Clusters as Code

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Who are we?

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What is GRE?

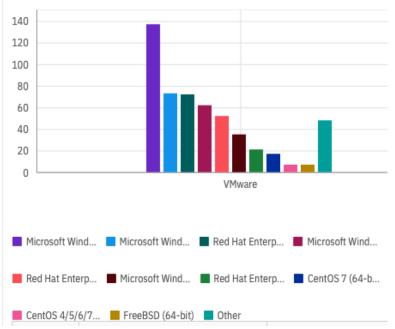
Our cooperative is owned and governed by the 27 member-owner cooperatives we serve, which means we're motivated by service, not by profit.





Our Environment

- ▶ RHEL 170 servers, 95% Virtualized
- Windows 350 servers, 99% Virtualized
- Mix of other appliances





Our Challenges

- Small team 5 technology specialists
- High Availability required
- Specialized regulations



Tools we (currently) use

- Red Hat Satellite
- Ansible Community Edition
- AWX Upstream Ansible Tower
- OKD Upstream Open Shift Container Platform
- GitLab Self hosted git repository
- ManagelQ Upstream IBM Cloud Pak for Multicloud Management – Infrastructure Management



Open Source

- Good testing point
- Easy solution for non-critical areas



Code Repository

- GitLab Self Hosted
- cluster-config project

Name	Last commit
🗅 cluster-bootstrap	Add maximo repository access
🗅 sealed-secrets	null values
♦ .gitignore	Add image-registry configs
{} bootstrap-project.yml	Update bootstrap-project.yml
{} cluster-bootstrap.yml	remove recursive app
<pre>{} clusterconfig-repo-secret.yml</pre>	Add repo as YAML



Our OpenShift Journey

- Docker & Portainer
- 42 stacks
 - All containers owned by Infrastructure
 - Miscellaneous apps
 - Some automation via GitLab CI/CD and Ansible playbooks



Our OpenShift Journey

- OKD Community Distribution of OpenShift
- Wanted automation & governance around our Docker containers
- High availability
- Common platform for future public cloud endeavors
- Needed to run on our existing hypervisors



Use case for Support

- More stability and predictability for cluster version updates
- Application teams have begun to rely on Redhat operators (e.g. OpenShift GitOps)
- Single platform for on-premise and cloud environments
- Some packaged applications are beginning to require/support OpenShift



Installation

- ./openshift-install create cluster --dir ocpdemo
- SSH Public Key /Users/u6686/.ssh/ocp.pub
- Platform vsphere
- > ? vCenter ProductionVIC.internal.grenergy.com
- Vsername ocpuser
- INFO Connecting to vCenter ProductionVIC.internal.grenergy.com
- Patacenter HQ
- ? Cluster Dev_Linux
- Default Datastore Dev_Linux_08
- Network OpenShift-VLAN
- Virtual IP Address for API 192.TheRestOfTheIP
- Virtual IP Address for Ingress 192.TheRestOfTheIP
- Base Domain grenergy.com
- ? Cluster Name ocpdemo
- ▶ And then you wait… ~35 minutes

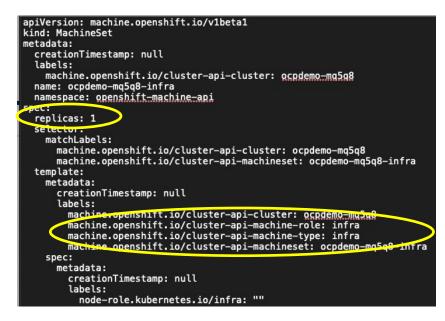


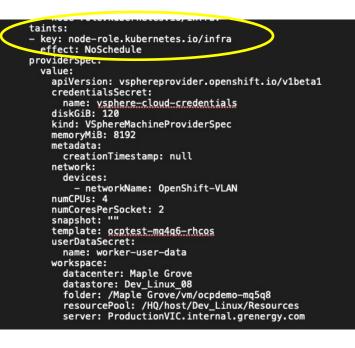
Infrastructure Nodes

- Only host infrastructure components
 - Splunk forwarder
 - NetApp Trident
 - Red Hat GitOps (ArgoCD)
- Used a generic template and customized the memory and CPU for our workloads
- Manual Step Updating the cluster name in the repo and pasting into OCP
- Increase the machine count to 2



Infrastructure Node







Infrastructure Nodes

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Red Hat OpenShift GitOps

- Built around Argo CD project
- Uses native OpenShift authentication



Installed Operators

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📽 Administrator	•	Project: openshift-mac
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		Application Runtime Big Data
Networking	>	Cloud Provider
Storage	>	Database
		Developer Tools
Builds	>	Development Tools
		Drivers and plugins
Observe	>	Integration & Delivery
Compute	>	Logging & Tracing
Compute		Modernization & Migration
User Management	>	Monitoring
ober Management		Networking

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the Kubernetes community and Red Hat partners, curated by Red Hat. You can purchase cor ou can install Operators on your clusters to provide optional add-ons and shared services to appear in the Developer Catalog providing a self-service experience.

All Items

red hat openshift gitops



Red Hat

Red Hat OpenShift GitOps provided by Red Hat Inc.

Enables teams to adopt GitOps principles for managing cluster configurations and application...



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Installed Operators

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Home	>	Install Operator	
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		All namespaces on the cluster (default)	ApplicationSet is the representation of
Observe	>	Operator will be available in all Namespaces.	an ApplicationSet controller
		\bigcirc A specific namespace on the cluster	deployment.
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API Explorer Events	<pre>2 kind: GitopsService 3 metadata: 4 creationTimestamp: '2023-02-12T22:02:58Z' 5 generation: 1 6 b second field of the sec</pre>
Operators	6 > managedFields: 14 name: cluster 15 resourceVersion: '132606' 16 uid: 2923b25e-82fe-4492-92c7-de841920466f
Workloads	> 17 spec. 18 runOnInfra: true 19 toterations:
Networking	<pre>> 20 - effect: NoSchedule 21 key: node-role.kubernetes.io/infra 22</pre>
Storage	> ²² / ₂₃



Secret Management

- Problem
 - How to bootstrap cluster when many items required are secret (TLS certificates, LDAP credentials, storage credentials)
- Our solution
 - sealed-secrets
 - Encrypts secrets with a one-way process so results can be checked into code repositories



Sealed Secrets

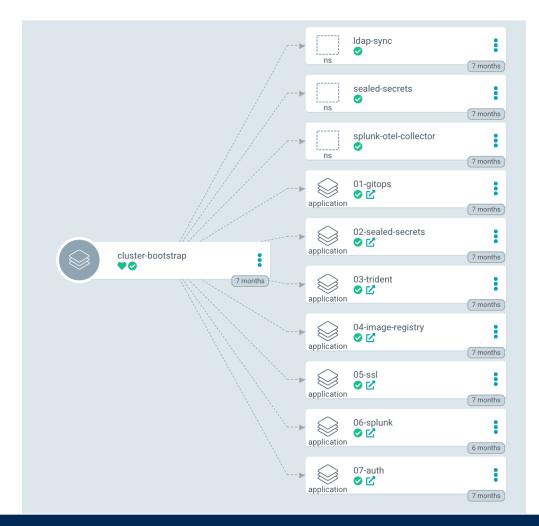
- Create the project
 - oc new-project sealed-secrets
- Create your sealing secret
 - oc create -f super-secret-sealed-secrets-key.yml

(stored in separate password vault)



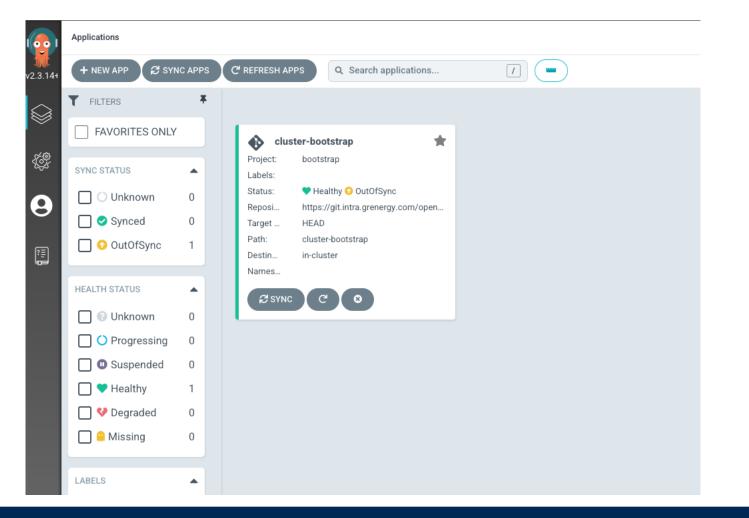
The bootstrap

 Order Matters
 Use the ArgoCD "app of apps" pattern





RHOSGO – Cluster Bootstrap



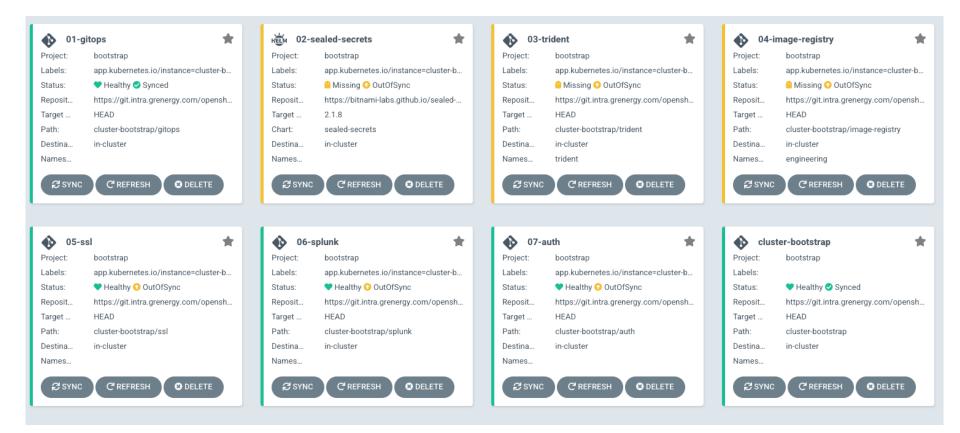
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RHOSGO – Cluster Bootstrap

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RHOSGO – Cluster Bootstrap





1 - GitOps

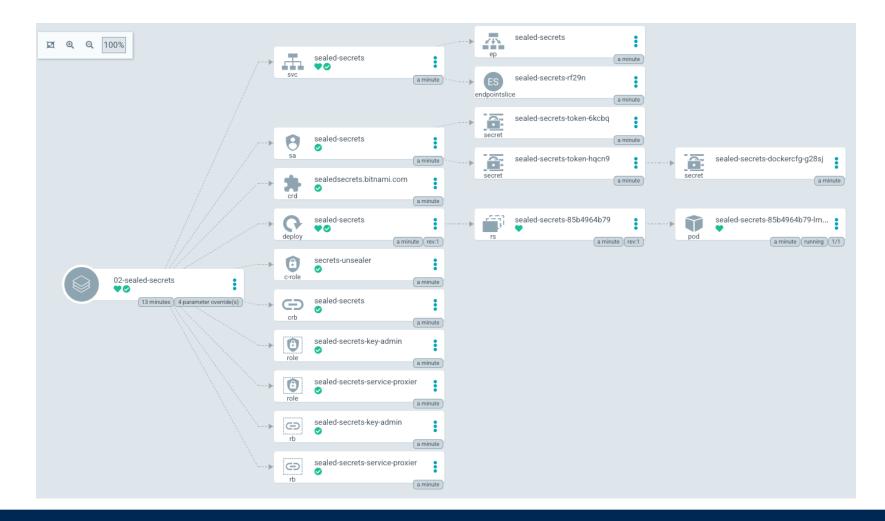
- Sets ArgoCD up for accessing our internal GitLab repository
- Sets up projects and grants access to development teams
 - Access management as code in git repo

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spec:
 rbac:
   policy: |
      g, system:cluster-admins, role:admin
     g, cluster-admins, role:admin
     g, AP_OpenShift_Admin, role:admin
     p, role:devsvcs, applications, create, devsvcs/*, allow
     p, role:devsvcs, applications, delete, devsvcs/*, allow
     p, role:devsvcs, applications, override, devsvcs/*, allow
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2 - Sealed Secrets



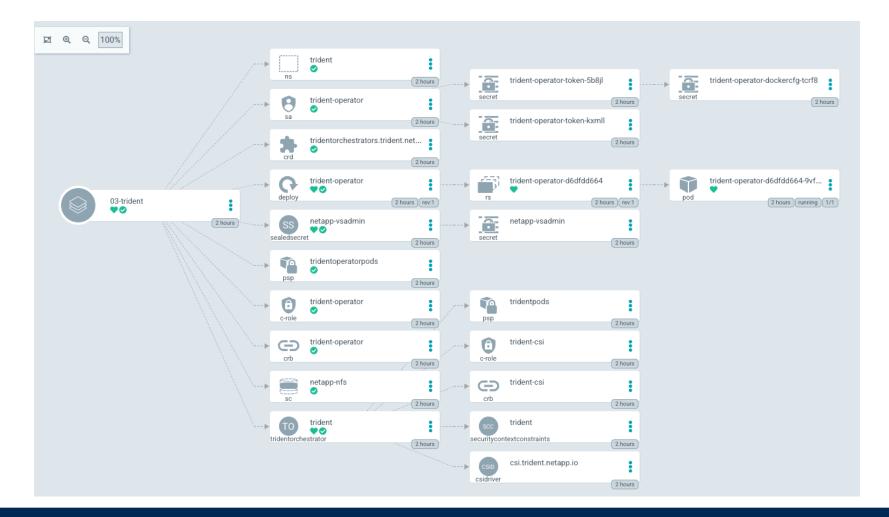
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3 – Storage (Trident)

- Installs NetApp Trident
- Automates our persistent storage volumes
- Needs a backend config pointing to your LIFs and credentials
- Packaged as a cluster operator provided by NetApp



3 - Storage



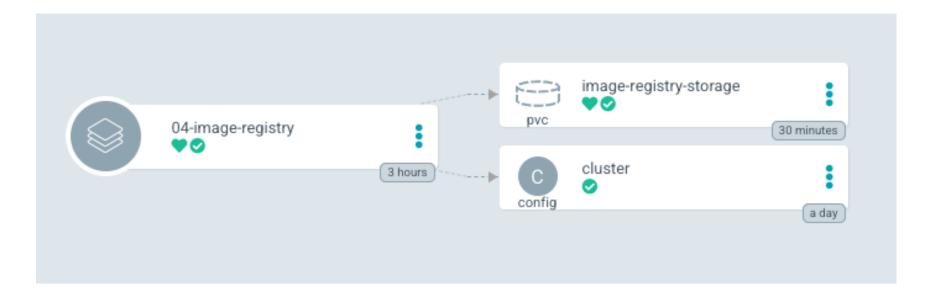
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4 - Images

Configures image registry to use NetApp storage for persistent storage



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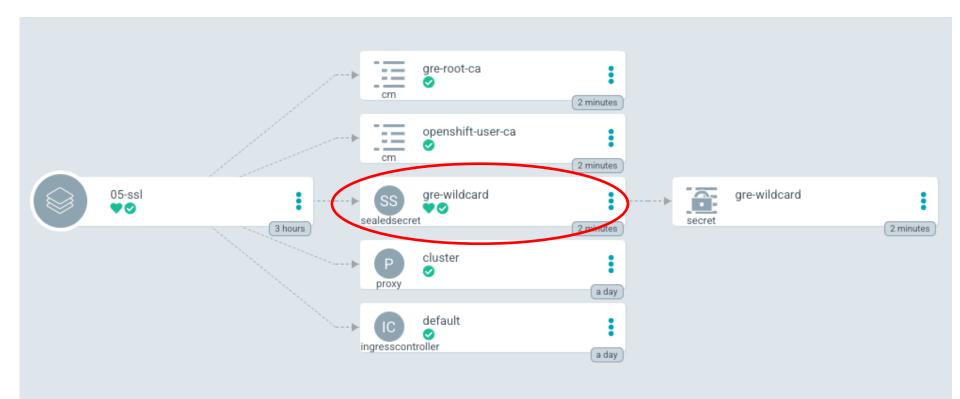


5 - SSL

Internally-trusted SSL certificates for easy app development



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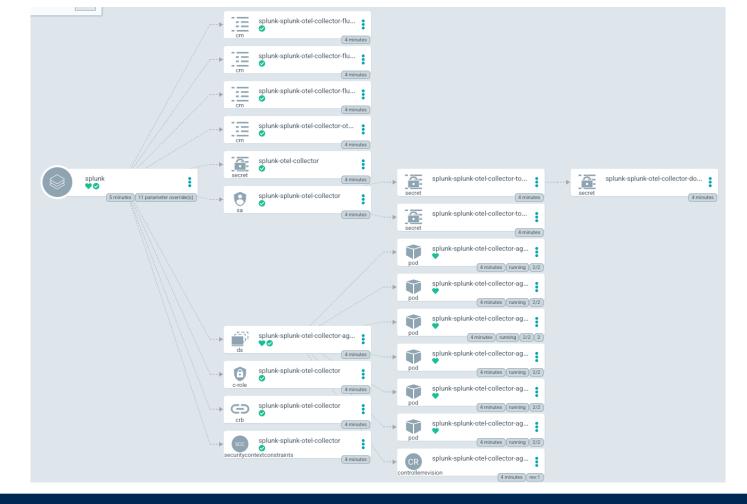


6 - SIEM

- Send all our OpenShift cluster and container logs to Splunk
- Uses a collector published by Splunk as a Helm chart. Imported easily/directly into ArgoCD
- ArgoCD allows us to store & deploy Helm chart parameters from our git repo.







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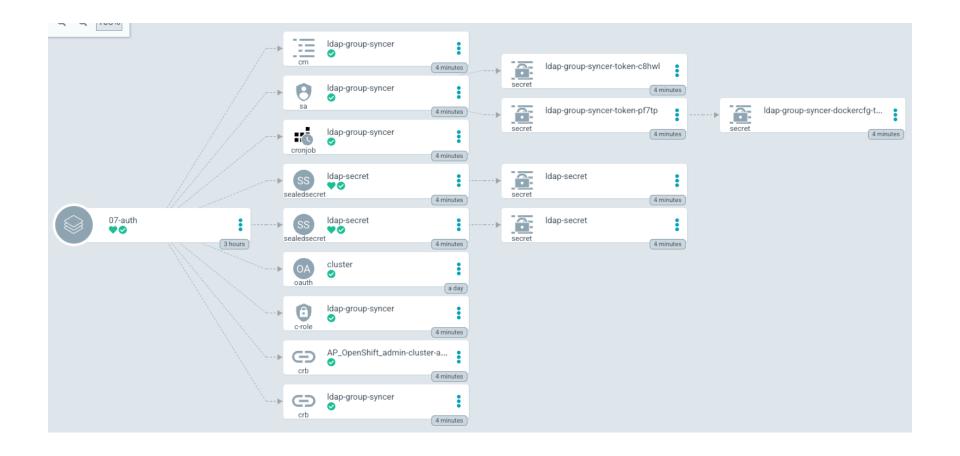
7 - Authentication

Syncs to Active Directory

- Groups and Authentication
- Cron within OCP syncing regularly



7 - Authentication





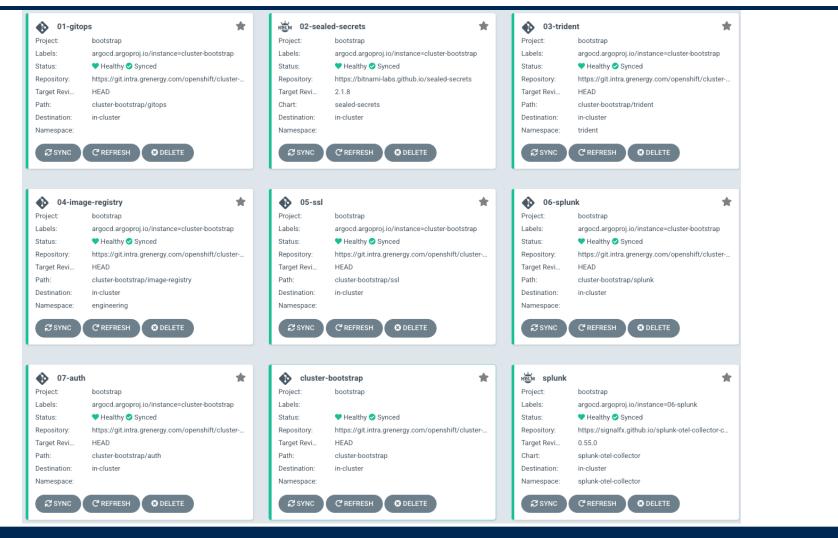
7 – Authentication – Cron!



containers:
<pre>- name: ldap-group-sync</pre>
<pre>image: 'registry.redhat.io/openshift4/ose-cli:latest'</pre>
command:
- /bin/bash
- '-c'
- >-
oc adm groups syncsync-config=/etc/config/sync.yaml
<pre>whitelist=/etc/config/whitelist.txtconfirm</pre>
resources: {}
volumeMounts:
<pre>- name: ldap-sync-volume</pre>
<pre>mountPath: /etc/config</pre>
- name: ldap-bind-password
mountPath: /etc/secrets
<pre>terminationMessagePath: /dev/termination-log</pre>
terminationMessagePolicy: File
imagePullPolicy: Always
serviceAccount: ldap-group-syncer
volumes:
<pre>- name: ldap-sync-volume</pre>
configMap:
name: ldap-group-syncer
defaultMode: 420
- name: ldap-bind-password
secret:
secretName: ldap-secret
defaultMode: 420
dnsPolicy: ClusterFirst
successfulJobsHistoryLimit: 3
failedJobsHistoryLimit: 1



Ready to go





App & Dev Teams

- Have started aggressively using OpenShift
- Have embraced Red Hat GitOps for their deployments
- Are really working more closely with our Infrastructure team



Future Considerations

- Geo-redundancy
 - Global load balancing, MetalLB, etc.
- Image management & vulnerability management (Insights)
- Backup & recovery of persistent volumes
 - (NetApp, Cohesity, and procedures)
- Upgrade & maintenance processes
 - We've done minor updates, no major version (yet)
- Firewalls & Isolation
- Multiple physical networks



Questions?

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