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## Abstract

This document provides information about upgrading Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) clusters.

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# CHAPTER 1. UPGRADING ROSA WITH HCP CLUSTERS

You can upgrade Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) with hosted control planes (HCP) clusters by individually upgrading the hosted control plane and the machine pools with the ROSA command line interface (CLI), **rosa**.

Use one of the following methods to upgrade your HCP clusters:

- Upgrade only your hosted control plane. This does not impact your worker nodes.
- Upgrade only your machine pool. This initiates a rolling reboot of a specific machine pool and temporarily impacts the worker nodes on the specific machine pool. It does not impact all your worker nodes if you have multiple machine pools.
- Upgrade multiple machine pools simultaneously. This initiates a rolling reboot of worker nodes in the updated machine pools. This allows for updating multiple nodes simultaneously within a cluster.
- Upgrade your hosted control plane first and then your machine pool.



## NOTE

If you want to upgrade both your hosted control plane and your machine pool to the same version, you must upgrade the hosted control plane first.

To plan an upgrade, review the [ROSA with HCP update life cycle](#) documentation. The life cycle page includes release definitions, support and upgrade requirements, installation policy information, and life cycle dates.



## NOTE

Hosted control plane upgrade duration varies based on your workload configuration, and machine pool upgrade duration varies based on the number of worker nodes.

## 1.1. UPGRADING WITH THE ROSA CLI

You can manually upgrade a ROSA with HCP cluster by using the ROSA CLI. This method schedules the cluster for an immediate upgrade if a more recent version is available.



## NOTE

Your control plane only supports machine pools within two minor Y-stream versions. For example, a ROSA with HCP cluster with a control plane using version 4.15.z supports machine pools with version 4.13.z and 4.14.z, but the control plane does not support machine pools using version 4.12.z.

### Prerequisites

- You have installed and configured the latest version of the ROSA CLI.

### Procedure

1. Verify the current version of your cluster by running the following command:

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```
$ rosa describe cluster --cluster=<cluster_name_or_id> 1
```

- 1** Replace **<cluster\_name\_or\_id>** with the cluster name or the cluster ID.

2. List the versions that you can upgrade your control plane and machine pools to by running the following commands:

- a. For the control plane versions, run the following command:

```
$ rosa list upgrade --cluster=<cluster_name|cluster_id>
```

The command returns a list of available updates, including the recommended version.

### Example output

```
VERSION NOTES
4.14.8 recommended
4.14.7
4.14.6
```

- b. For the machine pool versions, run the following command:

```
$ rosa list upgrade --cluster <cluster-name> --machinepool <machinepool_name>
```

The command returns a list of available updates, including the recommended version.

### Example output

```
VERSION NOTES
4.14.5 recommended
4.14.4
4.14.3
4.14.2
4.14.1
```



### NOTE

The latest available update for machine pools is limited to the current current version of the control plane. Ensure your control plane is up to date first.

3. Upgrade your cluster with one of the following options:

- Upgrade the cluster's hosted control plane by running the following command:

```
$ rosa upgrade cluster -c <cluster_name> --control-plane [--schedule-date=XX --
schedule-time=XX] [--version <version_number>]
```

Your hosted control plane is now scheduled for an upgrade.

- Upgrade a specific machine pool on your cluster by running the following command:

```
$ rosa upgrade machinepool -c <cluster_name> <your_machine_pool_id> [--schedule-
date=XX --schedule-time=XX] [--version <version_number>]
```



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Your machine pool is now scheduled for an upgrade.

### Troubleshooting

- Sometimes a scheduled upgrade does not initiate. See [Upgrade maintenance cancelled](#) for more information.

## CHAPTER 2. UPGRADING ROSA CLASSIC CLUSTERS

### 2.1. LIFE CYCLE POLICIES AND PLANNING

To plan an upgrade, review the [Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS update life cycle](#) . The life cycle page includes release definitions, support and upgrade requirements, installation policy information and life cycle dates.

Upgrades are manually initiated or automatically scheduled. Red Hat Site Reliability Engineers (SREs) monitor upgrade progress and remedy any issues encountered.

### 2.2. UPGRADING A ROSA CLASSIC CLUSTER

There are two methods to upgrade Classic Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) clusters:

- Individual upgrades through the ROSA CLI (**rosa**)
- Individual upgrades through the OpenShift Cluster Manager console



#### NOTE

When you follow a scheduled upgrade policy, a delay of an hour or more before the upgrade process begins might occur, even if the upgrade is configured to begin immediately. Additionally, the duration of the upgrade might vary based on your workload configuration.

#### 2.2.1. Upgrading with the ROSA CLI

You can upgrade a Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS (ROSA) cluster manually by using the ROSA CLI (**rosa**).

This method schedules the cluster for an immediate upgrade, if a more recent version is available.

#### Prerequisites

- You have installed and configured the latest ROSA CLI on your installation host.

#### Procedure

1. To verify the current version of your cluster, enter the following command:

```
$ rosa describe cluster --cluster=<cluster_name|cluster_id> 1
```

- 1** Replace **<cluster\_name|cluster\_id>** with the cluster name or the ID of the cluster.

2. To verify that an upgrade is available, enter the following command:

```
$ rosa list upgrade --cluster=<cluster_name|cluster_id>
```

The command returns a list of versions to which the cluster can be upgraded, including a recommended version.

- To upgrade a cluster to the latest available version, enter the following command:

```
$ rosa upgrade cluster --cluster=<cluster_name|cluster_id>
```

The cluster is scheduled for an immediate upgrade. This action can take an hour or longer, depending on your workload configuration, such as pod disruption budgets.

You will receive an email when the upgrade is complete. You can also check the status by running the **rosa describe cluster** command again from the ROSA CLI or view the status in OpenShift Cluster Manager console.

## Troubleshooting

- Sometimes a scheduled upgrade does not trigger. See [Upgrade maintenance cancelled](#) for more information.

## 2.2.2. Scheduling individual upgrades through the OpenShift Cluster Manager console

You can schedule upgrades for a Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS cluster manually one time by using OpenShift Cluster Manager console.

### Procedure

- Log in to [OpenShift Cluster Manager](#).
- Select a cluster to upgrade.
- Click the **Settings** tab.
- In the **Update strategy** pane, select **Individual Updates**.
- Select the version you want to upgrade your cluster to. Recommended cluster upgrades appear in the UI.
- If you select an update version that requires approval, provide an administrator's acknowledgment and click **Approve and continue**.
- In the **Node draining** pane, select a grace period interval from the list. The grace period enables the nodes to gracefully drain before forcing the pod eviction. The default is **1 hour**.



#### NOTE

You cannot change the node drain grace period after you start the upgrade process.

- In the **Update strategy** pane, click **Save** to apply your update strategy.
- In the **Update status** pane, review the **Update available** information and click **Update**.



#### NOTE

The **Update** button is enabled only when an upgrade is available.

10. In the **Select version** dialog, choose a target upgrade version and click **Next**.
11. In the **Schedule update** dialog, schedule your cluster upgrade.
  - To upgrade within an hour, select **Update now** and click **Next**.
  - To upgrade at a later time, select **Schedule a different time** and set a time and date for your upgrade. Click **Next** to proceed to the confirmation dialog.
12. After reviewing the version and schedule summary, select **Confirm update**.

The cluster is scheduled for an upgrade to the target version. This action can take an hour or longer, depending on the selected upgrade schedule and your workload configuration, such as pod disruption budgets.

The status is displayed in the **Update status** pane.

### Troubleshooting

- Sometimes a scheduled upgrade does not trigger. See [Upgrade maintenance cancelled](#) for more information.