

OPENSIFT INSTALLATION ON A SINGLE VMWARE ESXI HOST

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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:

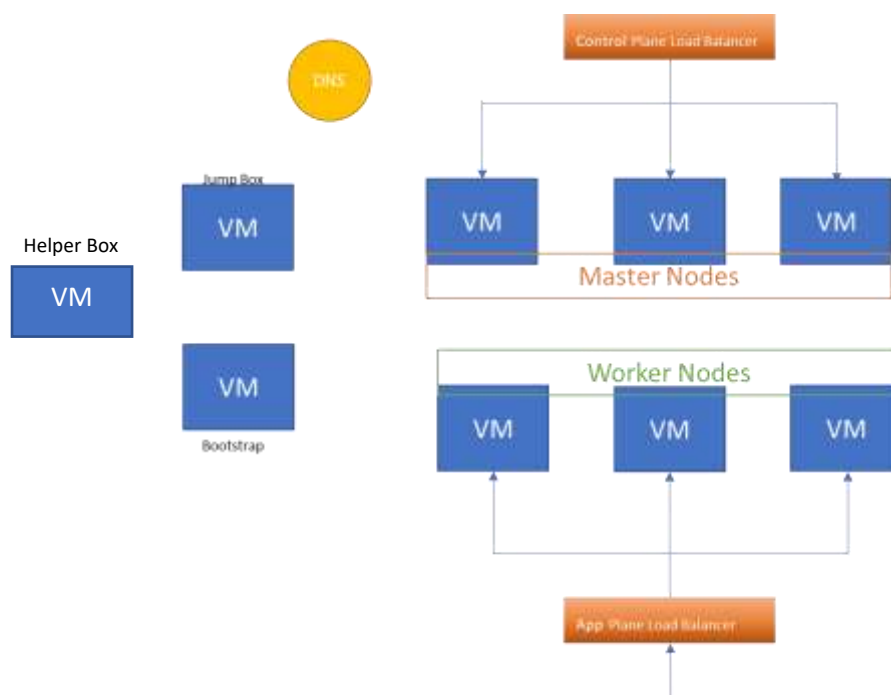
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BeOdRq0wjWE>
- <https://www.openshift.com/blog/openshift-4-bare-metal-install-quickstart>
- https://docs.openshift.com/container-platform/4.5/installing/installing_bare_metal/installing-bare-metal.html

Pre-requisites

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

Architecture

The below image shows the overall architecture of an OpenShift environment



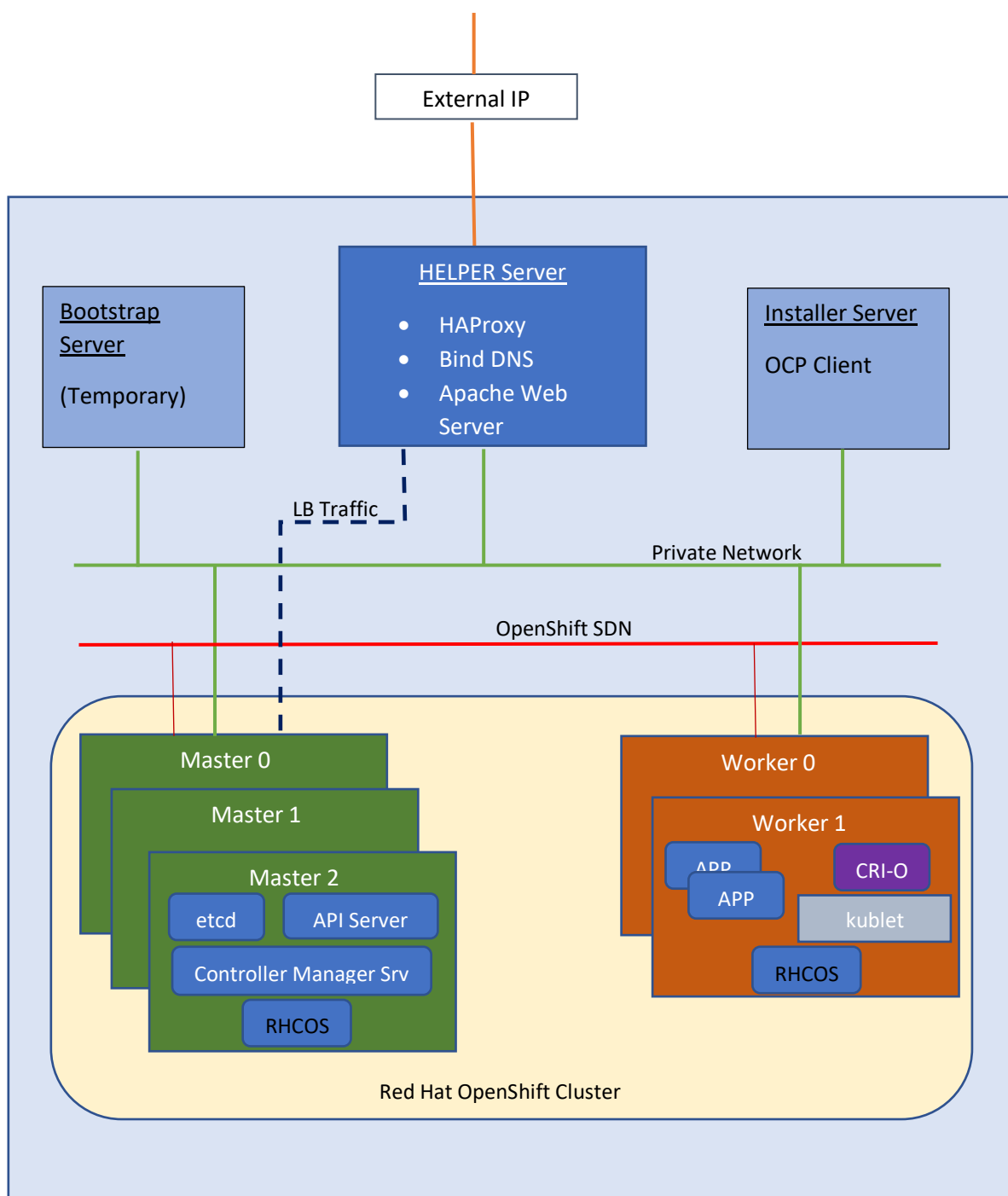
Solution Overview

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	openshiftinstaller	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:

```

ssad@ubuntu:~/sshproxy/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 http://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&config=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-P-
    LY1305: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_P-
    LY1305_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

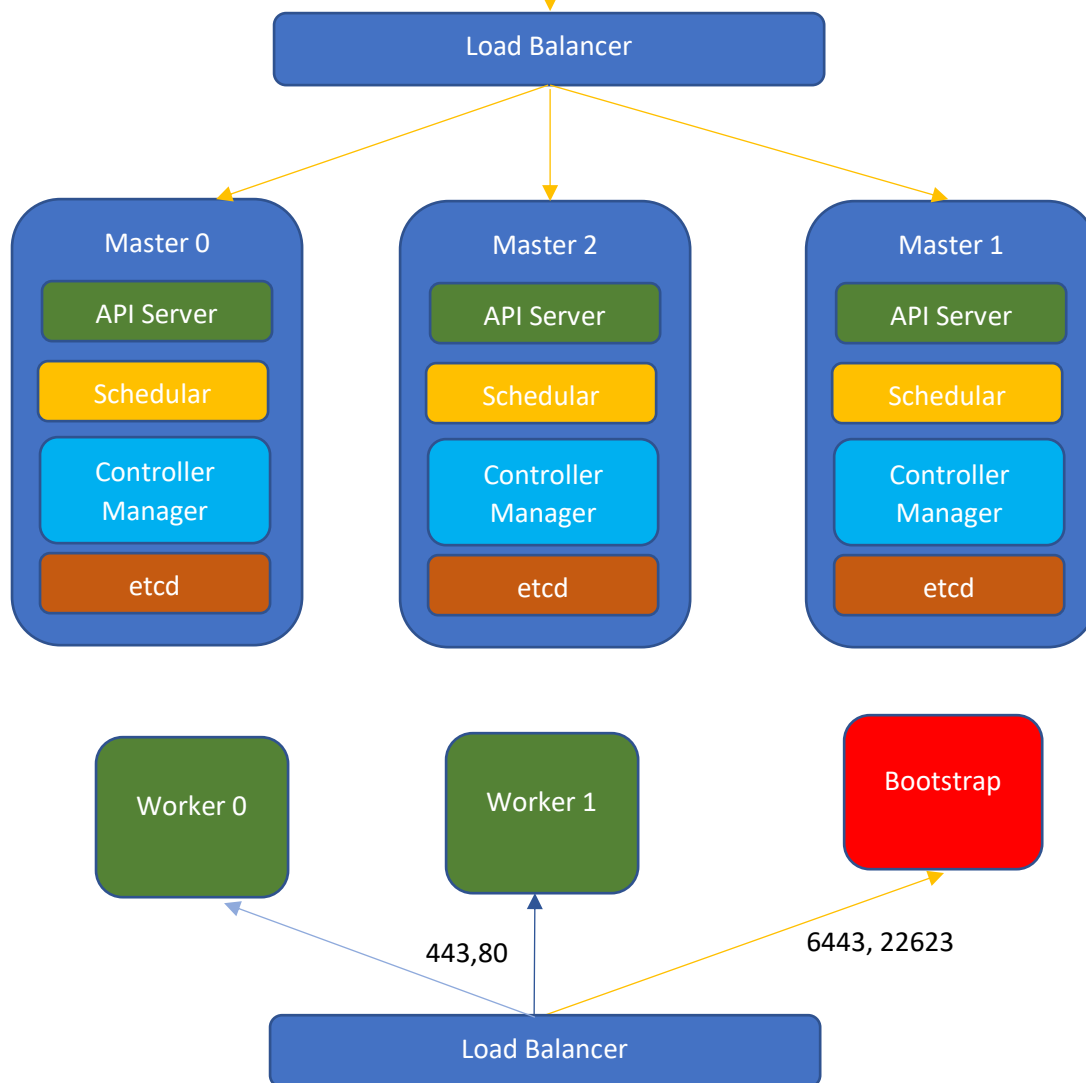
frontend ingress-https
bind *:443
default_backend ingress-https
mode tcp
option tcplog

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

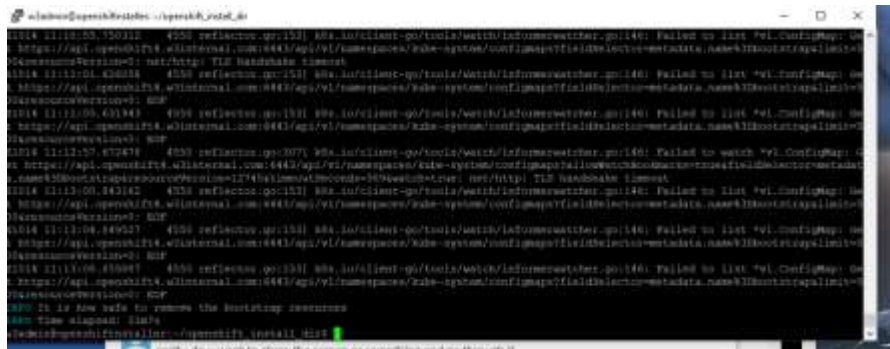
```

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
```

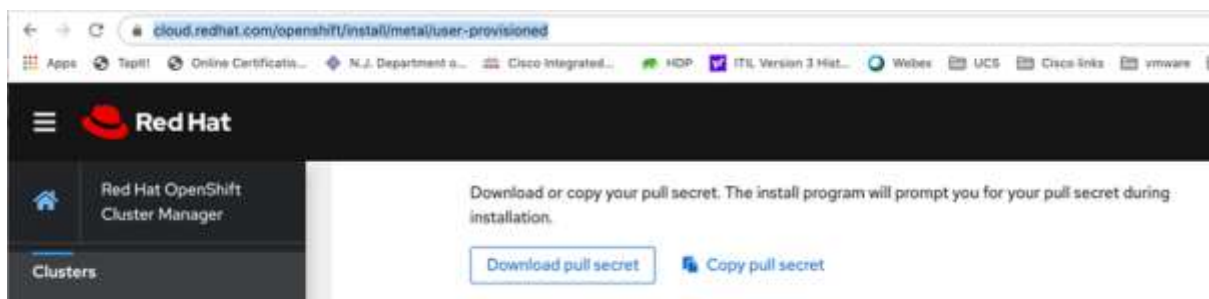
2. From within this directory unzip the contents of *openshift-install-linux.tar.gz* . this will result in the executable file *openshift-install.sh* to be present.
3. Unzip the command line binary *openshift-client-linux.tar.gz*, and place the *oc* binary into a directory that is in your path e.g */usr/local/bin*

```
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 $510 (2^{(32 - 23)} - 2)$

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-r--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.w3inte
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.w3inte
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.

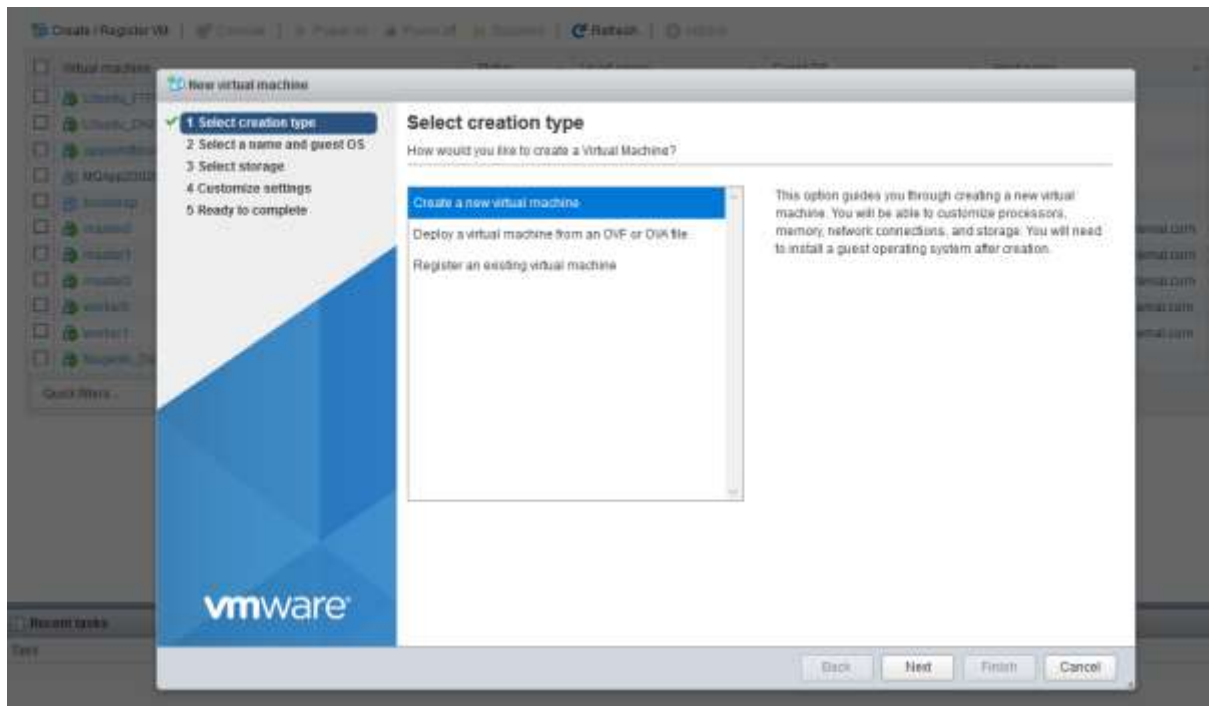
17. Unmount the iso

```
sudo umount test
```

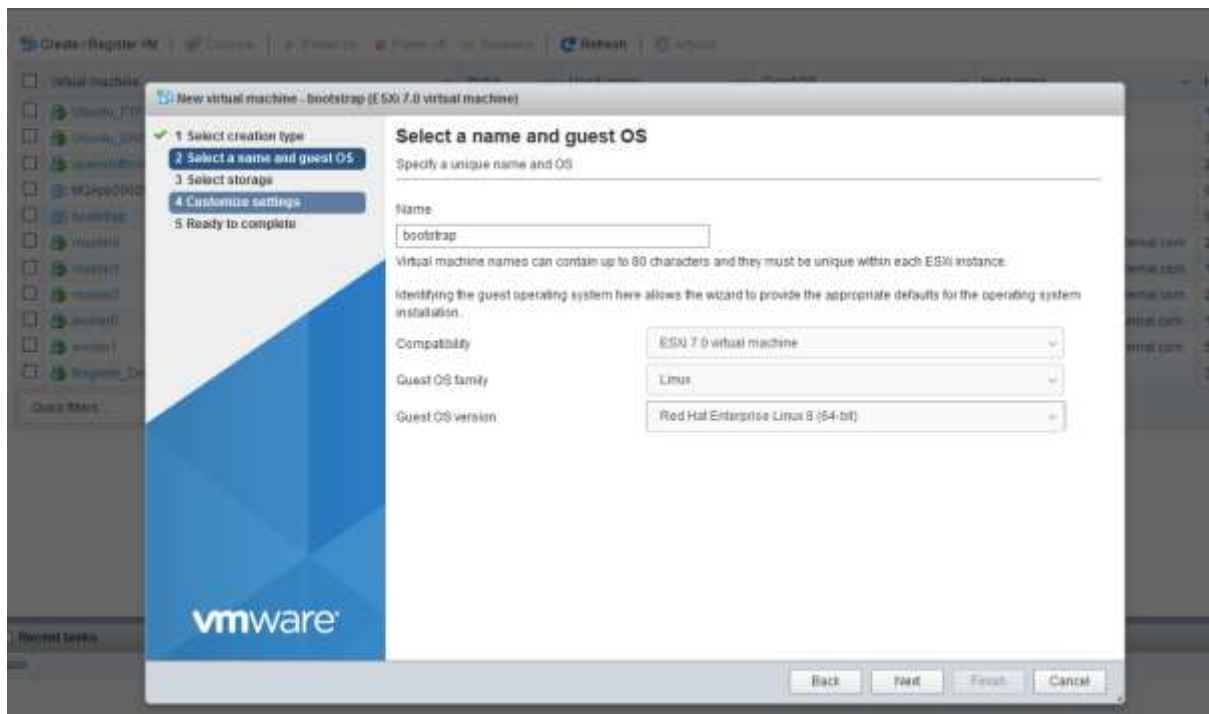
18. Now upload the newly created iso file to the ESXi datastore.

Creating VMs

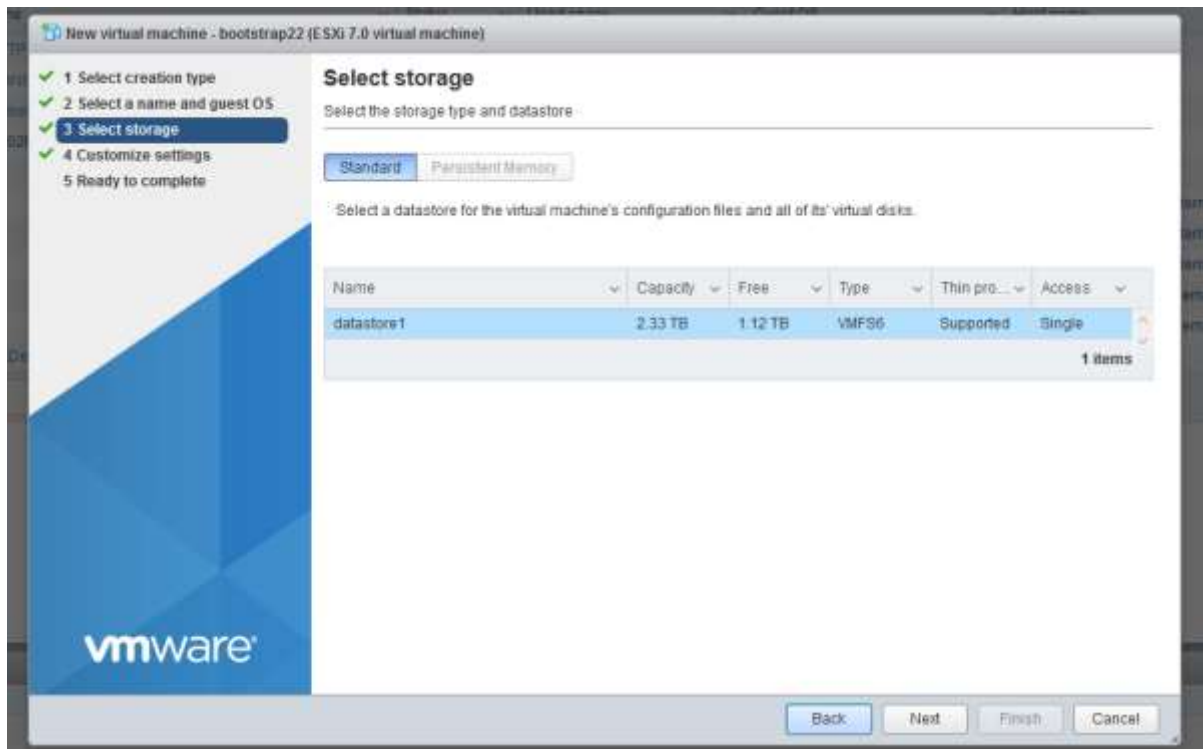
1. Create the required VMs (bootstrap, master0, master1, master 2, worker0, worker 1) by following the below instructions:
 - Select create new virtual machine



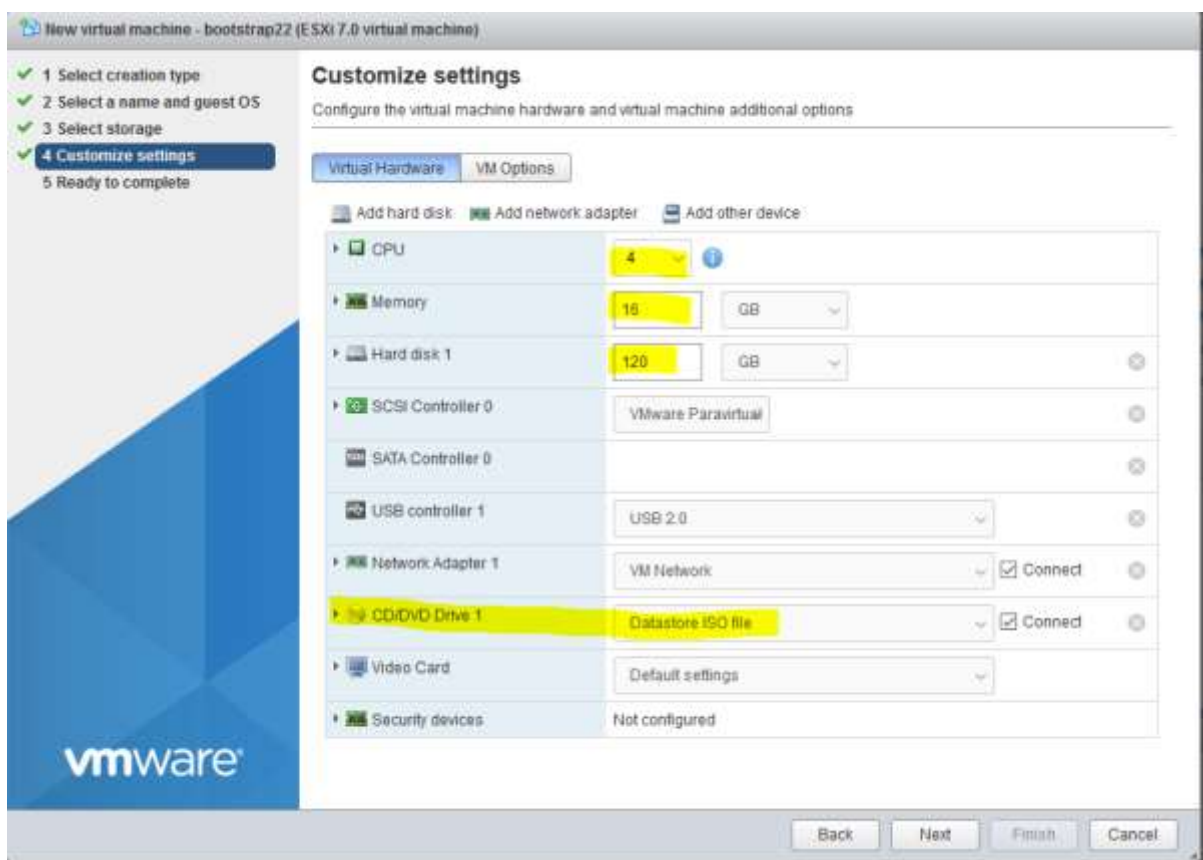
- Enter the VM name to be created and select the appropriate values



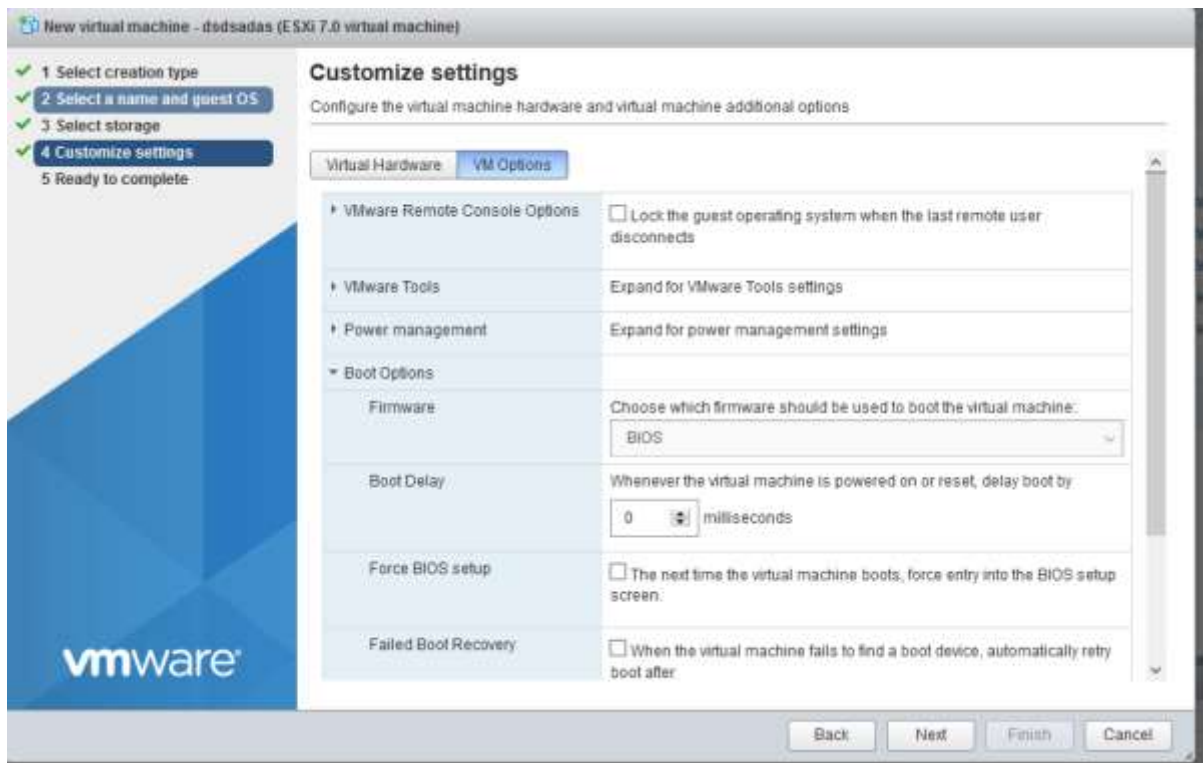
- Click next to Select Storage



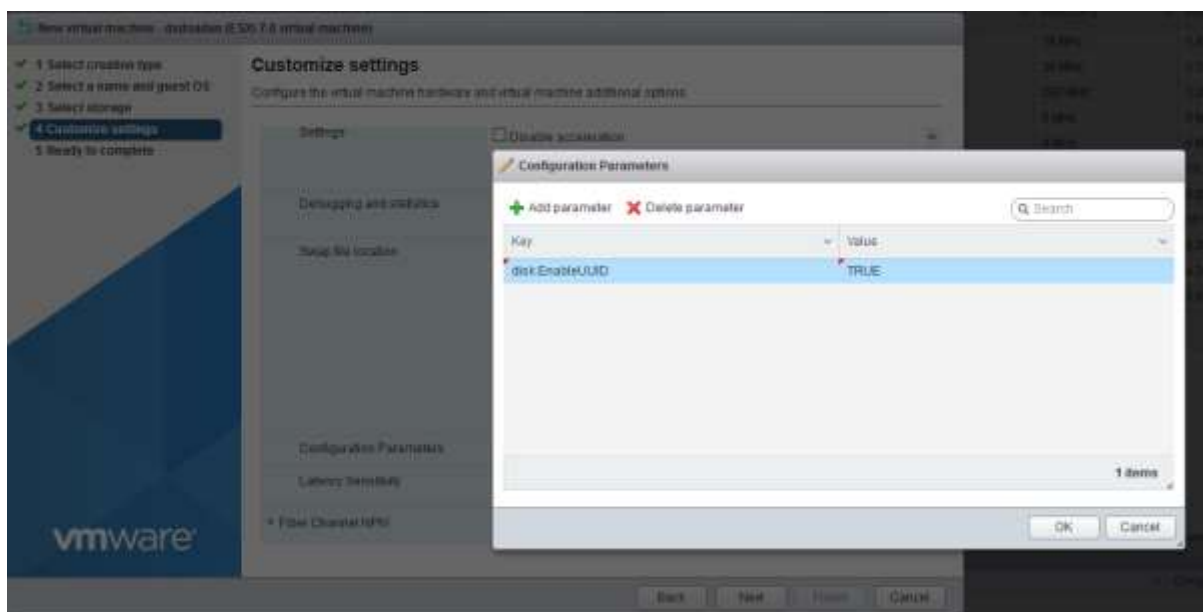
- On the customize settings screen
 - a. Enter the correct CPU, mem and hard disk size for the image you are creating (see table at beginning of doc)
 - b. Ensure the cd/dvd drive 1 option is pointing to the datastore iso file (the modified iso that we created)



- 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:

<input type="checkbox"/>	bootstrap	Normal	128 GB	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 (84-00)	Unknown	0.00-0	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	master0	Normal	136 GB	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 (84-00)	master0.openshift4.w3internal.com	2.5 GHz	10.11 GB
<input type="checkbox"/>	master1	Normal	136 GB	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 (84-00)	master1.openshift4.w3internal.com	2.5 GHz	9.33 GB
<input type="checkbox"/>	master2	Normal	136 GB	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 (84-00)	master2.openshift4.w3internal.com	2.5 GHz	10.64 GB
<input type="checkbox"/>	worker0	Normal	128 GB	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 (84-00)	worker0.openshift4.w3internal.com	2.5 GHz	8.05 GB
<input type="checkbox"/>	worker1	Normal	128 GB	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 (84-00)	worker1.openshift4.w3internal.com	2.5 GHz	4.34 GB

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-2b2c  12m    kubernetes.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet  system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrappper  Pending
csr-2act  27m    kubernetes.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet  system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrappper  Pending
csr-4ggr  40m    kubernetes.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet  system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrappper  Approved, Issued
csr-cg4g  34m    kubernetes.io/kubelet-serving                system:node:master2.openshift4.w3internal.com  Approved, Issued
csr-plxk  34m    kubernetes.io/kubelet-serving                system:node:master0.openshift4.w3internal.com  Approved, Issued
csr-p3u6  13m    kubernetes.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet  system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrappper  Pending
csr-qv92  34m    kubernetes.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet  system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrappper  Approved, Issued
csr-rw9d  37m    kubernetes.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet  system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrappper  Pending
csr-r3bg  34m    kubernetes.io/kube-apiserver-client-kubelet  system:serviceaccount:openshift-machine-config-operator:node-bootstrappper  Approved, Issued
csr-r3h7  33m    kubernetes.io/kubelet-serving                system:node:master1.openshift4.w3internal.com  Approved, Issued
w3admin@openshiftinstaller:~/openshift_install_dir$
```

6. To approve them individually, run the following command for each valid CSR:

```
$ oc adm certificate approve <csr_name>
```

To approve all pending CSRs, run the following command:

```
oc get csr -o go-template='{{range .items}}{{if not .status}}{{.metadata.name}}{{"\n"}}{{end}}{{end}}' | xargs oc adm certificate approve
```

N.B. Because the CSRs rotate automatically, approve your CSRs within an hour of adding the machines to the cluster. If you do not approve them within an hour, the certificates will rotate, and more than two certificates will be present for each node. You must approve all of these certificates. After you approve the initial CSRs, the subsequent node client CSRs are automatically approved by the cluster kube-controller-manager. You must implement a method of automatically approving the kubelet serving certificate requests.

7. On the installer server run

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

[illegible]

8. Wait for the install to finish.

N.B this can take some time to complete.

9. View the cluster operators by running

oc get co


```
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
```

NAME	AGE	#WORKNAME	REQUESTOR	CONDITION
car-202dc	32m	subnets.10/kube-api-server-client-kubelet	system:serviceaccount:kubernetes/kube-system:serviceaccount:kubernetes:node-bootstraptrapper	Approved, Issued
car-202ct	47m	subnets.10/kube-api-server-client-kubelet	system:serviceaccount:kubernetes/kube-system:serviceaccount:kubernetes:node-bootstraptrapper	Approved, Issued
car-44519	1m	subnets.10/kube-api-server-client-kubelet	system:serviceaccount:kubernetes/kube-system:serviceaccount:kubernetes:node-bootstraptrapper	Approved, Issued
car-469f7	61m	subnets.10/kube-api-server-client-kubelet	system:serviceaccount:kubernetes/kube-system:serviceaccount:kubernetes:node-bootstraptrapper	Approved, Issued
car-094j3	54m	subnets.10/kubelet-serving	system:node:mastert.0.openshift4.k8sinternal.com	Approved, Issued
car-cwv1	4m	subnets.10/kube-api-server-client-kubelet	system:serviceaccount:kubernetes/kube-system:serviceaccount:kubernetes:node-bootstraptrapper	Approved, Issued
car-h828b	13m	subnets.10/kubelet-serving	system:node:mastert.0.openshift4.k8sinternal.com	Pending
car-p7kx1	74m	subnets.10/kubelet-serving	system:node:mastert.0.openshift4.k8sinternal.com	Approved, Issued
car-p4w6	32m	subnets.10/kube-api-server-client-kubelet	system:serviceaccount:kubernetes/kube-system:serviceaccount:kubernetes:node-bootstraptrapper	Approved, Issued
car-qe43	74m	subnets.10/kube-api-server-client-kubelet	system:serviceaccount:kubernetes/kube-system:serviceaccount:kubernetes:node-bootstraptrapper	Approved, Issued
car-w0y4	61m	subnets.10/kube-api-server-client-kubelet	system:serviceaccount:kubernetes/kube-system:serviceaccount:kubernetes:node-bootstraptrapper	Approved, Issued
car-866q3	4m	subnets.10/kube-api-server-client-kubelet	system:serviceaccount:kubernetes/kube-system:serviceaccount:kubernetes:node-bootstraptrapper	Approved, Issued
car-3787	4m	subnets.10/kubelet-serving	system:node:mastert.0.openshift4.k8sinternal.com	Pending
car-2187	3m	subnets.10/kubelet-serving	system:node:mastert.0.openshift4.k8sinternal.com	Approved, Issued

11. Approve any pending csrs

[illegible]

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.

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

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

```
w3admin@openshiftinstaller:~/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@openshiftinstaller:~/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@openshiftinstaller:~/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@openshiftinstaller:~/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`

```
stamir@openshiftinstaller:/openshift_installer$ oc get pods --all-namespaces
```

NAMESPACE	NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE
openshift-apiserver-operator	openshift-apiserver-operator-864f74cd7-dmsh	1/1	Running	0	136m
openshift-apiserver	apiserver-52b197757-8bcr3	1/1	Running	0	82m
openshift-apiserver	apiserver-52b197757-qmtd3	1/1	Running	0	82m
openshift-apiserver	apiserver-52b197757-tdyqg	1/1	Running	0	82m
openshift-authentication-operator	authentication-operator-76d5f1b4b-c6d6d	1/1	Running	2	116m
openshift-authentication	auth-openshift-55b6f7883-dmsh	1/1	Running	0	39m
openshift-authentication	auth-openshift-55b6f7883-hapv	1/1	Running	0	39m
openshift-cloud-credential-operator	cloud-credential-operator-54f76068d-lrpg8	1/1	Running	0	76m
openshift-cluster-machine-approver	machine-approver-69c5b9779-p7wv1	2/2	Running	0	116m
openshift-cluster-node-tuning-operator	cluster-node-tuning-operator-66477488d-qw9w	1/1	Running	0	116m
openshift-cluster-node-tuning-operator	tuned-6scfw	1/1	Running	0	101m
openshift-cluster-node-tuning-operator	tuned-tmsh	1/1	Running	0	62m
openshift-cluster-node-tuning-operator	tuned-qprsh	1/1	Running	0	62m
openshift-cluster-node-tuning-operator	tuned-rv9w	1/1	Running	0	62m
openshift-cluster-node-tuning-operator	tuned-z2fx1	1/1	Running	0	62m
openshift-cluster-samples-operator	cluster-samples-operator-6fcd448c-2pbl	2/2	Running	0	76m
openshift-cluster-storage-operator	cluster-storage-operator-74b981c8-d8wq	1/1	Running	0	76m
openshift-cluster-storage-operator	csi-snapshot-controller-6d86cfcd-qpwp2	1/1	Running	0	39m
openshift-cluster-storage-operator	csi-snapshot-controller-6d86cfcd-qpwp1	1/1	Running	0	116m
openshift-cluster-version	cluster-version-operator-79d5f1b4b-c6d6d	1/1	Running	0	116m
openshift-config-operator	openshift-config-operator-1f5b6f979-7p2m	1/1	Running	0	76m
openshift-console-operator	console-operator-65785c8697-act6w	1/1	Running	0	76m
openshift-console	console-6d5c44565-717v	1/1	Running	0	41m
openshift-console	console-6d5c44565-86qy	1/1	Running	0	41m
openshift-console	console-55f4f7757-1f9q	1/1	Running	0	76m
openshift-console	console-55f4f7757-cv77	1/1	Running	0	76m
openshift-controller-manager-operator	openshift-controller-manager-operator-379f5c8d8-qgkz	1/1	Running	2	116m
openshift-controller-manager	controller-manager-4qsh	1/1	Running	0	76m
openshift-controller-manager	controller-manager-1w97b	1/1	Running	0	76m
openshift-controller-manager	controller-manager-c979	1/1	Running	0	76m
openshift-dns-operator	dns-operator-1d8b1f1d8-1vq94	2/2	Running	0	116m
openshift-dns	dns-default-7wz2	3/3	Running	0	82m
openshift-dns	dns-default-4q4c2	3/3	Running	0	101m
openshift-dns	dns-default-m895	3/3	Running	0	82m
openshift-dns	dns-default-m895	3/3	Running	0	82m

16. kubeadmin password can be obtained from `/auth/kubeadmin-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>

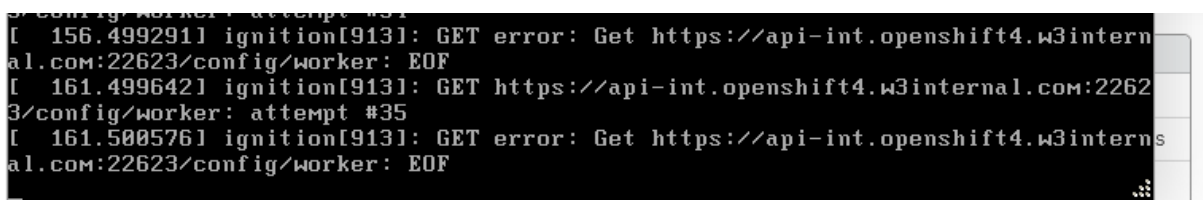
user: kubeadmin

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”.

A terminal window showing logs from the OpenShift installer. The logs indicate that the ignition process is failing to connect to the API server. The error messages are: '[156.499291] ignition[913]: GET error: Get https://api-int.openshift4.w3internal.com:22623/config/worker: EOF' and '[161.499642] ignition[913]: GET https://api-int.openshift4.w3internal.com:22623/config/worker: attempt #35'. The logs also show '[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>
```