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Abstract

You can back up the database and critical filesystems on your undercloud node and restore them to a newly installed undercloud node.
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CHAPTER 1. BACKING UP THE DIRECTOR UNDERCLOUD

To minimize data loss and system downtime, you can create and recover backups of the database and critical filesystems that run on the Red Hat OpenStack Platform (RHOSP) director undercloud node. The undercloud is usually a single physical node, although high availability (HA) options exist that use a two-node pacemaker cluster that runs director in a virtual machine instance.

Red Hat does not prescribe any particular requirements for HA on the undercloud node. You can implement undercloud HA that is suitable for your environment. For example, you can run your undercloud node as a highly available virtual machine with Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization (RHEV). You can also use physical nodes with Pacemaker that provide HA for the required services.

To validate the success of the completed backup process, you can run and validate the restoration process. For more information, see Chapter 2, Restoring the director undercloud.

1.1. BACKING UP A CONTAINERIZED UNDERCLOUD

A full undercloud backup includes the following databases and files:

- All MariaDB databases on the undercloud node
- MariaDB configuration file on the undercloud so that you can accurately restore databases
- The configuration data: /etc
- Log data: /var/log
- Image data: /var/lib/glance
- Certificate generation data if using SSL: /var/lib/certmonger
- Any container image data: /var/lib/containers and /var/lib/image-serve
- All swift data: /srv/node
- All data in the stack user home directory: /home/stack

Prerequisites

- You have a minimum of 3.5 GB of available space on the undercloud for the archive file.

Procedure

1. Log in to the undercloud as the root user.
2. Retrieve the MySql root password:

   ```bash
   [root@director ~]# PASSWORD=$(/bin/hiera -c /etc/puppet/hiera.yaml mysql::server::root_password)
   ```
3. Perform the backup:

   ```bash
   [root@director ~]# podman exec mysql bash -c "mysqldump -uroot -p$PASSWORD --opt --all-databases" > /root/undercloud-all-databases.sql
   ```
4. Archive the database backup and the configuration files:

```bash
[root@director ~]# cd /backup
[root@director backup]# tar --xattrs --xattrs-include='*.*' --ignore-failed-read -cf \
    -undercloud-backup- date +%F.tar \
    /root/undercloud-all-databases.sql \
    /etc \
    /var/log \
    /var/lib/glance \
    /var/lib/certmonger \
    /var/lib/containers \
    /var/lib/image-serve \
    /var/lib/config-data \
    /srv/node \
    /root \
    /home/stack
```

- The `--ignore-failed-read` option skips any directory that does not apply to your undercloud.
- The `--xattrs` option includes extended attributes, which are required to store metadata for Object Storage (swift).

This command creates a file named `undercloud-backup-<timestamp>.tar.gz`, where `<timestamp>` is the system date. Copy this tar file to a secure location.
CHAPTER 2. RESTORING THE DIRECTOR UNDERCLOUD

You can use your Red Hat OpenStack Platform (RHOSP) undercloud backup to restore the undercloud data on to a newly installed undercloud node in your deployment.

As a result, the restored undercloud uses the latest packages.

2.1. RESTORING A CONTAINERIZED UNDERCLOUD

If the undercloud node in your deployment has failed and is in an unrecoverable state, you can restore the database and critical file systems on to a newly deployed undercloud node.

Prerequisites

- You have created an undercloud backup archive of your director undercloud databases and files. For more information, see Section 1.1, “Backing up a containerized undercloud”
- You have re-installed the Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 8.4.
- The new undercloud node has the same hardware resources as the failed node.
- Ensure that, for the new undercloud node in your deployment, you use the same hostname and undercloud settings as the failed node.

Procedure

1. Log in to your new undercloud node as the root user.

2. Register your system with the Content Delivery Network and enter your Customer Portal user name and password at the prompt:

   [root@director ~]# subscription-manager register

3. Attach the RHOSP entitlement:

   [root@director ~]# subscription-manager attach --pool=<pool_number>

4. Disable all default repositories, and enable the required RHEL repositories:

   [root@director ~]# subscription-manager repos --disable=* 
   [root@director ~]# subscription-manager repos --enable=rhel-8-for-x86_64-baseos-eus-rpms 
   --enable=rhel-8-for-x86_64-appstream-eus-rpms --enable=rhel-8-for-x86_64-highavailability-eus-rpms 
   --enable=ansible-2.9-for-rhel-8-x86_64-rpms --enable=openstack-beta-for-rhel-8-x86_64-rpms 
   --enable=fast-datapath-for-rhel-8-x86_64-rpms

5. Set the container-tools repository module to version 3.0:

   [root@director ~]# sudo dnf module disable -y container-tools:rhel8
   [root@director ~]# sudo dnf module enable -y container-tools:3.0

6. Set the virt repository module to version av:
7. Perform an update of your base operating system:

```bash
[root@director ~]# dnf update -y
[root@director ~]# reboot
```

8. Ensure that the time on your undercloud is synchronized:

```bash
[root@director ~]# dnf install -y chrony
[root@director ~]# systemctl start chronyd
[root@director ~]# systemctl enable chronyd
```

9. Copy the undercloud backup archive to the `root` directory of the newly deployed undercloud node.

10. Install the `tar` and `policycoreutils-python-utils` packages:

```bash
[root@director ~]# dnf install -y tar policycoreutils-python-utils
```

11. Create the `stack` user:

```bash
[root@director ~]# useradd stack
```

12. Set a password for the `stack` user:

```bash
[root@director ~]# passwd stack
```

13. Configure the `stack` user account with `sudo` privileges:

```bash
[root@director ~]# echo "stack ALL=(root) NOPASSWD:ALL" | tee -a /etc/sudoers.d/stack
[root@director ~]# chmod 0440 /etc/sudoers.d/stack
```

14. Extract the following databases and files, and replace `<timestamp>` with the value of your archive file name:

```bash
[root@director ~]# tar --xattrs -xvC / -f undercloud-backup-<timestamp>.tar root/undercloud-all-databases.sql var/lib/glance srv/node etc/pki/undercloud-certs/undercloud.pem etc/pki/ca-trust/source/anchors/* etc/puppet home/stack var/lib/config-data/ var/lib/image-serve var/lib/containers --exclude=var/lib/containers/storage/overlay/*/merged/*
```

- `/root/undercloud-all-databases.sql` is the database backup
- `/var/lib/glance` stores the Image service (glance) data
- `/srv/node` stores the Object service (swift) data
- `/etc/pki/undercloud-certs/undercloud.pem` and `/etc/pki/ca-trust/source/anchors/*` stores certificates
- `/etc/puppet` stores the hieradata that has already been generated
• /home/stack stores the stack user data and configuration
• /var/lib/config-data stores configuration container files
• /var/lib/image-serve and /var/lib/containers stores container image database

15. Restore the necessary file properties for the certificates:

   [root@director ~]# restorecon -R /etc/pki
   [root@director ~]# semanage fcontext -a -t etc_t "/etc/pki/undercloud-certs(/.*)?"
   [root@director ~]# restorecon -R /etc/pki/undercloud-certs
   [root@director ~]# update-ca-trust extract

16. Install the python3-tripleoclient and the ceph-ansible packages:

   [root@director ~]# dnf -y install python3-tripleoclient ceph-ansible

17. Delete the containers from the previous undercloud:

   [root@director ~]# podman ps -a --filter='status=created' --format '{{ .Names }}' | xargs -i
   podman rm {}
   [root@director ~]# podman ps -a --filter='status=exited' --format '{{ .Names }}' | xargs -i
   podman rm {}

18. To restore the database, complete the following steps:

   a. Create and set the SELinux attributes for the database directory:

      [root@director ~]# sudo mkdir /var/lib/mysql
      [root@director ~]# sudo chown 42434:42434 /var/lib/mysql
      [root@director ~]# sudo chmod 0755 /var/lib/mysql
      [root@director ~]# sudo chcon -t container_file_t /var/lib/mysql
      [root@director ~]# sudo chcon -r object_r /var/lib/mysql
      [root@director ~]# sudo chcon -u system_u /var/lib/mysql

   b. Create a local tag for the mariadb image. Replace _<image_id>_ and
      _<undercloud.ctlplane.example.com>._ with the values applicable in your environment:

      [root@director ~]# podman images | grep mariadb
      <undercloud.ctlplane.example.com>:8787/rh-osbs/rhosp16-openstack-mariadb
      16.2_20210322.1  <image_id>  3 weeks ago   718 MB

      [root@director ~]# podman tag <image_id> mariadb

      [root@director ~]# podman images | grep maria
      localhost/mariadb                                                                          latest  <image_id>   3 weeks ago   718 MB
      <undercloud.ctlplane.example.com>:8787/rh-osbs/rhop16-openstack-mariadb
      16.2_20210322.1  <image_id>  3 weeks ago   718 MB

   c. Initialize the /var/lib/mysql directory with the container:


19. Set the name of the server and replace `<undercloud.example.com>` with the value applicable in your environment:

```
[root@director ~]# hostnamectl set-hostname <undercloud.example.com>
```

20. Run the undercloud installation command:

```
[root@director ~]# openstack undercloud install
```

Wait until the installation procedure completes. The undercloud automatically restores the connection to the overcloud. The overcloud nodes continue to poll the OpenStack Orchestration service (heat) for pending tasks.

### 2.2. VALIDATING THE UNDERCLOUD RESTORATION

A robust backup strategy includes regular restoration tests of backed up data. This can help validate that the correct data is backed up and that no corruption is introduced during the back up or restoration processes. To validate that the undercloud restoration process is successful, you can query the Identity service (keystone).
Procedure

1. Log in to the new undercloud host as the stack user.

2. Source the stackrc credentials file:

   ```bash
   [stack@director ~]$ source ~/stackrc
   ```

3. Rertrieve a list of users in your environment:

   ```bash
   [stack@director ~]$ openstack user list
   ```

   The output of this command includes a list of users in your environment. This validation demonstrates that the Identity service (keystone) is running and successfully authenticating user requests.

   +----------------------------------+-------------------------------------------------------+
   | ID                               | Name                                                  |
   +----------------------------------+-------------------------------------------------------+
   | f273be1a982b419591ccc7f89c1a5c0d | admin                                                 |
   | a0e1efeb5b654d61a393bce92c505d2 | heat_admin                                            |
   | 59604e2d56424f9bb4f7c825d0bdc615 | heat                                                  |
   | 35d36ebc2f7043148943d0e0707336d9 | heat-cfn                                              |
   | 233ff3b22c884fa289f7a9a6ec2de326 | neutron                                               |
   | db7af369a9ed4f7fa8d8179ceae323f | glance                                                |
   | d883b3690d7f434d9eb9cabd6b5db8f5 | nova                                                  |
   | 3dc52d74feb6402983863c8e9effbf5 | placement                                             |
   | e3bdcc9465254cbea86222191c88edd3 | swift                                                 |
   | 8e68fcc40215446c8c1412fb736522de | ironic                                                |
   | 366ccd100176495cb409dba872516cb2 | ironic-inspector                                      |
   | fe99722603fe424d99d618c368dc0257 | mistral                                               |
   | 05ae2156b4043b6a60208cd203644a | zaqar                                                 |
   | 83813exc920fe4b01b19877797bfa538962 | zaqar-websocket                                      |
   | 5fc6bc527364131b1e36fd4321325e6 | heat_stack_domain_admin                              |
   +--------------------------------------------------------------------------+