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Abstract

This document explains how to allocate storage to core services and hosted applications in Red Hat OpenShift Data Foundation.

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CHAPTER 1. OVERVIEW

Read this document to understand how to create, configure, and allocate storage to core services or hosted applications in Red Hat OpenShift Data Foundation.

- [Chapter 2, *Storage classes*](#) shows you how to create custom storage classes.
- [Chapter 3, *Block pools*](#) provides you with information on how to create, update and delete block pools.
- [Chapter 4, *Configure storage for OpenShift Container Platform services*](#) shows you how to use OpenShift Data Foundation for core OpenShift Container Platform services.
- [Chapter 5, *Backing OpenShift Container Platform applications with OpenShift Data Foundation*](#) provides information about how to configure OpenShift Container Platform applications to use OpenShift Data Foundation.
- [Adding file and object storage to an existing external OpenShift Data Foundation cluster](#)
- [Chapter 7, *How to use dedicated worker nodes for Red Hat OpenShift Data Foundation*](#) provides information about how to use dedicated worker nodes for Red Hat OpenShift Data Foundation.
- [Chapter 8, *Managing Persistent Volume Claims*](#) provides information about managing Persistent Volume Claim requests, and automating the fulfillment of those requests.
- [Chapter 9, *Reclaiming space on target volumes*](#) shows you how to reclaim the actual available storage space.
- [Chapter 10, *Volume Snapshots*](#) shows you how to create, restore, and delete volume snapshots.
- [Chapter 11, *Volume cloning*](#) shows you how to create volume clones.
- [Chapter 12, *Managing container storage interface \(CSI\) component placements*](#) provides information about setting tolerations to bring up container storage interface component on the nodes.

CHAPTER 2. STORAGE CLASSES

The OpenShift Data Foundation operator installs a default storage class depending on the platform in use. This default storage class is owned and controlled by the operator and it cannot be deleted or modified. However, you can create custom storage classes to use other storage resources or to offer a different behavior to applications.



NOTE

Custom storage classes are not supported for *external mode* OpenShift Data Foundation clusters.

2.1. CREATING STORAGE CLASSES AND POOLS

You can create a storage class using an existing pool or you can create a new pool for the storage class while creating it.

Prerequisites

- Ensure that you are logged into the OpenShift Container Platform web console and OpenShift Data Foundation cluster is in **Ready** state.

Procedure

1. Click **Storage** → **StorageClasses**.
2. Click **Create Storage Class**
3. Enter the storage class **Name** and **Description**.
4. **Reclaim Policy** is set to **Delete** as the default option. Use this setting.
If you change the reclaim policy to **Retain** in the storage class, the persistent volume (PV) remains in **Released** state even after deleting the persistent volume claim (PVC).
5. **Volume binding mode** is set to **WaitForConsumer** as the default option.
If you choose the **Immediate** option, then the PV gets created immediately when creating the PVC.
6. Select **RBD Provisioner** which is the plugin used for provisioning the persistent volumes.
7. Select an existing **Storage Pool** from the list or create a new pool.



NOTE

Using 2-way replication data protection policy is not supported for the default pool. However, you can use 2-way replication if you are creating an additional pool.

Create new pool

- a. Click **Create New Pool**
- b. Enter **Pool name**.

- c. Choose **2-way-Replication** or **3-way-Replication** as the Data Protection Policy.
 - d. Select **Enable compression** if you need to compress the data.
Enabling compression can impact application performance and might prove ineffective when data to be written is already compressed or encrypted. Data written before enabling compression will not be compressed.
 - e. Click **Create** to create the new storage pool.
 - f. Click **Finish** after the pool is created.
8. Optional: Select **Enable Encryption** checkbox.
 9. Click **Create** to create the storage class.

2.2. STORAGE CLASS FOR PERSISTENT VOLUME ENCRYPTION

Persistent volume (PV) encryption guarantees isolation and confidentiality between tenants (applications). Before you can use PV encryption, you must create a storage class for PV encryption. Persistent volume encryption is only available for RBD PVs.

OpenShift Data Foundation supports storing encryption passphrases in HashiCorp Vault. You can create an encryption enabled storage class using an external key management system (KMS) for persistent volume encryption. You need to configure access to the KMS before creating the storage class.



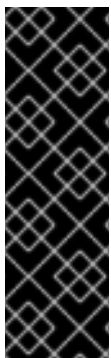
NOTE

For PV encryption, you must have a valid Red Hat OpenShift Data Foundation Advanced subscription. For more information, see the [knowledgebase article on OpenShift Data Foundation subscriptions](#).

2.2.1. Access configuration for Key Management System (KMS)

Based on your use case, you need to configure access to KMS using one of the following ways:

- Using **vaulttokens**: allows users to authenticate using a token
- Using **vaulttenantsa** (Technology Preview): allows users to use **serviceaccounts** to authenticate with **Vault**



IMPORTANT

Accessing the KMS using **vaulttenantsa** is a Technology Preview feature. Technology Preview features are not supported with Red Hat production service level agreements (SLAs) and might not be functionally complete. Red Hat does not recommend using them in production. These features provide early access to upcoming product features, enabling customers to test functionality and provide feedback during the development process.

For more information, see [Technology Preview Features Support Scope](#).

2.2.1.1. Configuring access to KMS using **vaulttokens**

Prerequisites

- The OpenShift Data Foundation cluster is in **Ready** state.
- On the external key management system (KMS),
 - Ensure that a policy with a token exists and the key value backend path in **Vault** is enabled.
 - Ensure that you are using signed certificates on your **Vault** servers.

Procedure

Create a secret in the tenant's namespace.

1. In the OpenShift Container Platform web console, navigate to **Workloads → Secrets**
2. Click **Create → Key/value secret**
3. Enter **Secret Name** as **ceph-csi-kms-token**.
4. Enter **Key** as **token**.
5. Enter **Value**.
It is the token from Vault. You can either click **Browse** to select and upload the file containing the token or enter the token directly in the text box.
6. Click **Create**.



NOTE

The token can be deleted only after all the encrypted PVCs using the **ceph-csi-kms-token** have been deleted.

2.2.1.2. Configuring access to KMS using vaulttenantsa

Prerequisites

- The OpenShift Data Foundation cluster is in **Ready** state.
- On the external key management system (KMS),
 - Ensure that a policy exists and the key value backend path in Vault is enabled.
 - Ensure that you are using signed certificates on your Vault servers.
- Create the following serviceaccount in the tenant namespace as shown below:

```
$ cat <<EOF | oc create -f -
apiVersion: v1
kind: ServiceAccount
metadata:
  name: ceph-csi-vault-sa
EOF
```

Procedure

You need to configure the Kubernetes authentication method before OpenShift Data Foundation can

authenticate with and start using **Vault**. The following instructions create and configure **serviceAccount**, **ClusterRole**, and **ClusterRoleBinding** required to allow OpenShift Data Foundation to authenticate with **Vault**.

1. Apply the following YAML to your Openshift cluster:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: ServiceAccount
metadata:
  name: rbd-csi-vault-token-review
---
kind: ClusterRole
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  name: rbd-csi-vault-token-review
rules:
  - apiGroups: ["authentication.k8s.io"]
    resources: ["tokenreviews"]
    verbs: ["create", "get", "list"]
---
kind: ClusterRoleBinding
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  name: rbd-csi-vault-token-review
subjects:
  - kind: ServiceAccount
    name: rbd-csi-vault-token-review
    namespace: openshift-storage
roleRef:
  kind: ClusterRole
  name: rbd-csi-vault-token-review
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
```

2. Create a secret for serviceaccount token and CA certificate.

```
$ cat <<EOF | oc create -f -
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: rbd-csi-vault-token-review-token
  namespace: openshift-storage
  annotations:
    kubernetes.io/service-account.name: "rbd-csi-vault-token-review"
type: kubernetes.io/service-account-token
data: {}
EOF
```

3. Get the token and the CA certificate from the secret.

```
$ SA_JWT_TOKEN=$(oc -n openshift-storage get secret rbd-csi-vault-token-review-token -o
jsonpath="{.data['token']}" | base64 --decode; echo)
$ SA_CA_CRT=$(oc -n openshift-storage get secret rbd-csi-vault-token-review-token -o
jsonpath="{.data['ca.crt']}" | base64 --decode; echo)
```

- Retrieve the OpenShift cluster endpoint.

```
$ OCP_HOST=$(oc config view --minify --flatten -o jsonpath="{.clusters[0].cluster.server}")
```

- Use the information collected in the previous steps to set up the kubernetes authentication method in Vault as shown:

```
$ vault auth enable kubernetes
$ vault write auth/kubernetes/config \
  token_reviewer_jwt="$SA_JWT_TOKEN" \
  kubernetes_host="$OCP_HOST" \
  kubernetes_ca_cert="$SA_CA_CRT"
```

- Create a role in Vault for the tenant namespace:

```
$ vault write "auth/kubernetes/role/csi-kubernetes" bound_service_account_names="ceph-
csi-vault-sa" bound_service_account_namespaces=<tenant_namespace> policies=
<policy_name_in_vault>
```

csi-kubernetes is the default role name that OpenShift Data Foundation looks for in Vault. The default service account name in the tenant namespace in the OpenShift Data Foundation cluster is **ceph-csi-vault-sa**. These default values can be overridden by creating a ConfigMap in the tenant namespace.

For more information about overriding the default names, see [Overriding Vault connection details using tenant ConfigMap](#).

Sample YAML

- To create a storageclass that uses the **vaulttenantsa** method for PV encryption, you must either edit the existing ConfigMap or create a ConfigMap named **csi-kms-connection-details** that will hold all the information needed to establish the connection with Vault. The sample yaml given below can be used to update or create the **csi-kms-connection-detail** ConfigMap:

```
apiVersion: v1
data:
  vault-tenant-sa: |-
    {
      "encryptionKMSType": "vaulttenantsa",
      "vaultAddress": "<https://hostname_or_ip_of_vault_server:port>",
      "vaultTLSServerName": "<vault TLS server name>",
      "vaultAuthPath": "/v1/auth/kubernetes/login",
      "vaultAuthNamespace": "<vault auth namespace name>"
      "vaultNamespace": "<vault namespace name>",
      "vaultBackendPath": "<vault backend path name>",
      "vaultCAFromSecret": "<secret containing CA cert>",
      "vaultClientCertFromSecret": "<secret containing client cert>",
      "vaultClientCertKeyFromSecret": "<secret containing client private key>",
      "tenantSAName": "<service account name in the tenant namespace>"
    }
metadata:
  name: csi-kms-connection-details
```

encryptionKMSType	Set to vaulttenantsa to use service accounts for authentication with vault.
vaultAddress	The hostname or IP address of the vault server with the port number.
vaultTLSServerName	(Optional) The vault TLS server name
vaultAuthPath	(Optional) The path where kubernetes auth method is enabled in Vault. The default path is kubernetes . If the auth method is enabled in a different path other than kubernetes , this variable needs to be set as "/v1/auth/<path>/login" .
vaultAuthNamespace	(Optional) The Vault namespace where kubernetes auth method is enabled.
vaultNamespace	(Optional) The Vault namespace where the backend path being used to store the keys exists
vaultBackendPath	The backend path in Vault where the encryption keys will be stored
vaultCAFromSecret	The secret in the OpenShift Data Foundation cluster containing the CA certificate from Vault
vaultClientCertFromSecret	The secret in the OpenShift Data Foundation cluster containing the client certificate from Vault
vaultClientCertKeyFromSecret	The secret in the OpenShift Data Foundation cluster containing the client private key from Vault
tenantSAName	(Optional) The service account name in the tenant namespace. The default value is ceph-csi-vault-sa . If a different name is to be used, this variable has to be set accordingly.

2.2.2. Creating a storage class for persistent volume encryption

Prerequisites

Based on your use case, you must ensure to configure access to KMS for one of the following:

- Using **vaulttokens**: Ensure to configure access as described in [Configuring access to KMS using vaulttokens](#)
- Using **vaulttenantsa** (Technology Preview): Ensure to configure access as described in [Configuring access to KMS using vaulttenantsa](#)

Procedure

1. In the OpenShift Web Console, navigate to **Storage → StorageClasses**.
2. Click **Create Storage Class**
3. Enter the storage class **Name** and **Description**.
4. Select either **Delete** or **Retain** for the **Reclaim Policy**. By default, **Delete** is selected.
5. Select either **Immediate** or **WaitForFirstConsumer** as the **Volume binding mode**. **WaitForConsumer** is set as the default option.
6. Select **RBD Provisioner** **openshift-storage.rbd.csi.ceph.com** which is the plugin used for provisioning the persistent volumes.
7. Select **Storage Pool** where the volume data is stored from the list or create a new pool.
8. Select the **Enable encryption** checkbox. There are two options available to set the KMS connection details:
 - **Select existing KMS connection:** Select an existing KMS connection from the drop-down list. The list is populated from the the connection details available in the **csi-kms-connection-details** ConfigMap.
 - **Create new KMS connection** This is applicable for **vaulttokens** only.
 - a. **Key Management Service Provider** is set to Vault by default.
 - b. Enter a unique **Connection Name**, host **Address** of the Vault server ('https://<hostname or ip>'), Port number and **Token**.
 - c. Expand **Advanced Settings** to enter additional settings and certificate details based on your **Vault** configuration:
 - i. Enter the Key Value secret path in **Backend Path** that is dedicated and unique to OpenShift Data Foundation.
 - ii. Optional: Enter **TLS Server Name** and **Vault Enterprise Namespace**
 - iii. Upload the respective PEM encoded certificate file to provide the **CA Certificate**, **Client Certificate** and **Client Private Key**.
 - iv. Click **Save**.
 - d. Click **Save**.
9. Click **Create**.
10. Edit the ConfigMap to add the **vaultBackend** parameter if the HashiCorp Vault setup does not allow automatic detection of the Key/Value (KV) secret engine API version used by the backend path.

**NOTE**

vaultBackend is an optional parameters that is added to the configmap to specify the version of the KV secret engine API associated with the backend path. Ensure that the value matches the KV secret engine API version that is set for the backend path, otherwise it might result in a failure during persistent volume claim (PVC) creation.

- a. Identify the encryptionKMSID being used by the newly created storage class.

- i. On the OpenShift Web Console, navigate to **Storage → Storage Classes**.
- ii. Click the **Storage class** name → **YAML** tab.

- iii. Capture the **encryptionKMSID** being used by the storage class.

Example:

```
encryptionKMSID: 1-vault
```

- b. On the OpenShift Web Console, navigate to **Workloads → ConfigMaps**.

- c. To view the KMS connection details, click **csi-kms-connection-details**.

- d. Edit the ConfigMap.

- i. Click Action menu (⋮) → **Edit ConfigMap**.
- ii. Add the **vaultBackend** parameter depending on the backend that is configured for the previously identified **encryptionKMSID**.

You can assign **kv** for KV secret engine API, version 1 and **kv-v2** for KV secret engine API, version 2.

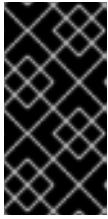
Example:

```
kind: ConfigMap
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: csi-kms-connection-details
[...]
data:
  1-vault: |-
    {
      "encryptionKMSType": "vaulttokens",
      "kmsServiceName": "1-vault",
      [...]
      "vaultBackend": "kv-v2"
    }
  2-vault: |-
    {
      "encryptionKMSType": "vaulttenantsa",
      [...]
      "vaultBackend": "kv"
    }
```

- iii. Click Save

Next steps

- The storage class can be used to create encrypted persistent volumes. For more information, see [managing persistent volume claims](#).



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2.2.2.1. Overriding Vault connection details using tenant ConfigMap

The Vault connections details can be reconfigured per tenant by creating a ConfigMap in the Openshift namespace with configuration options that differ from the values set in the **csi-kms-connection-details** ConfigMap in the **openshift-storage** namespace. The ConfigMap needs to be located in the tenant namespace. The values in the ConfigMap in the tenant namespace will override the values set in the **csi-kms-connection-details** ConfigMap for the encrypted Persistent Volumes created in that namespace.

Procedure

1. Ensure that you are in the tenant namespace.
2. Click on **Workloads → ConfigMaps**.
3. Click on **Create ConfigMap**.
4. The following is a sample yaml. The values to be overridden for the given tenant namespace can be specified under the **data** section as shown below:

```
---
apiVersion: v1
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
  name: ceph-csi-kms-config
data:
  vaultAddress: "<vault_address:port>"
  vaultBackendPath: "<backend_path>"
  vaultTLSServerName: "<vault_tls_server_name>"
  vaultNamespace: "<vault_namespace>"
```

5. After the yaml is edited, click on **Create**.

CHAPTER 3. BLOCK POOLS

The OpenShift Data Foundation operator installs a default set of storage pools depending on the platform in use. These default storage pools are owned and controlled by the operator and it cannot be deleted or modified. With OpenShift Container Platform, you can create multiple custom storage pools which map to storage classes that provide the following features:

- Enable applications with their own high availability to use persistent volumes with two replicas, potentially improving application performance.
- Save space for persistent volume claims using storage classes with compression enabled.



NOTE

Multiple block pools are not supported for *external mode* OpenShift Data Foundation clusters.

3.1. CREATING A BLOCK POOL

Prerequisites

- You must be logged into the OpenShift Container Platform web console as an administrator.

Procedure

1. Click **Storage → Data Foundation**
2. In the **Storage systems** tab, select the storage system and then click the **BlockPools** tab.
3. Click **Create Block Pool**
4. Enter **Pool name**.



NOTE

Using 2-way replication data protection policy is not supported for the default pool. However, you can use 2-way replication if you are creating an additional pool.

5. Select **Data protection policy** as either **2-way Replication** or **3-way Replication**.
6. Select **Volume Type**.
7. Optional: Select **Enable compression** checkbox if you need to compress the data.
Enabling compression can impact application performance and might prove ineffective when data to be written is already compressed or encrypted. Data written before enabling compression will not be compressed.
8. Click **Create**.

3.2. UPDATING AN EXISTING POOL

Prerequisites

- You must be logged into the OpenShift Container Platform web console as an administrator.

Procedure

1. Click **Storage → Data Foundation**
2. In the **Storage systems** tab, select the storage system and then click **BlockPools**.
3. Click the Action Menu (⋮) at the end the pool you want to update.
4. Click **Edit Block Pool**.
5. Modify the form details as follows:



NOTE

Using 2-way replication data protection policy is not supported for the default pool. However, you can use 2-way replication if you are creating an additional pool.

- a. Change the **Data protection policy** to either 2-way Replication or 3-way Replication.
 - b. Enable or disable the compression option.
Enabling compression can impact application performance and might prove ineffective when data to be written is already compressed or encrypted. Data written before enabling compression will not be compressed.
6. Click **Save**.

3.3. DELETING A POOL

Use this procedure to delete a pool in OpenShift Data Foundation.

Prerequisites

- You must be logged into the OpenShift Container Platform web console as an administrator.

Procedure

1. Click **Storage → Data Foundation**
2. In the **Storage systems** tab, select the storage system and then click the **BlockPools** tab.
3. Click the Action Menu (⋮) at the end the pool you want to delete.
4. Click **Delete Block Pool**
5. Click **Delete** to confirm the removal of the Pool.



NOTE

A pool cannot be deleted when it is bound to a PVC. You must detach all the resources before performing this activity.

CHAPTER 4. CONFIGURE STORAGE FOR OPENSIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM SERVICES

You can use OpenShift Data Foundation to provide storage for OpenShift Container Platform services such as image registry, monitoring, and logging.

The process for configuring storage for these services depends on the infrastructure used in your OpenShift Data Foundation deployment.



WARNING

Always ensure that you have plenty of storage capacity for these services. If the storage for these critical services runs out of space, the cluster becomes inoperable and very difficult to recover.

Red Hat recommends configuring shorter curation and retention intervals for these services. See [Configuring the Curator schedule](#) and the [Modifying retention time for Prometheus metrics data](#) of *Monitoring* guide in the OpenShift Container Platform documentation for details.

If you do run out of storage space for these services, contact Red Hat Customer Support.

4.1. CONFIGURING IMAGE REGISTRY TO USE OPENSIFT DATA FOUNDATION

OpenShift Container Platform provides a built in Container Image Registry which runs as a standard workload on the cluster. A registry is typically used as a publication target for images built on the cluster as well as a source of images for workloads running on the cluster.

Follow the instructions in this section to configure OpenShift Data Foundation as storage for the Container Image Registry. On AWS, it is not required to change the storage for the registry. However, it is recommended to change the storage to OpenShift Data Foundation Persistent Volume for vSphere and Bare metal platforms.



WARNING

This process does not migrate data from an existing image registry to the new image registry. If you already have container images in your existing registry, back up your registry before you complete this process, and re-register your images when this process is complete.

Prerequisites

- You have administrative access to OpenShift Web Console.

- OpenShift Data Foundation Operator is installed and running in the **openshift-storage** namespace. In OpenShift Web Console, click **Operators** → **Installed Operators** to view installed operators.
- Image Registry Operator is installed and running in the **openshift-image-registry** namespace. In OpenShift Web Console, click **Administration** → **Cluster Settings** → **Cluster Operators** to view cluster operators.
- A storage class with provisioner **openshift-storage.cephfs.csi.ceph.com** is available. In OpenShift Web Console, click **Storage** → **StorageClasses** to view available storage classes.

Procedure

1. **Create a Persistent Volume Claim for the Image Registry to use.**
 - a. In the OpenShift Web Console, click **Storage** → **Persistent Volume Claims**
 - b. Set the **Project** to **openshift-image-registry**.
 - c. Click **Create Persistent Volume Claim**
 - i. From the list of available storage classes retrieved above, specify the **Storage Class** with the provisioner **openshift-storage.cephfs.csi.ceph.com**.
 - ii. Specify the Persistent Volume Claim **Name**, for example, **ocs4registry**.
 - iii. Specify an **Access Mode** of **Shared Access (RWX)**.
 - iv. Specify a **Size** of at least 100 GB.
 - v. Click **Create**.
Wait until the status of the new Persistent Volume Claim is listed as **Bound**.
2. **Configure the cluster's Image Registry to use the new Persistent Volume Claim.**
 - a. Click **Administration** → **Custom Resource Definitions**
 - b. Click the **Config** custom resource definition associated with the **imageregistry.operator.openshift.io** group.
 - c. Click the **Instances** tab.
 - d. Beside the cluster instance, click the **Action Menu (⋮)** → **Edit Config**.
 - e. Add the new Persistent Volume Claim as persistent storage for the Image Registry.
 - i. Add the following under **spec:**, replacing the existing **storage:** section if necessary.

```
storage:
  pvc:
    claim: <new-pvc-name>
```

For example:

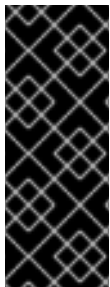
```
storage:
  pvc:
    claim: ocs4registry
```

- ii. Click **Save**.
3. **Verify that the new configuration is being used.**
 - a. Click **Workloads** → **Pods**.
 - b. Set the **Project** to **openshift-image-registry**.
 - c. Verify that the new **image-registry-*** pod appears with a status of **Running**, and that the previous **image-registry-*** pod terminates.
 - d. Click the new **image-registry-*** pod to view pod details.
 - e. Scroll down to **Volumes** and verify that the **registry-storage** volume has a **Type** that matches your new Persistent Volume Claim, for example, **ocs4registry**.

4.2. CONFIGURING MONITORING TO USE OPENSIFT DATA FOUNDATION

OpenShift Data Foundation provides a monitoring stack that comprises of Prometheus and Alert Manager.

Follow the instructions in this section to configure OpenShift Data Foundation as storage for the monitoring stack.



IMPORTANT

Monitoring will not function if it runs out of storage space. Always ensure that you have plenty of storage capacity for monitoring.

Red Hat recommends configuring a short retention interval for this service. See the [Modifying retention time for Prometheus metrics data](#) of Monitoring guide in the OpenShift Container Platform documentation for details.

Prerequisites

- You have administrative access to OpenShift Web Console.
- OpenShift Data Foundation Operator is installed and running in the **openshift-storage** namespace. In the OpenShift Web Console, click **Operators** → **Installed Operators** to view installed operators.
- Monitoring Operator is installed and running in the **openshift-monitoring** namespace. In the OpenShift Web Console, click **Administration** → **Cluster Settings** → **Cluster Operators** to view cluster operators.
- A storage class with provisioner **openshift-storage.rbd.csi.ceph.com** is available. In the OpenShift Web Console, click **Storage** → **StorageClasses** to view available storage classes.

Procedure

1. In the OpenShift Web Console, go to **Workloads** → **Config Maps**.
2. Set the **Project** dropdown to **openshift-monitoring**.

3. Click **Create Config Map**.
4. Define a new **cluster-monitoring-config** Config Map using the following example.
Replace the content in angle brackets (<, >) with your own values, for example, **retention: 24h** or **storage: 40Gi**.

Replace the **storageClassName** with the **storageclass** that uses the provisioner **openshift-storage.rbd.csi.ceph.com**. In the example given below the name of the **storageclass** is **ocs-storagecluster-ceph-rbd**.

Example cluster-monitoring-config Config Map

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
  name: cluster-monitoring-config
  namespace: openshift-monitoring
data:
  config.yaml: |
    prometheusK8s:
      retention: <time to retain monitoring files, e.g. 24h>
      volumeClaimTemplate:
        metadata:
          name: ocs-prometheus-claim
        spec:
          storageClassName: ocs-storagecluster-ceph-rbd
          resources:
            requests:
              storage: <size of claim, e.g. 40Gi>
    alertmanagerMain:
      volumeClaimTemplate:
        metadata:
          name: ocs-alertmanager-claim
        spec:
          storageClassName: ocs-storagecluster-ceph-rbd
          resources:
            requests:
              storage: <size of claim, e.g. 40Gi>
```

5. Click **Create** to save and create the Config Map.

Verification steps

1. Verify that the Persistent Volume Claims are bound to the pods.
 - a. Go to **Storage → Persistent Volume Claims**
 - b. Set the **Project** dropdown to **openshift-monitoring**.
 - c. Verify that 5 Persistent Volume Claims are visible with a state of **Bound**, attached to three **alertmanager-main-*** pods, and two **prometheus-k8s-*** pods.

Figure 4.1. Monitoring storage created and bound





















Project: openshift-monitoring ▼

Persistent Volume Claims

Create Persistent Volume Claim

Filter by name...





0 Pending 5 Bound 0 Lost Select All Filters 5 Items

Name ↑	Namespace ↑	Status ↑	Persistent Volume ↑	Requested ↑
 my-alertmanager-claim-alertmanager-main-0	 openshift-monitoring	 Bound	 pvc-d00428a5-0ce6-11ea-8fe8-023bdfa29edc	40Gi
 my-alertmanager-claim-alertmanager-main-1	 openshift-monitoring	 Bound	 pvc-d00be111-0ce6-11ea-8fe8-023bdfa29edc	40Gi
 my-alertmanager-claim-alertmanager-main-2	 openshift-monitoring	 Bound	 pvc-d01ac717-0ce6-11ea-8fe8-023bdfa29edc	40Gi
 my-prometheus-claim-prometheus-k8s-0	 openshift-monitoring	 Bound	 pvc-ce290f1b-0ce6-11ea-8fe8-023bdfa29edc	40Gi
 my-prometheus-claim-prometheus-k8s-1	 openshift-monitoring	 Bound	 pvc-ce361010-0ce6-11ea-8fe8-023bdfa29edc	40Gi

2. Verify that the new **alertmanager-main-*** pods appear with a state of **Running**.
 - a. Go to **Workloads → Pods**.
 - b. Click the new **alertmanager-main-*** pods to view the pod details.
 - c. Scroll down to **Volumes** and verify that the volume has a **Type**, **ocs-alertmanager-claim** that matches one of your new Persistent Volume Claims, for example, **ocs-alertmanager-claim-alertmanager-main-0**.

Figure 4.2. Persistent Volume Claims attached to alertmanager-main-* pod




Volumes

Name ↑	Mount Path ↑	SubPath ↑	Type	Permissions ↑	Utilized By ↑
config-volume	/etc/alertmanager/config		 alertmanager-main	Read/Write	 alertmanager
ocs-alertmanager-claim	/alertmanager	alertmanager-db	 ocs-alertmanager-claim-alertmanager-main-0	Read/Write	 alertmanager

3. Verify that the new **prometheus-k8s-*** pods appear with a state of **Running**.
 - a. Click the new **prometheus-k8s-*** pods to view the pod details.
 - b. Scroll down to **Volumes** and verify that the volume has a **Type**, **ocs-prometheus-claim** that matches one of your new Persistent Volume Claims, for example, **ocs-prometheus-claim-prometheus-k8s-0**.

Figure 4.3. Persistent Volume Claims attached to prometheus-k8s-* pod

Volumes

Name ↑	Mount Path ↑	SubPath ↑	Type	Permissions ↑	Utilized By ↑
config-out	/etc/prometheus/config_out		Container Volume	Read-only	 prometheus
ocs-prometheus-claim	/prometheus	prometheus-db	 ocs-prometheus-claim-prometheus-k8s-0	Read/Write	 prometheus

4.3. OVERPROVISION LEVEL POLICY CONTROL [TECHNOLOGY PREVIEW]

Overprovision control is a mechanism that enables you to define a quota on the amount of Persistent Volume Claims (PVCs) consumed from a storage cluster, based on the specific application namespace.

When you enable the overprovision control mechanism, it prevents you from overprovisioning the PVCs consumed from the storage cluster. OpenShift provides flexibility for defining constraints that limit the aggregated resource consumption at cluster scope with the help of **ClusterResourceQuota**. For more information see, [OpenShift ClusterResourceQuota](#).

With overprovision control, a **ClusterResourceQuota** is initiated, and you can set the storage capacity limit for each storage class. The alarm triggers when 80% of the capacity limit is consumed.



NOTE

Overprovision level policy control is a Technology Preview feature. Technology Preview features are not supported with Red Hat production service level agreements (SLAs) and might not be functionally complete. Red Hat does not recommend using them in production. These features provide early access to upcoming product features, enabling customers to test functionality and provide feedback during the development process. For more information, refer to [Technology Preview Features Support Scope](#).

For more information about OpenShift Data Foundation deployment, refer to [Product Documentation](#) and select the deployment procedure according to the platform.

Prerequisites

- Ensure that the OpenShift Data Foundation cluster is created.

Procedure

1. Deploy **storagecluster** either from the command line interface or the user interface.
2. Label the application namespace.

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Namespace
metadata:
  name: <desired_name>
  labels:
    storagequota: <desired_label>
```

<desired_name>

Specify a name for the application namespace, for example, **quota-rbd**.

<desired_label>

Specify a label for the storage quota, for example, **storagequota1**.

3. Edit the **storagecluster** to set the quota limit on the storage class.

```
$ oc edit storagecluster -n openshift-storage <ocs_storagecluster_name>
```

<ocs_storagecluster_name>

Specify the name of the storage cluster.

4. Add an entry for Overprovision Control with the desired hard limit into the **StorageCluster.Spec**:

```
apiVersion: ocs.openshift.io/v1
kind: StorageCluster
spec:
  [...]
  overprovisionControl:
    - capacity: <desired_quota_limit>
      storageClassName: <storage_class_name>
      quotaName: <desired_quota_name>
      selector:
        labels:
          matchLabels:
            storagequota: <desired_label>
  [...]
```

<desired_quota_limit>

Specify a desired quota limit for the storage class, for example, **27Ti**.

<storage_class_name>

Specify the name of the storage class for which you want to set the quota limit, for example, **ocs-storagecluster-ceph-rbd**.

<desired_quota_name>

Specify a name for the storage quota, for example, **quota1**.

<desired_label>

Specify a label for the storage quota, for example, **storagequota1**.

5. Save the modified **storagecluster**.
6. Verify that the **clusterresourcequota** is defined.



NOTE

Expect the **clusterresourcequota** with the **quotaName** that you defined in the previous step, for example, **quota1**.

```
$ oc get clusterresourcequota -A
```

```
$ oc describe clusterresourcequota -A
```

4.4. CLUSTER LOGGING FOR OPENSIFT DATA FOUNDATION

You can deploy cluster logging to aggregate logs for a range of OpenShift Container Platform services. For information about how to deploy cluster logging, see [Deploying cluster logging](#).

Upon initial OpenShift Container Platform deployment, OpenShift Data Foundation is not configured by default and the OpenShift Container Platform cluster will solely rely on default storage available from the nodes. You can edit the default configuration of OpenShift logging (ElasticSearch) to be backed by OpenShift Data Foundation to have OpenShift Data Foundation backed logging (Elasticsearch).



IMPORTANT

Always ensure that you have plenty of storage capacity for these services. If you run out of storage space for these critical services, the logging application becomes inoperable and very difficult to recover.

Red Hat recommends configuring shorter curation and retention intervals for these services. See [Cluster logging curator](#) in the OpenShift Container Platform documentation for details.

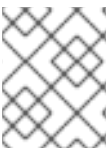
If you run out of storage space for these services, contact Red Hat Customer Support.

4.4.1. Configuring persistent storage

You can configure a persistent storage class and size for the Elasticsearch cluster using the storage class name and size parameters. The Cluster Logging Operator creates a Persistent Volume Claim for each data node in the Elasticsearch cluster based on these parameters. For example:

```
spec:
  logStore:
    type: "elasticsearch"
    elasticsearch:
      nodeCount: 3
      storage:
        storageClassName: "ocs-storagecluster-ceph-rbd"
        size: "200G"
```

This example specifies that each data node in the cluster will be bound to a Persistent Volume Claim that requests **200GiB** of **ocs-storagecluster-ceph-rbd** storage. Each primary shard will be backed by a single replica. A copy of the shard is replicated across all the nodes and are always available and the copy can be recovered if at least two nodes exist due to the single redundancy policy. For information about Elasticsearch replication policies, see *Elasticsearch replication policy* in [About deploying and configuring cluster logging](#).



NOTE

Omission of the storage block will result in a deployment backed by default storage. For example:

```
spec:
  logStore:
    type: "elasticsearch"
    elasticsearch:
      nodeCount: 3
      storage: {}
```

For more information, see [Configuring cluster logging](#).

4.4.2. Configuring cluster logging to use OpenShift data Foundation

Follow the instructions in this section to configure OpenShift Data Foundation as storage for the OpenShift cluster logging.



NOTE

You can obtain all the logs when you configure logging for the first time in OpenShift Data Foundation. However, after you uninstall and reinstall logging, the old logs are removed and only the new logs are processed.

Prerequisites

- You have administrative access to OpenShift Web Console.
- OpenShift Data Foundation Operator is installed and running in the **openshift-storage** namespace.
- Cluster logging Operator is installed and running in the **openshift-logging** namespace.

Procedure

1. Click **Administration → Custom Resource Definitions** from the left pane of the OpenShift Web Console.
2. On the Custom Resource Definitions page, click **ClusterLogging**.
3. On the Custom Resource Definition Overview page, select **View Instances** from the Actions menu or click the **Instances** Tab.
4. On the Cluster Logging page, click **Create Cluster Logging**.
You might have to refresh the page to load the data.
5. In the YAML, replace the **storageClassName** with the **storageclass** that uses the provisioner **openshift-storage.rbd.csi.ceph.com**. In the example given below the name of the **storageclass** is **ocs-storagecluster-ceph-rbd**:

```
apiVersion: "logging.openshift.io/v1"
kind: "ClusterLogging"
metadata:
  name: "instance"
  namespace: "openshift-logging"
spec:
  managementState: "Managed"
  logStore:
    type: "elasticsearch"
    elasticsearch:
      nodeCount: 3
      storage:
        storageClassName: ocs-storagecluster-ceph-rbd
        size: 200G # Change as per your requirement
        redundancyPolicy: "SingleRedundancy"
  visualization:
    type: "kibana"
    kibana:
      replicas: 1
  curation:
    type: "curator"
    curator:
      schedule: "30 3 * * *"
  collection:
```

```
logs:
  type: "fluentd"
  fluentd: {}
```

If you have tainted the OpenShift Data Foundation nodes, you must add toleration to enable scheduling of the daemonset pods for logging.

```
spec:
[...]
```

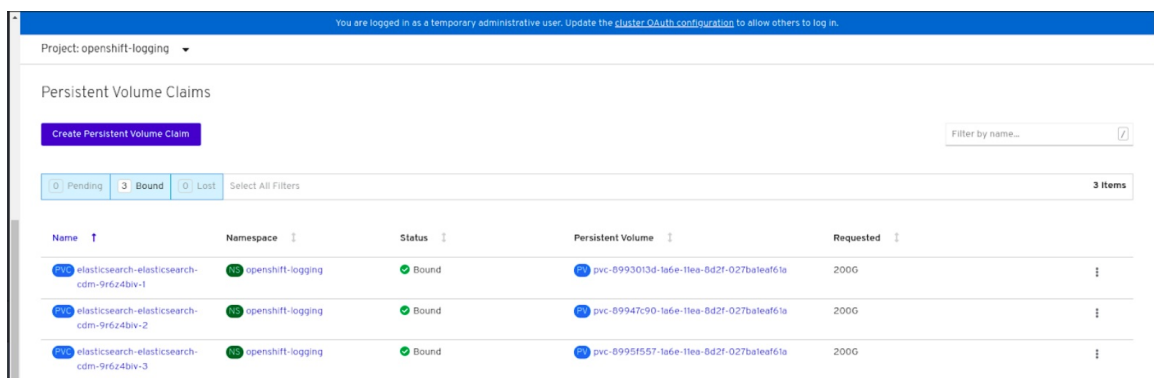
```
collection:
  logs:
    fluentd:
      tolerations:
        - effect: NoSchedule
          key: node.ocs.openshift.io/storage
          value: 'true'
      type: fluentd
```

6. Click **Save**.

Verification steps

1. Verify that the Persistent Volume Claims are bound to the **elasticsearch** pods.
 - a. Go to **Storage → Persistent Volume Claims**
 - b. Set the **Project** dropdown to **openshift-logging**.
 - c. Verify that Persistent Volume Claims are visible with a state of **Bound**, attached to **elasticsearch-*** pods.

Figure 4.4. Cluster logging created and bound



Name	Namespace	Status	Persistent Volume	Requested
elasticsearch-elasticsearch-cdm-9r6z4biv-1	openshift-logging	Bound	pvc-8993013d-1a6e-11ea-8d2f-027bataf61a	200G
elasticsearch-elasticsearch-cdm-9r6z4biv-2	openshift-logging	Bound	pvc-89947c90-1a6e-11ea-8d2f-027bataf61a	200G
elasticsearch-elasticsearch-cdm-9r6z4biv-3	openshift-logging	Bound	pvc-8995f557-1a6e-11ea-8d2f-027bataf61a	200G

2. Verify that the new cluster logging is being used.
 - a. Click **Workload → Pods**
 - b. Set the **Project** to **openshift-logging**.
 - c. Verify that the new **elasticsearch-*** pods appear with a state of **Running**.
 - d. Click the new **elasticsearch-*** pod to view pod details.

- e. Scroll down to **Volumes** and verify that the elasticsearch volume has a **Type** that matches your new Persistent Volume Claim, for example, **elasticsearch-elasticsearch-cdm-9r624biv-3**.
- f. Click the Persistent Volume Claim name and verify the storage class name in the PersistentVolumeClaim Overview page.



NOTE

Make sure to use a shorter curator time to avoid PV full scenario on PVs attached to Elasticsearch pods.

You can configure Curator to delete Elasticsearch data based on retention settings. It is recommended that you set the following default index data retention of 5 days as a default.

```
config.yaml: |
  openshift-storage:
    delete:
      days: 5
```

For more details, see [Curation of Elasticsearch Data](#).



NOTE

To uninstall the cluster logging backed by Persistent Volume Claim, use the procedure removing the cluster logging operator from OpenShift Data Foundation in the uninstall chapter of the respective deployment guide.

CHAPTER 5. BACKING OPENSIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM APPLICATIONS WITH OPENSIFT DATA FOUNDATION

You cannot directly install OpenShift Data Foundation during the OpenShift Container Platform installation. However, you can install OpenShift Data Foundation on an existing OpenShift Container Platform by using the Operator Hub and then configure the OpenShift Container Platform applications to be backed by OpenShift Data Foundation.

Prerequisites

- OpenShift Container Platform is installed and you have administrative access to OpenShift Web Console.
- OpenShift Data Foundation is installed and running in the **openshift-storage** namespace.

Procedure

1. In the OpenShift Web Console, perform one of the following:

- Click **Workloads → Deployments**.

In the Deployments page, you can do one of the following:

- Select any existing deployment and click **Add Storage** option from the **Action** menu (⋮).
- Create a new deployment and then add storage.
 - i. Click **Create Deployment** to create a new deployment.
 - ii. Edit the **YAML** based on your requirement to create a deployment.
 - iii. Click **Create**.
- iv. Select **Add Storage** from the **Actions** drop-down menu on the top right of the page.

- Click **Workloads → Deployment Configs**

In the Deployment Configs page, you can do one of the following:

- Select any existing deployment and click **Add Storage** option from the **Action** menu (⋮).
- Create a new deployment and then add storage.
 - i. Click **Create Deployment Config** to create a new deployment.
 - ii. Edit the **YAML** based on your requirement to create a deployment.
 - iii. Click **Create**.
- iv. Select **Add Storage** from the **Actions** drop-down menu on the top right of the page.

2. In the Add Storage page, you can choose one of the following options:

- Click the **Use existing claim** option and select a suitable PVC from the drop-down list.

- Click the **Create new claim** option.
 - a. Select the appropriate **CephFS** or **RBD** storage class from the **Storage Class** drop-down list.
 - b. Provide a name for the Persistent Volume Claim.
 - c. Select ReadWriteOnce (RWO) or ReadWriteMany (RWX) access mode.

**NOTE**

ReadOnlyMany (ROX) is deactivated as it is not supported.

- d. Select the size of the desired storage capacity.

**NOTE**

You can expand the block PVs but cannot reduce the storage capacity after the creation of Persistent Volume Claim.

- 3. Specify the mount path and subpath (if required) for the mount path volume inside the container.
- 4. Click **Save**.

Verification steps

- 1. Depending on your configuration, perform one of the following:
 - Click **Workloads → Deployments**.
 - Click **Workloads → Deployment Configs**.
- 2. Set the Project as required.
- 3. Click the deployment for which you added storage to display the deployment details.
- 4. Scroll down to **Volumes** and verify that your deployment has a **Type** that matches the Persistent Volume Claim that you assigned.
- 5. Click the Persistent Volume Claim name and verify the storage class name in the Persistent Volume Claim Overview page.

CHAPTER 6. ADDING FILE AND OBJECT STORAGE TO AN EXISTING EXTERNAL OPENSIFT DATA FOUNDATION CLUSTER

When OpenShift Data Foundation is configured in external mode, there are several ways to provide storage for persistent volume claims and object bucket claims.

- Persistent volume claims for block storage are provided directly from the external Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster.
- Persistent volume claims for file storage can be provided by adding a Metadata Server (MDS) to the external Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster.
- Object bucket claims for object storage can be provided either by using the Multicloud Object Gateway or by adding the Ceph Object Gateway to the external Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster.

Use the following process to add file storage (using Metadata Servers) or object storage (using Ceph Object Gateway) or both to an external OpenShift Data Foundation cluster that was initially deployed to provide only block storage.

Prerequisites

- You have OpenShift Data Foundation 4.11 installed and running on the OpenShift Container Platform version 4.11 or above. Also, the OpenShift Data Foundation Cluster in external mode is in the **Ready** state.
- Your external Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster is configured with one or both of the following:
 - a Ceph Object Gateway (RGW) endpoint that can be accessed by the OpenShift Container Platform cluster for object storage
 - a Metadata Server (MDS) pool for file storage
- Ensure that you know the parameters used with the **ceph-external-cluster-details-exporter.py** script during external OpenShift Data Foundation cluster deployment.

Procedure

1. Download the OpenShift Data Foundation version of the **ceph-external-cluster-details-exporter.py** python script using the following command:

```
oc get csv $(oc get csv -n openshift-storage | grep ocs-operator | awk '{print $1}') -n
openshift-storage -o
jsonpath='{.metadata.annotations.external\.features\.ocs\.openshift\.io/export-script}' | base64
--decode > ceph-external-cluster-details-exporter.py
```

2. Update permission caps on the external Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster by running **ceph-external-cluster-details-exporter.py** on any client node in the external Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster. You may need to ask your Red Hat Ceph Storage administrator to do this.

```
# python3 ceph-external-cluster-details-exporter.py --upgrade \
--run-as-user=ocs-client-name \
--rgw-pool-prefix rgw-pool-prefix
```

--run-as-user

The client name used during OpenShift Data Foundation cluster deployment. Use the default client name **client.healthchecker** if a different client name was not set.

--rgw-pool-prefix

The prefix used for the Ceph Object Gateway pool. This can be omitted if the default prefix is used.

3. Generate and save configuration details from the external Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster.

- a. Generate configuration details by running **ceph-external-cluster-details-exporter.py** on any client node in the external Red Hat Ceph Storage cluster.

```
# python3 ceph-external-cluster-details-exporter.py --rbd-data-pool-name rbd-block-pool-name --monitoring-endpoint ceph-mgr-prometheus-exporter-endpoint --monitoring-endpoint-port ceph-mgr-prometheus-exporter-port --run-as-user ocs-client-name --rgw-endpoint rgw-endpoint --rgw-pool-prefix rgw-pool-prefix
```

--monitoring-endpoint

Is optional. It accepts comma separated list of IP addresses of active and standby mgrs reachable from the OpenShift Container Platform cluster. If not provided, the value is automatically populated.

--monitoring-endpoint-port

Is optional. It is the port associated with the ceph-mgr Prometheus exporter specified by **--monitoring-endpoint**. If not provided, the value is automatically populated.

--run-as-user

The client name used during OpenShift Data Foundation cluster deployment. Use the default client name **client.healthchecker** if a different client name was not set.

--rgw-endpoint

Provide this parameter to provision object storage through Ceph Object Gateway for OpenShift Data Foundation. (optional parameter)

--rgw-pool-prefix

The prefix used for the Ceph Object Gateway pool. This can be omitted if the default prefix is used.

User permissions are updated as shown:

```
caps: [mgr] allow command config
caps: [mon] allow r, allow command quorum_status, allow command version
caps: [osd] allow rwx pool=default.rgw.meta, allow r pool=.rgw.root, allow rw
pool=default.rgw.control, allow rx pool=default.rgw.log, allow x
pool=default.rgw.buckets.index
```

**NOTE**

Ensure that all the parameters (including the optional arguments) except the Ceph Object Gateway details (if provided), are the same as what was used during the deployment of OpenShift Data Foundation in external mode.

- b. Save the output of the script in an **external-cluster-config.json** file.
The following example output shows the generated configuration changes in bold text.

```
[{"name": "rook-ceph-mon-endpoints", "kind": "ConfigMap", "data": {"data": "xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx:xxxx", "maxMonId": "0", "mapping": "{}"}}, {"name": "rook-ceph-mon", "kind": "Secret", "data": {"admin-secret": "admin-secret", "fsid": "<fs-id>", "mon-secret": "mon-secret"}}, {"name": "rook-ceph-operator-creds", "kind": "Secret", "data": {"userID": "<user-id>", "userKey": "<user-key>"}}, {"name": "rook-csi-rbd-node", "kind": "Secret", "data": {"userID": "csi-rbd-node", "userKey": "<user-key>"}}, {"name": "ceph-rbd", "kind": "StorageClass", "data": {"pool": "<pool>"}}, {"name": "monitoring-endpoint", "kind": "CephCluster", "data": {"MonitoringEndpoint": "xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx", "MonitoringPort": "xxxx"}}, {"name": "rook-ceph-dashboard-link", "kind": "Secret", "data": {"userID": "ceph-dashboard-link", "userKey": "<user-key>"}}, {"name": "rook-csi-rbd-provisioner", "kind": "Secret", "data": {"userID": "csi-rbd-provisioner", "userKey": "<user-key>"}}, {"name": "rook-csi-cephfs-provisioner", "kind": "Secret", "data": {"adminID": "csi-cephfs-provisioner", "adminKey": "<admin-key>"}}, {"name": "rook-csi-cephfs-node", "kind": "Secret", "data": {"adminID": "csi-cephfs-node", "adminKey": "<admin-key>"}}, {"name": "cephfs", "kind": "StorageClass", "data": {"fsName": "cephfs", "pool": "cephfs_data"}}, {"name": "ceph-rgw", "kind": "StorageClass", "data": {"endpoint": "xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx:xxxx", "poolPrefix": "default"}}, {"name": "rgw-admin-ops-user", "kind": "Secret", "data": {"accessKey": "<access-key>", "secretKey": "<secret-key>"}}]
```

4. Upload the generated JSON file.
 - a. Log in to the OpenShift web console.
 - b. Click **Workloads** → **Secrets**.
 - c. Set **project** to **openshift-storage**.
 - d. Click on **rook-ceph-external-cluster-details**.
 - e. Click **Actions** (⋮) → **Edit Secret**
 - f. Click **Browse** and upload the **external-cluster-config.json** file.
 - g. Click **Save**.

Verification steps

- To verify that the OpenShift Data Foundation cluster is healthy and data is resilient, navigate to **Storage** → **Data foundation** → **Storage Systems** tab and then click on the storage system name.
 - On the **Overview** → **Block and File** tab, check the Status card to confirm that the *Storage Cluster* has a green tick indicating it is healthy.
- If you added a Metadata Server for file storage:
 - a. Click **Workloads** → **Pods** and verify that **csi-cephfsplugin-*** pods are created new and are in the **Running** state.
 - b. Click **Storage** → **Storage Classes** and verify that the **ocs-external-storagecluster-cephfs** storage class is created.
- If you added the Ceph Object Gateway for object storage:
 - a. Click **Storage** → **Storage Classes** and verify that the **ocs-external-storagecluster-ceph-rgw** storage class is created.

- b. To verify that the OpenShift Data Foundation cluster is healthy and data is resilient, navigate to **Storage → Data foundation → Storage Systems** tab and then click on the storage system name.
- c. Click the **Object** tab and confirm *Object Service* and *Data resiliency* has a green tick indicating it is healthy.

CHAPTER 7. HOW TO USE DEDICATED WORKER NODES FOR RED HAT OPENSIFT DATA FOUNDATION

Any Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform subscription requires an OpenShift Data Foundation subscription. However, you can save on the OpenShift Container Platform subscription costs if you are using infrastructure nodes to schedule OpenShift Data Foundation resources.

It is important to maintain consistency across environments with or without Machine API support. Because of this, it is highly recommended in all cases to have a special category of nodes labeled as either worker or infra or have both roles. See the [Section 7.3, “Manual creation of infrastructure nodes”](#) section for more information.

7.1. ANATOMY OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE NODE

Infrastructure nodes for use with OpenShift Data Foundation have a few attributes. The **infra** node-role label is required to ensure the node does not consume RHOCP entitlements. The **infra** node-role label is responsible for ensuring only OpenShift Data Foundation entitlements are necessary for the nodes running OpenShift Data Foundation.

- Labeled with **node-role.kubernetes.io/infra**

Adding an OpenShift Data Foundation taint with a **NoSchedule** effect is also required so that the **infra** node will only schedule OpenShift Data Foundation resources.

- Tainted with **node.ocs.openshift.io/storage="true"**

The label identifies the RHOCP node as an **infra** node so that RHOCP subscription cost is not applied. The taint prevents non OpenShift Data Foundation resources to be scheduled on the tainted nodes.



NOTE

Adding storage taint on nodes might require toleration handling for the other **daemonset** pods such as **openshift-dns daemonset**. For information about how to manage the tolerations, see Knowledgebase article: <https://access.redhat.com/solutions/6592171>.

Example of the taint and labels required on infrastructure node that will be used to run OpenShift Data Foundation services:

```
spec:
  taints:
  - effect: NoSchedule
    key: node.ocs.openshift.io/storage
    value: "true"
  metadata:
    creationTimestamp: null
  labels:
    node-role.kubernetes.io/worker: ""
    node-role.kubernetes.io/infra: ""
    cluster.ocs.openshift.io/openshift-storage: ""
```

7.2. MACHINE SETS FOR CREATING INFRASTRUCTURE NODES

If the Machine API is supported in the environment, then labels should be added to the templates for

the Machine Sets that will be provisioning the infrastructure nodes. Avoid the anti-pattern of adding labels manually to nodes created by the machine API. Doing so is analogous to adding labels to pods created by a deployment. In both cases, when the pod/node fails, the replacement pod/node will not have the appropriate labels.



NOTE

In EC2 environments, you will need three machine sets, each configured to provision infrastructure nodes in a distinct availability zone (such as us-east-2a, us-east-2b, us-east-2c). Currently, OpenShift Data Foundation does not support deploying in more than three availability zones.

The following Machine Set template example creates nodes with the appropriate taint and labels required for infrastructure nodes. This will be used to run OpenShift Data Foundation services.

```
template:
  metadata:
    creationTimestamp: null
  labels:
    machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-cluster: kb-s25vf
    machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machine-role: worker
    machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machine-type: worker
    machine.openshift.io/cluster-api-machineset: kb-s25vf-infra-us-west-2a
  spec:
    taints:
      - effect: NoSchedule
        key: node.ocs.openshift.io/storage
        value: "true"
  metadata:
    creationTimestamp: null
    labels:
      node-role.kubernetes.io/infra: ""
      cluster.ocs.openshift.io/openshift-storage: ""
```



IMPORTANT

If you add a taint to the infrastructure nodes, you also need to add tolerations to the taint for other workloads, for example, the fluentd pods. For more information, see the Red Hat Knowledgebase solution [Infrastructure Nodes in OpenShift 4](#).

7.3. MANUAL CREATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE NODES

Only when the Machine API is not supported in the environment should labels be directly applied to nodes. Manual creation requires that at least 3 RHOCP worker nodes are available to schedule OpenShift Data Foundation services, and that these nodes have sufficient CPU and memory resources. To avoid the RHOCP subscription cost, the following is required:

```
oc label node <node> node-role.kubernetes.io/infra=""
oc label node <node> cluster.ocs.openshift.io/openshift-storage=""
```

Adding a **NoSchedule** OpenShift Data Foundation taint is also required so that the **infra** node will only schedule OpenShift Data Foundation resources and repel any other non-OpenShift Data Foundation workloads.

```
oc adm taint node <node> node.ocs.openshift.io/storage="true":NoSchedule
```



WARNING

Do not remove the `node-role.kubernetes.io/worker=""`

The removal of the `node-role.kubernetes.io/worker=""` can cause issues unless changes are made both to the OpenShift scheduler and to MachineConfig resources.

If already removed, it should be added again to each **infra** node. Adding node-role `node-role.kubernetes.io/infra=""` and OpenShift Data Foundation taint is sufficient to conform to entitlement exemption requirements.

7.4. TAINT A NODE FROM THE USER INTERFACE

This section explains the procedure to taint nodes after the OpenShift Data Foundation deployment.

Procedure

1. In the OpenShift Web Console, click **Compute** → **Nodes**, and then select the node which has to be tainted.
2. In the **Details** page click on **Edit taints**.
3. Enter the values in the **Key** <nodes.openshift.ocs.io/storage>, **Value** <true> and in the **Effect**<Noschedule> field.
4. Click Save.

Verification steps

- Follow the steps to verify that the node has tainted successfully:
 - Navigate to **Compute** → **Nodes**.
 - Select the node to verify its status, and then click on the **YAML** tab.
 - In the **specs** section check the values of the following parameters:

```
Taints:
  Key: nodes.openshift.ocs.io/storage
  Value: true
  Effect: Noschedule
```

Additional resources

For more information, refer to [Creating the OpenShift Data Foundation cluster on VMware vSphere](#) .

CHAPTER 8. MANAGING PERSISTENT VOLUME CLAIMS

8.1. CONFIGURING APPLICATION PODS TO USE OPENSIFT DATA FOUNDATION

Follow the instructions in this section to configure OpenShift Data Foundation as storage for an application pod.

Prerequisites

- You have administrative access to OpenShift Web Console.
- OpenShift Data Foundation Operator is installed and running in the **openshift-storage** namespace. In OpenShift Web Console, click **Operators** → **Installed Operators** to view installed operators.
- The default storage classes provided by OpenShift Data Foundation are available. In OpenShift Web Console, click **Storage** → **StorageClasses** to view default storage classes.

Procedure

1. **Create a Persistent Volume Claim (PVC) for the application to use.**
 - a. In OpenShift Web Console, click **Storage** → **Persistent Volume Claims**
 - b. Set the **Project** for the application pod.
 - c. Click **Create Persistent Volume Claim**
 - i. Specify a **Storage Class** provided by OpenShift Data Foundation.
 - ii. Specify the PVC **Name**, for example, **myclaim**.
 - iii. Select the required **Access Mode**.



NOTE

The **Access Mode**, **Shared access (RWX)** is not supported in IBM FlashSystem.

- iv. For Rados Block Device (RBD), if the **Access mode** is ReadWriteOnce (**RWO**), select the required **Volume mode**. The default volume mode is **Filesystem**.
 - v. Specify a **Size** as per application requirement.
 - vi. Click **Create** and wait until the PVC is in **Bound** status.
2. **Configure a new or existing application pod to use the new PVC.**
 - For a new application pod, perform the following steps:
 - i. Click **Workloads** → **Pods**.
 - ii. Create a new application pod.

- iii. Under the **spec:** section, add **volumes:** section to add the new PVC as a volume for the application pod.

```
volumes:
  - name: <volume_name>
    persistentVolumeClaim:
      claimName: <pvc_name>
```

For example:

```
volumes:
  - name: mypd
    persistentVolumeClaim:
      claimName: myclaim
```

- For an existing application pod, perform the following steps:
 - i. Click **Workloads** → **Deployment Configs**.
 - ii. Search for the required deployment config associated with the application pod.
 - iii. Click on its **Action menu (⋮)** → **Edit Deployment Config**.
 - iv. Under the **spec:** section, add **volumes:** section to add the new PVC as a volume for the application pod and click **Save**.

```
volumes:
  - name: <volume_name>
    persistentVolumeClaim:
      claimName: <pvc_name>
```

For example:

```
volumes:
  - name: mypd
    persistentVolumeClaim:
      claimName: myclaim
```

3. Verify that the new configuration is being used.

- a. Click **Workloads** → **Pods**.
- b. Set the **Project** for the application pod.
- c. Verify that the application pod appears with a status of **Running**.
- d. Click the application pod name to view pod details.
- e. Scroll down to **Volumes** section and verify that the volume has a **Type** that matches your new Persistent Volume Claim, for example, **myclaim**.

8.2. VIEWING PERSISTENT VOLUME CLAIM REQUEST STATUS

Use this procedure to view the status of a PVC request.

Prerequisites

- Administrator access to OpenShift Data Foundation.

Procedure

1. Log in to OpenShift Web Console.
2. Click **Storage → Persistent Volume Claims**
3. Search for the required PVC name by using the **Filter** textbox. You can also filter the list of PVCs by Name or Label to narrow down the list
4. Check the **Status** column corresponding to the required PVC.
5. Click the required **Name** to view the PVC details.

8.3. REVIEWING PERSISTENT VOLUME CLAIM REQUEST EVENTS

Use this procedure to review and address Persistent Volume Claim (PVC) request events.

Prerequisites

- Administrator access to OpenShift Web Console.

Procedure

1. In the OpenShift Web Console, click **Storage → Data Foundation**
2. In the **Storage systems** tab, select the storage system and then click **Overview → Block and File**.
3. Locate the **Inventory** card to see the number of PVCs with errors.
4. Click **Storage → Persistent Volume Claims**
5. Search for the required PVC using the **Filter** textbox.
6. Click on the PVC name and navigate to **Events**
7. Address the events as required or as directed.

8.4. EXPANDING PERSISTENT VOLUME CLAIMS

OpenShift Data Foundation 4.6 onwards has the ability to expand Persistent Volume Claims providing more flexibility in the management of persistent storage resources.

Expansion is supported for the following Persistent Volumes:

- PVC with ReadWriteOnce (RWO) and ReadWriteMany (RWX) access that is based on Ceph File System (CephFS) for volume mode **Filesystem**.
- PVC with ReadWriteOnce (RWO) access that is based on Ceph RADOS Block Devices (RBDs) with volume mode **Filesystem**.

- PVC with ReadWriteOnce (RWO) access that is based on Ceph RADOS Block Devices (RBDs) with volume mode **Block**.



NOTE

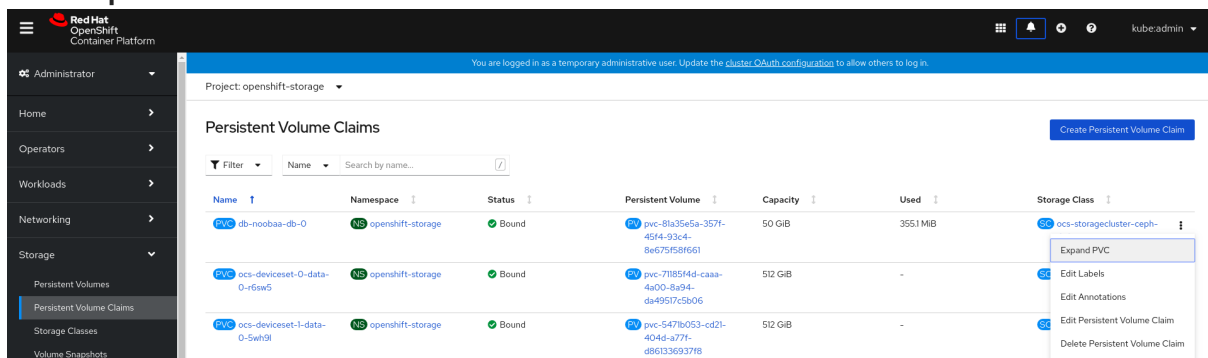
PVC expansion is not supported for OSD, MON and encrypted PVCs.

Prerequisites

- Administrator access to OpenShift Web Console.

Procedure

1. In OpenShift Web Console, navigate to **Storage → Persistent Volume Claims**.
2. Click the Action Menu (⋮) next to the Persistent Volume Claim you want to expand.
3. Click **Expand PVC**:



4. Select the new size of the Persistent Volume Claim, then click **Expand**:

Expand Persistent Volume Claim

Increase the capacity of claim **db-noobaa-db-0**. This can be a time-consuming process.

Size *

 GiB

Cancel

Expand

5. To verify the expansion, navigate to the PVC's details page and verify the **Capacity** field has the correct size requested.

**NOTE**

When expanding PVCs based on Ceph RADOS Block Devices (RBDs), if the PVC is not already attached to a pod the **Condition type** is **FileSystemResizePending** in the PVC's details page. Once the volume is mounted, filesystem resize succeeds and the new size is reflected in the **Capacity** field.

8.5. DYNAMIC PROVISIONING

8.5.1. About dynamic provisioning

The StorageClass resource object describes and classifies storage that can be requested, as well as provides a means for passing parameters for dynamically provisioned storage on demand. StorageClass objects can also serve as a management mechanism for controlling different levels of storage and access to the storage. Cluster Administrators (**cluster-admin**) or Storage Administrators (**storage-admin**) define and create the StorageClass objects that users can request without needing any intimate knowledge about the underlying storage volume sources.

The OpenShift Container Platform persistent volume framework enables this functionality and allows administrators to provision a cluster with persistent storage. The framework also gives users a way to request those resources without having any knowledge of the underlying infrastructure.

Many storage types are available for use as persistent volumes in OpenShift Container Platform. While all of them can be statically provisioned by an administrator, some types of storage are created dynamically using the built-in provider and plug-in APIs.

8.5.2. Dynamic provisioning in OpenShift Data Foundation

Red Hat OpenShift Data Foundation is software-defined storage that is optimised for container environments. It runs as an operator on OpenShift Container Platform to provide highly integrated and simplified persistent storage management for containers.

OpenShift Data Foundation supports a variety of storage types, including:

- Block storage for databases
- Shared file storage for continuous integration, messaging, and data aggregation
- Object storage for archival, backup, and media storage

Version 4 uses Red Hat Ceph Storage to provide the file, block, and object storage that backs persistent volumes, and Rook.io to manage and orchestrate provisioning of persistent volumes and claims. NooBaa provides object storage, and its Multicloud Gateway allows object federation across multiple cloud environments (available as a Technology Preview).

In OpenShift Data Foundation 4, the Red Hat Ceph Storage Container Storage Interface (CSI) driver for RADOS Block Device (RBD) and Ceph File System (CephFS) handles the dynamic provisioning requests. When a PVC request comes in dynamically, the CSI driver has the following options:

- Create a PVC with ReadWriteOnce (RWO) and ReadWriteMany (RWX) access that is based on Ceph RBDs with volume mode **Block**
- Create a PVC with ReadWriteOnce (RWO) access that is based on Ceph RBDs with volume mode **Filesystem**

- Create a PVC with ReadWriteOnce (RWO) and ReadWriteMany (RWX) access that is based on CephFS for volume mode **Filesystem**

The judgment of which driver (RBD or CephFS) to use is based on the entry in the **storageclass.yaml** file.

8.5.3. Available dynamic provisioning plug-ins

OpenShift Container Platform provides the following provisioner plug-ins, which have generic implementations for dynamic provisioning that use the cluster's configured provider's API to create new storage resources:

Storage type	Provisioner plug-in name	Notes
OpenStack Cinder	kubernetes.io/cinder	
AWS Elastic Block Store (EBS)	kubernetes.io/aws-ebs	For dynamic provisioning when using multiple clusters in different zones, tag each node with Key=kubernetes.io/cluster/<cluster_name>,Value=<cluster_id> where <cluster_name> and <cluster_id> are unique per cluster.
AWS Elastic File System (EFS)		Dynamic provisioning is accomplished through the EFS provisioner pod and not through a provisioner plug-in.
Azure Disk	kubernetes.io/azure-disk	
Azure File	kubernetes.io/azure-file	The persistent-volume-binder ServiceAccount requires permissions to create and get Secrets to store the Azure storage account and keys.
GCE Persistent Disk (gcePD)	kubernetes.io/gce-pd	In multi-zone configurations, it is advisable to run one OpenShift Container Platform cluster per GCE project to avoid PVs from being created in zones where no node in the current cluster exists.
VMware vSphere	kubernetes.io/vsphere-volume	
Red Hat Virtualization	csi.ovirt.org	



IMPORTANT

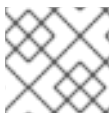
Any chosen provisioner plug-in also requires configuration for the relevant cloud, host, or third-party provider as per the relevant documentation.

CHAPTER 9. RECLAIMING SPACE ON TARGET VOLUMES

You can access the actual available space using the reclaim space operation on a target volume. The reclaim operation removes the ambiguity with the available storage space when a file or data is deleted on the persistent volume and this operation is available for the Ceph RBD. Since the object still remains on the RBD device and the storage is not released to the Ceph cluster, this gives an incorrect information of the actual available storage space.

Reclaim space operation triggers **rbd sparsify** on the RBD device, which in turn reclaims the space for zeroed image extents. For filesystem mode, **fstrim** is also performed on the filesystem mounted on the block device. When **fstrim** is enabled on the filesystem then you can create a PVC with ReadWriteOnce (RWO) access that is based on the Ceph RBD with the following mode:

- Volume mode Block
- Volume mode Filesystem



NOTE

For newly installed clusters the reclaim space operation is enabled by default.

To enable the reclaim space operation for upgraded clusters, set **CSI_ENABLE_CSIADDONS: "true"** in the **rook-ceph-operator-override** configmap in openshift-storage namespace.

```
$ oc patch cm rook-ceph-operator-config -n openshift-storage -p '$data:\n
"CSI_ENABLE_CSIADDONS": "true"'
```

You can use any one of the following three methods to reclaim the space:

- Enabling reclaim space operation using ReclaimSpaceJob
- Enabling reclaim space operation using ReclaimSpaceCronJob
- Enabling reclaim space operation using Annotating PersistentVolumeClaims (Red Hat recommends using this method for enabling reclaim space operation)

9.1. ENABLING RECLAIM SPACE OPERATION USING RECLAIMSPACEJOB

ReclaimSpaceJob is a namespaced custom resource designed to invoke reclaim space operation on the target volume. This is a one time method that immediately starts the reclaim space operation. You have to repeat the creation of **ReclaimSpaceJob** CR to repeat the reclaim space operation when required.

Procedure

1. Create and apply the following custom resource for reclaim space operation:

```
apiVersion: csiaddons.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: ReclaimSpaceJob
metadata:
  name: sample-1
spec:
  target:
    persistentVolumeClaim: pvc-1
```

-

The variable used in the above yaml are as follows:

- **target** indicates the volume target on which the operation is going to perform.
 - **persistentVolumeClaim** contains a string indicating the name of **PersistentVolumeClaim**.
- **backOfflimit** specifies the maximum number of retries before the reclaim space operation fails. If not specified, default value sets to 6. The maximum and minimum allowed value are 60 and 0.
- **retryDeadlineSeconds** specifies the duration in which the operation might retire relative to the start time. Its value must be a positive integer and unit of time is in seconds. If not specified, the default is set to 600 seconds. The maximum allowed value is 1800.

2. Delete the customer resource after completion of the operation.

9.2. ENABLING RECLAIM SPACE OPERATION USING RECLAIMSPACECRONJOB

ReclaimSpaceCronJob invokes the reclaim space operation based on the given schedule(daily, weekly, etc). You have to create **ReclaimSpaceCronJob** one time only for a persistent volume claim. The **CSI-addons** controller creates a **ReclaimSpaceJob** at the requested time and interval with the schedule attribute.

Procedure

1. Create and apply the following custom resource for reclaim space operation

```
apiVersion: csiaddons.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: ReclaimSpaceCronJob
metadata:
  name: reclaimspacecronjob-sample
spec:
  jobTemplate:
    spec:
      target:
        persistentVolumeClaim: data-pvc
      schedule: '@weekly'
```

The variable used in the above yaml are as follows:

- **failedJobsHistoryLimit** keeps the number of failed **ReclaimSpaceJobs**.
- **jobTemplate** contains **ReclaimSpaceJob.spec** structure which includes the requested **ReclaimSpaceJob** operation.
- **schedule** sets the and/or interval of the recurring operation, see [Kubernetes CronJobs](#) for the schedule format.
- **successfulJobsHistoryLimit** keeps the number of successful **ReclaimSpaceJob** operations.

2. Delete the customer resource after completion of the operation.

9.3. ENABLING RECLAIM SPACE OPERATION USING ANNOTATING PERSISTENTVOLUMECLAIMS

Use this procedure to annotate **PersistentVolumeClaims** so that it can invoke the reclaim space operation automatically based on a given schedule.

```
reclaimspace.csiaddons.openshift.io/schedule: "@midnight"
```

Procedure

1. Get the persistent volume claim (pvc) details.

```
$ oc get pvc data-pvc
```

for example:

NAME	STATUS	VOLUME	CAPACITY	ACCESS MODES
data-pvc	Bound	pvc-f37b8582-4b04-4676-88dd-e1b95c6abf74	1Gi	RWO
storagecluster-ceph-rbd		20h		

2. Add annotation **reclaimspace.csiaddons.openshift.io/schedule: "@midnight"** to the PVC to create **reclaimspacecronjob**.

```
$ oc annotate pvc data-pvc "reclaimspace.csiaddons.openshift.io/schedule=@midnight"
```

for example:

```
persistentvolumeclaim/data-pvc annotated
```

3. Verify that **reclaimspacecronjob** is created in the following format "**<pvc-name>-xxxxxxx**".

```
$ oc get reclaimspacecronjobs.csiaddons.openshift.io
```

for example:

NAME	SCHEDULE	SUSPEND	ACTIVE	LASTSCHEDULE	AGE
data-pvc-1642663516	@midnight				3s

4. Modify the schedule to run this job automatically.

```
$ oc annotate pvc data-pvc "reclaimspace.csiaddons.openshift.io/schedule=*/1 * * * *" --
overwrite=true
```

for example:

```
persistentvolumeclaim/data-pvc annotated
```

5. Verify that the schedule for **reclaimspacecronjob** has been modified.

```
$ oc get reclaimspacecronjobs.csiaddons.openshift.io
```

for example:

NAME	SCHEDULE	SUSPEND	ACTIVE	LASTSCHEDULE	AGE
data-pvc-1642664617	* / 1 * * * *				3s

The example provides the following details:

- Name of newly created **ReclaimSpaceCronJob** as **data-pvc-1642664617**.
- **schedule** sets the and/or interval of the recurring operation, see [Kubernetes CronJobs](#) for the schedule format.
- If the schedule value is empty or in an invalid format, then the default schedule value is set "**@weekly**".



NOTE

ReclaimSpaceCronJob is recreated when the **schedule** is modified and deleted when the annotation is removed.

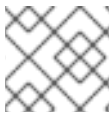
CHAPTER 10. VOLUME SNAPSHOTS

A volume snapshot is the state of the storage volume in a cluster at a particular point in time. These snapshots help to use storage more efficiently by not having to make a full copy each time and can be used as building blocks for developing an application.

Volume snapshot class allows an administrator to specify different attributes belonging to a volume snapshot object. The OpenShift Data Foundation operator installs default volume snapshot classes depending on the platform in use. The operator owns and controls these default volume snapshot classes and they cannot be deleted or modified.

You can create many snapshots of the same persistent volume claim (PVC) but cannot schedule periodic creation of snapshots.

- For CephFS, you can create up to 100 snapshots per PVC.
- For RADOS Block Device (RBD), you can create up to 512 snapshots per PVC.



NOTE

Persistent Volume encryption now supports volume snapshots.

10.1. CREATING VOLUME SNAPSHOTS

You can create a volume snapshot either from the Persistent Volume Claim (PVC) page or the Volume Snapshots page.

Prerequisites

- For a consistent snapshot, the PVC should be in **Bound** state and not be in use. Ensure to stop all IO before taking the snapshot.



NOTE

OpenShift Data Foundation only provides crash consistency for a volume snapshot of a PVC if a pod is using it. For application consistency, be sure to first tear down a running pod to ensure consistent snapshots or use any quiesce mechanism provided by the application to ensure it.

Procedure

From the Persistent Volume Claims page

1. Click **Storage → Persistent Volume Claims** from the OpenShift Web Console.
2. To create a volume snapshot, do one of the following:
 - Beside the desired PVC, click Action menu (⋮) → **Create Snapshot**.
 - Click on the PVC for which you want to create the snapshot and click **Actions → Create Snapshot**.
3. Enter a **Name** for the volume snapshot.
4. Choose the **Snapshot Class** from the drop-down list.

5. Click **Create**. You will be redirected to the Details page of the volume snapshot that is created.

From the Volume Snapshots page

1. Click **Storage → Volume Snapshots** from the OpenShift Web Console.
2. In the **Volume Snapshots** page, click **Create Volume Snapshot**
3. Choose the required **Project** from the drop-down list.
4. Choose the **Persistent Volume Claim** from the drop-down list.
5. Enter a **Name** for the snapshot.
6. Choose the **Snapshot Class** from the drop-down list.
7. Click **Create**. You will be redirected to the Details page of the volume snapshot that is created.

Verification steps

- Go to the **Details** page of the PVC and click the **Volume Snapshots** tab to see the list of volume snapshots. Verify that the new volume snapshot is listed.
- Click **Storage → Volume Snapshots** from the OpenShift Web Console. Verify that the new volume snapshot is listed.
- Wait for the volume snapshot to be in **Ready** state.

10.2. RESTORING VOLUME SNAPSHOTS

When you restore a volume snapshot, a new Persistent Volume Claim (PVC) gets created. The restored PVC is independent of the volume snapshot and the parent PVC.

You can restore a volume snapshot from either the Persistent Volume Claim page or the Volume Snapshots page.

Procedure

From the Persistent Volume Claims page

You can restore volume snapshot from the Persistent Volume Claims page only if the parent PVC is present.

1. Click **Storage → Persistent Volume Claims** from the OpenShift Web Console.
2. Click on the PVC name with the volume snapshot to restore a volume snapshot as a new PVC.
3. In the **Volume Snapshots** tab, click the Action menu (⋮) next to the volume snapshot you want to restore.
4. Click **Restore as new PVC**.
5. Enter a name for the new PVC.

6. Select the **Storage Class** name.



NOTE

For Rados Block Device (RBD), you must select a storage class with the same pool as that of the parent PVC. Restoring the snapshot of an encrypted PVC using a storage class where encryption is not enabled and vice versa is not supported.

7. Select the **Access Mode** of your choice.



IMPORTANT

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8. Optional: For RBD, select **Volume mode**.
9. Click **Restore**. You are redirected to the new PVC details page.

From the Volume Snapshots page

1. Click **Storage → Volume Snapshots** from the OpenShift Web Console.
2. In the **Volume Snapshots** tab, click the Action menu (:) next to the volume snapshot you want to restore.
3. Click **Restore as new PVC**.
4. Enter a name for the new PVC.
5. Select the **Storage Class** name.



NOTE

For Rados Block Device (RBD), you must select a storage class with the same pool as that of the parent PVC. Restoring the snapshot of an encrypted PVC using a storage class where encryption is not enabled and vice versa is not supported.

6. Select the **Access Mode** of your choice.



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7. Optional: For RBD, select **Volume mode**.
8. Click **Restore**. You are redirected to the new PVC details page.

Verification steps

- Click **Storage → Persistent Volume Claims** from the OpenShift Web Console and confirm that the new PVC is listed in the **Persistent Volume Claims** page.
- Wait for the new PVC to reach **Bound** state.

10.3. DELETING VOLUME SNAPSHOTS

Prerequisites

- For deleting a volume snapshot, the volume snapshot class which is used in that particular volume snapshot should be present.

Procedure

From Persistent Volume Claims page

1. Click **Storage → Persistent Volume Claims** from the OpenShift Web Console.
2. Click on the PVC name which has the volume snapshot that needs to be deleted.
3. In the **Volume Snapshots** tab, beside the desired volume snapshot, click Action menu (⋮) → **Delete Volume Snapshot**

From Volume Snapshots page

1. Click **Storage → Volume Snapshots** from the OpenShift Web Console.
2. In the **Volume Snapshots** page, beside the desired volume snapshot click Action menu (⋮) → **Delete Volume Snapshot**

Verification steps

- Ensure that the deleted volume snapshot is not present in the **Volume Snapshots** tab of the PVC details page.

- Click **Storage** → **Volume Snapshots** and ensure that the deleted volume snapshot is not listed.

CHAPTER 11. VOLUME CLONING

A clone is a duplicate of an existing storage volume that is used as any standard volume. You create a clone of a volume to make a point in time copy of the data. A persistent volume claim (PVC) cannot be cloned with a different size. You can create up to 512 clones per PVC for both CephFS and RADOS Block Device (RBD).

11.1. CREATING A CLONE

Prerequisites

- Source PVC must be in **Bound** state and must not be in use.

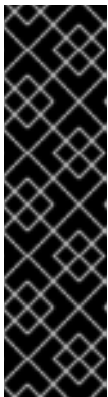


NOTE

Do not create a clone of a PVC if a Pod is using it. Doing so might cause data corruption because the PVC is not quiesced (paused).

Procedure

1. Click **Storage → Persistent Volume Claims** from the OpenShift Web Console.
2. To create a clone, do one of the following:
 - Beside the desired PVC, click Action menu (⋮) → **Clone PVC**.
 - Click on the PVC that you want to clone and click **Actions → Clone PVC**.
3. Enter a **Name** for the clone.
4. Select the access mode of your choice.



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5. Click **Clone**. You are redirected to the new PVC details page.
6. Wait for the cloned PVC status to become **Bound**.
The cloned PVC is now available to be consumed by the pods. This cloned PVC is independent of its dataSource PVC.

CHAPTER 12. MANAGING CONTAINER STORAGE INTERFACE (CSI) COMPONENT PLACEMENTS

Each cluster consists of a number of dedicated nodes such as **infra** and **storage** nodes. However, an **infra** node with a custom taint will not be able to use OpenShift Data Foundation Persistent Volume Claims (PVCs) on the node. So, if you want to use such nodes, you can set tolerations to bring up **csi-plugins** on the nodes. For more information, see <https://access.redhat.com/solutions/4827161>.

Procedure

1. Edit the configmap to add the toleration for the custom taint. Remember to save before exiting the editor.

```
$ oc edit configmap rook-ceph-operator-config -n openshift-storage
```

2. Display the **configmap** to check the added toleration.

```
$ oc get configmap rook-ceph-operator-config -n openshift-storage -o yaml
```

Example output of the added toleration for the taint, **nodetype=infra:NoSchedule** :

```
apiVersion: v1
data:
[...]
```

CSI_PLUGIN_TOLERATIONS: |

```
- key: nodetype
  operator: Equal
  value: infra
  effect: NoSchedule
- key: node.ocs.openshift.io/storage
  operator: Equal
  value: "true"
  effect: NoSchedule
[...]
```

```
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
[...]
```



NOTE

Ensure that all non-string values in the Tolerations **value** field has double quotation marks. For example, the values **true** which is of type boolean, and **1** which is of type int must be input as "true" and "1".

3. Restart the **rook-ceph-operator** if the **csi-cephfsplugin-*** and **csi-rbdplugin-*** pods fail to come up on their own on the infra nodes.

```
$ oc delete -n openshift-storage pod <name of the rook_ceph_operator pod>
```

Example :

```
$ oc delete -n openshift-storage pod rook-ceph-operator-5446f9b95b-jrn2j  
pod "rook-ceph-operator-5446f9b95b-jrn2j" deleted
```

Verification step

Verify that the **csi-cephfsplugin-*** and **csi-rbdplugin-*** pods are running on the **infra** nodes.

CHAPTER 13. CREATING EXPORTS USING NFS [TECHNOLOGY PREVIEW]

This section describes how to create exports using NFS that can then be accessed externally from the OpenShift cluster.



IMPORTANT

Using NFS to create exports is a Technology Preview feature. Technology Preview features are not supported with Red Hat production service level agreements (SLAs) and might not be functionally complete. Red Hat does not recommend using them in production. These features provide early access to upcoming product features, enabling customers to test functionality and provide feedback during the development process.

For more information, see [Technology Preview Features Support Scope](#).

Follow the instructions below to create exports and access them externally from the OpenShift Cluster:

- [Section 13.1, “Enabling the NFS feature”](#)
- [Section 13.2, “Creating NFS exports”](#)
- [Section 13.3, “Consuming NFS exports in-cluster”](#)
- [Section 13.4, “Consuming NFS exports externally from the OpenShift cluster”](#)

13.1. ENABLING THE NFS FEATURE

In order to use the NFS feature, it needs to be enabled in the cluster.

Prerequisites

- OpenShift Data Foundation is installed and running in the **openshift-storage** namespace.
- The OpenShift Data Foundation installation includes a CephFilesystem.

Procedure

Run the following commands to enable the NFS feature:

```
$ oc --namespace openshift-storage patch storageclusters.ocs.openshift.io ocs-storagecluster --type merge --patch '{"spec": {"nfs":{"enable": true}}}'
```

```
$ oc --namespace openshift-storage patch configmap rook-ceph-operator-config --type merge --patch '{"data":{"ROOK_CSI_ENABLE_NFS": "true"}}'
```

Verification steps

NFS installation and configuration is complete when the following conditions are met:

- The CephNFS resource named **ocs-storagecluster-cephnfs** has a status of **Ready**.
- Check all **csi-nfsplugin-*** pods are running:

```
oc -n openshift-storage describe cephnfs ocs-storagecluster-cephnfs
```

```
oc -n openshift-storage get pod | grep csi-nfsplugin
```

Output will be multiple pods. For example:

```
csi-nfsplugin-47qwq          2/2   Running   0   10s
csi-nfsplugin-77947         2/2   Running   0   10s
csi-nfsplugin-ct2pm         2/2   Running   0   10s
csi-nfsplugin-provisioner-f85b75fbb-2rm2w    2/2   Running   0   10s
csi-nfsplugin-provisioner-f85b75fbb-8nj5h    2/2   Running   0   10s
```

13.2. CREATING NFS EXPORTS

NFS exports are created by creating a Persistent Volume Claim (PVC) against the **ocs-storagecluster-ceph-nfs** StorageClass.

You can create NFS PVCs two ways:

Create NFS PVC using a yaml.

The following is an example PVC.



NOTE

volumeMode: Block will not work for NFS volumes.

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
  name: <desired_name>
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteOnce
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 1Gi
  storageClassName: ocs-storagecluster-ceph-nfs
```

<desired_name>

Specify a name for the PVC, for example, **my-nfs-export**.

The export is created once the PVC reaches the **Bound** state.

Create NFS PVCs from the OpenShift Container Platform web console.

Prerequisites

- Ensure that you are logged into the OpenShift Container Platform web console and the NFS feature is enabled for the storage cluster.

Procedure

1. In the OpenShift Web Console, click **Storage → Persistent Volume Claims**
2. Set the **Project** to **openshift-storage**.
3. Click **Create PersistentVolumeClaim**.
 - a. Specify **Storage Class**, **ocs-storagecluster-ceph-nfs**.
 - b. Specify the **PVC Name**, for example, **my-nfs-export**.
 - c. Select the required **Access Mode**.
 - d. Specify a **Size** as per application requirement.
 - e. Select **Volume mode** as **Filesystem**.
Note: **Block** mode is not supported for NFS PVCs
 - f. Click **Create** and wait until the PVC is in **Bound** status.

13.3. CONSUMING NFS EXPORTS IN-CLUSTER

Kubernetes application pods can consume NFS exports created by mounting a previously created PVC.

You can mount the PVC one of two ways:

Using a YAML:

Below is an example pod that uses the example PVC created in [Section 13.2, "Creating NFS exports"](#):

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: nfs-export-example
spec:
  containers:
    - name: web-server
      image: nginx
      volumeMounts:
        - name: nfs-export-pvc
          mountPath: /var/lib/www/html
  volumes:
    - name: nfs-export-pvc
      persistentVolumeClaim:
        claimName: <pvc_name>
      readOnly: false
```

<pvc_name>

Specify the PVC you have previously created, for example, **my-nfs-export**.

Using the OpenShift Container Platform web console.

Procedure

1. On the OpenShift Container Platform web console, navigate to **Workloads → Pods**.
2. Click **Create Pod** to create a new application pod.

- Under the **metadata** section add a name. For example, **nfs-export-example**, with **namespace** as **openshift-storage**.
- Under the **spec:** section, add **containers:** section with **image** and **volumeMounts** sections:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: nfs-export-example
  namespace: openshift-storage
spec:
  containers:
    - name: web-server
      image: nginx
      volumeMounts:
        - name: <volume_name>
          mountPath: /var/lib/www/html
```

For example:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: nfs-export-example
  namespace: openshift-storage
spec:
  containers:
    - name: web-server
      image: nginx
      volumeMounts:
        - name: nfs-export-pvc
          mountPath: /var/lib/www/html
```

- Under the **spec:** section, add **volumes:** section to add the NFS PVC as a volume for the application pod:

```
volumes:
  - name: <volume_name>
    persistentVolumeClaim:
      claimName: <pvc_name>
```

For example:

```
volumes:
  - name: nfs-export-pvc
    persistentVolumeClaim:
      claimName: my-nfs-export
```

13.4. CONSUMING NFS EXPORTS EXTERNALLY FROM THE OPENSIFT CLUSTER

NFS clients outside of the OpenShift cluster can mount NFS exports created by a previously-created PVC.

Procedure

1. After the **nfs** flag is enabled, single-server CephNFS is deployed by Rook. You need to fetch the value of the **ceph_nfs** field for the **nfs-ganesha** server to use in the next step:

```
$ oc get pods -n openshift-storage | grep rook-ceph-nfs
```

```
$ oc describe pod <name of the rook-ceph-nfs pod> | grep ceph_nfs
```

For example:

```
$ oc describe pod rook-ceph-nfs-ocs-storagecluster-cephnfs-a-7bb484b4bf-bbdhs | grep
ceph_nfs
ceph_nfs=my-nfs
```

2. Expose the NFS server outside of the OpenShift cluster by creating a Kubernetes LoadBalancer Service. The example below creates a LoadBalancer Service and references the NFS server created by OpenShift Data Foundation.

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Service
metadata:
  name: rook-ceph-nfs-ocs-storagecluster-cephnfs-load-balancer
  namespace: openshift-storage
spec:
  ports:
    - name: nfs
      port: 2049
  type: LoadBalancer
  externalTrafficPolicy: Local
  selector:
    app: rook-ceph-nfs
    ceph_nfs: <my-nfs>
  instance: a
```

Replace **<my-nfs>** with the value you got in step 1.

3. Collect connection information. The information external clients need to connect to an export comes from the Persistent Volume (PV) created for the PVC, and the status of the LoadBalancer Service created in the previous step.

a. Get the share path from the PV.

- i. Get the name of the PV associated with the NFS export's PVC:

```
$ oc get pvc <pvc_name> --output jsonpath='{.spec.volumeName}'
pvc-39c5c467-d9d3-4898-84f7-936ea52fd99d
```

Replace **<pvc_name>** with your own PVC name. For example:

```
oc get pvc pvc-39c5c467-d9d3-4898-84f7-936ea52fd99d --output
jsonpath='{.spec.volumeName}'
pvc-39c5c467-d9d3-4898-84f7-936ea52fd99d
```

- ii. Use the PV name obtained previously to get the NFS export's share path:

```
$ oc get pv pvc-39c5c467-d9d3-4898-84f7-936ea52fd99d --output  
jsonpath='{.spec.csi.volumeAttributes.share}'  
/0001-0011-openshift-storage-0000000000000001-ba9426ab-d61b-11ec-9ffd-  
0a580a800215
```

- b. Get an ingress address for the NFS server. A service's ingress status may have multiple addresses. Choose the one desired to use for external clients. In the example below, there is only a single address: the host name **ingress-id.somedomain.com**.

```
$ oc -n openshift-storage get service rook-ceph-nfs-ocs-storagecluster-cephnfs-load-  
balancer --output jsonpath='{.status.loadBalancer.ingress}'  
[{"hostname":"ingress-id.somedomain.com"}]
```

4. Connect the external client using the share path and ingress address from the previous steps. The following example mounts the export to the client's directory path **/export/mount/path**:

```
$ mount -t nfs4 -o proto=tcp ingress-id.somedomain.com:/0001-0011-openshift-storage-  
0000000000000001-ba9426ab-d61b-11ec-9ffd-0a580a800215 /export/mount/path
```

If this does not work immediately, it could be that the Kubernetes environment is still taking time to configure the network resources to allow ingress to the NFS server.