



# Install Cisco Optical Network Controller Using OpenStack

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To deploy the Cisco Optical Network Controller using OpenStack, follow the instructions in this task. The deployment leverages a Heat Orchestration Template to automate the creation of necessary components and configurations.

## Heat Orchestration Template

A Heat orchestration template will be provided to create the required components for the instance. The template includes configurations for block storage, security groups, and network settings.

## Components Created by Heat Template

- **Block Storage:** Image and data volumes are created and attached to the instance.
- **Security Groups:** Security groups for network ports are established.
- **Network Configuration:** A control plane network and subnet are created as a private network, and a northbound port will be created.
- **Join Token:** Random text is generated to be used as a join token.
- **Cloud-Init Configuration:** The cloud-init is prefilled based on the parameters that are obtained during stack launch.

## Before you begin

- **OpenStack Version:** 2024.1

See [OpenStack Documentation for release 2024.1](#) for details on how to use OpenStack.

- **Upload Image:** Upload the Cisco Optical Network Controller (qcow2) image to the server..

Use the following CLI command to upload the image to the OpenStack project.

```
openstack image create --disk-format=qcow2 --file <path-to-image>.qcow2 \  
  --shared \  
  --property hw_firmware_type='uefi' \  
  --property hw_machine_type='q35' \  
  --property architecture='x86_64' \  
  --progress \  
  "Image Name"
```

After you perform these commands, the qcow2 image is available for deployment in OpenStack.



**Note** Install the OpenStack Command Line Interface (CLI) and source the OpenStack Cloud RC file or clouds.yaml before running the command. For installation instructions, see [Install the OpenStack command-line clients](#).

- **Configure Network:** Use the northbound network for Cisco Optical Network Controller to expose the UI and REST APIs. Cisco Optical Network Controller uses this northbound network to connect to the devices.
- **Create Flavors:** It is optional to have physical disks/ephemeral storage. While creating a flavor both physical disks/ephemeral storage can be set to 0GB as block storage volumes handle both the image and data volumes.

To create a flavor, in the OpenStack Dashboard, select the admin project from the drop-down list, select **Admin > Compute > Flavors > Create Flavor** and enter the parameters for the flavor.



**Note** You need administrative access to OpenStack to create flavors.

The minimum requirement for Cisco Optical Network Controller 24.3.1 installation are in the following table.

**Table 1: Minimum Requirement**

Sizing	CPU	Memory	Disk
XS	16 vCPU	64 GB	800 GB
S	32 vCPU	128 GB	1.5 TB

- **Create Key Pair:** Create a key pair using the ed25519 algorithm. Upload Public SSH Key to OpenStack by going to **Project > Compute > Key Pairs** and select Import Public Key.

Run the following command in a UNIX-based environment to create an SSH key pair:

```
ssh-keygen -t ed25519
Generating public/private ed25519 key pair.
Enter file in which to save the key (/Users/xyz/.ssh/id_ed25519):
./<file-name-of-your-key>.pem
Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):
Enter same passphrase again:
Your identification has been saved in ./<file-name-of-your-key>.pem
Your public key has been saved in ./<file-name-of-your-key>.pem.pub
The key fingerprint is:
SHA256:zGW6aGn8rxvEq82sA/97jOaHr19rnoTaYi+TqU3MeRU xyz@abc
The key's randomart image is:
+--[ED25519 256]--+
|
|          E          |
|        + + .        |
|          S .        |
|      .+ = =         |
|     o@o*+o         |
|    =XX++=o         |
|   .o*#/X=         |
|                    |
```

```
+-----[SHA256]-----+
```

```
#Once created you can cat the file with .pub extension for the public key. ( ex:
<file-name-of-your-key>.pem.pub )
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```
cat <file-name-of-your-key>.pem.pub
```

```
#The above key has to be used in the deployment template ( SSH Public Key ) in the
Deployment process
```

Follow the prompts to save the key. The key pair will be used to access Cisco Optical Network Controller after the installation.

- You must have an NTP server or NTP Pool for time synchronization.
- You must have a DNS server. The DNS server can be an internal DNS server if the Cisco Optical Network Controller instance is not exposed to the internet.

Perform the following steps to install Cisco Optical Network Controller using OpenStack.

### Step 1

Log in to OpenStack.

### Step 2

Select **Project** > **Orchestration** > **Stacks** from the sidebar.

**Figure 1: OpenStack Stacks Screen**

The screenshot shows the OpenStack Stacks management interface. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Project, API Access, Compute, Volumes, Network, Orchestration (selected), Stacks (selected), Resource Types, Template Versions, Template Generator, Admin, and Identity. The main content area displays a table of stacks with the following data:

Stack Name	Created	Updated	Status	Actions
testing-sc1	2 hours, 3 minutes	Never	Create Complete	Check Stack
testing	1 day, 4 hours	Never	Create Complete	Check Stack
Nightly-SA	1 week	Never	Create Complete	Check Stack
testing-408	1 week	Never	Create Complete	Check Stack

### Step 3

Launch Stack.

- Click **Launch Stack**
- Choose **Template as File** and Upload the Heat orchestration template file or choose **Direct Input** and paste the contents of the file.

**Note** Incorrect indentation causes parsing errors. Validate the file with a YAML validator.

Figure 2: Select Template

## Select Template ✕

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**Template Source** \*

Direct Input ▾

**Template Data** ⓘ

```

user_data_format: RAW
user_data:
  str_replace:
    params:
      $MACHINE_NAME: node1
      $JOIN_TOKEN: { get_attr: [join-token, value]
    }
    $NTP_POOLS: { get_param: ntp_pools }
    $NTP_SERVERS: { get_param: ntp_servers }
    $NORTHBOUND_VIP: { get_attr: [node1-
northbound-port, fixed_ips, 0, ip_address] }

```

**Environment Source**

File ▾

**Environment File** ⓘ

Browse... No file selected.

**Description:**

A template is used to automate the deployment of infrastructure, services, and applications.

Use one of the available template source options to specify the template to be used in creating this stack.

Cancel
Next

The following sample is a Heat Orchestration Template file for Cisco Optical Network Controller.

```

heat_template_version: "2021-04-16"
description: "NxFOS Heat Template"
parameters:
  instance_flavor:
    type: string
    label: Instance Flavor
    constraints:
      - custom_constraint: nova.flavor
  image_name:
    type: string
    label: CONC Image Name
    constraints:
      - custom_constraint: glance.image
  northbound_network:
    type: string
    label: Northbound Network
    constraints:
      - custom_constraint: neutron.network
  northbound_subnet:
    type: string

```

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    label: Northbound Subnet
northbound_vip:
  type: string
  label: Northbound VIP address
  default: "10.1.1.1"
control_key_pair:
  type: string
  label: Control plane SSH key-pair
  constraints:
    - custom_constraint: nova.keypair
data_volume_size_gb:
  type: number
  label: Data volume size in GB
  default: 200
ntp_pools:
  type: comma_delimited_list
  description: List of NTP pools
  default: "0.pool.ntp.org,1.pool.ntp.org"
ntp_servers:
  type: comma_delimited_list
  description: List of NTP servers
  default: ""

resources:
  # Security Groups
  control-sec-group:
    type: OS::Neutron::SecurityGroup
    properties:
      rules:
        # K8s
        - { protocol: tcp, remote_ip_prefix: 10.1.0.0/24, port_range_min: 443, port_range_max:
443 }
        - { protocol: tcp, remote_ip_prefix: 10.1.0.0/24, port_range_min: 6443, port_range_max:
6443 }
        - { protocol: tcp, remote_ip_prefix: 10.1.0.0/24, port_range_min: 10250, port_range_max:
10250 }

        # Etcd (Port 2379 + 2380)
        - { protocol: tcp, remote_ip_prefix: 10.1.0.0/24, port_range_min: 2379, port_range_max:
2380 }

        # Flannel CNI
        - { protocol: udp, remote_ip_prefix: 10.1.0.0/24, port_range_min: 8472, port_range_max:
8472 }

        # Ping between nodes
        - { protocol: icmp, remote_ip_prefix: 10.1.0.0/24 }

  northbound-sec-group:
    type: OS::Neutron::SecurityGroup
    properties:
      rules:
        # SSH (Debug purposes only)
        - { protocol: tcp, remote_ip_prefix: 0.0.0.0/0, port_range_min: 22, port_range_max: 22 }

        # Northbound ingress-proxy
        - { protocol: tcp, remote_ip_prefix: 0.0.0.0/0, port_range_min: 8443, port_range_max: 8443
}

  # Networks
  control-plane-network:
    type: OS::Neutron::Net
    properties:
      admin_state_up: true

```

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control-plane-subnet:
  type: OS::Neutron::Subnet
  properties:
    network_id: { get_resource: control-plane-network }
    gateway_ip: null
    cidr: "10.1.0.0/24"
    ip_version: 4

# Control Ports
nodel-control-port:
  type: OS::Neutron::Port
  properties:
    security_groups: [ { get_resource: control-sec-group } ]
    network: { get_resource: control-plane-network }
    fixed_ips:
      - subnet_id: { get_resource: control-plane-subnet }
        ip_address: "10.1.0.10"

# Northbound Ports
nodel-northbound-port:
  type: OS::Neutron::Port
  properties:
    security_groups: [ { get_resource: northbound-sec-group } ]
    network: { get_param: northbound_network }
    fixed_ips:
      - subnet_id: { get_param: northbound_subnet }
        ip_address: { get_param: northbound_vip }

# Join Token
join-token-id:
  type: OS::Heat::RandomString
  properties:
    character_classes:
      - class: lowercase
      - class: digits
    length: 6

join-token-secret:
  type: OS::Heat::RandomString
  properties:
    character_classes:
      - class: lowercase
      - class: digits
    length: 16

join-token:
  type: OS::Heat::Value
  properties:
    type: string
    value:
      list_join: [ '.', [ { get_resource: join-token-id }, { get_resource: join-token-secret
} ] ]

# Data Volumes
nodel-data-volume:
  type: OS::Cinder::Volume
  properties:
    size: { get_param: data_volume_size_gb }

# Instances
nodel:
  type: OS::Nova::Server
  properties:

```

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networks:
- port: { get_resource: nodel-control-port }
- port: { get_resource: nodel-northbound-port }
flavor: { get_param: instance_flavor }
key_name: { get_param: control_key_pair }
block_device_mapping_v2:
- device_name: vda
  image: { get_param: image_name }
  volume_size: 50
  delete_on_termination: true
- device_name: vdb
  volume_id: { get_resource: nodel-data-volume }
  boot_index: -1
  delete_on_termination: true
user_data_format: RAW
user_data:
  str_replace:
    params:
      $MACHINE_NAME: nodel
      $JOIN_TOKEN: { get_attr: [ join-token, value ] }
      $NTP_POOLS: { get_param: ntp_pools }
      $NTP_SERVERS: { get_param: ntp_servers }
      $NORTHBOUND_VIP: { get_attr: [nodel-northbound-port, fixed_ips, 0, ip_address] }
      $POSTGRES_CONFIG: '{"config": {"max_connections": "1000", "idle_session_timeout":
"900000"}, "resources": {"requests": {"memory": "3.22%", "cpu": "3.33%"}, "limits": {"memory":
"9.66%", "cpu": "11%"}}}'
      $KAFKA_CONFIG:
'{"enabled":true,"resources":{"requests":{"memory":"7.52%","cpu":"3.33%"},"limits":{"memory":"10.74%","cpu":"5.4%"},"config":{"message.max.bytes":1500012}}}'

template: |
#cloud-config
fs_setup:
- label: data
  device: /dev/vdb
  filesystem: ext4

mounts:
- [ "/dev/vdb", "/data" ]

ntp:
  enabled: true
  ntp_client: chrony
  pools: $NTP_POOLS
  servers: $NTP_SERVERS

nxf:
  minControlPlaneCount: 1
  node:
    name: $MACHINE_NAME
    controlPlaneInterface: enp3s0
  vip:
    northbound:
      interface: enp4s0

initiator:
  vip:
    northbound:
      ip: $NORTHBOUND_VIP
  postgres: $POSTGRES_CONFIG
  kafka: $KAFKA_CONFIG
  minio:
    resources:
      limits:
        memory: "5.37%"

```

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joinToken: $JOIN_TOKEN
security:
  localUsers:
    - username: admin
      displayName: NxF Admin
      description: NextFusion Default Administrator
      locked: true
      mustChangePassword: false
      expiresInDays: 0
      access:
        - permission/admin

```

**Step 4** In the Launch Stack dialog box, enter the Stack Parameters.

**Table 2: Stack Parameters**

Key	Value
Stack Name	Name of the stack, which will be used as part of the Node name.
Creation Timeout (minutes)	Can be left to default. Value can be changed to support the respective environment.
Password for the user	Enter the password of the OpenStack account used to log in.
Control Plane SSH Key Pair	Select the key pair (Should be an ed25519 SSH key).
Data Volume Size in GB	Enter the size of the data volume size based on the Cisco Optical Network Controller profiles.
CONC Image Name	Select the Cisco Optical Network Controller Image (qcow2).
Instance Flavor	Select the respective Cisco Optical Network Controller flavor based on the profiles.
Northbound Network	Select the Northbound Network.
Northbound Subnet	Enter the name in the text field of the Northbound Subnet.
Northbound VIP Address	Public IP, which will be used for both management and Northbound communications.
NTP Pools	Enter the NTP Pools. Leave empty if you are using an NTP Server.
NTP Server	Enter the NTP Server. Leave empty if you are using an NTP Pool.

**Step 5** Click **Launch**.  
This creates the stack. Use the PEM key to SSH into the node.

**Note** Wait for the stack creation status to change to **Create Complete** before you try to SSH into the node. Stack creation can take up to 10 minutes.

**Step 6** **SSH to the node** and execute the following CLI command.



```
ssh -i [ed25519 Private key] nxf@<northbound-vip>
Enter passphrase for key '<file-name-of-your-key>.pem':
```

**Note** Private key is created as part of the key generation with just the **.pem** extension, and it must be set with the least permission level before using it.

**Step 7** After you SSH into the node, use the sedo system status command to check the status of all the pods.

```
sedo system status
```

System Status (Fri, 20 Sep 2024 08:21:27 UTC)					
OWNER	NAME	NODE	STATUS	RESTARTS	STARTED
onc	monitoring	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-alarm-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-apps-ui-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-circuit-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-collector-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-config-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-devicemanager-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-inventory-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-nbi-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-netconfcollector-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-osapi-gw-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-pce-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-pm-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-pmcollector-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-topology-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-torch-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
system	authenticator	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	controller	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	flannel	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	ingress-proxy	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	kafka	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	loki	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	metrics	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	minio	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	postgres	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	promtail-cltmk	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	vip-add	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago

**Note** • All the services with owner *onc* must display the status as *Running*. After stack creation, it can take up to 20 minutes for all services to reach the *Running* state.

**Step 8** SSH to the node and set the initial UI password for the admin user.

```
sedo security user set admin --password
```

**Step 9** You can check the current version using the **sedo version** command.

```
sedo version
```

Installer: CONC 24.3.1		
NODE NAME	OS VERSION	KERNEL VERSION
node1	NxFOS 3.0-408 (f2beddad9abeb84896cc13efcd9a87c48ccb5d0c)	6.1.0-23-amd64

IMAGE NAME	VERSION
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NODES	
docker.io/library/alpine	3.20.0
node1	
docker.io/rancher/local-path-provisioner	v0.0.27
node1	
quay.io/coreos/etcd	v3.5.12
node1	
registry.k8s.io/coredns/coredns	v1.11.1
node1	
registry.k8s.io/kube-apiserver	v1.30.2
node1	
registry.k8s.io/kube-controller-manager	v1.30.2
node1	
registry.k8s.io/kube-proxy	v1.30.2
node1	
registry.k8s.io/kube-scheduler	v1.30.2
node1	
registry.k8s.io/pause	3.9
node1	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/alarmservice	24.3.1-5
node1	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/circuit-service	24.3.1-5
node1	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/collector-service	24.3.1-5
node1	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/config-service	24.3.1-5
node1	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/devicemanager-service	24.3.1-5
node1	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/inventory-service	24.3.1-5
node1	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/monitoring	release2431_latest
node1	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/nbi-service	24.3.1-5
node1	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/netconfcollector-service	24.3.1-5
node1	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/onc-apps-ui-service	24.3.1-5
node1	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/osapi-gw-service	24.3.1-5
node1	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/pce_service	24.3.1-5
node1	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/pm-service	24.3.1-5
node1	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/pmcollector-service	24.3.1-5
node1	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/topology-service	24.3.1-5
node1	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/torch	24.3.1-5
node1	
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/authenticator	3.0-348
node1	
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/bgp	3.0-365
node1	
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/controller	3.0-384
node1	
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/firewall	3.0-365
node1	
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/flannel	3.0-365
node1	
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/ingress-proxy	3.0-370
node1	

registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/iptables	node1	3.0-370
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/kafka	node1	3.0-365
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/loki	node1	3.0-365
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/metrics-exporter	node1	3.0-365
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/minio	node1	3.0-365
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/service-proxy	node1	3.0-370
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/syslog-forwarder	node1	3.0-340
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/timescale	node1	3.0-359

**Step 10** To check the default admin user ID, use the command **sedo security user list**.

**Step 11** Use a web browser to access <https://<virtual ip>:8443/> to access the Cisco Optical Network Controller Web UI. Use the admin id and the password that you set to log in to Cisco Optical Network Controller.

**Note** Access the web UI only after all the `onc` services are running. Use the **sedo system status** command to verify that all services are running.

