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- SAP on AWS IBM Db2 with Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP
- SAP MaxDB on AWS with Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP
- SAP ASE on AWS with Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP

Additional SAP on AWS documentation

- General SAP guides
- SAP HANA on AWS
- <u>SAP NetWeaver on AWS</u>
- AWS Launch Wizard for SAP
- AWS Systems Manager for SAP
- AWS SDK for SAP ABAP
- SAP BusinessObjects on AWS
- <u>AWS Migration Hub Orchestrator</u>

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Deployment and Operations Guide

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About This Guide

This guide provides instructions on how to set up Amazon Web Services resources to deploy IBM Db2 High Availability Disaster Recovery (HADR) with Pacemaker for SAP NetWeaver on Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2) instances. This guide is for users who are responsible for planning, architecting and deploying IBM Db2 on AWS for SAP NetWeaver-based applications.

Overview

Instructions in this document are based on recommendations provided by SAP and IBM on Db2 deployment on Linux via the SAP notes and KB articles listed in Table 1.

🚯 Note

When deploying IBM Db2 version 11.5 Mod Pack 6 (11.5.6) or higher, refer to the option recommended by IBM. For more information, see Integrated solution using Pacemaker.

Table 1 - SAP NetWeaver on IBM Db2 OSS Notes

SAP OSS Note	Description
1656099	SAP Applications on AWS: Supported DB/OS and Amazon EC2 products
1656250	SAP on AWS: Supported instance types
1612105	DB6: FAQ on Db2 High Availability Disaster Recovery (HADR)

SAP OSS Note	Description
101809	DB6: Supported Db2 Versions and Fix Pack Levels
1168456	SAP Db2 support info
1600156	SAP Db2 support on AWS

What this guide doesn't do

This document doesn't provide guidance on how to set up network and security constructs like Amazon Virtual Private Cloud (Amazon VPC), subnets, route tables, access control lists (ACLs), Network Address Translation (NAT) Gateway, AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) Roles, or AWS Security Groups. It doesn't cover the high availability (HA) setup for the SAP Application Server Central Services/Enqueue Replication Server (ASCS/ERS), and focuses only on the database (DB) layer when covering the single points of failure (SPOF) for the SAP applications.

Considerations

Specialized Knowledge

To understand this document, you should have a good understanding of AWS services, general networking concepts, Linux operating systems, and IBM Db2 administration.

Before you follow the instructions in this guide, we recommend that you become familiar with the following AWS services. (If you are new to AWS, see Getting Started with AWS

- Amazon EC2
- Amazon EBS
- Amazon VPC
- AWS CloudFormation
- AWS Systems Manager
- Amazon Simple Storage Service
- AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM)

Technical Requirements

- Before you start the installation and configuration of IAM Db2 High Availability Disaster Recovery (HADR), ensure that you meet the following requirements:
- Your operating system is a supported Red Hat or SUSE version. Check SAP product availability matrix (PAM). Login required.
- Your database version is IBM Db2 10.5 or higher.
- Bring your own license (BYOL) for IBM Db2 and SAP application.
- Install AWS SAP Data Provider on Amazon EC2 instances after installing IBM Db2 database.
- An AWS account with permission to create resources.
- Access to SAP installation media for database and application.
- AWS Business or Enterprise level support (<u>1656250 SAP on AWS: Support prerequisites</u>). Login required.

Planning

Architecture Options

SAP NetWeaver applications based on IBM Db2 can be installed in three different ways:

- Standard system or single host installation— In this option, Advanced Business Application Programming (ABAP) Application Server Central Services/System Central Services (ASCS/SCS) and the database primary application server (PAS) of SAP NetWeaver run in a single Amazon EC2 instance. This option is suited for non-critical and non-production workloads.
- **Distributed system** In distributed systems, ASCS/SCS and the database PAS of SAP NetWeaver can run on separate Amazon EC2 instances. For example, you can choose to run ASCS and PAS on one Amazon EC2 instance, and the database on another Amazon EC2 instance, or other combinations. This option is suited for production and non-production workloads.
- **High availability system** For your SAP application to be highly available, you will need to protect the single point of failures. The database is one of the single points of failure in SAP applications.

AWS recommends that you deploy primary and standby IBM Db2 databases in different Availability Zones (AZs) within an AWS region. Figure 1 provides a high-level architecture for IBM Db2 high availability in AWS. This option is suited for business-critical applications.

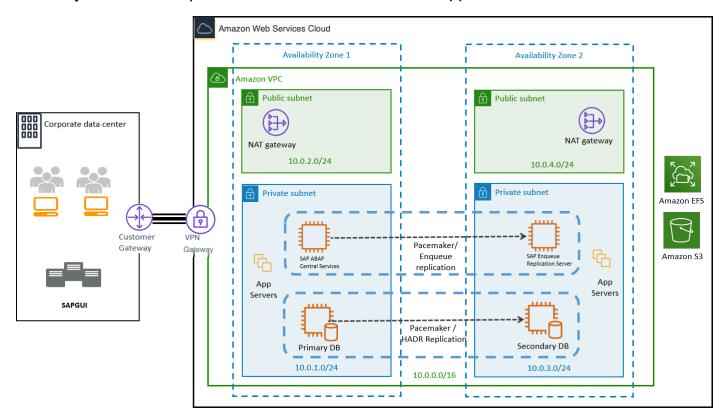


Figure 1 – High-level HA architecture for SAP with IBM Db2 on AWS

Security

AWS provides security capabilities and services to securely run your SAP applications on the AWS platform. In the context of IBM Db2 for SAP applications, you can use network services and features such as <u>Amazon VPC</u>, <u>AWS Virtual Private Network</u> (AWS VPN), <u>AWS Direct Connect</u>, <u>Amazon EC2 Security Groups</u>, <u>network access controls lists (NACLs)</u>, <u>route tables</u>, and more to restrict the access to your database.

Network Security

The databases of SAP applications don't usually require direct user access. The end users access the application using SAP Graphical User Interface (GUI), SAP Web Dispatcher, or SAP Fiori. We recommend that you limit direct access to the EC2 instances to administrators only, for maintenance purpose.

IBM Db2 listens on TCP port 5912 by default. Depending on your VPC design, you should configure Amazon EC2 Security Groups, Network Access Control List (NaCls), and route tables to allow traffic to TCP Port 5912 from SAP primary application servers and additional application servers (PAS/AAS) and ABAP SAP Central Services/SAP Central Services (ASCS/SCS). To learn more about configuring the security group, see Security groups for your VPC.

Encryption

Encryption is a security mechanism that converts plain text (readable data) into ciphertext. AWS offers <u>built-in encryption</u> for Amazon EBS data volumes, boot volumes, and snapshots. The encryption process occurs automatically, and you don't need to manage encryption keys. This mechanism protects your EBS volumes at rest, and data in transit that passes between EC2 servers. This encryption level is offered at no additional cost.

You also can use the native IBM Db2 native database encryption feature if required.

Sizing

<u>SAP Quick Sizer</u> is used to size SAP environment for new implementations. However, if you are migrating your existing SAP applications based on IBM Db2 to AWS, consider using the following tools to right-size your SAP environment based on current utilization.

- SAP Early Watch Alerts (EWA):—SAP EWA reports are provided by SAP regularly. These
 reports provide an overview of historical system utilization. Analyze these reports to see if your
 existing SAP system is over-utilized or under-utilized. Use this information to right-size your
 environment.
- Linux native tools:—Gather and analyze historical utilization data for CPU/Memory to right-size your environment. In case your source is <u>IBM AIX</u>, you can make use of <u>nmon</u> reports as well.
- **AWS Services** Use services such as AWS Migration Evaluator or AWS Application Discovery Services that help with collecting usage and configuration data about your on-premises servers. Use this information to analyze and right-size your environment.

Because it's easy to scale up or scale down your Amazon EC2 instances on AWS, consider the following while sizing your SAP environment on AWS.

- You don't need to over-provision storage to meet future demand.
- SAP Quick Sizer tools provide sizing guidance based on assumptions that on 100% load (as per your inputs to tool), system utilization will not be more than 65%, so there is some buffer

built into SAP Quick Sizer recommendation. See SAP's <u>Quick Sizer guidance</u> for details. (Login required.)

Operating System

You can deploy your SAP workload on SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES) for SAP, Red Hat Enterprise Linux for SAP with High Availability and Update Services (RHEL for SAP with HA and US), or RHEL for SAP Solutions.

SLES for SAP and RHEL for SAP with HA and US are available in the <u>AWS Marketplace</u> under an hourly or an annual subscription model.

SLES

SLES for SAP provides additional benefits, including Extended Service Pack Overlap Support (ESPOS), configuration and tuning packages for SAP applications, and High Availability Extensions (HAE). See the <u>SUSE SLES for SAP product page</u>. We strongly recommend using SLES for SAP instead of SLES for all your SAP workloads.

If you plan to use Bring Your Own Subscription (BYOS) images provided by SUSE, ensure that you have the registration code required to register your instance with SUSE to access repositories for software updates.

RHEL

RHEL for SAP with HA and US provides access to Red Hat Pacemaker cluster software for High Availability, extended update support, and the libraries that are required to configure pacemaker HA. For details, see the <u>RHEL for SAP Offerings on AWS FAQ</u> in the *Red Hat knowledgebase*.

If you plan to use the BYOS model with RHEL, either through the <u>Red Hat Cloud Access program</u> or another means, ensure that you have access to a RHEL for SAP Solutions subscription. For details, see <u>Overview of the Red Hat Enterprise Linux for SAP Solutions subscription</u> in the *Red Hat knowledgebase*.

The correct subscription is required to download the required packages for configuring the Pacemaker cluster.

Compute

AWS provides a wide array of SAP supported Amazon EC2 instances for your SAP workloads. See <u>SAP Note 1656099 - SAP Applications on AWS: Supported DB/OS and Amazon EC2 products</u> for details. Based on the results of your sizing exercise, you can deploy your IBM Db2 on any of the SAP supported Amazon EC2 instances that meets your requirement.

Storage

<u>Amazon EBS</u> volumes are designed to be highly available and durable. EBS volume data is replicated across multiple servers in an AZ to prevent the loss of data from the failure of any single component. Due to this built in protection, you don't have to configure RAID 1 for volumes containing database transaction log files and Db2 binaries.

We don't recommend RAID 5 for container files for data, index, or temporary tablespaces on AWS for the following reasons:

- As mentioned previously, volumes are replicated within AZ by default.
- Parity write operations of RAID 5 consume some of the Input/Output Operations Per Second (IOPS) available to your volume and will reduce the overall Input/Output (IO) available for database operations by about 20-30% over RAID 0 configuration.

Network

Ensure that you have your network constructs set up to deploy resources related to SAP NetWeaver. If you haven't already set up network components like Amazon VPC, subnets, and route tables, you can use AWS Quick Start for VPC to easily deploy scalable VPC architecture. See the AWS Quick Start for VPC reference deployment guide.

See the series of <u>VPC Subnet Zoning Pattern blogs</u> for VPC patterns that you should consider for SAP applications.

Business Continuity

We recommend that you architect your business-critical applications to be fault tolerant. Depending on your availability requirements, there are different ways to achieve this. In this section we will discuss how you can set up highly available IBM Db2 for SAP applications.

High Availability

High availability for IBM Db2 database on AWS can be configured with <u>IBM HADR</u> with <u>Pacemaker</u>:

One of the requirements for automated failover with IBM Db2 HADR on AWS is Pacemaker. Implementing a Pacemaker cluster in AWS is similar to deploying it in an on-premises setting. On AWS, you need to deploy the cluster nodes in separate subnets, and we recommend that you have these subnets in different AZs.

Figure 2 provides an overview of architecture for IBM Db2 HADR with Pacemaker on AWS. This includes the following components:

- A VPC configured with two private subnets across two AZs. This provides the network infrastructure for your IBM Db2 deployment.
- In private subnet, Linux servers are configured with Pacemaker to protect the IBM Db2 database.
- Overlay IP address (similar to a virtual IP address) that is relocatable between the primary and standby Db2 databases.

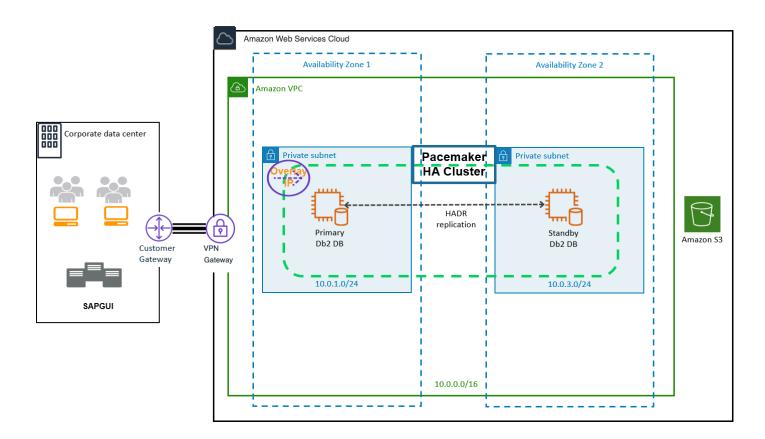


Figure 2 - IBM Db2 HADR with Pacemaker

Deployment

This section discusses high level deployment process and steps. Table 2 lists the steps in the order they should be done, and each step's purpose.

Table 2 – Steps to set up AWS resources to deploy IBM Db2 HADR with Pacemaker for SAP NetWeaver on Amazon EC2 instances

Activity	Purpose
Step 1: Db2 Virtual Hostname	Decide on the virtual hostname for your Db2 database (for example, dbhadb2).
Step 2: AWS Overlay IP	Decide on the Overlay IP for the dbhadb2 name (for example, 192.168.1.90).
Step 3: Provision AWS Resources	Provision AWS resources and configure security.
Step 4: SAP App and Db2 Install	Install SAP tier and Db2 primary and standby databases.
Step 5: Db2 HADR Setup	Configure Db2 HADR replication.
Step 6: Pacemaker Cluster Setup	Configure the Pacemaker cluster.
Step 7: Post Setup Configuration	Post tasks and manual configuration.
Step 8: Testing and Validation	Quality Assurance.

Step 1: Db2 Virtual Hostname

Decide on the virtual hostname for your Db2 database. For example, if your virtual hostname is dbhadb2, it would be configured in the SAP and dbclient profiles. See <u>Step 7: Post Setup</u> <u>Configuration</u> in this document for more information.

Step 2: AWS Overlay IP

Decide on IP address to use for your Overlay IP. An Overlay IP address is an AWS-specific routing entry which can send network traffic to an instance, no matter which AZ the instance is located in.

One key requirement for the Overlay IP is that it should not be used elsewhere in your VPC or onpremises. It should be part of the private IP address range defined in <u>RFC1918</u>. For example, if your VPC is configured in the range of 10.0.0/8 or 172.16.0.0/12, you can use the Overlay IP from the range of 192.168.0.0/16. Based on the number of HA setups you plan to have in your landscape, you can reserve the IP address by reserving a block from the private IP address to ensure there is no overlap.

AWS worked on creating a resource agent, aws-vpc-move-ip, which is available along with the Linux Pacemaker. This agent updates the route table of the VPC where you have configured the cluster to always point to the primary DB.

All traffic within the VPC can reach the Overlay IP address via the route table. Traffic from outside the VPC, whether that is from another VPC or on-premises will require AWS Transit Gateway (TGW) or AWS NLB to reach the Overlay IP address. For more information on how to direct traffic to an Overlay IP address via AWS TGW or AWS NLB, see <u>SAP on AWS High Availability with Overlay IP</u> Address Routing.

Step 3: AWS Resources

Deciding the right storage layout is important to ensure you can meet required IO. EBS gp2 volumes balance price and performance for a wide variety of workloads, while io1 volumes provide the highest performance consistently for mission-critical applications. With these two options, you can choose a storage solution that meets your performance and cost requirements. For more information, see <u>Amazon EBS features</u> for more information.

Step 4: SAP Netweaver and IBM Db2 Deployment

See the <u>SAP Standard Installation guide</u> based on your installation release to get the technical steps and prerequisites for SAP installation.

Step 4a: Create EC2 Instances for Deploying SAP NetWeaver ASCS

See <u>SAP NetWeaver Environment Setup for Linux on AWS</u> to learn how to set up an EC2 instance for SAP NetWeaver.

Step 4b: Create EC2 Instances for IBM Db2 Primary and Standby Databases

Deploy two EC2 instances, one in each AZ, for your primary and standby databases.

Step 4c: Disable Source/destination Check for the EC2 Instance Hosting the IBM Db2 Primary and Standby Databases

You need to disable source/destination check for your EC2 instance hosting primary and standby databases. This is required to route traffic via Overlay IP. See <u>Changing the source or destination</u> <u>checking</u> to learn more about how to disable source/destination check for your EC2 instance. You can use the following command line interface (CLI) to achieve this.

```
# aws ec2 modify-instance-attribute --profile cluster --instance-id EC2-instance-
id --no-source-dest-check
```

Step 4d: AWS IAM Role

For the Pacemaker setup, create two policies and attach them to the IAM role, which is attached to the Db2 primary and standby instance. This allows your EC2 instance to call the APIs which run during the failover process by Pacemaker.

• STONITH – Allows Ec2 instance to start, stop and reboot instances.



• Overlay IP – Allows the Ec2 instance to update the route table in case of failover.

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Sid": "VisualEditor0",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": "ec2:ReplaceRoute",
            "Resource": "arn:aws:ec2:region-name:account-id:route-table/rtb-XYZ"
        },
        {
            "Sid": "VisualEditor1",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": "ec2:DescribeRouteTables",
            "Resource": "*"
        }
    ]
}
```

Replace the following variables with the appropriate names:

• region-name: the name of the AWS region.

- account-id: The name of the AWS account in which the policy is used.
- rtb-XYZ: The identifier of the routing table which needs to be updated.
- i-node1: Instance ID for the Db2 primary instance.
- i-node2: Instance id for the Db2 standby instance.

Step 4e: SAP Application and Db2 Software Install

Prerequisites:

- Before starting the installation, update the /etc/hosts files of database, ASCS, and application servers with the hostname and IP address of *your* database, ASCS and application servers. This ensures that all your instances can resolve each other's address during installation and configuration.
- You need to install the following packages in your instances: tcsh.x86_64, ksh.x86_64, libaio.x86_64, libstdc++.x86_64.
- Comment out the 5912 port entry in the /etc/services file (if it exists), as this port is used for the Db2 installation:

#fis	5912/tcp	<pre># Flight Information Services</pre>
#fis	5912/udp	<pre># Flight Information Services</pre>
#fis	5912/sctp	<pre># Flight Information Services</pre>

SAP application and Db2 software installation (high-level instructions):

 Install SAP ASCS using software provisioning manager (SWPM) on the Amazon EC2 instance. Choose the installation option depending on the scenario; for example, distributed or HA in case you plan to install ERS for app layer high availability.

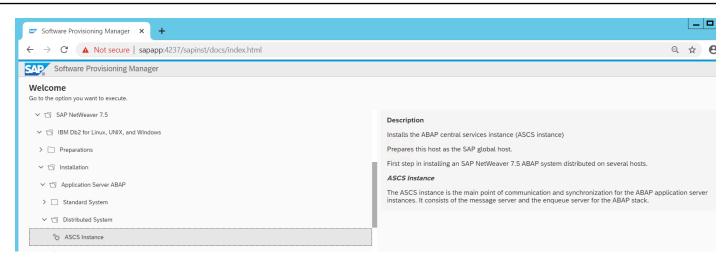


Figure 3 – Install ASCS

2. Install the primary database using SWPM on the Amazon EC2 instance hosted in AZ1.

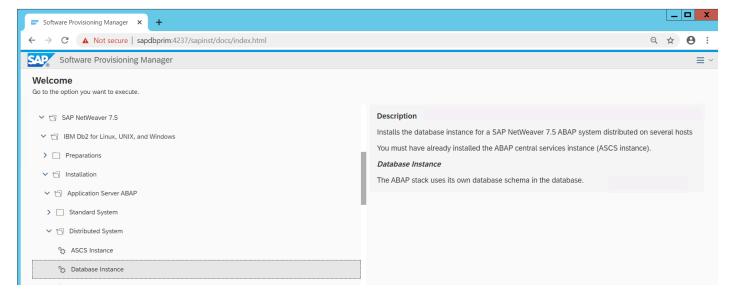


Figure 4 – Install the primary database

- 3. Take a backup of the primary database.
- Install the PAS instance. This can be the same EC2 instance used in <u>step 1</u> if you want to install ASCS and PAS on one host.

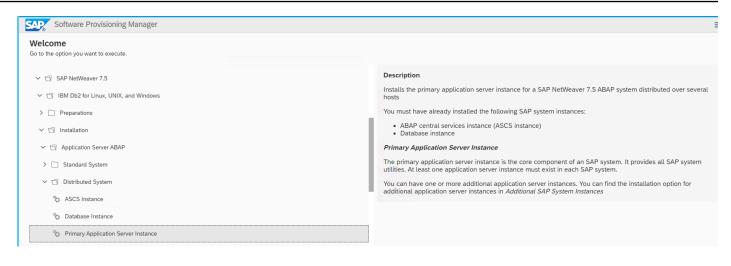


Figure 5 – Install the PAS instance

- 5. For the standby DB installation:
- a. Use the SAP homogeneous system copy procedure from SWPM with the option of System copy
 > Target systems > Distributed > Database instance.
- b. In the SWPM parameter screen, when asked for system load type, choose Homogenous System and the backup/restore option.
- c. When prompted by the SWPM, restore the backup you took during <u>step 3</u> on the standby DB. You can exit the installer, because the subsequent installation is already completed on the primary database server.

You should now have your ASCS, primary Db2 database, and PAS (if running on a different host than ASCS) installed and running in AZ1 of your setup. In AZ2, you should have the standby Db2 database installed and running. You can optionally install an additional application server if required to support the workload. We recommend that you distribute your application servers in both AZs.

Step 5: Db2 HADR Setup

The following steps explain how to set up HADR between the primary and standby databases. For additional references, see:

- IBM Db2 HADR documentation
- IBM Support Page

Table 3 details the steps for setup. Update the configuration commands according to your environment.

Table 3 – Db2 HADR setup

System ID (SID)	STJ
Primary Db2 database hostname	dbprim00
Standby Db2 database hostname	dbsec00
Overlay IP	192.168.1.81

To set up Db2 HADR:

1. Find the state of the primary database before HADR configuration by executing the following command:

HADR database role	= STANDARD
HADR local host name	(HADR_LOCAL_HOST) =
HADR local service name	(HADR_LOCAL_SVC) =
HADR remote host name	(HADR_REMOTE_HOST) =
HADR remote service name	(HADR_REMOTE_SVC) =
HADR instance name of remote server	(HADR_REMOTE_INST) =
HADR timeout value	$(HADR_TIMEOUT) = 120$
HADR target list	(HADR_TARGET_LIST) =
HADR log write synchronization mode	(HADR_SYNCMODE) = NEARSYNC
HADR spool log data limit (4KB)	(HADR_SPOOL_LIMIT) = AUTOMATIC(0)
HADR log replay delay (seconds)	(HADR_REPLAY_DELAY) = 0
HADR peer window duration (seconds)	(HADR_PEER_WINDOW) = 0
HADR SSL certificate label	(HADR_SSL_LABEL) =

2. The HADR_LOCAL_SVC and HADR_REMOTE_SVC parameters require an entry in your /etc/ services file. If the entry is unavailable, update the /etc/services file to include the entry. Here is a sample /etc/services file entry. The SID is STJ.

grep -i hadr /etc/services

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STJ_HADR_1	5950/tcp	<pre># DB2 HADR log shipping</pre>	
STJ_HADR_2	5951/tcp	<pre># DB2 HADR log shipping</pre>	

3. Complete the following steps in your primary database (in this case, dbprim00) as the Db2 instance owner (in this case, db2stj):

db2 update db cfg for STJ using HADR_LOCAL_HOST dbprim00
db2 update db cfg for STJ using HADR_LOCAL_SVC STJ_HADR_1
db2 update db cfg for STJ using HADR_REMOTE_HOST dbsec00
db2 update db cfg for STJ using HADR_REMOTE_SVC STJ_HADR_2
db2 update db cfg for STJ using HADR_REMOTE_INST db2stj
db2 update db cfg for STJ using HADR_TIMEOUT 120
db2 update db cfg for STJ using HADR_SYNCMODE NEARSYNC
db2 update db cfg for STJ using HADR_PEER_WINDOW 300
db2 update db cfg for STJ using LOGINDEXBUILD ON

Here is the state after the configuration was updated:

```
> db2 get db cfg for STJ | grep HADR
HADR database role
                                                         = STANDARD
HADR local host name
                                       (HADR_LOCAL_HOST) = dbprim00
HADR local service name
                                       (HADR_LOCAL_SVC) = STJ_HADR_1
HADR remote host name
                                     (HADR_REMOTE_HOST) = dbsec00
HADR remote service name
                                      (HADR_REMOTE_SVC) = STJ_HADR_2
HADR instance name of remote server
                                     (HADR_REMOTE_INST) = db2stj
HADR timeout value
                                         (HADR_TIMEOUT) = 120
HADR target list
                                     (HADR_TARGET_LIST) =
HADR log write synchronization mode
                                         (HADR_SYNCMODE) = NEARSYNC
HADR spool log data limit (4KB)
                                     (HADR_SPOOL_LIMIT) = AUTOMATIC(0)
HADR log replay delay (seconds)
                                    (HADR_REPLAY_DELAY) = 0
HADR peer window duration (seconds) (HADR_PEER_WINDOW) = 300
HADR SSL certificate label
                                        (HADR_SSL_LABEL) =
```

4. Run the following steps in your standby database (in this case dbsec00) as the Db2 instance owner (in this case, db2stj).

db2 update db cfg for STJ using HADR_LOCAL_HOST dbsec00 db2 update db cfg for STJ using HADR_LOCAL_SVC STJ_HADR_2 db2 update db cfg for STJ using HADR_REMOTE_HOST dbprim00 db2 update db cfg for STJ using HADR_REMOTE_SVC STJ_HADR_1 db2 update db cfg for STJ using HADR_REMOTE_INST db2stj db2 update db cfg for STJ using HADR_TIMEOUT 120 db2 update db cfg for STJ using HADR_SYNCMODE NEARSYNC db2 update db cfg for STJ using HADR_PEER_WINDOW 300 db2 update db cfg for STJ using LOGINDEXBUILD ON

Here's an example configuration:

> db2 get db cfg for STJ grep HADR	2		
HADR database role		=	STANDBY
HADR local host name	(HADR_LOCAL_HOST)	=	dbsec00
HADR local service name	(HADR_LOCAL_SVC)	=	STJ_HADR_2
HADR remote host name	(HADR_REMOTE_HOST)	=	dbprim00
HADR remote service name	(HADR_REMOTE_SVC)	=	STJ_HADR_1
HADR instance name of remote server	(HADR_REMOTE_INST)	=	db2stj
HADR timeout value	(HADR_TIMEOUT)	=	120
HADR target list	(HADR_TARGET_LIST)	=	
HADR log write synchronization mode	(HADR_SYNCMODE)	=	NEARSYNC
HADR spool log data limit (4KB)	(HADR_SPOOL_LIMIT)	=	AUTOMATIC(1200000)
HADR log replay delay (seconds)	(HADR_REPLAY_DELAY)	=	0
HADR peer window duration (seconds)	(HADR_PEER_WINDOW)	=	300
HADR SSL certificate label	(HADR_SSL_LABEL)	=	

- 5. When using Linux pacemaker, use the following Db2 HADR parameters:
 - HADR peer window duration (seconds) (HADR_PEER_WINDOW) = 300
 - HADR timeout value (HADR_TIMEOUT) = 60

We recommend that you tune these parameters after testing the failover and takeover functionality. Because individual configuration can vary, the parameter might need adjustment.

6. After your primary and standby databases have been configured, start HADR on the standby server as the HADR standby.

db2 start hadr on database STJ as standby

7. Start HADR on the primary database.

```
db2 start hadr on database STJ as primary
DB20000I The START HADR ON DATABASE command completed successfully.
db2pd -hadr -db STJ | head -20
Database Member 0 -- Database STJ -- Active --
HADR_ROLE = PRIMARY
REPLAY_TYPE = PHYSICAL
HADR_SYNCMODE = NEARSYNC
STANDBY_ID = 1
LOG_STREAM_ID = 0
HADR_STATE = PEER
HADR_FLAGS = TCP_PROTOCOL
PRIMARY_MEMBER_HOST = dbprim00
PRIMARY_INSTANCE = db2stj
...
HADR_CONNECT_STATUS = CONNECTED
```

Step 6: Pacemaker Cluster Setup

In this section we'll discuss the cluster setup using Linux Pacemaker on both RHEL and SLES OS. The Linux Pacemaker works as a failover Orchestrator. It monitors both the primary and standby databases, and in the event of primary database server failure it initiates an automatic HADR takeover by the standby server. The resource agents this configuration uses are as following:

- STONITH resource agent for fencing.
- The db2 database resource, which is configured in a Primary/Standby configuration.
- The AWS-vpc-move-ip resource, which is built by the AWS team to handle the overlay IP switch from the Db2 primary instance to standby in the event of failure.

As mentioned in the <u>Operating System</u> section of this document, you need the correct subscription to download these resource agents.

Important: Change the shell environment for the db2<sid> user to /bin/ksh.

To change the shell environment:

- 1. Shut down both the database servers using db2stop while logged in as db2<sid>.
- 2. Install Kornshell (ksh) (if it's not already installed).
- 3. Run sudo usermod -s /bin/ksh db2<sid>.

Step 6a. Setup on RHEL

This section focuses on setting up the Pacemaker cluster on the RHEL operating system.

To set up the pacemaker cluster on RHEL:

1. Basic cluster configuration – Install the required cluster packages using both database nodes.

```
yum install -y pcs pacemaker fence-agents-aws
yum install -y resource-agents
```

2. Start the cluster services.

```
systemctl start pcsd.service
systemctl enable pcsd.service
```

Note: If you have subscribed to RHEL for SAP with HA and US products from AWS Marketplace, run mkdir -p /var/log/pcsd /var/log/cluster before starting pcsd.service.

3. Reset the password for user hacluster on both the DB nodes.

```
passwd hacluster
```

4. Authorize the cluster. Make sure that both nodes are able to communicate with each other using the hostname.

```
[root@dbprim00 ~]# pcs cluster auth dbprim00 dbsec00
Username: hacluster
Password:
dbprim00: Authorized
dbsec00: Authorized
[root@dbprim00 ~]#
```

5. Create the cluster.

```
[root@dbprim00 ~]# pcs cluster setup --name db2ha dbprim00 dbsec00
Destroying cluster on nodes: dbprim00, dbsec00...
dbsec00: Stopping Cluster (pacemaker)...
dbprim00: Stopping Cluster (pacemaker)...
dbprim00: Successfully destroyed cluster
dbsec00: Successfully destroyed cluster
Sending 'pacemaker_remote authkey' to 'dbprim00', 'dbsec00'
dbprim00: successful distribution of the file 'pacemaker_remote authkey'
dbsec00: successful distribution of the file 'pacemaker_remote authkey'
Sending cluster config files to the nodes...
dbprim00: Succeeded
dbsec00: Succeeded
Synchronizing pcsd certificates on nodes dbprim00, dbsec00...
dbprim00: Success
dbsec00: Success
Restarting pcsd on the nodes in order to reload the certificates...
dbprim00: Success
dbsec00: Success
[root@dbprim00 ~]# pcs cluster enable --all
dbprim00: Cluster Enabled
dbsec00: Cluster Enabled
[root@dbprim00 ~]# pcs cluster start --all
dbsec00: Starting Cluster...
dbprim00: Starting Cluster...
[root@dbprim00 ~]#
```

Note: Adjust the corosync timeout.

6. Go to /etc/corosync/corosync.conf and add or modify the token value of totem to 30000.

```
[root@dbprim00 corosync]# more /etc/corosync/corosync.conf
totem {
     version: 2
     cluster_name: db2ha
     secauth: off
     transport: udpu
     token: 30000
}
nodelist {
     node {
          ring0_addr: dbprim00
          nodeid: 1
     }
     node {
          ring0_addr: dbsec00
          nodeid: 2
     }
}
quorum {
     provider: corosync_votequorum
     two_node: 1
}
logging {
     to_logfile: yes
     logfile: /var/log/cluster/corosync.log
     to_syslog: yes
}
```

7. Run pcs cluster sync to sync the changes on the standby database node.

```
[root@dbprim00 corosync]# pcs cluster sync
dbprim00: Succeeded
dbsec00: Succeeded
```

8. Run pcs cluster reload corosync to make the changes effective.

```
[root@dbprim00 corosync]# pcs cluster reload corosync
Corosync reloaded
```

9. To ensure of the changes are in place, run corosync-cmapctl | grep totem.token.

```
[root@dbprim00 corosync]# corosync-cmapctl | grep totem.token
runtime.config.totem.token (u32) = 30000
runtime.config.totem.token_retransmit (u32) = 7142
runtime.config.totem.token_retransmits_before_loss_const (u32) = 4
totem.token (u32) = 30000
```

10Before creating any resource, put the cluster in maintenance mode.

[root@dbprim00 ~]# pcs property set maintenance-mode='true'

11Create the STONITH resource. You will need the EC2 instance IDs for this operation. The default pcmk action is reboot. Replace the instance ID for dbprim00 and dbsec00 with the instance IDs of your setup.

If you want to have the instance remain in a stopped state until it has been investigated and then manually started, add pcmk_reboot_action=off. This setting is also required if you are running the Db2 on Amazon EC2 Dedicated Hosts.

```
[root@dbprim00 ~]# pcs stonith create clusterfence fence_aws
region=us-east-1 pcmk_host_map="dbprim00:i-09d1b1f105f71e5ed;dbsec00:i-
0c0d3444601b1d8c5" power_timeout=240 pcmk_reboot_timeout=480
pcmk_reboot_retries=4 op start timeout=300
op monitor timeout=60
```

12Create the Db2 resource.

[root@dbprim00 ~]# pcs resource create Db2_HADR_STJ db2 instance=db2stj dblist=STJ master meta notify=true resourcestickiness=5000 op demote timeout=240 op promote timeout=240 op start timeout=240 op stop timeout=240 op monitor interval=20s timeout=120s op monitor interval=22s role=Master timeout=120s

Note: The timeout values here are default, which works for most deployments. We recommend that you test the timeouts in the QA setup extensively based on the test cases mentioned in the Appendix, and then tune it accordingly.

13Create the Overlay IP resource agent. First, add the Overlay IP in the primary node.

```
[root@dbprim00 ~]# ip address add 192.168.1.81/32 dev eth0
    [root@dbprim00 ~]# ip addr show
    1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group
default glen 1000
        link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
        inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
            valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
        inet6 ::1/128 scope host
            valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 9001 qdisc mq state UP group
default glen 1000
        link/ether 0e:10:e3:7b:6f:4f brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
        inet 10.0.1.116/24 brd 10.0.1.255 scope global noprefixroute dynamic eth0
            valid_lft 2885sec preferred_lft 2885sec
        inet 192.168.1.81/32 scope global eth0
            valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
        inet6 fe80::c10:e3ff:fe7b:6f4f/64 scope link
            valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    [root@dbprim00 ~]#
```

14Update the route table with the Overlay IP pointing to the Db2 primary instance:

```
aws ec2 create-route --route-table-id rtb-xxxxxxx --destination-
cidr-block Overlay IP --instance-id i-xxxxxxxx
[root@dbprim00 ~]# aws ec2 create-route --route-table-id rtb-
```

Note: If you are using a different route table for both the subnets where you are deploying the primary and standby databases, you can specify them using a comma (,) in the resource creation command:

```
pcs resource create db2-oip aws-vpc-move-ip ip=192.168.1.81
interface=eth0 routing_table=rtb-xxxxx1,rtb-xxxx2
```

15Create a colocation constraint to bind the Overlay IP resource agent with the Db2 primary instance.

```
[root@dbprim00 ~]# pcs constraint colocation add db2-oip with master
Db2_HADR_STJ-master 2000
```

16.You can now remove the maintenance mode by using the following code:

[root@dbprim00 ~]# pcs property set maintenance-mode='false'

This is the final configuration of the cluster:

```
[root@dbprim00 ~]# pcs config show
Cluster Name: db2ha
Corosync Nodes:
  dbprim00 dbsec00
Pacemaker Nodes:
  dbprim00 dbsec00
```

```
Resources:
```

```
Master: Db2_HADR_STJ-master
          Resource: Db2_HADR_STJ (class=ocf provider=heartbeat type=db2)
            Attributes: dblist=STJ instance=db2stj
            Meta Attrs: notify=true resource-stickiness=5000
            Operations: demote interval=0s timeout=120 (Db2_HADR_STJ-demote-
interval-0s)
      monitor interval=20 timeout=60 (Db2_HADR_STJ-monitor-interval-20)
      monitor interval=22 role=Master timeout=60 (Db2_HADR_STJ-monitor-interval-22)
      notify interval=0s timeout=10 (Db2_HADR_STJ-notify-interval-0s)
      promote interval=0s timeout=120 (Db2_HADR_STJ-promote-interval-0s)
      start interval=0s timeout=120 (Db2_HADR_STJ-start-interval-0s)
      stop interval=0s timeout=120 (Db2_HADR_STJ-stop-interval-0s)
      Resource: db2-oip (class=ocf provider=heartbeat type=aws-vpc-move-ip)
      Attributes: interface=eth0 ip=192.168.1.81 routing_table=rtb-dbe0eba1
      Operations: monitor interval=60 timeout=30 (db2-oip-monitor-interval-60)
      start interval=0s timeout=180 (db2-oip-start-interval-0s)
      stop interval=0s timeout=180 (db2-oip-stop-interval-0s)
      Stonith Devices:
        Resource: clusterfence (class=stonith type=fence_aws)
          Attributes:
 pcmk_host_map=dbprim00:i-09d1b1f105f71e5ed;dbsec00:i-0c0d3444601b1d8c5
 pcmk_reboot_retries=4 pcmk_reboot_timeout=480 power_timeout=240 region=us-east-1
          Operations: monitor interval=60s (clusterfence-monitor-interval-60s)
      Fencing Levels:
      Location Constraints:
      Ordering Constraints:
      Colocation Constraints:
          db2-oip with Db2_HADR_STJ-master (score:2000) (rsc-role:Started) (with-rsc-
role:Master)
        Ticket Constraints:
      Alerts:
        No alerts defined
      Resources Defaults:
        No defaults set
      Operations Defaults:
        No defaults set
      Cluster Properties:
        cluster-infrastructure: corosync
        cluster-name: db2ha
```

```
dc-version: 1.1.18-11.el7_5.4-2b07d5c5a9
have-watchdog: false
Quorum:
Options:
[root@dbprim00 ~]#
```

Step 6b. Setup on SLES

This section focuses on setting up the Pacemaker cluster on the SLES operating system.

Prerequisite: You need to complete this on both the Db2 primary and standby instances.

To create an AWS CLI profile:

The SLES operating system's resource agents use the <u>AWS Command Line Interface</u> (CLI). You need to create the AWS CLI profile for the root account on both instances: one with the default profile and the other with an arbitrary profile name (in this example, cluster) which creates output in text format. The region of the instance must be added as well.

1. Replace the string region-name with your target region in the following example.

```
dbprim00:~ # aws configure
AWS Access Key ID [None]:
AWS Secret Access Key [None]:
Default region name [None]: us-east-1
Default output format [None]:
dbprim00:~ # aws configure --profile cluster
AWS Access Key ID [None]:
AWS Secret Access Key [None]:
Default region name [None]: us-east-1
Default output format [None]: text
```

You don't need to provide the Access Key and Secret Access key, because access is controlled by the IAM role you created earlier in the setup.

2. Add a second private IP address.

3. You are required to add a second private IP address for each cluster instance. Adding a second IP address to the instance allows the SUSE cluster to implement a two-ring corosync configuration. The two-ring corosync configuration allows the cluster nodes to communicate with each other using the secondary IP address if there is an issue communicating with each other over the primary IP address.

See To assign a secondary private IPv4 address to a network interface.

- 4. Add a tag with an arbitrary "key" (in this case, pacemaker). The value of this tag is the hostname of the respective Db2 instance. This is required to enable AWS CLI to use filters in the API calls.
- 5. Disable the source/destination check.
- 6. Ensure that the source/destination check is disabled, as described in <u>Step 4c</u>.
- 7. Avoid deletion of cluster-managed IP addresses on the eth0 interface.
- 8. Check if the package cloud-netconfig-ec2 is installed with the following command:

```
dbprim00:~ # zypper info cloud-netconfig-ec2
```

9. Update the file /etc/sysconfig/network/ifcfg-eth0 if this package is installed. Change the following line to a 'no' setting or add the following line if the package is not yet installed:

```
dbprim00:~ # CLOUD_NETCONFIG_MANAGE='no'
```

10Set up <u>NTP</u> (best with <u>YaST</u>). Use AWS time service at 169.254.169.123, which is accessible from all EC2 instances. Enable ongoing synchronization.

11Activate the public cloud module to get updates for the AWS CLI:

```
dbprim00:~ # SUSEConnect --list-extensions
dbprim00:~ # SUSEConnect -p sle-module-public-cloud/12/x86_64
Registering system to registration proxy https://smt-ec2.susecloud.net
Updating system details on https://smt-ec2.susecloud.net ...
Activating sle-module-public-cloud 12 x86_64 ...
-> Adding service to system ...
-> Installing release package ...
Successfully registered system
```

12Update your packages on both the with the command:

```
dbprim00:~ # zypper -n update
```

13Install the resource agent pattern ha_sles.

dbprim00:~ # zypper install -t pattern ha_sles

To configure pacemaker: Configuration of the corosync.conf file:

1. Use the following configuration in the /etc/corosync/corosync.conf file on both the Db2 primary and standby instances:

```
# Read the corosync.conf.5 manual page
totem {
  version: 2
  rrp_mode: passive
  token: 30000
   consensus: 36000
   token_retransmits_before_loss_const: 10
  max_messages: 20
  crypto_cipher: none
   crypto_hash: none
   clear_node_high_bit: yes
   interface {
      ringnumber: 0
      bindnetaddr: <ip-local-node>
      mcastport: 5405
      ttl: 1
  }
  transport: udpu
}
 logging {
     fileline: off
     to_logfile: yes
     to_syslog: yes
```

```
logfile: /var/log/cluster/corosync.log
     debug: off
     timestamp: on
     logger_subsys {
        subsys: QUORUM
        debug: off
   }
}
 nodelist {
  node {
  ring0_addr: <ip-node-1>
  ring1_addr: <ip2-node-1>
  nodeid: 1
   }
  node {
  ring0_addr: <ip-node-2>
  ring1_addr: <ip2-node-2>
  nodeid: 2
  }
}
quorum {
   # Enable and configure quorum subsystem (default: off)
   # see also corosync.conf.5 and votequorum.5
   provider: corosync_votequorum
   expected_votes: 2
  two_node: 1
}
```

2. Replace the variables ip-node-1 / ip2-node-1 and ip-node-2 / ip2-node-2 with the IP addresses of your Db2 primary and standby instances, respectively. Replace ip-local-node with the IP address of the instance on which the file is being created.

The chosen settings for crypto_cipher and crypto_hash are suitable for clusters in AWS. They may be modified according to SUSE's documentation if you want strong encryption of cluster communication.

3. Start the cluster services and enable them on both the Db2 primary and standby instances.

```
dbprim00:~ # systemctl start pacemaker
dbprim00:~ # systemctl enable pacemaker
```

```
Created symlink from /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/pacemaker.service to /usr/lib/systemd/system/pacemaker.service.
```

4. Check the configuration with the following command:

```
dbprim00:~ # corosync-cfgtool -s
Printing ring status.
Local node ID 1
RING ID Ø
        id
           = 10.0.1.17
        status = ring 0 active with no faults
RING ID 1
              = 10.0.1.62
        id
        status = ring 1 active with no faults
dbprim00:~ #
Cluster status:
dbprim00:~ # crm_mon -1
Stack: corosync
Current DC: dbsec00 (version
1.1.19+20181105.ccd6b5b10-3.13.1-1.1.19+20181105.ccd6b5b10) - partition with quorum
Last updated: Fri Apr 17 14:09:56 2020
Last change: Fri Apr 17 13:38:59 2020 by hacluster via crmd on dbsec00
2 nodes configured
0 resources configured
Online: [ dbprim00 dbsec00 ]
No active resources
```

To prepare the cluster for adding resources:

1. To avoid cluster starting partially defined resources, set the cluster to maintenance mode. This deactivates all monitor actions.

```
dbprim00:~ # crm configure property maintenance-mode="true"
dbprim00:~ # crm status
```

Stack: corosync Current DC: dbprim00 (version 1.1.19+20181105.ccd6b5b10-3.16.1-1.1.19+20181105.ccd6b5b10) - partition with quorum Last updated: Fri Apr 17 14:30:51 2020 Last change: Fri Apr 17 14:30:50 2020 by root via cibadmin on dbprim00 2 nodes configured 0 resources configured *** Resource management is DISABLED *** The cluster will not attempt to start, stop or recover services Online: [dbprim00 dbsec00] No resources

2. Configuring AWS-specific settings:

```
dbprim00:/ha-files # vi crm-bs.txt
dbprim00:/ha-files # more crm-bs.txt
property cib-bootstrap-options: \
stonith-enabled="true" \
stonith-action="off" \
stonith-timeout="600s"
rsc_defaults rsc-options: \
resource-stickiness=1 \
migration-threshold=3
op_defaults op-options: \
timeout=600 \
record-pending=true
```

The off setting forces the agents to shut down the instance. You have the option of changing it to reboot if required.

3. Add the following configuration to the cluster:

```
dbprim00:~ # crm configure load update crm-bs.txt
```

To configure the AWS-specific STONITH resource #:

1. Create a file with the following content:

```
primitive res_AWS_STONITH stonith:external/ec2 \
op start interval=0 timeout=180 \
op stop interval=0 timeout=180 \
op monitor interval=180 timeout=60 \
params tag=pacemaker profile=cluster
```

The EC2 tag pacemaker entry needs to match the tag chosen for the EC2 instances, and the name of the profile needs to match the previously configured AWS profile as part of the prerequisite section.

2. Add the file to the configuration:

```
dbprim00:/ha-files # vi aws-stonith.txt
dbprim00:/ha-files # more aws-stonith.txt
primitive res_AWS_STONITH stonith:external/ec2 \
op start interval=0 timeout=180 \
op stop interval=0 timeout=60 \
params tag=pacemaker profile=cluster
dbprim00:/ha-files # crm configure load update aws-stonith.txt
```

- 3. Create the Db2 Primary/Standby resource.
- 4. Create a file with the following content. Change the value for SID, as per your configuration.

```
primitive rsc_db2_db2stj_STJ db2 \
   params instance="db2stj" dblist="STJ" \
   op start interval="0" timeout="130" \
   op stop interval="0" timeout="120" \
   op promote interval="0" timeout="120" \
   op demote interval="0" timeout="120" \
   op monitor interval="30" timeout="60" \
   op monitor interval="31" role="Master" timeout="60"
```

```
ms msl_db2_db2stj_STJ rsc_db2_db2stj_STJ \
    meta target-role="Started" notify="true"
```

5. Add the file to the configuration:

```
dbprim00:/ha-files # vi db2res.txt
dbprim00:/ha-files # more db2res.txt
primitive rsc_db2_db2stj_STJ db2 \
    params instance="db2stj" dblist="STJ" \
    op start interval="0" timeout="130" \
    op stop interval="0" timeout="120" \
    op promote interval="0" timeout="120" \
    op demote interval="0" timeout="120" \
    op demote interval="30" timeout="60" \
    op monitor interval="31" role="Master" timeout="60"
dbprim00:/ha-files # crm configure load update db2res.txt
```

- 6. Create the Overlay IP resource agent.
- a. First, add the Overlay IP in the Db2 primary instance.

```
dbprim00:~# ip address add 192.168.1.81/32 dev eth0
dbprim00:~# ip addr show
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default
 alen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 9001 qdisc mq state UP group default
 glen 1000
    link/ether 0e:73:7f:b5:b2:95 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 10.0.1.17/24 brd 10.0.1.255 scope global eth0
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet 10.0.1.62/32 scope global eth0
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet 192.168.1.81/32 scope global eth0
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 fe80::c73:7fff:feb5:b295/64 scope link
```

valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever

```
[root@dbprim00 ~]#
```

b. Update the route table with the Overlay IP pointing to the Db2 primary instance.

```
aws ec2 create-route --route-table-id rtb-xxxxxxx --destination-cidr-block
Overlay IP --instance-id i-xxxxxxxx
```

Note: If you are using different route table for both the subnets where you are deploying the primary and standby database, you can specify them with a comma (,) in the command preceding this note.

```
dbprim00:~ # aws ec2 create-route --route-table-id rtb-dbe0eba1 --
destination-cidr-block 192.168.1.81/32 --instance-id i-05fc8801284585362
{
    "Return": true
}
```

The aws-vpc-move-ip resource agent call the AWS command from the location /usr/bin, so ensure that there is a soft link pointing to the location where you have the awscli installed.

```
dbprim00:/usr/bin # which aws
/usr/local/bin/aws
dbprim00:/usr/bin # ls -ltr aws
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 18 Apr 18 17:44 aws -> /usr/local/bin/aws
```

c. Create the file with the following content, and replace the Overlay IP and the route table ID based on your configuration. If you have multiple route tables associated with the subnet to which your instances belong, you can use a comma-separated list of routing tables.

Note: Make sure you use the same profile name (which is cluster for this setup) that you used while configuring the AWS CLI.

```
dbprim00:/ha-files # vi aws-move-ip.txt
dbprim00:/ha-files # more aws-move-ip.txt
primitive res_AWS_IP ocf:suse:aws-vpc-move-ip \
    params ip=192.168.1.81 routing_table=rtb-dbe0eba1 interface=eth0
profile=cluster \
    op start interval=0 timeout=180 \
    op stop interval=0 timeout=180 \
    op monitor interval=60 timeout=60
dbprim00:/ha-files # crm configure load update aws-move-ip.txt
```

d. Create a colocation constraint to bind the Overlay IP resource agent with the Db2 primary instance.

```
dbprim00:/ha-files # more crm-cs.txt
colocation col_db2_db2stj_STJ 2000: res_AWS_IP:Started \
msl_db2_db2stj_STJ:Master
dbprim00:/ha-files # crm configure load update crm-cs.txt
dbprim00:/ha-files #
```

e. Adjust the resource-stickiness and migration-threshold values.

```
dbprim00:~ # crm configure rsc_defaults resource-stickiness=1000
dbprim00:~ # crm configure rsc_defaults migration-threshold=5000
```

f. You can now remove maintenance-mode.

```
dbprim00:~ # crm configure property maintenance-mode="false"
```

Final configuration of the cluster:

```
dbprim00:/ha-files # crm status
Stack: corosync
Current DC: dbsec00 (version
1.1.19+20181105.ccd6b5b10-3.16.1-1.1.19+20181105.ccd6b5b10) - partition with quorum
```

```
Last updated: Sat Apr 18 18:45:53 2020
     Last change: Sat Apr 18 16:01:26 2020 by root via cibadmin on dbprim00
     2 nodes configured
     4 resources configured
     Online: [ dbprim00 dbsec00 ]
     Full list of resources:
     res_AWS_STONITH
                            (stonith:external/ec2): Started dbprim00
     Master/Slave Set: msl_db2_db2stj_STJ [rsc_db2_db2stj_STJ]
     Masters: [ dbprim00 ]
     Slaves: [ dbsec00 ]
     res_AWS_IP
                    (ocf::suse:aws-vpc-move-ip): Started dbprim00
     dbprim00:/ha-files # crm configure show
     node 1: dbprim00
     node 2: dbsec00
     primitive res_AWS_IP ocf:suse:aws-vpc-move-ip \
     params ip=192.168.1.81 routing_table=rtb-dbe0eba1 interface=eth0
profile=cluster ∖
     op start interval=0 timeout=180 \
     op stop interval=0 timeout=180 \
     op monitor interval=60 timeout=60
     primitive res_AWS_STONITH stonith:external/ec2 \
     op start interval=0 timeout=180 ∖
     op stop interval=0 timeout=180 \
     op monitor interval=120 timeout=60 ∖
     params tag=pacemaker profile=cluster
     primitive rsc_db2_db2stj_STJ db2 \
     params instance=db2stj dblist=STJ \
     op start interval=0 timeout=130 ∖
     op stop interval=0 timeout=120 \
     op promote interval=0 timeout=120 \
     op demote interval=0 timeout=120 ∖
     op monitor interval=30 timeout=60 ∖
     op monitor interval=31 role=Master timeout=60
     ms msl_db2_db2stj_STJ rsc_db2_db2stj_STJ \
     meta target-role=Started notify=true
     colocation col_db2_db2stj_STJ 2000: res_AWS_IP:Started
msl_db2_db2stj_STJ:Master
     property cib-bootstrap-options: \
     have-watchdog=false \setminus
```

dc-version="1.1.19+20181105.ccd6b5b10-3.16.1-1.1.19+20181105.ccd6b5b10" \
cluster-infrastructure=corosync \
maintenance-mode=false \
stonith-enabled=true \
stonith-action=off \
stonith-timeout=600s
rsc_defaults rsc-options: \
resource-stickiness=1000 \
migration-threshold=5000
op_defaults op-options: \
timeout=600 \
record-pending=true

Step 7: Post Setup Configuration

To enable SAP to connect to the Db2 virtual name, post-setup configuration tasks must be performed.

To perform post-setup configuration tasks:

1. Edit your SAP profile files:

```
> vi DEFAULT.PFL
SAPDBHOST = dbhadb2
j2ee/dbhost = dbhadb2
rsdb/reco_trials = 10
rsdb/reco_sleep_time = 10
```

- 2. Update the two parameters (SAPDBHOST and j2ee/dbhost) to the virtual name you chose for your database server. You will have to update the rsdb/reco* parameters to greater than failover duration to avoid DB disconnect in case of failover. We recommend that you test these values in QA before setting it up in production.
- 3. Edit your Db2 client file:

```
> cd /sapmnt/STJ/global/db6
```

```
sappas01:stjadm 15> more db2cli.ini
; Comment lines start with a semi-colon.
[STJ]
Database=STJ
Protocol=tcpip
Hostname=dbhadb2
Servicename=5912
[COMMON]
Diagpath=/usr/sap/STJ/SYS/global/db6/db2dump
```

Make sure the hostname parameter matches your Db2 virtual hostname.

4. After you change the entries and save your file, test your connection to the database server:

```
sappas01:stjadm 17> R3trans -d
This is R3trans version 6.26 (release 745 - 13.04.18 - 20:18:04).
unicode enabled version
R3trans finished (0000).
sappas01:stjadm 18> startsap
Checking db Database
Database is running
Starting Startup Agent sapstartsrv
0K
Instance Service on host sappas01 started
-----
starting SAP Instance D00
Startup-Log is written to /home/stjadm/startsap_D00.log
_____
/usr/sap/STJ/D00/exe/sapcontrol -prot NI_HTTP -nr 00 -function Start
Instance on host sappas01 started
```

Host data		Database data	
Operating system	Linux	Database System	DB6
Machine type	x86_64	Release	11.01.0303
Server name	sappas01_STJ_00	Name	STJ
Platform ID	390	Host	dbhadb2
		Owner	SAPSR3

Figure 6 – SAP system status information

You can check get the status/information of HADR in the transaction **DB02/dbacockpit** > **Configuration** > **Overview**.

Database Instance			
Name	db2stj	Database Release	0204010F
Partitionable	0	Service Level	DB2 v11.1.3.3
Number of Partitions	1	Build Level	special_37682
Address Space	64 Bit	PTF	04271300AMD64_37682
		Fix Pack	3
Operating System Name	Linux	Host Name	dbprim0
Version	3	Total CPUs	4
Release	10	Configured CPUs	8
		Total Memory	61.242 ME

Figure 7 – Transaction DB02 database instance information

Connect Status	CONNECTED	Connect Time	20200206234848
Local Host	dbprim00	Remote Host	dbsec00
		Remote Instance	db2stj
ocal Service	STJ_HADR_1	Remote Service	STJ_HADR_2
		HADR Role	PRIMARY
		HADR State	Peer
.og Gap	6.408 By	te	
Primary Log File	S0000094.LOG	Standby Log File	S0000094.LOG
Primary Log LSN	10.352.300.059	Standby Log LSN	10.350.451.494
Primary Log Page	9.818	Standby Log Page	9.364
HADR Syncmode	NEARSYNC		
ADR Timeout	120 se	c	
Heartbeat	0		

Figure 8 – Transaction DB02 HADR information

Step 8: Testing and Validation

We recommend you define your failure scenarios and test them on your cluster. Unless otherwise specified, all tests are done with the primary node running on the primary server (dbprim00) and the standby node running on the standby server (dbsec00).

Prerequisite: Before running any tests, please ensure that:

- There is no error or failed action in the Pacemaker. This can be tested using pcs status. In case there is any failed action, check the cause in /var/log/cluster/corosync.log in the node on which it has failed, and then take the corrective action. You can clean the failed action using pcs/crm resource cleanup.
- There is no unintended location constraint set up. Using the pcs/crm resource, move the master from primary to standby to set a location constraint on the primary node which prevents any resource from starting on it. This can be identified using the pcs/crm constraint show. Note the ID of the location constraint, and then run pcs/crm constraint delete <id> to remove it.
- The Db2 HADR synchronization is working. This can be checked using db2pd -hadr -db <DBSID> and comparing the LOG_FILE, PAGE, and POS for primary and standby.
- Refer to Appendix 1 for detailed test cases on RHEL setup.
- Refer to Appendix 2 for detailed test cases on SLES Setup

Operations

In this section we will cover some of the native AWS services that help you with day-to-day operations of your IBM Db2 database for SAP applications.

Monitoring

AWS provides multiple native services to monitor and manage your infrastructure and applications on AWS. Services like <u>Amazon CloudWatch</u> and <u>AWS CloudTrail</u> can be leveraged to monitor your underlying infrastructure and APIs, respectively.

CloudWatch provides ready-to-use key performance indicators (KPIs) that you can use to monitor CPU utilization and disk utilization.

You can also create <u>custom metrics</u> for monitoring IBM Db2.

With AWS CloudTrail, you can log, continuously monitor, and retain account activity related to actions across your AWS infrastructure. AWS CloudTrail is enabled on all AWS accounts, and records your account activity upon account creation. You can view and download the last 90 days of your account activity for create, modify, and delete operations of supported services without the need to manually set up CloudTrail.

Backup and Recovery

You need to regularly back up your operating system and database to recover them in case of failure. AWS provides various services and tools that you can use to back up your IBM Db2 database of SAP applications.

AWS Backup

<u>AWS Backup</u> is a fully managed backup service centralizes and automates the backup of data across AWS services. Using AWS Backup, you can centrally configure backup policies and monitor backup activity for AWS resources, such as EBS volumes, Amazon EC2 instances, and <u>Amazon</u> <u>Elastic File System</u> (Amazon EFS). AWS Backup automates and consolidates backup tasks previously performed service-by-service, removing the need to create custom scripts and manual processes. AWS Backup provides a fully managed, policy-based backup solution, simplifying your backup management and enabling you to meet your business and regulatory backup compliance requirements.

AMI

You can use the <u>AWS Management Console</u> or the AWS CLI to create a new <u>Amazon Machine Image</u> (Amazon AMI) of your existing SAP system. This can be used to recover your existing SAP system or create a clone.

The AWS CLI create image command creates a new AMI based on an existing Amazon EC2 instance. The new AMI contains a complete copy of the operating system and its configuration, software configurations, and optionally all EBS volumes that are attached to the instance.

A simple command to create an AMI with reboot (if running) of your EC2 instance (with instance ID i-0b09a25c58929de26 as example) including all attached EBS volumes:

aws ec2 create-image --instance-id i-0b09a25c58929de26 --name "My server"

A simple command to create AMI without reboot (if running) of your EC2 instance (with instance ID i-0b09a25c58929de26 as example) including all attached EBS volumes:

```
aws ec2 create-image --instance-id i-0b09a25c58929de26 --name "My server" --no-
reboot
```

Amazon EBS Snapshots

You can back up your Amazon EBS volumes to Amazon S3 by taking point-in-time <u>snapshots</u>. Snapshots are incremental backups, which means that only the blocks on the device that have changed after your most recent snapshot are saved.

Snapshots are suited to backup SAP file systems like /usr/sap/* , /sapmnt/*. We do not recommend using snapshots to back up your volumes containing data and log files. If you decide to take snapshots for your database volume snapshot, keep in mind that for consistency you should use Microsoft's <u>Volume Shadow Copy Service</u> and use the <u>run command</u> to back up or shut down your database before Snapshots is triggered.

A simple command to create a snapshot of volume (with volume id vol-1234567890abcdef0 as example):

```
aws ec2 create-snapshot --volume-id vol-1234567890abcdef0 --description "This
is my volume snapshot."
```

Database Backups

One of following methods can be used for IBM Db2 database backup:

- With native tools to take backup on disk— Backup requires high throughput compared to Input/Output Operations Per Second (IOPS). We recommend using <u>st1 disk</u>, which provides maximum throughput of 500MB/s per volume. Once the backup completes on disk it can be moved to an Amazon S3 bucket via scripts.
- With third party backint tools— There are many third-party tools from partners like Commvault and Veritas that use SAP backint interface and store backups directly in Amazon S3 buckets.

Storage

The storage services we use across this guide are:

Amazon EBS

<u>Amazon EBS</u> provides persistent storage for SAP applications and databases. EBS volume size can be increased or their type can be changed (for example, gp2 to io1) without downtime requirements. For more information, see Modifying Amazon EBS volume.

Once you have extended the volume, you need to extend the drive with your Linux volume manager software.

Amazon S3

<u>Amazon S3</u> does not need you to explicitly provision storage at all – you simply pay for what you use.

Operating System Maintenance

Operating system maintenance across large estates of EC2 instances can be managed by:

• Tools specific to each operating system such as <u>SUSE Manager</u> and <u>Red Hat Smart Management</u>.

- 3rd party products such as those available on the AWS Marketplace.
- Using AWS Systems Manager.

Here are some key operating system maintenance tasks that can help with:

Patching

Follow SAP recommended patching processes to update your landscape on AWS. For operating system patching, with AWS Systems Manager <u>Patch Manager</u> you can roll out OS patches as per your corporate policies. There are multiple key features such as:

- Scheduling based on tags
- Auto-approving patches with lists of approved and rejected patches
- Defining patch baselines

AWS Systems Manager Patch Manager integrates with IAM, AWS CloudTrail, and Amazon CloudWatch Events to provide a secure patching experience that includes event notifications and the ability to audit usage. For details about the process, see <u>How Patch Manager Operations Work</u>. If AWS Systems Manager Patch Manager does not fulfil your requirements, there are third-party products available as well. Some of these are available via the <u>AWS Marketplace</u>.

Maintenance Window

<u>AWS Systems Manager Maintenance Windows</u> enables you to define a schedule for when to perform potentially disruptive actions on your instances, such as patching an operating system, updating drivers, or installing software or patches.

Automation Using Documents

<u>AWS Systems Manager Automation</u> simplifies common maintenance and deployment tasks of Amazon EC2 instances and other AWS resources. Automation enables you to do the following:

- Build automation workflows to configure and manage instances and AWS resources.
- Create custom workflows or use pre-defined workflows maintained by AWS.
- Receive notifications about Automation tasks and workflows by using Amazon CloudWatch Events.
- Monitor automation progress and execution details by using the Amazon EC2 or the AWS Systems Manager console.

Business Continuity

AWS recommends periodically scheduling business continuity process validations by executing disaster recovery tests. This planned activity helps to flush out any potential unknowns, and helps the organization deal with any real disaster in a streamlined manner. Depending on your disaster recovery architecture it may include:

- Backup/Recovery of databases from S3.
- Creation of systems from AMI and point-in-time recovery via snapshots.
- Changing EC2 instance size of pilot light systems.
- Validation of integration (AD/DNS, email, 3rd party, and more)

Support

SAP requires customers to have a minimum <u>AWS Business Support</u> plan with AWS. This ensures that any critical issues raised with SAP are also handled by AWS on priority. AWS business support provides a less than one-hour response time for production-down scenarios. You can also choose to have an AWS enterprise support plan, which provides a less than 15-minute response time for business-critical systems, along with other benefits. See <u>AWS Enterprise Support</u>.

For any SAP application issues, AWS suggests raising an incident with SAP via the SAP support portal. After the first level of investigation, SAP can redirect the incident to AWS support if they find an infrastructure related issue which needs to be managed by AWS. However, if you choose to raise support issues for SAP applications with AWS support, we cannot redirect the tickets to SAP. For any infrastructure related issues, you can raise the issue directly with AWS support.

Cost Optimization

Resources (CPU, memory, additional application servers, system copies for different tests/ validations and more) required the SAP landscape change over time. AWS recommends monitoring system utilization, and the need for existing systems, on a regular basis to take actions that will reduce cost. In cases of databases like IBM Db2 as we cannot scale out only opportunity to right size database server is by scaling up/down or shutting it down if not required. A few suggestions to consider:

 Consider reserved instances or savings plans over on-demand instances if your requirement is to run 24-7, 365 days a year. Reserved instances provide up to 75% discount over on-demand instances. See <u>Amazon EC2 pricing</u>.

- Consider running occasionally required systems like training and sandbox on-demand for the duration required.
- Monitor CPU and memory utilization overtime for other non-production systems like Dev/QA, and right-size them when possible.

Appendix 1: Testing on RHEL Setup

Test Case 1: Manual Failover

Procedure: Use the command pcs resource move <Db2 master resource name>.

[root@dbprim00 profile]# pcs resource move Db2_HADR_STJ-master Warning: Creating location constraint cli-ban-Db2_HADR_STJ-master-on-dbprim00 with a score of -INFINITY for resource Db2_HADR_STJ-master on-dbprim00 with a score of -INFINITY for resource Db2_HADR_STJmaster on node dbprim00. This will prevent Db2_HADR_STJ-master from running on dbprim00 until the constraint is removed. This will be the case even if dbprim00 is the last node in the cluster. [root@dbprim00 profile]#

Expected result: The Db2 primary node is moved from primary node to standby node.

```
[root@dbprim00 profile]# pcs status
Cluster name: db2ha
Stack: corosync
Current DC: dbsec00 (version 1.1.18-11.el7_5.4-2b07d5c5a9) - partition with quorum
Last updated: Sat Feb 8 08:54:04 2020
Last change: Sat Feb 8 08:53:02 2020 by root via crm_resource on dbprim00
2 nodes configured
4 resources configured
Online: [ dbprim00 dbsec00 ]
Full list of resources:
clusterfence (stonith:fence_aws): Started dbprim00
```

```
Master/Slave Set: Db2_HADR_STJ-master [Db2_HADR_STJ]
Masters: [ dbsec00 ]
Stopped: [ dbprim00 ]
db2-oip (ocf::heartbeat:aws-vpc-move-ip): Started dbsec00
Daemon Status:
corosync: active/enabled
pacemaker: active/enabled
pcsd: active/enabled
[root@dbprim00 profile]#
```

Followup actions: Remove the location constraint.

When using a manual command for moving the resource, there is location constraint created on the node (in this case, the primary node) that prevents running the Db2 resource in standby mode.

To remove the location constraint:

1. Use the following command to remove the location constraint:

```
# pcs config show
Location Constraints:
Resource: Db2_HADR_STJ-master
Disabled on: dbprim00 (score:-INFINITY) (role: Started) (id:cli-ban-
Db2_HADR_STJ-master-on-dbprim00)
[root@dbprim00 profile]# pcs constraint delete cli-ban-Db2_HADR_STJ-master-on-
dbprim00
```

2. Start the Db2 instance as standby on the new standby node, logged in as db2<sid>. Next, clean up the error logged in as root.

```
db2stj> db2start
02/08/2020 09:11:29 0 0 SQL1063N DB2START processing was successful.
SQL1063N DB2START processing was successful.
db2stj> db2 start hadr on database STJ as standby
DB20000I The START HADR ON DATABASE command completed successfully.
```

```
[root@dbprim00 ~]# pcs resource cleanup
    Cleaned up all resources on all nodes
    [root@dbprim00 ~]# pcs status
    Cluster name: db2ha
    Stack: corosync
    Current DC: dbsec00 (version 1.1.18-11.el7_5.4-2b07d5c5a9) - partition with
quorum
    Last updated: Sat Feb 8 09:13:17 2020
    Last change: Sat Feb 8 09:12:26 2020 by hacluster via crmd on dbprim00
    2 nodes configured
    4 resources configured
    Online: [ dbprim00 dbsec00 ]
    Full list of resources:
    clusterfence (stonith:fence_aws): Started dbprim00
    Master/Slave Set: Db2_HADR_STJ-master [Db2_HADR_STJ]
         Masters: [ dbsec00 ]
         Slaves: [ dbprim00 ]
                                                     Started dbsec00
                   (ocf::heartbeat:aws-vpc-move-ip):
    db2-oip
    Daemon Status:
         corosync: active/enabled
         pacemaker: active/enabled
         pcsd: active/enabled
    [root@dbprim00 ~]#
```

Test Case 2: Shut Down the Primary EC2 Instance

Procedure: Using AWS Console or CLI to stop the EC2 instance and simulate EC2 failure.

Expected result: The Db2 primary node is moved to the standby server.

```
[root@dbsec00 db2stj]# pcs status
Cluster name: db2ha
Stack: corosync
Current DC: dbsec00 (version 1.1.18-11.el7_5.4-2b07d5c5a9) - partition with quorum
Last updated: Sat Feb 8 09:44:16 2020
```

```
Last change: Sat Feb 8 09:31:39 2020 by hacluster via crmd on dbsec00
2 nodes configured
4 resources configured
Online: [ dbsec00 ]
OFFLINE: [ dbprim00 ]
Full list of resources:
clusterfence
               (stonith:fence_aws):
                                       Started dbsec00
Master/Slave Set: Db2_HADR_STJ-master [Db2_HADR_STJ]
     Masters: [ dbsec00 ]
     Stopped: [ dbprim00 ]
               (ocf::heartbeat:aws-vpc-move-ip):
                                                       Started dbsec00
db2-oip
Daemon Status:
     corosync: active/enabled
     pacemaker: active/enabled
     pcsd: active/enabled
```

Followup action: Start the EC2 instance and then start Db2 as standby on the standby instance as you did in Test Case 1. Do not include location constraint removal this time.

Test Case 3: Stop the Db2 Instance on the Primary Instance

Procedure: Log in to the Db2 primary instance as db2<sid> (db2stj) and run db2stop force.

```
db2stj> db2stop force
02/12/2020 12:40:03   0   0   SQL1064N  DB2STOP processing was successful.
SQL1064N  DB2STOP processing was successful.
```

Expected result: The Db2 primary node is failed over to standby server. The standby node continues to be on the old primary in a stopped state. There is a failed monitoring action.

```
[root@dbsec00 db2stj]# pcs status
Cluster name: db2ha
Stack: corosync
```

```
Current DC: dbsec00 (version 1.1.18-11.el7_5.4-2b07d5c5a9) - partition with quorum
    Last updated: Wed Feb 12 16:55:56 2020
    Last change: Wed Feb 12 13:58:11 2020 by hacluster via crmd on dbsec00
    2 nodes configured
    4 resources configured
    Online: [ dbprim00 dbsec00 ]
    Full list of resources:
    clusterfence
                   (stonith:fence_aws):
                                           Started dbsec00
    Master/Slave Set: Db2_HADR_STJ-master [Db2_HADR_STJ]
        Masters: [ dbsec00 ]
        Stopped: [ dbprim00 ]
    db2-oip
                   (ocf::heartbeat:aws-vpc-move-ip): Started dbsec00
   Failed Actions:
   * Db2_HADR_STJ_start_0 on dbprim00 'unknown error' (1): call=34, status=complete,
exitreason='',
   last-rc-change='Wed Feb 12 16:55:32 2020', gueued=1ms, exec=6749ms
   Daemon Status:
      corosync: active/enabled
      pacemaker: active/enabled
   pcsd: active/enabled
   [root@dbsec00 db2stj]#
```

Followup action: Start the EC2 instance, then start Db2 as standby on the standby instance as you did in <u>Test Case 2</u>. Clear the failed monitoring error.

Test Case 4: End the Db2 Process (db2sysc) on the Node that Runs the Primary Database

Procedure: Log in to the Db2 primary instance as root and then run ps -ef|grep db2sysc. Note the process ID (PID) and then end it.

```
[root@dbprim00 ~]# ps -ef|grep db2sysc
root 5809 30644 0 18:54 pts/1 00:00:00 grep --color=auto
```

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db2sysc db2stj 26982 26980 0 17:12 pts/0 00:00:28 db2sysc 0 [root@dbprim00 ~]# **kill -9 26982**

Expected result: The Db2 primary node is failed over to the standby server. The standby node is in the old primary in a stopped state.

```
[root@dbprim00 ~]# pcs status
    Cluster name: db2ha
    Stack: corosync
    Current DC: dbsec00 (version 1.1.18-11.el7_5.4-2b07d5c5a9) - partition with quorum
    Last updated: Wed Feb 12 18:54:50 2020
    Last change: Wed Feb 12 18:53:12 2020 by hacluster via crmd on dbsec00
    2 nodes configured
    4 resources configured
   Online: [ dbprim00 dbsec00 ]
    Full list of resources:
    clusterfence (stonith:fence_aws):
                                          Started dbsec00
    Master/Slave Set: Db2_HADR_STJ-master [Db2_HADR_STJ]
       Masters: [ dbsec00 ]
        Stopped: [ dbprim00 ]
                   (ocf::heartbeat:aws-vpc-move-ip): Started dbsec00
    db2-oip
    Failed Actions:
    * Db2_HADR_STJ_start_0 on dbprim00 'unknown error' (1): call=57, status=complete,
exitreason='',
   last-rc-change='Wed Feb 12 18:54:37 2020', queued=0ms, exec=6777ms
    Daemon Status:
       corosync: active/enabled
       pacemaker: active/enabled
       pcsd: active/enabled
```

Followup action: Start the EC2 instance and start Db2 as standby on the standby instance, as you did in Test Case 2. Clear the failed monitoring alert.

Test Case 5: End the Db2 Process (db2sysc) on the Node that Runs the Standby Database

Procedure: Log in to the Db2 standby instance as root and run ps -ef|grep db2sysc. Note the PID and then end it.

```
[root@dbsec00 db2stj]# ps -ef|grep db2sysc
db2stj 24194 24192 1 11:55 pts/1 00:00:01 db2sysc 0
root 26153 4461 0 11:57 pts/0 00:00:00 grep --color=auto
db2sysc
[root@dbsec00 db2stj]# kill -9 24194
```

Expected result: The db2sysc process is restarted on the Db2 standby instance. There is a monitoring failure event record in the cluster.

```
[root@dbprim00 ~]# pcs status
    Cluster name: db2ha
    Stack: corosync
    Current DC: dbsec00 (version 1.1.18-11.el7_5.4-2b07d5c5a9) - partition with quorum
    Last updated: Fri Feb 14 11:59:22 2020
    Last change: Fri Feb 14 11:55:54 2020 by hacluster via crmd on dbsec00
    2 nodes configured
    4 resources configured
    Online: [ dbprim00 dbsec00 ]
    Full list of resources:
    clusterfence
                   (stonith:fence_aws):
                                           Started dbsec00
    Master/Slave Set: Db2_HADR_STJ-master [Db2_HADR_STJ]
       Masters: [ dbprim00 ]
        Slaves: [ dbsec00 ]
    db2-oip
                   (ocf::heartbeat:aws-vpc-move-ip):
                                                           Started dbprim00
    Failed Actions:
    * Db2_HADR_STJ_monitor_20000 on dbsec00 'not running' (7): call=345,
status=complete, exitreason='',
   last-rc-change='Fri Feb 14 11:57:57 2020', queued=0ms, exec=0ms
```

```
Daemon Status:
    corosync: active/enabled
    pacemaker: active/enabled
    pcsd: active/enabled
[root@dbsec00 db2stj]# ps -ef|grep db2sysc
db2stj 26631 26629 1 11:57 ? 00:00:01 db2sysc 0
root 27811 4461 0 11:58 pts/0 00:00:00 grep --color=auto db2sysc
```

Follow-up action: Clear the monitoring error.

Test Case 6: Simulating a Crash of the Node that Runs the Primary Db2

Procedure: Log in to the Db2 primary instance as root and run echo 'c' > /proc/sysrq-trigger.

Expected result: The primary Db2 should failover to standby node. The standby is in a stopped state on the previous primary.

```
[root@dbsec00 ~]# pcs status
Cluster name: db2ha
Stack: corosync
Current DC: dbsec00 (version 1.1.18-11.el7_5.4-2b07d5c5a9) - partition with quorum
```

```
Last updated: Fri Feb 21 15:38:43 2020
    Last change: Fri Feb 21 15:33:17 2020 by hacluster via crmd on dbsec00
    2 nodes configured
    4 resources configured
    Online: [ dbprim00 dbsec00 ]
    Full list of resources:
     clusterfence (stonith:fence_aws): Started dbsec00
     Master/Slave Set: Db2_HADR_STJ-master [Db2_HADR_STJ]
       Masters: [ dbsec00 ]
        Stopped: [ dbprim00 ]
                   (ocf::heartbeat:aws-vpc-move-ip): Started dbsec00
     db2-oip
    Failed Actions:
    * Db2_HADR_STJ_start_0 on dbprim00 'unknown error' (1): call=15, status=complete,
exitreason='',
    last-rc-change='Fri Feb 21 15:38:31 2020', queued=0ms, exec=7666ms
    Daemon Status:
       corosync: active/enabled
       pacemaker: active/enabled
       pcsd: active/enabled
```

Followup action: Start the EC2 instance and then start Db2 as standby on the standby instance as you did in <u>Test Case 2</u>. Clear the monitoring error.

Appendix 2: Testing on SLES Setup

Test Case 1: Manual Failover

Procedure: Use the command crm resource move <Db2 primary resource name> force to move the primary Db2 instance to standby node.

dbprim00: # crm resource move msl_db2_db2stj_STJ force INFO: Move constraint created for rsc_db2_db2stj_STJ **Expected result**: The Db2 primary node is moved from the primary node (dbprim00) to the standby node (dbsec00).

```
dbprim00:~ # crm status
   Stack: corosync
   Current DC: dbsec00 (version
1.1.19+20181105.ccd6b5b10-3.16.1-1.1.19+20181105.ccd6b5b10) - partition with quorum
   Last updated: Sat Apr 25 19:03:20 2020
   Last change: Sat Apr 25 19:02:26 2020 by root via crm_resource on dbprim00
    2 nodes configured
   4 resources configured
   Online: [ dbprim00 dbsec00 ]
    Full list of resources:
   res_AWS_STONITH (stonith:external/ec2): Started dbsec00
   Master/Slave Set: msl_db2_db2stj_STJ [rsc_db2_db2stj_STJ]
       Masters: [ dbsec00 ]
       Stopped: [ dbprim00 ]
                  (ocf::suse:aws-vpc-move-ip): Started dbsec00
    res_AWS_IP
```

Follow-up actions: Start the Db2 instance as standby on the new standby node, logged in as db2<sid>. Clean up the error logged in as root.

```
db2stj> db2start
04/25/2020 19:05:27 0 0 SQL1063N DB2START processing was successful.
SQL1063N DB2START processing was successful.
db2stj> db2 start hadr on database STJ as standby
DB20000I The START HADR ON DATABASE command completed successfully.
```

Remove location constraint: When using a manual command to move the resource, there is a location constraint created on the node (in this case primary node) which is run, preventing the Db2 resource from running in standby mode.

Use the following command to remove the location constraint.

dbprim00: # crm resource clear msl_db2_db2stj_STJ

Once the constraint is removed, the standby instance starts automatically.

```
# dbprim00: # crm status
    Stack: corosync
    Current DC: dbsec00 (version
1.1.19+20181105.ccd6b5b10-3.16.1-1.1.19+20181105.ccd6b5b10) - partition with quorum
    Last updated: Sat Apr 25 19:05:29 2020
    Last change: Sat Apr 25 19:05:18 2020 by root via crm_resource on dbprim00
    2 nodes configured
    4 resources configured
    Online: [ dbprim00 dbsec00 ]
    Full list of resources:
    res_AWS_STONITH
                          (stonith:external/ec2): Started dbsec00
    Master/Slave Set: msl_db2_db2stj_STJ [rsc_db2_db2stj_STJ]
        Masters: [ dbsec00 ]
        Slaves: [ dbprim00 ]
    res_AWS_IP
                  (ocf::suse:aws-vpc-move-ip):
                                                  Started dbsec00
```

Test Case 2: Shut Down the Primary EC2 Instance

Procedure: Using AWS console or CLI, stop the EC2 instance to simulate EC2 failure.

Expected Result: The Db2 primary node is moved to a standby server (dbsec00).

```
dbsec00:~ # crm status
Stack: corosync
Current DC: dbsec00 (version
1.1.19+20181105.ccd6b5b10) - partition with quorum
```

```
Last updated: Sat Apr 25 19:19:32 2020
Last change: Sat Apr 25 19:18:16 2020 by root via crm_resource on dbprim00
2 nodes configured
4 resources configured
Online: [ dbsec00 ]
OFFLINE: [ dbprim00 ]
Full list of resources:
res_AWS_STONITH (stonith:external/ec2): Started dbsec00
Master/Slave Set: msl_db2_db2stj_STJ [rsc_db2_db2stj_STJ]
Masters: [ dbsec00 ]
Stopped: [ dbprim00 ]
res_AWS_IP (ocf::suse:aws-vpc-move-ip): Started dbsec00
```

Follow-up action: Start the EC2 instance and the standby node should start on dbprim00.

Test Case 3: Stop the Db2 Instance on the Primary Instance

Procedure: Log in to the Db2 primary instance (dbprim00) as db2<sid> (db2stj) and run db2stop force.

```
db2stj> db2stop force
02/12/2020 12:40:03 0 0 SQL1064N DB2STOP processing was successful.
SQL1064N DB2STOP processing was successful.
```

Expected result: The Db2 primary node will failover on primary instance. The standby remains on the standby instance. There is a failed resource alert.

```
dbsec00:~ # crm status
Stack: corosync
Current DC: dbsec00 (version
1.1.19+20181105.ccd6b5b10-3.16.1-1.1.19+20181105.ccd6b5b10) - partition with quorum
Last updated: Sat Apr 25 19:29:38 2020
Last change: Sat Apr 25 19:23:04 2020 by root via crm_resource on dbprim00
```

```
2 nodes configured
4 resources configured
Online: [ dbprim00 dbsec00 ]
Full list of resources:
res_AWS_STONITH (stonith:external/ec2): Started dbprim00
Master/Slave Set: msl_db2_db2stj_STJ [rsc_db2_db2stj_STJ]
Masters: [ dbprim00 ]
Slaves: [ dbsec00 ]
res_AWS_IP (ocf::suse:aws-vpc-move-ip): Started dbprim00
Failed Resource Actions:
* rsc_db2_db2stj_STJ_demote_0 on dbprim00 'unknown error' (1): call=74,
status=complete, exitreason='',
last-rc-change='Sat Apr 25 19:27:21 2020', queued=0ms, exec=175ms
```

Followup action: Clear the failed cluster action.

```
dbsec00:~ # crm resource cleanup
Waiting for 1 reply from the CRMd. OK
```

Test Case 4: End the Db2 Process (db2sysc) on the Node that Runs the Primary Database

Procedure: Log in to the Db2 primary instance as root and run ps -ef|grep db2sysc. Note the PID and then end it.

```
dbprim00:~ # ps -ef|grep db2sysc
db2stj 11690 11688 0 19:27 ?
root 15814 4907 0 19:31 pts/0
[root@dbprim00 ~]# kill -9 11690
```

00:00:02 db2sysc 0 00:00:00 grep --color=auto db2sysc

Expected result: The Db2 primary node is restarted on the primary instance. The standby node remains on the standby instance. There is a failed resource alert.

```
dbsec00:~ # crm status
    Stack: corosync
    Current DC: dbsec00 (version
1.1.19+20181105.ccd6b5b10-3.16.1-1.1.19+20181105.ccd6b5b10) - partition with quorum
    Last updated: Sat Apr 25 19:29:38 2020
    Last change: Sat Apr 25 19:23:04 2020 by root via crm_resource on dbprim00
    2 nodes configured
    4 resources configured
    Online: [ dbprim00 dbsec00 ]
    Full list of resources:
    res AWS STONITH
                          (stonith:external/ec2): Started dbprim00
    Master/Slave Set: msl_db2_db2stj_STJ [rsc_db2_db2stj_STJ]
       Masters: [ dbprim00 ]
        Slaves: [ dbsec00 ]
                   (ocf::suse:aws-vpc-move-ip): Started dbprim00
    res_AWS_IP
    Failed Resource Actions:
    * rsc_db2_db2stj_STJ_demote_0 on dbprim00 'unknown error' (1): call=74,
status=complete, exitreason='',
   last-rc-change='Sat Apr 25 19:27:21 2020', queued=0ms, exec=175ms
```

Followup action: Clear the failed cluster action.

dbsec00:~ # crm resource cleanup
Waiting for 1 reply from the CRMd. OK

Test Case 5: End the Db2 Process (db2sysc) on the Node that Runs the Standby Database

Procedure: Log in to the standby DB instance (dbsec00) as root, then run ps -ef|grep db2sysc. Note the PID and then end it.

```
dbsec00:~ # ps -ef| grep db2syscdb2stj16245 16243019:23?00:00:04 db2sysc0root28729 28657019:38 pts/000:00:00 grep --color=auto db2syscdbsec00:~ # kill -916245
```

Expected result: The db2sysc process is restarted on the standby DB instance. There is a monitoring failure event recorded in the cluster.

```
dbsec00:~ # crm status
    Stack: corosync
    Current DC: dbsec00 (version
1.1.19+20181105.ccd6b5b10-3.16.1-1.1.19+20181105.ccd6b5b10) - partition with quorum
    Last updated: Sat Apr 25 19:40:23 2020
    Last change: Sat Apr 25 19:23:04 2020 by root via crm_resource on dbprim00
    2 nodes configured
    4 resources configured
    Online: [ dbprim00 dbsec00 ]
    Full list of resources:
    res_AWS_STONITH
                          (stonith:external/ec2): Started dbprim00
    Master/Slave Set: msl_db2_db2stj_STJ [rsc_db2_db2stj_STJ]
        Masters: [ dbprim00 ]
        Slaves: [ dbsec00 ]
                   (ocf::suse:aws-vpc-move-ip): Started dbprim00
    res_AWS_IP
    Failed Resource Actions:
    * rsc_db2_db2stj_STJ_monitor_30000 on dbsec00 'not running' (7): call=387,
status=complete, exitreason='',
   last-rc-change='Sat Apr 25 19:39:24 2020', queued=0ms, exec=0ms
```

Followup action: Clear the monitoring error.

```
dbsec00:~ # crm resource cleanup
Waiting for 1 reply from the CRMd. OK
```

Test Case 6: Simulating a Crash of the Node that Runs the Primary Db2

Procedure: Log in to the Db2 primary instance as root, then run echo 'c' > /proc/sysrq-trigger.

```
dbprim00:~ # echo 'c' > /proc/sysrq-trigger
Session stopped
    - Press <return> to exit tab
    - Press R to restart session
    - Press S to save terminal output to file
Network error: Software caused connection abort
```

Expected result: The primary Db2 should failover to standby node.vThe standby is in a stopped state on the previous primary (dbprim00).

```
[root@dbsec00 ~]# crm status
    Cluster name: db2ha
    Stack: corosync
    Current DC: dbsec00 (version 1.1.18-11.el7_5.4-2b07d5c5a9) - partition with quorum
    Last updated: Fri Feb 21 15:38:43 2020
   Last change: Fri Feb 21 15:33:17 2020 by hacluster via crmd on dbsec00
    2 nodes configured
    4 resources configured
   Online: [ dbprim00 dbsec00 ]
    Full list of resources:
    clusterfence
                  (stonith:fence_aws):
                                           Started dbsec00
   Master/Slave Set: Db2_HADR_STJ-master [Db2_HADR_STJ]
       Masters: [ dbsec00 ]
       Stopped: [ dbprim00 ]
    db2-oip
                  (ocf::heartbeat:aws-vpc-move-ip): Started dbsec00
    Failed Actions:
    * Db2_HADR_STJ_start_0 on dbprim00 'unknown error' (1): call=15, status=complete,
exitreason='',
   last-rc-change='Fri Feb 21 15:38:31 2020', queued=0ms, exec=7666ms
```

Daemon Status: corosync: active/enabled pacemaker: active/enabled pcsd: active/enabled

Followup action: Start the EC2 instance and then start Db2 as standby on the standby instance as you did in <u>Test Case 2</u>.

FAQ

Question: Can I use Database Migration Service to migrate and deploy SAP NetWeaver on IBM Db2 based applications?

Answer: No, AWS DMS supports IBM Db2 as a source, but it is not certified by SAP for SAP NetWeaver-based applications.

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SAP on AWS - IBM Db2 with Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP

Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP is a fully managed service that provides highly reliable, scalable, high-performing, and feature-rich file storage built on NetApp's popular ONTAP file system. You can now deploy and operate SAP applications using IBM Db2 on AWS with FSx for ONTAP. For more information, see <u>Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP</u>.

If you are a first-time user, see <u>How Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP works</u>.

This guide covers the following topics.

- the section called "Instances and sizing"
- the section called "FSx for ONTAP"
- the section called "Host setup"
- the section called "Installation"

Instances and sizing

The following rules and limitations are applicable for deploying SAP applications on AWS using IBM Db2 with FSx for ONTAP.

- Amazon EC2 instance where you plan to deploy your IBM Db2 database and FSx for ONTAP must be in the same subnet.
- Use separate storage virtual machines (SVM) for IBM Db2 data and log volumes. This ensures that your I/O traffic flows through different IP addresses and TCP sessions.
- /db2/<DBSID>/sapdata1, /db2/<DBSID>/sapdata<x>, /db2/<DBSID>/log_dir, /db2/< <DBSID>/saptmp<x>, /db2/<DBSID>/log_arch, and /usr/sap must have their own FSx for ONTAP volume.
- FSx for ONTAP creates endpoints for accessing your file system in a Amazon VPC route table. FSx for ONTAP uses your Amazon VPC main route table. We recommend configuring your file system to use all of your Amazon VPC route tables that are associated with the subnets in which your clients are located. Alternatively, you can specify one or more route tables for Amazon FSx to use when you create your file system.

Topics

- Supported instance types
- Sizing

Supported instance types

Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP is supported for SAP applications using IBM Db2 database in a Single or Multi-Availability Zone deployment. You can use FSx for ONTAP as the primary storage solution for IBM Db2 database devices and backup volumes with supported Amazon EC2 instances. For a complete list of supported Amazon EC2 instances for IBM Db2, see <u>SAP Note 1656099 - SAP Applications on Amazon EC2</u>: Supported DB/OS and Amazon EC2 products (requires SAP portal access).

Sizing

🚯 Note

A single FSx for ONTAP file system can provide a maximum output of 80,000 IOPS. Select multiple FSx for ONTAP file systems if your IO requirement exceeds 80,000 IOPS. For more information, see <u>Performance details</u>.

You can configure the throughput capacity of FSx for ONTAP when you create a new file system by scaling up to 2 GB/s of read throughput and 750 MB/s of write throughput in a single Availability Zone deployment. For more information, see <u>Performance details</u>.

FSx for ONTAP for IBM Db2

Before you create FSx for ONTAP file system, determine the total storage space you need for your IBM Db2 system. You can increase the storage size later. To decrease the storage size, you must create a new file system.

To create a FSx for ONTAP file system, see <u>Step 1: Create an Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP file</u> <u>system</u>. For more information, see <u>Managing FSx for ONTAP file systems</u>.

Topics

- Volume configuration and layout
- File system setup

Volume configuration and layout

The storage capacity of your file system should align with the needs of your IBM Db2 system volumes. You must also consider the capacity required for snapshots, if applicable.

The following table lists the recommended minimum sizes per volume.

Volume name	Junction name	Linux mount points
<sid>-usrsap</sid>	/ <sid>-usrsap</sid>	/usr/sap
<sid>-sapmnt</sid>	/ <sid>-sapmnt</sid>	/sapmnt
<dbsid>-db2dbsid</dbsid>	/ <dbsid>-db2dbsid</dbsid>	/db2/db2 <db2sid></db2sid>
<dbsid>-dbpath</dbsid>	/ <dbsid>-dbpath</dbsid>	/db2/ <dbsid></dbsid>
<dbsid>-sapdata1</dbsid>	/ <dbsid>-sapdata1</dbsid>	/db2/ <dbsid>/sapdata1</dbsid>
<dbsid>-sapdata<x></x></dbsid>	<pre>/<dbsid>-sapdata<x></x></dbsid></pre>	/db2/ <dbsid>/sapdata<x></x></dbsid>
<dbsid>-saptmp1</dbsid>	/ <dbsid>-saptmp1</dbsid>	/db2/ <dbsid>/saptmp1</dbsid>
<dbsid>-saptmp<x></x></dbsid>	/ <dbsid>-saptmp<x></x></dbsid>	/db2/ <dbsid>/saptmp<x></x></dbsid>
<dbsid>-logdir</dbsid>	/ <dbsid>-logdir</dbsid>	/db2/ <dbsid>/log_dir</dbsid>
<dbsid>-logarch</dbsid>	/ <dbsid>-logarch</dbsid>	/db2/ <dbsid>/log_arch</dbsid>
<dbsid>-db2dump</dbsid>	/ <dbsid>-db2dump</dbsid>	/db2/ <dbsid>/db2dump</dbsid>
<dbsid>-backup</dbsid>	/ <dbsid>-backup</dbsid>	/db2backup

File system setup

After creating a FSx for ONTAP file system, you must complete additional file system setup.

Set administrative password

If you did not create an administrative password during FSx for ONTAP file system creation, you must set an ONTAP administrative password for fsxadmin user.

The administrative password enables you to access the file system via SSH, the ONTAP CLI, and REST API. To use tools like NetApp SnapCenter, you must have an administrative password.

Sign in to the management endpoint via SSH

Get the DNS name of the management endpoint from AWS console. Sign in to the management endpoint via SSH, using the fsxadmin user and administrative password.

ssh fsxadmin@management.<file-system-id>.fsx.<aws-region>.amazonaws.com Password:

Set TCP max transfer size

We recommend a TCP max transfer size of 262,144 for your IBM Db2 systems. Elevate the privilege level to *advanced* and use the following command on each SVM.

```
set advanced
nfs modify -vserver <svm> -tcp-max-xfer-size 262144
set admin
```

Disable snapshots

FSx for ONTAP automatically enables a snapshot policy for volumes that take hourly snapshots. The default policy offers limited value due to missing application awareness. We recommend disabling the automatic snapshots by setting the policy to none.

```
volume modify -vserver <vserver-name> -volume <volume-name> -snapshot-policy none
```

Host setup for IBM Db2 systems

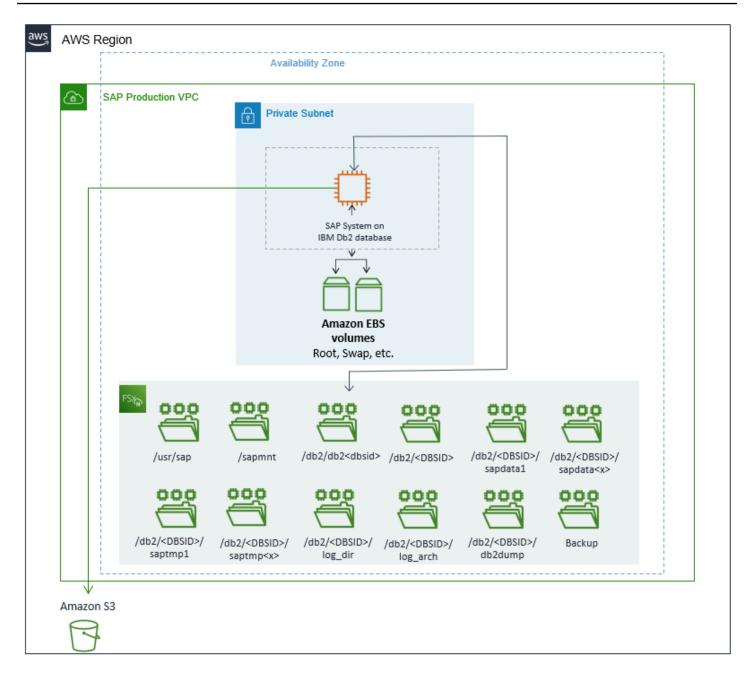
This section walks you through an example host setup for deploying an IBM Db2 system on AWS using Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP as the primary storage solution.

Topics

- Architecture diagram
- Linux kernel parameters
- Network File System (NFS)
- Create mount points
- Mount file systems

Architecture diagram

The following diagram presents the setup for IBM Db2 system with FSx for ONTAP.



Linux kernel parameters

Create a file named 91-NetApp-DB2.conf with the following configurations in the /etc/ sysctl.d directory.

```
net.core.rmem_max = 16777216
net.core.wmem_max = 16777216
net.ipv4.tcp_rmem = 4096 131072 16777216
net.ipv4.tcp_wmem = 4096 16384 16777216
```

```
net.core.netdev_max_backlog = 300000
net.ipv4.tcp_slow_start_after_idle=0
net.ipv4.tcp_no_metrics_save = 1
net.ipv4.tcp_moderate_rcvbuf = 1
net.ipv4.tcp_window_scaling = 1
net.ipv4.tcp_timestamps = 1
net.ipv4.tcp_sack = 1
```

Increase the max sessions slots for NFSv4 to 180.

echo options nfs max_session_slots=180 > /etc/modprobe.d/nfsclient.conf

Set sunrpc.tcp_slot_table_entries = 128 in /etc/sysctl.conf.

You must reboot your instance for the kernel parameters and NFS settings to take effect.

Network File System (NFS)

Network File System (NFS) version 4 and higher requires user authentication. You can authenticate with Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) server or local user accounts.

If you are using local user accounts, the NFSv4 domain must be set to the same value on all Linux servers and SVMs. Set the following parameters in the /etc/idmapd.conf file on the Linux hosts.

```
Domain = <domain name>
Nobody-User = root
Nobody-Group = root
```

🚯 Note

You must restart the nfs-idmapd.service service after making changes to the domain.

Create mount points

Create the following mount points on your Amazon EC2 instance.

mkdir	-p	/sapmnt
mkdir	-p	/usr/sap
mkdir	-p	/db2/db2 <dbsid></dbsid>
mkdir	-p	/db2/ <dbsid></dbsid>
mkdir	-p	/db2/ <dbsid>/sapdata1</dbsid>
mkdir	-p	/db2/ <dbsid>/sapdata<x></x></dbsid>
mkdir	-p	/db2/ <dbsid>/saptmp1</dbsid>
mkdir	-p	/db2/ <dbsid>/saptmp<x></x></dbsid>
mkdir	-p	/db2/ <dbsid>/db2dump</dbsid>
mkdir	-p	/db2/ <dbsid>/log_dir</dbsid>
mkdir	-p	/db2/ <dbsid>/log_arch</dbsid>
mkdir	-p	/db2backup

Mount file systems

The created file systems must be mounted as NFS file systems on Amazon EC2. The following table is an example recommendation of NFS options for different IBM Db2 file systems.

File systems	NFS mount options			
	Common	NFS version	NFS transfer size	nconnect
Db2 data	rw,bg,har d,timeo=6 00,noatime,	vers=4,mi norversio n=1,lock,	rsize=262 144,wsize =262144,	nconnect=8
Db2 log	rw,bg,har d,timeo=6 00,noatime,	vers=4,mi norversio n=1,lock,	rsize=262 144,wsize =262144,	nconnect=2
Backup	rw,bg,har d,timeo=6 00,noatime,	vers=4,mi norversio n=1,lock,	rsize=262 144,wsize =262144,	nconnect=2
Db2 binary	rw,bg,har d,timeo=6 00,noatime,	vers=4,mi norversio n=1,lock,	rsize=262 144,wsize =262144,	nconnect=2

- Changes to the nconnect parameter take effect only if the NFS file system is unmounted and mounted again.
- Client systems must have unique host names when accessing FSx for ONTAP. If there are systems with the same name, the second system may not be able to access FSx for ONTAP.
- For RHEL operating system, the nconnect parameter is supported only on RHEL 8.3 or higher.

Example

Add the following lines to /etc/fstab to preserve mounted file systems during an instance reboot. You can then run mount -a to mount the NFS file systems.

```
<SVM NFSIP>:/<SID>-sapmnt /sapmnt nfs
rw, bg, hard, timeo=600, noatime, vers=4, minorversion=1, lock, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, nconnect=2
<SVM NFSIP>:/<SID>-usrsap /usr/sap nfs
rw, bg, hard, timeo=600, noatime, vers=4, minorversion=1, lock, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, nconnect=2
<SVM NFSIP>:/<DBSID>-db2dbsid /db2/db2<dbsid> nfs
rw, bg, hard, timeo=600, noatime, vers=4, minorversion=1, lock, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, nconnect=2
<SVM NFSIP>:/<DBSID>-dbpath /db2/<DBSID> nfs
rw, bg, hard, timeo=600, noatime, vers=4, minorversion=1, lock, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, nconnect=2
<SVM NFSIP>:/<DBSID>-sapdata1 /db2/<DBSID>/sapdata1 nfs
rw, bg, hard, timeo=600, noatime, vers=4, minorversion=1, lock, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, nconnect=8
<SVM NFSIP>:/<DBSID>-sapdata<x> /db2/<DBSID>/sapdata<x> nfs
rw, bg, hard, timeo=600, noatime, vers=4, minorversion=1, lock, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, nconnect=8
<SVM NFSIP>:/<DBSID>-saptmp1 /db2/<DBSID>/saptmp1 nfs
rw, bg, hard, timeo=600, noatime, vers=4, minorversion=1, lock, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, nconnect=2
<SVM NFSIP>:/<DBSID>-saptmp<x> /db2/<DBSID>/saptmp<x> nfs
rw, bg, hard, timeo=600, noatime, vers=4, minorversion=1, lock, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, nconnect=2
<SVM NFSIP>:/<DBSID>-logdir /db2/<DBSID>/log_dir nfs
rw, bg, hard, timeo=600, noatime, vers=4, minorversion=1, lock, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, nconnect=2
<SVM NFSIP>:/<DBSID>-logarch /db2/<DBSID>/log_arch nfs
rw, bg, hard, timeo=600, noatime, vers=4, minorversion=1, lock, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, nconnect=2
<SVM NFSIP>:/<DBSID>-db2dump /db2/<DBSID>/db2dump nfs
rw, bg, hard, timeo=600, noatime, vers=4, minorversion=1, lock, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, nconnect=2
<SVM NFSIP>:/<DBSID>-backup /db2backup nfs
rw, bg, hard, timeo=600, noatime, vers=4, minorversion=1, lock, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, nconnect=2
```

IBM Db2 installation

You must install the IBM Db2 system as per the instructions provided by SAP. For more information, see Installation of SAP Systems Based on the Application Server ABAP of SAP NetWeaver 7.3 EHP1 to 7.52 on UNIX: IBM Db2 for Linux, UNIX, and Windows.

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SAP MaxDB on AWS with Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP

Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP is a fully managed service that provides highly reliable, scalable, high-performing, and feature-rich file storage built on NetApp's popular ONTAP file system. You can now deploy and operate SAP MaxDB on AWS with Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP. For more information, see <u>Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP</u>.

If you are a first-time user, see <u>How Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP works</u>.

This guide covers the following topics.

- the section called "Instances and sizing"
- the section called "FSx for ONTAP"
- the section called "Host setup"
- the section called "Installation"

Instances and sizing

The following rules and limitations are applicable for deploying SAP MaxDB on AWS with Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP.

- Amazon EC2 instance where you plan to deploy your SAP MaxDB system and FSx for ONTAP must be in the same subnet.
- Use separate storage virtual machines (SVM) for SAP MaxDB data and log volumes. This ensures that your I/O traffic flows through different IP addresses and TCP sessions.
- /sapdb/<SID>/sapdata, /sapdb/<SID>/saplog, /sapdb/<SID>/backup, and /usr/sap must have their own FSx for ONTAP volume.
- FSx for ONTAP creates endpoints for accessing your file system in a Amazon VPC route table. FSx for ONTAP uses your Amazon VPC main route table. We recommend configuring your file system to use all of your Amazon VPC route tables that are associated with the subnets in which your clients are located. Alternatively, you can specify one or more route tables for Amazon FSx to use when you create your file system.

Topics

• Supported instance types

Sizing

Supported instance types

Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP is supported for SAP MaxDB version 7.9.10 or higher (including liveCache) with SAP applications in a Single or Multi-Availability Zone deployment. You can use FSx for ONTAP as the primary storage solution for SAP MaxDB data, log, binary, and backup volumes with supported Amazon EC2 instances. For a complete list of supported Amazon EC2 instances for SAP MaxDB, see <u>SAP Note 1656099 - SAP Applications on Amazon EC2: Supported DB/OS and Amazon EC2 products</u> (requires SAP portal access).

Sizing

1 Note

A single FSx for ONTAP file system can provide a maximum output of 80,000 IOPS. Select multiple FSx for ONTAP file systems if your IO requirement exceeds 80,000 IOPS. For more information, see <u>Performance details</u>.

You can configure the throughput capacity of FSx for ONTAP when you create a new file system by scaling up to 2 GB/s of read throughput and 750 MB/s of write throughput in a single Availability Zone deployment. For more information, see <u>Performance details</u>.

FSx for ONTAP for SAP MaxDB

Before you create FSx for ONTAP file system, determine the total storage space you need for your SAP MaxDB system. You can increase the storage size later. To decrease the storage size, you must create a new file system.

To create a FSx for ONTAP file system, see <u>Step 1: Create an Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP file</u> <u>system</u>. For more information, see <u>Managing FSx for ONTAP file systems</u>.

Topics

- <u>Create storage virtual machines (SVM)</u>
- Volume configuration and layout

• File system setup

Create storage virtual machines (SVM)

You get one SVM per FSx for ONTAP file system by default. You can create additional SVMs at any time. We recommend a separate SVM for each volume. You don't need to join your file system to Active Directory for SAP MaxDB. For more information, see <u>Managing FSx for ONTAP storage</u> <u>virtual machines</u>.

Volume configuration and layout

The storage capacity of your file system should align with the needs of SAP MaxDB data, log, and backup volumes. We recommend creating a separate FSx for ONTAP file system for each of these volumes. You must also consider the capacity required for snapshots, if applicable.

The following table lists example recommendation sizes per volume.

Volume name	Junction name	Linux mount points
<dbsid>-sapmnt</dbsid>	<dbsid>-sapmnt</dbsid>	/sapmnt/
<dbsid>-usrsap</dbsid>	<dbsid>-usrsap</dbsid>	/usr/sap
<dbsid>-sapdata</dbsid>	<dbsid>-sapdata</dbsid>	/sapdb/ <dbsid>/sapdata</dbsid>
<dbsid>-saplog</dbsid>	<dbsid>-saplog</dbsid>	/sapdb/ <dbsid>/saplog</dbsid>
<dbsid>-backup</dbsid>	<dbsid>-backup</dbsid>	/sapdb/ <dbsid>/backup</dbsid>
<dbsid>-sapdb</dbsid>	<dbsid>-sapdb</dbsid>	/sapdb

File system setup

After creating a FSx for ONTAP file system, you must complete additional file system setup.

Set administrative password

If you did not create an administrative password during FSx for ONTAP file system creation, you must set an ONTAP administrative password for fsxadmin user.

The administrative password enables you to access the file system via SSH, the ONTAP CLI, and REST API. To use tools like NetApp SnapCenter, you must have an administrative password.

Sign in to the management endpoint via SSH

Get the DNS name of the management endpoint from AWS console. Sign in to the management endpoint via SSH, using the fsxadmin user and administrative password.

ssh fsxadmin@management.<file-system-id>.fsx.<aws-region>.amazonaws.com Password:

Set TCP max transfer size

We recommend a TCP max transfer size of 262,144 for your SAP MaxDB systems. Elevate the privilege level to *advanced* and use the following command on each SVM.

```
set advanced
nfs modify -vserver <svm> -tcp-max-xfer-size 262144
set admin
```

Disable snapshots

FSx for ONTAP automatically enables a snapshot policy for volumes that take hourly snapshots. The default policy offers limited value due to missing application awareness. We recommend disabling the automatic snapshots by setting the policy to none.

```
volume modify -vserver <vserver-name> -volume <volume-name> -snapshot-policy none
```

Host setup for SAP MaxDB

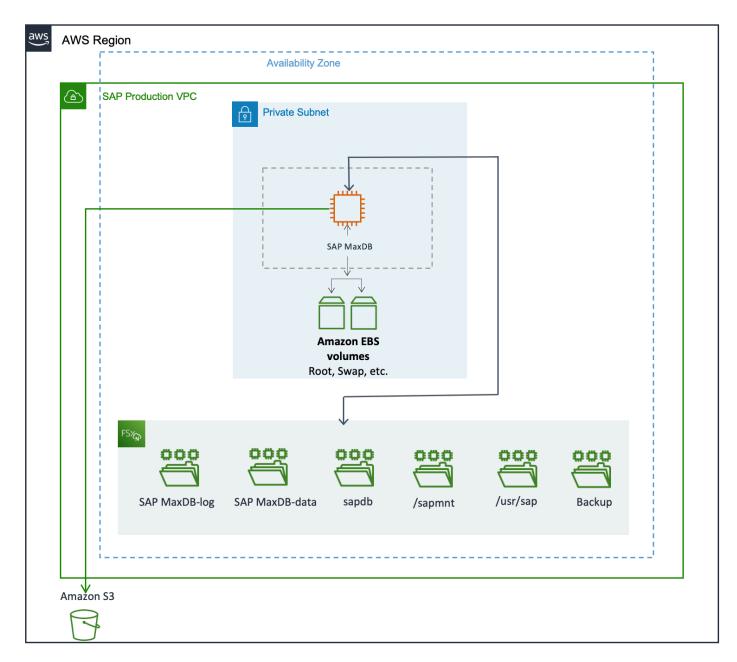
This section walks you through an example host setup for deploying SAP MaxDB system on AWS using Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP as the primary storage solution.

Topics

- Architecture diagram
- Linux kernel parameters
- Network File System (NFS)
- Create mount points
- Mount file systems

Architecture diagram

The following diagram presents the setup for SAP MaxDB system with FSx for ONTAP.



Linux kernel parameters

Create a file named 91-NetApp-MaxDB.conf with the following configurations in the /etc/ sysctl.d directory.

```
net.core.rmem_max = 16777216
```

```
net.core.rmem_max = 16777216
net.core.wmem_max = 16777216
net.ipv4.tcp_rmem = 4096 131072 16777216
net.ipv4.tcp_wmem = 4096 16384 16777216
net.core.netdev_max_backlog = 300000
net.ipv4.tcp_slow_start_after_idle=0
net.ipv4.tcp_no_metrics_save = 1
net.ipv4.tcp_moderate_rcvbuf = 1
net.ipv4.tcp_window_scaling = 1
net.ipv4.tcp_timestamps = 1
net.ipv4.tcp_sack = 1
```

Increase the max sessions slots for NFSv4 to 180.

echo options nfs max_session_slots=180 > /etc/modprobe.d/nfsclient.conf

You must reboot your instance for the kernel parameters and NFS settings to take effect.

Network File System (NFS)

Network File System (NFS) version 4 and higher requires user authentication. You can authenticate with Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) server or local user accounts.

If you are using local user accounts, the NFSv4 domain must be set to the same value on all Linux servers and SVMs. You can set the domain parameter (Domain = <domain name>) in the /etc/ idmapd.conf file on the Linux hosts.

Note

You must restart the nfs-idmapd.service service after making changes to the domain.

Create mount points

Create the following mount points on your Amazon EC2 instance.

```
mkdir -p /sapmnt
mkdir -p /usr/sap
mkdir -p /sapdb/<DBSID>/sapdata
```

```
mkdir -p /sapdb/<DBSID>/saplog
mkdir -p /backup
mkdir -p /sapdb
```

Mount file systems

The created file systems must be mounted as NFS file systems on Amazon EC2. The following table is an example recommendation of NFS options for different SAP MaxDB file systems.

File systems	NFS mount options			
	Common	NFS version	NFS transfer size	nconnect
SAP MaxDB data	rw,bg,har d,timeo=6 00,noatime,	vers=4,mi norversio n=1,lock,	rsize=262 144,wsize =262144,	nconnect=8
SAP MaxDB log	rw,bg,har d,timeo=6 00,noatime,	vers=4,mi norversio n=1,lock,	rsize=262 144,wsize =262144,	nconnect=2
Backup	rw,bg,har d,timeo=6 00,noatime,	vers=4,mi norversio n=1,lock,	rsize=262 144,wsize =262144,	nconnect=2
SAP MaxDB binary	rw,bg,har d,timeo=6 00,noatime,	vers=4,mi norversio n=1,lock,	rsize=262 144,wsize =262144,	nconnect=2

• Changes to the nconnect parameter take effect only if the NFS file system is unmounted and mounted again.

- Client systems must have unique host names when accessing FSx for ONTAP. If there are systems with the same name, the second system may not be able to access FSx for ONTAP.
- For RHEL operating system, the nconnect parameter is supported only on RHEL 8.3 or higher.

Example

Add the following lines to /etc/fstab to preserve mounted file systems during an instance reboot. You can then run mount -a to mount the NFS file systems.

```
<BackupSVM NFSIP>:/<DBSID>_sapmnt /sapmnt nfs
rw,bg,hard,timeo=600,noatime,vers=4,minorversion=1,lock,rsize=262144,wsize=262144,nconnect=2
<BackupSVM NFSIP>:/<DBSID>_usrsap /usr/sap nfs
rw,bg,hard,timeo=600,noatime,vers=4,minorversion=1,lock,rsize=262144,wsize=262144,nconnect=2
<BackupSVM NFSIP>:/<DBSID>_backup /backup nfs
rw,bg,hard,timeo=600,noatime,vers=4,minorversion=1,lock,rsize=262144,wsize=262144,nconnect=2
<SAPLOGSVM NFSIP>:/<DBSID>_sapdb /sapdb nfs
rw,bg,hard,timeo=600,noatime,vers=4,minorversion=1,lock,rsize=262144,wsize=262144,nconnect=2
<SAPLOGSVM NFSIP>:/<DBSID>_log /sapdb/<DBSID>/saplog nfs
rw,bg,hard,timeo=600,noatime,vers=4,minorversion=1,lock,rsize=262144,wsize=262144,nconnect=2
<SAPLOGSVM NFSIP>:/<DBSID>_log /sapdb/<DBSID>/saplog nfs
rw,bg,hard,timeo=600,noatime,vers=4,minorversion=1,lock,rsize=262144,wsize=262144,nconnect=2
<SAPLOGSVM NFSIP>:/<DBSID>_sapdata /sapdb/<DBSID>/sapdata nfs
rw,bg,hard,timeo=600,noatime,vers=4,minorversion=1,lock,rsize=262144,wsize=262144,nconnect=2
```

SAP MaxDB installation

You must install the SAP MaxDB as per the instructions provided by SAP. For more information, see Installation of SAP Systems Based on the Application Server ABAP of SAP NetWeaver 7.3 EHP1 to 7.52 on UNIX: SAP MaxDB.

Backup and restore

Backup and restore operations are supported by standard SAP MaxDB tools. For more information, see <u>SAP Note 1928060 - Data backup and recovery with file system backup</u>(requires access to the SAP portal).

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SAP ASE on AWS with Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP

Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP is a fully managed service that provides highly reliable, scalable, high-performing, and feature-rich file storage built on NetApp's popular ONTAP file system. You can now deploy and operate SAP ASE on AWS with Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP. For more information, see <u>Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP</u>.

If you are a first-time user, see <u>How Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP works</u>.

This guide covers the following topics.

- the section called "Instances and sizing"
- the section called "FSx for ONTAP"
- the section called "Host setup"
- the section called "Installation"

Instances and sizing

The following rules and limitations are applicable for deploying SAP ASE on AWS with Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP.

- Amazon EC2 instance where you plan to deploy your SAP ASE system and FSx for ONTAP must be in the same subnet.
- Use separate storage virtual machines (SVM) for SAP ASE data and log volumes. This ensures that your I/O traffic flows through different IP addresses and TCP sessions.
- /sybase/<SID>/sapdata_1, /sybase/<SID>/sapdata_n, /sybase/<SID>/saplog_1 / sybase/<SID>/saptmp, /sybase/<SID>/sapdiag, /sybasebackup, and /usr/sap must have their own FSx for ONTAP volume.
- FSx for ONTAP creates endpoints for accessing your file system in a Amazon VPC route table. FSx for ONTAP uses your Amazon VPC main route table. We recommend configuring your file system to use all of your Amazon VPC route tables that are associated with the subnets in which your clients are located. Alternatively, you can specify one or more route tables for Amazon FSx to use when you create your file system.

Topics

- Supported instance types
- Sizing

Supported instance types

Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP is supported for SAP ASE version 16.0 for Business Suite and higher with SAP NetWeaver based applications in a Single or Multi-Availability Zone deployment. You can use FSx for ONTAP as the primary storage solution for SAP ASE data, log, sapdiag, saptmp, and backup volumes with supported Amazon EC2 instances. For a complete list of supported Amazon EC2 instances for SAP ASE, see <u>SAP Note 1656099 - SAP Applications on</u> <u>Amazon EC2: Supported DB/OS and Amazon EC2 products</u> (requires SAP portal access).

Sizing

🚯 Note

A single FSx for ONTAP file system can provide a maximum output of 80,000 IOPS. Select multiple FSx for ONTAP file systems if your IO requirement exceeds 80,000 IOPS. For more information, see <u>Performance details</u>.

You can configure the throughput capacity of FSx for ONTAP when you create a new file system by scaling up to 4 GB/s of read throughput and 1000 MB/s of write throughput in a single Availability Zone deployment. In a multi-Availability Zone deployment, you can create a file system by scaling up to 4 GB/s of read throughput and 1800 MB/s of write throughput. For more information, see <u>Performance details</u>.

FSx for ONTAP for SAP ASE

Before you create FSx for ONTAP file system, determine the total storage space you need for your SAP ASE system. You can increase the storage size later. To decrease the storage size, you must create a new file system.

To create a FSx for ONTAP file system, see <u>Step 1: Create an Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP file</u> <u>system</u>. For more information, see <u>Managing FSx for ONTAP file systems</u>.

Topics

• Create storage virtual machines (SVM)

- Volume configuration and layout
- File system setup

Create storage virtual machines (SVM)

You get one SVM per FSx for ONTAP file system by default. You can create additional SVMs at any time. We recommend a separate SVM for each volume. You don't need to join your file system to Active Directory for SAP ASE. For more information, see <u>Managing FSx for ONTAP storage virtual</u> <u>machines</u>.

Volume configuration and layout

The storage capacity of your file system should align with the needs of SAP ASE data, log, sapdiag, saptmp, and backup volumes. We recommend creating a separate FSx for ONTAP file system for each of these volumes. You must also consider the capacity required for snapshots, if applicable.

The following table lists example recommendation sizes per volume.

Volume name	Junction name	Linux mount points
<sid>-sapmnt</sid>	<sid>-sapmnt</sid>	/sapmnt/
<sid>-usrsap</sid>	<sid>-usrsap</sid>	/usr/sap
<sid>-sysbase</sid>	<sid>-sysbase</sid>	/sysbase
<sid>-sapdata_1</sid>	<sid>-sapdata_1</sid>	/sysbase/ <sid>/sapdata_1</sid>
<sid>-saplog_1</sid>	<sid>-saplog_1</sid>	/sysbase/ <sid>/saplog_1</sid>
<sid>-sapdiag</sid>	<sid>-sapdiag</sid>	/sysbase/ <sid>/sapdiag</sid>
<sid>-saptmp</sid>	<sid>-saptmp</sid>	/sysbase/ <sid>/saptmp</sid>
<sid>-backup</sid>	<sid>-backup</sid>	/sysbasebackup

For more information, see Managing FSx for ONTAP volumes.

File system setup

After creating a FSx for ONTAP file system, you must complete additional file system setup.

Set administrative password

If you did not create an administrative password during FSx for ONTAP file system creation, you must set an ONTAP administrative password for fsxadmin user.

The administrative password enables you to access the file system via SSH, the ONTAP CLI, and REST API. To use tools like NetApp SnapCenter, you must have an administrative password.

Sign in to the management endpoint via SSH

Get the DNS name of the management endpoint from AWS console. Sign in to the management endpoint via SSH, using the fsxadmin user and administrative password.

ssh fsxadmin@management.<file-system-id>.fsx.<aws-region>.amazonaws.com Password:

Set TCP max transfer size

We recommend a TCP max transfer size of 262,144 for your SAP ASE systems. Elevate the privilege level to *advanced* and use the following command on each SVM.

```
set advanced
nfs modify -vserver <svm> -tcp-max-xfer-size 262144
set admin
```

Disable snapshots

FSx for ONTAP automatically enables a snapshot policy for volumes that take hourly snapshots. The default policy offers limited value due to missing application awareness. We recommend disabling the automatic snapshots by setting the policy to none.

```
volume modify -vserver <vserver-name> -volume <volume-name> -snapshot-policy none
```

Host setup for SAP ASE

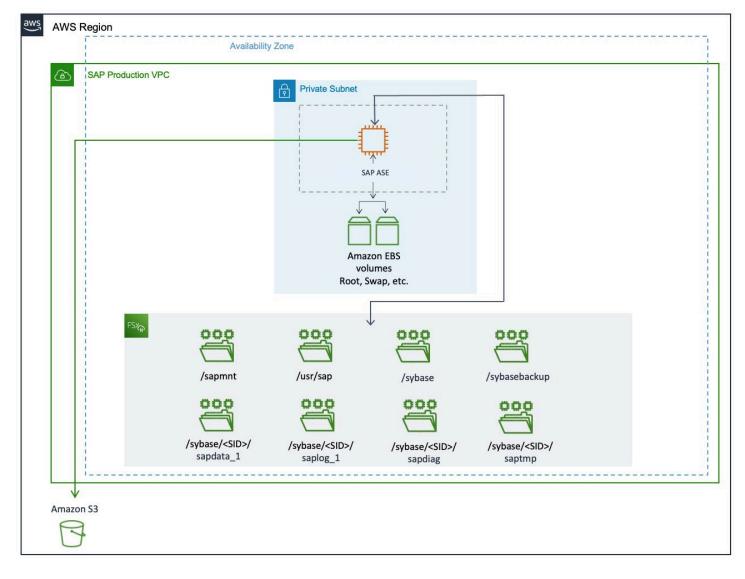
This section walks you through an example host setup for deploying SAP ASE system on AWS using Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP as the primary storage solution.

Topics

- Architecture diagram
- Linux kernel parameters
- Network File System (NFS)
- Create mount points
- Mount file systems

Architecture diagram

The following diagram presents the setup for SAP ASE system with FSx for ONTAP.



Linux kernel parameters

Create a file named 91-NetApp-ASE.conf with the following configurations in the /etc/ sysctl.d directory.

```
net.core.rmem_max = 16777216
net.core.rmem_max = 16777216
net.core.wmem_max = 16777216
net.ipv4.tcp_rmem = 4096 131072 16777216
net.ipv4.tcp_wmem = 4096 16384 16777216
net.core.netdev_max_backlog = 300000
net.ipv4.tcp_slow_start_after_idle=0
net.ipv4.tcp_no_metrics_save = 1
net.ipv4.tcp_moderate_rcvbuf = 1
net.ipv4.tcp_window_scaling = 1
net.ipv4.tcp_timestamps = 1
net.ipv4.tcp_sack = 1
```

Increase the max sessions slots for NFSv4 to 180.

```
echo options nfs max_session_slots=180 > /etc/modprobe.d/nfsclient.conf
```

You must reboot your instance for the kernel parameters and NFS settings to take effect.

Network File System (NFS)

Network File System (NFS) version 4 and higher requires user authentication. You can authenticate with Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) server or local user accounts.

If you are using local user accounts, the NFSv4 domain must be set to the same value on all Linux servers and SVMs. You can set the domain parameter (Domain = <domain name>) in the /etc/ idmapd.conf file on the Linux hosts.

Note

You must restart the nfs-idmapd.service service after making changes to the domain.

Create mount points

Create the following mount points on your Amazon EC2 instance.

```
mkdir -p /sapmnt
mkdir -p /usr/sap
mkdir -p /sybase
mkdir -p /sybase/<SID>/sapdata_1
mkdir -p /sybase/<SID>/saplog_1
mkdir -p /sybase/<SID>/sapdiag
mkdir -p /sybase/<SID>/saptmp
mkdir -p /sybasebackup
```

Mount file systems

The created file systems must be mounted as NFS file systems on Amazon EC2. The following table is an example recommendation of NFS options for different SAP ASE file systems.

File systems	NFS mount options			
	Common	NFS version	NFS transfer size	nconnect
SAP ASE data	rw,bg,har d,timeo=6 00,noatime,	vers=4,mi norversio n=1,lock,	rsize=262 144,wsize =262144,	nconnect=8
SAP ASE log	rw,bg,har d,timeo=6 00,noatime,	vers=4,mi norversio n=1,lock,	rsize=262 144,wsize =262144,	nconnect=2
Backup	rw,bg,har d,timeo=6 00,noatime,	vers=4,mi norversio n=1,lock,	rsize=262 144,wsize =262144,	nconnect=2
SAP ASE binary	rw,bg,har d,timeo=6 00,noatime,	vers=4,mi norversio n=1,lock,	rsize=262 144,wsize =262144,	nconnect=2

• Changes to the nconnect parameter take effect only if the NFS file system is unmounted and mounted again.

- Client systems must have unique host names when accessing FSx for ONTAP. If there are systems with the same name, the second system may not be able to access FSx for ONTAP.
- For RHEL operating system, the nconnect parameter is supported only on RHEL 8.3 or higher.

Example

Add the following lines to /etc/fstab to preserve mounted file systems during an instance reboot. You can then run mount -a to mount the NFS file systems.

```
<SVM-ASEDBData NFSIP>:/<SID>-sapdata_1 /sybase/<SID>/sapdata_1 nfs
rw, bg, hard, timeo=600, noatime, vers=4, minorversion=1, lock, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, nconnect=8
<SVM-ASEDBLog NFSIP>:/<SID>-saplog_1 /sybase/<SID>/saplog_1 nfs
rw, bg, hard, timeo=600, noatime, vers=4, minorversion=1, lock, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, nconnect=2
<SVM-ASEDBShared NFSIP>:/<SID>-sapmnt /sapmnt nfs
 rw, bg, hard, timeo=600, noatime, vers=4, minorversion=1, lock, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, nconnect=2
<SVM-ASEDBShared NFSIP>:/<SID>-usrsap /usr/sap nfs
rw, bg, hard, timeo=600, noatime, vers=4, minorversion=1, lock, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, nconnect=2
<SVM-ASEDBShared NFSIP>:/<SID>-sybase /sybase nfs
rw, bg, hard, timeo=600, noatime, vers=4, minorversion=1, lock, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, nconnect=2
<SVM-ASEDBShared NFSIP>:/<SID>-sapdiag /sybase/<SID>/sapdiag nfs
rw, bg, hard, timeo=600, noatime, vers=4, minorversion=1, lock, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, nconnect=2
<SVM-ASEDBShared NFSIP>:/<SID>-saptmp /sybase/<SID>/saptmp nfs
rw, bg, hard, timeo=600, noatime, vers=4, minorversion=1, lock, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, nconnect=2
<SVM-ASEDBBackup NFSIP>:/<SID>-backup /sybasebackup nfs
rw, bg, hard, timeo=600, noatime, vers=4, minorversion=1, lock, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, nconnect=2
```

SAP ASE installation

You must install the SAP ASE as per the instructions provided by SAP. You can select the relevant guide from the Guide Finder for SAP NetWeaver and ABAP Platform on SAP website.

Backup and restore

FSx for ONTAP snapshot is a read-only image of an FSx for ONTAP volume at a point-in-time. Snapshots offer protection against accidental deletion or modification of files in your volumes. Your users can easily view and/or restore individual files or folders from an earlier snapshot. For more information, see <u>Working with snapshots</u>. Backup and restore operations are also supported by standard SAP ASE tools. You can check the following SAP Notes (requires SAP portal access) to learn more.

- SAP Note 1585981 SYB: Ensuring Recoverability for SAP ASE
- SAP Note 1588316 SYB: Configure automatic database and log backups
- SAP Note 1618817 SYB: How to restore an SAP ASE database server (UNIX)
- SAP Note 1887068 SYB: Using external backup and restore with SAP ASE

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SAP ASE for SAP NetWeaver on AWS: high availability configuration for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES) for SAP applications

This topic applies to SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES) operating system for SAP NetWeaver running SAP Adaptive Server Enterprise (ASE) database on AWS cloud. It covers the instructions for configuration of a pacemaker cluster for SAP ASE database when deployed on Amazon EC2 instances in two different Availability Zones within an AWS Region and FSx for ONTAP as the storage layer.

This topic covers the implementation of high availability using the cold standby method. For more information, see <u>SAP Note 1650511 – SYB: High Availability Offerings with SAP Adaptive Server</u> <u>Enterprise</u> (requires SAP portal access).

Topics

- Planning
- Architecture diagram
- Deployment
- Operations

Planning

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- Prerequisites
- Reliability
- SAP and SUSE references
- Concepts

Prerequisites

You must meet the following prerequisites before commencing setup.

Topics

- Deployed cluster infrastructure
- Supported operating system
- Required access for setup

Deployed cluster infrastructure

Ensure that your AWS networking requirements and Amazon EC2 instances where SAP workloads are installed, are correctly configured for SAP. For more information, see <u>SAP NetWeaver</u> Environment Setup for Linux on AWS.

See the following SAP ASE pacemaker cluster specific requirements.

- Two cluster nodes created in private subnets in separate Availability Zones within the same Amazon VPC and AWS Region
- Access to the route table(s) that are associated with the chosen subnets

For more information, see the section called "Overlay IP".

• Targeted Amazon EC2 instances must have connectivity to the Amazon EC2 endpoint via internet or a Amazon VPC endpoint.

Supported operating system

Protecting SAP ASE database with a pacemaker cluster requires packages from SUSE, including targeted cluster resource agents for SAP and AWS that may not be available in standard repositories.

For deploying SAP applications on SUSE, SAP and SUSE recommend using SUSE Linux Enterprise Server for SAP applications (SLES for SAP). SLES for SAP provides additional benefits, including Extended Service Pack Overlap Support (ESPOS), configuration and tuning packages for SAP applications, and High Availability Extensions (HAE). For more details, see SUSE website at <u>SUSE</u> <u>Linux Enterprise Server for SAP Applications</u>.

SLES for SAP is available at <u>AWS Marketplace</u> with an hourly or annual subscription. You can also use the bring your own subscription (BYOS) model.

Required access for setup

The following access is required for setting up the cluster.

- An IAM user with the following privileges.
 - modify Amazon VPC route tables
 - modify Amazon EC2 instance properties
 - create IAM policies and roles
 - create Amazon EFS file systems
- Root access to the operating system of both cluster nodes
- SAP administrative user access <syb>adm

In case of a new install, this user is created by the install process.

Reliability

The SAP Lens of the Well-Architected framework, in particular the Reliability pillar, can be used to understand the reliability requirements for your SAP workload.

SAP ASE is a single point of failure in a highly available SAP architecture. The impact of an outage of this component must be evaluated against factors, such as, recovery point objective (RPO), recovery time objective (RTO), cost and operation complexity. For more information, see <u>Reliability</u> in SAP Lens - AWS Well-Architected Framework.

SAP and SUSE references

In addition to this guide, see the following references for more details.

- SAP Note: 1650511 SYB: High Availability Offerings with SAP Adaptive Server Enterprise
- SAP Note: 1656099 SAP Applications on AWS: Supported DB/OS and Amazon EC2 products
- SAP Note: 1984787 SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12: Installation Notes
- SAP Note: 2578899 SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15: Installation Notes
- SAP Note: 1275776 Linux: Preparing SLES for SAP environments

You must have SAP portal access for reading all SAP Notes.

Concepts

This section covers AWS concepts.

Concepts

- Availability Zones
- Overlay IP
- Shared VPC
- <u>Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP</u>
- Pacemaker STONITH fencing agent

Availability Zones

Availability Zone is one or more discreet data centers with redundant power, networking, and connectivity in an AWS Region. For more information, see <u>Regions and Availability Zones</u>.

For mission critical deployments of SAP on AWS where the goal is to minimise the recovery time objective (RTO), we suggest distributing single points of failure across Availability Zones. Compared with single instance or single Availability Zone deployments, this increases resilience and isolation against a broad range of failure scenarios and issues, including natural disasters.

Each Availability Zone is physically separated by a meaningful distance (many kilometers) from another Availability Zone. All Availability Zones in an AWS Region re interconnected with highbandwidth, low-latency network, over fully redundant, dedicated metro fiber. This enables synchronous replication. All traffic between Availability Zones is encrypted.

Overlay IP

Overlay IP enables a connection to the application, regardless of which Availability Zone (and subnet) contains the active primary node.

When deploying an Amazon EC2 instance in AWS, IP addresses are allocated from the CIDR range of the allocated subnet. The subnet cannot span across multiple Availability Zones, and therefore the subnet IP addresses may be unavailable after faults, including network connectivity or hardware issues which require a failover to the replication target in a different Availability Zone.

To address this, we suggest that you configure an overlay IP, and use this in the connection parameters for the application. This IP address is a non-overlapping RFC1918 private IP address

from outside of VPC CIDR block and is configured as an entry in the route table or tables. The route directs the connection to the active node and is updated during a failover by the cluster software.

You can select any one of the following RFC1918 private IP addresses for your overlay IP address.

- 10.0.0.0 10.255.255.255 (10/8 prefix)
- 172.16.0.0 172.31.255.255 (172.16/12 prefix)
- 192.168.0.0 192.168.255.255 (192.168/16 prefix)

If, for example, you use the 10/8 prefix in your SAP VPC, selecting a 172 or a 192 IP address may help to differentiate the overlay IP. Consider the use of an IP Address Management (IPAM) tool such as Amazon VPC IP Address Manager to plan, track, and monitor IP addresses for your AWS workloads. For more information, see <u>What is IPAM?</u>

The overlay IP agent in the cluster can also be configured to update multiple route tables which contain the Overlay IP entry if your subnet association or connectivity requires it.

Access to overlay IP

The overlay IP is outside of the range of the VPC, and therefore cannot be reached from locations that are not associated with the route table, including on-premises and other VPCs.

Use <u>AWS Transit Gateway</u> as a central hub to facilitate the network connection to an overlay IP address from multiple locations, including Amazon VPCs, other AWS Regions, and on-premises using <u>AWS Direct Connect</u> or <u>AWS Client VPN</u>.

If you do not have AWS Transit Gateway set up as a network transit hub or if it is not available in your preferred AWS Region, you can use a <u>Network Load Balancer</u> to enable network access to an overlay IP.

For more information, see <u>SAP on AWS High Availability with Overlay IP Address Routing</u>.

Shared VPC

An enterprise landing zone setup or security requirements may require the use of a separate cluster account to restrict the route table access required for the Overlay IP to an isolated account. For more information, see <u>Share your VPC with other accounts</u>.

Evaluate the operational impact against your security posture before setting up shared VPC. To set up, see <u>Shared VPC – optional</u>.

Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP

Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP is a fully managed service that provides highly reliable, scalable, high-performing, and feature-rich file storage built on NetApp's popular ONTAP file system. FSx for ONTAP combines the familiar features, performance, capabilities, and API operations of NetApp file systems with the agility, scalability, and simplicity of a fully managed AWS service.

FSx for ONTAP also provides highly available and durable storage with fully managed backups and support for cross-Region disaster recovery. To make it easier to protect and secure your data, FSx for ONTAP supports popular data security and anti-virus applications. For more information, see What is Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP?

Pacemaker - STONITH fencing agent

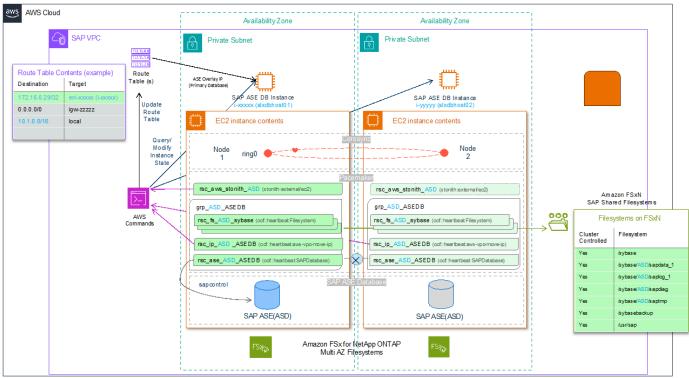
In a two-node cluster setup for a primary resource and its replication pair, it is important that there is only one node in the primary role with the ability to modify your data. In the event of a failure scenario where a node is unresponsive or incommunicable, ensuring data consistency requires that the faulty node is isolated by powering it down before the cluster commences other actions, such as promoting a new primary. This arbitration is the role of the fencing agent.

Since a two-node cluster introduces the possibility of a fence race in which a dual shoot out can occur with communication failures resulting in both nodes simultaneously claiming, "I can't see you, so I am going to power you off". The fencing agent is designed to minimise this risk by providing an external witness.

SLES supports several fencing agents, including the one recommended for use with Amazon EC2 Instances (external/ec2). This resource uses API commands to check its own instance status - "Is my instance state anything other than running?" before proceeding to power off its pair. If it is already in a stopping or stopped state it will admit defeat and leave the surviving node untouched.

Architecture diagram

The following diagram shows the cold standby SAP ASE cluster setup with FSx for ONTAP.



SLES for SAP - Pacemaker Cluster for SAP ASE

Deployment

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- Settings and prerequisites
- SAP ASE and cluster setup
- <u>Cluster configuration</u>

Settings and prerequisites

The cluster setup uses parameters, including DBSID that is unique to your setup. It is useful to predetermine the values with the following examples and guidance.

Topics

- Define reference parameters for setup
- <u>Amazon EC2 instance settings</u>

- Operating system prerequisites
- IP and hostname resolution prerequisites
- FSx for ONTAP prerequisites
- Shared VPC optional

Define reference parameters for setup

The cluster setup relies on the following parameters.

Topics

- Global AWS parameters
- Amazon EC2 instance parameters
- SAP and Pacemaker resource parameters
- <u>SLES cluster parameters</u>

Global AWS parameters

Name	Parameter	Example
AWS account ID	<account_id></account_id>	123456789100
AWS Region	<region_id></region_id>	us-east-1

- AWS account For more details, see Your AWS account ID and its alias.
- AWS Region For more details, see Describe your Regions.

Amazon EC2 instance parameters

Name	Parameter	Primary example	Secondary example
Amazon EC2 instance ID	<instance_id></instance_id>	i-xxxxins tidforhost1	i- xxxxinsti dforhost2
Hostname	<hostname></hostname>	slxdbhost01	slxdbhost02

Name	Parameter	Primary example	Secondary example
Host IP	<host_ip></host_ip>	10.1.10.1	10.1.20.1
Host additional IP	<host_add itional_ip></host_add 	10.1.10.2	10.1.20.2
Configured subnet	<subnet_id></subnet_id>	subnet-xx xxxxxxxs ubnet1	subnet-xx xxxxxxxs ubnet2

 Hostname – Hostnames must comply with SAP requirements outlined in <u>SAP Note 611361</u> – Hostnames of SAP ABAP Platform servers (requires SAP portal access).

Run the following command on your instances to retrieve the hostname.

hostname

• Amazon EC2 instance ID – run the following command (IMDSv2 compatible) on your instances to retrieve instance metadata.

```
/usr/bin/curl --noproxy '*' -w "\n" -s -H "X-aws-ec2-metadata-token: $(curl --noproxy
  '*' -s -X PUT "http://169.254.169.254/latest/api/token" -H "X-aws-ec2-metadata-
token-ttl-seconds: 21600")" http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/instance-id
```

For more details, see <u>Retrieve instance metadata</u> and <u>Instance identity documents</u>.

SAP and Pacemaker resource parameters

Name	Parameter	Example
DBSID	<dbsid> or <dbsid></dbsid></dbsid>	ASD
Virtual hostname	<db_virt_hostname></db_virt_hostname>	slxvdb
Database Overlay IP	<ase_db_oip></ase_db_oip>	172.16.0.29
VPC Route Tables	<rtb_id></rtb_id>	rtb-xxxxroutetable1

Name	Parameter	Example
FSx for ONTAP mount points	<ase_db_fs></ase_db_fs>	svm-xxx.fs-xxx.fsx .us-east-1.amazona ws.com

 SAP details – SAP parameters must follow the guidance and limitations of SAP and Software Provisioning Manager. Refer to <u>SAP Note 1979280 - Reserved SAP System Identifiers (SAPSID)</u> with Software Provisioning Manager for more details.

Post-installation, use the following command to find the details of the instances running on a host.

```
sudo /usr/sap/hostctrl/exe/saphostctrl -function ListDatabases
```

- Overlay IP This value is defined by you. For more information, see Overlay IP.
- FSx for ONTAP mount points This value is defined by you. Consider the required mount points specified in <u>SAP ASE on AWS with Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP</u>.

SLES cluster parameters

Name	Parameter	Example
Cluster user	cluster_user	hacluster
Cluster password	cluster_password	
Cluster tag	cluster_tag	pacemaker
AWS CLI cluster profile	aws_cli_cluster_pr ofile	cluster

Amazon EC2 instance settings

Amazon EC2 instance settings can be applied using Infrastructure as Code or manually using AWS Command Line Interface or AWS Management Console. We recommend Infrastructure as Code automation to reduce manual steps, and ensure consistency.

Topics

- <u>Create IAM roles and policies</u>
- AWS Overlay IP policy
- Assign IAM role
- Modify security groups for cluster communication
- Disable source/destination check
- Review automatic recovery and stop protection
- Create Amazon EC2 resource tags used by Amazon EC2 STONITH agent

Create IAM roles and policies

In addition to the permissions required for standard SAP operations, two IAM policies are required for the cluster to control AWS resources on ASCS. These policies must be assigned to your Amazon EC2 instance using an IAM role. This enables Amazon EC2 instance, and therefore the cluster to call AWS services.

Create these policies with least-privilege permissions, granting access to only the specific resources that are required within the cluster. For multiple clusters, you need to create multiple policies.

For more information, see IAM roles for Amazon EC2.

STONITH policy

The SLES STONITH resource agent (external/ec2) requires permission to start and stop both the nodes of the cluster. Create a policy as shown in the following example. Attach this policy to the IAM role assigned to both Amazon EC2 instances in the cluster.

```
"Effect": "Allow",
"Action": [
    "ec2:StartInstances",
    "ec2:StopInstances"
],
"Resource": [
    "arn:aws:ec2:<region>:<account_id>:instance/<instance_id_1>",
    "arn:aws:ec2:<region>:<account_id>:instance/<instance_id_2>"
]
}
```

AWS Overlay IP policy

The SLES Overlay IP resource agent (aws-vpc-move-ip) requires permission to modify a routing entry in route tables. Create a policy as shown in the following example. Attach this policy to the IAM role assigned to both Amazon EC2 instances in the cluster.

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": "ec2:ReplaceRoute",
            "Resource": [
                 "arn:aws:ec2:<region>:<account_id>:route-table/<rtb_id_1>",
                 "arn:aws:ec2:<region>:<account_id>:route-table/<rtb_id_2>"
                         ]
        },
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": "ec2:DescribeRouteTables",
            "Resource": "*"
        }
    ]
}
```

i Note

If you are using a Shared VPC, see the section called "Shared VPC cluster resources".

Assign IAM role

The two cluster resource IAM policies must be assigned to an IAM role associated with your Amazon EC2 instance. If an IAM role is not associated to your instance, create a new IAM role for cluster operations. To assign the role, go to https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/, select your instance(s), and then choose Actions > Security > Modify IAM role.

Modify security groups for cluster communication

A security group controls the traffic that is allowed to reach and leave the resources that it is associated with. For more information, see <u>Control traffic to your AWS resources using security</u> <u>groups</u>.

In addition to the standard ports required to access SAP and administrative functions, the following rules must be applied to the security groups assigned to both Amazon EC2 instances in the cluster.

Inbound

Source	Protocol	Port range	Description
The security group ID (its own resource ID)	UDP	5405	Allows UDP traffic between cluster resources for corosync communica tion
Bastion host security group or CIDR range for administration	ТСР	7630	optional Used for SLES Hawk2 Interface for monitoring and administration using a Web Interface For more informati on, see <u>Configuri</u> ng and Managing <u>Cluster Resources</u> with Hawk2 in the SUSE documentation.

i Note

Note the use of the UDP protocol.

If you are running a local firewall, such as iptables, ensure that communication on the preceding ports is allowed between two Amazon EC2 instances.

Disable source/destination check

Amazon EC2 instances perform source/destination checks by default, requiring that an instance is either the source or the destination of any traffic it sends or receives.

In the pacemaker cluster, source/destination check must be disabled on both instances receiving traffic from the Overlay IP. You can disable check using AWS CLI or AWS Management Console.

AWS CLI

Use the modify-instance-attribute command to disable source/destination check.

Run the following commands for both instances in the cluster.

```
aws ec2 modify-instance-attribute --instance-id i-xxxxinstidforhost1 --no-source-
dest-check
```

```
aws ec2 modify-instance-attribute --instance-id i-xxxxinstidforhost2 --no-source-
dest-check
```

AWS Management Console

Ensure that the **Stop** option is checked in <u>https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/</u>.

Change Source / destination check		×
The source / destination check ensures that the instance is the source all the traffic it sends and receives. Each EC2 instance performs so checks by default. Learn more		
Instance ID		
Network interface		
Source / destination checking Stop to allow your instance to send and receive traffic when the source or de Stop	stination is not itself.	
	Cancel Save	

Review automatic recovery and stop protection

After a failure, cluster-controlled operations must be resumed in a coordinated way. This helps ensure that the cause of failure is known and addressed, and the status of the cluster is as expected. For example, verifying that there are no pending fencing actions.

This can be achieved by not enabling pacemaker to run as a service at the operating system level or by avoiding auto restarts for hardware failure.

If you want to control the restarts resulting from hardware failure, disable simplified automatic recovery and do not configure Amazon CloudWatch action-based recovery for Amazon EC2 instances that are part of a pacemaker cluster. Use the following commands on both Amazon EC2 instances in the pacemaker cluster, to disable simplified automatic recovery via AWS CLI. If making the change via AWS CLI, run the command for both Amazon EC2 instances in the cluster.

Note

Modifying instance maintenance options will require admin privileges not covered by the IAM instance roles defined for operations of the cluster.

aws ec2 modify-instance-maintenance-options --instance-id *i-xxxxinstidforhost1* --autorecovery disabled

```
aws ec2 modify-instance-maintenance-options --instance-id i-xxxxinstidforhost2 --auto-recovery disabled
```

To ensure that STONITH actions can be executed, you must ensure that stop protection is disabled for Amazon EC2 instances that are part of a pacemaker cluster. If the default settings have been modified, use the following commands for both instances to disable stop protection via AWS CLI.

🚯 Note

Modifying instance attributes will require admin privileges not covered by the IAM instance roles defined for operations of the cluster.

```
aws ec2 modify-instance-attribute --instance-id i-xxxxinstidforhost1 --no-disable-api-
stop
```

```
aws ec2 modify-instance-attribute --instance-id i-xxxxinstidforhost2 --no-disable-api-
stop
```

Create Amazon EC2 resource tags used by Amazon EC2 STONITH agent

Amazon EC2 STONITH agent uses AWS resource tags to identify Amazon EC2 instances. Create tag for the primary and secondary Amazon EC2 instances via AWS Management Console or AWS CLI. For more information, see <u>Tagging your AWS resources</u>.

Use the same tag key and the local hostname returned using the command hostname across instances. For example, a configuration with the values defined in <u>Global AWS parameters</u> would require the tags shown in the following table.

Amazon EC2	Key example	Value example
Instance 1	pacemaker	slxdbhost1
Instance 2	pacemaker	slxdbhost2

You can run the following command locally to validate the tag values and IAM permissions to describe the tags.

```
aws ec2 describe-tags --filters "Name=resource-id,Values=<instance_id>"
    "Name=key,Values=<pacemaker_tag>" --region=<region> --output=text | cut -f5
```

Operating system prerequisites

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- Root access
- Install missing operating system packages
- Update and check operating system versions
- System logging
- <u>Time synchronization services</u>
- AWS CLI profile
- Pacemaker proxy settings

Root access

Verify root access on both cluster nodes. The majority of the setup commands in this document are performed with the root user. Assume that commands should be run as root unless there is an explicit call out to choose otherwise.

Install missing operating system packages

This is applicable to both cluster nodes. You must install any missing operating system packages.

The following packages and their dependencies are required for the pacemaker setup. Depending on your baseline image, for example, SLES for SAP, these packages may already be installed.

aws-cli chrony cluster-glue corosync crmsh dstat fence-agents
ha-cluster-bootstrap
iotop
pacemaker
patterns-ha-ha_sles
resource-agents
rsyslog
sap-suse-cluster-connectorsapstartsrv-resource-agents

We highly recommend installing the following additional packages for troubleshooting.

```
zypper-lifecycle-plugin
supportutils
yast2-support
supportutils-plugin-suse-public-cloud
supportutils-plugin-ha-sap
```

<u> Important</u>

Ensure that you have installed the newer version sap-suse-cluster-connector (dashes), and not the older version sap_suse_cluster_connector that uses underscores.

Use the following command to check packages and versions.

```
for package in aws-cli chrony cluster-glue corosync crmsh dstat fence-agents ha-
cluster-bootstrap iotop pacemaker patterns-ha-ha_sles resource-agents rsyslog sap-suse-
cluster-connector sapstartsrv-resource-agents zypper-lifecycle-plugin supportutils
  yast2-support supportutils-plugin-suse-public-cloud supportutils-plugin-ha-sap; do
  echo "Checking if ${package} is installed..."
  RPM_RC=$(rpm -q ${package} --quiet; echo $?)
  if [ ${RPM_RC} -ne 0 ];then
  echo " ${package} is missing and needs to be installed"
  fi
  done
```

If a package is not installed, and you are unable to install it using zypper, it may be because SUSE Linux Enterprise High Availability extension is not available as a repository in your chosen image. You can verify the availability of the extension using the following command. zypper repos

To install or update a package or packages with confirmation, use the following command.

```
zypper install <package_name(s)>
```

Update and check operating system versions

You must update and confirm versions across nodes. Apply all the latest patches to your operating system versions. This ensures that bugs are addresses and new features are available.

You can update the patches individually or use the zypper update. A clean reboot is recommended prior to setting up a cluster.

zypper update reboot

Compare the operating system package versions on the two cluster nodes and ensure that the versions match on both nodes.

System logging

This is applicable to both cluster nodes. We recommend using the rsyslogd daemon for logging. It is the default configuration in the cluster. Verify that the rsyslog package is installed on both cluster nodes.

logd is a subsystem to log additional information coming from the STONITH agent.

```
systemctl enable --now logd
systemctl status logd
```

Time synchronization services

This is applicable to both cluster nodes. Time synchronization is important for cluster operation. Ensure that chrony rpm is installed, and configure appropriate time servers in the configuration file.

You can use Amazon Time Sync Service that is available on any instance running in a VPC. It does not require internet access. To ensure consistency in the handling of leap seconds, don't mix Amazon Time Sync Service with any other ntp time sync servers or pools. Create or check the /etc/chrony.d/ec2.conf file to define the server.

```
# Amazon EC2 time source config
server 169.254.169.123 prefer iburst minpoll 4 maxpoll 4
```

Start the chronyd.service, using the following command.

```
systemctl enable --now chronyd.service
systemctl status chronyd
```

For more information, see Set the time for your Linux instance.

AWS CLI profile

This is applicable to both cluster nodes. The cluster resource agents use AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI). You need to create an AWS CLI profile for the root account on both instances.

You can either edit the config file at /root/.aws manually or by using <u>aws configure</u> AWS CLI command.

You can skip providing the information for the access and secret access keys. The permissions are provided through IAM roles attached to Amazon EC2 instances.

```
# aws configure
AWS Access Key ID [None]:
AWS Secret Access Key [None]:
Default region name [None]: <region_id>
Default output format [None]:
```

The profile name is configurable. The name chosen in this example is **cluster** – it is used in <u>Create</u> <u>Amazon EC2 resource tags used by Amazon EC2 STONITH agent</u>. The AWS Region must be the default AWS Region of the instance.

```
# aws configure --profile cluster
AWS Access Key ID [None]:
AWS Secret Access Key [None]:
Default region name [None]: <region_id>
Default output format [None]:
```

Pacemaker proxy settings

This is applicable to both cluster nodes. If your Amazon EC2 instance has been configured to access the internet and/or AWS Cloud through proxy servers, then you need to replicate the settings in the pacemaker configuration. For more information, see Use an HTTP proxy.

Add the following lines to /etc/sysconfig/pacemaker.

```
http_proxy=http://<proxyhost>:<proxyport>
https_proxy= http://<proxyhost>:<proxyport>
no_proxy=127.0.0.1,localhost,169.254.169.254,fd00:ec2::254
```

Modify proxyhost and proxyport to match your settings. Ensure that you exempt the address used to access the instance metadata. Configure no_proxy to include the IP address of the instance metadata service – **169.254.169.254** (IPV4) and **fd00:ec2::254** (IPV6). This address does not vary.

IP and hostname resolution prerequisites

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- Primary and secondary IP addresses
- Add initial VPC route table entries for overlay IPs
- Add overlay IPs to host IP configuration
- Hostname resolution

Primary and secondary IP addresses

This is applicable to both cluster nodes. We recommend defining a redundant communication channel (a second ring) in corosync for SUSE clusters. The cluster nodes can use the second ring to communicate in case of underlying network disruptions.

Create a redundant communication channel by adding a secondary IP address on both nodes.

Add a secondary IP address on both nodes. These IPs are only used in cluster configurations. They provide the same fault tolerance as a secondary Elastic Network Interface (ENI). For more information, see Assign a secondary private IPv4 address. On correct configuration, the following command returns two IPs from the same subnet on both, the primary and secondary node.

ip -o -f inet addr show eth0 | awk -F " |/" '{print \$7}'

These IP addresses are required for ring0_addr and ring1_addr in corosync.conf.

Add initial VPC route table entries for overlay IPs

You need to add initial route table entries for overlay IPs. For more information on overlay IP, see Overlay IP.

Add entries to the VPC route table or tables associated with the subnets of your Amazon EC2 instance for the cluster. The entries for destination (overlay IP CIDR) and target (Amazon EC2 instance or ENI) must be added manually for SAP ASE database. This ensures that the cluster resource has a route to modify. It also supports the install of SAP using the virtual names associated with the overlay IP before the configuration of the cluster.

Modify or add a route to a route table using AWS Management Console

- 1. Open the Amazon VPC console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/vpc/.
- 2. In the navigation pane, choose **Route Tables**, and select the route table associated with the subnets where your instances have been deployed.
- 3. Choose Actions, Edit routes.
- 4. To add a route, choose **Add route**.
 - Add your chosen overlay IP address CIDR and the instance ID of your primary instance for SAP ASE database. See the following table for an **example**.

Destination	172.16.0.29/32
Target	i-xxxxinstidforhost1

5. Choose **Save changes**.

The preceding steps can also be performed programmatically. We suggest performing the steps using administrative privileges, instead of instance-based privileges to preserve least privilege. CreateRoute API isn't necessary for ongoing operations.

Run the following command as a dry run on both nodes to confirm that the instances have the necessary permissions.

```
aws ec2 replace-route --route-table-id rtb-xxxxroutetable1 --destination-
cidr-block 172.16.0.29/32 --instance-id i-xxxxinstidforhost1 --dry-run --
profile <aws_cli_cluster_profile>
```

Add overlay IPs to host IP configuration

You must configure the overlay IP as an additional IP address on the standard interface to enable SAP install. This action is managed by the cluster IP resource. However, to install SAP using the correct IP addresses prior to having the cluster configuration in place, you need to add these entries manually.

If you need to reboot the instance during setup, the assignment is lost, and must be re-added.

See the following **example**. You must update the command with your chosen IP addresses.

On EC2 instance 1, where you are installing SAP ASE database, add the overlay IP.

ip addr add 172.16.0.29/32 dev eth0

Hostname resolution

This is applicable to both cluster nodes. You must ensure that both instances can resolve all hostnames in use. Add the hostnames for cluster nodes to /etc/hosts file on both cluster nodes. This ensures that hostnames for cluster nodes can be resolved even in case of DNS issues. See the following example.

```
# cat /etc/hosts
10.1.10.1 slxdbhost01.example.com slxdbhost01
10.1.20.1 slxdbhost02.example.com slxdbhost02
172.16.0.29 slxvdb.example.com slxvdb
```

In this example, the secondary IPs used for the second cluster ring are not mentioned. They are only used in the cluster configuration. You can allocate virtual hostnames for administration and identification purposes.

A Important

The overlay IP is out of VPC range, and cannot be reached from locations not associated with the route table, including on-premises.

FSx for ONTAP prerequisites

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- Shared file systems
- <u>Create volumes and file systems</u>

Shared file systems

Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP is supported for SAP ASE database file systems.

FSx for ONTAP provides fully managed shared storage in AWS Cloud with data access and management capabilities of ONTAP. For more information, see <u>Create an Amazon FSx for NetApp</u> ONTAP file system.

Select a file system based on your business requirements, evaluating the resilience, performance, and cost of your choice.

The SVM's DNS name is your simplest mounting option. The file system DNS name automatically resolves to the mount target's IP address on the Availability ZOne of the connecting Amazon EC2 instance.

svm-id.fs-id.fsx.aws-region.amazonaws.com

1 Note

Review the enableDnsHostnames and enableDnsSupport DNS attributes for your VPC. For more information, see <u>View and update DNS attributes for your VPC</u>.

Create volumes and file systems

You can review the following resources to understand the FSx for ONTAP mount points for SAP ASE database.

- Host setup for SAP ASE
- SAP <u>Setup of Database Layout</u> (ABAP)
- SAP <u>Setup of Database Layout</u> (JAVA)

The following are the FSx for ONTAP mount points covered in this topic.

Unique NFS Location (example)	File system location
SVM-xxx:/sybase	/sybase
SVM-xxx:/asedata	/sybase/ <dbsid>/sapdata_1</dbsid>
SVM-xxx:/aselog	/sybase/ <dbsid>/saplog_1</dbsid>
SVM-xxx:/sapdiag	/sybase/ <dbsid>/sapdiag</dbsid>
SVM-xxx:/saptmp	/sybase/ <dbsid>/saptmp</dbsid>
SVM-xxx:/backup	/sybasebackup
SVM-xxx:/usrsap	/usr/sap

Ensure that you have properly mounted the file systems, and the necessary adjustments for host setup have been performed. See <u>Host setup for SAP ASE</u>. You can temporarily add the entries to /etc/fstab to not lose them during a reboot. The entries must be removed prior to configuring the cluster. The cluster resource manages the mounting of the NFS.

You need to perform this step only on the primary Amazon EC2 instance for the initial installation.

Review the mount options to ensure that they match with your operating system, NFS file system type, and SAP's latest recommendations.

Use the following command to check that the required file systems are available.

df -h

Shared VPC – optional

Amazon VPC sharing enables you to share subnets with other AWS accounts within the same AWS Organizations. Amazon EC2 instances can be deployed using the subnets of the shared Amazon VPC.

In the pacemaker cluster, the aws-vpc-move-ip resource agent has been enhanced to support a shared VPC setup while maintaining backward compatibility with previous existing features.

The following checks and changes are required. We refer to the AWS account that owns Amazon VPC as the sharing VPC account, and to the consumer account where the cluster nodes are going to be deployed as the cluster account.

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- Minimum version requirements
- IAM roles and policies
- Shared VPC cluster resources

Minimum version requirements

The latest version of the aws-vpc-move-ip agent shipped with SLES15 SP3 supports the shared VPC setup by default. The following are the minimum version required to support a shared VPC Setup:

- SLES 12 SP5 resource-agents-4.3.018.a7fb5035-3.79.1.x86_64
- SLES 15 SP2 resource-agents-4.4.0+git57.70549516-3.30.1.x86_64
- SLES 15 SP3 resource-agents-4.8.0+git30.d0077df0-8.5.1

IAM roles and policies

Using the overlay IP agent with a shared Amazon VPC requires a different set of IAM permissions to be granted on both AWS accounts (sharing VPC account and cluster account).

Sharing VPC account

In sharing VPC account, create an IAM role to delegate permissions to the EC2 instances that will be part of the cluster. During the IAM Role creation, select "Another AWS account" as the type of trusted entity, and enter the AWS account ID where the EC2 instances will be deployed/running from.

After the IAM role has been created, create the following IAM policy on the sharing VPC account, and attach it to an IAM role. Add or remove route table entries as needed.

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "VisualEditor0",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "ec2:ReplaceRoute",
      "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:ec2:<region>:<sharing_vpc_account_id>:route_table/<rtb_id_1>",
        "arn:aws:ec2:<region>:<sharing_vpc_account_id>:route_table/<rtb_id_2>"
      ]
    },
    {
      "Sid": "VisualEditor1",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "ec2:DescribeRouteTables",
      "Resource": "*"
    }
  ]
}
```

Next, edit move to the "Trust relationships" tab in the IAM role, and ensure that the AWS account you entered while creating the role has been correctly added.

Cluster account

In cluster account, create the following IAM policy, and attach it to an IAM role. This is the IAM Role that is going to be attached to the EC2 instances.

AWS STS policy

{

```
"Version": "2012-10-17",
```

```
"Statement": [
    {
        "Sid": "VisualEditor0",
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": "sts:AssumeRole",
        "Resource": "arn:aws:iam::<sharing_vpc_account_id>:role/<sharing _vpc-account-
cluster-role>"
        }
    ]
}
```

STONITH policy

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    ſ
      "Sid": "VisualEditor0",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "ec2:StartInstances",
        "ec2:StopInstances"
      ],
      "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:ec2:<region>:<cluster_account_id>:instance/<instance_id_1>",
        "arn:aws:ec2:<region>:<cluster_account_id>:instance/<instance_id_2>"
      ]
    },
    {
      "Sid": "VisualEditor1",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "ec2:DescribeInstances",
      "Resource": "*"
    }
  ]
}
```

Shared VPC cluster resources

The cluster resource agent aws-vpc-move-ip also uses a different configuration syntax. When configuring the aws-vpc-move-ip resource agent, the following new parameters must be used:

lookup_type=NetworkInterfaceId

routing_table_role="arn:aws:iam::<account_id>:role/<VPC-Account-Cluster-Role>"

The following IP Resource for SAP ASE database needs to be created.

```
crm configure primitive rsc_ip_SD_ASEDB ocf:heartbeat:aws-vpc-move-ip params
ip=172.16.0.29
routing_table=rtb-xxxxxroutetable1 interface=eth0 profile=cluster
lookup_type=NetworkInterfaceId
routing_table_role="arn:aws:iam::<sharing_vpc_account_id>:role/
<sharing_vpc_account_cluster_role>"
op start interval=0 timeout=180s op stop interval=0 timeout=180s op monitor
interval=20s
timeout=40s
```

SAP ASE and cluster setup

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- Install SAP ASE database
- Cluster prerequisites
- Create cluster and node associations

Install SAP ASE database

The following topics provide information about installing SAP ASE database on AWS Cloud in a highly available cluster. Review SAP Documentation for more details.

Topics

- Use SWPM
- Install SAP database instance
- <u>Check SAP host agent version</u>

Use SWPM

Before running SAP Software Provisioning Manager (SWPM), ensure that the following prerequisites are met.

- If the operating system groups for SAP are pre-defined, ensure that the user identifier (UID) and group identifier values for sapadm, <syb>adm, and sapsys are consistent across both instances.
- You have downloaded the most recent version of Software Provisioning Manager for your SAP version. For more information, see SAP Documentation <u>Software Provisioning Manager</u>.
- Ensure that routes, overlay IPs, and virtual host names are mapped to the instance where the installation is run. This is to ensure that the virtual hostname for SAP ASE database is available on the primary instance. For more information, see <u>IP and hostname resolution prerequisites</u>.
- Ensure that FSx for ONTAP mount points are available, either in /etc/fstab or using the mount command. For more information, see <u>File system prerequisites</u>. If you are adding the entries in / etc/fstab, ensure that they are removed before configuring the cluster.

Install SAP database instance

The commands in this section use the example values provided in <u>Define reference parameters for</u> <u>setup</u>.

Install SAP ASE database on slxdbhost01 with virtual hostname slxvdb, using the high availability option of Software Provisioning Manager (SWPM) tool. You can use the SAPINST_USE_HOSTNAME parameter to install SAP using a virtual hostname.

<swpm location>/sapinst SAPINST_USE_HOSTNAME=slxvdb

Note

Before installing SAP ASE database, ASCS and ERS must be installed, and the /sapmnt directory must be available on the database server.

Check SAP host agent version

The SAP host agent is used for ASE database instance control and monitoring. This agent is used by SAP cluster resource agents and hooks. It is recommended that you have the latest version installed on both instances. For more details, see <u>SAP Note 2219592 – Upgrade Strategy of SAP</u> <u>Host Agent</u>.

Use the following command to check the version of the host agent.

```
/usr/sap/hostctrl/exe/saphostexec -version
```

Cluster prerequisites

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- Update the hacluster password
- Setup passwordless authentication between nodes
- Create an authentication key for corosync

Update the hacluster password

This is applicable to both cluster nodes. Change the password of the operating system user hacluster using the following command.

passwd hacluster

Setup passwordless authentication between nodes

For a more comprehensive and easily consumable view of cluster activity, SUSE provides additional reporting tools. Many of these tools require access to both nodes without entering a password. SUSE recommends performing this setup for root user. For more details, see *Configuration to collect cluster report as root with root SSH access between cluster nodes* section in SUSE Documentation Usage of hb_report for SLES HAE.

Create an authentication key for corosync

If you want to configure corosync to use cryptographic techniques for ensuring authenticity and privacy of the messages, you need to generate a private key. The executable corosync-keygen creates this key and writes it to /etc/corosync/authkey.

Use the following command on Node 1 as root.

corosync-keygen

Use scp or a temporary shared NFS location to copy an identical file on the second node at the same location. For example, on slxdbhost01.

scp -p /etc/corosync/authkey root@slxdbhost02:/etc/corosync

Create cluster and node associations

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- Stop services for initial configuration
- File modifications and key values
- Sample corosync.conf file

Stop services for initial configuration

This is applicable to both cluster nodes. The cluster service pacemaker must be in a stopped state when performing cluster configuration.

Run the following command to check if pacemaker is running.

systemctl status pacemaker

Run the following command to stop pacemaker.

systemctl stop pacemaker

File modifications and key values

corosync.conf is the configuration file for the corosync executable. Copy the contents of the <u>the section called "Sample corosync.conf file"</u> to /etc/corosync/corosync.conf on both nodes.

Ensure the following when copying the file.

- Ensure that the node list IP addresses match the primary and secondary IPs on each host (not the overlay IP)
- Ensure that the file is same on both nodes, with the exception of bindnetaddr that should match the relevant local primary IP address on each node.
- Ensure that the token value is set to 30000. This timeout specifies the time taken in milliseconds until a token loss is declared after not receiving a token. This is important for the stability of the cluster.

Sample corosync.conf file

The following is a sample corosync.conf file.

Ensure that the file is same on both nodes, with the exception of bindnetaddr that should match the relevant local primary IP address on each node.

```
# Read the corosync.conf.5 manual page
totem {
  version: 2
  rrp_mode: passive
  token: 30000
  consensus: 36000
  token_retransmits_before_loss_const: 10
  max_messages: 20
  crypto_cipher: aes256
  crypto_hash: sha1
  clear_node_high_bit: yes
  interface {
    ringnumber: 0
    bindnetaddr: <local_ip>
    mcastport: 5405
    ttl: 1
 }
  transport: udpu
}
 logging {
      fileline: off
      to_logfile: yes
      to_syslog: yes
      logfile: /var/log/cluster/corosync.log
      debug: off
      timestamp: on
      logger_subsys {
         subsys: QUORUM
         debug: off
     }
}
nodelist {
  node {
  ring0_addr: <primary_host_ip>
  ring1_addr: <primary_host_additional_ip>
  nodeid: 1
  }
```

```
node {
  ring0_addr: <secondary_host_ip>
  ring1_addr: <secondary_host_additional_ip>
  nodeid: 2
  }
}
quorum {
  # Enable and configure quorum subsystem (default: off)
  # see also corosync.conf.5 and votequorum.5
  provider: corosync_votequorum
  expected_votes: 2
  two_node: 1
}
```

The following table displays example substitutions for IP addresses using the sample IP addresses provided in this document. The <local_ip> configuration differs between hosts.

IP address type	Primary host	Secondary host
<local_ip></local_ip>	10.1.10.1	10.1.20.1
<primary_host_ip></primary_host_ip>	10.1.10.1	10.1.10.1
<primary_host_additional_ip></primary_host_additional_ip>	10.1.10.2	10.1.10.2
<secondary_host_ip></secondary_host_ip>	10.1.20.1	10.1.20.1
<secondary_host_additional_ ip></secondary_host_additional_ 	10.1.20.2	10.1.20.2

Cluster configuration

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- <u>Cluster resources</u>
- Sample configuration (crm config)

Cluster resources

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- Enable and start the cluster
- Check cluster status
- Prepare for resource creation
- <u>Reset configuration optional</u>
- Cluster bootstrap
- Create Amazon EC2 STONITH resource
- <u>Create file system resources</u>
- Create overlay IP resources
- <u>Create SAP ASE database resource</u>
- Activate cluster

Enable and start the cluster

This is applicable to both cluster nodes. Run the following command to enable and start the pacemaker cluster service on both nodes.

```
# systemctl enable --now pacemaker
OR
# systemctl start pacemaker
```

By enabling the pacemaker service, the server automatically joins the cluster after a reboot. This ensures that your system is protected. Alternatively, you can start the pacemaker service manually on boot. You can then investigate the cause of failure. However, this is generally not required for SAP NetWeaver ASCS cluster.

Run the following command to check the status of the pacemaker service.

```
# systemctl status pacemaker
# pacemaker.service - Pacemaker High Availability Cluster Manager
Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/pacemaker.service; enabled; vendor preset:
disabled)
```

```
Active: active (running) since Tue XXXX-XX-XX XX:XX:XX XXX; XXh ago
Docs: man:pacemakerd
        https://clusterlabs.org/pacemaker/doc/en-US/Pacemaker/2.0/html-single/
Pacemaker_Explained/index.html
   Main PID: 1899 (pacemakerd)
Enable cluster service (optional)
```

Check cluster status

Once the cluster service pacemaker is started, check the cluster status with crm mon command, as shown in the following example.

```
# crm_mon -1
Cluster Summary:
 * Stack: corosync
 * Current DC: slxdbhost01 (version 2.0.xxxxxxxxx) - partition with quorum
 * Last updated:
 * Last change: by hacluster via crmd on slxdbhost01
 * 2 nodes configured
 * 0 resource instances configured
Node List:
 * Online: [ slxdbhost01 slxdbhost02 ]
Active Resources:
 * No active resources
```

The primary (slxdbhost01) and secondary (slxdbhost02) must show up as online.

You can find the ring status and the associated IP address of the cluster with corosync-cfgtool command, as shown in the following example.

Prepare for resource creation

To ensure that the cluster does not perform any unexpected actions during setup of resources and configuration, set the maintenance mode to true.

Run the following command to put the cluster in maintenance mode.

crm maintenance on

Reset configuration – optional

🚺 Note

The following instructions help you reset the complete configuration. Run these commands only if you want to start setup from the beginning. You can make minor changes with the crm edit command.

Run the following command to back up the current configuration for reference.

crm config show > /tmp/crmconfig_backup.txt

Run the following command to clear the current configuration.

crm configure erase

<u> Important</u>

Once the preceding erase command is executed, it removes all of the cluster resources from Cluster Information Base (CIB), and disconnects the communication from corosync to the cluster. Before starting the resource configuration run crm cluster restart, so that cluster reestablishes communication with corosync, and retrieves the configuration. The restart of cluster removes *maintenance mode*. Reapply before commencing additional configuration and resource setup.

Cluster bootstrap

Configure the cluster bootstrap parameters by running the following commands.

```
crm configure rsc_defaults resource-stickiness=1
crm configure rsc_defaults migration-threshold=3
crm configure property stonith-enabled="true"
crm configure property stonith-action="off"
crm configure property stonith-timeout="300s"
crm configure op_defaults timeout="300s"
crm configure op_defaults record-pending="true"
```

Create Amazon EC2 STONITH resource

Modify the following command to match your configuration values.

```
crm configure primitive res_AWS_STONITH stonith:external/ec2 op start interval=0
timeout=180s op stop interval=0 timeout=180s op monitor interval=180s timeout=60s
params tag=pacemaker profile=cluster pcmk_delay_max=30
```

profile – this refers to the AWS CLI profile crated during setup. In the preceding command, *cluster* is the profile name.

Create file system resources

Mounting and unmounting file system resources to align with the location of SAP ASE database is done using cluster resources.

Modify and run the following commands to create these file system resources.

/sybase

```
crm configure primitive rsc_fs_<DBSID>_sybase ocf:heartbeat:Filesystem params
device="<nfs.fqdn>:/sybase" directory="/sybase" fstype="nfs4" options="
rw,noatime,vers=4.1,rsize=262144,wsize=262144,namlen=255,hard,proto=tcp,nconnect=2,timeo=600,r
op start timeout=60s interval=0 op stop timeout=60s interval=0 op monitor interval=20s
timeout=40s
```

/sybase/<DBSID>/sapdata_1

```
crm configure primitive rsc_fs_<DBSID>_data ocf:heartbeat:Filesystem params
  device="<nfs.fqdn>:/asedata" directory="/sybase/<DBSID>/sapdata_1" fstype="nfs4"
  options="rw,noatime,vers=4.1,rsize=262144,wsize=262144,namlen=255,hard,proto=tcp,nconnect=8,tim
  op start timeout=60s interval=0 op stop timeout=60s interval=0 op monitor interval=20s
  timeout=40s
```

/sybase/<DBSID>/saplog_1

```
crm configure primitive rsc_fs_<DBSID>_log ocf:heartbeat:Filesystem params
  device="<nfs.fqdn>:/aselog" directory="/sybase/<DBSID>/saplog_1" fstype="nfs4"
  options="rw,noatime,vers=4.1,rsize=262144,wsize=262144,namlen=255,hard,proto=tcp,nconnect=2,tim
  op start timeout=60s interval=0 op stop timeout=60s interval=0 op monitor interval=20s
  timeout=40s
```

/sybase/<DBSID>/sapdiag

```
crm configure primitive rsc_fs_<DBSID>_diag ocf:heartbeat:Filesystem params
  device="<nfs.fqdn>:/sapdiag" directory="/sybase/<DBSID>/sapdiag" fstype="nfs4"
  options="rw,noatime,vers=4.1,rsize=262144,wsize=262144,namlen=255,hard,proto=tcp,nconnect=2,tim
  op start timeout=60s interval=0 op stop timeout=60s interval=0 op monitor interval=20s
  timeout=40s
```

/sybase/<DBSID>/saptmp

```
crm configure primitive rsc_fs_<DBSID>_tmp ocf:heartbeat:Filesystem params
  device="<nfs.fqdn>:/saptmp" directory="/sybase/<DBSID>/saptmp" fstype="nfs4"
  options="rw,noatime,vers=4.1,rsize=262144,wsize=262144,namlen=255,hard,proto=tcp,nconnect=2,tim
  op start timeout=60s interval=0 op stop timeout=60s interval=0 op monitor interval=20s
  timeout=40s
```

/sybasebackup

```
crm configure primitive rsc_fs_<DBSID>_bkp ocf:heartbeat:Filesystem params
device="<nfs.fqdn>:/sybasebackup" directory="/backup" fstype="nfs4"
options="rw,noatime,vers=4.1,rsize=262144,wsize=262144,namlen=255,hard,proto=tcp,nconnect=2,tin
op start timeout=60s interval=0 op stop timeout=60s interval=0 op monitor interval=20s
timeout=40s
```

/usr/sap

```
crm configure primitive rsc_fs_<DBSID>_sap ocf:heartbeat:Filesystem params
device="<nfs.fqdn>:/usrsap" directory="/usr/sap" fstype="nfs4"
options="rw,noatime,vers=4.1,rsize=262144,wsize=262144,namlen=255,hard,proto=tcp,nconnect=2,tim
op start timeout=60s interval=0 op stop timeout=60s interval=0 op monitor interval=20s
timeout=40s
```

Notes

- Review the mount options to ensure that they match with your operating system, NFS file system type, and the latest recommendations from SAP and AWS.
- <nfs.fqdn> must be the alias of the FSx for ONTAP resource. For example, svm-xxxxx.fsxxxxx.<region>.amazonaws.com.
- Your file system structure can vary it can have multiple data file systems. The preceding examples must be adapted to your environment.

Create overlay IP resources

The IP resource provides the details necessary to update the route table entry for overlay IP.

Modify and run the following command to create IP resources.

```
crm configure primitive rsc_ip_<DBSID>_ASEDB ocf:heartbeat:aws-vpc-move-ip params
ip=172.16.0.29 routing_table=rtb-xxxxroutetable1 interface=eth0 profile=cluster op
start interval=0 timeout=180s op stop interval=0 timeout=180s op monitor interval=20s
timeout=40s
```

Notes

- If more than one route table is required for connectivity or because of subnet associations, the routing_table parameter can have multiple values separated by a comma. For example, routing_table=rtb-xxxxroutetable1, rtb-xxxxroutetable2.
- Additional parameters lookup_type and routing_table_role are required for shared VPC.
 For more information, see Shared VPC optional.

Create SAP ASE database resource

SAP ASE database is started and stopped using cluster resources.

Modify and run the following command to create the SAPDatabase resource.

```
crm configure primitive rsc_ase_<DBSID>_ASEDB ocf:heartbeat:SAPDatabase SID=<DBSID>
DBTYPE=SYB STRICT_MONITORING=TRUE op start timeout=300 op stop timeout=300
```

Create the cluster resource group, and the resources together in the order in which the services will be started and stopped.

crm configure group grp_<DBSID>_ASEDB rsc_fs_<DBSID>_sybase rsc_fs_<DBSID>_data
rsc_fs_<DBSID>_log rsc_fs_<DBSID>_diag rsc_fs_<DBSID>_tmp rsc_fs_<DBSID>_bkp
rsc_fs_<DBSID>_sap rsc_aws_stonith_<DBSID> rsc_ase_<DBSID>_ASEDB

Activate cluster

Use crm config show and crm config edit commands to review that all the values have been entered correctly.

On confirmation of correct values, set the maintenance mode to false using the following command. This enables the cluster to take control of the resources.

crm maintenance off

See the Sample configuration.

Sample configuration (crm config)

```
node 1: slxdbhost01
node 2: slxdbhost02
primitive rsc_ase_ASD_ASEDB SAPDatabase \
        params SID=ASD DBTYPE=SYB STRICT_MONITORING=TRUE \
        op start timeout=300 interval=0s ∖
        op stop timeout=300 interval=0s ∖
        op monitor timeout=60s interval=120s ∖
        meta target-role=Started
primitive rsc_aws_stonith_ASD stonith:external/ec2 \
        params tag=pacemaker profile=cluster pcmk_delay_max=30 \
        op start interval=0 timeout=180s ∖
        op stop interval=0 timeout=180s ∖
        op monitor interval=180s timeout=60s
primitive rsc_fs_ASD_bkp Filesystem \
        params device="svm-091efa9986c8e93c7.fs-0c3a4a5162a325aea.fsx.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:/backup" directory="/sybasebackup" fstype=nfs4
 options="rw, noatime, vers=4.1, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, namlen=255, hard, proto=tcp, nconnect=2, ti
 \
        op start timeout=60s interval=0 \
        op stop timeout=60s interval=0 \
        op monitor interval=20s timeout=40s
primitive rsc_fs_ASD_data Filesystem \
        params device="svm-0e6e2738a9ca391ce.fs-0c3a4a5162a325aea.fsx.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:/asedata" directory="/sybase/ASD/sapdata_1" fstype=nfs4
```

```
options="rw, noatime, vers=4.1, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, namlen=255, hard, proto=tcp, nconnect=8, ti
 /
        op start timeout=60s interval=0 \
        op stop timeout=60s interval=0 ∖
        op monitor interval=20s timeout=40s
primitive rsc_fs_ASD_diag Filesystem \
        params device="svm-091efa9986c8e93c7.fs-0c3a4a5162a325aea.fsx.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:/sapdiag" directory="/sybase/ASD/sapdiag" fstype=nfs4
 options="rw, noatime, vers=4.1, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, namlen=255, hard, proto=tcp, nconnect=2, ti
 /
        op start timeout=60s interval=0 ∖
        op stop timeout=60s interval=0 ∖
        op monitor interval=20s timeout=40s
primitive rsc_fs_ASD_log Filesystem \
        params device="svm-0895fe73884c12f83.fs-0c3a4a5162a325aea.fsx.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:/aselog" directory="/sybase/ASD/saplog_1" fstype=nfs4
 options="rw, noatime, vers=4.1, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, namlen=255, hard, proto=tcp, nconnect=2, ti
 /
        op start timeout=60s interval=0 ∖
        op stop timeout=60s interval=0 \
        op monitor interval=20s timeout=40s
primitive rsc_fs_ASD_sap Filesystem \
        params device="svm-091efa9986c8e93c7.fs-0c3a4a5162a325aea.fsx.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:/usrsap" directory="/usr/sap" fstype=nfs4
 options="rw, noatime, vers=4.1, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, namlen=255, hard, proto=tcp, nconnect=2, ti
 /
        op start timeout=60s interval=0 ∖
        op stop timeout=60s interval=0 \
        op monitor interval=20s timeout=40s
primitive rsc_fs_ASD_sybase Filesystem \
        params device="svm-091efa9986c8e93c7.fs-0c3a4a5162a325aea.fsx.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:/sybase" directory="/sybase" fstype=nfs4
 options="rw, noatime, vers=4.1, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, namlen=255, hard, proto=tcp, nconnect=2, ti
 /
        op start timeout=60s interval=0 \
        op stop timeout=60s interval=0 ∖
        op monitor interval=20s timeout=40s
primitive rsc_fs_ASD_tmp Filesystem \
        params device="svm-091efa9986c8e93c7.fs-0c3a4a5162a325aea.fsx.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:/saptmp" directory="/sybase/ASD/saptmp" fstype=nfs4
 options="rw, noatime, vers=4.1, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, namlen=255, hard, proto=tcp, nconnect=2, ti
 /
        op start timeout=60s interval=0 \
        op stop timeout=60s interval=0 \
```

```
op monitor interval=20s timeout=40s
primitive rsc_ip_SD_ASEDB aws-vpc-move-ip \
        params ip=172.16.0.29 routing_table=rtb-0b3f1d6196f45300d interface=eth0
 profile=cluster \
        op start interval=0 timeout=180s ∖
        op stop interval=0 timeout=180s ∖
        op monitor interval=20s timeout=40s
group grp_ASD_ASEDB rsc_fs_ASD_sybase rsc_fs_ASD_data rsc_fs_ASD_log rsc_fs_ASD_diag
 rsc_fs_ASD_tmp rsc_fs_ASD_bkp rsc_fs_ASD_sap rsc_ip_SD_ASEDB rsc_ase_ASD_ASEDB
property cib-bootstrap-options: \
        maintenance-mode=false \
        stonith-enabled=true \
        stonith-action=off \
        stonith-timeout=300s ∖
        last-lrm-refresh=1686941627 \
        have-watchdog=false \setminus
        dc-version="2.1.2+20211124.ada5c3b36-150400.4.9.2-2.1.2+20211124.ada5c3b36" \
        cluster-infrastructure=corosync
rsc_defaults rsc-options: \
        resource-stickiness=1 \
        migration-threshold=1
op_defaults op-options: \
        timeout=300s ∖
        record-pending=true
```

Operations

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- Analysis and maintenance
- Testing

Analysis and maintenance

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- <u>Viewing the cluster state</u>
- Performing planned maintenance

- Post-failure analysis and reset
- Alerting and monitoring

Viewing the cluster state

You can view the state of the cluster in two ways - based on your operating system or with a web based console provided by SUSE.

Topics

- Operating system based
- SUSE Hawk2

Operating system based

There are multiple operating system commands that can be run as root or as a user with appropriate permissions. The commands enable you to get an overview of the status of the cluster and its services. See the following commands for more details.

crm status

Sample output:

```
slxdbhost01:~ # crm status
Cluster Summary:
* Stack: corosync
* Current DC: slxdbhost02 (version 2.1.2+20211124.ada5c3b36-150400.4.9.2-
2.1.2+20211124.ada5c3b36) - partition with quorum
* Last updated: Sat Jun 17 01:16:10 2023
* Last change: Sat Jun 17 01:15:31 2023 by root via crm_resource on slxdbhost01
* 2 nodes configured
* 10 resource instances configured
Node List:
* Online: [ slxdbhost01 slxdbhost02 ]
Full List of Resources:
* rsc_aws_stonith_ASD (stonith:external/ec2): Started slxdbhost02
* Resource Group: grp_ASD_ASEDB:
* rsc_fs_ASD_sybase (ocf::heartbeat:Filesystem): Started slxdbhost01
* rsc_fs_ASD_data (ocf::heartbeat:Filesystem): Started slxdbhost01
* rsc_fs_ASD_log (ocf::heartbeat:Filesystem): Started slxdbhost01
```

* rsc_fs_ASD_diag (ocf::heartbeat:Filesystem): Started slxdbhost01 * rsc_fs_ASD_tmp (ocf::heartbeat:Filesystem): Started slxdbhost01 * rsc_fs_ASD_bkp (ocf::heartbeat:Filesystem): Started slxdbhost01 * rsc_fs_ASD_sap (ocf::heartbeat:Filesystem): Started slxdbhost01 * rsc_ip_SD_ASEDB (ocf::heartbeat:aws-vpc-move-ip): Started slxdbhost01

* rsc_ase_ASD_ASEDB (ocf::heartbeat:SAPDatabase): Started slxdbhost01

The following table provides a list of useful commands.

Command	Description
crm_mon	Display cluster status on the console with updates as they occur
crm_mon -1	Display cluster status on the console just once, and exit
crm_mon -Arnf	-A Display node attributes
	-n Group resources by node
	-r Display inactive resources
	-f Display resource fail counts
crm help	View more options
crm_monhelp-all	View more options

SUSE Hawk2

Hawk2 is a web-based graphical user interface for managing and monitoring pacemaker highly availability clusters. It must be enabled on every node in the cluster, to point your web browser on any node for accessing it. Use the following command to enable Hawk2.

systemctl enable --now hawk
systemctl status hawk

Use the following URL to check security groups for access on port 7630 from your administrative host.

https://your-server:7630/

```
e.g https://slxdbhost01:7630
```

For more information, see <u>Configuring and Managing Cluster Resources with Hawk2</u> in the SUSE Documentation.

Performing planned maintenance

The cluster connector is designed to integrate the cluster with SAP start framework (sapstartsrv), including the rolling kernel switch (RKS) awareness. Stopping and starting the SAP system using sapcontrol should not result in any cluster remediation activities as these actions are not interpreted as failures. Validate this scenario when testing your cluster.

There are different options to perform planned maintenance on nodes, resources, and the cluster.

Options

- Maintenance mode
- Placing a node in standby mode
- Moving a resource (not recommended)

Maintenance mode

Use maintenance mode if you want to make any changes to the configuration or take control of the resources and nodes in the cluster. In most cases, this is the safest option for administrative tasks.

On

Use one of the following commands to turn on maintenance mode.

crm maintenance on

crm configure property maintenance-mode="true"

Off

Use one of the following commands to turn off maintenance mode.

crm maintenance off

crm configure property maintenance-mode="false"

Placing a node in standby mode

To perform maintenance on the cluster without system outage, the recommended method for moving active resources is to place the node you want to remove from the cluster in standby mode.

```
crm node standby slxdbhost01
```

The cluster will cleanly relocate resources, and you can perform activities, including reboots on the node in standby mode. When maintenance activities are complete, you can re-introduce the node with the following command.

```
crm node online slxdbhost01
```

Moving a resource (not recommended)

Moving individual resources is not recommended because of the migration or move constraints that are created to lock the resource in its new location. These can be cleared as described in the info messages, but this introduces an additional setup.

```
slxdbhost01:~ # crm resource move grp_ASD_ASEDB force
INFO: Move constraint created for grp_ASD_ASEDB
INFO: Use `crm resource clear grp_ASD_ASEDB` to remove this constraint
```

Use the following command once the resources have relocated to their target location.

```
slxdbhost01:~ # crm resource clear grp_ASD_ASEDB
```

Post-failure analysis and reset

A review must be conducted after each failure to understand the source of failure as well the reaction of the cluster. In most scenarios, the cluster prevents an application outage. However, a manual action is often required to reset the cluster to a protective state for any subsequent failures.

Topics

• Checking the logs

- Cleanup crm status
- Restart failed nodes or pacemaker
- Further analysis

Checking the logs

Start your troubleshooting by checking the operating system log /var/log/messages. You can find additional information in the cluster and pacemaker logs.

- Cluster logs updated in the corosync.conf file located at /etc/corosync/ corosync.conf.
- Pacemaker logs updated in the pacemaker.log file located at /var/log/pacemaker.
- Resource agents /var/log/messages

Application based failures can be investigated in the SAP work directory.

Cleanup crm status

If failed actions are reported using the crm status command, and if they have already been investigated, then you can clear the reports with the following command.

crm resource cleanup <resource> <hostname>

Restart failed nodes or pacemaker

It is recommended that failed (or fenced) nodes are not automatically restarted. It gives operators a chance to investigate the failure, and ensure that the cluster doesn't make assumptions about the state of resources.

You need to restart the instance or the pacemaker service based on your approach.

Further analysis

The following commands consolidate information from both nodes, highlighting key events and differentiating between originating node to make the analysis clear.

```
crm history events
```

crm history log

If further analysis from SUSE is required, an hb_report may be requested. For more information, see SUSE Documentation – Usage of hb_report for SLES HAE.

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crm history events and hb_report rely on passwordless ssh being set up between the nodes.

Alerting and monitoring

Using the cluster alert agents

Within the cluster configuration, you can call an external program (an alert agent) to handle alerts. This is a *push* notification. It passes information about the event via environment variables.

The agents can then be configured to send emails, log to a file, update a monitoring system, etc. For example, the following script can be used to access Amazon SNS.

```
#!/bin/sh
#
# alert_sns.sh
# modified from /usr/share/pacemaker/alerts/alert_smtp.sh.sample
#
# SETUP
# * Create an SNS Topic and subscribe email or chatbot
# * Note down the ARN for the SNS topic
# * Give the IAM Role attached to both Instances permission to publish to the SNS Topic
# * Ensure the aws cli is installed
# * Copy this file to /usr/share/pacemaker/alerts/alert_sns.sh or other location on
BOTH nodes
# * Ensure the permissions allow for hacluster and root to execute the script
# * Run the following as root (modify file location if necessary and replace SNS ARN):
# SLES:
#
   crm configure alert aws_sns_alert /usr/share/pacemaker/alerts/alert_sns.sh meta
timeout=30s timestamp-format="%Y-%m-%d_%H:%M:%S" to { arn:aws:sns:region:account-
id:myPacemakerAlerts }
# RHEL:
#
   pcs alert create id=aws_sns_alert path=/usr/share/pacemaker/alerts/alert_sns.sh
meta timeout=30s timestamp-format="%Y-%m-%d_%H:%M:%S"
```

```
# pcs alert recipient add aws_sns_alert value=arn:aws:sns:region:account-
id:myPacemakerAlerts
# Additional information to send with the alerts.
node_name=`uname -n`
sns_body=`env | grep CRM_alert_`
# Required for SNS
TOKEN=$(/usr/bin/curl --noproxy '*' -s -X PUT "http://169.254.169.254/latest/api/token"
 -H "X-aws-ec2-metadata-token-ttl-seconds: 21600")
# Get metadata
REGION=$(/usr/bin/curl --noproxy '*' -w "\n" -s -H "X-aws-ec2-metadata-token: $TOKEN"
http://169.254.169.254/latest/dynamic/instance-identity/document | grep region | awk -
F\" '{print $4}')
sns_subscription_arn=${CRM_alert_recipient}
# Format depending on alert type
case ${CRM_alert_kind} in
   node)
     sns_subject="${CRM_alert_timestamp} ${cluster_name}: Node '${CRM_alert_node}' is
 now '${CRM_alert_desc}'"
   ;;
   fencing)
     sns_subject="${CRM_alert_timestamp} ${cluster_name}: Fencing ${CRM_alert_desc}"
   ;;
   resource)
     if [ ${CRM_alert_interval} = "0" ]; then
         CRM_alert_interval=""
     else
         CRM_alert_interval=" (${CRM_alert_interval})"
     fi
     if [ ${CRM_alert_target_rc} = "0" ]; then
         CRM_alert_target_rc=""
     else
         CRM_alert_target_rc=" (target: ${CRM_alert_target_rc})"
     fi
     case ${CRM_alert_desc} in
         Cancelled)
           ;;
         *)
           sns_subject="${CRM_alert_timestamp}: Resource operation
 '${CRM_alert_task}${CRM_alert_interval}' for '${CRM_alert_rsc}' on
 '${CRM_alert_node}': ${CRM_alert_desc}${CRM_alert_target_rc}"
           ;;
     esac
```

```
;;
attribute)
sns_subject="${CRM_alert_timestamp}: The '${CRM_alert_attribute_name}' attribute
of the '${CRM_alert_node}' node was updated in '${CRM_alert_attribute_value}'"
;;
*)
sns_subject="${CRM_alert_timestamp}: Unhandled $CRM_alert_kind alert"
;;
esac
# Use this information to send the email.
aws sns publish --topic-arn "${sns_subscription_arn}" --subject "${sns_subject}" --
message "${sns_body}" --region ${REGION}
```

Testing

We recommend scheduling regular fault scenario recovery testing at least annually, and as part of the operating system or SAP kernel updates that may impact operations. For more details on best practices for regular testing, see SAP Lens – <u>Best Practice 4.3 – Regularly test business continuity</u> plans and fault recovery.

The tests described here simulate failures. These can help you understand the behavior and operational requirements of your cluster.

In addition to checking the state of cluster resources, ensure that the service you are trying to protect is in the required state. Can you still connect to SAP? Are locks still available in SM12?

Define the recovery time to ensure that it aligns with your business objectives. Record recovery actions in runbooks.

Tests

- Test 1: Stop SAP ASE database using sapcontrol
- Test 2: Unmount FSx for ONTAP file system on primary host
- Test 3: Kill the database processes on the primary host
- Test 4: Simulate hardware failure of an individual node, and repeat for other node
- Test 5: Simulate a network failure
- Test 6: Simulate an NFS failure
- <u>Test 7: Accidental shutdown</u>

Test 1: Stop SAP ASE database using sapcontrol

Simulate failure – On primary host as root:

/usr/sap/hostctrl/exe/saphostctrl -function StopDatabase -dbname ASD -dbtybe syb -force

Expected behavior – SAP ASE database is stopped, and the SAPDatabase resource agent enters a failed state. The cluster will failover the database to the secondary instance.

Recovery action – No action required.

Test 2: Unmount FSx for ONTAP file system on primary host

Simulate failure – On primary host as root:

```
umount -1 /sybase/ASD/sapdata_1
```

Expected behavior – The rsc_fs resource enters a failed state. The cluster stops the SAP ASE database, and will failover to the secondary instance.

Recovery action – No action required.

Test 3: Kill the database processes on the primary host

Simulate failure – On primary host as syb<sid>:

```
ps -ef |grep -i sybaasd
kill -9 <PID>
```

Expected behavior – SAP ASE database fails, and the SAPDatabase resource enters a failed state. The cluster will failover the database to the secondary instance.

Recovery action – No action required.

Test 4: Simulate hardware failure of an individual node, and repeat for other node

Notes – To simulate a system crash, you must first ensure that /proc/sys/kernel/sysrq is set to 1.

Simulate failure – On the primary host as root:

```
echo 'c' > /proc/sysrq-trigger
```

Expected behavior – The node which has been killed fails. The cluster moves the resource (SAP ASE database) that was running on the failed node to the surviving node.

Recovery action – Start the EC2 node.

Test 5: Simulate a network failure

Notes – See the following list.

- Iptables must be installed.
- Use a subnet in this command because of the secondary ring.
- Check for any existing iptables rules as iptables -F will flush all rules.
- Review pcmk_delay and priority parameters if you see neither node survives the fence race.

Simulate failure – On the primary host as root:

```
iptables -A INPUT -s <CIDR_of_other_subnet> -j DROP; iptables -A OUTPUT -d
<CIDR_of_other_subnet> -j DROP
```

Expected behavior – The cluster detects the network failure, and fences one of the nodes to avoid a split-brain situation.

Recovery action – If the node where the command was run survives, execute iptables -F to clear the network failure. Start the EC2 node.

Test 6: Simulate an NFS failure

Notes – See the following list.

- Iptables must be installed.
- Check for any existing iptables rules as iptables -F will flush all rules.
- Although rare, this is an important scenario to test. Depending on the activity it may take some time (10 min +) to notice that I/O to EFS is not occurring and fail either the Filesystem or SAP resources.

Simulate failure – On the primary host as root:

iptables -A OUTPUT -p tcp --dport 2049 -m state --state NEW,ESTABLISHED,RELATED -j
DROP; iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --sport 2049 -m state --state ESTABLISHED -j DROP

Expected behavior – The cluster detects that NFS is not available, and the SAPDatabase resource agent fails, and moves to the FAILED state.

Recovery action – If the node where the command was run survives, execute iptables -F to clear the network failure. Start the EC2 node.

Test 7: Accidental shutdown

Notes – See the following list.

- Avoid shutdowns without cluster awareness.
- We recommend the use of systemd to ensure predictable behaviour.
- Ensure the resource dependencies are in place.

Simulate failure – Login to AWS Management Console, and stop the instance or issue a shutdown command.

Expected behavior – The node which has been shut down fails. The cluster moves the resource (SAP ASE database) that was running on the failed node to the surviving node. If systemd and resource dependencies are not configured, you may notice that while the EC2 instance is shutting down gracefully, the cluster will detect an unclean stop of cluster services on the node and will fence the EC2 instance being shut down.

Recovery action – Start the EC2 node and pacemaker service.

SAP ASE for SAP NetWeaver on AWS: high availability configuration for Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) for SAP applications

This topic applies to Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) for SAP with high availability and update services operating system for SAP NetWeaver running on SAP ASE database on AWS cloud. It covers the instructions for configuration of a pacemaker cluster for SAP ASE database when deployed on Amazon EC2 instances in two different Availability Zones within an AWS Region.

This topic covers the implementation of high availability using the cold standby method. For more information, see <u>SAP Note 1650511 – SYB: High Availability Offerings with SAP Adaptive Server</u> <u>Enterprise</u> (requires SAP portal access).

Topics

- Planning
- <u>Architecture diagram</u>
- Deployment
- Operations

Planning

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- Prerequisites
- Reliability
- SAP and Red Hat references
- <u>Concepts</u>

Prerequisites

You must meet the following prerequisites before commencing setup.

Topics

- Deployed cluster infrastructure
- Supported operating system
- Required access for setup

Deployed cluster infrastructure

Ensure that your AWS networking requirements and Amazon EC2 instances where SAP workloads are installed, are correctly configured for SAP. For more information, see <u>SAP NetWeaver</u> Environment Setup for Linux on AWS.

See the following SAP ASE cluster specific requirements.

- Two cluster nodes created in private subnets in separate Availability Zones within the same Amazon VPC and AWS Region
- Access to the route table(s) that are associated with the chosen subnets

For more information, see the section called "AWS – Overlay IP".

• Targeted Amazon EC2 instances must have connectivity to the Amazon EC2 endpoint via internet or a Amazon VPC endpoint.

Supported operating system

Protecting SAP ASE database with a pacemaker cluster requires packages from Red Hat, including targeted cluster resource agents for SAP and AWS that may not be available in standard repositories.

SAP and Red Hat recommend the use of Red Hat Enterprise Linux for SAP. Starting with Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 (RHEL 8), either RHEL for SAP Solutions or RHEL for SAP Applications are required for running SAP applications in production environments. See <u>SAP Note 1656099 - SAP</u> Applications on AWS: Supported DB/OS and Amazon EC2 products (requires SAP portal access).

Built on the Red Hat Enterprise Linux operating system, Red Hat Enterprise Linux for SAP expands existing capabilities, lso you can get the most out of SAP's powerful analytics and data management portfolio. See <u>Red Hat Enterprise Solutions for SAP</u> product page from Red Hat.

Red Hat Enterprise Linux High Availability (HA) provides all the necessary packages for configuring pacemaker-based clusters. Extended Update Support (E4S) provides support on specific minor releases for 4 years from general availability.

Red Hat Enterprise Linux for SAP with HA and US is available on <u>AWS Marketplace</u> under an hourly or an annual subscription model or can be accessed using a BYOS subscription model.

Required access for setup

The following access is required for setting up the cluster.

- An IAM user with the following privileges.
 - modify Amazon VPC route tables
 - modify Amazon EC2 instance properties
 - create IAM policies and roles
 - create Amazon EFS file systems
- Root access to the operating system of both cluster nodes
- SAP administrative user access <syb>adm

In case of a new install, this user is created by the install process.

Reliability

SAP ASE database is a single point of failure in a highly available SAP architecture. We recommend evaluating the impact of design decisions on cost, operation, and reliability. For more information, see Reliability in SAP Lens - AWS Well-Architected Framework.

SAP and Red Hat references

In addition to this guide, see the following references for more details.

- Red Hat: <u>Is there a High Availability resource agent for SAP (Sybase) ASE database, and how can I</u> configure it in a Red Hat Enterprise Linux HA Cluster?
- Red Hat: <u>Red Hat Enterprise Linux for SAP offerings on Amazon Web Services FAQ</u>
- <u>SAP Note: 1656099 SAP Applications on AWS: Supported DB/OS and Amazon EC2 products</u>
- SAP Note: 1618572 Linux: Support Statement for RHEL on Amazon Web Services
- SAP Note: 2002167 Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.x: Installation and Upgrade
- SAP Note: 2772999 Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.x: Installation and Upgrade

You must have SAP portal access for reading all SAP Notes.

Concepts

This section covers AWS, SAP, and Red Hat concepts.

Concepts

- AWS Availability Zones
- AWS Overlay IP
- AWS Shared VPC
- Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP
- Pacemaker STONITH fencing agent

AWS – Availability Zones

Availability Zone is one or more data centers with redundant power, networking, and connectivity in an AWS Region. For more information, see <u>Regions and Availability Zones</u>.

For mission critical deployments of SAP on AWS where the goal is to minimise the recovery time objective (RTO), we suggest distributing single points of failure across Availability Zones. Compared with single instance or single Availability Zone deployments, this increases resilience and isolation against a broad range of failure scenarios and issues, including natural disasters.

Each Availability Zone is physically separated by a meaningful distance (many kilometers) from another Availability Zone. All Availability Zones in an AWS Region re interconnected with highbandwidth, low-latency network, over fully redundant, dedicated metro fiber. This enables synchronous replication. All traffic between Availability Zones is encrypted.

AWS – Overlay IP

Overlay IP enables a connection to the application, regardless of which Availability Zone (and subnet) contains the active primary node.

When deploying instances in AWS, it is necessary to allocate an IP from a pre-existing subnet. Subnets have a classless inter-domain routing (CIDR) IP assignment from the VPC which resides entirely within one Availability Zone. This CIDR IP assignment cannot span multiple Availability Zones or be reassigned to an instance in a different Availability Zone after faults, including network connectivity or hardware issues which require a failover to the replication target.

To address this, we suggest that you configure an overlay IP, and use this in the connection parameters for the application. This IP address is a non-overlapping RFC1918 private IP address

from outside of VPC CIDR block and is configured as an entry in the route table or tables. The route directs the connection to the active node and is updated during a failover by the cluster software.

You can select any one of the following RFC1918 private IP addresses for your overlay IP address.

- 10.0.0.0 10.255.255.255 (10/8 prefix)
- 172.16.0.0 172.31.255.255 (172.16/12 prefix)
- 192.168.0.0 192.168.255.255 (192.168/16 prefix)

If you use the 10/8 prefix in your SAP VPC, selecting a 172 or a 192 IP address may help to differentiate the overlay IP. Consider the use of an IP Address Management (IPAM) tool such as Amazon VPC IP Address Manager to plan, track, and monitor IP addresses for your AWS workloads. For more information, see What is IPAM?

The overlay IP agent in the cluster can also be configured to update multiple route tables which contain the Overlay IP entry if your subnet association or connectivity requires it.

Access to overlay IP

The overlay IP is outside of the range of the VPC, and therefore cannot be reached from locations that are not associated with the route table, including on-premises and other VPCs.

Use <u>AWS Transit Gateway</u> as a central hub to facilitate the network connection to an overlay IP address from multiple locations, including Amazon VPCs, other AWS Regions, and on-premises using <u>AWS Direct Connect</u> or <u>AWS Client VPN</u>.

If you do not have AWS Transit Gateway set up as a network transit hub or if it is not available in your preferred AWS Region, you can use a <u>Network Load Balancer</u> to enable network access to an overlay IP.

For more information, see SAP on AWS High Availability with Overlay IP Address Routing.

AWS – Shared VPC

An enterprise landing zone setup or security requirements may require the use of a separate cluster account to restrict the route table access required for the Overlay IP to an isolated account. For more information, see Share your VPC with other accounts .

Evaluate the operational impact against your security posture before setting up shared VPC. To set up, see <u>Shared VPC – optional</u>.

Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP

Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP is a fully managed service that provides highly reliable, scalable, high-performing, and feature-rich file storage built on NetApp's popular ONTAP file system. FSx for ONTAP combines the familiar features, performance, capabilities, and API operations of NetApp file systems with the agility, scalability, and simplicity of a fully managed AWS service.

FSx for ONTAP also provides highly available and durable storage with fully managed backups and support for cross-Region disaster recovery. To make it easier to protect and secure your data, FSx for ONTAP supports popular data security and anti-virus applications. For more information, see What is Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP?

Pacemaker - STONITH fencing agent

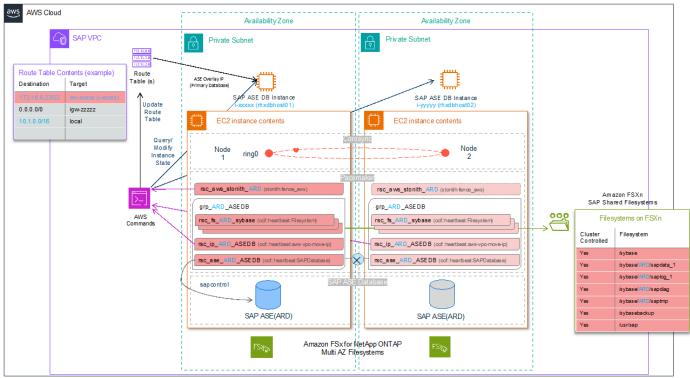
In a two-node cluster setup for a primary resource and its replication pair, it is important that there is only one node in the primary role with the ability to modify your data. In the event of a failure scenario where a node is unresponsive or incommunicable, ensuring data consistency that can require you to isolate the faulty node by powering it down before the cluster commences other actions, such as promoting a new primary. This arbitration is the role of the fencing agent.

Since a two-node cluster introduces the possibility of a fence race in which a dual shoot out can occur with communication failures resulting in both nodes simultaneously claiming, "I can't see you, so I am going to power you off". The fencing agent is designed to minimise this risk by providing an external witness.

Red Hat supports several fencing agents, including the one recommended for use with Amazon EC2 Instances (fence_aws). This resource uses API commands to check its own instance status - "Is my instance state anything other than running?" before proceeding to power off its pair. If it is already in a stopping or stopped state it will admit defeat and leave the surviving node untouched.

Architecture diagram

The following diagram shows the cold standby SAP ASE cluster setup with FSx for ONTAP.



RHEL for SAP - Pacemaker Cluster for SAP ASE

Deployment

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- Settings and prerequisites
- SAP and cluster setup
- Cluster configuration

Settings and prerequisites

The cluster setup uses parameters, including DBSID that is unique to your setup. It is useful to predetermine the values with the following examples and guidance.

Topics

- Define reference parameters for setup
- <u>Amazon EC2 instance settings</u>

- Operating system prerequisites
- IP and hostname resolution prerequisites
- FSx for ONTAP prerequisites
- Shared VPC optional

Define reference parameters for setup

The cluster setup relies on the following parameters.

Topics

- Global AWS parameters
- Amazon EC2 instance parameters
- SAP and Pacemaker resource parameters
- RHEL cluster parameters

Global AWS parameters

Name	Parameter	Example
AWS account ID	<account_id></account_id>	123456789100
AWS Region	<region_id></region_id>	us-east-1

- AWS account For more details, see Your AWS account ID and its alias.
- AWS Region For more details, see Describe your Regions.

Amazon EC2 instance parameters

Name	Parameter	Primary example	Secondary example
Amazon EC2 instance ID	<instance_id></instance_id>	i-xxxxins tidforhost1	i- xxxxinsti dforhost2
Hostname	<hostname></hostname>	rhxdbhost01	rhxdbhost02

Name	Parameter	Primary example	Secondary example
Host IP	<host_ip></host_ip>	10.1.10.1	10.1.20.1
Host additional IP	<host_add itional_ip></host_add 	10.1.10.2	10.1.20.2
Configured subnet	<subnet_id></subnet_id>	subnet-xx xxxxxxxs ubnet1	subnet-xx xxxxxxxs ubnet2

 Hostname – Hostnames must comply with SAP requirements outlined in <u>SAP Note 611361</u> – Hostnames of SAP ABAP Platform servers (requires SAP portal access).

Run the following command on your instances to retrieve the hostname.

hostname

• Amazon EC2 instance ID – run the following command (IMDSv2 compatible) on your instances to retrieve instance metadata.

```
/usr/bin/curl --noproxy '*' -w "\n" -s -H "X-aws-ec2-metadata-token: $(curl --noproxy
  '*' -s -X PUT "http://169.254.169.254/latest/api/token" -H "X-aws-ec2-metadata-
token-ttl-seconds: 21600")" http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/instance-id
```

For more details, see <u>Retrieve instance metadata</u> and <u>Instance identity documents</u>.

SAP and Pacemaker resource parameters

Name	Parameter	Example
DBSID	<dbsid> or <dbsid></dbsid></dbsid>	ARD
Virtual hostname	<db_virt_hostname></db_virt_hostname>	rhxvdb
Database Overlay IP	<ase_db_oip></ase_db_oip>	172.16.0.23
VPC Route Tables	<rtb_id></rtb_id>	rtb-xxxxroutetable1

Name	Parameter	Example
FSx for ONTAP mount points	<ase_db_fs></ase_db_fs>	svm-xxx.fs-xxx.fsx .us- east-1.am azonaws.com

 SAP details – SAP parameters, including SID and instance number must follow the guidance and limitations of SAP and Software Provisioning Manager. Refer to <u>SAP Note 1979280 - Reserved</u> SAP System Identifiers (SAPSID) with Software Provisioning Manager for more details.

Post-installation, use the following command to find the details of the instances running on a host.

sudo /usr/sap/hostctrl/exe/saphostctrl -function ListDatabases

- Overlay IP This value is defined by you. For more information, see Overlay IP.
- FSx for ONTAP mount points This value is defined by you. Consider the required mount points specified in SAP ASE on AWS with Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP.

RHEL cluster parameters

Name	Parameter	Example
Cluster name	cluster_name	rhelha
Cluster user	cluster_user	hacluster
Cluster password	cluster_password	

Amazon EC2 instance settings

Amazon EC2 instance settings can be applied using Infrastructure as Code or manually using AWS Command Line Interface or AWS Management Console. We recommend Infrastructure as Code automation to reduce manual steps, and ensure consistency.

Topics

- Create IAM roles and policies
- <u>AWS Overlay IP policy</u>
- Assign IAM role
- Modify security groups for cluster communication
- Disable source/destination check
- <u>Review automatic recovery and stop protection</u>

Create IAM roles and policies

In addition to the permissions required for standard SAP operations, two IAM policies are required for the cluster to control AWS resources on ASCS. These policies must be assigned to your Amazon EC2 instance using an IAM role. This enables Amazon EC2 instance, and therefore the cluster to call AWS services.

Create these policies with least-privilege permissions, granting access to only the specific resources that are required within the cluster. For multiple clusters, you need to create multiple policies.

For more information, see IAM roles for Amazon EC2.

STONITH policy

The RHEL STONITH agent requires permission to start and stop both the nodes of the cluster. Create a policy as shown in the following example. Attach this policy to the IAM role assigned to both Amazon EC2 instances in the cluster.

```
"ec2:StartInstances",
    "ec2:StopInstances"
],
    "Resource": [
    "arn:aws:ec2:<region>:<account_id>:instance/<instance_id_1>",
    "arn:aws:ec2:<region>:<account_id>:instance/<instance_id_2>"
]
}
]
}
```

AWS Overlay IP policy

The RHEL Overlay IP resource agent (aws-vpc-move-ip) requires permission to modify a routing entry in route tables. Create a policy as shown in the following example. Attach this policy to the IAM role assigned to both Amazon EC2 instances in the cluster.

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": "ec2:ReplaceRoute",
            "Resource": [
                  "arn:aws:ec2:<region>:<account_id>:route-table/<rtb_id_1>",
                  "arn:aws:ec2:<region>:<account_id>:route-table/<rtb_id_2>"
                         ]
        },
        {
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": "ec2:DescribeRouteTables",
            "Resource": "*"
        }
    ]
}
```

1 Note

If you are using a Shared VPCs, see the section called "Shared VPC – optional".

Assign IAM role

The two cluster resource IAM policies must be assigned to an IAM role associated with your Amazon EC2 instance. If an IAM role is not associated to your instance, create a new IAM role for cluster operations. To assign the role, go to <u>https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/</u>, select each or both instance(s), and then choose **Actions > Security > Modify IAM role**.

Modify security groups for cluster communication

A security group controls the traffic that is allowed to reach and leave the resources that it is associated with. For more information, see <u>Control traffic to your AWS resources using security</u> <u>groups</u>.

In addition to the standard ports required to access SAP and administrative functions, the following rules must be applied to the security groups assigned to both Amazon EC2 instances in the cluster.

Inbound

Source	Protocol	Port range	Description
The security group ID (its own resource ID)	UDP	5405	Allows UDP traffic between cluster resources for corosync communica tion

Note

Note the use of the UDP protocol.

If you are running a local firewall, such as iptables, ensure that communication on the preceding ports is allowed between two Amazon EC2 instances.

Disable source/destination check

Amazon EC2 instances perform source/destination checks by default, requiring that an instance is either the source or the destination of any traffic it sends or receives.

In the pacemaker cluster, source/destination check must be disabled on both instances receiving traffic from the Overlay IP. You can disable check using AWS CLI or AWS Management Console.

AWS CLI

Use the modify-instance-attribute command to disable source/destination check.

Run the following commands on both instances in the cluster.

• Primary example –

```
aws ec2 modify-instance-attribute --instance-id i-xxxxinstidforhost1 --no-source-
dest-check
```

• Secondary example –

```
aws ec2 modify-instance-attribute --instance-id i-xxxxinstidforhost2 --no-source-
dest-check
```

AWS Management Console

Ensure that the **Stop** option is checked in https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/.

Review automatic recovery and stop protection

After a failure, cluster-controlled operations must be resumed in a coordinated way. This helps ensure that the cause of failure is known and addressed, and the status of the cluster is as expected. For example, verifying that there are no pending fencing actions.

This can be achieved by not enabling pacemaker to run as a service at the operating system level or by avoiding auto restarts for hardware failure.

If you want to control the restarts resulting from hardware failure, disable simplified automatic recovery and do not configure Amazon CloudWatch action-based recovery for Amazon EC2 instances that are part of a pacemaker cluster. Use the following commands on both Amazon EC2 instances in the pacemaker cluster, to disable simplified automatic recovery via AWS CLI. If making the change via AWS CLI, run the command for both Amazon EC2 instances in the cluster.

Note

Modifying instance maintenance options will require admin privileges not covered by the IAM instance roles defined for operations of the cluster.

```
aws ec2 modify-instance-maintenance-options --instance-id i-xxxxinstidforhost1 --auto-recovery disabled
```

```
aws ec2 modify-instance-maintenance-options --instance-id i-xxxxinstidforhost2 --auto-recovery disabled
```

To ensure that STONITH actions can be executed, you must ensure that stop protection is disabled for Amazon EC2 instances that are part of a pacemaker cluster. If the default settings have been modified, use the following commands for both instances to disable stop protection via AWS CLI.

Note

Modifying instance attributes will require admin privileges not covered by the IAM instance roles defined for operations of the cluster.

```
aws ec2 modify-instance-attribute --instance-id i-xxxxinstidforhost1 --no-disable-api-
stop
```

```
aws ec2 modify-instance-attribute --instance-id i-xxxxinstidforhost2 --no-disable-api-
stop
```

Operating system prerequisites

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- Root access
- Install missing operating system packages
- Update and check operating system versions

- Stop and disable nm-cloud-setup
- Time synchronization services
- AWS CLI profile
- Pacemaker proxy settings

Root access

Verify root access on both cluster nodes. The majority of the setup commands in this document are performed with the root user. Assume that commands should be run as root unless there is an explicit call out to choose otherwise.

Install missing operating system packages

This is applicable to both cluster nodes. You must install any missing operating system packages.

The following packages and their dependencies are required for the pacemaker setup. Depending on your baseline image, for example, RHEL for SAP, these packages may already be installed.

awscli
chrony
corosync
pcs
pacemaker
fence-agents-aws
resource-agents-sap (Version resource-agents-sap-3.9.5-124.el7.x86_64 or higher)
sap-cluster-connector

We highly recommend installing the following additional packages for troubleshooting.

sysstat pcp-system-tools sos

See Red Hat documentation What are all the Performance Co-Pilot (PCP) RPM packages in RHEL?

1 Note

The preceding list of packages is not a complete list required for running SAP applications. For the complete list, see <u>SAP and Red Hat references</u>. Use the following command to check packages and versions.

```
for package in awscli chrony corosync pcs pacemaker fence-agents-aws resource-agents-
sap sap-cluster-connector sysstat pcp-system-tools sos; do
echo "Checking if ${package} is installed..."
RPM_RC=$(rpm -q ${package} --quiet; echo $?)
if [ ${RPM_RC} -ne 0 ];then
echo " ${package} is missing and needs to be installed"
fi
done
```

If a package is not installed, and you are unable to install it using yum, it may be because Red Hat Enterprise Linux for SAP extension is not available as a repository in your chosen image. You can verify the availability of the extension using the following command.

yum repolist

To install or update a package or packages with confirmation, use the following command.

yum install <package_name(s)>

Update and check operating system versions

You must update and confirm versions across nodes. Apply all the latest patches to your operating system versions. This ensures that bugs are addresses and new features are available.

You can update the patches individually or use the yum update. A clean reboot is recommended prior to setting up a cluster.

yum update reboot

Compare the operating system package versions on the two cluster nodes and ensure that the versions match on both nodes.

Stop and disable nm-cloud-setup

This is applicable on both cluster nodes. If you are using Red Hat 8.6 or later, the following services must be stopped and disabled on both the cluster nodes. This prevents the NetworkManager from removing the overlay IP address from the network interface.

```
systemctl disable nm-cloud-setup.timer
systemctl stop nm-cloud-setup.timer
systemctl disable nm-cloud-setup
systemctl stop nm-cloud-setup
```

Time synchronization services

This is applicable to both cluster nodes. Time synchronization is important for cluster operation. Ensure that chrony rpm is installed, and configure appropriate time servers in the configuration file.

You can use Amazon Time Sync Service that is available on any instance running in a VPC. It does not require internet access. To ensure consistency in the handling of leap seconds, don't mix Amazon Time Sync Service with any other ntp time sync servers or pools.

Create or check the /etc/chrony.d/ec2.conf file to define the server.

```
# Amazon EC2 time source config
server 169.254.169.123 prefer iburst minpoll 4 maxpoll 4
```

Start the chronyd.service, using the following command.

```
systemctl enable --now chronyd.service
systemctl status chronyd
```

For more information, see Set the time for your Linux instance.

AWS CLI profile

This is applicable to both cluster nodes. The cluster resource agents use AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI). You need to create an AWS CLI profile for the root account on both instances.

You can either edit the config file at /root/.aws manually or by using <u>aws configure</u> AWS CLI command.

You can skip providing the information for the access and secret access keys. The permissions are provided through IAM roles attached to Amazon EC2 instances.

[#] aws configure

AWS Access Key ID [None]: AWS Secret Access Key [None]: Default region name [None]: <<u>region_id</u>> Default output format [None]:

Pacemaker proxy settings

This is applicable to both cluster nodes. If your Amazon EC2 instance has been configured to access the internet and/or AWS Cloud through proxy servers, then you need to replicate the settings in the pacemaker configuration. For more information, see Use an HTTP proxy.

Add the following lines to /etc/sysconfig/pacemaker.

```
http_proxy=http://<proxyhost>:<proxyport>
https_proxy= http://<proxyhost>:<proxyport>
no_proxy=127.0.0.1,localhost,169.254.169.254,fd00:ec2::254
```

Modify proxyhost and proxyport to match your settings. Ensure that you exempt the address used to access the instance metadata. Configure no_proxy to include the IP address of the instance metadata service – **169.254.169.254** (IPV4) and **fd00:ec2::254** (IPV6). This address does not vary.

IP and hostname resolution prerequisites

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- Add initial VPC route table entries for overlay IPs
- Add overlay IPs to host IP configuration
- Hostname resolution

Add initial VPC route table entries for overlay IPs

You need to add initial route table entries for overlay IPs. For more information on overlay IP, see Overlay IP.

Add entries to the VPC route table or tables associated with the subnets of your Amazon EC2 instance for the cluster. The entries for destination (overlay IP CIDR) and target (Amazon EC2 instance or ENI) must be added manually for ASCS and ERS. This ensures that the cluster resource

has a route to modify. It also supports the install of SAP using the virtual names associated with the overlay IP before the configuration of the cluster.

Modify or add a route to a route table using AWS Management Console

- 1. Open the Amazon VPC console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/vpc/.
- 2. In the navigation pane, choose **Route Tables**, and select the route table associated with the subnets where your instances have been deployed.
- 3. Choose Actions, Edit routes.
- 4. To add a route, choose **Add route**.
- 5. Add your chosen overlay IP address CIDR and the instance ID of your primary instance for SAP ASE database. See the following table for an **example**.

Destination	172.16.0.23/32
Target	i-xxxxinstidforhost1

6. Choose **Save changes**.

The preceding steps can also be performed programmatically. We suggest performing the steps using administrative privileges, instead of instance-based privileges to preserve least privilege. CreateRoute API isn't necessary for ongoing operations.

Run the following command as a dry run on both nodes to confirm that the instances have the necessary permissions.

```
aws ec2 replace-route --route-table-id rtb-xxxxroutetable1 --destination-cidr-
block 172.16.0.23/32 --instance-id i-xxxinstidforhost1 --dry-run --profile
<aws_cli_cluster_profile>
```

Add overlay IPs to host IP configuration

You must configure the overlay IP as an additional IP address on the standard interface to enable SAP install. This action is managed by the cluster IP resource. However, to install SAP using the correct IP addresses prior to having the cluster configuration in place, you need to add these entries manually.

If you need to reboot the instance during setup, the assignment is lost, and must be re-added.

See the following examples. You must update the commands with your chosen IP addresses.

On EC2 instance 1, where you are installing SAP ASE database, add the overlay IP.

ip addr add 172.16.0.23/32 dev eth0

Hostname resolution

This is applicable to both cluster nodes. You must ensure that both instances can resolve all hostnames in use. Add the hostnames for cluster nodes to /etc/hosts file on both cluster nodes. This ensures that hostnames for cluster nodes can be resolved even in case of DNS issues. See the following example.

```
# cat /etc/hosts
10.1.10.1 rhxdbhost01.example.com rhxdbhost01
10.1.20.1 rhxdbhost02.example.com rhxdbhost02
172.16.0.23 rhxvdb.example.com rhxvdb
```

<u> Important</u>

The overlay IP is out of VPC range, and cannot be reached from locations not associated with the route table, including on-premises.

FSx for ONTAP prerequisites

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- Shared file systems
- Create volumes and file systems

Shared file systems

Amazon FSx for NetApp ONTAP is supported for SAP ASE database file systems.

FSx for ONTAP provides fully managed shared storage in AWS Cloud with data access and management capabilities of ONTAP. For more information, see <u>Create an Amazon FSx for NetApp</u> ONTAP file system.

Select a file system based on your business requirements, evaluating the resilience, performance, and cost of your choice.

The SVM's DNS name is your simplest mounting option. The file system DNS name automatically resolves to the mount target's IP address on the Availability ZOne of the connecting Amazon EC2 instance.

svm-id.fs-id.fsx.aws-region.amazonaws.com

Note

Review the enableDnsHostnames and enableDnsSupport DNS attributes for your VPC. For more information, see View and update DNS attributes for your VPC.

Create volumes and file systems

You can review the following resources to understand the FSx for ONTAP mount points for SAP ASE database.

- Host setup for SAP ASE
- SAP <u>Setup of Database Layout</u> (ABAP)
- SAP <u>Setup of Database Layout</u> (JAVA)

The following are the FSx for ONTAP mount points covered in this topic.

Unique NFS Location (example)	File system location
SVM-xxx:/sybase	/sybase
SVM-xxx:/asedata	/sybase/ <dbsid>/sapdata_1</dbsid>
SVM-xxx:/aselog	/sybase/ <dbsid>/saplog_1</dbsid>
SVM-xxx:/sapdiag	/sybase/ <dbsid>/sapdiag</dbsid>
SVM-xxx:/saptmp	/sybase/ <dbsid>/saptmp</dbsid>
SVM-xxx:/backup	/sybasebackup

Unique NFS Location (example)

File system location

SVM-xxx:/usrsap

/usr/sap

Ensure that you have properly mounted the file systems, and the necessary adjustments for host setup have been performed. See <u>Host setup for SAP ASE</u>. You can temporarily add the entries to /etc/fstab to not lose them during a reboot. The entries must be removed prior to configuring the cluster. The cluster resource manages the mounting of the NFS.

You need to perform this step only on the primary Amazon EC2 instance for the initial installation.

Review the mount options to ensure that they match with your operating system, NFS file system type, and SAP's latest recommendations.

Use the following command to check that the required file systems are available.

df -h

Shared VPC – optional

Amazon VPC sharing enables you to share subnets with other AWS accounts within the same AWS Organizations. Amazon EC2 instances can be deployed using the subnets of the shared Amazon VPC.

In the pacemaker cluster, the aws-vpc-move-ip resource agent has been enhanced to support a shared VPC setup while maintaining backward compatibility with previous existing features.

The following checks and changes are required. We refer to the AWS account that owns Amazon VPC as the sharing VPC account, and to the consumer account where the cluster nodes are going to be deployed as the cluster account.

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- <u>Minimum version requirements</u>
- IAM roles and policies
- Shared VPC cluster resources

Minimum version requirements

The latest version of the aws-vpc-move-ip agent shipped with Red Hat 8.2 supports the shared VPC setup by default. The following are the minimum version required to support a shared VPC Setup:

- Red Hat 7.9 resource-agents-4.1.1-61.10
- Red Hat 8.1 resource-agents-4.1.1-33.10
- Red Hat 8.2 resource-agents-4.1.1-44.12

IAM roles and policies

Using the overlay IP agent with a shared Amazon VPC requires a different set of IAM permissions to be granted on both AWS accounts (sharing VPC account and cluster account).

Sharing VPC account

In sharing VPC account, create an IAM role to delegate permissions to the EC2 instances that will be part of the cluster. During the IAM Role creation, select "Another AWS account" as the type of trusted entity, and enter the AWS account ID where the EC2 instances will be deployed/running from.

After the IAM role has been created, create the following IAM policy on the sharing VPC account, and attach it to an IAM role. Add or remove route table entries as needed.

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
    {
        "Sid": "VisualEditor0",
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": "ec2:ReplaceRoute",
        "Resource": [
            "arn:aws:ec2:<region>:<sharing_vpc_account_id>:route_table/<rtb_id_1>",
            "arn:aws:ec2:<region>:<sharing_vpc_account_id>:route_table/<rtb_id_2>"
        ]
    },
    {
        "Sid": "VisualEditor1",
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Sid": "VisualEditor1",
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Sid": "VisualEditor1",
        "Sid": "VisualEditor1",
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        "Sid": "VisualEditor1",
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Sid": "VisualEditor1",
        "Sid": "Visua
```

```
"Action": "ec2:DescribeRouteTables",
    "Resource": "*"
}
]
}
```

Next, edit move to the "Trust relationships" tab in the IAM role, and ensure that the AWS account you entered while creating the role has been correctly added.

Cluster account

In cluster account, create the following IAM policy, and attach it to an IAM role. This is the IAM Role that is going to be attached to the EC2 instances.

AWS STS policy

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Sid": "VisualEditor0",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": "sts:AssumeRole",
            "Resource": "arn:aws:iam::<sharing_vpc_account_id>:role/<sharing _vpc-account-
cluster-role>"
        }
    ]
}
```

STONITH policy

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Sid": "VisualEditor0",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
               "ec2:StartInstances",
               "ec2:StopInstances"
        ],
        "Resource": [
```

```
"arn:aws:ec2:<region>:<cluster_account_id>:instance/<instance_id_1>",
        "arn:aws:ec2:<region>:<cluster_account_id>:instance/<instance_id_2>"
]
},
{
        Sid": "VisualEditor1",
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": "ec2:DescribeInstances",
        "Resource": "*"
}
]
```

Shared VPC cluster resources

The cluster resource agent aws-vpc-move-ip also uses a different configuration syntax. When configuring the aws-vpc-move-ip resource agent, the following new parameters must be used:

- lookup_type=NetworkInterfaceId
- routing_table_role="arn:aws:iam::<account_id>:role/<VPC-Account-Cluster-Role>"

The following IP Resource for SAP ASE database needs to be created.

```
pcs resource create rsc_ip_ARD_ASEDB ocf:heartbeat:aws-vpc-move-ip ip=172.16.0.23
interface=eth0 routing_table=rtb-xxxxroutetable1 lookup_type=NetworkInterfaceId
routing_table_role="arn:aws:iam::<sharing_vpc_account_id>:role/
<sharing_vpc_account_cluster_role>" op monitor interval=20s timeout=40s --group
rsc_asedb_group
```

SAP and cluster setup

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- Install SAP
- Cluster prerequisites
- Create cluster and node associations

Install SAP

The following topics provide information about installing SAP ASE database on AWS Cloud in a highly available cluster. Review SAP Documentation for more details.

Topics

- Use SWPM with high availability
- Install SAP database instance
- Check SAP host agent version

Use SWPM with high availability

Before running SAP Software Provisioning Manager (SWPM), ensure that the following prerequisites are met.

- If the operating system groups for SAP are pre-defined, ensure that the user identifier (UID) and group identifier (GID) values for <syb>adm, sapadm, and sapsys are consistent across both instances.
- You have downloaded the most recent version of Software Provisioning Manager for your SAP version. For more information, see SAP Documentation <u>Software Provisioning Manager</u>.
- Ensure that routes, overlay IPs, and virtual host names are mapped to the instance where the installation will run. This is to ensure that the virtual hostname for SAP ASE database is available on the primary instance. For more information, see <u>IP and hostname resolution prerequisites</u>.
- Ensure that FSx for ONTAP mount points are available, either in /etc/fstab or using the mount command. For more information, see <u>File system prerequisites</u>. If you are adding the entries in / etc/fstab, ensure that they are removed before configuring the cluster.

Install SAP database instance

The commands in this section use the example values provided in <u>Define reference parameters for</u> <u>setup</u>.

Install SAP ASE database on rhxdbhost01 with virtual hostname rhxvdb, using the high availability option of Software Provisioning Manager (SWPM) tool. You can use the SAPINST_USE_HOSTNAME parameter to install SAP using a virtual hostname.

```
<swpm location>/sapinst SAPINST_USE_HOSTNAME=rhxvdb
```

Note

Before installing SAP ASE database, ASCS and ERS must be installed, and the /sapmnt directory must be available on the database server.

Check SAP host agent version

The SAP host agent is used for ASE database instance control and monitoring. This agent is used by SAP cluster resource agents and hooks. It is recommended that you have the latest version installed on both instances. For more details, see <u>SAP Note 2219592 – Upgrade Strategy of SAP</u> <u>Host Agent</u>.

Use the following command to check the version of the host agent.

/usr/sap/hostctrl/exe/saphostexec -version

Cluster prerequisites

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- Update the hacluster password
- Setup passwordless authentication between nodes

Update the hacluster password

This is applicable to both cluster nodes. Change the password of the operating system user hacluster using the following command.

```
# passwd hacluster
```

Setup passwordless authentication between nodes

For a more comprehensive and easily consumable view of cluster activity, Red Hat provides additional reporting tools. Many of these tools require access to both nodes without entering a password. Red Hat recommends performing this setup for root user. For more details, see Red Hat documentation <u>How to setup SSH Key passwordless login in Red Hat</u> Enterprise Linux?

Create cluster and node associations

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- Start pcsd service
- Reset configuration optional
- Authenticate pcs with user hacluster
- Setup node configuration

Start pcsd service

This is applicable on both cluster nodes. Run the following command to enable and start the cluster service pcsd (pacemaker/corosync configuration system daemon) on both, the primary and secondary node.

```
# systemctl start pcsd.service
# systemctl enable pcsd.service
```

Run the following command to check the status of cluster service.

```
# systemctl status pcsd.service
# pcsd.service - PCS GUI and remote configuration interface
Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/pcsd.service; enabled; vendor preset:
disabled)
Active: active (running) since Fri 2023-01-13 14:15:32 IST; 7min ago
Docs: man:pcsd(8)
man:pcs(8)
Main PID: 1445 (pcsd)
Tasks: 1 (limit: 47675)
Memory: 27.1M
CGroup: /system.slice/pcsd.service
##1445 /usr/libexec/platform-python -Es /usr/sbin/pcsd
```

Reset configuration – optional

Note

The following instructions help you reset the complete configuration. Run these commands only if you want to start setup from the beginning. You can make minor changes with the crm edit command.

Run the following command to back up the current configuration for reference.

pcs config show > /tmp/pcsconfig_backup.txt

Run the following command to clear the current configuration.

pcs cluster destroy

Authenticate pcs with user hacluster

The following command authenticates pcs to the pcs daemon on cluster nodes. It should be run on only one of the cluster nodes. The username and password for the pcs user must be the same, and the username should be hacluster.

RHEL 7.x

```
# pcs cluster auth rhxdbhost01 rhxdbhost02
Username: hacluster
Password:
rhxhost02: Authorized
rhxhost01: Authorized
```

RHEL 8.x

pcs host auth rhxdbhost01 rhxdbhost02
Username: hacluster
Password:
rhxhost02: Authorized
rhxhost01: Authorized

Setup node configuration

The following command configures the cluster configuration file, and syncs the configuration on both nodes. It should be run on only one of the cluster nodes.

RHEL 7.x

```
# pcs cluster setup --name rhelha rhxdbhost01 rhxdbhost02
Destroying cluster on nodes: rhxdbhost01, rhxdbhost02...
rhxdbhost02: Stopping Cluster (pacemaker)...
rhxdbhost01: Stopping Cluster (pacemaker)...
rhxdbhost02: Successfully destroyed cluster
rhxdbhost01: Successfully destroyed cluster
Sending 'pacemaker_remote authkey' to 'rhxdbhost01', 'rhxdbhost02'
rhxdbhost01: successful distribution of the file 'pacemaker_remote authkey'
rhxdbhost02: successful distribution of the file 'pacemaker_remote authkey'
Sending cluster config files to the nodes...
rhxdbhost01: Succeeded
rhxdbhost02: Succeeded
Synchronizing pcsd certificates on nodes rhxdbhost01, rhxdbhost02...
rhxdbhost01: Success
rhxdbhost02: Success
Restarting pcsd on the nodes in order to reload the certificates...
rhxdbhost01: Success
rhxdbhost02: Success.
```

RHEL 8.x

```
# pcs cluster setup rhelha rhxdbhost01 rhxdbhost02
No addresses specified for host 'rhxdbhost01', using 'rhxdbhost01'
No addresses specified for host 'rhxdbhost02', using 'rhxdbhost02'
Destroying cluster on hosts: 'rhxdbhost01', 'rhxdbhost02'...
rhxdbhost01: Successfully destroyed cluster
rhxdbhost02: Successfully destroyed cluster
Requesting remove 'pcsd settings' from 'rhxdbhost01', 'rhxdbhost02'
rhxdbhost01: successful removal of the file 'pcsd settings'
sending 'corosync authkey', 'pacemaker authkey'
to 'rhxdbhost01', 'rhxdbhost02'
rhxdbhost01: successful distribution of the file 'corosync authkey'
rhxdbhost01: successful distribution of the file 'pacemaker authkey'
```

```
rhxdbhost02: successful distribution of the file 'corosync authkey'
rhxdbhost02: successful distribution of the file 'pacemaker authkey'
Sending 'corosync.conf' to 'rhxdbhost01', 'rhxdbhost02'
rhxdbhost01: successful distribution of the file 'corosync.conf'
rhxdbhost02: successful distribution of the file 'corosync.conf'
Cluster has been successfully set up.
```

Cluster configuration

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- <u>Cluster resources</u>
- Sample configuration (pcs config show)

Cluster resources

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- Enable and start the cluster
- Increase corosync totem timeout
- <u>Check cluster status</u>
- Prepare for resource creation
- <u>Cluster bootstrap</u>
- Create fence_aws STONITH resource
- <u>Create file system resources</u>
- <u>Create overlay IP resources</u>
- Create SAP ASE database resource
- Activate cluster

Enable and start the cluster

This is applicable to both cluster nodes. Run the following command to enable and start the pacemaker cluster service on both nodes.

```
pcs cluster enable --all
rhxdbhost01: Cluster Enabled
rhxdbhost02: Cluster Enabled
pcs cluster start --all
rhxdbhost01: Starting Cluster...
rhxdbhost02: Starting Cluster...
```

By enabling the pacemaker service, the server automatically joins the cluster after a reboot. This ensures that your system is protected. Alternatively, you can start the pacemaker service manually on boot. You can then investigate the cause of failure. However, this is generally not required for SAP NetWeaver ASCS cluster.

Increase corosync totem timeout

RHEL 7.x

1. Edit the /etc/corosync/corosync.conf file in all cluster nodes to increase the token value or to add a value if it is not present.

```
totem {
    version: 2
    secauth: off
    cluster_name: my-rhel-sap-cluster
    transport: udpu
    rrp_mode: passive
    token: 29000 <----- Value to be set
}</pre>
```

2. Reload the corosync with the following command, on any one of the cluster nodes. This does not cause any downtime.

pcs cluster reload corosync

3. Use the following command to confirm if the changes are active.

```
# corosync-cmapctl | grep totem.token
Runtime.config.totem.token (u32) = 29000
```

RHEL 8.x

Use the following command to increase the token value or to add a value if it is not present.

pcs cluster config update totem token=29000

Check cluster status

Once the cluster service pacemaker is started, check the cluster status with pcs status command, as shown in the following example. Both the primary (rhxdbhost01) and secondary (rhxdbhost02) servers should be seen as online.

```
pcs status
Cluster name: rhelha
WARNINGS:
No stonith devices and stonith-enabled is not false
Cluster Summary:
  * Stack: corosync
  * Current DC: rhxdbhost01 (version 2.0.3-5.el8_2.5-4b1f869f0f) - partition with
 quorum
  * Last updated: Tue Jan 10 21:32:15 2023
  * Last change: Tue Jan 10 19:46:50 2023 by hacluster via crmd on rhxdbhost01
  * 2 nodes configured
  * 0 resource instances configured
Node List:
  * Online: [ rhxdbhost01 rhxdbhost02 ]
Full List of Resources:
  * No resources
Daemon Status:
  corosync: active/enabled
  pacemaker: active/enabled
  pcsd: active/enabled
```

Prepare for resource creation

To ensure that the cluster does not perform any unexpected actions during setup of resources and configuration, set the maintenance mode to true.

Run the following command to put the cluster in maintenance mode.

pcs property set maintenance-mode=true

Cluster bootstrap

Configure the cluster bootstrap parameters by running the following commands.

```
pcs resource defaults update resource-stickiness=1
pcs resource defaults update migration-threshold=3
```

Create fence_aws STONITH resource

Modify the commands in the following table to match your configuration values.

```
pcs stonith create rsc_aws_stonith_<DBSID> fence_aws region=us-east-1
pcmk_host_map="rhxdbhost01:i-xxxxinstidforhost1;rhxdbhost02:i-xxxxinstidforhost2"
power_timeout=240 pcmk_reboot_timeout=300 pcmk_reboot_retries=2 pcmk_delay_max=30
pcmk_reboot_action=reboot op start timeout=180 op stop timeout=180 op monitor
interval=180 timeout=60
```

Note

The default pcmk action is reboot. If you want to have the instance remain in a stopped state until it has been investigated, and then manually started again, add pcmk_reboot_action=off. Any High Memory (u-*tb1.*) instance or metal instance running on a dedicated host won't support reboot, and will require pcmk_reboot_action=off.

Create file system resources

Mounting and unmounting file system resources to align with the location of SAP ASE database is done using cluster resources.

Modify and run the following commands to create these file system resources.

/sybase

```
crm configure primitive rsc_fs_<DBSID>_sybase ocf:heartbeat:Filesystem params
  device="<nfs.fqdn>:/sybase" directory="/sybase" fstype="nfs4" options="
```

```
rw,noatime,vers=4.1,rsize=262144,wsize=262144,namlen=255,hard,proto=tcp,nconnect=2,timeo=600,r
op start timeout=60s interval=0 op stop timeout=60s interval=0 op monitor interval=20s
timeout=40s
```

/sybase/<DBSID>/sapdata_1

```
crm configure primitive rsc_fs_<DBSID>_data ocf:heartbeat:Filesystem params
  device="<nfs.fqdn>:/asedata" directory="/sybase/<DBSID>/sapdata_1" fstype="nfs4"
  options="rw,noatime,vers=4.1,rsize=262144,wsize=262144,namlen=255,hard,proto=tcp,nconnect=8,tim
  op start timeout=60s interval=0 op stop timeout=60s interval=0 op monitor interval=20s
  timeout=40s
```

/sybase/<DBSID>/saplog_1

```
crm configure primitive rsc_fs_<DBSID>_log ocf:heartbeat:Filesystem params
  device="<nfs.fqdn>:/aselog" directory="/sybase/<DBSID>/saplog_1" fstype="nfs4"
  options="rw,noatime,vers=4.1,rsize=262144,wsize=262144,namlen=255,hard,proto=tcp,nconnect=2,tim
  op start timeout=60s interval=0 op stop timeout=60s interval=0 op monitor interval=20s
  timeout=40s
```

/sybase/<DBSID>/sapdiag

```
crm configure primitive rsc_fs_<DBSID>_diag ocf:heartbeat:Filesystem params
  device="<nfs.fqdn>:/sapdiag" directory="/sybase/<DBSID>/sapdiag" fstype="nfs4"
  options="rw,noatime,vers=4.1,rsize=262144,wsize=262144,namlen=255,hard,proto=tcp,nconnect=2,tim
  op start timeout=60s interval=0 op stop timeout=60s interval=0 op monitor interval=20s
  timeout=40s
```

/sybase/<DBSID>/saptmp

```
crm configure primitive rsc_fs_<DBSID>_tmp ocf:heartbeat:Filesystem params
  device="<nfs.fqdn>:/saptmp" directory="/sybase/<DBSID>/saptmp" fstype="nfs4"
  options="rw,noatime,vers=4.1,rsize=262144,wsize=262144,namlen=255,hard,proto=tcp,nconnect=2,tim
  op start timeout=60s interval=0 op stop timeout=60s interval=0 op monitor interval=20s
  timeout=40s
```

/sybasebackup

crm configure primitive rsc_fs_<DBSID>_bkp ocf:heartbeat:Filesystem params
 device="<nfs.fqdn>:/sybasebackup" directory="/backup" fstype="nfs4"

```
options="rw,noatime,vers=4.1,rsize=262144,wsize=262144,namlen=255,hard,proto=tcp,nconnect=2,tim
op start timeout=60s interval=0 op stop timeout=60s interval=0 op monitor interval=20s
timeout=40s
```

/usr/sap

```
crm configure primitive rsc_fs_<DBSID>_sap ocf:heartbeat:Filesystem params
  device="<nfs.fqdn>:/usrsap" directory="/usr/sap" fstype="nfs4"
  options="rw,noatime,vers=4.1,rsize=262144,wsize=262144,namlen=255,hard,proto=tcp,nconnect=2,tim
  op start timeout=60s interval=0 op stop timeout=60s interval=0 op monitor interval=20s
  timeout=40s
```

Notes

- Review the mount options to ensure that they match with your operating system, NFS file system type, and the latest recommendations from SAP and AWS.
- <nfs.fqdn> must be the alias of the FSx for ONTAP resource. For example, fsxxxxxx.efs.xxxxx.amazonaws.com.
- It is important to create the resources in the proper mount order/sequence.

Create overlay IP resources

The IP resource provides the details necessary to update the route table entry for overlay IP.

Use the following command to create an SAP ASE database IP resource.

pcs resource create rsc_ip_<DBSID>_ASEDB ocf:heartbeat:aws-vpc-move-ip ip=172.16.0.23 interface=eth0 routing_table=rtb-xxxxxroutetable1 op monitor interval=20s timeout=40s --group rsc_asedb_group

Notes

- If more than one route table is required for connectivity or because of subnet associations, the routing_table parameter can have multiple values separated by a comma. For example, routing_table=rtb-xxxxroutetable1, rtb-xxxxroutetable2.
- Additional parameters lookup_type and routing_table_role are required for shared VPC.
 For more information, see Shared VPC optional.

Create SAP ASE database resource

SAP ASE database is started and stopped using cluster resources.

Modify and run the following command to create the SAPDatabase resource.

```
pcs resource create rsc_ase_<DBSID>_ASEDB ocf:heartbeat:SAPDatabase SID=<DBSID>
DBTYPE=SYB STRICT_MONITORING=TRUE op start timeout=300 op stop timeout=300 --group
grp_<DBSID>_ASEDB
```

Use the following command for more details on the resource.

pcs resource describe ocf:heartbeat:SAPDatabase

Activate cluster

Use pcs config show to review that all the values have been entered correctly.

On confirmation of correct values, set the maintenance mode to false using the following command. This enables the cluster to take control of the resources.

pcs property set maintenance-mode=false

See the Sample configuration.

Sample configuration (pcs config show)

The following sample configuration is based on ENSA2.

```
pcs config show
Cluster Name: rhelha
Corosync Nodes:
    rhxdbhost01 rhxdbhost02
Pacemaker Nodes:
    rhxdbhost01 rhxdbhost02
Resources:
Group: rsc_asedb_group
    Meta Attrs: resource-stickiness=5000
    Resource: rsc_vip_asedb (class=ocf provider=heartbeat type=aws-vpc-move-ip)
    Attributes: interface=eth0 ip=172.16.0.23 routing_table=rtb-0b3f1d6196f45300d
    Operations: monitor interval=60s timeout=30s (rsc_vip_asedb-monitor-interval-60s)
    start interval=0s timeout=180s (rsc_vip_asedb-start-interval-0s)
```

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```
stop interval=0s timeout=180s (rsc_vip_asedb-stop-interval-0s)
        Resource: rsc_fs_sybase (class=ocf provider=heartbeat type=Filesystem)
            Attributes: device=svm-09794aeece44cc025.fs-04af26e8311974f41.fsx.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:/sybase directory=/sybase force_unmount=safe fstype=nfs4
    options=rw, noatime, vers=4.1, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, namlen=255, hard, proto=tcp, nconnect=2, time and the set of t
            Operations: monitor interval=20s timeout=40s (rsc_fs_sybase-monitor-interval-20s)
                                                              start interval=0s timeout=60s (rsc_fs_sybase-start-interval-0s)
                                                              stop interval=0s timeout=60s (rsc_fs_sybase-stop-interval-0s)
        Resource: rsc_fs_data (class=ocf provider=heartbeat type=Filesystem)
            Attributes: device=svm-01c02d046ae5a24a2.fs-04af26e8311974f41.fsx.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:/asedata directory=/sybase/ARD/sapdata_1 force_unmount=safe
    fstype=nfs4
    options=rw, noatime, vers=4.1, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, namlen=255, hard, proto=tcp, nconnect=8, tim
            Operations: monitor interval=20s timeout=40s (rsc_fs_data-monitor-interval-20s)
                                                              start interval=0s timeout=60s (rsc_fs_data-start-interval-0s)
                                                              stop interval=0s timeout=60s (rsc_fs_data-stop-interval-0s)
        Resource: rsc_fs_log (class=ocf provider=heartbeat type=Filesystem)
            Attributes: device=svm-04cd525dbd0b354d2.fs-04af26e8311974f41.fsx.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:/aselog directory=/sybase/ARD/saplog_1 force_unmount=safe
    fstype=nfs4
    options=rw, noatime, vers=4.1, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, namlen=255, hard, proto=tcp, nconnect=2, time and the set of t
            Operations: monitor interval=20s timeout=40s (rsc_fs_log-monitor-interval-20s)
                                                              start interval=0s timeout=60s (rsc_fs_log-start-interval-0s)
                                                              stop interval=0s timeout=60s (rsc_fs_log-stop-interval-0s)
        Resource: rsc_fs_sapdiag (class=ocf provider=heartbeat type=Filesystem)
            Attributes: device=svm-09794aeece44cc025.fs-04af26e8311974f41.fsx.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:/sapdiag directory=/sybase/ARD/sapdiag force_unmount=safe
    fstype=nfs4
    options=rw, noatime, vers=4.1, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, namlen=255, hard, proto=tcp, nconnect=2, times and the second se
            Operations: monitor interval=20s timeout=40s (rsc_fs_sapdiag-monitor-interval-20s)
                                                              start interval=0s timeout=60s (rsc_fs_sapdiag-start-interval-0s)
                                                              stop interval=0s timeout=60s (rsc_fs_sapdiag-stop-interval-0s)
        Resource: rsc_fs_saptmp (class=ocf provider=heartbeat type=Filesystem)
            Attributes: device=svm-09794aeece44cc025.fs-04af26e8311974f41.fsx.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:/saptmp directory=/sybase/ARD/saptmp force_unmount=safe
    fstype=nfs4
    options=rw, noatime, vers=4.1, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, namlen=255, hard, proto=tcp, nconnect=2, time and the set of t
            Operations: monitor interval=20s timeout=40s (rsc_fs_saptmp-monitor-interval-20s)
                                                              start interval=0s timeout=60s (rsc_fs_saptmp-start-interval-0s)
                                                              stop interval=0s timeout=60s (rsc_fs_saptmp-stop-interval-0s)
        Resource: rsc_fs_backup (class=ocf provider=heartbeat type=Filesystem)
            Attributes: device=svm-09794aeece44cc025.fs-04af26e8311974f41.fsx.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:/backup directory=/sybasebackup force_unmount=safe fstype=nfs4
    options=rw, noatime, vers=4.1, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, namlen=255, hard, proto=tcp, nconnect=2, time set and the set of the set
```

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```
Operations: monitor interval=20s timeout=40s (rsc_fs_backup-monitor-interval-20s)
                            start interval=0s timeout=60s (rsc_fs_backup-start-interval-0s)
                            stop interval=0s timeout=60s (rsc_fs_backup-stop-interval-0s)
   Resource: rsc_fs_usrsap (class=ocf provider=heartbeat type=Filesystem)
     Attributes: device=svm-09794aeece44cc025.fs-04af26e8311974f41.fsx.us-
east-1.amazonaws.com:/usrsap directory=/usr/sap force_unmount=safe fstype=nfs4
 options=rw, noatime, vers=4.1, rsize=262144, wsize=262144, namlen=255, hard, proto=tcp, nconnect=2, times and the second se
     Operations: monitor interval=20s timeout=40s (rsc_fs_usrsap-monitor-interval-20s)
                            start interval=0s timeout=60s (rsc_fs_usrsap-start-interval-0s)
                            stop interval=0s timeout=60s (rsc_fs_usrsap-stop-interval-0s)
   Resource: sybaseARD (class=ocf provider=heartbeat type=SAPDatabase)
     Attributes: DBTYPE=SYB SID=ARD STRICT_MONITORING=TRUE
     Operations: methods interval=0s timeout=5s (sybaseARD-methods-interval-0s)
                            monitor interval=120s timeout=60s (sybaseARD-monitor-interval-120s)
                            start interval=0s timeout=300 (sybaseARD-start-interval-0s)
                            stop interval=0s timeout=300 (sybaseARD-stop-interval-0s)
Stonith Devices:
 Resource: clusterfence (class=stonith type=fence_aws)
   Attributes: pcmk_delay_max=45
 pcmk_host_map=rhxdbhost01:i-03939ad3f07e14e3f;rhxdbhost02:i-09f138e3a1290bfde
 pcmk_reboot_action=off pcmk_reboot_retries=4 pcmk_reboot_timeout=600 power_timeout=240
 region=us-east-1
   Operations: monitor interval=300 timeout=60 (clusterfence-monitor-interval-300)
                          start interval=0s timeout=600 (clusterfence-start-interval-0s)
Fencing Levels:
Location Constraints:
Ordering Constraints:
Colocation Constraints:
Ticket Constraints:
Alerts:
 No alerts defined
Resources Defaults:
   Meta Attrs: rsc_defaults-meta_attributes
       migration-threshold=1
Operations Defaults:
   No defaults set
Cluster Properties:
 cluster-infrastructure: corosync
 cluster-name: rhelha
 dc-version: 2.1.2-4.el8_6.7-ada5c3b36e2
 have-watchdog: false
 last-lrm-refresh: 1693394303
 maintenance-mode: false
Tags:
```

No tags defined Quorum: Options:

Operations

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- Analysis and maintenance
- Testing

Analysis and maintenance

This section covers the following topics.

Topics

- Viewing the cluster state
- Performing planned maintenance
- Post-failure analysis and reset
- Alerting and monitoring

Viewing the cluster state

You can view the state of the cluster based on your operating system.

Operating system based

There are multiple operating system commands that can be run as root or as a user with appropriate permissions. The commands enable you to get an overview of the status of the cluster and its services. See the following commands for more details.

pcs status

Sample output:

```
# pcs status
Cluster name: rhelha
Cluster Summary:
* Stack: corosync
* Current DC: rhxdbhost01 (version 2.1.2-4.el8_6.5-ada5c3b36e2) - partition with quorum
* Last updated: Wed Apr 12 19:38:46 2023
* Last change: Mon Apr 10 14:55:08 2023 by root via crm_resource on rhxdbhost01
* 2 nodes configured
* 10 resource instances configured
Node List:
* Online: [ awnulaeddb awnulaeddbha ]
Full List of Resources:
* rsc_aws_stonith_ARD (stonith:fence_aws): Started awnulaeddb
* Resource Group: grp_ARD_ASEDB:
* rsc_ip_ARD_ASEDB (ocf::heartbeat:aws-vpc-move-ip): Started rhxdbhost01
* rsc_fs_ARD_sybase (ocf::heartbeat:Filesystem): Started rhxdbhost01
* rsc_fs_ARD_data (ocf::heartbeat:Filesystem): Started rhxdbhost01
* rsc_fs_ARD_log (ocf::heartbeat:Filesystem): Started rhxdbhost01
* rsc_fs_ARD_sapdiag (ocf::heartbeat:Filesystem): Started rhxdbhost01
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* rsc_fs_ARD_saptmp (ocf::heartbeat:Filesystem): Started rhxdbhost01
* rsc_fs_ARD_backup (ocf::heartbeat:Filesystem): Started rhxdbhost01
* rsc_fs_ARD_usrsap (ocf::heartbeat:Filesystem): Started rhxdbhost01
* rsc_ase_ARD_ASEDB (ocf::heartbeat:SAPDatabase): Started rhxdbhost01
Daemon Status:
corosync: active/enabled
pacemaker: active/enabled
pcsd: active/enabled
```

The following table provides a list of useful commands.

Command	Description
crm_mon	Display cluster status on the console with updates as they occur
crm_mon -1	Display cluster status on the console just once, and exit
crm_mon -Arnf	-A Display node attributes

Command	Description
	-n Group resources by node
	-r Display inactive resources
	-f Display resource fail counts
pcs help	View more options
crm_monhelp-all	View more options

Performing planned maintenance

The cluster connector is designed to integrate the cluster with SAP start framework (sapstartsrv), including the rolling kernel switch (RKS) awareness. Stopping and starting the SAP system using sapcontrol should not result in any cluster remediation activities as these actions are not interpreted as failures. Validate this scenario when testing your cluster.

There are different options to perform planned maintenance on nodes, resources, and the cluster.

Options

- <u>Maintenance mode</u>
- Placing a node in standby mode
- Moving a resource (not recommended)

Maintenance mode

Use maintenance mode if you want to make any changes to the configuration or take control of the resources and nodes in the cluster. In most cases, this is the safest option for administrative tasks.

On

Use the following command to turn on maintenance mode.

pcs property set maintenance-mode="true"

Off

Use the following command to turn off maintenance mode.

pcs property set maintenance-mode="false"

Placing a node in standby mode

To perform maintenance on the cluster without system outage, the recommended method for moving active resources is to place the node you want to remove from the cluster in standby mode.

pcs node standby rhxdbhost01

The cluster will cleanly relocate resources, and you can perform activities, including reboots on the node in standby mode. When maintenance activities are complete, you can re-introduce the node with the following command.

```
# pcs node unstandby rhxdbhost01
```

Moving a resource (not recommended)

Moving individual resources is not recommended because of the migration or move constraints that are created to lock the resource in its new location. These can be cleared as described in the info messages, but this introduces an additional setup.

rhxdbhost01:~ # pcs resource move grp_ARD_ASEDB Note: Move constraint created for grp_ARD_ASEDB to rhxdbhost02 Note: Use "pcs constraint location remove cli-prefer-grp_ARD_ASEDB" to remove this constraint.

Post-failure analysis and reset

A review must be conducted after each failure to understand the source of failure as well the reaction of the cluster. In most scenarios, the cluster prevents an application outage. However, a manual action is often required to reset the cluster to a protective state for any subsequent failures.

Topics

- Checking the logs
- <u>Cleanup pcs status</u>

- Restart failed nodes or pacemaker
- Further analysis

Checking the logs

Start your troubleshooting by checking the operating system log /var/log/messages. You can find additional information in the cluster and pacemaker logs.

- Cluster logs updated in the corosync.conf file located at /etc/corosync/ corosync.conf.
- **Pacemaker logs** updated in the pacemaker.log file located at /var/log/pacemaker.
- Resource agents /var/log/messages

Application based failures can be investigated in the SAP work directory.

Cleanup pcs status

If failed actions are reported using the crm status command, and if they have already been investigated, then you can clear the reports with the following command.

pcs resource cleanup <resource> <hostname>

pcs stonith cleanup

Note

Use the help command to understand the impact of these commands.

Restart failed nodes or pacemaker

It is recommended that failed (or fenced) nodes are not automatically restarted. It gives operators a chance to investigate the failure, and ensure that the cluster doesn't make assumptions about the state of resources.

You need to restart the instance or the pacemaker service based on your approach.

Further analysis

If further analysis from Red Hat is required, they may request an sos report, or logs of the cluster from crm_report or pcs cluster report.

sos report – The sos report command is a tool that collects configuration details, system information, and diagnostic information from a Red Hat Enterprise Linux system. For instance, the running kernel version, loaded modules, and system and service configuration files. The command also runs external programs to collect further information, and stores this output in the resulting archive. For more information, see Red Hat documentation <u>What is an sos report and is it different from an sosreport?</u>

crm report – collects the cluster logs/information from the node where the command is being run. For more information, see Red Hat documentation <u>How do I generate a crm_report from a RHEL 6</u> or 7 High Availability cluster node using pacemaker?

crm_report

pcs cluster report – command collects the cluster logs/information from all the nodes involved in the cluster.

pcs cluster report <destination_path>

🚯 Note

The pcs cluster report command relies on passwordless ssh being set up between the nodes.

Alerting and monitoring

Using the cluster alert agents

Within the cluster configuration, you can call an external program (an alert agent) to handle alerts. This is a *push* notification. It passes information about the event via environment variables.

The agents can then be configured to send emails, log to a file, update a monitoring system, etc. For example, the following script can be used to access Amazon SNS.

^{#!/}bin/sh

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#
# alert_sns.sh
# modified from /usr/share/pacemaker/alerts/alert_smtp.sh.sample
#
# SETUP
# * Create an SNS Topic and subscribe email or chatbot
# * Note down the ARN for the SNS topic
# * Give the IAM Role attached to both Instances permission to publish to the SNS Topic
# * Ensure the aws cli is installed
# * Copy this file to /usr/share/pacemaker/alerts/alert_sns.sh or other location on
BOTH nodes
# * Ensure the permissions allow for hacluster and root to execute the script
# * Run the following as root (modify file location if necessary and replace SNS ARN):
# SLES:
#
   crm configure alert aws_sns_alert /usr/share/pacemaker/alerts/alert_sns.sh meta
timeout=30s timestamp-format="%Y-%m-%d_%H:%M:%S" to { arn:aws:sns:region:account-
id:myPacemakerAlerts }
# RHEL:
   pcs alert create id=aws_sns_alert path=/usr/share/pacemaker/alerts/alert_sns.sh
#
meta timeout=30s timestamp-format="%Y-%m-%d_%H:%M:%S"
# pcs alert recipient add aws_sns_alert value=arn:aws:sns:region:account-
id:myPacemakerAlerts
# Additional information to send with the alerts.
node_name=`uname -n`
sns_body=`env | grep CRM_alert_`
# Required for SNS
TOKEN=$(/usr/bin/curl --noproxy '*' -s -X PUT "http://169.254.169.254/latest/api/token"
-H "X-aws-ec2-metadata-token-ttl-seconds: 21600")
# Get metadata
REGION=$(/usr/bin/curl --noproxy '*' -w "\n" -s -H "X-aws-ec2-metadata-token: $TOKEN"
http://169.254.169.254/latest/dynamic/instance-identity/document | grep region | awk -
F\" '{print $4}')
sns_subscription_arn=${CRM_alert_recipient}
# Format depending on alert type
case ${CRM_alert_kind} in
  node)
    sns_subject="${CRM_alert_timestamp} ${cluster_name}: Node '${CRM_alert_node}' is
now '${CRM_alert_desc}'"
  ;;
  fencing)
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sns_subject="${CRM_alert_timestamp} ${cluster_name}: Fencing ${CRM_alert_desc}"
   ;;
   resource)
     if [ ${CRM_alert_interval} = "0" ]; then
         CRM_alert_interval=""
     else
         CRM_alert_interval=" (${CRM_alert_interval})"
     fi
     if [ ${CRM_alert_target_rc} = "0" ]; then
         CRM_alert_target_rc=""
     else
         CRM_alert_target_rc=" (target: ${CRM_alert_target_rc})"
     fi
     case ${CRM_alert_desc} in
         Cancelled)
           ;;
         *)
           sns_subject="${CRM_alert_timestamp}: Resource operation
 '${CRM_alert_task}${CRM_alert_interval}' for '${CRM_alert_rsc}' on
 '${CRM_alert_node}': ${CRM_alert_desc}${CRM_alert_target_rc}"
           ;;
     esac
     ;;
   attribute)
     sns_subject="${CRM_alert_timestamp}: The '${CRM_alert_attribute_name}' attribute
 of the '${CRM_alert_node}' node was updated in '${CRM_alert_attribute_value}'"
     ;;
   *)
     sns_subject="${CRM_alert_timestamp}: Unhandled $CRM_alert_kind alert"
     ;;
esac
# Use this information to send the email.
aws sns publish --topic-arn "${sns_subscription_arn}" --subject "${sns_subject}" --
message "${sns_body}" --region ${REGION}
```

Testing

We recommend scheduling regular fault scenario recovery testing at least annually, and as part of the operating system or SAP kernel updates that may impact operations. For more details on best practices for regular testing, see SAP Lens – <u>Best Practice 4.3 – Regularly test business continuity</u> plans and fault recovery.

The tests described here simulate failures. These can help you understand the behavior and operational requirements of your cluster.

In addition to checking the state of cluster resources, ensure that the service you are trying to protect is in the required state. Can you still connect to SAP? Are locks still available in SM12?

Define the recovery time to ensure that it aligns with your business objectives. Record recovery actions in runbooks.

Tests

- Test 1: Stop SAP ASE database using sapcontrol
- Test 2: Unmount FSx for ONTAP file system on primary host
- Test 3: Kill the database processes on the primary host
- Test 4: Simulate hardware failure of an individual node
- Test 5: Simulate a network failure
- Test 6: Simulate an NFS failure
- Test 7: Accidental shutdown

Test 1: Stop SAP ASE database using sapcontrol

Simulate failure – On rhxdbhost01 as root:

```
/usr/sap/hostctrl/exe/saphostctrl -function StopDatabase -dbname ARD -dbtybe syb -force
```

Expected behavior – SAP ASE database is stopped, and the SAPDatabase resource agent enters a failed state. The cluster will failover the database to the secondary instance.

Recovery action – No action required.

Test 2: Unmount FSx for ONTAP file system on primary host

Simulate failure – On rhxdbhost01 as root:

```
umount -1 /sybase/ARD/sapdata_1
```

Expected behavior – The rsc_fs resource enters a failed state. The cluster stops the SAP ASE database, and will failover to the secondary instance.

Recovery action – No action required.

Test 3: Kill the database processes on the primary host

Simulate failure – On rhxdbhost01 as root:

```
ps -ef |grep -i sybaard
kill -9 <PID>
```

Expected behavior – SAP ASE database fails, and the SAPDatabase resource enters a failed state. The cluster will failover the database to the secondary instance.

Recovery action – No action required.

Test 4: Simulate hardware failure of an individual node

Notes – To simulate a system crash, you must first ensure that /proc/sys/kernel/sysrq is set to 1.

Simulate failure – On the primary host as root:

```
echo 'c' > /proc/sysrq-trigger
```

Expected behavior – The node which has been killed fails. The cluster moves the resource (SAP ASE database) that was running on the failed node to the surviving node.

Recovery action – Start the EC2 node.

Test 5: Simulate a network failure

Notes – See the following list.

- Iptables must be installed.
- Use a subnet in this command because of the secondary ring.
- Check for any existing iptables rules as iptables -F will flush all rules.
- Review pcmk_delay and priority parameters if you see neither node survives the fence race.

Simulate failure – On either node as root:

```
iptables -A INPUT -s <CIDR_of_other_subnet> -j DROP; iptables -A OUTPUT -d
<CIDR_of_other_subnet> -j DROP
```

Expected behavior – The cluster detects the network failure, and fences one of the nodes to avoid a split-brain situation.

Recovery action – If the node where the command was run survives, execute iptables -F to clear the network failure. Start the EC2 node.

Test 6: Simulate an NFS failure

Notes – See the following list.

- Iptables must be installed.
- Check for any existing iptables rules as iptables -F will flush all rules.
- Although rare, this is an important scenario to test. Depending on the activity it may take some time (10 min +) to notice that I/O to EFS is not occurring and fail either the Filesystem or SAP resources.

Simulate failure – On the primary host as root:

```
iptables -A OUTPUT -p tcp --dport 2049 -m state --state NEW,ESTABLISHED,RELATED -j
DROP; iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --sport 2049 -m state --state ESTABLISHED -j DROP
```

Expected behavior – The cluster detects that NFS is not available, and the SAPDatabase resource agent fails, and moves to the FAILED state.

Recovery action – If the node where the command was run survives, execute iptables -F to clear the network failure. Start the EC2 node.

Test 7: Accidental shutdown

Notes – See the following list.

- Avoid shutdowns without cluster awareness.
- We recommend the use of systemd to ensure predictable behaviour.
- Ensure the resource dependencies are in place.

Simulate failure – Login to AWS Management Console, and stop the instance or issue a shutdown command.

Expected behavior – The node which has been shut down fails. The cluster moves the resource (SAP ASE database) that was running on the failed node to the surviving node. If systemd and resource dependencies are not configured, you may notice that while the EC2 instance is shutting down gracefully, the cluster will detect an unclean stop of cluster services on the node and will fence the EC2 instance being shut down.

Recovery action – Start the EC2 node and pacemaker service.