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Abstract

This document provides instructions for creating and managing images and imagestreams in OpenShift Container Platform. It also provides instructions on using templates.

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CHAPTER 1. OVERVIEW OF IMAGES

1.1. UNDERSTANDING CONTAINERS, IMAGES, AND IMAGE STREAMS

Containers, images, and image streams are important concepts to understand when you set out to create and manage containerized software. An image holds a set of software that is ready to run, while a container is a running instance of a container image. An image stream provides a way of storing different versions of the same basic image. Those different versions are represented by different tags on the same image name.

1.2. IMAGES

Containers in OpenShift Container Platform are based on OCI- or Docker-formatted container *images*. An image is a binary that includes all of the requirements for running a single container, as well as metadata describing its needs and capabilities.

You can think of it as a packaging technology. Containers only have access to resources defined in the image unless you give the container additional access when creating it. By deploying the same image in multiple containers across multiple hosts and load balancing between them, OpenShift Container Platform can provide redundancy and horizontal scaling for a service packaged into an image.

You can use the podman or **docker** CLI directly to build images, but OpenShift Container Platform also supplies builder images that assist with creating new images by adding your code or configuration to existing images.

Because applications develop over time, a single image name can actually refer to many different versions of the same image. Each different image is referred to uniquely by its hash, a long hexadecimal number such as **fd44297e2ddb050ec4f...**, which is usually shortened to 12 characters, such as **fd44297e2ddb**.

You can create, manage, and use container images.

1.3. IMAGE REGISTRY

An image registry is a content server that can store and serve container images. For example:

registry.redhat.io

A registry contains a collection of one or more image repositories, which contain one or more tagged images. Red Hat provides a registry at **registry.redhat.io** for subscribers. OpenShift Container Platform can also supply its own OpenShift image registry for managing custom container images.

1.4. IMAGE REPOSITORY

An image repository is a collection of related container images and tags identifying them. For example, the OpenShift Container Platform Jenkins images are in the repository:

docker.io/openshift/jenkins-2-centos7

1.5. IMAGE TAGS

An image tag is a label applied to a container image in a repository that distinguishes a specific image from other images in an image stream. Typically, the tag represents a version number of some sort. For example, here :v3.11.59-2 is the tag:

registry.access.redhat.com/openshift3/jenkins-2-rhel7:v3.11.59-2

You can add additional tags to an image. For example, an image might be assigned the tags :v3.11.59-2 and :latest.

OpenShift Container Platform provides the **oc tag** command, which is similar to the **docker tag** command, but operates on image streams instead of directly on images.

1.6. IMAGE IDS

An image ID is a SHA (Secure Hash Algorithm) code that can be used to pull an image. A SHA image ID cannot change. A specific SHA identifier always references the exact same container image content. For example:

docker.io/openshift/jenkins-2-centos7@sha256:ab312bda324

1.7. CONTAINERS

The basic units of OpenShift Container Platform applications are called containers. Linux container technologies are lightweight mechanisms for isolating running processes so that they are limited to interacting with only their designated resources. The word container is defined as a specific running or paused instance of a container image.

Many application instances can be running in containers on a single host without visibility into each others' processes, files, network, and so on. Typically, each container provides a single service, often called a micro-service, such as a web server or a database, though containers can be used for arbitrary workloads.

The Linux kernel has been incorporating capabilities for container technologies for years. The Docker project developed a convenient management interface for Linux containers on a host. More recently, the Open Container Initiative has developed open standards for container formats and container runtimes. OpenShift Container Platform and Kubernetes add the ability to orchestrate OCI- and Docker-formatted containers across multi-host installations.

Though you do not directly interact with container runtimes when using OpenShift Container Platform, understanding their capabilities and terminology is important for understanding their role in OpenShift Container Platform and how your applications function inside of containers.

Tools such as podman can be used to replace **docker** command-line tools for running and managing containers directly. Using **podman**, you can experiment with containers separately from OpenShift Container Platform.

1.8. WHY USE IMAGESTREAMS

An image stream and its associated tags provide an abstraction for referencing container images from within OpenShift Container Platform. The image stream and its tags allow you to see what images are available and ensure that you are using the specific image you need even if the image in the repository changes.

Image streams do not contain actual image data, but present a single virtual view of related images, similar to an image repository.

You can configure builds and deployments to watch an image stream for notifications when new images are added and react by performing a build or deployment, respectively.

For example, if a deployment is using a certain image and a new version of that image is created, a deployment could be automatically performed to pick up the new version of the image.

However, if the image stream tag used by the deployment or build is not updated, then even if the container image in the container image registry is updated, the build or deployment continues using the previous, presumably known good image.

The source images can be stored in any of the following:

- OpenShift Container Platform's integrated registry.
- An external registry, for example registry.redhat.io or quay.io.
- Other image streams in the OpenShift Container Platform cluster.

When you define an object that references an image stream tag, such as a build or deployment configuration, you point to an image stream tag and not the repository. When you build or deploy your application, OpenShift Container Platform queries the repository using the image stream tag to locate the associated ID of the image and uses that exact image.

The image stream metadata is stored in the etcd instance along with other cluster information.

Using image streams has several significant benefits:

- You can tag, rollback a tag, and quickly deal with images, without having to re-push using the command line.
- You can trigger builds and deployments when a new image is pushed to the registry. Also, OpenShift Container Platform has generic triggers for other resources, such as Kubernetes objects.
- You can mark a tag for periodic re-import. If the source image has changed, that change is picked up and reflected in the image stream, which triggers the build or deployment flow, depending upon the build or deployment configuration.
- You can share images using fine-grained access control and quickly distribute images across your teams.
- If the source image changes, the image stream tag still points to a known-good version of the image, ensuring that your application does not break unexpectedly.
- You can configure security around who can view and use the images through permissions on the image stream objects.
- Users that lack permission to read or list images on the cluster level can still retrieve the images tagged in a project using image streams.

You can manage image streams, use image streams with Kubernetes resources, and trigger updates on image stream updates.

1.9. IMAGE STREAM TAGS

An image stream tag is a named pointer to an image in an image stream. An image stream tag is similar to a container image tag.

1.10. IMAGE STREAM IMAGES

An image stream image allows you to retrieve a specific container image from a particular image stream where it is tagged. An image stream image is an API resource object that pulls together some metadata about a particular image SHA identifier.

1.11. IMAGE STREAM TRIGGERS

An image stream trigger causes a specific action when an image stream tag changes. For example, importing can cause the value of the tag to change, which causes a trigger to fire when there are deployments, builds, or other resources listening for those.

1.12. HOW YOU CAN USE THE CLUSTER SAMPLES OPERATOR

During the initial startup, the Operator creates the default samples resource to initiate the creation of the image streams and templates. You can use the Cluster Samples Operator to manage the sample image streams and templates stored in the **openshift** namespace.

As a cluster administrator, you can use the Cluster Samples Operator to:

- Configure the Operator.
- Use the Operator with an alternate registry.

1.13. ABOUT TEMPLATES

A template is a definition of an object to be replicated. You can use templates to build and deploy configurations.

1.14. HOW YOU CAN USE RUBY ON RAILS

As a developer, you can use Ruby on Rails to:

- Write your application:
 - Set up a database.
 - Create a welcome page.
 - Configure your application for OpenShift Container Platform.
 - Store your application in Git.
- Deploy your application in OpenShift Container Platform:
 - Create the database service.
 - Create the frontend service.
 - Create a route for your application.

CHAPTER 2. CONFIGURING THE CLUSTER SAMPLES OPERATOR

The Cluster Samples Operator, which operates in the **openshift** namespace, installs and updates the Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL)-based OpenShift Container Platform image streams and OpenShift Container Platform templates.



THE CLUSTER SAMPLES OPERATOR IS BEING DEPRECATED

- Starting from OpenShift Container Platform 4.16, the Cluster Samples Operator
 is deprecated. No new templates, samples, or non-Source-to-Image (Non-S2I)
 image streams will be added to the Cluster Samples Operator. However, the
 existing S2I builder image streams and templates will continue to receive updates
 until the Cluster Samples Operator is removed in a future release. S2I image
 streams and templates include:
 - Ruby
 - Python
 - Node.js
 - Perl
 - PHP
 - HTTPD
 - Nginx
 - EAP
 - Java
 - Webserver
 - .NET
 - o Go
- The Cluster Samples Operator will stop managing and providing support to the non-S2I samples (image streams and templates). You can contact the image stream or template owner for any requirements and future plans. In addition, refer to the list of the repositories hosting the image stream or templates.

2.1. UNDERSTANDING THE CLUSTER SAMPLES OPERATOR

During installation, the Operator creates the default configuration object for itself and then creates the sample image streams and templates, including quick start templates.



NOTE

To facilitate image stream imports from other registries that require credentials, a cluster administrator can create any additional secrets that contain the content of a Docker **config.json** file in the **openshift** namespace needed for image import.

The Cluster Samples Operator configuration is a cluster-wide resource, and the deployment is contained within the **openshift-cluster-samples-operator** namespace.

The image for the Cluster Samples Operator contains image stream and template definitions for the associated OpenShift Container Platform release. When each sample is created or updated, the Cluster Samples Operator includes an annotation that denotes the version of OpenShift Container Platform. The Operator uses this annotation to ensure that each sample matches the release version. Samples outside of its inventory are ignored, as are skipped samples. Modifications to any samples that are managed by the Operator, where that version annotation is modified or deleted, are reverted automatically.



NOTE

The Jenkins images are part of the image payload from installation and are tagged into the image streams directly.

The Cluster Samples Operator configuration resource includes a finalizer which cleans up the following upon deletion:

- Operator managed image streams.
- Operator managed templates.
- Operator generated configuration resources.
- Cluster status resources.

Upon deletion of the samples resource, the Cluster Samples Operator recreates the resource using the default configuration.

2.1.1. Cluster Samples Operator's use of management state

The Cluster Samples Operator is bootstrapped as **Managed** by default or if global proxy is configured. In the **Managed** state, the Cluster Samples Operator is actively managing its resources and keeping the component active in order to pull sample image streams and images from the registry and ensure that the requisite sample templates are installed.

Certain circumstances result in the Cluster Samples Operator bootstrapping itself as **Removed** including:

- If the Cluster Samples Operator cannot reach registry.redhat.io after three minutes on initial startup after a clean installation.
- If the Cluster Samples Operator detects it is on an IPv6 network.
- If the image controller configuration parameters prevent the creation of image streams by using the default image registry, or by using the image registry specified by the samplesRegistry setting.



NOTE

For OpenShift Container Platform, the default image registry is **registry.redhat.io**.

However, if the Cluster Samples Operator detects that it is on an IPv6 network and an OpenShift Container Platform global proxy is configured, then IPv6 check supersedes all the checks. As a result, the Cluster Samples Operator bootstraps itself as **Removed**.



IMPORTANT

IPv6 installations are not currently supported by registry.redhat.io. The Cluster Samples Operator pulls most of the sample image streams and images from registry.redhat.io.

2.1.1.1. Restricted network installation

Boostrapping as **Removed** when unable to access **registry.redhat.io** facilitates restricted network installations when the network restriction is already in place. Bootstrapping as **Removed** when network access is restricted allows the cluster administrator more time to decide if samples are desired, because the Cluster Samples Operator does not submit alerts that sample image stream imports are failing when the management state is set to **Removed**. When the Cluster Samples Operator comes up as **Managed** and attempts to install sample image streams, it starts alerting two hours after initial installation if there are failing imports.

2.1.1.2. Restricted network installation with initial network access

Conversely, if a cluster that is intended to be a restricted network or disconnected cluster is first installed while network access exists, the Cluster Samples Operator installs the content from **registry.redhat.io** since it can access it. If you want the Cluster Samples Operator to still bootstrap as **Removed** in order to defer samples installation until you have decided which samples are desired, set up image mirrors, and so on, then follow the instructions for using the Samples Operator with an alternate registry and customizing nodes, both linked in the additional resources section, to override the Cluster Samples Operator default configuration and initially come up as **Removed**.

You must put the following additional YAML file in the **openshift** directory created by **openshift-install** create manifest:

Example Cluster Samples Operator YAML file with managementState: Removed

apiVersion: samples.operator.openshift.io/v1

kind: Config metadata: name: cluster spec:

architectures: - x86 64

managementState: Removed

2.1.2. Cluster Samples Operator's tracking and error recovery of image stream imports

After creation or update of a samples image stream, the Cluster Samples Operator monitors the progress of each image stream tag's image import.

If an import fails, the Cluster Samples Operator retries the import through the image stream image import API, which is the same API used by the **oc import-image** command, approximately every 15 minutes until it sees the import succeed, or if the Cluster Samples Operator's configuration is changed

such that either the image stream is added to the **skippedImagestreams** list, or the management state is changed to **Removed**.

2.2. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- If the Cluster Samples Operator is removed during installation, you can use the Cluster Samples Operator with an alternate registry so content can be imported, and then set the Cluster Samples Operator to **Managed** to get the samples.
- To ensure the Cluster Samples Operator bootstraps as Removed in a restricted network installation with initial network access to defer samples installation until you have decided which samples are desired, follow the instructions for customizing nodes to override the Cluster Samples Operator default configuration and initially come up as Removed.
 - To host samples in your disconnected environment, follow the instructions for using the Cluster Samples Operator with an alternate registry.

2.2.1. Cluster Samples Operator assistance for mirroring

During installation, OpenShift Container Platform creates a config map named **imagestreamtag-to-image** in the **openshift-cluster-samples-operator** namespace. The **imagestreamtag-to-image** config map contains an entry, the populating image, for each image stream tag.

The format of the key for each entry in the data field in the config map is <image_stream_name>_<image_stream_tag_name>.

During a disconnected installation of OpenShift Container Platform, the status of the Cluster Samples Operator is set to **Removed**. If you choose to change it to **Managed**, it installs samples.



NOTE

The use of samples in a network-restricted or discontinued environment may require access to services external to your network. Some example services include: Github, Maven Central, npm, RubyGems, PyPi and others. There might be additional steps to take that allow the cluster samples operators's objects to reach the services they require.

You can use this config map as a reference for which images need to be mirrored for your image streams to import.

- While the Cluster Samples Operator is set to Removed, you can create your mirrored registry, or determine which existing mirrored registry you want to use.
- Mirror the samples you want to the mirrored registry using the new config map as your guide.
- Add any of the image streams you did not mirror to the **skippedImagestreams** list of the Cluster Samples Operator configuration object.
- Set **samplesRegistry** of the Cluster Samples Operator configuration object to the mirrored registry.
- Then set the Cluster Samples Operator to Managed to install the image streams you have mirrored.

See Using Cluster Samples Operator image streams with alternate or mirrored registries for a detailed procedure.

2.3. CLUSTER SAMPLES OPERATOR CONFIGURATION PARAMETERS

The samples resource offers the following configuration fields:

Parameter	Description	
managementState	Managed: The Cluster Samples Operator updates the samples as the configuration dictates. Unmanaged: The Cluster Samples Operator ignores updates to its configuration resource object and any image streams or templates in the openshift namespace. Removed: The Cluster Samples Operator removes the set of Managed image streams and templates in the openshift namespace. It ignores new samples created by the cluster administrator or any samples in the skipped lists. After the removals are complete, the Cluster Samples Operator works like it is in the Unmanaged state and ignores any watch events on the sample resources, image streams, or templates.	
samplesRegistry	Allows you to specify which registry is accessed by image streams for their image content. samplesRegistry defaults to registry.redhat.io for OpenShift Container Platform. NOTE Creation or update of RHEL content does not commence if the secret for pull access is not in place when either Samples Registry is not explicitly set, leaving an empty string, or when it is set to registry.redhat.io. In both cases, image imports work off of registry.redhat.io, which requires credentials. Creation or update of RHEL content is not gated by the existence of the pull secret if the Samples Registry is overridden to a value other than the empty string or registry.redhat.io.	
architectures	Placeholder to choose an architecture type.	
skippedImagestreams	Image streams that are in the Cluster Samples Operator's inventory but that the cluster administrator wants the Operator to ignore or not manage. You can add a list of image stream names to this parameter. For example, ["httpd","perl"].	
skippedTemplates	Templates that are in the Cluster Samples Operator's inventory, but that the cluster administrator wants the Operator to ignore or not manage.	

Secret, image stream, and template watch events can come in before the initial samples resource object is created, the Cluster Samples Operator detects and re-queues the event.

2.3.1. Configuration restrictions

When the Cluster Samples Operator starts supporting multiple architectures, the architecture list is not allowed to be changed while in the **Managed** state.

To change the architectures values, a cluster administrator must:

- Mark the Management State as Removed, saving the change.
- In a subsequent change, edit the architecture and change the Management State back to Managed.

The Cluster Samples Operator still processes secrets while in **Removed** state. You can create the secret before switching to **Removed**, while in **Removed** before switching to **Managed**, or after switching to **Managed** state. There are delays in creating the samples until the secret event is processed if you create the secret after switching to **Managed**. This helps facilitate the changing of the registry, where you choose to remove all the samples before switching to insure a clean slate. Removing all samples before switching is not required.

2.3.2. Conditions

The samples resource maintains the following conditions in its status:

Condition	Description
SamplesExists	Indicates the samples are created in the openshift namespace.
ImageChangesInProgr ess	True when image streams are created or updated, but not all of the tag spec generations and tag status generations match. False when all of the generations match, or unrecoverable errors occurred during import, the last seen error is in the message field. The list of pending image streams is in the reason field. This condition is deprecated in OpenShift Container Platform.
ConfigurationValid	True or False based on whether any of the restricted changes noted previously are submitted.
RemovePending	Indicator that there is a Management State: Removed setting pending, but the Cluster Samples Operator is waiting for the deletions to complete.
ImportImageErrorsExis t	Indicator of which image streams had errors during the image import phase for one of their tags. True when an error has occurred. The list of image streams with an error is in the reason field. The details of each error reported are in the message field.

Condition	Description
MigrationInProgress	True when the Cluster Samples Operator detects that the version is different than the Cluster Samples Operator version with which the current samples set are installed. This condition is deprecated in OpenShift Container Platform.

2.4. ACCESSING THE CLUSTER SAMPLES OPERATOR CONFIGURATION

You can configure the Cluster Samples Operator by editing the file with the provided parameters.

Prerequisites

• Install the OpenShift CLI (oc).

Procedure

Access the Cluster Samples Operator configuration:

\$ oc edit configs.samples.operator.openshift.io/cluster

The Cluster Samples Operator configuration resembles the following example:

apiVersion: samples.operator.openshift.io/v1 kind: Config # ...

2.5. REMOVING DEPRECATED IMAGE STREAM TAGS FROM THE CLUSTER SAMPLES OPERATOR

The Cluster Samples Operator leaves deprecated image stream tags in an image stream because users can have deployments that use the deprecated image stream tags.

You can remove deprecated image stream tags by editing the image stream with the oc tag command.



NOTE

Deprecated image stream tags that the samples providers have removed from their image streams are not included on initial installations.

Prerequisites

• You installed the oc CLI.

Procedure

• Remove deprecated image stream tags by editing the image stream with the **oc tag** command.

\$ oc tag -d <image_stream_name:tag>

Example output

Deleted tag default/<image_stream_name:tag>.

2.6. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

• For more information about configuring credentials, see Using image pull secrets.

CHAPTER 3. USING THE CLUSTER SAMPLES OPERATOR WITH AN ALTERNATE REGISTRY

You can use the Cluster Samples Operator with an alternate registry by first creating a mirror registry.



IMPORTANT

You must have access to the internet to obtain the necessary container images. In this procedure, you place the mirror registry on a mirror host that has access to both your network and the internet.

3.1. ABOUT THE MIRROR REGISTRY

You can mirror the images that are required for OpenShift Container Platform installation and subsequent product updates to a container mirror registry such as Red Hat Quay, JFrog Artifactory, Sonatype Nexus Repository, or Harbor. If you do not have access to a large-scale container registry, you can use the *mirror registry for Red Hat OpenShift*, a small-scale container registry included with OpenShift Container Platform subscriptions.

You can use any container registry that supports Docker v2-2, such as Red Hat Quay, the *mirror registry* for Red Hat OpenShift, Artifactory, Sonatype Nexus Repository, or Harbor. Regardless of your chosen registry, the procedure to mirror content from Red Hat hosted sites on the internet to an isolated image registry is the same. After you mirror the content, you configure each cluster to retrieve this content from your mirror registry.



IMPORTANT

The OpenShift image registry cannot be used as the target registry because it does not support pushing without a tag, which is required during the mirroring process.

If choosing a container registry that is not the *mirror registry for Red Hat OpenShift*, it must be reachable by every machine in the clusters that you provision. If the registry is unreachable, installation, updating, or normal operations such as workload relocation might fail. For that reason, you must run mirror registries in a highly available way, and the mirror registries must at least match the production availability of your OpenShift Container Platform clusters.

When you populate your mirror registry with OpenShift Container Platform images, you can follow two scenarios. If you have a host that can access both the internet and your mirror registry, but not your cluster nodes, you can directly mirror the content from that machine. This process is referred to as connected mirroring. If you have no such host, you must mirror the images to a file system and then bring that host or removable media into your restricted environment. This process is referred to as disconnected mirroring.

For mirrored registries, to view the source of pulled images, you must review the **Trying to access** log entry in the CRI-O logs. Other methods to view the image pull source, such as using the **crictl images** command on a node, show the non-mirrored image name, even though the image is pulled from the mirrored location.



NOTE

Red Hat does not test third party registries with OpenShift Container Platform.

Additional information

For information on viewing the CRI-O logs to view the image source, see Viewing the image pull source.

3.1.1. Preparing the mirror host

Before you create the mirror registry, you must prepare the mirror host.

3.1.2. Installing the OpenShift CLI

You can install the OpenShift CLI (oc) to interact with OpenShift Container Platform from a command-line interface. You can install oc on Linux, Windows, or macOS.



IMPORTANT

If you installed an earlier version of **oc**, you cannot use it to complete all of the commands in OpenShift Container Platform 4.16. Download and install the new version of **oc**.

3.1.2.1. Installing the OpenShift CLI on Linux

You can install the OpenShift CLI (oc) binary on Linux by using the following procedure.

Procedure

- Navigate to the OpenShift Container Platform downloads page on the Red Hat Customer Portal.
- 2. Select the architecture from the **Product Variant** drop-down list.
- 3. Select the appropriate version from the **Version** drop-down list.
- 4. Click Download Now next to the OpenShift v4.16 Linux Clients entry and save the file.
- 5. Unpack the archive:
 - \$ tar xvf <file>
- 6. Place the **oc** binary in a directory that is on your **PATH**. To check your **PATH**, execute the following command:
 - \$ echo \$PATH

Verification

- After you install the OpenShift CLI, it is available using the **oc** command:
 - \$ oc <command>

3.1.2.2. Installing the OpenShift CLI on Windows

You can install the OpenShift CLI (oc) binary on Windows by using the following procedure.

Procedure

- Navigate to the OpenShift Container Platform downloads page on the Red Hat Customer Portal.
- 2. Select the appropriate version from the Version drop-down list.
- 3. Click **Download Now** next to the **OpenShift v4.16 Windows Client** entry and save the file.
- 4. Unzip the archive with a ZIP program.
- Move the oc binary to a directory that is on your PATH.
 To check your PATH, open the command prompt and execute the following command:

C:\> path

Verification

- After you install the OpenShift CLI, it is available using the **oc** command:
 - C:\> oc <command>

3.1.2.3. Installing the OpenShift CLI on macOS

You can install the OpenShift CLI (oc) binary on macOS by using the following procedure.

Procedure

- Navigate to the OpenShift Container Platform downloads page on the Red Hat Customer Portal.
- 2. Select the appropriate version from the **Version** drop-down list.
- 3. Click **Download Now** next to the **OpenShift v4.16 macOS Clients** entry and save the file.



NOTE

For macOS arm64, choose the **OpenShift v4.16 macOS arm64 Client** entry.

- 4. Unpack and unzip the archive.
- Move the oc binary to a directory on your PATH.
 To check your PATH, open a terminal and execute the following command:

\$ echo \$PATH

Verification

Verify your installation by using an oc command:

\$ oc <command>

3.2. CONFIGURING CREDENTIALS THAT ALLOW IMAGES TO BE MIRRORED

Create a container image registry credentials file that enables you to mirror images from Red Hat to your mirror.

Prerequisites

• You configured a mirror registry to use in your disconnected environment.

Procedure

Complete the following steps on the installation host:

- 1. Download your **registry.redhat.io** pull secret from Red Hat OpenShift Cluster Manager .
- 2. Make a copy of your pull secret in JSON format:

```
$ cat ./pull-secret | jq . > <path>/<pull_secret_file_in_json> 1
```

Specify the path to the folder to store the pull secret in and a name for the JSON file that you create.

The contents of the file resemble the following example:

```
{
  "auths": {
    "cloud.openshift.com": {
        "auth": "b3BlbnNo...",
        "email": "you@example.com"
    },
    "quay.io": {
        "auth": "b3BlbnNo...",
        "email": "you@example.com"
    },
    "registry.connect.redhat.com": {
        "auth": "NTE3Njg5Nj...",
        "email": "you@example.com"
    },
    "registry.redhat.io": {
        "auth": "NTE3Njg5Nj...",
        "email": "you@example.com"
    }
    "email": "you@example.com"
    }
}
```

3. Generate the base64-encoded user name and password or token for your mirror registry:

```
$ echo -n '<user_name>:<password>' | base64 -w0 1
BGVtbYk3ZHAtqXs=
```

1 For **<user_name>** and **<password>**, specify the user name and password that you configured for your registry.

4. Edit the JSON file and add a section that describes your registry to it:

```
"auths": {
    "<mirror_registry>": {
        "auth": "<credentials>", 2
        "email": "you@example.com"
    }
},
```

- Specify the registry domain name, and optionally the port, that your mirror registry uses to serve content. For example, **registry.example.com** or **registry.example.com**:8443
- 2 Specify the base64-encoded user name and password for the mirror registry.

The file resembles the following example:

```
"auths": {
"registry.example.com": {
  "auth": "BGVtbYk3ZHAtqXs=",
  "email": "you@example.com"
 "cloud.openshift.com": {
  "auth": "b3BlbnNo...",
  "email": "you@example.com"
 "quay.io": {
  "auth": "b3BlbnNo...",
  "email": "you@example.com"
 "registry.connect.redhat.com": {
  "auth": "NTE3Njg5Nj...",
  "email": "you@example.com"
 "registry.redhat.io": {
  "auth": "NTE3Njg5Nj...",
  "email": "you@example.com"
```

3.3. MIRRORING THE OPENSHIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM IMAGE REPOSITORY

Mirror the OpenShift Container Platform image repository to your registry to use during cluster installation or upgrade.

Prerequisites

- Your mirror host has access to the internet.
- You configured a mirror registry to use in your restricted network and can access the certificate and credentials that you configured.

- You downloaded the pull secret from Red Hat OpenShift Cluster Manager and modified it to include authentication to your mirror repository.
- If you use self-signed certificates, you have specified a Subject Alternative Name in the certificates.

Procedure

Complete the following steps on the mirror host:

- Review the OpenShift Container Platform downloads page to determine the version of OpenShift Container Platform that you want to install and determine the corresponding tag on the Repository Tags page.
- 2. Set the required environment variables:
 - a. Export the release version:

```
$ OCP_RELEASE=<release_version>
```

For **<release_version>**, specify the tag that corresponds to the version of OpenShift Container Platform to install, such as **4.5.4**.

b. Export the local registry name and host port:

```
$LOCAL_REGISTRY='<local_registry_host_name>:<local_registry_host_port>'
```

For **<local_registry_host_name>**, specify the registry domain name for your mirror repository, and for **<local_registry_host_port>**, specify the port that it serves content on.

c. Export the local repository name:

```
$ LOCAL_REPOSITORY='<local_repository_name>'
```

For <local_repository_name>, specify the name of the repository to create in your registry, such as ocp4/openshift4.

d. Export the name of the repository to mirror:

```
$ PRODUCT_REPO='openshift-release-dev'
```

For a production release, you must specify **openshift-release-dev**.

e. Export the path to your registry pull secret:

```
$ LOCAL_SECRET_JSON='<path_to_pull_secret>'
```

For **<path_to_pull_secret>**, specify the absolute path to and file name of the pull secret for your mirror registry that you created.

f. Export the release mirror:

```
$ RELEASE_NAME="ocp-release"
```

For a production release, you must specify ocp-release.

- g. Export the type of architecture for your cluster:
 - \$ ARCHITECTURE=<cluster_architecture> 1
 - Specify the architecture of the cluster, such as **x86_64**, **aarch64**, **s390x**, or **ppc64le**.
- h. Export the path to the directory to host the mirrored images:
 - \$ REMOVABLE_MEDIA_PATH=<path> 1
 - Specify the full path, including the initial forward slash (/) character.
- 3. Mirror the version images to the mirror registry:
 - If your mirror host does not have internet access, take the following actions:
 - i. Connect the removable media to a system that is connected to the internet.
 - ii. Review the images and configuration manifests to mirror:

```
$ oc adm release mirror -a ${LOCAL_SECRET_JSON} \
    --from=quay.io/${PRODUCT_REPO}/${RELEASE_NAME}:${OCP_RELEASE}-$
${ARCHITECTURE} \
    --to=${LOCAL_REGISTRY}/${LOCAL_REPOSITORY} \
    --to-release-
image=${LOCAL_REGISTRY}/${LOCAL_REPOSITORY}:${OCP_RELEASE}-$
${ARCHITECTURE} --dry-run
```

- iii. Record the entire **imageContentSources** section from the output of the previous command. The information about your mirrors is unique to your mirrored repository, and you must add the **imageContentSources** section to the **install-config.yaml** file during installation.
- iv. Mirror the images to a directory on the removable media:

```
$ oc adm release mirror -a ${LOCAL_SECRET_JSON} --to-
dir=${REMOVABLE_MEDIA_PATH}/mirror
quay.io/${PRODUCT_REPO}/${RELEASE_NAME}:${OCP_RELEASE}-
${ARCHITECTURE}
```

v. Take the media to the restricted network environment and upload the images to the local container registry.

```
$ oc image mirror -a ${LOCAL_SECRET_JSON} --from-dir=${REMOVABLE_MEDIA_PATH}/mirror "file://openshift/release:${OCP_RELEASE}*" ${LOCAL_REGISTRY}/${LOCAL_REPOSITORY}
```

For **REMOVABLE_MEDIA_PATH**, you must use the same path that you specified when you mirrored the images.



IMPORTANT

Running **oc image mirror** might result in the following error: **error: unable to retrieve source image**. This error occurs when image indexes include references to images that no longer exist on the image registry. Image indexes might retain older references to allow users running those images an upgrade path to newer points on the upgrade graph. As a temporary workaround, you can use the **--skip-missing** option to bypass the error and continue downloading the image index. For more information, see Service Mesh Operator mirroring failed.

- If the local container registry is connected to the mirror host, take the following actions:
 - i. Directly push the release images to the local registry by using following command:

```
$ oc adm release mirror -a ${LOCAL_SECRET_JSON} \
    --from=quay.io/${PRODUCT_REPO}/${RELEASE_NAME}:${OCP_RELEASE}-
${ARCHITECTURE} \
    --to=${LOCAL_REGISTRY}/${LOCAL_REPOSITORY} \
    --to-release-
image=${LOCAL_REGISTRY}/${LOCAL_REPOSITORY}:${OCP_RELEASE}-
${ARCHITECTURE}
```

This command pulls the release information as a digest, and its output includes the **imageContentSources** data that you require when you install your cluster.

ii. Record the entire **imageContentSources** section from the output of the previous command. The information about your mirrors is unique to your mirrored repository, and you must add the **imageContentSources** section to the **install-config.yaml** file during installation.



NOTE

The image name gets patched to Quay.io during the mirroring process, and the podman images will show Quay.io in the registry on the bootstrap virtual machine.

- 4. To create the installation program that is based on the content that you mirrored, extract it and pin it to the release:
 - If your mirror host does not have internet access, run the following command:

```
$ oc adm release extract -a ${LOCAL_SECRET_JSON} --icsp-file=<file> --
command=openshift-install

"${LOCAL_REGISTRY}/${LOCAL_REPOSITORY}:${OCP_RELEASE}-
${ARCHITECTURE}" \
--insecure=true
```

- Optional: If you do not want to configure trust for the target registry, add the -- insecure=true flag.
- If the local container registry is connected to the mirror host, run the following command:

\$ oc adm release extract -a \${LOCAL_SECRET_JSON} --command=openshift-install "\${LOCAL_REGISTRY}/\${LOCAL_REPOSITORY}:\${OCP_RELEASE}-\${ARCHITECTURE}"



IMPORTANT

To ensure that you use the correct images for the version of OpenShift Container Platform that you selected, you must extract the installation program from the mirrored content.

You must perform this step on a machine with an active internet connection.

5. For clusters using installer-provisioned infrastructure, run the following command:

\$ openshift-install

3.4. USING CLUSTER SAMPLES OPERATOR IMAGE STREAMS WITH ALTERNATE OR MIRRORED REGISTRIES

Most image streams in the **openshift** namespace managed by the Cluster Samples Operator point to images located in the Red Hat registry at registry.redhat.io.



NOTE

The **cli**, **installer**, **must-gather**, and **tests** image streams, while part of the install payload, are not managed by the Cluster Samples Operator. These are not addressed in this procedure.



IMPORTANT

The Cluster Samples Operator must be set to **Managed** in a disconnected environment. To install the image streams, you have a mirrored registry.

Prerequisites

- Access to the cluster as a user with the **cluster-admin** role.
- Create a pull secret for your mirror registry.

Procedure

1. Access the images of a specific image stream to mirror, for example:

\$ oc get is <imagestream> -n openshift -o json | jq .spec.tags[].from.name | grep registry.redhat.io

2. Mirror images from registry.redhat.io associated with any image streams you need

\$ oc image mirror registry.redhat.io/rhscl/ruby-25-rhel7:latest \${MIRROR_ADDR}/rhscl/ruby-25-rhel7:latest

3. Create the cluster's image configuration object:

\$ oc create configmap registry-config --from-file=\${MIRROR_ADDR_HOSTNAME}..5000=\$path/ca.crt -n openshift-config

4. Add the required trusted CAs for the mirror in the cluster's image configuration object:

\$ oc patch image.config.openshift.io/cluster --patch '{"spec":{"additionalTrustedCA": {"name":"registry-config"}}}' --type=merge

5. Update the **samplesRegistry** field in the Cluster Samples Operator configuration object to contain the **hostname** portion of the mirror location defined in the mirror configuration:

\$ oc edit configs.samples.operator.openshift.io -n openshift-cluster-samples-operator



NOTE

This is required because the image stream import process does not use the mirror or search mechanism at this time.

6. Add any image streams that are not mirrored into the **skippedImagestreams** field of the Cluster Samples Operator configuration object. Or if you do not want to support any of the sample image streams, set the Cluster Samples Operator to **Removed** in the Cluster Samples Operator configuration object.



NOTE

The Cluster Samples Operator issues alerts if image stream imports are failing but the Cluster Samples Operator is either periodically retrying or does not appear to be retrying them.

Many of the templates in the **openshift** namespace reference the image streams. So using **Removed** to purge both the image streams and templates will eliminate the possibility of attempts to use them if they are not functional because of any missing image streams.

3.4.1. Cluster Samples Operator assistance for mirroring

During installation, OpenShift Container Platform creates a config map named **imagestreamtag-to-image** in the **openshift-cluster-samples-operator** namespace. The **imagestreamtag-to-image** config map contains an entry, the populating image, for each image stream tag.

The format of the key for each entry in the data field in the config map is <image_stream_name>_<image_stream_tag_name>.

During a disconnected installation of OpenShift Container Platform, the status of the Cluster Samples Operator is set to **Removed**. If you choose to change it to **Managed**, it installs samples.



NOTE

The use of samples in a network-restricted or discontinued environment may require access to services external to your network. Some example services include: Github, Maven Central, npm, RubyGems, PyPi and others. There might be additional steps to take that allow the cluster samples operators's objects to reach the services they require.

You can use this config map as a reference for which images need to be mirrored for your image streams to import.

- While the Cluster Samples Operator is set to **Removed**, you can create your mirrored registry, or determine which existing mirrored registry you want to use.
- Mirror the samples you want to the mirrored registry using the new config map as your guide.
- Add any of the image streams you did not mirror to the **skippedImagestreams** list of the Cluster Samples Operator configuration object.
- Set **samplesRegistry** of the Cluster Samples Operator configuration object to the mirrored registry.
- Then set the Cluster Samples Operator to Managed to install the image streams you have mirrored.

See Using Cluster Samples Operator image streams with alternate or mirrored registries for a detailed procedure.

CHAPTER 4. CREATING IMAGES

Learn how to create your own container images, based on pre-built images that are ready to help you. The process includes learning best practices for writing images, defining metadata for images, testing images, and using a custom builder workflow to create images to use with OpenShift Container Platform. After you create an image, you can push it to the OpenShift image registry.

4.1. LEARNING CONTAINER BEST PRACTICES

When creating container images to run on OpenShift Container Platform there are a number of best practices to consider as an image author to ensure a good experience for consumers of those images. Because images are intended to be immutable and used as-is, the following guidelines help ensure that your images are highly consumable and easy to use on OpenShift Container Platform.

4.1.1. General container image guidelines

The following guidelines apply when creating a container image in general, and are independent of whether the images are used on OpenShift Container Platform.

4.1.1.1. Reuse images

Wherever possible, base your image on an appropriate upstream image using the **FROM** statement. This ensures your image can easily pick up security fixes from an upstream image when it is updated, rather than you having to update your dependencies directly.

In addition, use tags in the **FROM** instruction, for example, **rhel:rhel7**, to make it clear to users exactly which version of an image your image is based on. Using a tag other than **latest** ensures your image is not subjected to breaking changes that might go into the **latest** version of an upstream image.

4.1.1.2. Maintain compatibility within tags

When tagging your own images, try to maintain backwards compatibility within a tag. For example, if you provide an image named **image** and it currently includes version **1.0**, you might provide a tag of **image:v1**. When you update the image, as long as it continues to be compatible with the original image, you can continue to tag the new image **image:v1**, and downstream consumers of this tag are able to get updates without being broken.

If you later release an incompatible update, then switch to a new tag, for example **image:v2**. This allows downstream consumers to move up to the new version at will, but not be inadvertently broken by the new incompatible image. Any downstream consumer using **image:latest** takes on the risk of any incompatible changes being introduced.

4.1.1.3. Avoid multiple processes

Do not start multiple services, such as a database and **SSHD**, inside one container. This is not necessary because containers are lightweight and can be easily linked together for orchestrating multiple processes. OpenShift Container Platform allows you to easily colocate and co-manage related images by grouping them into a single pod.

This colocation ensures the containers share a network namespace and storage for communication. Updates are also less disruptive as each image can be updated less frequently and independently. Signal handling flows are also clearer with a single process as you do not have to manage routing signals to spawned processes.

4.1.1.4. Use exec in wrapper scripts

Many images use wrapper scripts to do some setup before starting a process for the software being run. If your image uses such a script, that script uses **exec** so that the script's process is replaced by your software. If you do not use **exec**, then signals sent by your container runtime go to your wrapper script instead of your software's process. This is not what you want.

If you have a wrapper script that starts a process for some server. You start your container, for example, using **podman run -i**, which runs the wrapper script, which in turn starts your process. If you want to close your container with **CTRL+C**. If your wrapper script used **exec** to start the server process, **podman** sends SIGINT to the server process, and everything works as you expect. If you did not use **exec** in your wrapper script, **podman** sends SIGINT to the process for the wrapper script and your process keeps running like nothing happened.

Also note that your process runs as **PID 1** when running in a container. This means that if your main process terminates, the entire container is stopped, canceling any child processes you launched from your **PID 1** process.

4.1.1.5. Clean temporary files

Remove all temporary files you create during the build process. This also includes any files added with the **ADD** command. For example, run the **yum clean** command after performing **yum install** operations.

You can prevent the **yum** cache from ending up in an image layer by creating your **RUN** statement as follows:

RUN yum -y install mypackage && yum -y install myotherpackage && yum clean all -y

Note that if you instead write:

RUN yum -y install mypackage RUN yum -y install myotherpackage && yum clean all -y

Then the first **yum** invocation leaves extra files in that layer, and these files cannot be removed when the **yum clean** operation is run later. The extra files are not visible in the final image, but they are present in the underlying layers.

The current container build process does not allow a command run in a later layer to shrink the space used by the image when something was removed in an earlier layer. However, this may change in the future. This means that if you perform an **rm** command in a later layer, although the files are hidden it does not reduce the overall size of the image to be downloaded. Therefore, as with the **yum clean** example, it is best to remove files in the same command that created them, where possible, so they do not end up written to a layer.

In addition, performing multiple commands in a single **RUN** statement reduces the number of layers in your image, which improves download and extraction time.

4.1.1.6. Place instructions in the proper order

The container builder reads the **Dockerfile** and runs the instructions from top to bottom. Every instruction that is successfully executed creates a layer which can be reused the next time this or another image is built. It is very important to place instructions that rarely change at the top of your

Dockerfile. Doing so ensures the next builds of the same image are very fast because the cache is not invalidated by upper layer changes.

For example, if you are working on a **Dockerfile** that contains an **ADD** command to install a file you are iterating on, and a **RUN** command to **yum install** a package, it is best to put the **ADD** command last:

FROM foo RUN yum -y install mypackage && yum clean all -y ADD myfile /test/myfile

This way each time you edit **myfile** and rerun **podman build** or **docker build**, the system reuses the cached layer for the **yum** command and only generates the new layer for the **ADD** operation.

If instead you wrote the **Dockerfile** as:

FROM foo ADD myfile /test/myfile RUN yum -y install mypackage && yum clean all -y

Then each time you changed **myfile** and reran **podman build** or **docker build**, the **ADD** operation would invalidate the **RUN** layer cache, so the **yum** operation must be rerun as well.

4.1.1.7. Mark important ports

The EXPOSE instruction makes a port in the container available to the host system and other containers. While it is possible to specify that a port should be exposed with a **podman run** invocation, using the EXPOSE instruction in a **Dockerfile** makes it easier for both humans and software to use your image by explicitly declaring the ports your software needs to run:

- Exposed ports show up under **podman ps** associated with containers created from your image.
- Exposed ports are present in the metadata for your image returned by podman inspect.
- Exposed ports are linked when you link one container to another.

4.1.1.8. Set environment variables

It is good practice to set environment variables with the **ENV** instruction. One example is to set the version of your project. This makes it easy for people to find the version without looking at the **Dockerfile**. Another example is advertising a path on the system that could be used by another process, such as **JAVA_HOME**.

4.1.1.9. Avoid default passwords

Avoid setting default passwords. Many people extend the image and forget to remove or change the default password. This can lead to security issues if a user in production is assigned a well-known password. Passwords are configurable using an environment variable instead.

If you do choose to set a default password, ensure that an appropriate warning message is displayed when the container is started. The message should inform the user of the value of the default password and explain how to change it, such as what environment variable to set.

4.1.1.10. Avoid sshd

It is best to avoid running **sshd** in your image. You can use the **podman exec** or **docker exec** command to access containers that are running on the local host. Alternatively, you can use the **oc exec** command or the **oc rsh** command to access containers that are running on the OpenShift Container Platform cluster. Installing and running **sshd** in your image opens up additional vectors for attack and requirements for security patching.

4.1.1.11. Use volumes for persistent data

Images use a volume for persistent data. This way OpenShift Container Platform mounts the network storage to the node running the container, and if the container moves to a new node the storage is reattached to that node. By using the volume for all persistent storage needs, the content is preserved even if the container is restarted or moved. If your image writes data to arbitrary locations within the container, that content could not be preserved.

All data that needs to be preserved even after the container is destroyed must be written to a volume. Container engines support a **readonly** flag for containers, which can be used to strictly enforce good practices about not writing data to ephemeral storage in a container. Designing your image around that capability now makes it easier to take advantage of it later.

Explicitly defining volumes in your **Dockerfile** makes it easy for consumers of the image to understand what volumes they must define when running your image.

See the Kubernetes documentation for more information on how volumes are used in OpenShift Container Platform.



NOTE

Even with persistent volumes, each instance of your image has its own volume, and the filesystem is not shared between instances. This means the volume cannot be used to share state in a cluster.

4.1.2. OpenShift Container Platform-specific guidelines

The following are guidelines that apply when creating container images specifically for use on OpenShift Container Platform.

4.1.2.1. Enable images for source-to-image (S2I)

For images that are intended to run application code provided by a third party, such as a Ruby image designed to run Ruby code provided by a developer, you can enable your image to work with the Source-to-Image (S2I) build tool. S2I is a framework that makes it easy to write images that take application source code as an input and produce a new image that runs the assembled application as output.

4.1.2.2. Support arbitrary user ids

By default, OpenShift Container Platform runs containers using an arbitrarily assigned user ID. This provides additional security against processes escaping the container due to a container engine vulnerability and thereby achieving escalated permissions on the host node.

For an image to support running as an arbitrary user, directories and files that are written to by processes in the image must be owned by the root group and be read/writable by that group. Files to be executed must also have group execute permissions.

Adding the following to your Dockerfile sets the directory and file permissions to allow users in the root group to access them in the built image:

RUN chgrp -R 0 /some/directory && \ chmod -R g=u /some/directory

Because the container user is always a member of the root group, the container user can read and write these files.



WARNING

Care must be taken when altering the directories and file permissions of the sensitive areas of a container. If applied to sensitive areas, such as the /etc/passwd file, such changes can allow the modification of these files by unintended users, potentially exposing the container or host. CRI-O supports the insertion of arbitrary user IDs into a container's /etc/passwd file. As such, changing permissions is never required.

Additionally, the /etc/passwd file should not exist in any container image. If it does, the CRI-O container runtime will fail to inject a random UID into the /etc/passwd file. In such cases, the container might face challenges in resolving the active UID. Failing to meet this requirement could impact the functionality of certain containerized applications.

In addition, the processes running in the container must not listen on privileged ports, ports below 1024, since they are not running as a privileged user.



IMPORTANT

If your S2I image does not include a **USER** declaration with a numeric user, your builds fail by default. To allow images that use either named users or the root **0** user to build in OpenShift Container Platform, you can add the project's builder service account, **system:serviceaccount:<your-project>:builder**, to the **anyuid** security context constraint (SCC). Alternatively, you can allow all images to run as any user.

4.1.2.3. Use services for inter-image communication

For cases where your image needs to communicate with a service provided by another image, such as a web front end image that needs to access a database image to store and retrieve data, your image consumes an OpenShift Container Platform service. Services provide a static endpoint for access which does not change as containers are stopped, started, or moved. In addition, services provide load balancing for requests.

4.1.2.4. Provide common libraries

For images that are intended to run application code provided by a third party, ensure that your image contains commonly used libraries for your platform. In particular, provide database drivers for common databases used with your platform. For example, provide JDBC drivers for MySQL and PostgreSQL if

you are creating a Java framework image. Doing so prevents the need for common dependencies to be downloaded during application assembly time, speeding up application image builds. It also simplifies the work required by application developers to ensure all of their dependencies are met.

4.1.2.5. Use environment variables for configuration

Users of your image are able to configure it without having to create a downstream image based on your image. This means that the runtime configuration is handled using environment variables. For a simple configuration, the running process can consume the environment variables directly. For a more complicated configuration or for runtimes which do not support this, configure the runtime by defining a template configuration file that is processed during startup. During this processing, values supplied using environment variables can be substituted into the configuration file or used to make decisions about what options to set in the configuration file.

It is also possible and recommended to pass secrets such as certificates and keys into the container using environment variables. This ensures that the secret values do not end up committed in an image and leaked into a container image registry.

Providing environment variables allows consumers of your image to customize behavior, such as database settings, passwords, and performance tuning, without having to introduce a new layer on top of your image. Instead, they can simply define environment variable values when defining a pod and change those settings without rebuilding the image.

For extremely complex scenarios, configuration can also be supplied using volumes that would be mounted into the container at runtime. However, if you elect to do it this way you must ensure that your image provides clear error messages on startup when the necessary volume or configuration is not present.

This topic is related to the Using Services for Inter-image Communication topic in that configuration like datasources are defined in terms of environment variables that provide the service endpoint information. This allows an application to dynamically consume a datasource service that is defined in the OpenShift Container Platform environment without modifying the application image.

In addition, tuning is done by inspecting the **cgroups** settings for the container. This allows the image to tune itself to the available memory, CPU, and other resources. For example, Java-based images tune their heap based on the **cgroup** maximum memory parameter to ensure they do not exceed the limits and get an out-of-memory error.

4.1.2.6. Set image metadata

Defining image metadata helps OpenShift Container Platform better consume your container images, allowing OpenShift Container Platform to create a better experience for developers using your image. For example, you can add metadata to provide helpful descriptions of your image, or offer suggestions on other images that are needed.

4.1.2.7. Clustering

You must fully understand what it means to run multiple instances of your image. In the simplest case, the load balancing function of a service handles routing traffic to all instances of your image. However, many frameworks must share information to perform leader election or failover state; for example, in session replication.

Consider how your instances accomplish this communication when running in OpenShift Container Platform. Although pods can communicate directly with each other, their IP addresses change anytime the pod starts, stops, or is moved. Therefore, it is important for your clustering scheme to be dynamic.

4.1.2.8. Logging

It is best to send all logging to standard out. OpenShift Container Platform collects standard out from containers and sends it to the centralized logging service where it can be viewed. If you must separate log content, prefix the output with an appropriate keyword, which makes it possible to filter the messages.

If your image logs to a file, users must use manual operations to enter the running container and retrieve or view the log file.

4.1.2.9. Liveness and readiness probes

Document example liveness and readiness probes that can be used with your image. These probes allow users to deploy your image with confidence that traffic is not be routed to the container until it is prepared to handle it, and that the container is restarted if the process gets into an unhealthy state.

4.1.2.10. Templates

Consider providing an example template with your image. A template gives users an easy way to quickly get your image deployed with a working configuration. Your template must include the liveness and readiness probes you documented with the image, for completeness.

4.2. INCLUDING METADATA IN IMAGES

Defining image metadata helps OpenShift Container Platform better consume your container images, allowing OpenShift Container Platform to create a better experience for developers using your image. For example, you can add metadata to provide helpful descriptions of your image, or offer suggestions on other images that may also be needed.

This topic only defines the metadata needed by the current set of use cases. Additional metadata or use cases may be added in the future.

4.2.1. Defining image metadata

You can use the **LABEL** instruction in a **Dockerfile** to define image metadata. Labels are similar to environment variables in that they are key value pairs attached to an image or a container. Labels are different from environment variable in that they are not visible to the running application and they can also be used for fast look-up of images and containers.

Docker documentation for more information on the LABEL instruction.

The label names are typically namespaced. The namespace is set accordingly to reflect the project that is going to pick up the labels and use them. For OpenShift Container Platform the namespace is set to **io.openshift** and for Kubernetes the namespace is **io.k8s**.

See the Docker custom metadata documentation for details about the format.

Table 4.1. Supported Metadata

Variable Description

Variable	Description
io.openshift.tags	This label contains a list of tags represented as a list of comma-separated string values. The tags are the way to categorize the container images into broad areas of functionality. Tags help UI and generation tools to suggest relevant container images during the application creation process. LABEL io.openshift.tags mongodb,mongodb24,nosql
io.openshift.wants	Specifies a list of tags that the generation tools and the UI uses to provide relevant suggestions if you do not have the container images with specified tags already. For example, if the container image wants mysql and redis and you do not have the container image with redis tag, then UI can suggest you to add this image into your deployment. LABEL io.openshift.wants mongodb,redis
io.k8s.description	This label can be used to give the container image consumers more detailed information about the service or functionality this image provides. The UI can then use this description together with the container image name to provide more human friendly information to end users. LABEL io.k8s.description The MySQL 5.5 Server with master-slave replication support
io.openshift.non- scalable	An image can use this variable to suggest that it does not support scaling. The UI then communicates this to consumers of that image. Being not-scalable means that the value of replicas should initially not be set higher than 1. LABEL io.openshift.non-scalable true
io.openshift.min- memory and io.openshift.min-cpu	This label suggests how much resources the container image needs to work properly. The UI can warn the user that deploying this container image may exceed their user quota. The values must be compatible with Kubernetes quantity. LABEL io.openshift.min-memory 16Gi LABEL io.openshift.min-cpu 4

4.3. CREATING IMAGES FROM SOURCE CODE WITH SOURCE-TO-IMAGE

Source-to-image (S2I) is a framework that makes it easy to write images that take application source code as an input and produce a new image that runs the assembled application as output.

The main advantage of using S2I for building reproducible container images is the ease of use for developers. As a builder image author, you must understand two basic concepts in order for your images to provide the best S2I performance, the build process and S2I scripts.

4.3.1. Understanding the source-to-image build process

The build process consists of the following three fundamental elements, which are combined into a final container image:

- Sources
- Source-to-image (S2I) scripts
- Builder image

S2I generates a Dockerfile with the builder image as the first **FROM** instruction. The Dockerfile generated by S2I is then passed to Buildah.

4.3.2. How to write source-to-image scripts

You can write source-to-image (S2I) scripts in any programming language, as long as the scripts are executable inside the builder image. S2I supports multiple options providing **assemble/run/save-artifacts** scripts. All of these locations are checked on each build in the following order:

- 1. A script specified in the build configuration.
- 2. A script found in the application source .s2i/bin directory.
- 3. A script found at the default image URL with the **io.openshift.s2i.scripts-url** label.

Both the **io.openshift.s2i.scripts-url** label specified in the image and the script specified in a build configuration can take one of the following forms:

- **image:**///**path_to_scripts_dir**: absolute path inside the image to a directory where the S2I scripts are located.
- **file:**///**path_to_scripts_dir**: relative or absolute path to a directory on the host where the S2I scripts are located.
- http(s)://path_to_scripts_dir: URL to a directory where the S2I scripts are located.

Table 4.2. S2I scripts

Script	Description
assemble	The assemble script builds the application artifacts from a source and places them into appropriate directories inside the image. This script is required. The workflow for this script is: 1. Optional: Restore build artifacts. If you want to support incremental builds, make sure to define save-artifacts as well. 2. Place the application source in the desired location. 3. Build the application artifacts. 4. Install the artifacts into locations appropriate for them to run.
run	The run script executes your application. This script is required.

Script	Description
save-artifacts	The save-artifacts script gathers all dependencies that can speed up the build processes that follow. This script is optional. For example:
	• For Ruby, gems installed by Bundler.
	• For Java, .m2 contents.
	These dependencies are gathered into a tar file and streamed to the standard output.
usage	The usage script allows you to inform the user how to properly use your image. This script is optional.
test/run	The test/run script allows you to create a process to check if the image is working correctly. This script is optional. The proposed flow of that process is:
	1. Build the image.
	2. Run the image to verify the usage script.
	3. Run s2i build to verify the assemble script.
	 Optional: Run s2i build again to verify the save-artifacts and assemble scripts save and restore artifacts functionality.
	5. Run the image to verify the test application is working.
	NOTE The suggested location to put the test application built by your test/run script is the test/test-app directory in your image repository.

Example S2I scripts

The following example S2I scripts are written in Bash. Each example assumes its **tar** contents are unpacked into the /**tmp**/s2i directory.

assemble script:

```
#!/bin/bash

# restore build artifacts
if [ "$(ls /tmp/s2i/artifacts/ 2>/dev/null)" ]; then
    mv /tmp/s2i/artifacts/* $HOME/.
fi

# move the application source
mv /tmp/s2i/src $HOME/src

# build application artifacts
pushd ${HOME}
```

make all

install the artifacts make install popd

run script:

```
#!/bin/bash
# run the application
/opt/application/run.sh
```

save-artifacts script:

```
#!/bin/bash

pushd ${HOME}

if [ -d deps ]; then

# all deps contents to tar stream

tar cf - deps

fi

popd
```

usage script:

```
#!/bin/bash
```

inform the user how to use the image cat <<EOF This is a S2I sample builder image, to use it, install https://github.com/openshift/source-to-image EOF

Additional resources

S2I Image Creation Tutorial

4.4. ABOUT TESTING SOURCE-TO-IMAGE IMAGES

As an Source-to-Image (S2I) builder image author, you can test your S2I image locally and use the OpenShift Container Platform build system for automated testing and continuous integration.

S2I requires the **assemble** and **run** scripts to be present to successfully run the S2I build. Providing the **save-artifacts** script reuses the build artifacts, and providing the **usage** script ensures that usage information is printed to console when someone runs the container image outside of the S2I.

The goal of testing an S2I image is to make sure that all of these described commands work properly, even if the base container image has changed or the tooling used by the commands was updated.

4.4.1. Understanding testing requirements

The standard location for the **test** script is **test/run**. This script is invoked by the OpenShift Container Platform S2I image builder and it could be a simple Bash script or a static Go binary.

The **test/run** script performs the S2I build, so you must have the S2I binary available in your **\$PATH**. If required, follow the installation instructions in the S2I README.

S2I combines the application source code and builder image, so to test it you need a sample application source to verify that the source successfully transforms into a runnable container image. The sample application should be simple, but it should exercise the crucial steps of **assemble** and **run** scripts.

4.4.2. Generating scripts and tools

The S2I tooling comes with powerful generation tools to speed up the process of creating a new S2I image. The **s2i create** command produces all the necessary S2I scripts and testing tools along with the **Makefile**:

\$ s2i create <image_name> <destination_directory>

The generated **test/run** script must be adjusted to be useful, but it provides a good starting point to begin developing.



NOTE

The **test/run** script produced by the **s2i create** command requires that the sample application sources are inside the **test/test-app** directory.

4.4.3. Testing locally

The easiest way to run the S2I image tests locally is to use the generated **Makefile**.

If you did not use the **s2i create** command, you can copy the following **Makefile** template and replace the **IMAGE NAME** parameter with your image name.

Sample Makefile

```
IMAGE_NAME = openshift/ruby-20-centos7
CONTAINER_ENGINE := $(shell command -v podman 2> /dev/null | echo docker)

build:
${CONTAINER_ENGINE} build -t $(IMAGE_NAME) .

.PHONY: test
test:
${CONTAINER_ENGINE} build -t $(IMAGE_NAME)-candidate .
IMAGE_NAME=$(IMAGE_NAME)-candidate test/run
```

4.4.4. Basic testing workflow

The **test** script assumes you have already built the image you want to test. If required, first build the S2I image. Run one of the following commands:

• If you use Podman, run the following command:

\$ podman build -t <builder_image_name>

• If you use Docker, run the following command:

```
$ docker build -t <builder_image_name>
```

The following steps describe the default workflow to test S2I image builders:

- 1. Verify the **usage** script is working:
 - If you use Podman, run the following command:
 - \$ podman run <builder_image_name> .
 - If you use Docker, run the following command:
 - \$ docker run <builder_image_name> .
- 2. Build the image:

```
$ s2i build file:///path-to-sample-app _<BUILDER_IMAGE_NAME>_ _<OUTPUT_APPLICATION_IMAGE_NAME>_
```

- 3. Optional: if you support **save-artifacts**, run step 2 once again to verify that saving and restoring artifacts works properly.
- 4. Run the container:
 - If you use Podman, run the following command:
 - \$ podman run <output_application_image_name>
 - If you use Docker, run the following command:
 - \$ docker run <output_application_image_name>
- 5. Verify the container is running and the application is responding.

Running these steps is generally enough to tell if the builder image is working as expected.

4.4.5. Using OpenShift Container Platform for building the image

Once you have a **Dockerfile** and the other artifacts that make up your new S2I builder image, you can put them in a git repository and use OpenShift Container Platform to build and push the image. Define a Docker build that points to your repository.

If your OpenShift Container Platform instance is hosted on a public IP address, the build can be triggered each time you push into your S2I builder image GitHub repository.

You can also use the **ImageChangeTrigger** to trigger a rebuild of your applications that are based on the S2I builder image you updated.

CHAPTER 5. MANAGING IMAGES

5.1. MANAGING IMAGES OVERVIEW

With OpenShift Container Platform you can interact with images and set up image streams, depending on where the registries of the images are located, any authentication requirements around those registries, and how you want your builds and deployments to behave.

5.1.1. Images overview

An image stream comprises any number of container images identified by tags. It presents a single virtual view of related images, similar to a container image repository.

By watching an image stream, builds and deployments can receive notifications when new images are added or modified and react by performing a build or deployment, respectively.

5.2. TAGGING IMAGES

The following sections provide an overview and instructions for using image tags in the context of container images for working with OpenShift Container Platform image streams and their tags.

5.2.1. Image tags

An image tag is a label applied to a container image in a repository that distinguishes a specific image from other images in an image stream. Typically, the tag represents a version number of some sort. For example, here **:v3.11.59-2** is the tag:

registry.access.redhat.com/openshift3/jenkins-2-rhel7:v3.11.59-2

You can add additional tags to an image. For example, an image might be assigned the tags :v3.11.59-2 and :latest.

OpenShift Container Platform provides the **oc tag** command, which is similar to the **docker tag** command, but operates on image streams instead of directly on images.

5.2.2. Image tag conventions

Images evolve over time and their tags reflect this. Generally, an image tag always points to the latest image built.

If there is too much information embedded in a tag name, like **v2.0.1-may-2019**, the tag points to just one revision of an image and is never updated. Using default image pruning options, such an image is never removed. In very large clusters, the schema of creating new tags for every revised image could eventually fill up the etcd datastore with excess tag metadata for images that are long outdated.

If the tag is named **v2.0**, image revisions are more likely. This results in longer tag history and, therefore, the image pruner is more likely to remove old and unused images.

Although tag naming convention is up to you, here are a few examples in the format **<image_name>: <image_tag>**:

Table 5.1. Image tag naming conventions

Description	Example
Revision	myimage:v2.0.1
Architecture	myimage:v2.0-x86_64
Base image	myimage:v1.2-centos7
Latest (potentially unstable)	myimage:latest
Latest stable	myimage:stable

If you require dates in tag names, periodically inspect old and unsupported images and **istags** and remove them. Otherwise, you can experience increasing resource usage caused by retaining old images.

5.2.3. Adding tags to image streams

An image stream in OpenShift Container Platform comprises zero or more container images identified by tags.

There are different types of tags available. The default behavior uses a **permanent** tag, which points to a specific image in time. If the **permanent** tag is in use and the source changes, the tag does not change for the destination.

A tracking tag means the destination tag's metadata is updated during the import of the source tag.

Procedure

• You can add tags to an image stream using the oc tag command:

\$ oc tag <source> <destination>

For example, to configure the **ruby** image stream **static-2.0** tag to always refer to the current image for the **ruby** image stream **2.0** tag:

\$ oc tag ruby:2.0 ruby:static-2.0

This creates a new image stream tag named **static-2.0** in the **ruby** image stream. The new tag directly references the image id that the **ruby:2.0** image stream tag pointed to at the time **oc tag** was run, and the image it points to never changes.

• To ensure the destination tag is updated when the source tag changes, use the **--alias=true** flag:

\$ oc tag --alias=true <source> <destination>



NOTE

Use a tracking tag for creating permanent aliases, for example, **latest** or **stable**. The tag only works correctly within a single image stream. Trying to create a cross-image stream alias produces an error.

- You can also add the --scheduled=true flag to have the destination tag be refreshed, or reimported, periodically. The period is configured globally at the system level.
- The **--reference** flag creates an image stream tag that is not imported. The tag points to the source location, permanently.

If you want to instruct OpenShift Container Platform to always fetch the tagged image from the integrated registry, use **--reference-policy=local**. The registry uses the pull-through feature to serve the image to the client. By default, the image blobs are mirrored locally by the registry. As a result, they can be pulled more quickly the next time they are needed. The flag also allows for pulling from insecure registries without a need to supply **--insecure-registry** to the container runtime as long as the image stream has an insecure annotation or the tag has an insecure import policy.

5.2.4. Removing tags from image streams

You can remove tags from an image stream.

Procedure

• To remove a tag completely from an image stream run:

\$ oc delete istag/ruby:latest

or:

\$ oc tag -d ruby:latest

5.2.5. Referencing images in imagestreams

You can use tags to reference images in image streams using the following reference types.

Table 5.2. Imagestream reference types

Reference type	Description
ImageStreamTag	An ImageStreamTag is used to reference or retrieve an image for a given image stream and tag.
ImageStreamImage	An ImageStreamImage is used to reference or retrieve an image for a given image stream and image sha ID.
Dockerlmage	A DockerImage is used to reference or retrieve an image for a given external registry. It uses standard Docker pull specification for its name.

When viewing example image stream definitions you may notice they contain definitions of **ImageStreamTag** and references to **DockerImage**, but nothing related to **ImageStreamImage**.

This is because the **ImageStreamImage** objects are automatically created in OpenShift Container Platform when you import or tag an image into the image stream. You should never have to explicitly define an **ImageStreamImage** object in any image stream definition that you use to create image streams.

Procedure

• To reference an image for a given image stream and tag, use **ImageStreamTag**:

```
<image_stream_name>:<tag>
```

• To reference an image for a given image stream and image **sha** ID, use **ImageStreamImage**:

```
<image_stream_name>@<id>
```

The **<id>** is an immutable identifier for a specific image, also called a digest.

• To reference or retrieve an image for a given external registry, use **DockerImage**:

openshift/ruby-20-centos7:2.0



NOTE

When no tag is specified, it is assumed the **latest** tag is used.

You can also reference a third-party registry:

registry.redhat.io/rhel7:latest

Or an image with a digest:

centos/ruby-22-centos7@sha256:3a335d7d8a452970c5b4054ad7118ff134b3a6b50a2bb6d0c07c746e8986b28e

5.3. IMAGE PULL POLICY

Each container in a pod has a container image. After you have created an image and pushed it to a registry, you can then refer to it in the pod.

5.3.1. Image pull policy overview

When OpenShift Container Platform creates containers, it uses the container **imagePullPolicy** to determine if the image should be pulled prior to starting the container. There are three possible values for **imagePullPolicy**:

Table 5.3. imagePullPolicy values

Value	Description
Always	Always pull the image.
IfNotPresent	Only pull the image if it does not already exist on the node.
Never	Never pull the image.

If a container **imagePullPolicy** parameter is not specified, OpenShift Container Platform sets it based on the image tag:

- 1. If the tag is latest, OpenShift Container Platform defaults imagePullPolicy to Always.
- 2. Otherwise, OpenShift Container Platform defaults imagePullPolicy to IfNotPresent.

5.4. USING IMAGE PULL SECRETS

If you are using the OpenShift image registry and are pulling from image streams located in the same project, then your pod service account should already have the correct permissions and no additional action should be required.

However, for other scenarios, such as referencing images across OpenShift Container Platform projects or from secured registries, additional configuration steps are required.

You can obtain the image pull secret from Red Hat OpenShift Cluster Manager . This pull secret is called **pullSecret**.

You use this pull secret to authenticate with the services that are provided by the included authorities, Quay.io and registry.redhat.io, which serve the container images for OpenShift Container Platform components.

5.4.1. Allowing pods to reference images across projects

When using the OpenShift image registry, to allow pods in **project-a** to reference images in **project-b**, a service account in **project-a** must be bound to the **system:image-puller** role in **project-b**.



NOTE

When you create a pod service account or a namespace, wait until the service account is provisioned with a docker pull secret; if you create a pod before its service account is fully provisioned, the pod fails to access the OpenShift image registry.

Procedure

1. To allow pods in **project-a** to reference images in **project-b**, bind a service account in **project-a** to the **system:image-puller** role in **project-b**:

\$ oc policy add-role-to-user \
 system:image-puller system:serviceaccount:project-a:default \
 --namespace=project-b

After adding that role, the pods in **project-a** that reference the default service account are able to pull images from **project-b**.

2. To allow access for any service account in **project-a**, use the group:

```
$ oc policy add-role-to-group \
    system:image-puller system:serviceaccounts:project-a \
    --namespace=project-b
```

5.4.2. Allowing pods to reference images from other secured registries

To pull a secured container from other private or secured registries, you must create a pull secret from your container client credentials, such as Docker or Podman, and add it to your service account.

Both Docker and Podman use a configuration file to store authentication details to log in to secured or insecure registry:

- Docker: By default, Docker uses \$HOME/.docker/config.json.
- Podman: By default, Podman uses \$HOME/.config/containers/auth.json.

These files store your authentication information if you have previously logged in to a secured or insecure registry.



NOTE

Both Docker and Podman credential files and the associated pull secret can contain multiple references to the same registry if they have unique paths, for example, **quay.io** and **quay.io**/**example_repository>**. However, neither Docker nor Podman support multiple entries for the exact same registry path.

Example config.json file

```
{
    "auths":{
        "cloud.openshift.com":{
            "auth":"b3Blb=",
            "email":"you@example.com"
        },
        "quay.io":{
            "auth":"b3Blb=",
            "email":"you@example.com"
        },
        "quay.io/repository-main":{
            "auth":"b3Blb=",
            "email":"you@example.com"
        }
    }
}
```

Example pull secret

apiVersion: v1

data:

.dockerconfigison:

kind: Secret metadata:

creationTimestamp: "2021-09-09T19:10:11Z"

name: pull-secret namespace: default resourceVersion: "37676"

uid: e2851531-01bc-48ba-878c-de96cfe31020

type: Opaque

5.4.2.1. Creating a pull secret

Procedure

- Create a secret from an existing authentication file:
 - For Docker clients using .docker/config.json, enter the following command:

\$ oc create secret generic <pull_secret_name> \

- --from-file=.dockerconfigjson=<path/to/.docker/config.json> \
- --type=kubernetes.io/dockerconfigjson
- For Podman clients using .config/containers/auth.json, enter the following command:

\$ oc create secret generic <pull secret name> \

- --from-file=<path/to/.config/containers/auth.json> \
- --type=kubernetes.io/podmanconfigjson
- If you do not already have a Docker credentials file for the secured registry, you can create a secret by running the following command:

\$ oc create secret docker-registry <pull_secret_name> \

- --docker-server=<registry server> \
- --docker-username=<user name> \
- --docker-password=<password> \
- --docker-email=<email>

5.4.2.2. Using a pull secret in a workload

You can use a pull secret to allow workloads to pull images from a private registry with one of the following methods:

- By linking the secret to a **ServiceAccount**, which automatically applies the secret to all pods using that service account.
- By defining imagePullSecrets directly in workload configurations, which is useful for environments like GitOps or ArgoCD.

Procedure

- You can use a secret for pulling images for pods by adding the secret to your service account.
 Note that the name of the service account should match the name of the service account that pod uses. The default service account is **default**.
 - Enter the following command to link the pull secret to a **ServiceAccount**:
 - \$ oc secrets link default <pull_secret_name> --for=pull
 - To verify the change, enter the following command:
 - \$ oc get serviceaccount default -o yaml

Example output

```
apiVersion: v1
imagePullSecrets:
- name: default-dockercfg-123456
- name: <pull_secret_name>
kind: ServiceAccount
metadata:
   annotations:
   openshift.io/internal-registry-pull-secret-ref: <internal_registry_pull_secret>
   creationTimestamp: "2025-03-03T20:07:52Z"
   name: default
   namespace: default
   resourceVersion: "13914"
   uid: 9f62dd88-110d-4879-9e27-1ffe269poe3
   secrets:
- name: <pull_secret_name>
```

• Instead of linking the secret to a service account, you can alternatively reference it directly in your pod or workload definition. This is useful for GitOps workflows such as ArgoCD. For example:

Example pod specification

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
name: <secure_pod_name>
spec:
containers:
- name: <container_name>
image: quay.io/my-private-image
imagePullSecrets:
- name: <pull_secret_name>
```

Example ArgoCD workflow

```
apiVersion: argoproj.io/v1alpha1
kind: Workflow
metadata:
generateName: <example_workflow>
spec:
```

```
entrypoint: <main_task>
imagePullSecrets:
- name: <pull_secret_name>
```

5.4.2.3. Pulling from private registries with delegated authentication

A private registry can delegate authentication to a separate service. In these cases, image pull secrets must be defined for both the authentication and registry endpoints.

Procedure

1. Create a secret for the delegated authentication server:

```
$ oc create secret docker-registry \
--docker-server=sso.redhat.com \
--docker-username=developer@example.com \
--docker-password=******* \
--docker-email=unused \
redhat-connect-sso

secret/redhat-connect-sso
```

2. Create a secret for the private registry:

```
$ oc create secret docker-registry \
    --docker-server=privateregistry.example.com \
    --docker-username=developer@example.com \
    --docker-password=******* \
    --docker-email=unused \
    private-registry

secret/private-registry
```

5.4.3. Updating the global cluster pull secret

You can update the global pull secret for your cluster by either replacing the current pull secret or appending a new pull secret.



IMPORTANT

To transfer your cluster to another owner, you must initiate the transfer in OpenShift Cluster Manager and then update the pull secret on the cluster. Updating a cluster's pull secret without initiating the transfer in OpenShift Cluster Manager causes the cluster to stop reporting Telemetry metrics in OpenShift Cluster Manager.

For more information, see "Transferring cluster ownership" in the Red Hat OpenShift Cluster Manager documentation.

Prerequisites

• You have access to the cluster as a user with the **cluster-admin** role.

Procedure

- 1. Optional: To append a new pull secret to the existing pull secret, complete the following steps:
 - a. Enter the following command to download the pull secret:
 - \$ oc get secret/pull-secret -n openshift-config --template='{{index .data ".dockerconfigjson" | base64decode}}' > <pull_secret_location> 1
 - <pull_secret_location>: Include the path to the pull secret file.
 - b. Enter the following command to add the new pull secret:
 - \$ oc registry login --registry="<registry>" \ 1 --auth-basic="<username>:<password>" \ 2 --to=<pull_secret_location> 3
 - <registry>: Include the new registry. You can include many repositories within the same registry, for example: --registry="<registry/my-namespace/my-repository>.
 - <username>:<password>: Include the credentials of the new registry.
 - **3 <pull_secret_location>**: Include the path to the pull secret file.

You can also perform a manual update to the pull secret file.

2. Enter the following command to update the global pull secret for your cluster:

\$ oc set data secret/pull-secret -n openshift-config --from-file=.dockerconfigjson= <pull_secret_location> 1

<pull_secret_location>: Include the path to the new pull secret file.

This update rolls out to all nodes, which can take some time depending on the size of your cluster.



NOTE

As of OpenShift Container Platform 4.7.4, changes to the global pull secret no longer trigger a node drain or reboot.

CHAPTER 6. MANAGING IMAGE STREAMS

Image streams provide a means of creating and updating container images in an on-going way. As improvements are made to an image, tags can be used to assign new version numbers and keep track of changes. This document describes how image streams are managed.

6.1. WHY USE IMAGESTREAMS

An image stream and its associated tags provide an abstraction for referencing container images from within OpenShift Container Platform. The image stream and its tags allow you to see what images are available and ensure that you are using the specific image you need even if the image in the repository changes.

Image streams do not contain actual image data, but present a single virtual view of related images, similar to an image repository.

You can configure builds and deployments to watch an image stream for notifications when new images are added and react by performing a build or deployment, respectively.

For example, if a deployment is using a certain image and a new version of that image is created, a deployment could be automatically performed to pick up the new version of the image.

However, if the image stream tag used by the deployment or build is not updated, then even if the container image in the container image registry is updated, the build or deployment continues using the previous, presumably known good image.

The source images can be stored in any of the following:

- OpenShift Container Platform's integrated registry.
- An external registry, for example registry.redhat.io or quay.io.
- Other image streams in the OpenShift Container Platform cluster.

When you define an object that references an image stream tag, such as a build or deployment configuration, you point to an image stream tag and not the repository. When you build or deploy your application, OpenShift Container Platform queries the repository using the image stream tag to locate the associated ID of the image and uses that exact image.

The image stream metadata is stored in the etcd instance along with other cluster information.

Using image streams has several significant benefits:

- You can tag, rollback a tag, and quickly deal with images, without having to re-push using the command line.
- You can trigger builds and deployments when a new image is pushed to the registry. Also,
 OpenShift Container Platform has generic triggers for other resources, such as Kubernetes
 objects.
- You can mark a tag for periodic re-import. If the source image has changed, that change is
 picked up and reflected in the image stream, which triggers the build or deployment flow,
 depending upon the build or deployment configuration.
- You can share images using fine-grained access control and quickly distribute images across your teams.

- If the source image changes, the image stream tag still points to a known-good version of the image, ensuring that your application does not break unexpectedly.
- You can configure security around who can view and use the images through permissions on the image stream objects.
- Users that lack permission to read or list images on the cluster level can still retrieve the images tagged in a project using image streams.

6.2. CONFIGURING IMAGE STREAMS

An **ImageStream** object file contains the following elements.

Imagestream object definition

apiVersion: image.openshift.io/v1 kind: ImageStream metadata: annotations: openshift.io/generated-by: OpenShiftNewApp app: ruby-sample-build template: application-template-stibuild name: origin-ruby-sample 1 namespace: test spec: {} status: dockerImageRepository: 172.30.56.218:5000/test/origin-ruby-sample 2 - items: - created: 2017-09-02T10:15:09Z dockerImageReference: 172.30.56.218:5000/test/origin-rubysample@sha256:47463d94eb5c049b2d23b03a9530bf944f8f967a0fe79147dd6b9135bf7dd13d generation: 2 image: sha256:909de62d1f609a717ec433cc25ca5cf00941545c83a01fb31527771e1fab3fc5 4 - created: 2017-09-01T13:40:11Z dockerImageReference: 172.30.56.218:5000/test/origin-rubysample@sha256:909de62d1f609a717ec433cc25ca5cf00941545c83a01fb31527771e1fab3fc5 generation: 1 image: sha256:47463d94eb5c049b2d23b03a9530bf944f8f967a0fe79147dd6b9135bf7dd13d tag: latest 5

- The name of the image stream.
- 2 Docker repository path where new images can be pushed to add or update them in this image stream.
- The SHA identifier that this image stream tag currently references. Resources that reference this image stream tag use this identifier.
- The SHA identifier that this image stream tag previously referenced. Can be used to rollback to an older image.
- The image stream tag name.

6.3. IMAGE STREAM IMAGES

An image stream image points from within an image stream to a particular image ID.

Image stream images allow you to retrieve metadata about an image from a particular image stream where it is tagged.

Image stream image objects are automatically created in OpenShift Container Platform whenever you import or tag an image into the image stream. You should never have to explicitly define an image stream image object in any image stream definition that you use to create image streams.

The image stream image consists of the image stream name and image ID from the repository, delimited by an @ sign:

<image-stream-name>@<image-id>

To refer to the image in the **ImageStream** object example, the image stream image looks like:

 $origin-ruby-\\sample@sha256:47463d94eb5c049b2d23b03a9530bf944f8f967a0fe79147dd6b9135bf7dd13d$

6.4. IMAGE STREAM TAGS

An image stream tag is a named pointer to an image in an image stream. It is abbreviated as **istag**. An image stream tag is used to reference or retrieve an image for a given image stream and tag.

Image stream tags can reference any local or externally managed image. It contains a history of images represented as a stack of all images the tag ever pointed to. Whenever a new or existing image is tagged under particular image stream tag, it is placed at the first position in the history stack. The image previously occupying the top position is available at the second position. This allows for easy rollbacks to make tags point to historical images again.

The following image stream tag is from an **ImageStream** object:

Image stream tag with two images in its history

kind: ImageStream apiVersion: image.openshift.io/v1 metadata: name: my-image-stream # ... tags: - items: - created: 2017-09-02T10:15:09Z dockerImageReference: 172.30.56.218:5000/test/origin-rubysample@sha256:47463d94eb5c049b2d23b03a9530bf944f8f967a0fe79147dd6b9135bf7dd13d generation: 2 image: sha256:909de62d1f609a717ec433cc25ca5cf00941545c83a01fb31527771e1fab3fc5 - created: 2017-09-01T13:40:11Z dockerImageReference: 172.30.56.218:5000/test/origin-rubysample@sha256:909de62d1f609a717ec433cc25ca5cf00941545c83a01fb31527771e1fab3fc5 generation: 1

image: sha 256: 47463 d94 eb5 c049 b2d23 b03 a9530 bf944 f8f967 a0fe79147 dd6 b9135 bf7 dd13dtag: latest

...

Image stream tags can be permanent tags or tracking tags.

- Permanent tags are version-specific tags that point to a particular version of an image, such as Python 3.5.
- Tracking tags are reference tags that follow another image stream tag and can be updated to change which image they follow, like a symlink. These new levels are not guaranteed to be backwards-compatible.

For example, the **latest** image stream tags that ship with OpenShift Container Platform are tracking tags. This means consumers of the **latest** image stream tag are updated to the newest level of the framework provided by the image when a new level becomes available. A **latest** image stream tag to **v3.10** can be changed to **v3.11** at any time. It is important to be aware that these **latest** image stream tags behave differently than the Docker **latest** tag. The **latest** image stream tag, in this case, does not point to the latest image in the Docker repository. It points to another image stream tag, which might not be the latest version of an image. For example, if the **latest** image stream tag points to **v3.10** of an image, when the **3.11** version is released, the **latest** tag is not automatically updated to **v3.11**, and remains at **v3.10** until it is manually updated to point to a **v3.11** image stream tag.



NOTE

Tracking tags are limited to a single image stream and cannot reference other image streams.

You can create your own image stream tags for your own needs.

The image stream tag is composed of the name of the image stream and a tag, separated by a colon:

<imagestream name>:<tag>

For example, to refer to the

sha256:47463d94eb5c049b2d23b03a9530bf944f8f967a0fe79147dd6b9135bf7dd13d image in the ImageStream object example earlier, the image stream tag would be:

origin-ruby-sample:latest

6.5. IMAGE STREAM CHANGE TRIGGERS

Image stream triggers allow your builds and deployments to be automatically invoked when a new version of an upstream image is available.

For example, builds and deployments can be automatically started when an image stream tag is modified. This is achieved by monitoring that particular image stream tag and notifying the build or deployment when a change is detected.

6.6. IMAGE STREAM MAPPING

When the integrated registry receives a new image, it creates and sends an image stream mapping to OpenShift Container Platform, providing the image's project, name, tag, and image metadata.



NOTE

Configuring image stream mappings is an advanced feature.

This information is used to create a new image, if it does not already exist, and to tag the image into the image stream. OpenShift Container Platform stores complete metadata about each image, such as commands, entry point, and environment variables. Images in OpenShift Container Platform are immutable and the maximum name length is 63 characters.

The following image stream mapping example results in an image being tagged as **test/origin-ruby-sample:latest**:

Image stream mapping object definition

apiVersion: image.openshift.io/v1 kind: ImageStreamMapping

metadata:

creationTimestamp: null name: origin-ruby-sample

namespace: test

tag: latest image:

dockerImageLayers:

- name: sha256:5f70bf18a086007016e948b04aed3b82103a36bea41755b6cddfaf10ace3c6ef
- name: sha256:ee1dd2cb6df21971f4af6de0f1d7782b81fb63156801cfde2bb47b4247c23c29 size: 196634330
- name: sha256:5f70bf18a086007016e948b04aed3b82103a36bea41755b6cddfaf10ace3c6ef size: 0
- name: sha256:5f70bf18a086007016e948b04aed3b82103a36bea41755b6cddfaf10ace3c6ef size: 0
- name: sha256:ca062656bff07f18bff46be00f40cfbb069687ec124ac0aa038fd676cfaea092 size: 177723024
- name: sha256:63d529c59c92843c395befd065de516ee9ed4995549f8218eac6ff088bfa6b6e size: 55679776
- name: sha256:92114219a04977b5563d7dff71ec4caa3a37a15b266ce42ee8f43dba9798c966 size: 11939149

dockerlmageMetadata: Architecture: amd64

Config: Cmd:

- /usr/libexec/s2i/run

Entrypoint:

- container-entrypoint

Env:

- RACK ENV=production
- OPENSHIFT_BUILD_NAMESPACE=test
- OPENSHIFT_BUILD_SOURCE=https://github.com/openshift/ruby-hello-world.git
- EXAMPLE=sample-app
- OPENSHIFT_BUILD_NAME=ruby-sample-build-1
- PATH=/opt/app-root/src/bin:/opt/app-

root/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/bin

```
- STI SCRIPTS URL=image:///usr/libexec/s2i
   - STI SCRIPTS PATH=/usr/libexec/s2i
   - HOME=/opt/app-root/src
   - BASH ENV=/opt/app-root/etc/scl enable
   - ENV=/opt/app-root/etc/scl enable
   - PROMPT COMMAND=. /opt/app-root/etc/scl enable
   - RUBY VERSION=2.2
   ExposedPorts:
    8080/tcp: {}
   Labels:
    build-date: 2015-12-23
    io.k8s.description: Platform for building and running Ruby 2.2 applications
    io.k8s.display-name: 172.30.56.218:5000/test/origin-ruby-sample:latest
    io.openshift.build.commit.date: Wed Jan 20 10:14:27 2016 -0500
    io.openshift.build.commit.id: 00cadc392d39d5ef9117cbc8a31db0889eedd442
    io.openshift.build.commit.message: 'Merge pull request #51 from php-coder/fix_url_and_sti'
    io.openshift.build.commit.ref: master
    io.openshift.build.image: centos/ruby-22-
centos7@sha256:3a335d7d8a452970c5b4054ad7118ff134b3a6b50a2bb6d0c07c746e8986b28e
    io.openshift.build.source-location: https://github.com/openshift/ruby-hello-world.git
    io.openshift.builder-base-version: 8d95148
    io.openshift.builder-version: 8847438ba06307f86ac877465eadc835201241df
    io.openshift.s2i.scripts-url: image:///usr/libexec/s2i
    io.openshift.tags: builder,ruby,ruby22
    io.s2i.scripts-url: image:///usr/libexec/s2i
    license: GPLv2
    name: CentOS Base Image
    vendor: CentOS
   User: "1001"
   WorkingDir: /opt/app-root/src
  Container: 86e9a4a3c760271671ab913616c51c9f3cea846ca524bf07c04a6f6c9e103a76
  ContainerConfig:
   AttachStdout: true
   Cmd:
   - /bin/sh
   - tar -C /tmp -xf - && /usr/libexec/s2i/assemble
   Entrypoint:
   - container-entrypoint
   Env:
   - RACK_ENV=production
   - OPENSHIFT BUILD NAME=ruby-sample-build-1
   - OPENSHIFT BUILD NAMESPACE=test
   - OPENSHIFT_BUILD_SOURCE=https://github.com/openshift/ruby-hello-world.git
   - EXAMPLE=sample-app
   - PATH=/opt/app-root/src/bin:/opt/app-
root/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/bin
   - STI SCRIPTS URL=image:///usr/libexec/s2i
```

- STI_SCRIPTS_PATH=/usr/libexec/s2i
- HOME=/opt/app-root/src
- BASH ENV=/opt/app-root/etc/scl enable
- ENV=/opt/app-root/etc/scl enable
- PROMPT COMMAND=. /opt/app-root/etc/scl enable
- RUBY VERSION=2.2

ExposedPorts:

8080/tcp: {}

Hostname: ruby-sample-build-1-build

Image: centos/ruby-22-

centos7@sha256:3a335d7d8a452970c5b4054ad7118ff134b3a6b50a2bb6d0c07c746e8986b28e

OpenStdin: true StdinOnce: true User: "1001"

WorkingDir: /opt/app-root/src Created: 2016-01-29T13:40:00Z DockerVersion: 1.8.2.fc21

ld: 9d7fd5e2d15495802028c569d544329f4286dcd1c9c085ff5699218dbaa69b43 Parent: 57b08d979c86f4500dc8cad639c9518744c8dd39447c055a3517dc9c18d6fccd

Size: 441976279 apiVersion: "1.0" kind: DockerImage

dockerImageMetadataVersion: "1.0"

dockerImageReference: 172.30.56.218:5000/test/origin-ruby-

sample@sha256:47463d94eb5c049b2d23b03a9530bf944f8f967a0fe79147dd6b9135bf7dd13d

6.7. WORKING WITH IMAGE STREAMS

The following sections describe how to use image streams and image stream tags.



IMPORTANT

Do not run workloads in or share access to default projects. Default projects are reserved for running core cluster components.

The following default projects are considered highly privileged: **default**, **kube-public**, **kube-system**, **openshift**, **openshift-infra**, **openshift-node**, and other system-created projects that have the **openshift.io/run-level** label set to **0** or **1**. Functionality that relies on admission plugins, such as pod security admission, security context constraints, cluster resource quotas, and image reference resolution, does not work in highly privileged projects.

6.7.1. Getting information about image streams

You can get general information about the image stream and detailed information about all the tags it is pointing to.

Procedure

• To get general information about the image stream and detailed information about all the tags it is pointing to, enter the following command:

\$ oc describe is/<image-name>

For example:

\$ oc describe is/python

Example output

Name: python Namespace: default

Created: About a minute ago

Labels: <none>

Annotations: openshift.io/image.dockerRepositoryCheck=2017-10-02T17:05:11Z

Docker Pull Spec: docker-registry.default.svc:5000/default/python

Image Lookup: local=false

Unique Images: 1

Tags: 1

3.5

tagged from centos/python-35-centos7

* centos/python-35-

centos7@sha256:49c18358df82f4577386404991c51a9559f243e0b1bdc366df25 About a minute ago

 To get all of the information available about a particular image stream tag, enter the following command:

\$ oc describe istag/<image-stream>:<tag-name>

For example:

\$ oc describe istag/python:latest

Example output

Image Name: sha256:49c18358df82f4577386404991c51a9559f243e0b1bdc366df25

Docker Image: centos/python-35-

centos7@sha256:49c18358df82f4577386404991c51a9559f243e0b1bdc366df25 Name: sha256:49c18358df82f4577386404991c51a9559f243e0b1bdc366df25

Created: 2 minutes ago

Image Size: 251.2 MB (first layer 2.898 MB, last binary layer 72.26 MB)

Image Created: 2 weeks ago

Author: <none>
Arch: amd64

Entrypoint: container-entrypoint

Command: /bin/sh -c \$STI_SCRIPTS_PATH/usage

Working Dir: /opt/app-root/src

User: 1001

Exposes Ports: 8080/tcp

Docker Labels: build-date=20170801



NOTE

More information is output than shown.

 Enter the following command to discover which architecture or operating system that an image stream tag supports:

\$ oc get istag <image-stream-tag> -ojsonpath="{range .image.dockerImageManifests[*]} {.os}/{.architecture}{'\n'}{end}"

For example:

Example output

linux/amd64 linux/arm linux/arm64 linux/386 linux/mips64le linux/ppc64le linux/riscv64 linux/s390x

6.7.2. Adding tags to an image stream

You can add additional tags to image streams.

Procedure

• Add a tag that points to one of the existing tags by using the `oc tag`command:

\$ oc tag <image-name:tag1> <image-name:tag2>

For example:

\$ oc tag python:3.5 python:latest

Example output

Tag python:latest set to python@sha256:49c18358df82f4577386404991c51a9559f243e0b1bdc366df25.

• Confirm the image stream has two tags, one, **3.5**, pointing at the external container image and another tag, **latest**, pointing to the same image because it was created based on the first tag.

\$ oc describe is/python

Example output

Name: python Namespace: default Created: 5 minutes ago

Labels: <none>

Annotations: openshift.io/image.dockerRepositoryCheck=2017-10-02T17:05:11Z

Docker Pull Spec: docker-registry.default.svc:5000/default/python

Image Lookup: local=false

Unique Images: 1

Tags: 2

latest

tagged from

python@sha256:49c18358df82f4577386404991c51a9559f243e0b1bdc366df25

* centos/python-35-

centos7@sha256:49c18358df82f4577386404991c51a9559f243e0b1bdc366df25 About a minute ago

3.5

tagged from centos/python-35-centos7

* centos/python-35-

centos7@sha256:49c18358df82f4577386404991c51a9559f243e0b1bdc366df25 5 minutes ago

6.7.3. Adding tags for an external image

You can add tags for external images.

Procedure

 Add tags pointing to internal or external images, by using the oc tag command for all tagrelated operations:

\$ oc tag <repository/image> <image-name:tag>

For example, this command maps the **docker.io/python:3.6.0** image to the **3.6** tag in the **python** image stream.

\$ oc tag docker.io/python:3.6.0 python:3.6

Example output

Tag python:3.6 set to docker.io/python:3.6.0.

If the external image is secured, you must create a secret with credentials for accessing that registry.

6.7.4. Updating image stream tags

You can update a tag to reflect another tag in an image stream.

Procedure

Update a tag:

\$ oc tag <image-name:tag> <image-name:latest>

For example, the following updates the **latest** tag to reflect the **3.6** tag in an image stream:

\$ oc tag python:3.6 python:latest

Example output

Tag python:latest set to python@sha256:438208801c4806548460b27bd1fbcb7bb188273d13871ab43f.

6.7.5. Removing image stream tags

You can remove old tags from an image stream.

Procedure

- Remove old tags from an image stream:
 - \$ oc tag -d <image-name:tag>

For example:

\$ oc tag -d python:3.6

Example output

Deleted tag default/python:3.6

See Removing deprecated image stream tags from the Cluster Samples Operator for more information on how the Cluster Samples Operator handles deprecated image stream tags.

6.7.6. Configuring periodic importing of image stream tags

When working with an external container image registry, to periodically re-import an image, for example to get latest security updates, you can use the **--scheduled** flag.

Procedure

- 1. Schedule importing images:
 - \$ oc tag <repository/image> <image-name:tag> --scheduled

For example:

\$ oc tag docker.io/python:3.6.0 python:3.6 --scheduled

Example output

Tag python:3.6 set to import docker.io/python:3.6.0 periodically.

This command causes OpenShift Container Platform to periodically update this particular image stream tag. This period is a cluster-wide setting set to 15 minutes by default.

2. Remove the periodic check, re-run above command but omit the **--scheduled** flag. This will reset its behavior to default.

\$ oc tag <repositiory/image> <image-name:tag>

6.8. IMPORTING AND WORKING WITH IMAGES AND IMAGE STREAMS

The following sections describe how to import, and work with, image streams.

6.8.1. Importing images and image streams from private registries

An image stream can be configured to import tag and image metadata from private image registries requiring authentication. This procedures applies if you change the registry that the Cluster Samples Operator uses to pull content from to something other than registry.redhat.io.



NOTE

When importing from insecure or secure registries, the registry URL defined in the secret must include the **:80** port suffix or the secret is not used when attempting to import from the registry.

Procedure

1. You must create a **secret** object that is used to store your credentials by entering the following command:

\$ oc create secret generic <secret_name> --from-file=.dockerconfigjson= <file_absolute_path> --type=kubernetes.io/dockerconfigjson

2. After the secret is configured, create the new image stream or enter the **oc import-image** command:

\$ oc import-image <imagestreamtag> --from=<image> --confirm

During the import process, OpenShift Container Platform picks up the secrets and provides them to the remote party.

6.8.2. Working with manifest lists

You can import a single sub-manifest, or all manifests, of a manifest list when using **oc import-image** or **oc tag** CLI commands by adding the **--import-mode** flag.

Refer to the commands below to create an image stream that includes a single sub-manifest or multiarchitecture images.

Procedure

• Create an image stream that includes multi-architecture images, and sets the import mode to **PreserveOriginal**, by entering the following command:

\$ oc import-image <multiarch-image-stream-tag> --from=
<registry>/<project_name>/<image-name> \
--import-mode='PreserveOriginal' --reference-policy=local --confirm

Example output

Arch: <none>
Manifests: linux/amd64

sha256:6e325b86566fafd3c4683a05a219c30c421fbccbf8d87ab9d20d4ec1131c3451

linux/arm64

sha256:d8fad562ffa75b96212c4a6dc81faf327d67714ed85475bf642729703a2b5bf6

linux/ppc64le

sha256:7b7e25338e40d8bdeb1b28e37fef5e64f0afd412530b257f5b02b30851f416e1

• Alternatively, enter the following command to import an image with the **Legacy** import mode, which discards manifest lists and imports a single sub-manifest:

\$ oc import-image <multiarch-image-stream-tag> --from=
<registry>/<project_name>/<image-name> \
--import-mode='Legacy' --confirm



NOTE

The **--import-mode=** default value is **Legacy**. Excluding this value, or failing to specify either **Legacy** or **PreserveOriginal**, imports a single sub-manifest. An invalid import mode returns the following error: **error: valid ImportMode values are Legacy or PreserveOriginal**.

6.8.2.1. Limitations

Working with manifest lists has the following limitations:

 In some cases, users might want to use sub-manifests directly. When oc adm prune images is run, or the CronJob pruner runs, they cannot detect when a sub-manifest list is used. As a result, an administrator using oc adm prune images, or the CronJob pruner, might delete entire manifest lists, including sub-manifests.

To avoid this limitation, you can use the manifest list by tag or by digest instead.

6.8.2.2. Configuring periodic importing of manifest lists

To periodically re-import a manifest list, you can use the **--scheduled** flag.

Procedure

• Set the image stream to periodically update the manifest list by entering the following command:

\$ oc import-image <multiarch-image-stream-tag> --from=
<registry>/<project_name>/<image-name> \
--import-mode='PreserveOriginal' --scheduled=true

6.8.2.3. Configuring SSL/TSL when importing manifest lists

To configure SSL/TSL when importing a manifest list, you can use the **--insecure** flag.

Procedure

• Set --insecure=true so that importing a manifest list skips SSL/TSL verification. For example:

\$ oc import-image <multiarch-image-stream-tag> --from=<registry>/<project_name>/<image-name> \

--import-mode='PreserveOriginal' --insecure=true

6.8.3. Specifying architecture for --import-mode

You can swap your imported image stream between multi-architecture and single architecture by excluding or including the **--import-mode=** flag

Procedure

 Run the following command to update your image stream from multi-architecture to single architecture by excluding the --import-mode= flag:

\$ oc import-image <multiarch-image-stream-tag> --from=<registry>/<project_name>/<image-name>

• Run the following command to update your image stream from single-architecture to multi-architecture:

\$ oc import-image <multiarch-image-stream-tag> --from=
<registry>/<project_name>/<image-name> \
--import-mode='PreserveOriginal'

6.8.4. Configuration fields for --import-mode

The following table describes the options available for the **--import-mode=** flag:

Parameter	Description
Legacy	The default option for import-mode . When specified, the manifest list is discarded, and a single sub-manifest is imported. The platform is chosen in the following order of priority: 1. Tag annotations 2. Control plane architecture 3. Linux/AMD64 4. The first manifest in the list
PreserveOriginal	When specified, the original manifest is preserved. For manifest lists, the manifest list and all of its sub-manifests are imported.

CHAPTER 7. USING IMAGE STREAMS WITH KUBERNETES RESOURCES

Image streams, being OpenShift Container Platform native resources, work with all native resources available in OpenShift Container Platform, such as **Build** or **DeploymentConfigs** resources. It is also possible to make them work with native Kubernetes resources, such as **Job**, **ReplicationController**, **ReplicaSet** or Kubernetes **Deployment** resources.

7.1. ENABLING IMAGE STREAMS WITH KUBERNETES RESOURCES

When using image streams with Kubernetes resources, you can only reference image streams that reside in the same project as the resource. The image stream reference must consist of a single segment value, for example **ruby:2.5**, where **ruby** is the name of an image stream that has a tag named **2.5** and resides in the same project as the resource making the reference.



IMPORTANT

Do not run workloads in or share access to default projects. Default projects are reserved for running core cluster components.

The following default projects are considered highly privileged: **default**, **kube-public**, **kube-system**, **openshift**, **openshift-infra**, **openshift-node**, and other system-created projects that have the **openshift.io/run-level** label set to **0** or **1**. Functionality that relies on admission plugins, such as pod security admission, security context constraints, cluster resource quotas, and image reference resolution, does not work in highly privileged projects.

There are two ways to enable image streams with Kubernetes resources:

- Enabling image stream resolution on a specific resource. This allows only this resource to use the image stream name in the image field.
- Enabling image stream resolution on an image stream. This allows all resources pointing to this image stream to use it in the image field.

Procedure

You can use **oc set image-lookup** to enable image stream resolution on a specific resource or image stream resolution on an image stream.

 To allow all resources to reference the image stream named mysql, enter the following command:

\$ oc set image-lookup mysql

This sets the Imagestream.spec.lookupPolicy.local field to true.

Imagestream with image lookup enabled

apiVersion: image.openshift.io/v1 kind: ImageStream metadata: annotations:

```
openshift.io/display-name: mysql
name: mysql
namespace: myproject
spec:
lookupPolicy:
local: true
```

When enabled, the behavior is enabled for all tags within the image stream.

2. Then you can query the image streams and see if the option is set:

```
$ oc set image-lookup imagestream --list
```

You can enable image lookup on a specific resource.

• To allow the Kubernetes deployment named **mysql** to use image streams, run the following command:

\$ oc set image-lookup deploy/mysql

This sets the alpha.image.policy.openshift.io/resolve-names annotation on the deployment.

Deployment with image lookup enabled

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
 name: mysql
 namespace: myproject
spec:
 replicas: 1
 template:
  metadata:
   annotations:
    alpha.image.policy.openshift.io/resolve-names: '*'
  spec:
   containers:
   - image: mysql:latest
    imagePullPolicy: Always
     name: mysql
```

You can disable image lookup.

To disable image lookup, pass --enabled=false:

\$ oc set image-lookup deploy/mysql --enabled=false

CHAPTER 8. TRIGGERING UPDATES ON IMAGE STREAM CHANGES

When an image stream tag is updated to point to a new image, OpenShift Container Platform can automatically take action to roll the new image out to resources that were using the old image. You configure this behavior in different ways depending on the type of resource that references the image stream tag.

8.1. OPENSHIFT CONTAINER PLATFORM RESOURCES

OpenShift Container Platform deployment configurations and build configurations can be automatically triggered by changes to image stream tags. The triggered action can be run using the new value of the image referenced by the updated image stream tag.

8.2. TRIGGERING KUBERNETES RESOURCES

Kubernetes resources do not have fields for triggering, unlike deployment and build configurations, which include as part of their API definition a set of fields for controlling triggers. Instead, you can use annotations in OpenShift Container Platform to request triggering.

The annotation is defined as follows:

- Required: **kind** is the resource to trigger from must be **ImageStreamTag**.
- Required: name must be the name of an image stream tag.
- Optional: namespace defaults to the namespace of the object.
- Required: **fieldPath** is the JSON path to change. This field is limited and accepts only a JSON path expression that precisely matches a container by ID or index. For pods, the JSON path is **spec.containers[?(@.name='web')].image**.
- Optional: **paused** is whether or not the trigger is paused, and the default value is **false**. Set **paused** to **true** to temporarily disable this trigger.

When one of the core Kubernetes resources contains both a pod template and this annotation, OpenShift Container Platform attempts to update the object by using the image currently associated with the image stream tag that is referenced by trigger. The update is performed against the **fieldPath** specified.

Examples of core Kubernetes resources that can contain both a pod template and annotation include:

- CronJobs
- Deployments
- StatefulSets
- DaemonSets
- Jobs
- ReplicationControllers
- Pods

8.3. SETTING THE IMAGE TRIGGER ON KUBERNETES RESOURCES

When adding an image trigger to deployments, you can use the **oc set triggers** command. For example, the sample command in this procedure adds an image change trigger to the deployment named **example** so that when the **example:latest** image stream tag is updated, the **web** container inside the deployment updates with the new image value. This command sets the correct **image.openshift.io/triggers** annotation on the deployment resource.

Procedure

Trigger Kubernetes resources by entering the oc set triggers command:

\$ oc set triggers deploy/example --from-image=example:latest -c web

Example deployment with trigger annotation

Unless the deployment is paused, this pod template update automatically causes a deployment to occur with the new image value.

CHAPTER 9. IMAGE CONFIGURATION RESOURCES

Use the following procedure to configure image registries.

9.1. IMAGE CONTROLLER CONFIGURATION PARAMETERS

The **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** resource holds cluster-wide information about how to handle images. The canonical, and only valid name is **cluster**. Its **spec** offers the following configuration parameters.



NOTE

Parameters such as **DisableScheduledImport**, **MaxImagesBulkImportedPerRepository**, **MaxScheduledImportsPerMinute**, **ScheduledImageImportMinimumIntervalSeconds**, **InternalRegistryHostname** are not configurable.

Parameter	Description
allowedRegistriesForI mport	Limits the container image registries from which normal users can import images. Set this list to the registries that you trust to contain valid images, and that you want applications to be able to import from. Users with permission to create images or ImageStreamMappings from the API are not affected by this policy. Typically only cluster administrators have the appropriate permissions. Every element of this list contains a location of the registry specified by the registry domain name. domainName : Specifies a domain name for the registry. If the registry uses a non-standard 80 or 443 port, the port should be included in the domain name as well. insecure : Insecure indicates whether the registry is secure or insecure. By default, if not otherwise specified, the registry is assumed to be secure.
additionalTrustedCA	A reference to a config map containing additional CAs that should be trusted during image stream import , pod image pull , openshift-image-registry pullthrough , and builds. The namespace for this config map is openshift-config . The format of the config map is to use the registry hostname as the key, and the PEM-encoded certificate as the value, for each additional registry CA to trust.
externalRegistryHostn ames	Provides the hostnames for the default external image registry. The external hostname should be set only when the image registry is exposed externally. The first value is used in publicDockerImageRepository field in image streams. The value must be in hostname[:port] format.

Parameter	Description
registrySources	Contains configuration that determines how the container runtime should treat individual registries when accessing images for builds and pods. For instance, whether or not to allow insecure access. It does not contain configuration for the internal cluster registry.
	insecureRegistries: Registries which do not have a valid TLS certificate or only support HTTP connections. To specify all subdomains, add the asterisk (*) wildcard character as a prefix to the domain name. For example, *.example.com. You can specify an individual repository within a registry. For example: reg1.io/myrepo/myapp:latest.
	blockedRegistries : Registries for which image pull and push actions are denied. To specify all subdomains, add the asterisk (*) wildcard character as a prefix to the domain name. For example, *.example.com. You can specify an individual repository within a registry. For example: reg1.io/myrepo/myapp:latest. All other registries are allowed.
	allowedRegistries : Registries for which image pull and push actions are allowed. To specify all subdomains, add the asterisk (*) wildcard character as a prefix to the domain name. For example, *.example.com. You can specify an individual repository within a registry. For example: reg1.io/myrepo/myapp:latest. All other registries are blocked.
	containerRuntimeSearchRegistries : Registries for which image pull and push actions are allowed using image short names. All other registries are blocked.
	Either blockedRegistries or allowedRegistries can be set, but not both.



WARNING

When the **allowedRegistries** parameter is defined, all registries, including **registry.redhat.io** and **quay.io** registries and the default OpenShift image registry, are blocked unless explicitly listed. When using the parameter, to prevent pod failure, add all registries including the **registry.redhat.io** and **quay.io** registries and the **internalRegistryHostname** to the **allowedRegistries** list, as they are required by payload images within your environment. For disconnected clusters, mirror registries should also be added.

The **status** field of the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** resource holds observed values from the cluster.

Parameter	Description
internalRegistryHostna me	Set by the Image Registry Operator, which controls the internalRegistryHostname. It sets the hostname for the default OpenShift image registry. The value must be in hostname[:port] format. For backward compatibility, you can still use the OPENSHIFT_DEFAULT_REGISTRY environment variable, but this setting overrides the environment variable.
externalRegistryHostn ames	Set by the Image Registry Operator, provides the external hostnames for the image registry when it is exposed externally. The first value is used in publicDockerImageRepository field in image streams. The values must be in hostname[:port] format.

9.2. CONFIGURING IMAGE REGISTRY SETTINGS

You can configure image registry settings by editing the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** custom resource (CR). When changes to the registry are applied to the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** CR, the Machine Config Operator (MCO) performs the following sequential actions:

- 1. Cordons the node
- 2. Applies changes by restarting CRI-O
- 3. Uncordons the node



NOTE

The MCO does not restart nodes when it detects changes.

Procedure

1. Edit the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** custom resource:

\$ oc edit image.config.openshift.io/cluster

The following is an example image.config.openshift.io/cluster CR:

apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1

kind: Image 1

metadata:

annotations:

release.openshift.io/create-only: "true" creationTimestamp: "2019-05-17T13:44:26Z"

generation: 1 name: cluster

resourceVersion: "8302"

selfLink: /apis/config.openshift.io/v1/images/cluster uid: e34555da-78a9-11e9-b92b-06d6c7da38dc

spec:

allowedRegistriesForImport: 2

- domainName: quay.io

insecure: false

additionalTrustedCA: 3

name: myconfigmap

registrySources: 4
allowedRegistries:

- example.com

- quay.io
- registry.redhat.io
- image-registry.openshift-image-registry.svc:5000
- reg1.io/myrepo/myapp:latest insecureRegistries:
- insecure.com

status:

internalRegistryHostname: image-registry.openshift-image-registry.svc:5000

- **Image**: Holds cluster-wide information about how to handle images. The canonical, and only valid name is **cluster**.
- allowedRegistriesForImport: Limits the container image registries from which normal users may import images. Set this list to the registries that you trust to contain valid images, and that you want applications to be able to import from. Users with permission to create images or ImageStreamMappings from the API are not affected by this policy. Typically only cluster administrators have the appropriate permissions.
- additionalTrustedCA: A reference to a config map containing additional certificate authorities (CA) that are trusted during image stream import, pod image pull, openshift-image-registry pullthrough, and builds. The namespace for this config map is openshift-config. The format of the config map is to use the registry hostname as the key, and the PEM certificate as the value, for each additional registry CA to trust.
- registrySources: Contains configuration that determines whether the container runtime allows or blocks individual registries when accessing images for builds and pods. Either the allowedRegistries parameter or the blockedRegistries parameter can be set, but not both. You can also define whether or not to allow access to insecure registries or registries that allow registries that use image short names. This example uses the allowedRegistries parameter, which defines the registries that are allowed to be used. The insecure registry insecure.com is also allowed. The registrySources parameter does not contain configuration for the internal cluster registry.



NOTE

When the **allowedRegistries** parameter is defined, all registries, including the registry.redhat.io and quay.io registries and the default OpenShift image registry, are blocked unless explicitly listed. If you use the parameter, to prevent pod failure, you must add the **registry.redhat.io** and **quay.io** registries and the **internalRegistryHostname** to the **allowedRegistries** list, as they are required by payload images within your environment. Do not add the **registry.redhat.io** and **quay.io** registries to the **blockedRegistries** list.

When using the **allowedRegistries**, **blockedRegistries**, or **insecureRegistries** parameter, you can specify an individual repository within a registry. For example: **reg1.io/myrepo/myapp:latest**.

Insecure external registries should be avoided to reduce possible security risks.

2. To check that the changes are applied, list your nodes:

\$ oc get nodes

Example output

NAME	STATUS	ROLES		GE	VERSION
ip-10-0-137-182.us-east-2.co 65m v1.29.4	mpute.internal	Ready,Scheduling[Disabled	worke	er
ip-10-0-139-120.us-east-2.co 74m v1.29.4	mpute.internal	Ready,Scheduling[Disabled	contro	ol-plane
ip-10-0-176-102.us-east-2.co	mpute.internal	Ready	control-p	lane	75m
ip-10-0-188-96.us-east-2.com v1.29.4	pute.internal	Ready	worker		65m
ip-10-0-200-59.us-east-2.com v1.29.4	pute.internal	Ready	worker		63m
ip-10-0-223-123.us-east-2.co v1.29.4	mpute.internal	Ready	control-p	lane	73m

9.2.1. Adding specific registries

You can add a list of registries, and optionally an individual repository within a registry, that are permitted for image pull and push actions by editing the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** custom resource (CR). OpenShift Container Platform applies the changes to this CR to all nodes in the cluster.

When pulling or pushing images, the container runtime searches the registries listed under the **registrySources** parameter in the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** CR. If you created a list of registries under the **allowedRegistries** parameter, the container runtime searches only those registries. Registries not in the list are blocked.



WARNING

When the **allowedRegistries** parameter is defined, all registries, including the **registry.redhat.io** and **quay.io** registries and the default OpenShift image registry, are blocked unless explicitly listed. If you use the parameter, to prevent pod failure, add the **registry.redhat.io** and **quay.io** registries and the **internalRegistryHostname** to the **allowedRegistries** list, as they are required by payload images within your environment. For disconnected clusters, mirror registries should also be added.

Procedure

• Edit the image.config.openshift.io/cluster custom resource:

\$ oc edit image.config.openshift.io/cluster

The following is an example image.config.openshift.io/cluster CR with an allowed list:

apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1

kind: Image metadata: annotations:

release.openshift.io/create-only: "true" creationTimestamp: "2019-05-17T13:44:26Z"

generation: 1 name: cluster

resourceVersion: "8302"

selfLink: /apis/config.openshift.io/v1/images/cluster uid: e34555da-78a9-11e9-b92b-06d6c7da38dc

spec:

registrySources: 1

allowedRegistries: 2
- example.com

- quay.io
- quay.io
- registry.redhat.ioreg1.io/myrepo/myapp:latest
- image-registry.openshift-image-registry.svc:5000

status:

internalRegistryHostname: image-registry.openshift-image-registry.svc:5000

- 1 Contains configurations that determine how the container runtime should treat individual registries when accessing images for builds and pods. It does not contain configuration for the internal cluster registry.
- Specify registries, and optionally a repository in that registry, to use for image pull and push actions. All other registries are blocked.



NOTE

Either the **allowedRegistries** parameter or the **blockedRegistries** parameter can be set, but not both.

The Machine Config Operator (MCO) watches the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** resource for any changes to the registries. When the MCO detects a change, it triggers a rollout on nodes in machine config pool (MCP). The allowed registries list is used to update the image signature policy in the /etc/containers/policy.json file on each node. Changes to the /etc/containers/policy.json file do not require the node to drain.

Verification

Enter the following command to obtain a list of your nodes:

\$ oc get nodes

Example output

```
NAME STATUS ROLES AGE VERSION <a href="https://www.node_name">node_name</a> Ready control-plane,master 37m v1.27.8+4fab27b
```

1. Run the following command to enter debug mode on the node:

\$ oc debug node/<node_name>

2. When prompted, enter **chroot** /**host** into the terminal:

sh-4.4# chroot /host

3. Enter the following command to check that the registries have been added to the policy file:

```
sh-5.1# cat /etc/containers/policy.json | jq '.'
```

The following policy indicates that only images from the example.com, quay.io, and registry.redhat.io registries are permitted for image pulls and pushes:

Example 9.1. Example image signature policy file

```
{
    "default":[
      {
         "type":"reject"
      }
    ],
    "transports":{
        "atomic":{
         "example.com":[
         {
            "type":"insecureAcceptAnything"
         }
      ],
      "image-registry.openshift-image-registry.svc:5000":[
```

```
"type":"insecureAcceptAnything"
 ],
 "insecure.com":[
     "type":"insecureAcceptAnything"
  "quay.io":[
     "type":"insecureAcceptAnything"
 "reg4.io/myrepo/myapp:latest":[
     "type":"insecureAcceptAnything"
 ],
 "registry.redhat.io":[
     "type":"insecureAcceptAnything"
},
"docker":{
  "example.com":[
     "type":"insecureAcceptAnything"
 "image-registry.openshift-image-registry.svc:5000":[
     "type":"insecureAcceptAnything"
   }
 ],
 "insecure.com":[
     "type":"insecureAcceptAnything"
  "quay.io":[
     "type":"insecureAcceptAnything"
 "reg4.io/myrepo/myapp:latest":[
     "type":"insecureAcceptAnything"
 "registry.redhat.io":[
     "type":"insecureAcceptAnything"
 ]
```



NOTE

If your cluster uses the **registrySources.insecureRegistries** parameter, ensure that any insecure registries are included in the allowed list.

For example:

spec:

registrySources:

insecureRegistries:

- insecure.com
- allowedRegistries:
- example.com
- quay.io
- registry.redhat.io
- insecure.com
- image-registry.openshift-image-registry.svc:5000

9.2.2. Blocking specific registries

You can block any registry, and optionally an individual repository within a registry, by editing the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** custom resource (CR). OpenShift Container Platform applies the changes to this CR to all nodes in the cluster.

When pulling or pushing images, the container runtime searches the registries listed under the **registrySources** parameter in the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** CR. If you created a list of registries under the **blockedRegistries** parameter, the container runtime does not search those registries. All other registries are allowed.



WARNING

To prevent pod failure, do not add the **registry.redhat.io** and **quay.io** registries to the **blockedRegistries** list, as they are required by payload images within your environment.

Procedure

Edit the image.config.openshift.io/cluster custom resource:

\$ oc edit image.config.openshift.io/cluster

The following is an example image.config.openshift.io/cluster CR with a blocked list:

apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1

kind: Image metadata: annotations:

release.openshift.io/create-only: "true" creationTimestamp: "2019-05-17T13:44:26Z"

generation: 1 name: cluster

resourceVersion: "8302"

selfLink: /apis/config.openshift.io/v1/images/cluster uid: e34555da-78a9-11e9-b92b-06d6c7da38dc

spec:

registrySources: 1

blockedRegistries: 2

- untrusted.com

- reg1.io/myrepo/myapp:latest

status:

internalRegistryHostname: image-registry.openshift-image-registry.svc:5000

- 1 Contains configurations that determine how the container runtime should treat individual registries when accessing images for builds and pods. It does not contain configuration for the internal cluster registry.
- Specify registries, and optionally a repository in that registry, that should not be used for image pull and push actions. All other registries are allowed.



NOTE

Either the **blockedRegistries** registry or the **allowedRegistries** registry can be set, but not both.

The Machine Config Operator (MCO) watches the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** resource for any changes to the registries. When the MCO detects a change, it drains the nodes, applies the change, and uncordons the nodes. After the nodes return to the **Ready** state, changes to the blocked registries appear in the /etc/containers/registries.conf file on each node. During this period, you might experience service unavailability.

Verification

• Enter the following command to obtain a list of your nodes:

\$ oc get nodes

Example output

```
NAME STATUS ROLES AGE VERSION <node_name> Ready control-plane,master 37m v1.27.8+4fab27b
```

1. Run the following command to enter debug mode on the node:

```
$ oc debug node/<node_name>
```

2. When prompted, enter **chroot** /**host** into the terminal:

```
sh-4.4# chroot /host
```

3. Enter the following command to check that the registries have been added to the policy file:

```
sh-5.1# cat etc/containers/registries.conf
```

The following example indicates that images from the **untrusted.com** registry are prevented for image pulls and pushes:

Example output

```
unqualified-search-registries = ["registry.access.redhat.com", "docker.io"]

[[registry]]

prefix = ""

location = "untrusted.com"

blocked = true
```

9.2.2.1. Blocking a payload registry

In a mirroring configuration, you can block upstream payload registries in a disconnected environment using a **ImageContentSourcePolicy** (ICSP) object. The following example procedure demonstrates how to block the **quay.io/openshift-payload** payload registry.

Procedure

 Create the mirror configuration using an ImageContentSourcePolicy (ICSP) object to mirror the payload to a registry in your instance. The following example ICSP file mirrors the payload internal-mirror.io/openshift-payload:

```
apiVersion: operator.openshift.io/v1alpha1kind: ImageContentSourcePolicy metadata:
    name: my-icsp
spec:
    repositoryDigestMirrors:
    - mirrors:
    - internal-mirror.io/openshift-payload source: quay.io/openshift-payload
```

2. After the object deploys onto your nodes, verify that the mirror configuration is set by checking the /etc/containers/registries.conf file:

Example output

```
[[registry]]
  prefix = ""
  location = "quay.io/openshift-payload"
  mirror-by-digest-only = true

[[registry.mirror]]
  location = "internal-mirror.io/openshift-payload"
```

3. Use the following command to edit the **image.config.openshift.io** custom resource file:

\$ oc edit image.config.openshift.io cluster

4. To block the payload registry, add the following configuration to the **image.config.openshift.io** custom resource file:

```
spec:
registrySources:
blockedRegistries:
- quay.io/openshift-payload
```

Verification

 Verify that the upstream payload registry is blocked by checking the /etc/containers/registries.conf file on the node.

Example output

```
[[registry]]
  prefix = ""
  location = "quay.io/openshift-payload"
  blocked = true
  mirror-by-digest-only = true

[[registry.mirror]]
  location = "internal-mirror.io/openshift-payload"
```

9.2.3. Allowing insecure registries

You can add insecure registries, and optionally an individual repository within a registry, by editing the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** custom resource (CR). OpenShift Container Platform applies the changes to this CR to all nodes in the cluster.

Registries that do not use valid SSL certificates or do not require HTTPS connections are considered insecure.



WARNING

Insecure external registries should be avoided to reduce possible security risks.

Procedure

• Edit the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** custom resource:

\$ oc edit image.config.openshift.io/cluster

The following is an example **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** CR with an insecure registries list:

apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1
kind: Image
metadata:
annotations:
release.openshift.io/create-only: "true"
creationTimestamp: "2019-05-17T13:44:26Z"
generation: 1
name: cluster
resourceVersion: "8302"
selfLink: /apis/config.openshift.io/v1/images/cluster
uid: e34555da-78a9-11e9-b92b-06d6c7da38dc
spec:
registrySources: 1

insecureRegistries: 2

- insecure.com
- reg4.io/myrepo/myapp:latest allowedRegistries:
- example.com
- quay.io
- registry.redhat.io
- insecure.com 3
- reg4.io/myrepo/myapp:latest
- image-registry.openshift-image-registry.svc:5000

status:

internalRegistryHostname: image-registry.openshift-image-registry.svc:5000

- 1 Contains configurations that determine how the container runtime should treat individual registries when accessing images for builds and pods. It does not contain configuration for the internal cluster registry.
- 2 Specify an insecure registry. You can specify a repository in that registry.
- Ensure that any insecure registries are included in the allowedRegistries list.



NOTE

When the **allowedRegistries** parameter is defined, all registries, including the registry.redhat.io and quay.io registries and the default OpenShift image registry, are blocked unless explicitly listed. If you use the parameter, to prevent pod failure, add all registries including the **registry.redhat.io** and **quay.io** registries and the **internalRegistryHostname** to the **allowedRegistries** list, as they are required by payload images within your environment. For disconnected clusters, mirror registries should also be added.

The Machine Config Operator (MCO) watches the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** CR for any changes to the registries, then drains and uncordons the nodes when it detects changes. After the nodes return to the **Ready** state, changes to the insecure and blocked registries appear in the /etc/containers/registries.conf file on each node.

Verification

 To check that the registries have been added to the policy file, use the following command on a node:

\$ cat /etc/containers/registries.conf

The following example indicates that images from the **insecure.com** registry is insecure and is allowed for image pulls and pushes.

Example output

```
unqualified-search-registries = ["registry.access.redhat.com", "docker.io"]

[[registry]]
  prefix = ""
  location = "insecure.com"
  insecure = true
```

9.2.4. Adding registries that allow image short names

You can add registries to search for an image short name by editing the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** custom resource (CR). OpenShift Container Platform applies the changes to this CR to all nodes in the cluster.

An image short name enables you to search for images without including the fully qualified domain name in the pull spec. For example, you could use **rhel7/etcd** instead of **registry.access.redhat.com/rhe7/etcd**.

You might use short names in situations where using the full path is not practical. For example, if your cluster references multiple internal registries whose DNS changes frequently, you would need to update the fully qualified domain names in your pull specs with each change. In this case, using an image short name might be beneficial.

When pulling or pushing images, the container runtime searches the registries listed under the **registrySources** parameter in the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** CR. If you created a list of registries under the **containerRuntimeSearchRegistries** parameter, when pulling an image with a short name, the container runtime searches those registries.



WARNING

Using image short names with public registries is strongly discouraged because the image might not deploy if the public registry requires authentication. Use fully-qualified image names with public registries.

Red Hat internal or private registries typically support the use of image short names.

If you list public registries under the **containerRuntimeSearchRegistries** parameter (including the **registry.redhat.io**, **docker.io**, and **quay.io** registries), you expose your credentials to all the registries on the list, and you risk network and registry attacks. Because you can only have one pull secret for pulling images, as defined by the global pull secret, that secret is used to authenticate against every registry in that list. Therefore, if you include public registries in the list, you introduce a security risk.

You cannot list multiple public registries under the **containerRuntimeSearchRegistries** parameter if each public registry requires different credentials and a cluster does not list the public registry in the global pull secret.

For a public registry that requires authentication, you can use an image short name only if the registry has its credentials stored in the global pull secret.

The Machine Config Operator (MCO) watches the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** resource for any changes to the registries. When the MCO detects a change, it drains the nodes, applies the change, and uncordons the nodes. During this period, you might experience service unavailability. After the nodes return to the **Ready** state, if the **containerRuntimeSearchRegistries** parameter is added, the MCO creates a file in the /etc/containers/registries.conf.d directory on each node with the listed registries. The file overrides the default list of unqualified search registries in the /etc/containers/registries.conf file. There is no way to fall back to the default list of unqualified search registries.

The **containerRuntimeSearchRegistries** parameter works only with the Podman and CRI-O container engines. The registries in the list can be used only in pod specs, not in builds and image streams.

Procedure

• Edit the **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** custom resource:

 $\$ \ oc \ edit \ image.config.openshift.io/cluster$

The following is an example **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** CR:

apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1 kind: Image metadata: annotations:

release.openshift.io/create-only: "true" creationTimestamp: "2019-05-17T13:44:26Z"

generation: 1 name: cluster

resourceVersion: "8302"

selfLink: /apis/config.openshift.io/v1/images/cluster uid: e34555da-78a9-11e9-b92b-06d6c7da38dc

allowedRegistriesForImport: - domainName: quay.io

insecure: false additionalTrustedCA: name: myconfigmap registrySources:

containerRuntimeSearchRegistries: 1

- reg1.io
- reg2.io
- reg3.io

allowedRegistries: 2

- example.com
- quay.io
- registry.redhat.io
- reg1.io
- reg2.io
- reg3.io
- image-registry.openshift-image-registry.svc:5000

status:

internalRegistryHostname: image-registry.openshift-image-registry.svc:5000

- Specify registries to use with image short names. You should use image short names with only internal or private registries to reduce possible security risks.
- Ensure that any registries listed under **containerRuntimeSearchRegistries** are included in the allowedRegistries list.



NOTE

When the allowedRegistries parameter is defined, all registries, including the registry.redhat.io and quay.io registries and the default OpenShift image registry, are blocked unless explicitly listed. If you use this parameter, to prevent pod failure, add all registries including the registry.redhat.io and quay.io registries and the internalRegistryHostname to the allowedRegistries list, as they are required by payload images within your environment. For disconnected clusters, mirror registries should also be added.

Verification

• Enter the following command to obtain a list of your nodes:

\$ oc get nodes

Example output

AGE VERSION NAME STATUS ROLES <node_name> Ready control-plane, master 37m v1.27.8+4fab27b 1. Run the following command to enter debug mode on the node:

\$ oc debug node/<node_name>

2. When prompted, enter **chroot** /**host** into the terminal:

```
sh-4.4# chroot /host
```

3. Enter the following command to check that the registries have been added to the policy file:

```
sh-5.1# cat /etc/containers/registries.conf.d/01-image-searchRegistries.conf
```

Example output

```
unqualified-search-registries = ['reg1.io', 'reg2.io', 'reg3.io']
```

9.2.5. Configuring additional trust stores for image registry access

The **image.config.openshift.io/cluster** custom resource can contain a reference to a config map that contains additional certificate authorities to be trusted during image registry access.

Prerequisites

• The certificate authorities (CA) must be PEM-encoded.

Procedure

You can create a config map in the **openshift-config** namespace and use its name in **AdditionalTrustedCA** in the **image.config.openshift.io** custom resource to provide additional CAs that should be trusted when contacting external registries.

The config map key is the hostname of a registry with the port for which this CA is to be trusted, and the PEM certificate content is the value, for each additional registry CA to trust.

Image registry CA config map example

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
name: my-registry-ca
data:
registry.example.com: |
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
...
----END CERTIFICATE-----
registry-with-port.example.com..5000: | 1
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
```

1 If the registry has the port, such as **registry-with-port.example.com:5000**, **:** should be replaced with **..**.

You can configure additional CAs with the following procedure.

• To configure an additional CA:

\$ oc create configmap registry-config --from-file=<external_registry_address>=ca.crt -n openshift-config

\$ oc edit image.config.openshift.io cluster

spec:

additionalTrustedCA: name: registry-config

9.3. UNDERSTANDING IMAGE REGISTRY REPOSITORY MIRRORING

Setting up container registry repository mirroring enables you to perform the following tasks:

- Configure your OpenShift Container Platform cluster to redirect requests to pull images from a repository on a source image registry and have it resolved by a repository on a mirrored image registry.
- Identify multiple mirrored repositories for each target repository, to make sure that if one mirror is down, another can be used.

Repository mirroring in OpenShift Container Platform includes the following attributes:

- Image pulls are resilient to registry downtimes.
- Clusters in disconnected environments can pull images from critical locations, such as quay.io, and have registries behind a company firewall provide the requested images.
- A particular order of registries is tried when an image pull request is made, with the permanent registry typically being the last one tried.
- The mirror information you enter is added to the /etc/containers/registries.conf file on every node in the OpenShift Container Platform cluster.
- When a node makes a request for an image from the source repository, it tries each mirrored repository in turn until it finds the requested content. If all mirrors fail, the cluster tries the source repository. If successful, the image is pulled to the node.

Setting up repository mirroring can be done in the following ways:

- At OpenShift Container Platform installation:
 By pulling container images needed by OpenShift Container Platform and then bringing those
 images behind your company's firewall, you can install OpenShift Container Platform into a data
 center that is in a disconnected environment.
- After OpenShift Container Platform installation:
 If you did not configure mirroring during OpenShift Container Platform installation, you can do so postinstallation by using any of the following custom resource (CR) objects:
 - ImageDigestMirrorSet (IDMS). This object allows you to pull images from a mirrored registry by using digest specifications. The IDMS CR enables you to set a fall back policy that allows or stops continued attempts to pull from the source registry if the image pull

fails.

- **ImageTagMirrorSet** (ITMS). This object allows you to pull images from a mirrored registry by using image tags. The ITMS CR enables you to set a fall back policy that allows or stops continued attempts to pull from the source registry if the image pull fails.
- **ImageContentSourcePolicy** (ICSP). This object allows you to pull images from a mirrored registry by using digest specifications. The ICSP CR always falls back to the source registry if the mirrors do not work.



IMPORTANT

Using an ImageContentSourcePolicy (ICSP) object to configure repository mirroring is a deprecated feature. Deprecated functionality is still included in OpenShift Container Platform and continues to be supported; however, it will be removed in a future release of this product and is not recommended for new deployments. If you have existing YAML files that you used to create ImageContentSourcePolicy objects, you can use the oc adm migrate icsp command to convert those files to an ImageDigestMirrorSet YAML file. For more information, see "Converting ImageContentSourcePolicy (ICSP) files for image registry repository mirroring" in the following section.

Each of these custom resource objects identify the following information:

- The source of the container image repository you want to mirror.
- A separate entry for each mirror repository you want to offer the content requested from the source repository.

Note the following actions and how they affect node drain behavior:

- If you create an IDMS or ICSP CR object, the MCO does not drain or reboot the node.
- If you create an ITMS CR object, the MCO drains and reboots the node.
- If you delete an ITMS, IDMS, or ICSP CR object, the MCO drains and reboots the node.
- If you modify an ITMS, IDMS, or ICSP CR object, the MCO drains and reboots the node.



IMPORTANT

- When the MCO detects any of the following changes, it applies the update without draining or rebooting the node:
 - Changes to the SSH key in the spec.config.passwd.users.sshAuthorizedKeys parameter of a machine config.
 - Changes to the global pull secret or pull secret in the openshift-config namespace.
 - Automatic rotation of the /etc/kubernetes/kubelet-ca.crt certificate authority (CA) by the Kubernetes API Server Operator.
- When the MCO detects changes to the /etc/containers/registries.conf file, such as editing an ImageDigestMirrorSet, ImageTagMirrorSet, or ImageContentSourcePolicy object, it drains the corresponding nodes, applies the changes, and uncordons the nodes. The node drain does not happen for the following changes:
 - The addition of a registry with the **pull-from-mirror** = "digest-only" parameter set for each mirror.
 - The addition of a mirror with the **pull-from-mirror** = "digest-only" parameter set in a registry.
 - The addition of items to the **unqualified-search-registries** list.

For new clusters, you can use IDMS, ITMS, and ICSP CRs objects as desired. However, using IDMS and ITMS is recommended.

If you upgraded a cluster, any existing ICSP objects remain stable, and both IDMS and ICSP objects are supported. Workloads using ICSP objects continue to function as expected. However, if you want to take advantage of the fallback policies introduced in the IDMS CRs, you can migrate current workloads to IDMS objects by using the **oc adm migrate icsp** command as shown in the **Converting**ImageContentSourcePolicy (ICSP) files for image registry repository mirroring section that follows.

Migrating to IDMS objects does not require a cluster reboot.



NOTE

If your cluster uses an **ImageDigestMirrorSet**, **ImageTagMirrorSet**, or **ImageContentSourcePolicy** object to configure repository mirroring, you can use only global pull secrets for mirrored registries. You cannot add a pull secret to a project.

Additional resources

• For more information about global pull secrets, see Updating the global cluster pull secret.

9.3.1. Configuring image registry repository mirroring

You can create postinstallation mirror configuration custom resources (CR) to redirect image pull requests from a source image registry to a mirrored image registry.

Prerequisites

• Access to the cluster as a user with the **cluster-admin** role.

Procedure

- 1. Configure mirrored repositories, by either:
 - Setting up a mirrored repository with Red Hat Quay, as described in Red Hat Quay Repository Mirroring. Using Red Hat Quay allows you to copy images from one repository to another and also automatically sync those repositories repeatedly over time.
 - Using a tool such as **skopeo** to copy images manually from the source repository to the mirrored repository.

For example, after installing the skopeo RPM package on a Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7 or RHEL 8 system, use the **skopeo** command as shown in this example:

\$ skopeo copy --all \ docker://registry.access.redhat.com/ubi9/ubi-minimal:latest@sha256:5cf... \ docker://example.io/example/ubi-minimal

In this example, you have a container image registry that is named **example.io** with an image repository named **example** to which you want to copy the **ubi9/ubi-minimal** image from **registry.access.redhat.com**. After you create the mirrored registry, you can configure your OpenShift Container Platform cluster to redirect requests made of the source repository to the mirrored repository.

- 2. Create a postinstallation mirror configuration CR, by using one of the following examples:
 - Create an **ImageDigestMirrorSet** or **ImageTagMirrorSet** CR, as needed, replacing the source and mirrors with your own registry and repository pairs and images:

```
apiVersion: config.openshift.io/v1 1
kind: ImageDigestMirrorSet 2
metadata:
 name: ubi9repo
spec:
 imageDigestMirrors: 3
 - mirrors:
  - example.io/example/ubi-minimal 4
  - example.com/example/ubi-minimal 5
  source: registry.access.redhat.com/ubi9/ubi-minimal 6
  mirrorSourcePolicy: AllowContactingSource 7
 - mirrors:

    mirror.example.com/redhat

  source: registry.example.com/redhat 8
  mirrorSourcePolicy: AllowContactingSource
 - mirrors:
  - mirror.example.com
  source: registry.example.com 9
  mirrorSourcePolicy: AllowContactingSource
 - mirrors:
  - mirror.example.net/image
  source: registry.example.com/example/myimage 10
```

mirrorSourcePolicy: AllowContactingSource

- mirrors:
- mirror.example.net

source: registry.example.com/example 11 mirrorSourcePolicy: AllowContactingSource

- mirrors
- mirror.example.net/registry-example-com

source: registry.example.com 12

mirrorSourcePolicy: AllowContactingSource

- Indicates the API to use with this CR. This must be config.openshift.io/v1.
- Indicates the kind of object according to the pull type:
 - ImageDigestMirrorSet: Pulls a digest reference image.
 - ImageTagMirrorSet: Pulls a tag reference image.
- 3 Indicates the type of image pull method, either:
 - imageDigestMirrors: Use for an ImageDigestMirrorSet CR.
 - imageTagMirrors: Use for an ImageTagMirrorSet CR.
- Indicates the name of the mirrored image registry and repository.
- Optional: Indicates a secondary mirror repository for each target repository. If one mirror is down, the target repository can use the secondary mirror.
- Indicates the registry and repository source, which is the repository that is referred to in an image pull specification.
- Optional: Indicates the fallback policy if the image pull fails:
 - **AllowContactingSource**: Allows continued attempts to pull the image from the source repository. This is the default.
 - **NeverContactSource**: Prevents continued attempts to pull the image from the source repository.
- Optional: Indicates a namespace inside a registry, which allows you to use any image in that namespace. If you use a registry domain as a source, the object is applied to all repositories from the registry.
- Optional: Indicates a registry, which allows you to use any image in that registry. If you specify a registry name, the object is applied to all repositories from a source registry to a mirror registry.
- Pulls the image **registry.example.com/example/myimage@sha256:...** from the mirror **mirror.example.net/image@sha256:...**
- Pulls the image **registry.example.com/example/image@sha256:...** in the source registry namespace from the mirror **mirror.example.net/image@sha256:...**.
- Pulls the image **registry.example.com/myimage@sha256** from the mirror registry **example.net/registry-example-com/myimage@sha256:...**

• Create an **ImageContentSourcePolicy** custom resource, replacing the source and mirrors with your own registry and repository pairs and images:

apiVersion: operator.openshift.io/v1alpha1
kind: ImageContentSourcePolicy
metadata:
name: mirror-ocp
spec:
repositoryDigestMirrors:
- mirrors:
- mirror.registry.com:443/ocp/release 1
source: quay.io/openshift-release-dev/ocp-release 2
- mirrors:
- mirror.registry.com:443/ocp/release
source: quay.io/openshift-release-dev/ocp-v4.0-art-dev

- Specifies the name of the mirror image registry and repository.
- Specifies the online registry and repository containing the content that is mirrored.
- 3. Create the new object:

\$ oc create -f registryrepomirror.yaml

After the object is created, the Machine Config Operator (MCO) drains the nodes for **ImageTagMirrorSet** objects only. The MCO does not drain the nodes for **ImageDigestMirrorSet** and **ImageContentSourcePolicy** objects.

- 4. To check that the mirrored configuration settings are applied, do the following on one of the nodes.
 - a. List your nodes:

\$ oc get node

Example output

NAME STAT	US	ROLES AC	GE VERSION
ip-10-0-137-44.ec2.internal	Ready	worker	7m v1.29.4
ip-10-0-138-148.ec2.internal	Ready	master	11m v1.29.4
ip-10-0-139-122.ec2.internal	Ready	master	11m v1.29.4
ip-10-0-147-35.ec2.internal	Ready	worker	7m v1.29.4
ip-10-0-153-12.ec2.internal	Ready	worker	7m v1.29.4
ip-10-0-154-10.ec2.internal	Ready	master	11m v1.29.4

b. Start the debugging process to access the node:

\$ oc debug node/ip-10-0-147-35.ec2.internal

Example output

Starting pod/ip-10-0-147-35ec2internal-debug ... To use host binaries, run `chroot /host`

c. Change your root directory to /host:

sh-4.2# chroot /host

d. Check the /etc/containers/registries.conf file to make sure the changes were made:

sh-4.2# cat /etc/containers/registries.conf

The following output represents a **registries.conf** file where postinstallation mirror configuration CRs were applied. The final two entries are marked **digest-only** and **tag-only** respectively.

Example output

```
unqualified-search-registries = ["registry.access.redhat.com", "docker.io"]
short-name-mode = ""
[[registry]]
 prefix = ""
 location = "registry.access.redhat.com/ubi9/ubi-minimal" 1
 [[registry.mirror]]
  location = "example.io/example/ubi-minimal" (2)
  pull-from-mirror = "digest-only" (3)
 [[registry.mirror]]
  location = "example.com/example/ubi-minimal"
  pull-from-mirror = "digest-only"
[[registry]]
 prefix = ""
 location = "registry.example.com"
 [[registry.mirror]]
  location = "mirror.example.net/registry-example-com"
  pull-from-mirror = "digest-only"
[[registry]]
 prefix = ""
 location = "registry.example.com/example"
 [[registry.mirror]]
  location = "mirror.example.net"
  pull-from-mirror = "digest-only"
[[registry]]
 prefix = ""
 location = "registry.example.com/example/myimage"
 [[registry.mirror]]
  location = "mirror.example.net/image"
  pull-from-mirror = "digest-only"
[[registry]]
```

```
prefix = ""
 location = "registry.example.com"
 [[registry.mirror]]
  location = "mirror.example.com"
  pull-from-mirror = "digest-only"
[[registry]]
 prefix = ""
 location = "registry.example.com/redhat"
 [[registry.mirror]]
  location = "mirror.example.com/redhat"
  pull-from-mirror = "digest-only"
[[registry]]
 prefix = ""
 location = "registry.access.redhat.com/ubi9/ubi-minimal"
 blocked = true 4
 [[registry.mirror]]
  location = "example.io/example/ubi-minimal-tag"
  pull-from-mirror = "tag-only" 5
```

- Indicates the repository that is referred to in a pull spec.
- Indicates the mirror for that repository.
- Indicates that the image pull from the mirror is a digest reference image.
- Indicates that the **NeverContactSource** parameter is set for this repository.
- Indicates that the image pull from the mirror is a tag reference image.
- e. Pull an image to the node from the source and check if it is resolved by the mirror.

sh-4.2# podman pull --log-level=debug registry.access.redhat.com/ubi9/ubi-minimal@sha256:5cf...

Troubleshooting repository mirroring

If the repository mirroring procedure does not work as described, use the following information about how repository mirroring works to help troubleshoot the problem.

- The first working mirror is used to supply the pulled image.
- The main registry is only used if no other mirror works.
- From the system context, the **Insecure** flags are used as fallback.
- The format of the /etc/containers/registries.conf file has changed recently. It is now version 2 and in TOML format.

9.3.2. Converting ImageContentSourcePolicy (ICSP) files for image registry repository mirroring

Using an **ImageContentSourcePolicy** (ICSP) object to configure repository mirroring is a deprecated feature. This functionality is still included in OpenShift Container Platform and continues to be supported; however, it will be removed in a future release of this product and is not recommended for new deployments.

ICSP objects are being replaced by ImageDigestMirrorSet and ImageTagMirrorSet objects to configure repository mirroring. If you have existing YAML files that you used to create ImageContentSourcePolicy objects, you can use the oc adm migrate icsp command to convert those files to an ImageDigestMirrorSet YAML file. The command updates the API to the current version, changes the kind value to ImageDigestMirrorSet, and changes spec.repositoryDigestMirrors to spec.imageDigestMirrors. The rest of the file is not changed.

Because the migration does not change the **registries.conf** file, the cluster does not need to reboot.

For more information about **ImageDigestMirrorSet** or **ImageTagMirrorSet** objects, see "Configuring image registry repository mirroring" in the previous section.

Prerequisites

- Access to the cluster as a user with the **cluster-admin** role.
- Ensure that you have **ImageContentSourcePolicy** objects on your cluster.

Procedure

 Use the following command to convert one or more ImageContentSourcePolicy YAML files to an ImageDigestMirrorSet YAML file:

\$ oc adm migrate icsp <file_name>.yaml <file_name>.yaml <file_name>.yaml --dest-dir <path_to_the_directory>

where:

<file name>

Specifies the name of the source **ImageContentSourcePolicy** YAML. You can list multiple file names.

--dest-dir

Optional: Specifies a directory for the output **ImageDigestMirrorSet** YAML. If unset, the file is written to the current directory.

For example, the following command converts the **icsp.yaml** and **icsp-2.yaml** file and saves the new YAML files to the **idms-files** directory.

\$ oc adm migrate icsp icsp.yaml icsp-2.yaml --dest-dir idms-files

Example output

wrote ImageDigestMirrorSet to idms-files/imagedigestmirrorset_ubi8repo.5911620242173376087.yaml wrote ImageDigestMirrorSet to idms-files/imagedigestmirrorset_ubi9repo.6456931852378115011.yaml

2. Create the CR object by running the following command:

\$ oc create -f <path_to_the_directory>/<file-name>.yaml

where:

<path_to_the_directory>

Specifies the path to the directory, if you used the --dest-dir flag.

<file_name>

Specifies the name of the ImageDigestMirrorSet YAML.

3. Remove the ICSP objects after the IDMS objects are rolled out.

CHAPTER 10. USING IMAGES

10.1. USING IMAGES OVERVIEW

Use the following topics to discover the different Source-to-Image (S2I), database, and other container images that are available for OpenShift Container Platform users.

Red Hat official container images are provided in the Red Hat Registry at registry.redhat.io. OpenShift Container Platform's supported S2I, database, and Jenkins images are provided in the **openshift4** repository in the Red Hat Quay Registry. For example, **quay.io/openshift-release-dev/ocp-v4.0-**<address> is the name of the OpenShift Application Platform image.

The xPaaS middleware images are provided in their respective product repositories on the Red Hat Registry but suffixed with a **-openshift**. For example, **registry.redhat.io/jboss-eap-6/eap64-openshift** is the name of the JBoss EAP image.

All Red Hat supported images covered in this section are described in the Container images section of the Red Hat Ecosystem Catalog. For every version of each image, you can find details on its contents and usage. Browse or search for the image that interests you.



IMPORTANT

The newer versions of container images are not compatible with earlier versions of OpenShift Container Platform. Verify and use the correct version of container images, based on your version of OpenShift Container Platform.

10.2. SOURCE-TO-IMAGE

You can use the Red Hat Software Collections images as a foundation for applications that rely on specific runtime environments such as Node.js, Perl, or Python. You can use the Red Hat Java Source-to-Image for OpenShift documentation as a reference for runtime environments that use Java. Special versions of some of these runtime base images are referred to as Source-to-Image (S2I) images. With S2I images, you can insert your code into a base image environment that is ready to run that code.

S2I images include:

- .NET
- Java
- Go
- Node.js
- Perl
- PHP
- Python
- Ruby

S2I images are available for you to use directly from the OpenShift Container Platform web console by following procedure:

- 1. Log in to the OpenShift Container Platform web console using your login credentials. The default view for the OpenShift Container Platform web console is the **Administrator** perspective.
- 2. Use the perspective switcher to switch to the **Developer** perspective.
- 3. In the **+Add** view, use the **Project** drop-down list to select an existing project or create a new project.
- 4. Click **All services** in the **Developer Catalog** tile.
- 5. Click **Builder Images** under **Type** to see the available S2I images.

S2I images are also available though the Cluster Samples Operator.

10.2.1. Source-to-image build process overview

Source-to-image (S2I) produces ready-to-run images by injecting source code into a container that prepares that source code to be run. It performs the following steps:

- 1. Runs the FROM <builder image> command
- 2. Copies the source code to a defined location in the builder image
- 3. Runs the assemble script in the builder image
- 4. Sets the run script in the builder image as the default command

Buildah then creates the container image.

10.2.2. Additional resources

- Configuring the Cluster Samples Operator
- Using build strategies
- Troubleshooting the Source-to-Image process
- Creating images from source code with source-to-image
- About testing source-to-image images
- Creating images from source code with source-to-image

10.3. CUSTOMIZING SOURCE-TO-IMAGE IMAGES

Source-to-image (S2I) builder images include assemble and run scripts, but the default behavior of those scripts is not suitable for all users. You can customize the behavior of an S2I builder that includes default scripts.

10.3.1. Invoking scripts embedded in an image

Builder images provide their own version of the source-to-image (S2I) scripts that cover the most common use-cases. If these scripts do not fulfill your needs, S2I provides a way of overriding them by adding custom ones in the **.s2i/bin** directory. However, by doing this, you are completely replacing the

standard scripts. In some cases, replacing the scripts is acceptable, but, in other scenarios, you can run a few commands before or after the scripts while retaining the logic of the script provided in the image. To reuse the standard scripts, you can create a wrapper script that runs custom logic and delegates further work to the default scripts in the image.

Procedure

1. Look at the value of the **io.openshift.s2i.scripts-url** label to determine the location of the scripts inside of the builder image:

\$ podman inspect --format='{{ index .Config.Labels "io.openshift.s2i.scripts-url" }}'
wildfly/wildfly-centos7

Example output

image:///usr/libexec/s2i

You inspected the **wildfly/wildfly-centos7** builder image and found out that the scripts are in the /usr/libexec/s2i directory.

2. Create a script that includes an invocation of one of the standard scripts wrapped in other commands:

.s2i/bin/assemble script

```
#!/bin/bash
echo "Before assembling"

/usr/libexec/s2i/assemble
rc=$?

if [ $rc -eq 0 ]; then
echo "After successful assembling"
else
echo "After failed assembling"
fi

exit $rc
```

This example shows a custom assemble script that prints the message, runs the standard assemble script from the image, and prints another message depending on the exit code of the assemble script.



IMPORTANT

When wrapping the run script, you must use **exec** for invoking it to ensure signals are handled properly. The use of **exec** also precludes the ability to run additional commands after invoking the default image run script.

.s2i/bin/run script

#!/bin/bash echo "Before running application" exec /usr/libexec/s2i/run