6080
  bind 172.16.23.250:6080
  balance source
  server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:6080 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:6080 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:6080 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
```

### 3.17. NOVA_OSAPI

**Port Number:** 8774

**Binds to:** internal_api, external

**Target network/server:** internal_api on overcloud-controller-0, overcloud-controller-1, and overcloud-controller-2

**Other information:**

- Each target server uses a default health check

**HAProxy Example:**

```plaintext
listen nova_osapi
  bind 172.16.20.250:8774
  bind 172.16.23.250:8774
  server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:8774 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:8774 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:8774 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
```

### 3.18. REDIS

**Port Number:** 6379

**Binds to:** internal_api (redis service IP)

**Target network/server:** internal_api on overcloud-controller-0, overcloud-controller-1, and overcloud-controller-2

**Other information:**

- Each target server uses a default health check
Each target server uses a default health check.

Perform health checks using **tcp-check** send/expect sequences. The string to send is "info\replication\r\n" and the response is "role:master"

The Redis service uses a password for authentication. For example, the HAProxy configuration uses a **tcp-check** with an **AUTH** method and the Redis administration password. The director normally generates a random password, but you can define a custom Redis password. See Section 4.2.2, “Configuring Load Balancing Options” for more information.

The default balancing method is round-robin. However, for this service, use a **first** method. This ensures the first server with available connection slots receives the connection.

**HAProxy Example:**

```plaintext
listen redis
  bind 172.16.20.249:6379 transparent
  balance first
  option tcp-check
  tcp-check send AUTH\ p@55w0rd!\r\n
tcp-check send PING\r\n
tcp-check expect string +PONG

tcp-check send info\ replication\r\n
tcp-check expect string role:master

tcp-check send QUIT\r\n
tcp-check expect string +OK

timeout client 0

timeout server 0
  server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:6379 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:6379 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:6379 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
```

3.19. **SWIFT_PROXY_SERVER**

**Port Number:** 8080

**Binds to:** storage, external

**Target network/server:** storage on overcloud-controller-0, overcloud-controller-1, and overcloud-controller-2

**Other information:**

- Each target server uses a default health check

**HAProxy Example:**

```plaintext
listen swift_proxy_server
  bind 172.16.23.250:8080
  bind 172.16.21.250:8080
  server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.21.150:8080 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.21.151:8080 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
```

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server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.21.152:8080 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
CHAPTER 4. CONFIGURING THE OVERCLOUD

This section runs through the process of creating an Overcloud that uses the external load balancer. This includes registering the nodes, configuring the network setup, and the configuring options required for the Overcloud creation command.

4.1. SETTING UP YOUR ENVIRONMENT

This section uses a cutdown version of the process from Chapter 5. Configuring Basic Overcloud Requirements in the Red Hat OpenStack Platform 8 Director Installation and Usage.

Use the following workflow to setup our environment:

- Create a node definition template and register blank nodes in the director.
- Inspect hardware of all nodes.
- Manually tag nodes into roles.
- Create flavors and tag them into roles.

4.1.1. Initializing the Stack User

Log into the director host as the stack user and run the following command to initialize your director configuration:

```
$ source ~/stackrc
```

This sets up environment variables containing authentication details to access the director's CLI tools.

4.1.2. Registering Nodes

A node definition template (instackenv.json) is a JSON format file and contains the hardware and power management details for registering nodes. For example:

```json
{
    "nodes": [
        {
            "mac": [
            ],
            "cpu": "4",
            "memory": "6144",
            "disk": "40",
            "arch": "x86_64",
            "pm_type": "pxe_ipmitool",
            "pm_user": "admin",
            "pm_password": "p@55w0rd!",
            "pm_addr": "192.0.2.205"
        },
        {
            "mac": [
                "cc:cc:cc:cc:cc:cc"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```
4.1.3. Inspecting the Hardware of Nodes

After creating the template, save the file to the stack user's home directory
(`/home/stack/instackenv.json`), then import it into the director. Use the following command to
accomplish this:

```bash
$ openstack baremetal import --json ~/instackenv.json
```

This imports the template and registers each node from the template into the director.

Assign the kernel and ramdisk images to all nodes:

```bash
$ openstack baremetal configure boot
```

The nodes are now registered and configured in the director.
After registering the nodes, inspect the hardware attribute of each node. Run the following command to inspect the hardware attributes of each node:

```bash
$ openstack baremetal introspection bulk start
```

**Important**

Make sure this process runs to completion. This process usually takes 15 minutes for bare metal nodes.

### 4.1.4. Manually Tagging the Nodes

After registering and inspecting the hardware of each node, tag them into specific profiles. These profile tags match our nodes to flavors, and in turn the flavors are assigned to a deployment role.

Retrieve a list of your nodes to identify their UUIDs:

```bash
$ ironic node-list
```

To manually tag a node to a specific profile, add a profile option to the properties/capabilities parameter for each node. For example, to tag three nodes to use a controller profile and one node to use a compute profile, use the following commands:

```bash
$ ironic node-update 1a4e30da-b6dc-499d-ba87-0bd8a3819bc0 add properties/capabilities='profile:control,boot_option:local'
$ ironic node-update 6fabaa1a9-e2d8-4b7c-95a2-c7fbd12129a add properties/capabilities='profile:control,boot_option:local'
$ ironic node-update 5e3b2f50-fcd9-4404-b0a2-59d79924b38e add properties/capabilities='profile:control,boot_option:local'
$ ironic node-update 58c3d07e-24f2-48a7-bbb6-6843f0e8ee13 add properties/capabilities='profile:compute,boot_option:local'
```

The addition of the `profile:compute` and `profile:control` options tag the nodes into each respective profiles.

### 4.2. CONFIGURING THE NETWORK

This section examines the network configuration for the Overcloud. This includes isolating our services to use specific network traffic and configuring the Overcloud with our load balancing options.

#### 4.2.1. Isolating the Network

The director provides methods to configure isolated overcloud networks. This means the Overcloud environment separates network traffic types into different networks, which in turn assigns network traffic to specific network interfaces or bonds. After configuring isolated networks, the director configures the OpenStack services to use the isolated networks. If no isolated networks are configured, all services run on the Provisioning network.

First, the Overcloud requires a set of network interface templates. You customize these templates to configure the node interfaces on a per role basis. These templates are standard Heat templates in YAML format. The director contains a set of example templates to get you started:
For more information on network interface configuration, see 6.2. Isolating Networks in the Red Hat OpenStack Platform 8 Director Installation and Usage

Next, create a network environment file. This file is a Heat environment file that describes the Overcloud's network environment and points to the network interface configuration templates. This file also defines the subnets and VLANs for our network along with IP address ranges. You customize these values for the local environment.

This scenario uses the following network environment file saved as /home/stack/network-environment.yaml:

```yaml
resource_registry:
  OS::TripleO::BlockStorage::Net::SoftwareConfig:
/home/stack/templates/my-overcloud/network/config/bond-with-vlans/cinder-storage.yaml
  OS::TripleO::Compute::Net::SoftwareConfig: /home/stack/templates/my-overcloud/network/config/bond-with-vlans/compute.yaml
  OS::TripleO::Controller::Net::SoftwareConfig:
/home/stack/templates/my-overcloud/network/config/bond-with-vlans/controller.yaml
  OS::TripleO::ObjectStorage::Net::SoftwareConfig:
/home/stack/templates/my-overcloud/network/config/bond-with-vlans/swift-storage.yaml
  OS::TripleO::CephStorage::Net::SoftwareConfig:
/home/stack/templates/my-overcloud/network/config/bond-with-vlans/ceph-storage.yaml

parameter_defaults:
  InternalApiNetCidr: 172.16.20.0/24
  TenantNetCidr: - 172.16.22.0/24
  StorageNetCidr: 172.16.21.0/24
  StorageMgmtNetCidr: 172.16.19.0/24
  ExternalNetCidr: 172.16.23.0/24
  InternalApiAllocationPools: [{'start': '172.16.20.10', 'end': '172.16.20.200'}]
  TenantAllocationPools: [{'start': '172.16.22.10', 'end': '172.16.22.200'}]
  StorageAllocationPools: [{'start': '172.16.21.10', 'end': '172.16.21.200'}]
  StorageMgmtAllocationPools: [{'start': '172.16.19.10', 'end': '172.16.19.200'}]
  # Leave room for floating IPs in the External allocation pool
  ExternalAllocationPools: [{'start': '172.16.23.10', 'end': '172.16.23.60'}]
  # Set to the router gateway on the external network
  ExternalInterfaceDefaultRoute: 172.16.23.1
  # Gateway router for the provisioning network (or Undercloud IP)
  ControlPlaneDefaultRoute: 192.0.2.254
  # The IP address of the EC2 metadata server. Generally the IP of the Undercloud
  EC2MetadataIp: 192.0.2.1
```
# Define the DNS servers (maximum 2) for the overcloud nodes
DnsServers: ["8.8.8.8","8.8.4.4"]
InternalApiNetworkVlanID: 201
StorageNetworkVlanID: 202
StorageMgmtNetworkVlanID: 203
TenantNetworkVlanID: 204
ExternalNetworkVlanID: 100
# Set to "br-ex" if using floating IPs on native VLAN on bridge br-ex
NeutronExternalNetworkBridge: ""
# Customize bonding options if required
BondInterfaceOvsOptions:
  "bond_mode=balance-tcp lacp=active other-config:lacp-fallback-ab=true"

For more information on network environment configuration, see 6.2. Isolating Networks in the Red Hat OpenStack Platform 8 Director Installation and Usage guide.

Ensure the director host has access to the Internal API network so that it can connect to the `keystone_admin_ssh` VIP.

### 4.2.2. Configuring Load Balancing Options

The director provides a method for creating an Overcloud where an external load balancers hosts the virtual IPs instead of HAProxy managing them internally. This configuration assumes a number of virtual IPs are configured on the external load balancer, one per isolated network, plus one for the Redis service, before the Overcloud deployment starts. Some of the Virtual IPs can be identical if the Overcloud node NICs configuration permits so.

You previously configured the external load balancer using settings from the previous chapter. These settings include the IPs that the director assigns to the Overcloud nodes and uses for service configuration.

The following is an example Heat environment file (`external-lb.yaml`) that contains the Overcloud configuration for using the external load balancer:

```yaml
parameter_defaults:
  # The VIP that the balancer holds on the ControlPlane.
  ControlPlaneIP: 192.0.2.250
  # The VIPs that the balancer holds for each network. These are the addresses previously binded in the load balancing configuration.
  ExternalNetworkVip: 172.16.23.250
  InternalApiNetworkVip: 172.16.20.250
  StorageNetworkVip: 172.16.21.250
  StorageMgmtNetworkVip: 172.16.19.250
  # The VIP which the balancer holds, on the InternalApi, for the Redis service.
  ServiceVips:
    redis: 172.16.20.249
  # IPs assignments for the Overcloud Controller nodes. Ensure these IPs are from each respective allocation pools defined in the network environment file.
  ControllerIPs:
    external:
      - 172.16.23.150
      - 172.16.23.151
      - 172.16.23.152
```
The `parameter_defaults` section contains the VIP and IP assignments for each network on OpenStack. These settings must match the same IP configuration for each service on the load balancer. This section also defines an administrative password for the Redis service.
4.3. CONFIGURING SSL FOR LOAD BALANCING

The Overcloud uses unencrypted endpoints for its services by default. This means the Overcloud configuration requires an additional environment file to enable SSL/TLS for its endpoints.

Note

Ensure your external load balancer has a copy of your SSL certificate and key installed.

Copy the `enable-tls.yaml` environment file from the Heat template collection:

```bash
$ cp -r /usr/share/openstack-tripleo-heat-templates/environments/enable-tls.yaml ~/templates/.
```

Edit this file and perform the following:

- Remove the `SSLCertificate`, `SSLIntermediateCertificate`, and `SSLKey` from the `parameter_defaults` section.
- Remove the `resource_registry` section completely.
- All that should remain is the `EndpointMap` parameter in `parameter_defaults`. The `EndpointMap` contains a mapping of the services using HTTPS and HTTP communication. If using DNS for SSL communication, leave this section with the defaults. However, if using an IP address for the SSL certificate's common name, replace all instances of `CLOUDNAME` with `IP_ADDRESS`. Use the following command to accomplish this:

```bash
$ sed -i 's/CLOUDNAME/IP_ADDRESS/' ~/templates/enable-tls.yaml
```

Important

Do not substitute `IP_ADDRESS` or `CLOUDNAME` for actual values. Heat replaces these variables with the appropriate value during the Overcloud creation.

If using a self-signed certificate or the certificate signer is not in the default trust store on the Overcloud image, inject the certificate into the Overcloud image. Copy the `inject-trust-anchor.yaml` environment file from the Heat template collection:

```bash
$ cp -r /usr/share/openstack-tripleo-heat-templates/environments/inject-trust-anchor.yaml ~/templates/.
```

Edit this file and make the following changes for these parameters:

**SSLRootCertificate**

Copy the contents of the root certificate authority file into the `SSLRootCertificate` parameter. For example:
parameter_defaults:
  SSLRootCertificate: |
  -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
  MIIDgzCCAmugAwIBAgIJAKk46qw6ncJaMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBCwUAMFgxCzAkJBgNV
  ... 
  sFw3S2roS4X0Af/kSSD8mlBBTFTCMBAj6rtLBKLaQbIxEpIzrgvp 
  -----END CERTIFICATE-----

Important

The certificate authority contents require the same indentation level for all new lines.

**OS::TripleO::NodeTLSCADa**

Change the resource URL for **OS::TripleO::NodeTLSCADa** to an absolute URL:

```yaml
resource_registry:
  OS::TripleO::NodeTLSCADa: /usr/share/openstack-tripleo-heat-templates/puppet/extraconfig/tls/ca-inject.yaml
```

If using a DNS hostname to access the Overcloud through SSL/TLS, create a new environment file (~/templates/cloudname.yaml) to define the hostname of the Overcloud’s endpoints. Use the following parameters:

**CloudName**

The DNS hostname for the Overcloud endpoints.

**DnsServers**

A list of DNS servers to use. The configured DNS servers must contain an entry for the configured CloudName that matches the IP for the Public API.

The following is an example of the contents for this file:

```yaml
parameter_defaults:
  CloudName: overcloud.example.com
  DnsServers: 10.0.0.1
```

The deployment command (openstack overcloud deploy) in Section 4.4, “Creating the Overcloud” uses the -e option to add environment files. Add the environment files from this section in the following order:

- The environment file to enable SSL/TLS (**enable-tls.yaml**)
- The environment file to set the DNS hostname (**cloudname.yaml**)
- The environment file to inject the root certificate authority (**inject-trust-anchor.yaml**)

For example:
4.4. CREATING THE OVERCLOUD

The creation of an Overcloud that uses an external load balancer requires additional arguments to the `openstack overcloud deploy` command. For example:

```bash
```

The above command uses the following options:

- **--templates** - Creates the Overcloud from the default Heat template collection.
- **-e /usr/share/openstack-tripleo-heat-templates/environments/network-isolation.yaml** - Adds an additional environment file to the Overcloud deployment. In this case, it is an environment file that initializes network isolation configuration.
- **-e ~/network-environment.yaml** - Adds an additional environment file to the Overcloud deployment. In this case, it is the network environment file created previously.
- **-e /usr/share/openstack-tripleo-heat-templates/environments/external-loadbalancer-vip.yaml** - Adds an additional environment file to the Overcloud deployment. In this case, it is an environment file that initializes the external load balancing configuration. Note that you should include this environment file after the network configuration files.
- **-e ~/external-lb.yaml** - Adds an additional environment file to the Overcloud deployment. In this case, it is the environment file containing our external load balancer configuration. Note that you should include this environment file after the network configuration files.
- **--control-scale 3** - Scale the Controller nodes to three.
- **--compute-scale 3** - Scale the Compute nodes to three.
- **--control-flavor control** - Use a specific flavor for the Controller nodes.
- **--compute-flavor compute** - Use a specific flavor for the Compute nodes.

Note

For a full list of options, run:

```bash
$ openstack help overcloud deploy
```

See also 7.1. Setting Overcloud Parameters in the Red Hat OpenStack Platform 8 Director Installation and Usage guide for parameter examples.
The Overcloud creation process begins and the director provisions your nodes. This process takes some time to complete. To view the status of the Overcloud creation, open a separate terminal as the stack user and run:

```bash
$ source ~/stackrc
$ heat stack-list --show-nested
```

### 4.5. ACCESSING THE OVERCLOUD

The director generates a script to configure and help authenticate interactions with your Overcloud from the director host. The director saves this file, overcloudrc, in your stack user’s home directory. Run the following command to use this file:

```bash
$ source ~/overcloudrc
```

This loads the necessary environment variables to interact with your Overcloud from the director host’s CLI. To return to interacting with the director’s host, run the following command:

```bash
$ source ~/stackrc
```

### 4.6. COMPLETING THE OVERCLOUD CONFIGURATION

This concludes the creation of the Advanced Overcloud.

For fencing the high availability cluster, see 8.6. Fencing the Controller Nodes in the *Red Hat OpenStack Platform 8 Director Installation and Usage* guide.

For post-creation functions, see Chapter 8. Performing Tasks after Overcloud Creation in the *Red Hat OpenStack Platform 8 Director Installation and Usage* guide.
APPENDIX A. EXAMPLE DEFAULT HAPROXY CONFIGURATION

The following is an example of the default configuration file for HAProxy on the Overcloud’s Controller nodes. This file is located at `/etc/haproxy/haproxy.conf` on each Controller node.

```plaintext
[global]
daemon
group haproxy
log /dev/log local0
maxconn 10000
pidfile /var/run/haproxy.pid
user haproxy
[defaults]
log global
mode tcp
retries 3
timeout http-request 10s
timeout queue 1m
timeout connect 10s
timeout client 1m
timeout server 1m
timeout check 10s
[listen ceilometer]
bind 172.16.20.250:8777
bind 172.16.23.250:8777
server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:8777 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:8777 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:8777 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
[listen cinder]
bind 172.16.20.250:8776
bind 172.16.23.250:8776
server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:8776 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:8776 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:8776 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
[listen glance_api]
bind 172.16.23.250:9292
bind 172.16.21.250:9292
server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.21.150:9292 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.21.151:9292 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.21.152:9292 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
```
listen glance_registry
    bind 172.16.20.250:9191
    server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:9191 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:9191 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:9191 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2

listen heat_api
    bind 172.16.20.250:8004
    bind 172.16.23.250:8004
    mode http
    server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:8004 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:8004 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:8004 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2

listen heat_cfn
    bind 172.16.20.250:8000
    bind 172.16.23.250:8000
    server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:8000 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:8000 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:8000 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2

listen heat_cloudwatch
    bind 172.16.20.250:8003
    bind 172.16.23.250:8003
    server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:8003 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:8003 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:8003 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2

listen horizon
    bind 172.16.20.250:80
    bind 172.16.23.250:80
    mode http
    cookie SERVERID insert indirect nocache
    server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:80 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:80 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:80 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2

listen keystone_admin
    bind 172.16.23.250:35357
    bind 172.16.20.250:35357
    server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:35357 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
2000 rise 2
server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:35357 check fall 5 inter
2000 rise 2
server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:35357 check fall 5 inter
2000 rise 2

listen keystone_admin_ssh
    bind 172.16.20.250:22
    server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:22 check fall 5 inter
    2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:22 check fall 5 inter
    2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:22 check fall 5 inter
    2000 rise 2

listen keystone_public
    bind 172.16.20.250:5000
    bind 172.16.23.250:5000
    server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:5000 check fall 5 inter
    2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:5000 check fall 5 inter
    2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:5000 check fall 5 inter
    2000 rise 2

listen mysql
    bind 172.16.20.250:3306
    option tcpka
    option httpchk
    stick on dst
    stick-table type ip size 1000
    timeout client 0
    timeout server 0
    server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:3306 backup check fall 5 inter
    2000 on-marked-down shutdown-sessions port 9200 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:3306 backup check fall 5 inter
    2000 on-marked-down shutdown-sessions port 9200 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:3306 backup check fall 5 inter
    2000 on-marked-down shutdown-sessions port 9200 rise 2

listen neutron
    bind 172.16.20.250:9696
    bind 172.16.23.250:9696
    server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:9696 check fall 5 inter
    2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:9696 check fall 5 inter
    2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:9696 check fall 5 inter
    2000 rise 2

listen nova_ec2
    bind 172.16.20.250:8773
    bind 172.16.23.250:8773
    server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:8773 check fall 5 inter
    2000 rise 2
    server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:8773 check fall 5 inter
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```plaintext
2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:8773 check fall 5 inter
2000 rise 2

listen nova_metadata
  bind 172.16.20.250:8775
  server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:8775 check fall 5 inter
  2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:8775 check fall 5 inter
  2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:8775 check fall 5 inter
  2000 rise 2

listen nova_novncproxy
  bind 172.16.20.250:6080
  bind 172.16.23.250:6080
  balance source
  server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:6080 check fall 5 inter
  2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:6080 check fall 5 inter
  2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:6080 check fall 5 inter
  2000 rise 2

listen nova_osapi
  bind 172.16.20.250:8774
  bind 172.16.23.250:8774
  server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:8774 check fall 5 inter
  2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:8774 check fall 5 inter
  2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:8774 check fall 5 inter
  2000 rise 2

listen redis
  bind 172.16.20.249:6379
  option tcp-check
  tcp-check send info\ replication\r\n  tcp-check expect string role:master
  timeout client 0
  timeout server 0
  server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.20.150:6379 check fall 5 inter
  2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.20.151:6379 check fall 5 inter
  2000 rise 2
  server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.20.152:6379 check fall 5 inter
  2000 rise 2

listen swift_proxy_server
  bind 172.16.23.250:8080
  bind 172.16.21.250:8080
  server overcloud-controller-0 172.16.21.150:8080 check fall 5 inter
  2000 rise 2
```

server overcloud-controller-1 172.16.21.151:8080 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2
server overcloud-controller-2 172.16.21.152:8080 check fall 5 inter 2000 rise 2