

Dynamic Storage Provisioning

With OpenShift, Ceph-CSI and Rook

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Agenda:

Persistent Storage Basics on OpenShift and Kubernetes

Container Storage Interface (CSI)

Rook and Ceph-CSI

Upcoming enhancements to Ceph-CSI



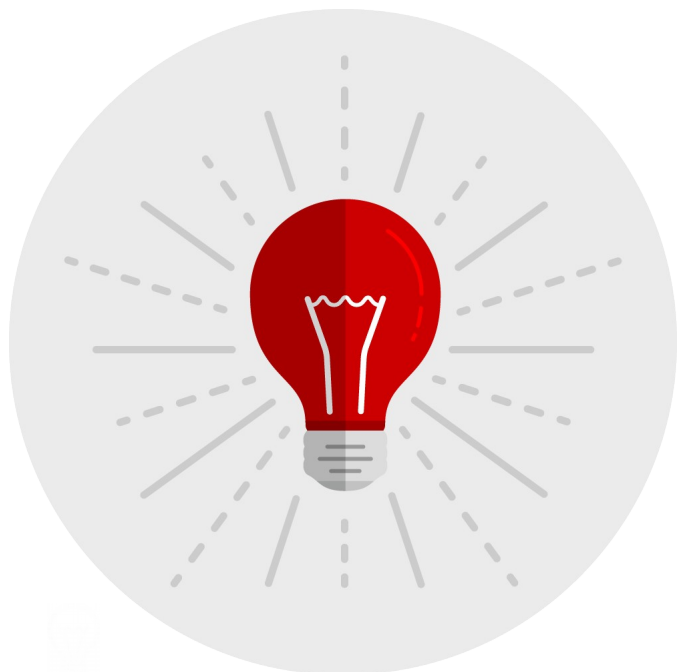
OpenShift is based on Kubernetes

Manages containers and resources

App deployments are described in YAML

Extendible with Custom Resource Definitions

Components that are involved in provising dynamic provisioned persistent storage



PersistentVolumeClaim (PVC)

Request with required resource details and reference to a StorageClass

StorageClass (SC)

Handler for certain requests, based on storage backend with optional configuration details.

Provisioner

Receives the PVC with SC reference, allocates storage on the backend and returns a PV-object.

PersistentVolume (PV)

Reference to allocated storage on the backend. Contains details on connection information, mount options, ...

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
  name: rbd-pvc
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteOnce
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 1Gi
  storageClassName: csi-rbd
```

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: csi-rbd
provisioner: rbd.csi.ceph.com
parameters:
  clusterID: rook-ceph
  pool: replicapool
  imageFormat: "2"
  imageFeatures: layering
  ...
reclaimPolicy: Delete
```

```
$ oc get pv/pvc-58fb633c-9c16-11e9-9b90-002563e4d5cb -oyaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolume
...
spec:
  accessModes:
  - ReadWriteOnce
  capacity:
    storage: 1Gi
  ...
  csi:
    driver: rbd.csi.ceph.com
    fsType: ext4
  ...
```

Different Storage Provisioners that Kubernetes can use to configure/provide Persistent Storage



Internal

Maintained in the main k8s repository. Changes need to go through the standard k8s review and testing process. Slow adoption of new storage features.



External Storage project

External project maintained by the SIG-Storage team. Standardized interface with core k8s. Storage focussed review and testing. Release cycles not necessarily tied to k8s releases.



CSI

Shared implementation of storage provisioners that can be used by different Container Orchestrators

A specification aimed to be(come) an industry standard to enable storage vendors

A specification aimed to be(come) an industry standard that gets adopted by storage vendors and enables them to write a single plugin for a number of container orchestration systems.



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Three different services are required when implementing a CSI driver.

Both Controller and Node plugins need to provide the Identity Service. Controllers are mostly a single instance on a master. The Node Service runs on all container hosts that can consume the storage.

Identity Service

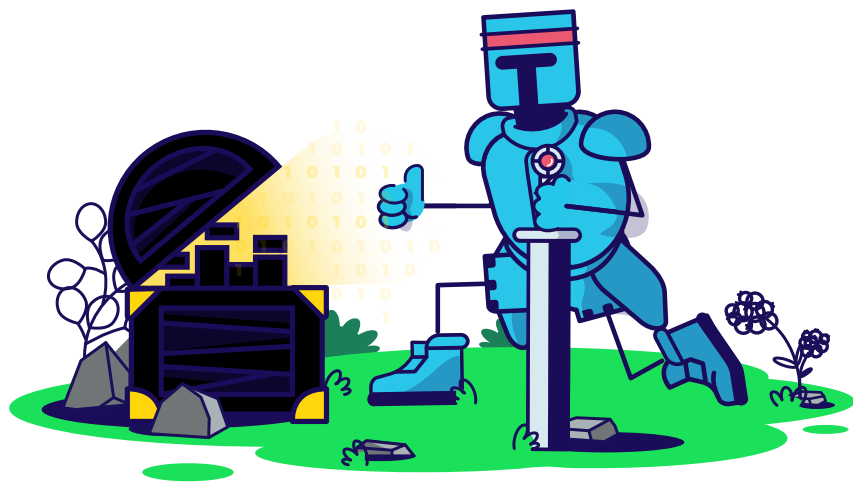
Provides details about the CSI driver and the features it (in combination with the backend) supports .

Controller Service

Manages the creation, deletion and related operations to make a volume accessible. Actions related to the storage management that are needed on the backend are normally done by the controller.

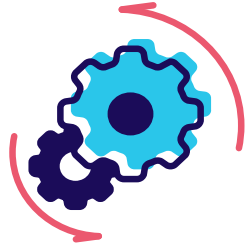
Node Service

Responsible for making the volume available on a container host. This can include configuring a (network) block devices and mounting. Also cleanup (unmounting) is a task for the Node Service.



Rook turns distributed storage systems into self-managing, self-scaling, self-healing storage services. It automates the tasks of a storage administrator: deployment, bootstrapping, configuration, provisioning, scaling, upgrading, migration, disaster recovery, monitoring, and resource management.

Features of Rook as a Storage Operator



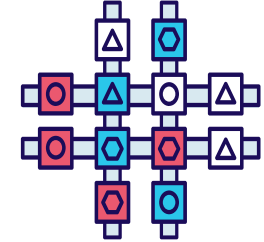
Simple and reliable automated resource management



Hyper-scale or hyper-converge your storage clusters

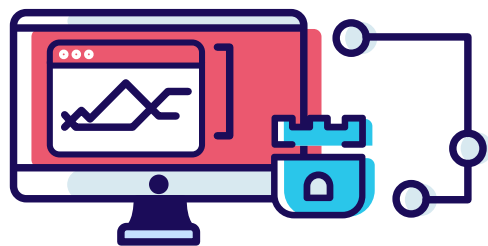


Efficiently distribute and replicate data to minimize loss



Provision, file, block, and object with multiple storage providers

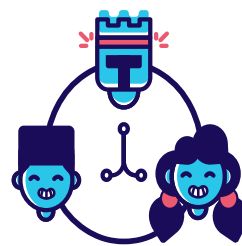
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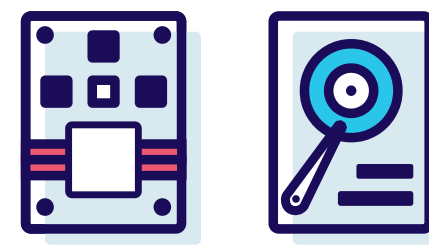
Manage open-source storage technologies



Easily enable elastic storage in your datacenter

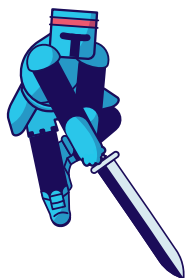


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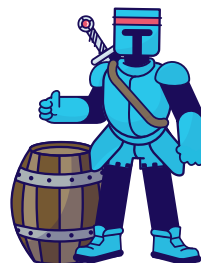
Optimize workloads on commodity hardware

Main components of a Rook and Ceph-CSI deployment



Deployment

Definition of the main Rook operator pod, including container, parameters and reference to selected storage backend.



CephCluster

Description of the properties of the cluster, like Ceph version, storage nodes and devices to consume.



CephFilesystem/CephBlockPool

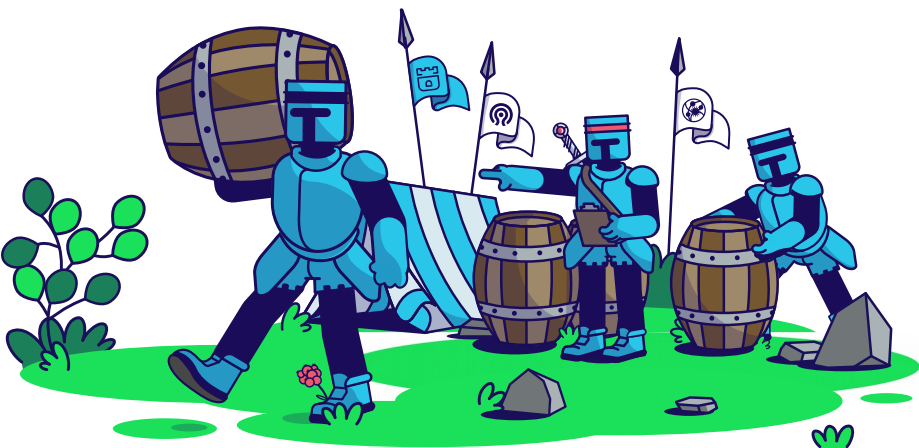
Configuration of CephFS and RBD pools, think of number of metadata servers, replication factor.

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: rook-ceph-operator
  namespace: rook-ceph
  ...
spec:
  replicas: 1
  template:
    spec:
      containers:
      - name: rook-ceph-operator
        env:
          # CSI enablement
          - name: ROOK_CSI_ENABLE_CEPHFS
            value: "true"
```

```
apiVersion: ceph.rook.io/v1
kind: CephCluster
spec:
  cephVersion:
    image: ceph/ceph:v14.2.1-20190430
  mon:
    count: 3
  dashboard:
    enabled: true
  rbdMirroring:
    ...
  ...
```



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```
$ oc create -f common.yaml
$ oc create -f rbac/rbd/csi-provisioner-rbac.yaml
$ oc create -f rbac/rbd/csi-nodeplugin-rbac.yaml
$ oc create -f operator-openshift-with-csi.yaml
$ oc create -f cluster.yaml
$ oc create -f pool.yaml
$ oc create -f rbd/secret.yaml
$ oc create -f rbd/storageclass.yaml
$ oc create -f rbd/pvc.yaml
```

Some of the notable changes that have recently been added or are currently being developed.



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Single Ceph-CSI container image

All CSI related components in one image, parameterized for selecting functionality.

Cloning & Snapshots for RBD

Not yet fully supported by Kubernetes-CSI.

Volume Expansion

Not yet fully supported by Kubernetes-CSI.

CephFS sub-volumes

Currently subdirectories per volume, ceph-mgr enhancement to create sub-volumes is coming soon.

Snapshots for CephFS

Per sub-volume snapshots is in the planning.

Thank you

