

**OPENSIFT
INSTALLATION
ON A SINGLE
VMWARE ESXI HOST**

E-BOOK

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OpenShift Installation on a single VMware ESXi Host

The following instructions document the installation procedure to install a complete Red Hat OpenShift 4.5.x cluster on a single VMware ESXi host machine

N.B. The standard Red Hat installation instructions for VMWare concentrate on a central vCenter server that manages the VMWare vSphere machines. This cannot be used.

The below instructions are a combination of a few installation procedures and utilises the Red Hat Bare metal installation instructions.

References:

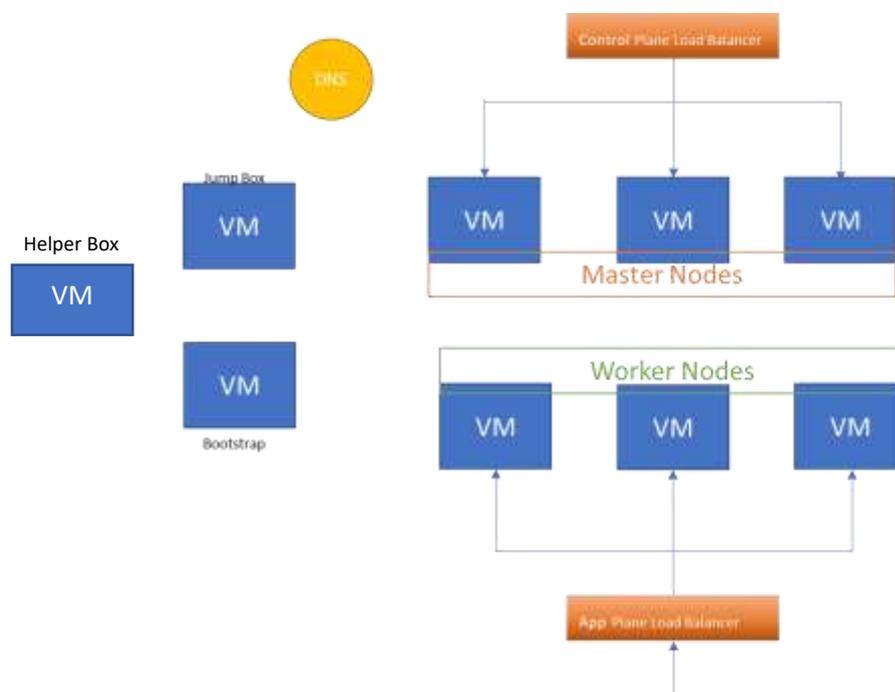
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Be0dRq0wjWE>
- <https://www.openshift.com/blog/openshift-4-bare-metal-install-quickstart>
- https://docs.openshift.com/container-platform/4.5/installing/installing_bare_metal/installing-bare-metal.html

Pre-requisites

- DNS Server
- Apache Web Server
- HAProxy
- VMWare ESXi

Architecture

The below image shows the overall architecture of an OpenShift environment



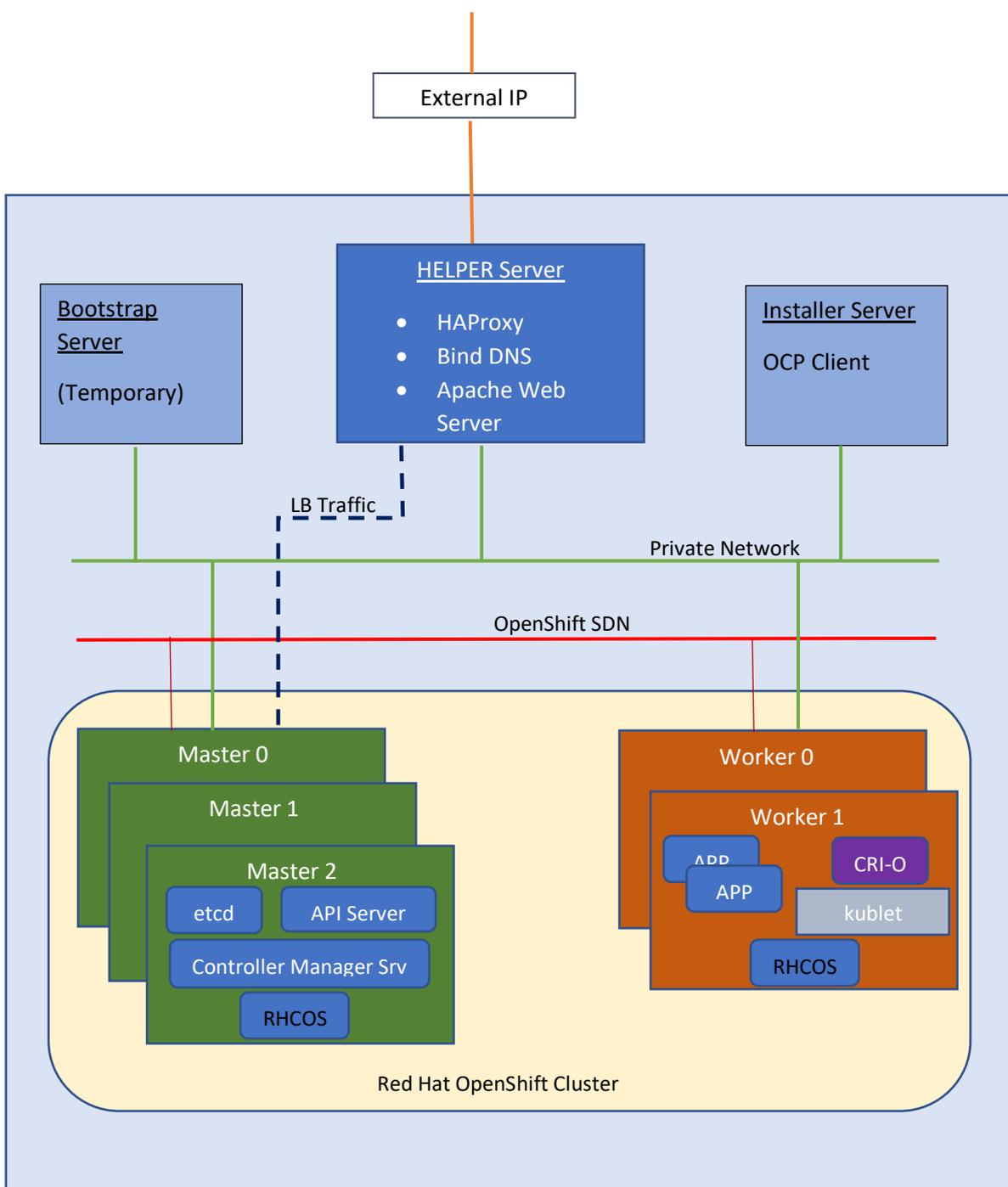
Solution Overview

The minimum requirement for an OpenShift cluster is 3 x master nodes and 2x worker nodes.

A temporary bootstrap server is required for the initial setup. This server contains the initial config for the master and worker nodes. Once the cluster is up and running, the bootstrap server can be removed.

In our solution, an installation server is used from which all the setup is run. A helper or bastion server is also required. This server houses the following components: - Bind DNS Server, Apache2 Webserver and HAProxy.

The below image shows our overall solution.



Domain Name = w3internal.com

Clustername = openshift4

VM Name	Hostname	Role	CPU	Ram	Storage	IP Address
bootstrap	bootstrap	OpenShift Bootstrap	4	16	120GB	192.168.1.210
openshiftInstaller	openshiftnstaller	Installer	1	4	16	192.168.1.211
Ubuntu_DNS_HAProxy	W3dnshaproxy	Bastion	1	4	16	192.168.1.200
Master0	Master0	OpenShift Control Plane	4	16	120	192.168.1.207
Master1	Master1	OpenShift Control Plane	4	16	120	192.168.1.202
Master2	Master2	OpenShift Control Plane	4	16	120	192.168.1.203
Worker0	Worker0	OpenShift Compute Node	2	8	120	192.168.1.204
Worker1	Worker1	OpenShift Compute Node	2	8	120	192.168.1.205

Gateway = 192.168.1.1

Required Software

- Ubuntu Server ISO
- openshift-client-linux.tar.gz
- openshift-install-linux.tar.gz
- rhcos-4.5.6-x86_64-metal.x86_64.raw.gz
- rhcos-installer.x86_64.iso

1. Setup DNS

Bind 9 is an open-source implementation of DNS. This DNS implementation will be installed on the “Helper Server” which is a vanilla install of Ubuntu 20.04.1 server.

With the Ubuntu VM running log in to the command prompt and do the following steps: -

1. update the apt package
`sudo apt-get update`
2. Install BIND
`sudo apt-get install bind9 bind9utils bind9-doc`
3. Configure options file
`sudo nano /etc/bind/named.conf.options`

Add the following lines below the “directory” directive

```
listen-on port 53 {localhost; 192.168.1.0/24;} ;
allow-query {localhost; 192.168.1.0/24} ;
forwarders {
0.0.0.0;
8.8.8.8;
};
recursions yes;
```

The resulting file should look something like:

```
s3aduln@s3dshaprowj1:/etc/default$ more /etc/bind/named.conf.options
options {
    directory "/var/cache/bind";

    // If there is a firewall between you and nameservers you want
    // to talk to, you may need to fix the firewall to allow multiple
    // ports to talk.  See http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/800113

    // If your ISP provided one or more IP addresses for stable
    // nameservers, you probably want to use them as forwarders.
    // Uncomment the following block, and insert the addresses replacing
    // the all-0's placeholder.

listen-on port 53 {localhost; 192.168.1.0/24;};
allow-query {localhost; 192.168.1.0/24;};
    forwarders {
        0.0.0.0;
        8.8.8.8;
    };
    recursion yes;

    //=====
    // If BIND logs error messages about the root key being expired,
    // you will need to update your keys.  See https://www.isc.org/bind-keys
    //=====
    dnssec-validation auto;

    //listen-on-v6 { any; };
};
```

4. Configure DNS Zones by editing named.conf.local file
`sudo nano /etc/bind/named.conf.local`

In this file we'll specify our forward and reverse DNS zones. All our domains will be in the "w3internal.com" subdomain. We'll use this for our forward zone and since our IPs are within the 192.168.1.0/24 IP space, we will set up our reverse zone so that we can define reverse lookups within that range.

Add the forward zone with the following lines

```
zone "w3internal.com" {
    type master;
    file "/etc/bind/zones/forward.w3internal.com"; # zone file
    path
};
```

Assuming that our private subnet is 192.168.1.0/24, add the reverse zone by with the following lines (note that our reverse zone name starts with "1.168.192" which is the octet reversal of "192.168.1")

```
zone "1.168.192.in-addr.arpa" {
    type master;
    file "/etc/bind/zones/reverse.w3internal.com"; #
    192.168.1.0/24 subnet
};
```

The resulting file should look like:

```
GNU nano 4.8 /etc/bind/named.conf.local
// Do any local configuration here
//
// Consider adding the 1918 zones here, if they are not used in your
// organization
//include "/etc/bind/zones.rfc1918";
zone "w3internal.com" {
type master;
file "/etc/bind/zones/forward.w3internal.com";
};

zone "openshift4.w3internal.com" {
type master;
file "/etc/bind/zones/forward.w3internal.com";
};

zone "1.168.192.in-addr.arpa" {
type master;
file "/etc/bind/zones/reverse.w3internal.com";
};
```

We now need to specify the forward and reverse zone files

5. Create forward zone file

The forward zone file is where we define DNS records for forward DNS lookups. That is, when the DNS receives a name query, "host1.openshift4.w3internal.com" for example, it will look in the forward zone file to resolve **host1**'s corresponding private IP address.

```
sudo mkdir /etc/bind/zones
```

```
sudo cp /etc/bind/db.local /etc/bind/zones/forward.w3internal.com
```

Edit the new document so it looks like:

```
GNU nano 4.8 forward.w3internal.com
;
; BIND data file for local loopback interface
;
$TTL      604800
@         IN      SOA     w3dnshaproxy.w3internal.com. root.w3internal.com. (
                    5      ; Serial
                    604800 ; Refresh
                    86400  ; Retry
                    2419200 ; Expire
                    604800 ) ; Negative Cache TTL
;
; name servers - NS records
IN       NS      w3dnshaproxy.w3internal.com.

; name servers - A records
w3dnshaproxy.w3internal.com. IN A 192.168.1.200

; 192.168.1.0/24 - A records

$ORIGIN openshift4.w3internal.com.
api      IN      A       192.168.1.200
api-int  IN      A       192.168.1.200
bootstrap IN    A       192.168.1.210
master0  IN      A       192.168.1.207
etcd-0   IN      A       192.168.1.207
master1  IN      A       192.168.1.202
etcd-1   IN      A       192.168.1.202
master2  IN      A       192.168.1.203
etcd-2   IN      A       192.168.1.203
worker0  IN      A       192.168.1.204
worker1  IN      A       192.168.1.205
worker3  IN      A       192.168.1.206
```

```

_etcd-server-ssl._tcp 86400 IN SRV 0 10 2380 etcd-0.openshift4.w3internal.com.
_etcd-server-ssl._tcp 86400 IN SRV 0 10 2380 etcd-1.openshift4.w3internal.com.
_etcd-server-ssl._tcp 86400 IN SRV 0 10 2380 etcd-2.openshift4.w3internal.com.

$ORIGIN apps.openshift4.w3internal.com.
* A 192.168.1.200

```

N.B Every time you edit a zone file, you need to increment the **serial** value before you restart the named process

6. Create reverse zone file

```
sudo cp /etc/bind/db.127 /etc/bind/zones/reverse.w3internal.com
```

Edit the file so that it looks like:

```

w3admin@w3dnshaproxy:/etc/bind/zones$ cat reverse.w3internal.com
;
; BIND reverse data file for local loopback interface
;
;$ORIGIN .
$TTL 604800
@ IN SOA w3dnshaproxy.w3internal.com. root.w3internal.com.
        6 ; Serial
        604800 ; Refresh
        86400 ; Retry
        2419200 ; Expire
        604800 ) ; Negative Cache TTL

; name servers - NS records
        IN NS w3dnshaproxy.w3internal.com.

; PTR Records
200 IN PTR w3dnshaproxy.w3internal.com. ; 192.168.1.200

200 PTR api.openshift4.w3internal.com.
    PTR api-int.openshift4.w3internal.com.
210 PTR bootstrap.openshift4.w3internal.com.
201 PTR master0.openshift4.w3internal.com.
202 PTR master1.openshift4.w3internal.com.
203 PTR master2.openshift4.w3internal.com.
204 PTR worker0.openshift4.w3internal.com.
205 PTR worker1.openshift4.w3internal.com.
206 PTR worker2.openshift4.w3internal.com.

```

7. Check the configuration

```
sudo named-checkconf
```

If there are no errors, the command prompt will return

```

sudo named-checkzone w3internal.com /etc/bind/forward.w3internal.com
sudo named-checkzone 1.168.192 /etc/bind/zones/reverse.w3internal.com

```

If there are no errors, then we can restart the BIND service

8. Start bind service

```

sudo systemctl restart bind9
sudo systemctl enable bind9

```

2. Setup HAProxy

As part of this solution, a load balancer is required for Kubernetes API server, both internal and external as well as for the OpenShift router.

In this deployment we will use HAProxy. This will be installed on the “helper ubuntu VM”.

1. Update sources list

```
sudo apt update
```

2. Install HAProxy

```
sudo apt install -y haproxy
```

3. Once installed, configure /etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg. We need to add port 6443 and 22623 to point to the bootstrap and master nodes. We also need to add ports 80 and 443 to point to the worker nodes. The resulting config should look like the below:

```
log /dev/log local0
log /dev/log local1 notice
chroot /var/lib/haproxy
stats socket /run/haproxy/admin.sock mode 660 level admin expose-fd listeners
stats timeout 30s
user haproxy
group haproxy
daemon

# Default SSL material locations
ca-base /etc/ssl/certs
crt-base /etc/ssl/private

# See: https://ssl-config.mozilla.org/#server=haproxy&server-version=2.0.3&conf=intermediate
ssl-default-bind-ciphers ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256:ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256:ECDHE-EC-
SA-AES256-GCM-SHA384:ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384:ECDHE-ECDSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305:ECDHE-RSA-CHACHA20-POL
Y1305:DHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256:DHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384
ssl-default-bind-ciphersuites TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256:TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384:TLS_CHACHA20_POL
Y1305_SHA256
ssl-default-bind-options ssl-min-ver TLSv1.2 no-tls-tickets

defaults
log global
mode http
option httplog
option dontlognull
option forwardfor except 127.0.0.0/8
timeout connect 5000
timeout client 50000
timeout server 50000
errorfile 400 /etc/haproxy/errors/400.http
errorfile 403 /etc/haproxy/errors/403.http
errorfile 408 /etc/haproxy/errors/408.http
errorfile 500 /etc/haproxy/errors/500.http
```

```
errorfile 502 /etc/haproxy/errors/502.http
errorfile 503 /etc/haproxy/errors/503.http
errorfile 504 /etc/haproxy/errors/504.http

listen stats
bind *:9000
mode http
stats enable
stats uri /
monitor-uri /healthz

frontend openshift-api-server
bind *:6443
default_backend openshift-api-server
mode tcp
option tcplog

backend openshift-api-server
balance source
mode tcp
server bootstrap 192.168.1.210:6443 check
server master0 192.168.1.207:6443 check
server master1 192.168.1.202:6443 check
server master2 192.168.1.203:6443 check

frontend machine-config-server
bind *:22623
default_backend machine-config-server
mode tcp
option tcplog

backend machine-config-server
balance source
mode tcp
server bootstrap 192.168.1.210:22623 check
server master0 192.168.1.207:22623 check
```

```

server master1 192.168.1.202:22623 check
server master2 192.168.1.203:22623 check

frontend ingress-http
bind *:80
default_backend ingress-http
mode tcp
option tcplog

backend ingress-http
balance source
mode tcp
server worker0 192.168.1.204:80 check
server worker1 192.168.1.205:80 check
server worker2 192.168.1.206:80 check

frontend ingress-https
bind *:443
default_backend ingress-https
mode tcp
option tcplog

backend ingress-https
balance source
mode tcp
server worker0 192.168.1.204:443 check
server worker1 192.168.1.205:443 check
server worker2 192.168.1.206:443 check

```

api.openshift4.w3internal.com
 api-int.openshift4.w3internal.com

6443, 22623



4. The HAProxy config can be tested by running the following:


```
haproxy -f /etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg -c -V
```
5. Restart HAProxy


```
Systemctl restart haproxy
Systemctl status haproxy
```



6. We have also enabled stats in the HAProxy configure. The stats can be viewed using the following link (<http://<load balancer public IP>/haproxy?stats>)

3. Setup WebServer

A webserver is also required to be setup for placing ignition configurations and installation images for Red Hat CoreOS. Webserver must be reached by bootstrap, master, and worker nodes during the install.

In this install we will use Apache. Log into the helper box / server

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt install apache2
```

1. Check to ensure the web server is running


```
sudo systemctl status apache2
```
2. Create the following directories
 - a.

```
mkdir -p /var/www/html/ignition
```
 - b.

```
mkdir -p /var/www/html/install
```
3. Create SSH Key

On the installer server, generate an SSH Key

```
ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 4096 -N '' -f ~/.ssh/id_rsa
```

- start the ssh-agent


```
eval "$(ssh-agent -s)"
```
- Add SSH key to the ssh-agent


```
ssh-add ~/.ssh/id_rsa
```

4. Setup OpenShift

In our installation of OpenShift we will be using static Ips. The following instructions are based on this. If DHCP is used, the instructions will be slightly different. Please refer to the red hat documentation.

1. Log onto the installer server and create a directory called openshift_install_dir

```
mkdir openshift_install_dir
```

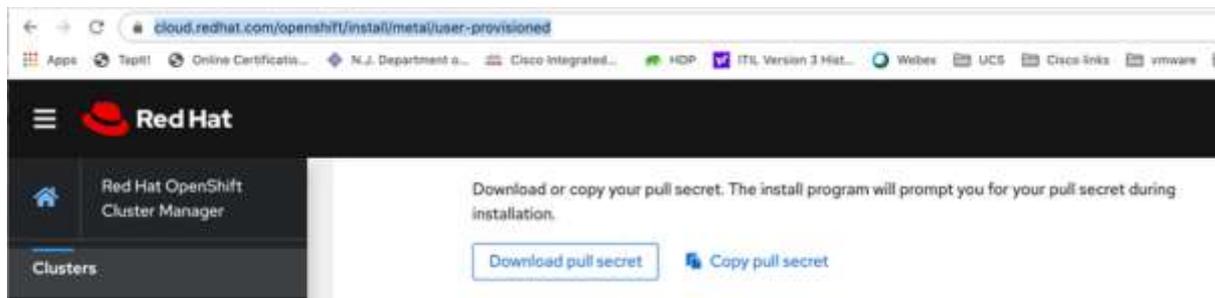
2. From within this directory unzip the contents of *openshift-install-linux.tar.gz* . this will result in the executable file *openshift-install.sh* to be present.
3. Unzip the command line binary *openshift-client-linux.tar.gz*, and place the *oc* binary into a directory that is in your path e.g */usr/local/bin*

```
w3admin@openshiftinstaller:~$ ls -l /usr/local/bin
total 76760
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 78599240 Oct  9 16:10 oc
```

Installation program requires pull secret. This pull secret allows you to authenticate with the services that are provided by the included authorities, including Quay.io, which serves the container images for OpenShift Container Platform components.

Without pull secret, installation will not continue. It will be specified in install config file.

4. Download the pull secret as a .txt file from the OpenShift Cluster Manager site. E.g.



5. Create the *install-config.yaml* from the given template. It should end up looking like: -

```
apiVersion: v1
baseDomain: w3internal.com 1
compute:
  - hyperthreading: Enabled 2 3
    name: worker
    replicas: 0 4
controlPlane:
  hyperthreading: Enabled 2 3
  name: master 3
  replicas: 3 5
metadata:
  name: openshift4 6
networking:
```

```

clusterNetworks:
- cidr: 10.128.0.0/14 7
  hostPrefix: 23 8
networkType: OpenShiftSDN
serviceNetwork: 9
- 172.30.0.0/16

platform:
  none: {} 10

fips: false 11

pullSecret: <PULL SECRET FROM FILE> 12

sshKey: <GENERATED SSH KEY> 13

```

where:

- 1 The base domain of the cluster. All DNS records must be sub-domains of this base and include the cluster name.
- 2 The `controlPlane` section is a single mapping, but the compute section is a sequence of mappings. To meet the requirements of the different data structures, the first line of the `compute` section must begin with a hyphen, `-`, and the first line of the `controlPlane` section must not. Although both sections currently define a single machine pool, it is possible that future versions of OpenShift Container Platform will support defining multiple compute pools during installation. Only one control plane pool is used
- 3 Whether to enable or disable simultaneous multithreading, or `hyperthreading`. By default, simultaneous multithreading is enabled to increase the performance of your machines' cores. You can disable it by setting the parameter value to `Disabled`. If you disable simultaneous multithreading in some cluster machines, you must disable it in all cluster machines.
- 4 You must set the value of the `replicas` parameter to `0`. This parameter controls the number of workers that the cluster creates and manages for you, which are functions that the cluster does not perform when you use user-provisioned infrastructure. You must manually deploy worker machines for the cluster to use before you finish installing OpenShift Container Platform.
- 5 The number of control plane machines that you add to the cluster. Because the cluster uses these values as the number of etcd endpoints in the cluster, the value must match the number of control plane machines that you deploy.
- 6 The cluster name that you specified in your DNS records.
- 7 A block of IP addresses from which Pod IP addresses are allocated. This block must not overlap with existing physical networks. These IP addresses are used for the Pod network. If you need to access the Pods from an external network, you must configure load balancers and routers to manage the traffic.
- 8 The subnet prefix length to assign to each individual node. For example, if `hostPrefix` is set to `23`, then each node is assigned a `/23` subnet out of the given `cidr`, which allows for $2^{(32 - 23)} - 2$

pod IPs addresses. If you are required to provide access to nodes from an external network, configure load balancers and routers to manage the traffic.

9 The IP address pool to use for service IP addresses. You can enter only one IP address pool. If you need to access the services from an external network, configure load balancers and routers to manage the traffic.

10 You must set the platform to `none`. You cannot provide additional platform configuration variables for bare metal infrastructure.

11 Whether to enable or disable FIPS mode. By default, FIPS mode is not enabled. If FIPS mode is enabled, the Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS (RHCOS) machines that OpenShift Container Platform runs on bypass the default Kubernetes cryptography suite and use the cryptography modules that are provided with RHCOS instead.

12 The pull secret that you obtained from the [Pull Secret](#) page on the Red Hat OpenShift Cluster Manager site. This pull secret allows you to authenticate with the services that are provided by the included authorities, including Quay.io, which serves the container images for OpenShift Container Platform components.

13 The public portion of the default SSH key for the `core` user in Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS (RHCOS).

N. B the `install-config.yaml` we are using is based on the bare metal install. The install config file will change slightly based on where the installation will take place. Refer to the red hat OpenShift install documentation for further examples.

6. Copy the `install-config.yaml` file to the `openshift_install_dir` on the installer server

N.B make a backup of this file, since the following commands will delete this file once completed.

7. Generate the Kubernetes manifests for the cluster

```
./openshift-install create manifests -- dir=/home/w3admin/openshift_install_dir
```

8. Modify the `<installation_directory>/manifests/cluster-scheduler-02-config.yml` Kubernetes manifest file to prevent Pods from being scheduled on the control plane machines:

- Open the `<installation_directory>/manifests/cluster-scheduler-02-config.yml` file.
- Locate the `mastersSchedulable` parameter and set its value to **False**.
- Save and exit the file.

9. Create the ignition files

```
./openshift-install create ignition-configs --dir=/home/w3admin/openshift_install_dir
```

The following files will be created

```
.
├── auth
│   ├── kubeadmin-password
│   └── kubeconfig
├── bootstrap.ign
├── master.ign
├── metadata.json
└── worker.ign
```

```
w3admin@openshiftinstaller:~/openshift_install_dir$ ls -l
total 359944
drwxr-x--- 2 w3admin w3admin    4096 Oct 14 10:29 auth
-rw-r----- 1 w3admin w3admin  298651 Oct 14 10:29 bootstrap.ign
-rw-r----- 1 w3admin w3admin    1830 Oct 14 10:29 master.ign
-rw-r----- 1 w3admin w3admin     108 Oct 14 10:29 metadata.json
-rwxr-xr-x 1 w3admin w3admin 368267264 Oct 14 10:21 openshift-install
-rw-r----- 1 w3admin w3admin    1830 Oct 14 10:29 worker.ign
w3admin@openshiftinstaller:~/openshift_install_dir$ █
```

10. Copy the *.ign files to the webserver in the folder /var/www/html/ignition e.g.

```
scp *.ign w3admin@192.168.1.200:/var/www/html/ignition
```

11. Copy the rhcos-4.5.6-x86_64-metal.x86_64.raw.gz to the webserver into folder /var/www/html/install

12. Copy the rhcos-installer.x86_64.iso to a directory on the installer server e.g., /home/w3admin/installer

The traditional way to create each required image (i.e., master 0, master 1, worker 0, worker 1 etc) is to boot the machine using the iso file and then add the required parameters to the kernel command line. However, we will customise the iso for each image that we want.

13. On the installer server:

```
a. mkdir rhcos-installer-modified
```

```
b. mkdir iso
```

```
w3admin@openshiftinstaller:~/installer$ ls -l
total 1328288
drwxrwxr-x 2 w3admin w3admin 4096 Oct 9 11:24 iso
-rwxr-xr-x 2 w3admin w3admin 78599240 Sep 16 16:27 kubect1
-rwxr-xr-x 2 w3admin w3admin 78599240 Sep 16 16:27 oc
-rw-rw-r-- 1 w3admin w3admin 25908982 Oct 9 16:08 openshift-client-linux.tar.gz
-rw-r--r-- 1 w3admin w3admin 92438128 Oct 9 16:01 openshift-install-linux.tar.gz
-rw-r--r-- 1 w3admin w3admin 954 Sep 16 16:27 README.md
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 92796928 Oct 13 12:02 rhcos-4.5.6-modified.iso
-rw-rw-r-- 1 w3admin w3admin 898463618 Oct 13 17:14 rhcos-4.5.6-x86_64-metal.x86_64.raw.gz
drwxrwxr-x 5 w3admin w3admin 4096 Oct 9 11:29 rhcos-installer-modified
-rw-rw-r-- 1 w3admin w3admin 93323264 Oct 9 11:04 rhcos-installer.x86_64.iso
drwxrwxr-x 2 w3admin w3admin 4096 Oct 9 12:53 test
```

c. `sudo mount -o loop rhcos-installer.x86_64.iso /home/w3admin/installer/iso`

d. `ls -l iso` ----- to check that it has been mounted

e. Now copy the file from the original iso to the modified directory

```
rsync -av iso/* rhcos-installer-modified/
```

f. change into the directory rhcos-installer-modified

```
cd isolinux
```

g. edit isolinux.cfg

Add the following lines to the file:

```
label master0
    menu label ^Install master0
    kernel /images/vmlinuz
    append initrd=/images/initramfs.img nomodeset rd.neednet=1
    coreos.inst=yes coreos.inst.install_dev=sda
    coreos.inst.image_url=http://192.168.1.200:81/install/rhcos-4.5.6-
    x86_64-metal.x86_64.raw.gz
    coreos.inst.ignition_url=http://192.168.1.200:81/ignition/master.ign
    ip=192.168.1.201::192.168.1.1:255.255.255.0:master0.openshift4.w3inte
    rnal.com:ens192:none nameserver=192.168.1.200

label master1
    menu label ^Install master1
    kernel /images/vmlinuz
    append initrd=/images/initramfs.img nomodeset rd.neednet=1
    coreos.inst=yes coreos.inst.install_dev=sda
    coreos.inst.image_url=http://192.168.1.200:81/install/rhcos-4.5.6-
    x86_64-metal.x86_64.raw.gz
    coreos.inst.ignition_url=http://192.168.1.200:81/ignition/master.ign
    ip=192.168.1.202::192.168.1.1:255.255.255.0:master1.openshift4.w3inte
    rnal.com:ens192:none nameserver=192.168.1.200

label master2
    menu label ^Install master2
    kernel /images/vmlinuz
    append initrd=/images/initramfs.img nomodeset rd.neednet=1
    coreos.inst=yes coreos.inst.install_dev=sda
    coreos.inst.image_url=http://192.168.1.200:81/install/rhcos-4.5.6-
```

```

x86_64-metal.x86_64.raw.gz
coreos.inst.ignition_url=http://192.168.1.200:81/ignition/master.ign
ip=192.168.1.203::192.168.1.1:255.255.255.0:master2.openshift4.w3int
ernal.com:ens192:none nameserver=192.168.1.200

    label worker0
        menu label ^Install worker0
            kernel /images/vmlinuz
            append initrd=/images/initramfs.img nomodeset rd.neednet=1
coreos.inst=yes coreos.inst.install_dev=sda
coreos.inst.image_url=http://192.168.1.200:81/install/rhcos-4.5.6-
x86_64-metal.x86_64.raw.gz
coreos.inst.ignition_url=http://192.168.1.200:81/ignition/worker.ign
ip=192.168.1.204::192.168.1.1:255.255.255.0:worker0.openshift4.w3int
ernal.com:ens192:none nameserver=192.168.1.200

    label worker1
        menu label ^Install worker1
            kernel /images/vmlinuz
            append initrd=/images/initramfs.img nomodeset rd.neednet=1
coreos.inst=yes coreos.inst.install_dev=sda
coreos.inst.image_url=http://192.168.1.200:81/install/rhcos-4.5.6-
x86_64-metal.x86_64.raw.gz
coreos.inst.ignition_url=http://192.168.1.200:81/ignition/worker.ign
ip=192.168.1.205::192.168.1.1:255.255.255.0:worker1.openshift4.w3int
ernal.com:ens192:none nameserver=192.168.1.200

```

14. Create the new ISO

```

sudo mkisofs -U -A rhcos-4.5.6-modified -V rhcos-4.5.6-modified -
volset rhcos-4.5.6-modified -J -joliet-long -r -v -T -x ./lost+found -o
~/installer/rhcos-4.5.6-modified.iso -b isolinux/isolinux.bin -c
isolinux/boot.cat -no-emul-boot -boot-load-size 4 -boot-info-table -
eltorito-alt-boot -e images/efiboot.img -no-emul-boot

```

N.B If not present, then install mkisofs onto the installer server

15. Test the new iso by running

```

sudo mount -o loop rhcos-4.5.6-modified.iso test

```

16. Enter the test directory and then “cat isolinux.cfg” file. You should see our new entries.

17. Unmount the iso

```

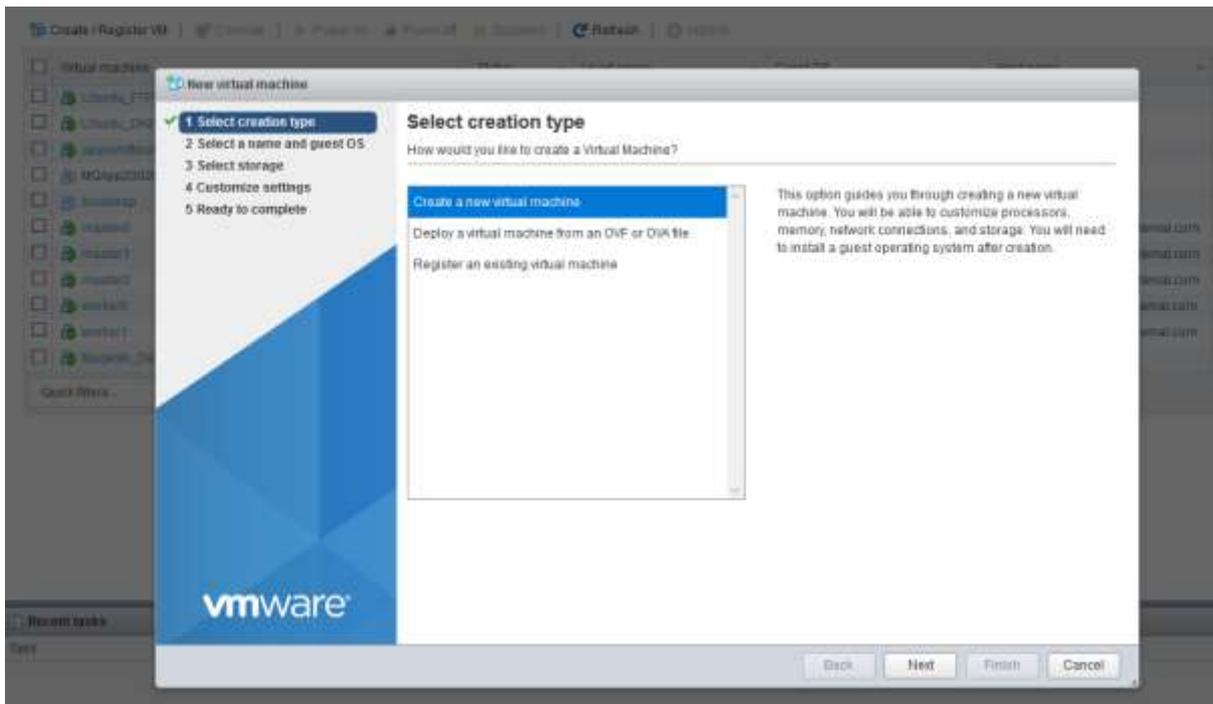
sudo umount test

```

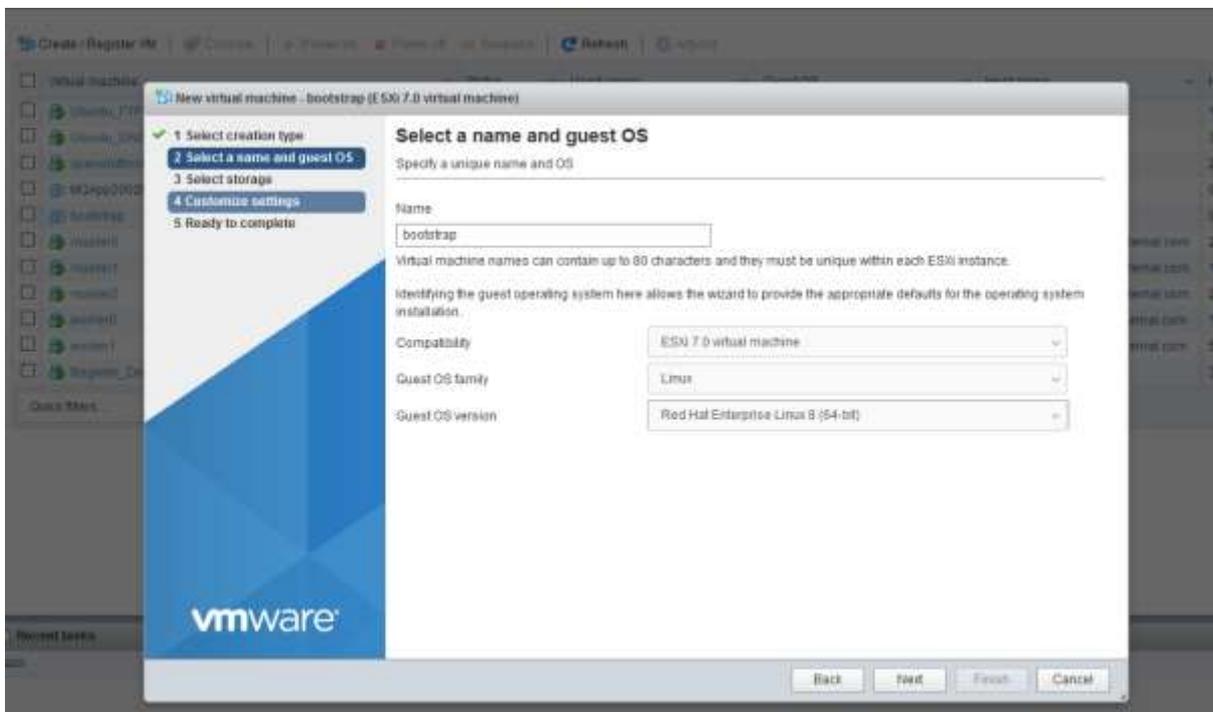
18. Now upload the newly created iso file to the ESXi datastore.

Creating VMs

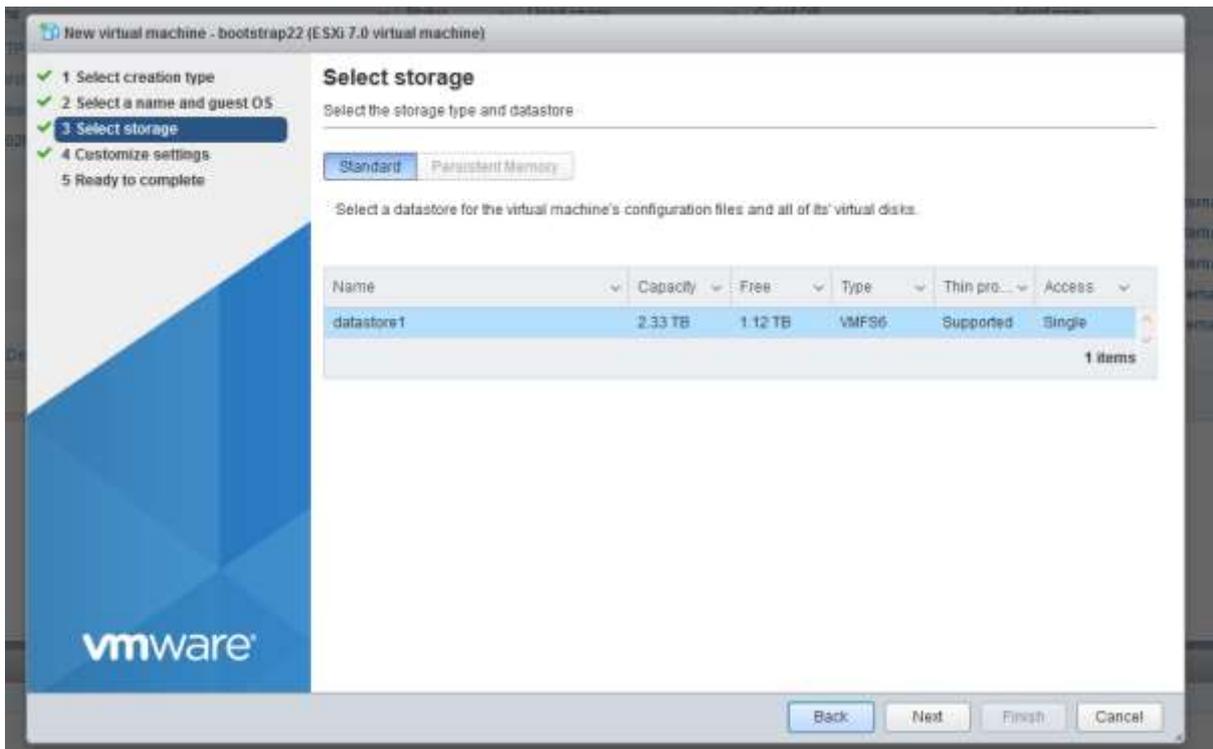
1. Create the required VMs (bootstrap, master0, master1, master 2, worker0, worker 1) by following the below instructions:
 - Select create new virtual machine



- Enter the VM name to be created and select the appropriate values



- Click next to Select Storage



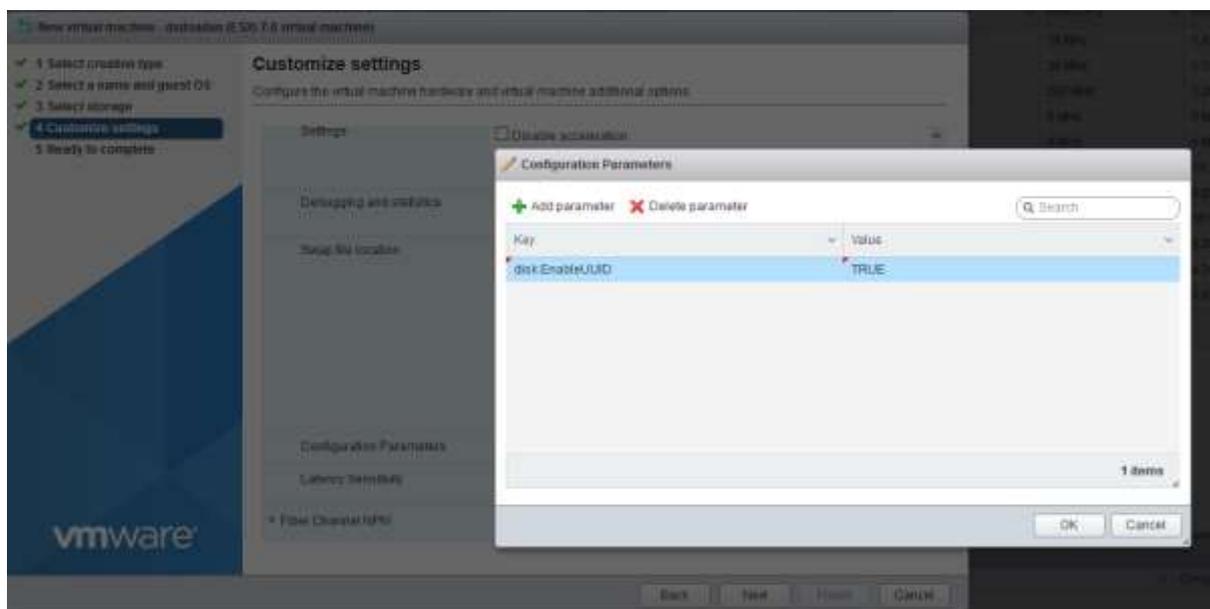
- On the customize settings screen
 - a. Enter the correct CPU, mem and hard disk size for the image you are creating (see table at beginning of doc)
 - b. Ensure the cd/dvd drive 1 option is pointing to the datastore iso file (the modified iso that we created)



- In the VM Options tab, ensure the following are set:
 - Boot options to BIOS



- Under Advanced -> config parameters
disk.EnableUUID = TRUE



- Complete the wizard and finish

Repeat the steps for the remaining VMs. Once done you should end up with the following:

Name	Status	Memory	OS	IP Address	RAM	Storage
bootstrap	Normal	128 GB	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 (84-bit)	VMN001	0.68 GiB	0 MB
master0	Normal	138 GB	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 (84-bit)	master0.openshift4.w3internal.com	2.5 GiB	18.11 GiB
master1	Normal	138 GB	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 (84-bit)	master1.openshift4.w3internal.com	1.4 GiB	9.33 GiB
master2	Normal	138 GB	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 (84-bit)	master2.openshift4.w3internal.com	2.5 GiB	10.54 GiB
worker0	Normal	128 GB	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 (84-bit)	worker0.openshift4.w3internal.com	5.6 GiB	3.05 GiB
worker1	Normal	128 GB	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 (84-bit)	worker1.openshift4.w3internal.com	980 MiB	4.34 GiB

2. Start the bootstrap VM. On start-up, you should be presented with a boot menu. Select the bootstrap option and press enter. The install of the bootstrap VM should start.
3. Start the bootstrap VM and repeat for the other VMs.

N.B. a few get errors will be seen initially. If the certificate is valid (see issues section below), the HAProxy will mark the server as up and then install will eventually proceed.

Configuration

1. Log onto the installer server and run

```
./openshift-install wait-for bootstrap-complete --log-level=info
```

N.B. this process can take some time

2. Once bootstrap process is finished, the bootstrap VM can be turned off
3. On installer node do

```
export KUBECONFIG=/home/w3admin/openshift_install_dir/auth/kubeconfig
```

4. Verify you can run oc commands successfully using the exported configuration:

```
$ oc whoami
system:admin
```

5. Confirm that the cluster recognizes the machines:

```
$ oc get nodes
```

```

system:admin
w3admin@openshiftinstaller:~/openshift_install_dir$ oc get nodes
NAME                                STATUS    ROLES    AGE   VERSION
master0.openshift4.w3internal.com   Ready    master   52m   v1.18.3+47c0e71
master1.openshift4.w3internal.com   Ready    master   37m   v1.18.3+47c0e71
master2.openshift4.w3internal.com   Ready    master   32m   v1.18.3+47c0e71
w3admin@openshiftinstaller:~/openshift_install_dir$

```

Review the pending certificate signing requests (CSRs) and ensure that the you see a client and server request with `Pending` or `Approved` status for each machine that you added to the cluster:

```
oc get csr
```

```

w3admin@openshiftinstaller:~/openshift_install_dir$ oc get csr
NAME    AGE    SIGNERNAME                                REQUESTOR                                CONDITION
csr-2m2c 17m    kubernetes.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet  system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstraptrapper  Pending
csr-2actt 17m    kubernetes.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet  system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstraptrapper  Pending
csr-4qgfr 40m    kubernetes.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet  system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstraptrapper  Approved, Issued
csr-cq4jg 34m    kubernetes.io/kubelet-serving                system:node:master2.openshift4.w3internal.com  Approved, Issued
csr-plxkl 34m    kubernetes.io/kubelet-serving                system:node:master0.openshift4.w3internal.com  Approved, Issued
csr-qv3w4 13m    kubernetes.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet  system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstraptrapper  Pending
csr-qv3w2 34m    kubernetes.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet  system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstraptrapper  Approved, Issued
csr-qv3w3 17m    kubernetes.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet  system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstraptrapper  Pending
csr-rf3ng 34m    kubernetes.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet  system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstraptrapper  Approved, Issued
csr-rj1n7 34m    kubernetes.io/kubelet-serving                system:node:master1.openshift4.w3internal.com  Approved, Issued
w3admin@openshiftinstaller:~/openshift_install_dir$

```



```
w3admin@openshiftinstaller:~/openshift_install_dir$ oc get co
NAME                                VERSION  AVAILABLE  PROGRESSING  DEGRADED  SINCE
authentication                       4.5.13   True       False        False     2m14s
cloud-credential                      4.5.13   True       False        False     84m
cluster-autoscaler                   4.5.13   True       False        False     44m
config-operator                       4.5.13   True       False        False     44m
console                              4.5.13   True       False        False     6m4s
csi-snapshot-controller              4.5.13   True       False        False     7m36s
dns                                   4.5.13   True       False        False     68m
etcd                                  4.5.13   True       False        False     50m
image-registry                       4.5.13   True       False        False     45m
ingress                              4.5.13   True       False        False     8m21s
insights                             4.5.13   True       False        False     45m
kube-apiserver                       4.5.13   True       False        False     49m
kube-controller-manager              4.5.13   True       False        False     68m
kube-scheduler                       4.5.13   True       False        False     68m
kube-storage-version-migrator        4.5.13   True       False        False     8m16s
machine-api                          4.5.13   True       False        False     45m
machine-approver                    4.5.13   True       False        False     48m
machine-config                      4.5.13   True       False        False     46m
marketplace                          4.5.13   True       False        False     45m
monitoring                           4.5.13   True       False        False     7m10s
network                              4.5.13   True       False        False     70m
node-tuning                          4.5.13   True       False        False     70m
openshift-apiserver                  4.5.13   True       False        False     45m
openshift-controller-manager         4.5.13   True       False        False     45m
openshift-samples                    4.5.13   True       False        False     44m
operator-lifecycle-manager           4.5.13   True       False        False     69m
operator-lifecycle-manager-catalog   4.5.13   True       False        False     69m
operator-lifecycle-manager-packageserver 4.5.13   True       False        False     45m
service-ca                           4.5.13   True       False        False     70m
storage                              4.5.13   True       False        False     45m
w3admin@openshiftinstaller:~/openshift_install_dir$
```

10. Check for any pending certificates again

```
oc get csr
```

```
w3admin@openshiftinstaller:~/openshift_install_dir$ oc get csr
NAME      AGE      REQUESTOR                                 REQUESTOR                                     CONDITION
csr-2b21c 32m     kubeletns.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrapper Approved, Issued
csr-2yctz 47m     kubeletns.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrapper Approved, Issued
csr-44519 17m     kubeletns.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrapper Approved, Issued
csr-6qfj9 67m     kubeletns.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrapper Approved, Issued
csr-6qfj9 54m     kubeletns.io/kubelet-serving             system:node:master2.openshift4.w3internal.com Approved, Issued
csr-cwrr7 13m     kubeletns.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrapper Approved, Issued
csr-fkz69 13m     kubeletns.io/kubelet-serving             system:node:worker1.openshift4.w3internal.com Pending
csr-f7xal 74m     kubeletns.io/kubelet-serving             system:node:master1.openshift4.w3internal.com Approved, Issued
csr-g79e6 72m     kubeletns.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrapper Approved, Issued
csr-gp683 74m     kubeletns.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrapper Approved, Issued
csr-cw91d 47m     kubeletns.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrapper Approved, Issued
csr-2f48q 54m     kubeletns.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrapper Approved, Issued
csr-c15d7 13m     kubeletns.io/kubelet-serving             system:node:worker1.openshift4.w3internal.com Pending
csr-z15d7 53m     kubeletns.io/kubelet-serving             system:node:master1.openshift4.w3internal.com Approved, Issued
w3admin@openshiftinstaller:~/openshift_install_dir$
```

11. Approve any pending csrs

```
w3admin@openshiftinstaller:~/openshift_install_dir$ oc get csr
certificatesigningrequest.certificates.k8s.io/csr-215d7 approved
certificatesigningrequest.certificates.k8s.io/csr-215d7 approved
w3admin@openshiftinstaller:~/openshift_install_dir$ oc get csr
NAME      AGE      REQUESTOR                                 REQUESTOR                                     CONDITION
csr-2b21c 34m     kubeletns.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrapper Approved, Issued
csr-2yctz 48m     kubeletns.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrapper Approved, Issued
csr-44519 19m     kubeletns.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrapper Approved, Issued
csr-6qfj9 69m     kubeletns.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrapper Approved, Issued
csr-cwrr7 15m     kubeletns.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrapper Approved, Issued
csr-fkz69 15m     kubeletns.io/kubelet-serving             system:node:master1.openshift4.w3internal.com Approved, Issued
csr-f7xal 76m     kubeletns.io/kubelet-serving             system:node:master1.openshift4.w3internal.com Approved, Issued
csr-g79e6 74m     kubeletns.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrapper Approved, Issued
csr-gp683 76m     kubeletns.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrapper Approved, Issued
csr-cw91d 49m     kubeletns.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrapper Approved, Issued
csr-2f48q 56m     kubeletns.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrapper Approved, Issued
csr-c15d7 14m     kubeletns.io/kubelet-serving             system:node:worker1.openshift4.w3internal.com Approved, Issued
csr-z15d7 55m     kubeletns.io/kubelet-serving             system:node:master1.openshift4.w3internal.com Approved, Issued
w3admin@openshiftinstaller:~/openshift_install_dir$
```

12. Once all certs have been approved, check the stats page. It should look like

N.B. In the above diagram worker 2 is red since it has not been configured in this install and bootstrap is red, since the VM has been disabled once the setup was complete. If 3 worker nodes are provisioned, then only 2 worker nodes at any one time will be up.

13. Run the `oc get node` command. This shows that workers have joined and are uploaded.

```
w3admin@openshiftnstaller:~/openshift_install_dir$ oc get node
NAME                                STATUS    ROLES    AGE     VERSION
master0.openshift4.w3internal.com    Ready    master   88m    v1.18.3+47c0e71
master1.openshift4.w3internal.com    Ready    master   73m    v1.18.3+47c0e71
master2.openshift4.w3internal.com    Ready    master   67m    v1.18.3+47c0e71
worker0.openshift4.w3internal.com    Ready    worker   26m    v1.18.3+47c0e71
worker1.openshift4.w3internal.com    Ready    worker   26m    v1.18.3+47c0e71
w3admin@openshiftnstaller:~/openshift_install_dir$
```

14. For a non-production environment, you might need to configure an image registry.

To verify that we have an image registry setup, run the following:

```
oc get pod -n openshift-image-registry
```

```
w3admin@openshiftnstaller:~/openshift_install_dir$ oc get pod -n openshift-image-registry
NAME                                READY    STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
cluster-image-registry-operator-75d6b9f9bf-nf7nc  2/2     Running   0           72m
node-ca-81jz6                               1/1     Running   0           70m
node-ca-m2lxw                               1/1     Running   0           36m
node-ca-scdpj                               1/1     Running   0           70m
node-ca-v2j89                               1/1     Running   0           36m
node-ca-xwjt1                               1/1     Running   0           70m
w3admin@openshiftnstaller:~/openshift_install_dir$ oc get clusteroperator image-registry
NAME           VERSION  AVAILABLE  PROGRESSING  DEGRADED  SINCE
image-registry 4.5.13   True       False        False     72m
```

After running this command, if the above is shown, then this step can be skipped

15. To complete and verify the installation,
 - a. check the cluster operator status

```
oc get clusteroperator
```

```
Every 5.0s: oc get clusteroperators
```

NAME	VERSION	AVAILABLE	PROGRESSING	DEGRADED	SINCE
authentication	4.5.13	True	False	False	32m
cloud-credential	4.5.13	True	False	False	115m
cluster-autoscaler	4.5.13	True	False	False	74m
config-operator	4.5.13	True	False	False	74m
console	4.5.13	True	False	False	36m
csi-snapshot-controller	4.5.13	True	False	False	37m
dns	4.5.13	True	False	False	99m
etcd	4.5.13	True	False	False	81m
image-registry	4.5.13	True	False	False	76m
ingress	4.5.13	True	False	False	38m
insights	4.5.13	True	False	False	75m
kube-apiserver	4.5.13	True	False	False	79m
kube-controller-manager	4.5.13	True	False	False	98m
kube-scheduler	4.5.13	True	False	False	98m
kube-storage-version-migrator	4.5.13	True	False	False	38m
machine-api	4.5.13	True	False	False	76m
machine-approver	4.5.13	True	False	False	78m
machine-config	4.5.13	True	False	False	76m
marketplace	4.5.13	True	False	False	75m
monitoring	4.5.13	True	False	False	37m
network	4.5.13	True	False	False	101m
node-tuning	4.5.13	True	False	False	100m
openshift-apiserver	4.5.13	True	False	False	75m
openshift-controller-manager	4.5.13	True	False	False	76m
openshift-samples	4.5.13	True	False	False	74m
operator-lifecycle-manager	4.5.13	True	False	False	99m
operator-lifecycle-manager-catalog	4.5.13	True	False	False	99m
operator-lifecycle-manager-packageserver	4.5.13	True	False	False	75m
service-ca	4.5.13	True	False	False	100m
storage	4.5.13	True	False	False	76m

Everything should be available

- b. View a list of all Pods

```
oc get pods --all-namespaces
```

```
shawn@openshiftinstall1:~/openshift_install_dir$ oc get pods --all-namespaces
```

NAMESPACE	NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE
openshift-apiserver-operator	openshift-apiserver-operator-68474z37-dmsh	1/1	Running	0	116m
openshift-apiserver	apiserver-52b18775t-sbrct	1/1	Running	0	81m
openshift-apiserver	apiserver-52b18775t-qmtd	1/1	Running	0	81m
openshift-apiserver	apiserver-52b18775t-tdyng	1/1	Running	0	81m
openshift-authentication-operator	authentication-operator-962ff2b4b-c66at	1/1	Running	2	116m
openshift-authentication	auth-openshift-588ef1883-dmsh	1/1	Running	0	3m
openshift-authentication	auth-openshift-588ef1883-hapv	1/1	Running	0	3m
openshift-cloud-credential-operator	cloud-credential-operator-647f60680-lrpf	1/1	Running	0	76m
openshift-cluster-logging-operator	logging-approver-6cc5b9779-r7w3	2/2	Running	0	116m
openshift-cluster-node-tuning-operator	cluster-node-tuning-operator-64474884d-qw34	1/1	Running	0	116m
openshift-cluster-node-tuning-operator	tuned-8scfw	1/1	Running	0	101m
openshift-cluster-node-tuning-operator	tuned-8m88	1/1	Running	0	42m
openshift-cluster-node-tuning-operator	tuned-8qz8b	1/1	Running	0	42m
openshift-cluster-node-tuning-operator	tuned-8r98a	1/1	Running	0	42m
openshift-cluster-node-tuning-operator	tuned-82fa3	1/1	Running	0	42m
openshift-cluster-samples-operator	cluster-samples-operator-6f0cc446c-3p2h	2/2	Running	0	76m
openshift-cluster-storage-operator	cluster-storage-operator-74b9981c8-d8wq	1/1	Running	0	76m
openshift-cluster-storage-operator	csi-snapshot-controller-6d96cfc4-qwv2	1/1	Running	0	3m
openshift-cluster-storage-operator	csi-snapshot-controller-operator-60c6c1f7b-rxpm	1/1	Running	0	116m
openshift-cluster-version	cluster-version-operator-794ff2803-m4c2	1/1	Running	0	116m
openshift-config-operator	openshift-config-operator-1f5b6499-7j28a	1/1	Running	0	76m
openshift-console-operator	console-operator-657830697-act8a	1/1	Running	0	76m
openshift-console	console-60c544366-4713b	1/1	Running	0	81m
openshift-console	console-65f44366-86gpp	1/1	Running	0	81m
openshift-console	downloads-55f44f78-4f9q	1/1	Running	0	76m
openshift-console	downloads-55f44f78-act7a	1/1	Running	0	76m
openshift-controller-manager-operator	openshift-controller-manager-operator-379f3c8d8-qg8k	1/1	Running	2	116m
openshift-controller-manager	controller-manager-4gq8b	1/1	Running	0	76m
openshift-controller-manager	controller-manager-4w77b	1/1	Running	0	76m
openshift-controller-manager	controller-manager-49479	1/1	Running	0	76m
openshift-dns-operator	dns-operator-1d86f188-4wp4	2/2	Running	0	116m
openshift-dns	dns-default-78w2	3/3	Running	0	82m
openshift-dns	dns-default-4p4cc	3/3	Running	0	101m
openshift-dns	dns-default-8d495	3/3	Running	0	81m
openshift-dns	dns-default-8wars	3/3	Running	0	81m

16. kubectl password can be obtained from /auth/kubectl-password file on the installer server. Make a note of it. It will be required to log into the openshift GUI

17. Log into the OpenShift GUI:

<https://console-openshift-console.apps.openshift4.w3internal.com>

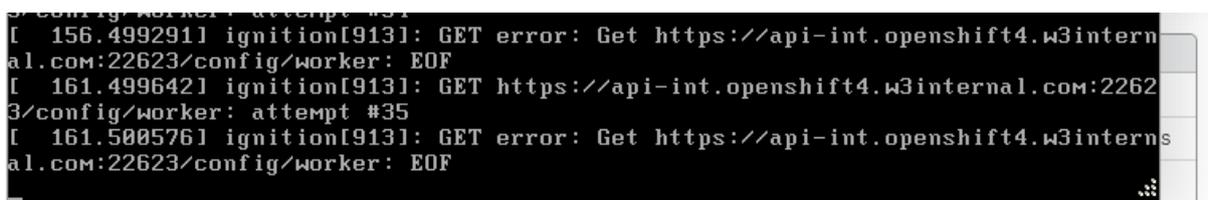
user: kubeadmin

pwd: see above step

Useful Information

- **INFO** To access the cluster as the system:admin user when using 'oc', run 'export KUBECONFIG=/home/w3admin/openshift_install_dir/auth/kubeconfig'
- When the ignition files are created, the OpenShift installer automatically generates certificates, which are used by the nodes. These certificates are only valid for 24hrs. If the install is not completed in this time, the master and worker nodes will through certificate errors in the logs and will not join the cluster. To fix this, recreate the ignition files and repeat the install instructions.
Certificate expiry can be seen by running

```
echo | openssl s_client -connect
api.openshift4.w3internal.com:6443 | openssl x509 -noout -text
```
- If re-installing then ensure that the complete directory structure is deleted, since the previous config is stored in a hidden file “.openshift_install_state.json”.



```
[ 156.499291] ignition[913]: GET error: Get https://api-int.openshift4.w3internal.com:22623/config/worker: EOF
[ 161.499642] ignition[913]: GET https://api-int.openshift4.w3internal.com:22623/config/worker: attempt #35
[ 161.500576] ignition[913]: GET error: Get https://api-int.openshift4.w3internal.com:22623/config/worker: EOF
```

Appendices

Appendix A – Configuration YAML files

install-config.yaml

```
apiVersion: v1
baseDomain: w3internal.com
compute:
  - hyperthreading: Enabled
    name: worker
    replicas: 0
controlPlane:
  hyperthreading: Enabled
```

```
name: master
replicas: 3
metadata:
  name: openshift4
networking:
  clusterNetworks:
    - cidr: 10.128.0.0/14
      hostPrefix: 23
  networkType: OpenShiftSDN
  serviceNetwork:
    - 172.30.0.0/16
platform:
  none: {}
fips: false
pullSecret: <PULL SECRET>
sshKey: <SSH KEY>
```