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Astra Trident Overview

Astra Trident is an open-source and fully supported storage orchestrator for containers and Kubernetes distributions, including Red Hat OpenShift. Trident works with the entire NetApp storage portfolio, including the NetApp ONTAP and Element storage systems, and it also supports NFS and iSCSI connections. Trident accelerates the DevOps workflow by allowing end users to provision and manage storage from their NetApp storage systems without requiring intervention from a storage administrator.

An administrator can configure a number of storage backends based on project needs and storage system models that enable advanced storage features, including compression, specific disk types, or QoS levels that guarantee a certain level of performance. After they are defined, these backends can be used by developers in their projects to create persistent volume claims (PVCs) and to attach persistent storage to their containers on demand.



Astra Trident has a rapid development cycle, and just like Kubernetes, is released four times a year.

The latest version of Astra Trident is 22.01 released in January 2022. A support matrix for what version of Trident has been tested with which Kubernetes distribution can be found here.

Starting with the 20.04 release, Trident setup is performed by the Trident operator. The operator makes large scale deployments easier and provides additional support including self healing for pods that are deployed as a part of the Trident install.

With the 21.01 release, a Helm chart was made available to ease the installation of the Trident Operator.

Download Astra Trident

To install Trident on the deployed user cluster and provision a persistent volume, complete the following steps:

1. Download the installation archive to the admin workstation and extract the contents. The current version of Trident is 22.01, which can be downloaded here.

[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]\$ wget https://github.com/NetApp/trident/releases/download/v22.01.0/tridentinstaller-22.01.0.tar.gz --2021-05-06 15:17:30-https://github.com/NetApp/trident/releases/download/v22.01.0/tridentinstaller-22.01.0.tar.gz Resolving github.com (github.com)... 140.82.114.3 Connecting to github.com (github.com) |140.82.114.3|:443... connected. HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 302 Found Location: https://githubreleases.githubusercontent.com/77179634/a4fa9f00-a9f2-11eb-9053-98e8e573d4ae?X-Amz-Algorithm=AWS4-HMAC-SHA256&X-Amz-Credential=AKIAIWNJYAX4CSVEH53A%2F20210506%2Fus-east-1%2Fs3%2Faws4 request&X-Amz-Date=20210506T191643Z&X-Amz-Expires=300&X-Amz-Signature=8a49a2a1e08c147d1ddd8149ce45a5714f9853fee19bb1c507989b9543eb36 30&X-Amz-SignedHeaders=host&actor id=0&key id=0&repo id=77179634&responsecontent-disposition=attachment%3B%20filename%3Dtrident-installer-22.01.0.tar.gz&response-content-type=application%2Foctet-stream [following] --2021-05-06 15:17:30-- https://githubreleases.githubusercontent.com/77179634/a4fa9f00-a9f2-11eb-9053-98e8e573d4ae?X-Amz-Algorithm=AWS4-HMAC-SHA256&X-Amz-Credential=AKIAIWNJYAX4CSVEH53A%2F20210506%2Fus-east-1%2Fs3%2Faws4 request&X-Amz-Date=20210506T191643Z&X-Amz-Expires=300&X-Amz-Signature=8a49a2a1e08c147d1ddd8149ce45a5714f9853fee19bb1c507989b9543eb36 30&X-Amz-SignedHeaders=host&actor id=0&key id=0&repo id=77179634&responsecontent-disposition=attachment%3B%20filename%3Dtrident-installer-22.01.0.tar.gz&response-content-type=application%2Foctet-stream Resolving github-releases.githubusercontent.com (githubreleases.githubusercontent.com)... 185.199.108.154, 185.199.109.154, 185.199.110.154, ... Connecting to github-releases.githubusercontent.com (githubreleases.githubusercontent.com) |185.199.108.154|:443... connected. HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK Length: 38349341 (37M) [application/octet-stream] Saving to: 'trident-installer-22.01.0.tar.gz' =======>] 38,349,341 88.5MB/s in 0.4s 2021-05-06 15:17:30 (88.5 MB/s) - 'trident-installer-22.01.0.tar.gz'

```
saved [38349341/38349341]
```

2. Extract the Trident install from the downloaded bundle.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ tar -xzf trident-installer-22.01.0.tar.gz
[netapp-user@rhel7 ~]$ cd trident-installer/
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$
```

Install the Trident Operator with Helm

1. First set the location of the user cluster's kubeconfig file as an environment variable so that you don't have to reference it, because Trident has no option to pass this file.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ export KUBECONFIG=~/ocp-
install/auth/kubeconfig
```

2. Run the Helm command to install the Trident operator from the tarball in the helm directory while creating the trident namespace in your user cluster.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ helm install trident
helm/trident-operator-22.01.0.tgz --create-namespace --namespace trident
NAME: trident
LAST DEPLOYED: Fri May 7 12:54:25 2021
NAMESPACE: trident
STATUS: deployed
REVISION: 1
TEST SUITE: None
NOTES:
Thank you for installing trident-operator, which will deploy and manage
NetApp's Trident CSI
storage provisioner for Kubernetes.
Your release is named 'trident' and is installed into the 'trident'
namespace.
Please note that there must be only one instance of Trident (and
trident-operator) in a Kubernetes cluster.
To configure Trident to manage storage resources, you will need a copy
of tridentctl, which is
available in pre-packaged Trident releases. You may find all Trident
releases and source code
online at https://github.com/NetApp/trident.
To learn more about the release, try:
  $ helm status trident
  $ helm get all trident
```

3. You can verify that Trident is successfully installed by checking the pods that are running in the namespace or by using the tridentctl binary to check the installed version.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc get pods -n trident
NAME
                             READY
                                    STATUS
                                            RESTARTS
                                                      AGE
trident-csi-5z451
                             1/2
                                    Running
                                            2
                                                      30s
                             6/6
trident-csi-696b685cf8-htdb2
                                    Running
                                            0
                                                      30s
trident-csi-b74p2
                             2/2
                                    Running
                                            0
                                                      30s
trident-csi-lrw4n
                             2/2
                                    Running
                                            0
                                                      30s
trident-operator-7c748d957-gr2gw
                             1/1
                                    Running
                                            0
                                                      36s
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ ./tridentctl -n trident version
+----+
| SERVER VERSION | CLIENT VERSION |
+----+
| 22.01.0
               | 22.01.0
+----+
```

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In some cases, customer environments might require the customization of the Trident deployment. In these cases, it is also possible to manually install the Trident operator and update the included manifests to customize the deployment.

Manually install the Trident Operator

1. First, set the location of the user cluster's kubeconfig file as an environment variable so that you don't have to reference it, because Trident has no option to pass this file.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ export KUBECONFIG=~/ocp-
install/auth/kubeconfig
```

2. The trident-installer directory contains manifests for defining all the required resources. Using the appropriate manifests, create the TridentOrchestrator custom resource definition.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc create -f
deploy/crds/trident.netapp.io_tridentorchestrators_crd_post1.16.yaml
customresourcedefinition.apiextensions.k8s.io/tridentorchestrators.tride
nt.netapp.io created
```

3. If one does not exist, create a Trident namespace in your cluster using the provided manifest.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc apply -f deploy/namespace.yaml
namespace/trident created
```

4. Create the resources required for the Trident operator deployment, such as a ServiceAccount for the operator, a ClusterRole and ClusterRoleBinding to the ServiceAccount, a dedicated

PodSecurityPolicy, or the operator itself.

[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]\$ oc create -f deploy/bundle.yaml serviceaccount/trident-operator created clusterrole.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/trident-operator created clusterrolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/trident-operator created deployment.apps/trident-operator created podsecuritypolicy.policy/tridentoperatorpods created

5. You can check the status of the operator after it's deployed with the following commands:

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc get deployment -n trident
                  READY UP-TO-DATE AVAILABLE AGE
NAME
trident-operator 1/1
                          1
                                      1
                                                  23s
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc get pods -n trident
NAME
                                  READY
                                          STATUS
                                                   RESTARTS
                                                              AGE
trident-operator-66f48895cc-lzczk 1/1
                                                   0
                                                              41s
                                          Running
```

6. With the operator deployed, we can now use it to install Trident. This requires creating a TridentOrchestrator.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc create -f
deploy/crds/tridentorchestrator cr.yaml
tridentorchestrator.trident.netapp.io/trident created
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc describe torc trident
            trident
Name:
Namespace:
Labels:
         <none>
Annotations: <none>
API Version: trident.netapp.io/v1
Kind:
            TridentOrchestrator
Metadata:
  Creation Timestamp: 2021-05-07T17:00:28Z
  Generation:
                      1
  Managed Fields:
    API Version: trident.netapp.io/v1
    Fields Type: FieldsV1
    fieldsV1:
      f:spec:
        .:
        f:debug:
        f:namespace:
    Manager: kubectl-create
    Operation:
                Update
```

```
Time: 2021-05-07T17:00:28Z
   API Version: trident.netapp.io/v1
   Fields Type: FieldsV1
    fieldsV1:
     f:status:
        .:
        f:currentInstallationParams:
          .:
          f:IPv6:
          f:autosupportHostname:
          f:autosupportImage:
          f:autosupportProxy:
          f:autosupportSerialNumber:
          f:debug:
          f:enableNodePrep:
          f:imagePullSecrets:
          f:imageRegistry:
         f:k8sTimeout:
         f:kubeletDir:
         f:logFormat:
          f:silenceAutosupport:
          f:tridentImage:
        f:message:
        f:namespace:
        f:status:
       f:version:
   Manager:
                   trident-operator
   Operation:
                   Update
   Time:
                    2021-05-07T17:00:28Z
 Resource Version: 931421
  Self Link:
/apis/trident.netapp.io/v1/tridentorchestrators/trident
                     8a26a7a6-dde8-4d55-9b66-a7126754d81f
 UID:
Spec:
 Debug:
           true
 Namespace: trident
Status:
 Current Installation Params:
   IPv6:
                                false
   Autosupport Hostname:
                               netapp/trident-autosupport:21.01
   Autosupport Image:
   Autosupport Proxy:
   Autosupport Serial Number:
   Debug:
                                true
   Enable Node Prep:
                                false
   Image Pull Secrets:
```

Tmace	Registry.				
image Regisciy.					
k8sTimeout:			30		
Kubelet Dir:			/var/lib/kubelet		
Log Format:			text		
Silence Autosupport:		rt:	false		
Trident Image:			netapp/trident:22.01.0		
Message:			Trident installed		
Namespace:			trident		
Status:			Installed		
Version:			v22.01.0		
Events:					
Туре	Reason	Age	From	Message	
Normal	Installing	80s	trident-operator.netapp.io	Installing	
Trident					
Normal	Installed	68s	trident-operator.netapp.io	Trident	
installed					

7. You can verify that Trident is successfully installed by checking the pods that are running in the namespace or by using the tridentctl binary to check the installed version.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc get pods -n trident
NAME
                            READY
                                  STATUS RESTARTS
                                                   AGE
trident-csi-bb64c6cb4-lmd6h
                            6/6
                                  Running
                                                   82s
                                          0
                            2/2
trident-csi-gn59q
                                 Running O
                                                   82s
                                  Running 0
                                                   82s
trident-csi-m4szj
                            2/2
trident-csi-sb9k9
                                  Running O
                                                   82s
                            2/2
trident-operator-66f48895cc-lzczk
                            1/1
                                  Running 0
                                                   2m39s
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ ./tridentctl -n trident version
+----+
| SERVER VERSION | CLIENT VERSION |
+----+
| 22.01.0
         | 22.01.0
                              +----+
```

Prepare worker nodes for storage

NFS

Most Kubernetes distributions come with the packages and utilities to mount NFS backends installed by default, including Red Hat OpenShift.

However, for NFSv3, there is no mechanism to negotiate concurrency between the client and the server. Hence the maximum number of client-side sunrpc slot table entries must be manually synced with supported value on the server to ensure the best performance for the NFS connection without the server having to decrease the window size of the connection.

For ONTAP, the supported maximum number of sunrpc slot table entries is 128 i.e. ONTAP can serve 128 concurrent NFS requests at a time. However, by default, Red Hat CoreOS/Red Hat Enterprise Linux has maximum of 65,536 sunrpc slot table entries per connection. We need to set this value to 128 and this can be done using Machine Config Operator (MCO) in OpenShift.

To modify the maximum sunrpc slot table entries in OpenShift worker nodes, complete the following steps:

1. Log into the OCP web console and navigate to Compute > Machine Configs. Click Create Machine Config. Copy and paste the YAML file and click Create.

```
apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1
kind: MachineConfig
metadata:
  name: 98-worker-nfs-rpc-slot-tables
  labels:
    machineconfiguration.openshift.io/role: worker
spec:
  config:
    ignition:
      version: 3.2.0
    storage:
      files:
        - contents:
            source: data:text/plain;charset=utf-
8;base64,b3B0aW9ucyBzdW5ycGMqdGNwX21heF9zbG90X3RhYmx1X2VudHJpZXM9MTI4Cq=
=
          filesystem: root
          mode: 420
          path: /etc/modprobe.d/sunrpc.conf
```

2. After the MCO is created, the configuration needs to be applied on all worker nodes and rebooted one by one. The whole process takes approximately 20 to 30 minutes. Verify whether the machine config is applied by using oc get mcp and make sure that the machine config pool for workers is updated.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 openshift-deploy]$ oc get mcp
NAME
         CONFIG
                                                    UPDATED
                                                              UPDATING
DEGRADED
        rendered-master-a520ae930e1d135e0dee7168
master
                                                     True
                                                               False
False
worker
         rendered-worker-de321b36eeba62df41feb7bc
                                                               False
                                                     True
False
```

iSCSI

To prepare worker nodes to allow for the mapping of block storage volumes through the iSCSI protocol, you must install the necessary packages to support that functionality.

In Red Hat OpenShift, this is handled by applying an MCO (Machine Config Operator) to your cluster after it is deployed.

To configure the worker nodes to run iSCSI services, complete the following steps:

1. Log into the OCP web console and navigate to Compute > Machine Configs. Click Create Machine Config. Copy and paste the YAML file and click Create.

When not using multipathing:

```
apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1
kind: MachineConfig
metadata:
  labels:
    machineconfiguration.openshift.io/role: worker
  name: 99-worker-element-iscsi
spec:
  config:
    ignition:
      version: 3.2.0
    systemd:
      units:
        - name: iscsid.service
          enabled: true
          state: started
  osImageURL: ""
```

When using multipathing:

```
apiVersion: machineconfiguration.openshift.io/v1
kind: MachineConfig
metadata:
  name: 99-worker-ontap-iscsi
  labels:
    machineconfiguration.openshift.io/role: worker
spec:
  config:
    ignition:
      version: 3.2.0
    storage:
      files:
      - contents:
          source: data:text/plain;charset=utf-
8;base64,ZGVmYXVsdHMgewogICAgICAgIHVzZXJfZnJpZW5kbHlfbmFtZXMgbm8KICAgICA
gICBmaW5kX211bHRpcGF0aHMgbm8KfQoKYmxhY2tsaXN0X2V4Y2VwdGlvbnMgewogICAgICA
qIHByb3BlcnR5ICIoU0NTSV9JREVOVF98SURfV1dOKSIKfQoKYmxhY2tsaXN0IHsKfQoK
          verification: {}
        filesystem: root
        mode: 400
        path: /etc/multipath.conf
    systemd:
      units:
        - name: iscsid.service
          enabled: true
          state: started
        - name: multipathd.service
          enabled: true
          state: started
  osImageURL: ""
```

2. After the configuration is created, it takes approximately 20 to 30 minutes to apply the configuration to the worker nodes and reload them. Verify whether the machine config is applied by using oc get mcp and make sure that the machine config pool for workers is updated. You can also log into the worker nodes to confirm that the iscsid service is running (and the multipathd service is running if using multipathing).

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 openshift-deploy]$ oc get mcp
NAME
         CONFIG
                                                   UPDATED
                                                             UPDATING
DEGRADED
        rendered-master-a520ae930e1d135e0dee7168
master
                                                    True
                                                              False
False
worker rendered-worker-de321b36eeba62df41feb7bc True
                                                              False
False
[netapp-user@rhel7 openshift-deploy]$ ssh core@10.61.181.22 sudo
systemctl status iscsid
• iscsid.service - Open-iSCSI
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/iscsid.service; enabled;
vendor preset: disabled)
   Active: active (running) since Tue 2021-05-26 13:36:22 UTC; 3 min ago
     Docs: man:iscsid(8)
           man:iscsiadm(8)
 Main PID: 1242 (iscsid)
   Status: "Ready to process requests"
    Tasks: 1
   Memory: 4.9M
     CPU: 9ms
   CGroup: /system.slice/iscsid.service
           └─1242 /usr/sbin/iscsid -f
[netapp-user@rhel7 openshift-deploy]$ ssh core@10.61.181.22 sudo
systemctl status multipathd
 • multipathd.service - Device-Mapper Multipath Device Controller
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/multipathd.service; enabled;
vendor preset: enabled)
  Active: active (running) since Tue 2021-05-26 13:36:22 UTC; 3 min ago
  Main PID: 918 (multipathd)
    Status: "up"
    Tasks: 7
    Memory: 13.7M
    CPU: 57ms
    CGroup: /system.slice/multipathd.service
            -918 /sbin/multipathd -d -s
```



It is also possible to confirm that the MachineConfig has been successfully applied and services have been started as expected by running the oc debug command with the appropriate flags.

Create storage-system backends

After completing the Astra Trident Operator install, you must configure the backend for the specific NetApp storage platform you are using. Follow the links below in order to continue the setup and configuration of Astra Trident.

- NetApp ONTAP NFS
- NetApp ONTAP iSCSI
- NetApp Element iSCSI

NetApp ONTAP NFS configuration

To enable Trident integration with the NetApp ONTAP storage system, you must create a backend that enables communication with the storage system.

1. There are sample backend files available in the downloaded installation archive in the sample-input folder hierarchy. For NetApp ONTAP systems serving NFS, copy the backend-ontap-nas.json file to your working directory and edit the file.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ cp sample-input/backends-
samples/ontap-nas/backend-ontap-nas.json ./
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ vi backend-ontap-nas.json
```

2. Edit the backendName, managementLIF, dataLIF, svm, username, and password values in this file.

```
{
    "version": 1,
    "storageDriverName": "ontap-nas",
    "backendName": "ontap-nas+10.61.181.221",
    "managementLIF": "172.21.224.201",
    "dataLIF": "10.61.181.221",
    "svm": "trident_svm",
    "username": "cluster-admin",
    "password": "password"
}
```



It is a best practice to define the custom backendName value as a combination of the storageDriverName and the dataLIF that is serving NFS for easy identification.

3. With this backend file in place, run the following command to create your first backend.

4. With the backend created, you must next create a storage class. Just as with the backend, there is a sample storage class file that can be edited for the environment available in the sample-inputs folder. Copy it to the working directory and make necessary edits to reflect the backend created.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ cp sample-input/storage-class-
samples/storage-class-csi.yaml.templ ./storage-class-basic.yaml
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ vi storage-class-basic.yaml
```

 The only edit that must be made to this file is to define the backendType value to the name of the storage driver from the newly created backend. Also note the name-field value, which must be referenced in a later step.

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
   name: basic-csi
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
   backendType: "ontap-nas"
```



There is an optional field called fsType that is defined in this file. This line can be deleted in NFS backends.

6. Run the oc command to create the storage class.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc create -f storage-class-
basic.yaml
storageclass.storage.k8s.io/basic-csi created
```

7. With the storage class created, you must then create the first persistent volume claim (PVC). There is a sample pvc-basic.yaml file that can be used to perform this action located in sample-inputs as well.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ cp sample-input/pvc-samples/pvc-
basic.yaml ./
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ vi pvc-basic.yaml
```

8. The only edit that must be made to this file is ensuring that the storageClassName field matches the one just created. The PVC definition can be further customized as required by the workload to be provisioned.

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

9. Create the PVC by issuing the oc command. Creation can take some time depending on the size of the backing volume being created, so you can watch the process as it completes.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc create -f pvc-basic.yaml
persistentvolumeclaim/basic created
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc get pvc
NAME
       STATUS
                VOLUME
                                                          CAPACITY
ACCESS MODES
              STORAGECLASS
                            AGE
basic Bound
                pvc-b4370d37-0fa4-4c17-bd86-94f96c94b42d
                                                          1Gi
              basic-csi
RWO
                             7s
```

NetApp ONTAP iSCSI configuration

To enable Trident integration with the NetApp ONTAP storage system, you must create a backend that enables communication with the storage system.

1. There are sample backend files available in the downloaded installation archive in the sample-input folder hierarchy. For NetApp ONTAP systems serving iSCSI, copy the backend-ontap-san.json file to your working directory and edit the file.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ cp sample-input/backends-
samples/ontap-san/backend-ontap-san.json ./
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ vi backend-ontap-san.json
```

2. Edit the managementLIF, dataLIF, svm, username, and password values in this file.

```
{
  "version": 1,
  "storageDriverName": "ontap-san",
  "managementLIF": "172.21.224.201",
  "dataLIF": "10.61.181.240",
  "svm": "trident_svm",
  "username": "admin",
  "password": "password"
}
```

3. With this backend file in place, run the following command to create your first backend.

4. With the backend created, you must next create a storage class. Just as with the backend, there is a sample storage class file that can be edited for the environment available in the sample-inputs folder. Copy it to the working directory and make necessary edits to reflect the backend created.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ cp sample-input/storage-class-
samples/storage-class-csi.yaml.templ ./storage-class-basic.yaml
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ vi storage-class-basic.yaml
```

 The only edit that must be made to this file is to define the backendType value to the name of the storage driver from the newly created backend. Also note the name-field value, which must be referenced in a later step.

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
   name: basic-csi
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
   backendType: "ontap-san"
```



There is an optional field called fsType that is defined in this file. In iSCSI backends, this value can be set to a specific Linux filesystem type (XFS, ext4, etc) or can be deleted to allow OpenShift to decide what filesystem to use.

6. Run the oc command to create the storage class.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc create -f storage-class-
basic.yaml
storageclass.storage.k8s.io/basic-csi created
```

7. With the storage class created, you must then create the first persistent volume claim (PVC). There is a sample pvc-basic.yaml file that can be used to perform this action located in sample-inputs as well.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ cp sample-input/pvc-samples/pvc-
basic.yaml ./
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ vi pvc-basic.yaml
```

8. The only edit that must be made to this file is ensuring that the storageClassName field matches the one just created. The PVC definition can be further customized as required by the workload to be provisioned.

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

9. Create the PVC by issuing the oc command. Creation can take some time depending on the size of the backing volume being created, so you can watch the process as it completes.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc create -f pvc-basic.yaml
persistentvolumeclaim/basic created
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc get pvc
NAME STATUS VOLUME CAPACITY
ACCESS MODES STORAGECLASS AGE
basic Bound pvc-7ceaclba-0189-43c7-8f98-094719f7956c 1Gi
RWO basic-csi 3s
```

NetApp Element iSCSI configuration

To enable Trident integration with the NetApp Element storage system, you must create a backend that enables communication with the storage system using the iSCSI protocol.

1. There are sample backend files available in the downloaded installation archive in the sample-input folder hierarchy. For NetApp Element systems serving iSCSI, copy the backend-solidfire.json file to your working directory and edit the file.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ cp sample-input/backends-
samples/solidfire/backend-solidfire.json ./
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ vi ./backend-solidfire.json
```

- a. Edit the user, password, and MVIP value on the EndPoint line.
- b. Edit the SVIP value.

2. With this back-end file in place, run the following command to create your first backend.

3. With the backend created, you must next create a storage class. Just as with the backend, there is a sample storage class file that can be edited for the environment available in the sample-inputs folder. Copy it to the working directory and make necessary edits to reflect the backend created.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ cp sample-input/storage-class-
samples/storage-class-csi.yaml.templ ./storage-class-basic.yaml
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ vi storage-class-basic.yaml
```

 The only edit that must be made to this file is to define the backendType value to the name of the storage driver from the newly created backend. Also note the name-field value, which must be referenced in a later step.

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
   name: basic-csi
provisioner: csi.trident.netapp.io
parameters:
   backendType: "solidfire-san"
```



There is an optional field called fsType that is defined in this file. In iSCSI backends, this value can be set to a specific Linux filesystem type (XFS, ext4, and so on), or it can be deleted to allow OpenShift to decide what filesystem to use.

5. Run the oc command to create the storage class.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc create -f storage-class-
basic.yaml
storageclass.storage.k8s.io/basic-csi created
```

6. With the storage class created, you must then create the first persistent volume claim (PVC). There is a sample pvc-basic.yaml file that can be used to perform this action located in sample-inputs as well.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ cp sample-input/pvc-samples/pvc-
basic.yaml ./
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ vi pvc-basic.yaml
```

7. The only edit that must be made to this file is ensuring that the storageClassName field matches the one just created. The PVC definition can be further customized as required by the workload to be provisioned.

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

8. Create the PVC by issuing the oc command. Creation can take some time depending on the size of the backing volume being created, so you can watch the process as it completes.

```
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc create -f pvc-basic.yaml
persistentvolumeclaim/basic created
[netapp-user@rhel7 trident-installer]$ oc get pvc
NAME
       STATUS
                VOLUME
                                                           CAPACITY
ACCESS MODES
              STORAGECLASS
                             AGE
       Bound
basic
                pvc-3445b5cc-df24-453d-a1e6-b484e874349d
                                                           1Gi
              basic-csi
RWO
                             5s
```

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