# IBM Software Hub with Managed OpenShift on

# **AWS Marketplace**

# **Deployment Guide**

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# Overview

This deployment guide provides step-by-step instructions for deploying IBM Software Hub on ROSA (Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS) Container Platform cluster on the AWS Cloud. You can automatically deploy a multi-master, production instance of Software Hub.

IBM Software Hub enables enterprise users to connect, catalog, govern, transform, and analyze the data regardless of where the data is.

### IBM Software Hub on AWS

IBM Software Hub is an analytics platform that helps prepare data for artificial intelligence (AI). It enables data engineers, data stewards, data scientists, and business analysts to collaborate using an integrated multiple-cloud platform.

IBM Software Hub uses IBM's deep analytics portfolio to help organizations meet data and analytics challenges. The required building blocks (collect, organize, analyze, infuse) for information architecture are available using IBM Software Hub on AWS.

IBM Software Hub uses AWS services and features, including virtual private clouds (VPCs), Availability Zones, security groups, Elastic Block Storage, and Elastic Load Balancing to build a reliable and scalable cloud platform.

This reference deployment provides AWS CloudFormation templates to deploy Software Hub onto a new OpenShift cluster. This cluster includes:

- A ROSA(Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS) Container Platform cluster created in a new or existing VPC on Red
  Hat CoreOS (RHCOS) instances, using the <u>Redhat OpenShift Installer Provisioned Infrastructure</u>. See the
  <u>OpenShift Container Platform Installation overview</u> for details about the underlying OpenShift deployment
  architecture.
- Storage: EFS or Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP storage
- Scalable OpenShift compute nodes running Software Hub services.

For more information about Software Hub, see the IBM Software Hub Documentation

This product requires an internet connection to deploy properly.



The following packages are downloaded on deployment: git, wget httpd-tools, python3, python3-pip, jq, unzip, podman, terraform, awscliv2, openshift-client-linux-4.18.19, helm-v3.9.4, quickstart-linux-utilities, amazon-ssm-agent from below repos:

https://github.com/aws-quickstart/quickstart-linux-utilities

https://github.com/aws/aws-cli

 $\underline{\text{https://s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/amazon-ssm-us-west-1/latest/linux\_amd64/amazon-ssm-agent.rpm}$ 

api.openshift.com

secretsmanager.us-east-1.amazonaws.com (varies per region)

sso.redhat.com

### Cost and licenses

The Software Hub environment is deployed by using AWS CloudFormation template. You are responsible for the cost of the AWS services used for the infrastructure.

The AWS CloudFormation template for these deployments includes configuration parameters that you can customize. You can use it to build a new VPC for your Data Express solution on AWS cluster or deploy on an existing AWS VPC. Some of these settings, such as instance type, will affect the cost of deployment. For cost estimates, see the pricing pages for each AWS service you will be using. Prices are subject to change. Pricing:

ROSA Service Fee: https://aws.amazon.com/rosa/pricing/

Infrastructure Fee:

Master Nodes: 3 \* m5.2xlarge

• Infra Nodes: 2 \* r5.xlarge

• Worker Nodes: Count \* m5.4xlarge

• Bastion Node: 1 \* i3.large

Storage: EFS or Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP storage

For more information about licensing terms, Software Hub software license agreement.

Upgrading to the latest version of Software Hub indicates your acceptance of any new terms that may be applicable for the new version. To determine if new terms apply and to review them, please visit our <u>IBM Terms</u>, To execute a search for License Information (LI) documents, and locate the LI applicable for the version you wish to upgrade to. To locate the LI for the Software Hub Standard edition, type, 'IBM Software Hub Standard Edition' and for the Enterprise edition type, 'IBM Software Hub Enterprise Edition.'

In the event there are no results for the version you are upgrading to, review the LI associated to the previous version which would apply in this scenario (for example, if you are upgrading to version 4.8.x and there is no LI for this version, you will need to review the LI for version 4.0.x)

# Architecture

Deploying the <u>AWS Marketplace</u> template for a Software Hub on new VPC with **default parameters** builds the following Software Hub environment in the AWS Cloud to deliver the solution:



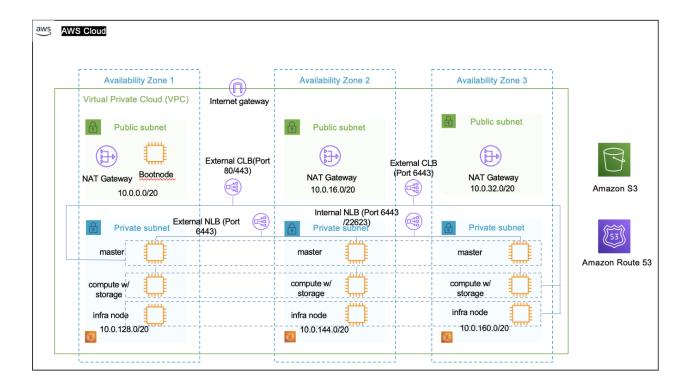


Figure 2: Deployment architecture for IBM Software Hub on AWS

The Cloud Formation Stack sets up the following:

- An architecture that spans one or three Availability Zones.\* A VPC configured with public and private subnet according to AWS best practices, to provide you with your own virtual network on AWS. \*
- In the public subnets:
  - Managed network address translation (NAT) gateway to allow outbound internet access for resources in the private subnet.\*
  - A boot node Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2) instance that also serves as a bastion host to allow inbound Secure Shell (SSH) access to EC2 instances in private subnets.
- In the private subnets:
  - OCP master instances up to three Availability Zones.
  - OpenShift Container Platform (OCP) compute nodes that combined, contain Software Hub Collect, Organize, and Analyze services.
  - Elastic Block Storage disks that are mounted on the compute nodes for container persistent data
- A Classic Load Balancer spanning the public subnets for accessing Software Hub from a web browser.
- A Classic Load Balancer spanning the public subnets for accessing the OCP master instances.
- A Network Load Balancer spanning the private subnets for routing internal OpenShift application programming interface (API) traffic to the OCP master instances.

<sup>\*</sup> The template that deploys into an existing VPC skips the components marked by asterisks and prompts you for your existing VPC configuration.



Software Hub microservices are preconfigured on compute nodes. The following diagram shows the platform architecture.

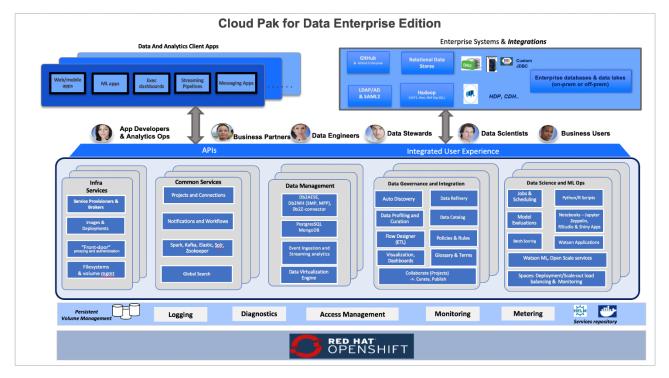


Figure 3: Software Hub services

# Planning the deployment

# Specialized knowledge

This deployment assumes basic familiarity with Software Hub components and services. If you're new to Software Hub and Red Hat OpenShift, see the <u>Additional resources</u> section.

This deployment also assumes familiarity with the OpenShift command line interface and Linux, in addition to a moderate level of familiarity with AWS services.

# Technical requirements

For Software Hub requirements, see **System requirements for Software Hub**.

Red Hat Enterprise Linux CoreOS (RHCOS) is used for the OpenShift compute node instances in this deployment. Before you launch the template, your account must have resource quotas as specified in the following table.



Resource s

If necessary, request service quota increases for the following resources. You might need to do this if an existing deployment uses these resources, and you might exceed the default quotas with this deployment. The Service Quotas console displays your usage and quotas for some aspects of some services. For more information, see the AWS documentation.

Resource	This deployment uses
VPCs	1
Elastic IP addresses	1
Network Load Balancers	2
Classic Load Balancers	2
i3.large instances	1
m5.2xlarge instances	3
m5.4xlarge instances	3

Regions

This deployment uses 1 or 3 Availability Zones.

### Key pair

Make sure that at least one Amazon EC2 key pair exists in your AWS account in the Region where you are planning to deploy the template. Make note of the key pair name. You'll be prompted for this information during deployment. To create a key pair, follow the instructions in the AWS documentation. If you're deploying for testing or proof-of-concept purposes, we recommend that you create a new key pair instead of specifying a key pair that's already being used by a production instance.

# IAM permissio ns

To deploy the template, you must log in to the AWS Management Console with AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) permissions for the resources and actions the templates will deploy.

The permissions required for the creation of ROSA (Redhat OpenShift Service on AWS) in sts mode. Please review:

https://docs.openshift.com/rosa/rosa architecture/rosa-sts-about-iam-resources.html#rosa-minimumscp rosa-sts-about-iam-resources



### Note

When using AWS Security Token Service (STS), you must ensure that the service contro does not block the following resources:

- ec2:{}
- iam:{}
- tag:\*



# Deployment options

This template provides the following deployment options:

- Deploy Software Hub into a new VPC (end-to-end deployment). This option builds a new AWS environment
  consisting of the VPC, subnets, NAT gateways, security groups, bastion hosts, and other infrastructure components,
  and then deploys Software Hub into this new VPC.
- **Deploy Software Hub into an existing VPC**. This option provisions Software Hub in your existing VPC infrastructure.

The template also lets you configure CIDR blocks, instance types, and Software Hub settings, as discussed later in this guide.

# Pre-requisites

Ensure the following subscriptions are in place with your existing Software Hub entitlements or obtained from <u>AWS</u> <u>Marketplace</u>

# Step 1. IBM Software Hub Subscription

When you purchase Software Hub from Marketplace, you will get the Software Hub entitlement Username and API Key. You should keep it handy as it's a required parameter in the Cloud Formation Template

# Step 2. ROSA Subscription

Enable ROSA

- \* Enable ROSA [here]
- \* Get RedHat ROSA token [here]

### Step 3. Sign in to your AWS account

- 1. Sign in to your AWS account at <a href="https://aws.amazon.com">https://aws.amazon.com</a> with an AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) user role that has the necessary permissions. For details, see <a href="Planning the deployment">Planning the deployment</a>, earlier in this guide.
- 2. Make sure that your AWS account is configured correctly, as discussed in <u>Technical requirements</u>, earlier in this guide.
- Use the Region selector in the navigation bar to choose the AWS Region where you want to deploy Software Hub on AWS.
- 4. The following resources should be made available for Software Hub deployment
  - A key pair to SSH to the cluster nodes. In the navigation pane of the <u>Amazon EC2 console</u>, choose **Key Pairs**, and then choose your key pair from the list.
  - An existing S3 Bucket to store deployment log files.



# Step 4. Launch the Deployment

**Notes** The instructions in this section reflect the current version of the AWS CloudFormation console. If you're using the redesigned console, some of the user interface elements might be different.

You are responsible for the cost of the AWS services used while running this deployment. For full details, see the pricing pages for each AWS service you will be using for this deployment. Prices are subject to change.

5. Launch the AWS CloudFormation template into your AWS account from the AWS Marketplace directly or you can download the template and launch it separately from your account.

A Software Hub standard deployment takes about 3 hours.

- 6. Check the Region that's displayed in the upper-right corner of the navigation bar and change it if necessary. This is where the network infrastructure for Software Hub will be built. The template is launched in the US East (N. Virginia) Region by default.
  - 1. On the Create stack page, keep the default setting for the template URL, and then choose Next.
  - 2. On the **Specify stack details** page, change the stack name if needed. Review the parameters for the template. Provide values for the parameters that require input. For all other parameters, review the default settings and customize them as necessary.

In the following tables, parameters are listed by category and described separately for these deployment options:

- Parameters for deploying Software Hub into a new VPC
- Parameters for deploying Software Hub into an existing VPC

When you finish reviewing and customizing the parameters, choose Next.

### OPTION 1: PARAMETERS FOR DEPLOYING SOFTWARE HUB INTO A NEW VPC

### *VPC* network configuration:

Parameter label (name)	Default	Description
Number of Availability Zones (NumberOfAZs)	1	The number of Availability Zones to be used for the deployment. Allowed values: 1 or 3.
Availability Zones (AvailabilityZones)	Requires input	The list of Availability Zones to use for the subnets in the VPC. The template uses one/ three Availability Zones.
VPC CIDR (VPCCIDR)	10.0.0.0/16	The CIDR block for the VPC to be created.
Private subnet 1 CIDR (PrivateSubnet1CIDR)	10.0.0.0/19	The CIDR block for the private subnet located in Availability Zone 1.



Parameter label (name)	Default	Description
Private subnet 2 CIDR (PrivateSubnet2CIDR)	10.0.32.0/19 The CIDR block for the private subnet located in Availability Zone 2.	The CIDR block for the private subnet located in Availability Zone 2.
Private subnet 3 CIDR (PrivateSubnet3CIDR)	10.0.64.0/19 The CIDR block for the private subnet located in Availability Zone 3.	The CIDR block for the private subnet located in Availability Zone 3.
Public subnet 1 CIDR (PublicSubnet1CIDR)	10.0.128.0/20	The CIDR block for the public subnet located in Availability Zone 1.
Public subnet 2 CIDR (PublicSubnet2CIDR)	10.0.144.0/20	The CIDR block for the public subnet located in Availability Zone 2.
Public subnet 3 CIDR (PublicSubnet3CIDR)	10.0.160.0/20	The CIDR block for the public subnet located in Availability Zone 3.
BootNodeAccessCIDR (BootNodeAccessCIDR )	Requires input	The CIDR IP range that is permitted to access the Boot Node instance. We recommend that you set this value to a trusted IP range. The value `0.0.0.0/0` permits all IP addresses to access. Additional values can be added post-deployment from the Amazon EC2 console.
Cluster Network CIDR (ClusterNetworkCIDR )	10.128.0.0/14	The Cluster Network CIDR IP range that is used as IP address pools for pods.
ServiceNetworkCIDR	172.30.0.0/16	The Service Network CIDR IP range that is used as block of IP addresses for services.

# Amazon EC2 configuration:

Parameter label (name)	Default	Description
Key pair name (KeyPairName)	Requires input	The name of an existing public/private key pair, which allows you to securely connect to your instance after it launches.

# OpenShift hosts configuration:

Parameter label (name)	Default	Description
Compute instance type (NodesInstanceType)	m5.4xlarge	The EC2 instance type for the OpenShift node instances.



Parameter label (name)	Default	Description
Number of compute nodes (NumberOfNodes)	3(default)	The number of nodes depends on the numbers of cp4d services selected for the deployment. For more info check <a href="here">here</a> .
		<b>Warning</b> If the number of node instances exceeds your Red Hat entitlement limits or AWS instance quotas, the stack will fail. Choose a number that is within your limits.
Cluster name (ClusterName)	Requires input	Custom cluster name for kubernetes.io/cluster/tags. If left blank, will use the stack name suffixed with the AWS Region.
PrivateCluster (PrivateCluster)	false	To Deploy a Private cluster select true and false for Public cluster
Choose OpenShift Version (OpenShiftVersion)	4.18.19	Choose a supported OpenShift Version.

# Storage Configuration:

Parameter label (name)	Default	Description
Storage type for Cluster (StorageType)	EFS-EBS	EFS-EBS and fsx options are available.
FSx Admin password (FSxAdminPassword)	Netapp1!	Default fsx filesystem fsxadmin user password. Applicable only when Storage Type chosen is fsx
FSx Storage Capacity (FSxStorageCapacity)	1TB	FSx file system Storage Capacity. Applicable only when Storage Type chosen is fsx
FSx ThroughPut Capacity (FSxThroughputCapacit y)	128MBs	FSx file system throughput Capacity. Applicable only when Storage Type chosen is fsx
FSx Endpoint CIDR (FSxEndpointCIDR)	10.0.255.192/26	The IP address range in which the endpoints to access your fsx file system will be created, required only for multi-AZ deployment. Applicable only when Storage Type chosen is fsx

# ROSA subscription information:

Parameter label (name)	Default	Description
ROSA Token	Requires input	Update the value with the ROSA Token.



# IBM Software Hub configuration:

Parameter label (name)	Default	Description
IBM Software Hub Entitled Registry User (APIUsername)	ср	Enter the IBM Software Hub Username value to access IBM Container Registry.
IBM Software Hub Entitled Registry API key Value (APIKey)	_	Enter the IBM Software Hub API key to access IBM Container Registry
License agreement (License Agreement)	_	I have read and agreed to the license terms for IBM Software Hub that were provided to me at time of purchase.
Output S3 bucket name (ICPDDeploymentLogsB ucketName)	Requires Input	The Existing S3 bucket name where the zip file output should be placed.

# IBM Software Hub services:

Parameter label (name)	Default	Description
IBMKnowledgeCatalog	no	Installs Watsosn Knowledge Catalog service.
Watson Query	no	Installs the Watson Query(Data Virtualization) service.
AnalyticsEngine	no	Installs the Analytics Engine service.
WatsonStudio	no	Installs the Watson Studio service.
WatsonMachineLearning	no	Installs the Watson Machine Learning service.
WatsonAIOpenscale	no	Installs the Watson AI Openscale service.
SPSSModeler	no	Installs the SPSS Modeler service.
CognosDashboardEmbedded	no	Installs the Cognos Dashboard Enbedded service.
DataStage	no	Installs the DataStage service.



Parameter label (name)	Default	Description	
Db2Warehouse	no	Installs the Db2 Warehouse service.	
Db2OLTP	no	Installs the Db2OLTP service.	
CognosAnalytics	no	Installs the Cognos Analytics service.	
IBM Match 360 with Watson	no	Installs the IBM Match 360 with Watson service.	
DecisionOptimization	no	Installs the Decision Optimization service.	
BigSQL	no	Installs the BigSQL service.	
PlanningAnalytics	no	Installs the Planning Analytics service.	
Watsonx Assistant	no	Installs Watsonx Assistant. Note: Only single Availability zone is supported for a successful Watsonx Assistant installation. Multi Aavailiability zone is not supported.	
Watson Discovery	no	Installs Watson Discovery service.	
Watson Speech	no	Installs Watson Speech service.	
Manta	no	Installs Manta Service. Note: For a successful Manta service installation, IBM Knowledge Catalog service is the pre requisite. Set both parameters Manta and IBM Knowledge Catalog to 'yes' for a successful installation.	
OpenPages	no	Installs the OpenPages service.	
IBM Db2 Data Management Console	no	Installs the Data Management Console service.	
Factsheets	no	Installs the Factsheets service.	
		Note: For a successful installation of the Factsheets service, IBM Knowledge Catalog service or Watson Studio service must have been installed on the cluster.	
RStudio	no	Installs the RStudio service.	
WatsonPipelines	no	Installs the Watson Pipelines service.	



# OPTION 2: PARAMETERS FOR DEPLOYING SOFTWARE HUB INTO AN EXISTING VPC

# Network configuration:

Parameter label (name)	Default	Description	
Number of Availability Zones (NumberOfAZs)	1	The number of Availability Zones to be used for the deployment. Allowed values: 1 or 3.	
VPC ID (VPCID)	Requires input	The ID of your existing VPC for deployment.	
VPC CIDR (VPCCIDR)	Requires input	The CIDR block for the VPC to be created.	
Private subnet 1 ID (PrivateSubnet1ID)	Requires input	The ID of the private subnet in Availability Zone 1 for the workload (e.g., subnet-a0246dcd).	
Private subnet 2 CIDR (PrivateSubnet2CIDR)	Requires input	The CIDR block for the private subnet located in Availability Zone 2.	
Private subnet 3 CIDR (PrivateSubnet3CIDR) 1	Requires input	The CIDR block for the private subnet located in Availability Zone 3.	
Public subnet 1 ID (PublicSubnet1ID)	Requires input	The ID of the public subnet in Availability Zone 1 for the ELB load balancer (e.g., subnet-9bc642ac).	
Public subnet 2 CIDR (PublicSubnet2CIDR)	Requires input	The CIDR block for the public subnet located in Availability Zone 2.	
Public subnet 3 CIDR (PublicSubnet3CIDR)	Requires input	The CIDR block for the public subnet located in Availability Zone 3.	
BootNodeAccessCIDR (BootNodeAccessCIDR )	Requires input	The CIDR IP range that is permitted to access the Boot Node instance. We recommend that you set this value to a trusted IP range. The value '0.0.0.0/0' permits all IP addresses to access. Additional values can be added post-deployment from the Amazon EC2 console.	
Cluster Network CIDR (ClusterNetworkCIDR )	Requires input	The Cluster Network CIDR IP range that is used as IP address pools for pods.	
ServiceNetworkCIDR	Requires input	The Service Network CIDR IP range that is used as block of IP addresses for services.	

Amazon EC2 configuration:



Parameter label (name)	Default	Description	
Key pair name (KeyPairName)	Requires input	The name of an existing public/private key pair, which allows you to securely connect to your instance after it launches.	

# OpenShift hosts configuration:

Parameter label (name)	Default	Description	
Compute instance type (NodesInstanceType)	m5.4xlarge	The EC2 instance type for the OpenShift node instances.	
Number of compute nodes (NumberOfNodes)	3(default)	The number of nodes depends on the numbers of cp4d services selected for the deployment. For more info, check <a href="here">here</a> .	
		<b>Warning</b> If the number of node instances exceeds your Red Hat entitlement limits or AWS instance quotas, the stack will fail. Choose a number that is within your limits.	
Cluster name (ClusterName)	Requires input	Custom cluster name for kubernetes.io/cluster/tags. If left blank, will use the stack name suffixed with the AWS Region.	
Private Cluster (PrivateCluster)	false	To Deploy a Private cluster select true and false for Public cluster.	
Choose OpenShift Version (OpenShiftVersion)	4.18.19	Choose a supported OpenShift Version.	

# Storage Configuration:

Parameter label (name)	Default	Description	
Storage type for Cluster(StorageType)	EFS-EBS	EFS-EBS and fsx options are available.	
FSx Admin password (FSxAdminPassword)	Netapp1!	Default fsx filesystem fsxadmin user password. Applicable only when Storage Type chosen is fsx	
FSx Storage Capacity (FSxStorageCapacity)	1TB	FSx file system Storage Capacity. Applicable only when Storage Type chosen is fsx	
FSx ThroughPut Capacity (FSxThroughputCapacit	128MBs	FSx file system throughput Capacity. Applicable only when Storage Type chosen is fsx	
y) FSx Endpoint CIDR (FSxEndpointCIDR)	10.0.255.192/26	The IP address range in which the endpoints to access your fsx file system will be created, required only for multi-AZ deployment. Applicable only when Storage Type chosen is fsx	



# ROSA subscription information:

Parameter label (name)	Default	Description
ROSA Token	Requires input	Update the value with the ROSA Token.

# *IBM Software Hub configuration:*

Parameter label (name)	Default	Description	
IBM Software Hub Entitled Registry User (APIUsername)	ср	Enter the IBM Software Hub Username value to access IBM Container Registry.	
IBM Software Hub Entitled Registry API key Value (APIKey)	_	Enter the IBM Software Hub <u>API key</u> to access IBM Container Registry	
License agreement (License Agreement)	_	I have read and agreed to the license terms for IBM Software Hub that were provided to me at time of purchase.	
OpenShift project (NameSpace)	zen	The OpenShift project that will be created for deploying Software Hub. It can be any lowercase string.	
Output S3 Bucket (ICPDDeploymentLogsB ucketName)		The name of the S3 bucket where IBM Software Hub deployment logs are to be exported. The deployment logs provide a record of the boot strap scripting actions and are useful for problem determination if the deployment fails in some way	

# IBM Software Hub services:

Parameter label (name)	Default	Description
IBM Knowledge Catalog	no	Installs IBM Knowledge Catalog(Watson Knowledge Catalog) service.
Watson Query	no	Installs the Watson Query(Data Virtualization) service.
AnalyticsEngine	no	Installs the Analytics Engine service.
WatsonStudio	no	Installs the Watson Studio service.
WatsonMachineLearning	no	Installs the Watson Machine Learning service.
WatsonAIOpenscale	no	Installs the Watson AI Openscale service.



Parameter label (name)	Default	Description	
SPSSModeler	no	Installs the SPSS Modeler service.	
CognosDashboardEmbedded	no	Installs the Cognos Dashboard Enbedded service.	
DataStage	no	Installs the DataStage service.	
Db2Warehouse	no	Installs the Db2 Warehouse service.	
Db2OLTP	no	Installs the Db2OLTP service.	
CognosAnalytics	no	Installs the Cognos Analytics service.	
IBM Match 360 with Watson	no	Installs the IBM Match 360 with Watson service.	
DecisionOptimization	no	Installs the Decision Optimization service.	
BigSQL	no	Installs the BigSQL service.	
PlanningAnalytics	no	Installs the Planning Analytics service.	
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OpenPages	no	Installs the OpenPages service.	
IBM Db2 DataManagementConsole	no	Installs the IBM Db2 Data Management Console service.	
Factsheets	no	Installs the Factsheets service.	



Parameter label (name)	Default	Description	
		Note: For a successful installation of the Factsheets service, IBM Knowledge Catalog service or Watson Studio service must have been installed on the cluster.	
RStudio	no	Installs the RStudio service.	
WatsonPipelines	no	Installs the Watson Pipelines service.	

- 3. On the options page, you can <u>specify tags</u> (key-value pairs) for resources in your stack and <u>set advanced</u> options. When you're done, choose **Next**.
- 4. On the **Review** page, review and confirm the template settings. Under **Capabilities**, select the check box to acknowledge that the template will create IAM resources.
- 5. Choose **Create stack** to deploy the stack.
- 7. Monitor the status of the stack. When the status is **CREATE\_COMPLETE**, the Software Hub cluster is ready.
- 8. Use the URLs displayed in the **Outputs** tab for the stack to view the resources that were created. The URL for the **ICPDWebClientURL** output key will navigate to the console login page.

# Step 5. (Optional) Specifying Services to deploy a Data Fabric Solution

IBM <u>Data Fabric Solutions</u> (Data Governance & Privacy, Multicloud Data Integration and Data Science and MLOps) are prescribed combinations of Software Hub services which solve particular common use cases. You can deploy these solutions using either option 1 or 2 above by specifying the required services within the applicable Cloud Formation Template.

To configure each solution, simply select "yes" for the following CPD services in your Cloud Formation Template.

Data Fabric Solution	Services to Select	
Data Governance and Privacy	IBM Knowledge	
	Catalog(WatsonKnowledgeCatalog)	
	WatsonQuery	
	IBM Match 360 with Watson	
Multicloud Data Integration	IBM Knowledge	
	Catalog(WatsonKnowledgeCatalog)	
	Watson Query	
	DataStage	
Data Science and MLOps	WatsonStudio	
	WatsonMachineLearning	
	WatsonAIOpenscale	

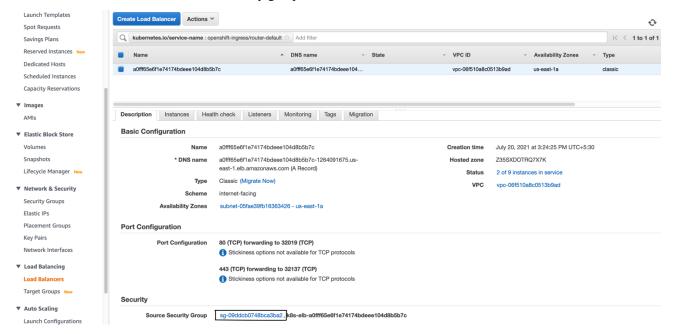


# Step 6. (Optional) Edit the application security group

Optional: You might need to edit the AWS application group to add IP addresses that can access the Software Hub web client.

Navigate to Load Balancers on your AWS console and filter on tags, for example *kubernetes.io/service-name: openshift-ingress/router-default*.

1. In Load Balancers, filter and select the security group.



2. Select Security Group and modify the Inbound rules



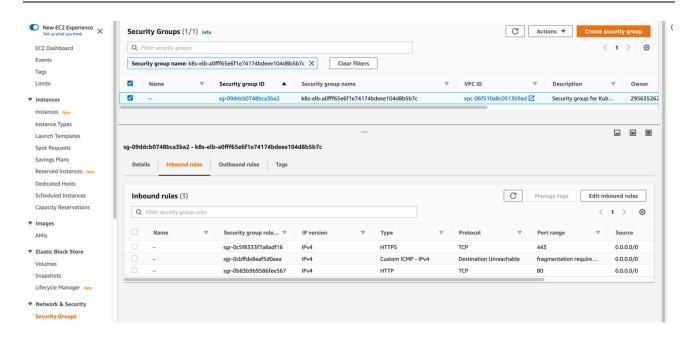


Figure 5: OpenShift node security group

3. Choose **Add Rule**, and fill in the rule details. For the rule **Type**, select either HTTP or HTTPS in the drop-down menu. Port 80 or 443 is filled in automatically. Add the network CIDR for the group of IP addresses that you want to permit HTTP or HTTPS access to the proxy nodes. To allow any IP address, use 0.0.0.0/0.

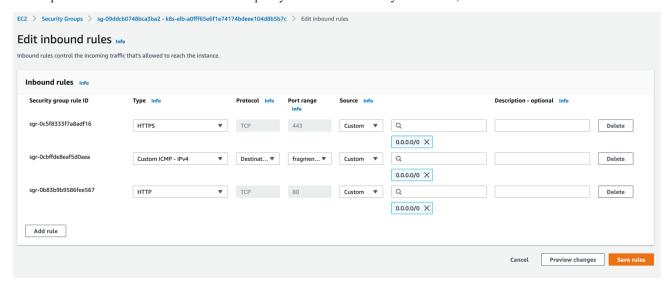


Figure 7: Supplying rule details

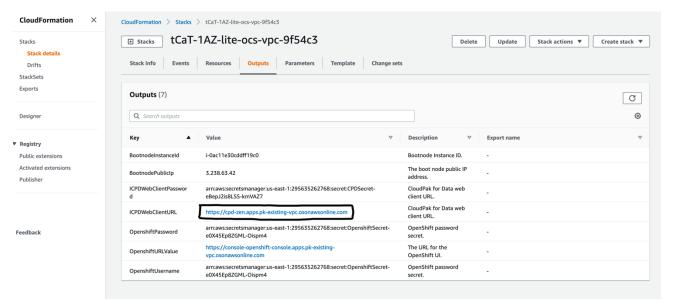
4. In the rule editor window, choose Save.



# Step 7. Login to Software Hub web client

When the AWS CloudFormation template has successfully created the stack, all server nodes will be running with the software installed in your AWS account. In the following steps, connect to Software Hub web client to verify the deployment, and then use the web client to explore Software Hub features.

To access the Software Hub web client, first get the console URL from the Cloud Formation Stack output for key ICPDWebClientURL



10. Get the Software Hub web client user name and password from the Secret Manager with names <stack name>-cp4d-username and <stack name>-cp4d-password. Get the Openshift username

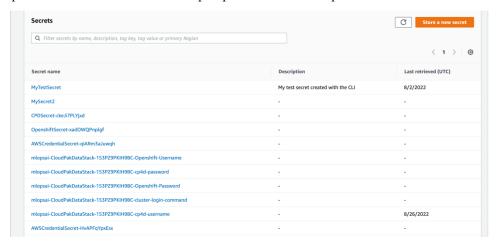


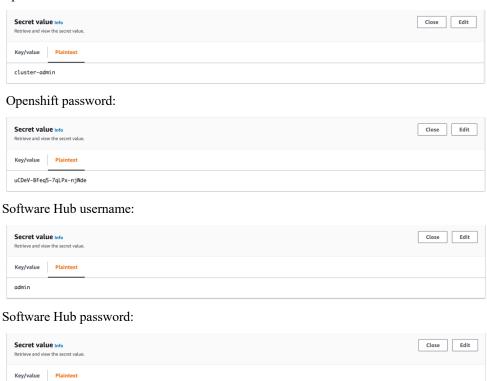
Figure 8: OpenShift Secret in Secret Manager

1. Click the secret suffixed with "OpenShift-Username" and retrieve the value of the secret. Take a note of the value "OpenShift-Username". Click the secret suffixed with "OpenShift-password" and retrieve the value of the secret. Take a note of the value of the "OpenShift-password". Click the secret suffixed with "cp4d-username" and retrieve



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### Openshift Username:



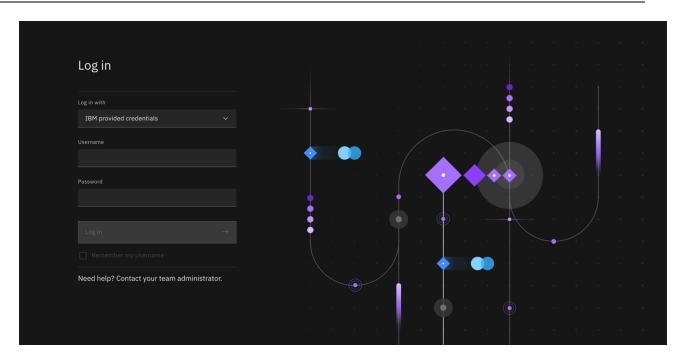
### Openshift cluster login command:

gJXNPw5CVC3T



11. Log in to the Software Hub web client by using the username and the password from the previous step.





2. Once you log in, the welcome page is displayed.

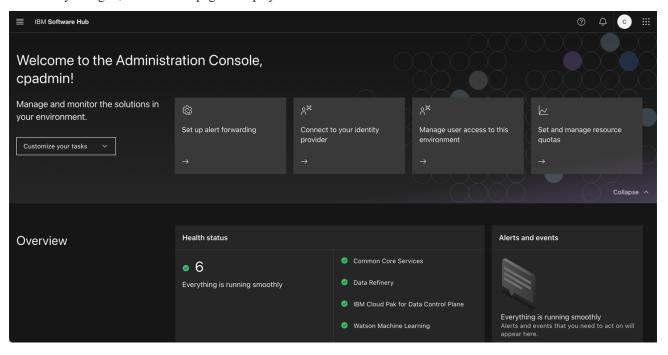


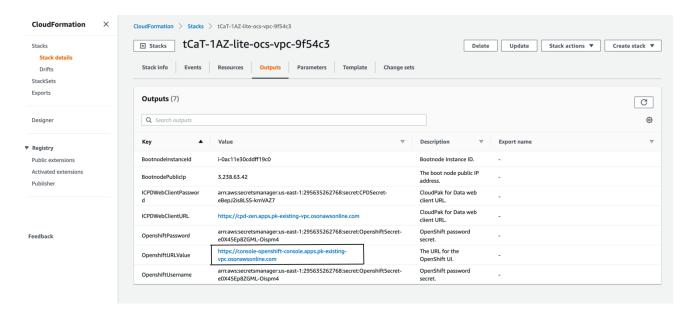
Figure 9: Welcome page for Software Hub web client

See <u>resources</u> on platform features and capabilities. For a list of supported browsers, see <u>Supported browsers</u>.



# Step 8. Manage your cluster using the OpenShift Console

1. To access the Openshift Console, go to the OpenShiftURLValue output of the root stack



The default OpenShift administrative user and password value is retrieved from the previous steps from the secrets value.

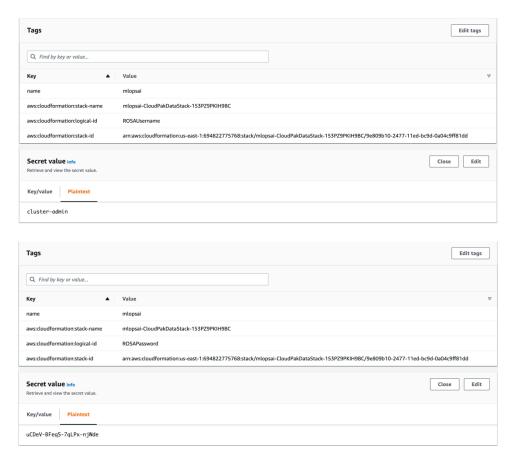
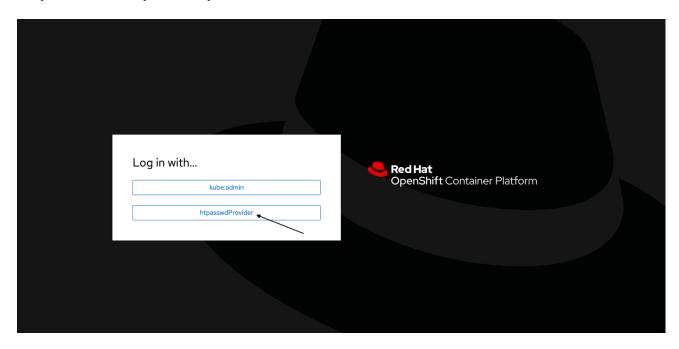




Figure 10.1: Retrieve secret value for console password

2. Open the OpenShift Console URL in a browser, select htpasswdProvider at Log in and Login with the username and password from the previous step.



# Step 9. (Optional) Provide Boot Node SSH access

The boot node EC2 instance is used for certain command-line cluster administration tasks, such as adding compute nodes. SSH access to the boot node is required for some cluster administrators.

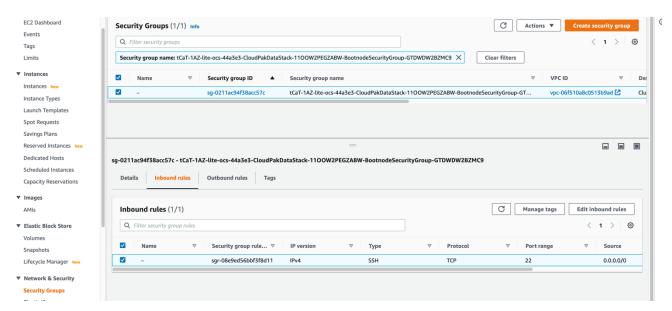
After deployment, you only have access to the boot node. Provide the workstation IP address CIDR as the value of the BootNodeSecurityGroup rule.

This section describes the steps to modify the BootNodeSecurityGroup inbound rules.

Note: These steps assume access to the AWS CloudFormation console for the IBM Software Hub deployment.

1. In the AWS Security Groups page, filter name containing BootNodeSecurityGroup





**Figure 11: Security Groups** 

2. The security group window displays the ingress rules. Select the **Inbound** tab, and choose **Edit** to bring up the rule editor, choose **Add Rule**, and fill in the rule details. Add the network CIDR for the group of IP addresses that you want to permit SSH access to the boot nodes. To allow any IP address, use 0.0.0.0/0.

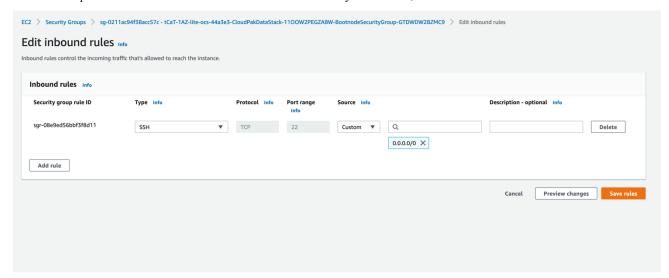


Figure 14: Supplying rule details

3. In the rule editor window, choose Save Rules.

### Accessing the control plane through the Boot Node

The recommended method of SSH access to the OpenShift cluster instances via the bastion host is by using SSH agent forwarding, as in the following Bash instructions:

- 12. Run the command ssh-add -K <your-key.pem> to store the key in your keychain. On Linux, you might need to omit the -K flag.
- 13. Retrieve the host name of the Boot Node from the Amazon EC2 console.



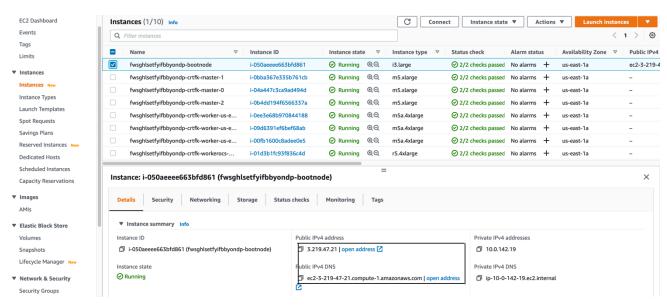


Figure 15: Host name of the Boot Node

14. To log in to the bastion host, run

\$ ssh -I <path-to-private-ssh-key> ec2-user@<br/>bootnode-host-name>

15. Run oc login to authenticate with OpenShift and and verify that services are in a running state:

\$ oc get pods

### Scaling up your cluster by adding compute nodes:

RedHat Cluster management url:

rosa describe cluster --cluster <cluster name> | grep Details

Scale up worker nodes:

\$ rosa list machinepools --cluster=<cluster name>

\$ rosa edit machinepool --cluster=<cluster name> <machinepool ID> --replicas=<number>

**Note:** If you choose to scale down your cluster or reduce the number of compute nodes, there is a risk of the cluster becoming unstable because pods will need to be rescheduled. Scaling down the worker nodes is not a recommended option.



# Software Hub services

You can browse the various services that are available for use by navigating to the <u>Software Hub Service Catalog</u> in Software Hub.

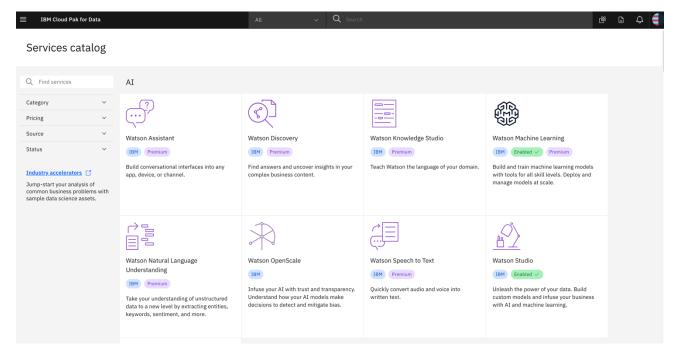


Figure 16: Services catalog page in Software Hub

As part of this installation, the control plane is installed by default.

### **System requirements for the Software Hub:**

Please refer system requirements from here.

Note: The resources listed are only for the services and does not include the resources for Software Hub control plane and foundational services.

# Upgrade Software Hub Services

See what new features and improvements are available in the <u>latest release of IBM® Software Hub.</u>

- Login to your bootnode server as mentioned in access section.
- Follow the <u>upgrade</u> instructions and upgrade corresponding services



# Backup and Restore of Software Hub Services

FsX Trident does not support BR as the Trident operator version is <25.02

Once Trident operator is upgraded to 25.02, Backups will be possible with Trident protect. However restore on same cluster is not allowed. Restore to remote cluster is possible if the storage config has this setting.

This is to be fixed in next release 5.1.3

### Limitations

• Review the known issues and limitations for Software Hub.

# Troubleshooting

Q. I encountered a CREATE\_FAILED error when I launched the CF Template

A. If AWS CloudFormation fails to create the stack, we recommend that you relaunch the template with **Rollback on failure** set to **No**. (This setting is under **Advanced** in the AWS CloudFormation console, **Options** page.) With this setting, the stack's state will be retained and the instance will be left running, so you can troubleshoot the issue. (Look at the log files in %ProgramFiles%\Amazon\EC2ConfigService and C:\cfn\log.)

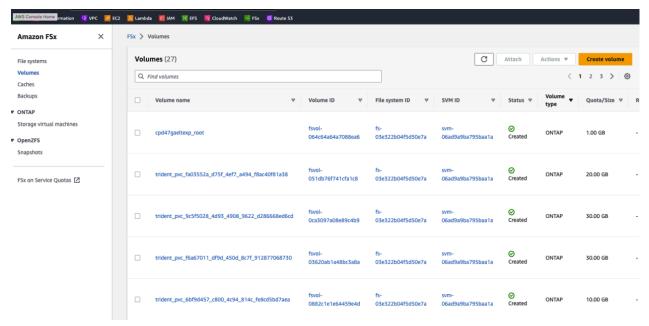
**Important** When you set **Rollback on failure** to **No**, you will continue to incur AWS charges for this stack. Make sure to delete the stack when you finish troubleshooting.

For additional information, see Troubleshooting AWS CloudFormation on the AWS website.

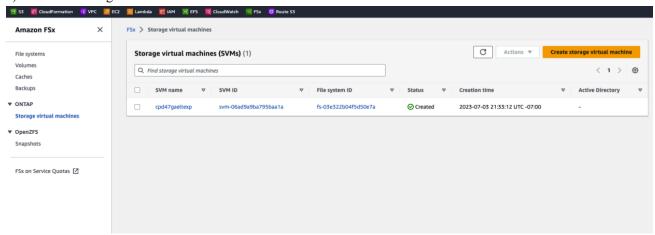
- O. I encountered a size limitation error when I deployed the AWS CloudFormation templates.
- **A.** We recommend that you launch the CF templates from the links in this guide or from another S3 bucket. If you deploy the templates from a local copy on your computer or from a non-S3 location, you might encounter template size limitations when you create the stack. For more information about AWS CloudFormation limits, see the <u>AWS</u> documentation.
- Q. I am not able to delete the stack that I created from the CF Template
- A. If any manual changes are done to the resources created from the automation, such as adding new rules to the security group, they must be manually removed for the automation to uninstall successfully. To clean up a deletion failed cluster: a) Storage Cleanup: Based on the storage chosen, either EFS-EBS or FSXdelete the corresponding storage The file system name prefix would be same as the cluster name. For EFS Delete the file system with the name as cpd efs

For NetApp FSX: a) Delete the volumes corresponding to the file system. The FSX file system name would be your cluster name





b) Delete the Storage volume machine



- c) Delete the NetApp FSX File system
- b) ROSA cluster deletion: Navigate to the rosa <u>console</u>, Select View only my clusters & identify the cluster with name same as the cluster name value supplied in the cloud formation cluster name parameter and uninstall the cluster.
- c) Once the cluster uninstall is completed, attempt deletion of cloud formation stack.
- Q. The stack creation fails with error Failed to retrieve attribute [Value] for resource [CPDURL]

  A. If the Stack creation fails with the error "Failed to retrieve attribute [Value] for resource [CPDURL]: The security token included in the request is invalid (Service: AmazonSSM; Status Code: 400; Error Code:

UnrecognizedClientException;")

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Cost Management

The cluster creation is successful, even though the stack creation failed. You can fetch the cluster details OpenshiftURLValue, OpenshiftUsername, OpenshiftPassword, Openshiftlogincommand, ICPDWebClientURL, ICPDWebClientUsername, ICPDWebClientPassword from the Resources



# Additional resources

### **AWS** resources

- Getting Started Resource Center
- AWS General Reference
- AWS Glossary

### **AWS** services

- Amazon EC2
- Amazon S3
- Amazon VPC
- AWS CloudFormation

### **IBM Software Hub documentation**

• IBM Documentation

# Redhat OpenShift Service on AWS:

https://docs.openshift.com/rosa/rosa\_getting\_started/rosa-sts-getting-started-workflow.html

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