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## Preface

This document contains information about setting up and using persistent storage in Oracle Cloud Native Environment. It describes the modules provided with Oracle Cloud Native Environment to set up persistent storage.

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## Audience

This document is written for system administrators and developers who want to use persistent storage in Oracle Cloud Native Environment. It is assumed that readers have a general understanding of the Oracle Linux operating system, container concepts and cloud storage concepts.

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# Chapter 1 Introduction to Storage

Every meaningful workload in the computing industry requires some sort of data storage. Persistent storage is essential when working with stateful applications like databases, as it is important that you are able to retain data beyond the lifecycle of the container, or even of the pod itself.

Persistent storage in Kubernetes is handled in the form of `PersistentVolume` objects and are bound to pods using a `PersistentVolumeClaim`. You can host a `PersistentVolume` locally or on networked storage devices or services.

A typical Kubernetes environment involves multiple hosts and usually includes some type of networked storage. Using networked storage helps to ensure resilience and allows you to take full advantage of a clustered environment. In the case where the node where a pod is running fails, a new pod can be started on an alternate node and storage access can be resumed. This is particularly important for database environments where replica setup has been properly configured.

## 1.1 Persistent Storage Concepts

Persistent storage is provided in Kubernetes using the `PersistentVolume` subsystem. To configure persistent storage, you should be familiar with the following terms:

- **PersistentVolume.** A `PersistentVolume` defines the type of storage that is being used and the method used to connect to it. This is the real disk or networked storage service that is used to store data.
- **PersistentVolumeClaim.** A `PersistentVolumeClaim` defines the parameters that a consumer, like a pod, uses to bind the `PersistentVolume`. The claim may specify quota and access modes that should be applied to the resource for a consumer. A pod can use a `PersistentVolumeClaim` to gain access to the volume and mount it.
- **StorageClass.** A `StorageClass` is an object that specifies a volume plug-in, known as a provisioner, that allows users to define `PersistentVolumeClaims` without needing to preconfigure the storage for a `PersistentVolume`. This can be used to provide access to similar volume types as a pooled resource that can be dynamically provisioned for the lifecycle of a `PersistentVolumeClaim`.

`PersistentVolumes` can be provisioned either statically or dynamically.

Static `PersistentVolumes` are manually created and contain the details required to access real storage and can be consumed directly by any pod that has an associated `PersistentVolumeClaim`.

Dynamic `PersistentVolumes` can be automatically generated if a `PersistentVolumeClaim` does not match an existing static `PersistentVolume` and an existing `StorageClass` is requested in the claim. A `StorageClass` can be defined to host a pool of storage that can be accessed dynamically. Creating a `StorageClass` is an optional step that is only required if you intend to use dynamic provisioning.

The process to provision persistent storage is as follows:

1. Create a `PersistentVolume` or `StorageClass`.
2. Create `PersistentVolumeClaims`.
3. Configure a pod to use the `PersistentVolumeClaim`.

The process for adding and configuring NFS and iSCSI volumes is described in detail in the upstream documentation at:

<https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/storage/persistent-volumes/>

## 1.2 Container Storage Interface Plug-ins

The Container Storage Interface (CSI) is an Open Container Initiative standard for controlling storage workloads from container engines. Kubernetes implements this interface to provide automated control for storage workloads inside Kubernetes clusters. For a list of the Kubernetes storage provisioners, see the upstream documentation at:

<https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/storage/storage-classes/>

You can install CSI plug-ins into a Kubernetes cluster in Oracle Cloud Native Environment. To make it easier to perform the CSI plug-in installation, Oracle provides a number of storage related modules.

The Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module for Oracle Cloud Native Environment can be used to set up the CSI plug-in for Oracle Cloud Infrastructure.

The Gluster Container Storage Interface module for Oracle Cloud Native Environment can be used to set up the CSI plug-in for Glusterfs.

More information on these modules is included in this guide.

## 1.3 Introduction to the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface Module

Oracle Cloud Infrastructure block volumes provide reliable, high-performance block storage designed to work with a range of virtual machines and bare metal instances. With built-in redundancy, block volumes are persistent and durable beyond the lifespan of a virtual machine and can scale to 1 PB per compute instance.

The Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module is used to set up dynamically provisioned persistent storage using Oracle Cloud Infrastructure block volumes. The Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module is deployed by the Helm module into a Kubernetes cluster.

The Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module creates a Kubernetes StorageClass provisioner to access storage on Oracle Cloud Infrastructure block volumes. The Kubernetes Cloud Controller Manager ([oci-cloud-controller-manager](#)) is a CSI plug-in for Kubernetes clusters running on Oracle Cloud Infrastructure. The Kubernetes Cloud Controller Manager is used to dynamically provision Oracle Cloud Infrastructure volumes for use as Kubernetes PersistentVolumes. The Platform API Server communicates with the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure API to provision and manage Oracle Cloud Infrastructure volumes using PersistentVolumeClaims. The Oracle Cloud Infrastructure volumes can be automatically destroyed when the PersistentVolumeClaims are deleted.

For more information on the Kubernetes Cloud Controller Manager, see the upstream documentation at:

<https://github.com/oracle/oci-cloud-controller-manager>

## 1.4 Introduction to the Gluster Container Storage Interface Module

Gluster is a scalable, distributed file system that aggregates disk storage resources from multiple servers into a single global namespace. Heketi is used to create and manage volumes in a Gluster cluster.



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The Gluster Container Storage Interface module is used to set up dynamically provisioned persistent storage using Gluster Storage for Oracle Linux. The Gluster Container Storage Interface module is deployed by the Helm module into a Kubernetes cluster.

Oracle Cloud Native Environment does not deploy Gluster or Heketi. Gluster Storage for Oracle Linux and the Heketi API must be installed and configured separately, before it can be added to Oracle Cloud Native Environment.

The Gluster Container Storage Interface module creates a Kubernetes StorageClass provisioner to access existing storage on Glusterfs. Kubernetes uses the Glusterfs plug-in to dynamically provision Gluster volumes for use as Kubernetes PersistentVolumes. The Platform API Server communicates with the Heketi API to provision and manage Gluster volumes using PersistentVolumeClaims. The Gluster volumes can be automatically destroyed when the PersistentVolumeClaims are deleted.



## Chapter 2 Using Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Storage

This chapter discusses how to install and use the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module to set up dynamically provisioned persistent storage for Kubernetes applications in Oracle Cloud Native Environment on Oracle Cloud Infrastructure instances.

### 2.1 Prerequisites

The Kubernetes module must be created using the `--node-labels` and `--node-ocids` options as described in [Section 2.2, “Deploying the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface Module”](#). These options configure the Kubernetes nodes to work correctly with the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure CSI plug-in (Kubernetes Cloud Controller Manager). These two `olcnectl module create` options must be used when creating the Kubernetes module.



#### Important

You cannot modify the Kubernetes module to add these settings after it is deployed.

Before you set up the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module, you need to gather information about your Oracle Cloud Infrastructure environment. The most common information you need is:

- The Oracle Cloud Identifier (OCID) of each instance to be used in the Kubernetes cluster (the control plane and worker nodes).
- The identifier for the region.
- The OCID for the tenancy.
- The OCID for the compartment.
- The OCID for the user.
- The public key fingerprint for the API signing key pair.
- The private key file for the API signing key pair. The private key must be copied to the primary control plane node. This is the first control plane node listed in the `--master-nodes` option when you create the Kubernetes module.

You may need more information related to your Oracle Cloud Infrastructure networking or other components.

For information on finding each of these identifiers or components, see the [Oracle Cloud Infrastructure documentation](#).

### 2.2 Deploying the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface Module

You can deploy all the modules required to set up Oracle Cloud Infrastructure storage for a Kubernetes cluster using a single `olcnectl module create` command. This method might be useful if you want to deploy the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module at the same time as deploying a Kubernetes cluster.

If you have an existing deployment of the Kubernetes module, you can specify that instance when deploying the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module. Note there are specific

requirements for setting up the Kubernetes module if you want to access Oracle Cloud Infrastructure storage.

This section guides you through installing each component required to deploy the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module.

For the full list of the Platform CLI command options available when creating modules, see the `olcnectl module create` command in [Platform Command-Line Interface](#).

### To deploy the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module:

1. If you do not already have an environment set up, create one into which the modules can be deployed. For information on setting up an environment, see [Getting Started](#). The name of the environment in this example is `myenvironment`.
2. If you do not already have a Kubernetes module set up or deployed, set one up.



#### Important

Make sure you create the Kubernetes module using the `--node-labels` and `--node-ocids` options. These options configure the Kubernetes nodes to work correctly with the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure CSI plug-in. These options must be used when creating the Kubernetes module. You cannot modify the module to add these settings after it is deployed.

For information on adding a Kubernetes module to an environment, see [Container Orchestration](#). The name of the Kubernetes module in this example is `mycluster`.

3. If you do not already have a Helm module created and installed, create one. The Helm module in this example is named `myhelm` and is associated with the Kubernetes module named `mycluster` using the `--helm-kubernetes-module` option.

```
olcnectl module create \  
--environment-name myenvironment \  
--module helm \  
--name myhelm \  
--helm-kubernetes-module mycluster
```

4. If you are deploying a new Helm module, use the `olcnectl module validate` command to validate the Helm module can be deployed to the nodes. For example:

```
olcnectl module validate \  
--environment-name myenvironment \  
--name myhelm
```

5. If you are deploying a new Helm module, use the `olcnectl module install` command to install the Helm module. For example:

```
olcnectl module install \  
--environment-name myenvironment \  
--name myhelm
```

The Helm software packages are installed on the control plane nodes, and the Helm module is deployed into the Kubernetes cluster.

6. Create an Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module and associate it with the Helm module named `myhelm` using the `--oci-csi-helm-module` option. In this example, the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module is named `myoci`.

```
olcnectl module create \  
--environment-name myenvironment \  
--module oci-csi \  
--name myoci \  
--oci-csi-helm-module myhelm \  
--oci-region us-ashburn-1 \  
--oci-tenancy ocid1.tenancy.oc1... \  
--oci-compartment ocid1.compartment.oc1... \  
--oci-user ocid1.user.oc1... \  
--oci-fingerprint b5:52:... \  
--oci-private-key /home/opc/.oci/oci_api_key.pem
```

The `--module` option sets the module type to create, which is `oci-csi`. You define the name of the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module using the `--name` option, which in this case is `myoci`.

The `--oci-csi-helm-module` option sets the name of the Helm module. If there is an existing Helm module with the same name, the Platform API Server uses that instance of Helm.

The `--oci-region` option sets the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure region to use. The region in this example is `us-ashburn-1`.

The `--oci-tenancy` option sets the OCID for your tenancy.

The `--oci-compartment` option sets the OCID for your compartment.

The `--oci-user` option sets the OCID for the user.

The `--oci-fingerprint` option sets the fingerprint for the public key for the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure API signing key.

The `--oci-private-key` option sets the location of the private key for the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure API signing key. The private key must be available on the primary control plane node.

If you do not include all the required options when adding the modules, you are prompted to provide them.

7. Use the `olcnectl module validate` command to validate the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module can be deployed to the nodes. For example:

```
olcnectl module validate \  
--environment-name myenvironment \  
--name myoci
```

8. Use the `olcnectl module install` command to install the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module. For example:

```
olcnectl module install \  
--environment-name myenvironment \  
--name myoci
```

The Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module is deployed into the Kubernetes cluster.

## 2.3 Verifying the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Module Deployment

You can verify the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module is deployed using the `olcnectl module instances` command on the operator node. For example:

```
olcnectl module instances \  
--environment-name myenvironment  
INSTANCE          MODULE      STATE  
mycluster         kubernetes installed  
myhelm            helm       installed  
myoci              oci-csi    installed  
control1.example.com node       installed  
...
```

Note the entry for `oci-csi` in the `MODULE` column is in the `installed` state.

In addition, use the `olcnectl module report` command to review information about the module. For example, use the following command to review the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module named `myoci` in `myenvironment`:

```
olcnectl module report \  
--environment-name myenvironment \  
--name myoci \  
--children
```

For more information on the syntax for the `olcnectl module report` command, see [Platform Command-Line Interface](#).

On a control plane node, you can also verify the `oci-bv` StorageClass for the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure provisioner is created using the `kubectl get sc` command:

```
kubectl get sc  
NAME          PROVISIONER          RECLAIMPOLICY  VOLUMEBINDINGMODE  ...  
oci-bv        blockvolume.csi.oraclecloud.com Delete          WaitForFirstConsumer ...
```

You can get more details about the StorageClass using the `kubectl describe sc` command. For example:

```
kubectl describe sc oci-bv  
Name:          oci-bv  
IsDefaultClass: No  
Annotations:   meta.helm.sh/release-name=myoci,meta.helm.sh/release-namespace=default  
Provisioner:   blockvolume.csi.oraclecloud.com  
Parameters:    <none>  
AllowVolumeExpansion: <unset>  
MountOptions:  <none>  
ReclaimPolicy: Delete  
VolumeBindingMode: WaitForFirstConsumer  
Events:        <none>
```

## 2.4 Creating Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Block Storage

This section contains a basic test to verify you can create Oracle Cloud Infrastructure block storage to provide persistent storage to applications running on Kubernetes.

**To create a test application to use Oracle Cloud Infrastructure storage:**

1. Create a Kubernetes PersistentVolumeClaim file. On a control plane node, create a file named `pvc.yaml`. Copy the following into the file.

```
apiVersion: v1
```

```
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
  name: myoci-pvc
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteOnce
  storageClassName: oci-bv
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 50Gi
```

Note that the `accessModes` setting for Oracle Cloud Infrastructure storage must be `ReadWriteOnce`. The minimum Oracle Cloud Infrastructure block size is 50Gi.

2. Create the Kubernetes PersistentVolumeClaim.

```
kubectl apply -f pvc.yaml
persistentvolumeclaim/myoci-pvc created
```

3. You can see the PersistentVolumeClaim is created using the `kubectl get pvc` command:

```
kubectl get pvc
NAME          STATUS    VOLUME   CAPACITY   ACCESS MODES   STORAGECLASS  AGE
myoci-pvc    Pending                50Gi         ReadWriteOnce  oci-bv         15s
```

The `STATUS` is `Pending` and means the claim is waiting for an application to claim it.

You can get more details about the PersistentVolumeClaim using the `kubectl describe pvc` command. For example:

```
kubectl describe pvc myoci-pvc
Name:          myoci-pvc
Namespace:     default
StorageClass:  oci-bv
Status:        Pending
Volume:
Labels:        <none>
Annotations:   <none>
Finalizers:    [kubernetes.io/pvc-protection]
Capacity:
Access Modes:
VolumeMode:    Filesystem
Used By:       <none>
Events:
  Type     Reason              Age             From
  ----     -
  Normal   WaitForFirstConsumer  2m18s (x26 over 8m29s)  persistentvolume-controller ...
```

4. Create a Kubernetes application that uses the PersistentVolumeClaim. Create a file named `nginx.yaml` and copy the following into the file.

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  labels:
    run: mynginx
  name: mynginx
spec:
  replicas: 1
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      run: mynginx
  template:
```

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```
metadata:
  labels:
    run: mynginx
spec:
  containers:
  - image: container-registry.oracle.com/olcne/nginx:1.17.7
    name: mynginx
    ports:
    - containerPort: 80
    volumeMounts:
    - name: nginx-pvc
      mountPath: /usr/share/nginx/html
  volumes:
  - name: nginx-pvc
    persistentVolumeClaim:
      claimName: myoci-pvc
```

### 5. Start the application:

```
kubectl apply -f nginx.yaml
deployment.apps/mynginx created
```

### 6. You can see the application is running using the `kubectl get deployment` command:

```
kubectl get deployment
NAME          READY   UP-TO-DATE   AVAILABLE   AGE
mynginx      1/1     1             1           63s
```

### 7. You can see the application is using the PersistentVolumeClaim to provide persistent storage on Oracle Cloud Infrastructure using the `kubectl describe deployment` command:

```
kubectl describe deployment mynginx
...
Pod Template:
  Labels:  run=mynginx
  Containers:
    mynginx:
      Image:          container-registry.oracle.com/olcne/nginx:1.17.7
      Port:           80/TCP
      Host Port:      0/TCP
      Environment:    <none>
      Mounts:
        /usr/share/nginx/html from nginx-pvc (rw)
  Volumes:
    nginx-pvc:
      Type:          PersistentVolumeClaim (a reference to a PersistentVolumeClaim in the same namespace)
      ClaimName:    myoci-pvc
      ReadOnly:      false
...
```

Note the `ClaimName` is `myoci-pvc`, which is the name of the PersistentVolumeClaim created earlier.

You can see the PersistentVolumeClaim is now bound to this application using the `kubectl get pvc` command:

```
kubectl get pvc
NAME          STATUS   VOLUME          CAPACITY   ACCESS MODES   STORAGECLASS   AGE
myoci-pvc    Bound   csi-84175067-...  50Gi       RWO             oci-bv         1m
```



### Tip

If you log in to Oracle Cloud Infrastructure, you can see there is a block volume created with the name listed in the `VOLUME` column. The block volume is



attached to the compute instance on which the Kubernetes application is running.

8. You can delete the test application using:

```
kubectl delete deployment mynginx  
deployment.apps "mynginx" deleted
```

9. You can delete the PersistentVolumeClaim using:

```
kubectl delete pvc myoci-pvc  
persistentvolumeclaim "myoci-pvc" deleted
```

The storage is deleted.



**Tip**

If you log in to Oracle Cloud Infrastructure, you can see the block volume is terminated.

## 2.5 Removing the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface Module

You can remove a deployment of the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module and leave the Kubernetes cluster in place. To do this, you remove the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module from the environment.

Use the `olcnectl module uninstall` command to remove the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module. For example, to uninstall the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module named `myoci` in the environment named `myenvironment`:

```
olcnectl module uninstall \  
--environment-name myenvironment \  
--name myoci
```

The Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Container Storage Interface module is removed from the environment.



## Chapter 3 Using Gluster Storage

This chapter discusses how to install and use the Gluster Container Storage Interface module to set up dynamically provisioned persistent storage for Kubernetes applications using Gluster Storage for Oracle Linux and Heketi in Oracle Cloud Native Environment.

### 3.1 Prerequisites

You need to have a Gluster Storage for Oracle Linux cluster set up and ready to use. You must also install Heketi in the Gluster cluster. The Platform API Server communicates with the Heketi API to provision and manage Gluster volumes.

You do not need to create any Gluster volumes as these are dynamically provisioned as required.

The basic requirements for setting up Gluster are:

- Install Gluster on each node in the Gluster cluster.
- Set up the cluster to access volumes using the Gluster native client (FUSE) method.
- Install Heketi and create the Gluster cluster.
- Make sure you can connect to the Heketi API from the operator node.

For information on installing and setting up Gluster Storage for Oracle Linux and Heketi, see [Oracle® Linux: Gluster Storage for Oracle Linux User's Guide](#).

### 3.2 Deploying the Gluster Module

You can deploy all the modules required to set up Gluster storage for a Kubernetes cluster using a single `olcnectl module create` command. This method might be useful if you want to deploy the Gluster Container Storage Interface module at the same time as deploying a Kubernetes cluster.

If you have an existing deployment of the Kubernetes module, you can specify that instance when deploying the Gluster Container Storage Interface module.

This section guides you through installing each component required to deploy the Gluster Container Storage Interface module.

For the full list of the Platform CLI command options available when creating modules, see the `olcnectl module create` command in [Platform Command-Line Interface](#).

#### To deploy the Gluster Container Storage Interface module:

1. If you do not already have an environment set up, create one into which the modules can be deployed. For information on setting up an environment, see [Getting Started](#). The name of the environment in this example is `myenvironment`.
2. If you do not already have a Kubernetes module set up or deployed, set one up. For information on adding a Kubernetes module to an environment, see [Container Orchestration](#). The name of the Kubernetes module in this example is `mycluster`.
3. If you do not already have a Helm module created and installed, create one. The Helm module in this example is named `myhelm` and is associated with the Kubernetes module named `mycluster` using the `--helm-kubernetes-module` option.

```
olcnectl module create \  
--environment-name myenvironment \  
--module helm \  
--name myhelm \  
--helm-kubernetes-module mycluster
```

4. If you are deploying a new Helm module, use the `olcnectl module validate` command to validate the Helm module can be deployed to the nodes. For example:

```
olcnectl module validate \  
--environment-name myenvironment \  
--name myhelm
```

5. If you are deploying a new Helm module, use the `olcnectl module install` command to install the Helm module. For example:

```
olcnectl module install \  
--environment-name myenvironment \  
--name myhelm
```

The Helm software packages are installed on the control plane nodes, and the Helm module is deployed into the Kubernetes cluster.

6. Create a Gluster Container Storage Interface module and associate it with the Helm module named `myhelm` using the `--gluster-helm-module` option. In this example, the Gluster Container Storage Interface module is named `mygluster`.

```
olcnectl module create \  
--environment-name myenvironment \  
--module gluster \  
--name mygluster \  
--gluster-helm-module myhelm \  
--gluster-server-url https:\\mygluster.example.com:8080
```

The `--module` option sets the module type to create, which is `gluster`. You define the name of the Gluster Container Storage Interface module using the `--name` option, which in this case is `mygluster`.

The `--gluster-helm-module` option sets the name of the Helm module. If there is an existing Helm module with the same name, the Platform API Server uses that instance of Helm.

The `--gluster-server-url` option sets the location of the Heketi API server, which in this example is `https:\\mygluster.example.com:8080`. You do not need to include this option if Heketi is on the operator node and using HTTP, as the default for this option is `http://127.0.0.1:8080`.



#### Tip

Make sure you can reach the Heketi API from the operator node using `curl`, for example:

```
curl -w "\n" https:\\mygluster.example.com:8080/hello
```

Or if Heketi is on the operator node using HTTP:

```
curl -w "\n" http:127.0.0.1:8080/hello
```

You should see returned:

```
Hello from Heketi.
```

If you do not include all the required options when adding the modules, you are prompted to provide them.

There are some optional command options that you may need to include if you are not using the default values, such as, `--gluster-server-user` and `--gluster-secret-key`.

7. Use the `olcnectl module validate` command to validate the Gluster Container Storage Interface module can be deployed to the nodes. For example:

```
olcnectl module validate \  
--environment-name myenvironment \  
--name mygluster
```

8. Use the `olcnectl module install` command to install the Gluster Container Storage Interface module. For example:

```
olcnectl module install \  
--environment-name myenvironment \  
--name mygluster
```

The Gluster Container Storage Interface module is deployed into the Kubernetes cluster.

### 3.3 Verifying the Gluster Module Deployment

You can verify the Gluster Container Storage Interface module is deployed using the `olcnectl module instances` command on the operator node. For example:

```
olcnectl module instances \  
--environment-name myenvironment  
INSTANCE          MODULE      STATE  
mycluster         kubernetes installed  
myhelm            helm        installed  
mygluster         gluster    installed  
control1.example.com node        installed  
...
```

Note the entry for `gluster` in the `MODULE` column is in the `installed` state.

In addition, use the `olcnectl module report` command to review information about the module. For example, use the following command to review the Gluster Container Storage Interface module named `mygluster` in `myenvironment`:

```
olcnectl module report \  
--environment-name myenvironment \  
--name mygluster \  
--children
```

For more information on the syntax for the `olcnectl module report` command, see [Platform Command-Line Interface](#).

On a control plane node, you can also verify the StorageClass for the Glusterfs provisioner is created using the `kubectl get sc` command:

```
kubectl get sc  
NAME                               PROVISIONER          RECLAIMPOLICY  VOLUMEBINDINGMODE  ...  
hyperconverged (default)          kubernetes.io/glusterfs  Delete         Immediate           ...
```

In this case, the StorageClass is named `hyperconverged`, which is the default name.

You can get more details about the StorageClass using the `kubectl describe sc` command. For example:

```
kubectl describe sc hyperconverged
Name: hyperconverged
IsDefaultClass: Yes
Annotations: meta.helm.sh/release-name=mygluster,meta.helm.sh/release-namespace=default
Provisioner: kubernetes.io/glusterfs
Parameters: restauthenabled=true,resturl=http://...:8080,restuser=admin,secretName=a...
AllowVolumeExpansion: <unset>
MountOptions: <none>
ReclaimPolicy: Delete
VolumeBindingMode: Immediate
Events: <none>
```

## 3.4 Creating a Gluster Volume

This section contains a basic test to verify you can create a Gluster volume to provide persistent storage to applications running on Kubernetes.

### To create a test application to use Glusterfs:

1. Create a Kubernetes PersistentVolumeClaim file. On a control plane node, create a file named `pvc.yaml`. Copy the following into the file.

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
  name: mygluster-pvc
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 1Gi
```

2. Create the Kubernetes PersistentVolumeClaim.

```
kubectl apply -f pvc.yaml
persistentvolumeclaim/mygluster-pvc created
```

3. You can see the PersistentVolumeClaim is created using the `kubectl get pvc` command:

```
kubectl get pvc
NAME          STATUS    VOLUME          CAPACITY   ACCESS MODES   STORAGECLASS   AGE
mygluster-pvc Bound     pvc-59f7047b-9287-4163-9cff-c669cfbd4970  1Gi          RWX           hyperconverged  18s
```

You can get more details about the PersistentVolumeClaim using the `kubectl describe pvc` command. For example:

```
kubectl describe pvc mygluster-pvc
Name: mygluster-pvc
Namespace: default
StorageClass: hyperconverged
Status: Bound
Volume: pvc-59f7047b-9287-4163-9cff-c669cfbd4970
Labels: <none>
Annotations: pv.kubernetes.io/bind-completed: yes
              pv.kubernetes.io/bound-by-controller: yes
              volume.beta.kubernetes.io/storage-provisioner: kubernetes.io/glusterfs
Finalizers: [kubernetes.io/pvc-protection]
Capacity: 1Gi
```

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```
Access Modes: RWX
VolumeMode:  Filesystem
Used By:     <none>
Events:
  Type      Reason              Age   From                                     Message
  ----      -
  Normal    ProvisioningSucceeded 73s   persistentvolume-controller            Successfully provi...
```

4. Create a Kubernetes application that uses the PersistentVolumeClaim. Create a file named `nginx.yaml` and copy the following into the file.

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  labels:
    run: mynginx
    name: mynginx
spec:
  replicas: 1
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      run: mynginx
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        run: mynginx
    spec:
      containers:
      - image: container-registry.oracle.com/olcne/nginx:1.17.7
        name: mynginx
        ports:
        - containerPort: 80
        volumeMounts:
        - name: nginx-pvc
          mountPath: /usr/share/nginx/html
      volumes:
      - name: nginx-pvc
        persistentVolumeClaim:
          claimName: mygluster-pvc
```

5. Start the application:

```
kubectl apply -f nginx.yaml
deployment.apps/mynginx created
```

6. You can see the application is running using the `kubectl get deployment` command:

```
kubectl get deployment
NAME      READY   UP-TO-DATE   AVAILABLE   AGE
mynginx   1/1     1             1            16s
```

7. You can see the application is using the PersistentVolumeClaim to provide persistent storage on Glusterfs using the `kubectl describe deployment` command:

```
kubectl describe deployment mynginx
...
Pod Template:
  Labels:  run=mynginx
  Containers:
    mynginx:
      Image:          container-registry.oracle.com/olcne/nginx:1.17.7
      Port:           80/TCP
      Host Port:     0/TCP
      Environment:   <none>
```

```
Mounts:
  /usr/share/nginx/html from nginx-pvc (rw)
Volumes:
  nginx-pvc:
    Type:      PersistentVolumeClaim (a reference to a PersistentVolumeClaim in the ...)
    ClaimName: mygluster-pvc
    ReadOnly:  false
```

8. You can delete the test application using:

```
kubectl delete deployment mynginx
deployment.apps "mynginx" deleted
```

9. You can delete the PersistentVolumeClaim using:

```
kubectl delete pvc mygluster-pvc
persistentvolumeclaim "mygluster-pvc" deleted
```

## 3.5 Removing the Gluster Module

You can remove a deployment of the Gluster Container Storage Interface module and leave the Kubernetes cluster in place. To do this, you remove the Gluster Container Storage Interface module from the environment.

Use the `olcnectl module uninstall` command to remove the Gluster Container Storage Interface module. For example, to uninstall the Gluster Container Storage Interface module named `mygluster` in the environment named `myenvironment`:

```
olcnectl module uninstall \
--environment-name myenvironment \
--name mygluster
```

The Gluster Container Storage Interface module is removed from the environment.