Percona Kubernetes Operator for Percona XtraDB Cluster

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Kubernetes and the OpenShift platform, based on Kubernetes, have added a way to manage containerized systems, including database clusters. This management is achieved by controllers, declared in configuration files. These controllers provide automation with the ability to create objects, such as a container or a group of containers called pods, to listen for an specific event and then perform a task.

This automation adds a level of complexity to the container-based architecture and stateful applications, such as a database. A Kubernetes Operator is a special type of controller introduced to simplify complex deployments. The Operator extends the Kubernetes API with custom resources.

Part I

Requirements

CHAPTER

ONE

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

The following platforms are supported:

- OpenShift >=3.11
- Google Kubernetes Engine (GKE)
- Minikube

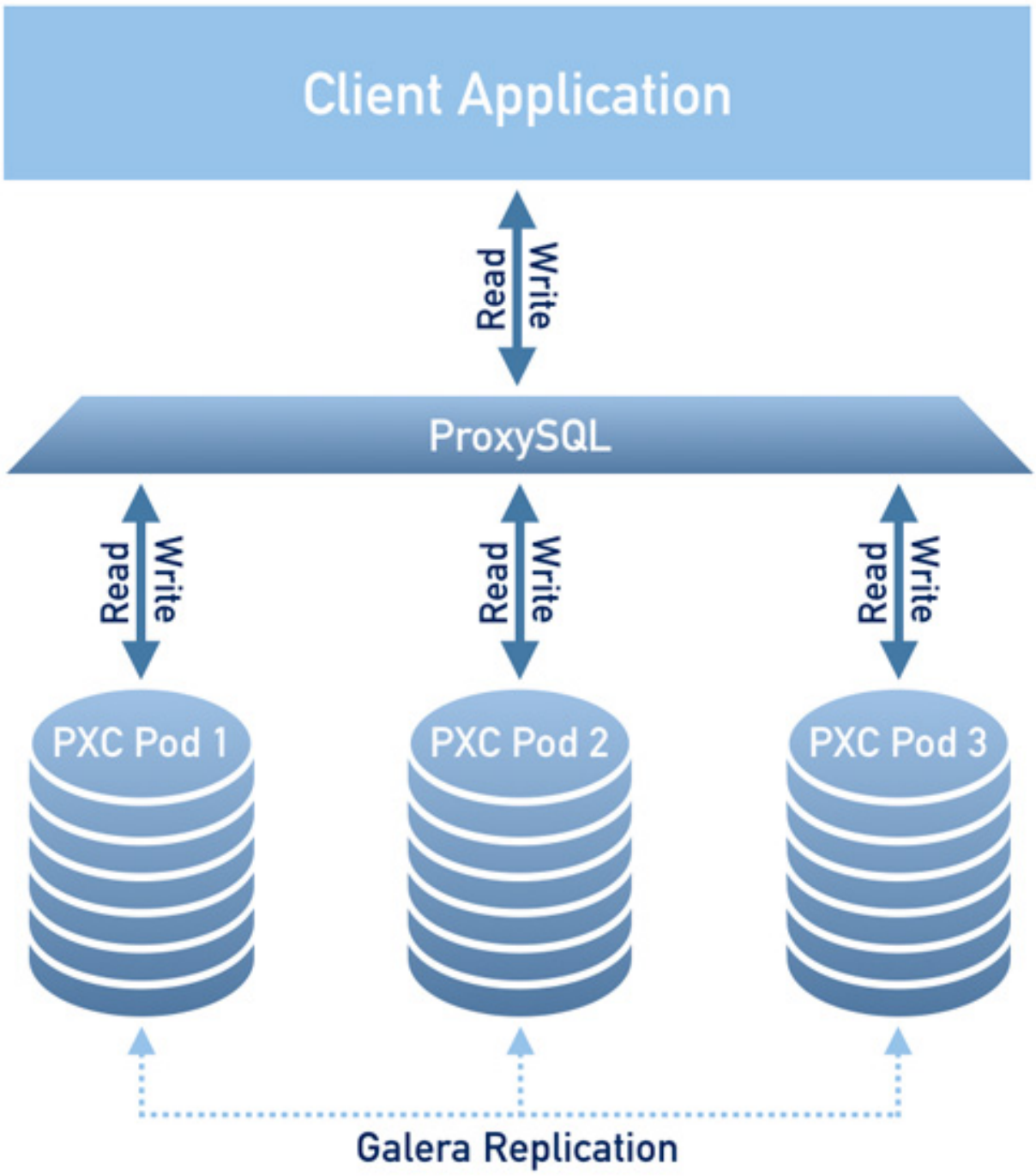
CHAPTER

TWO

DESIGN OVERVIEW

Percona XtraDB Cluster integrates *Percona Server for MySQL* running with the XtraDB storage engine, and *Percona XtraBackup* with the *Galera library* to enable synchronous multi-master replication.

The design of the operator is highly bound to the Percona XtraDB Cluster high availability implementation, which in its turn can be briefly described with the following diagram.

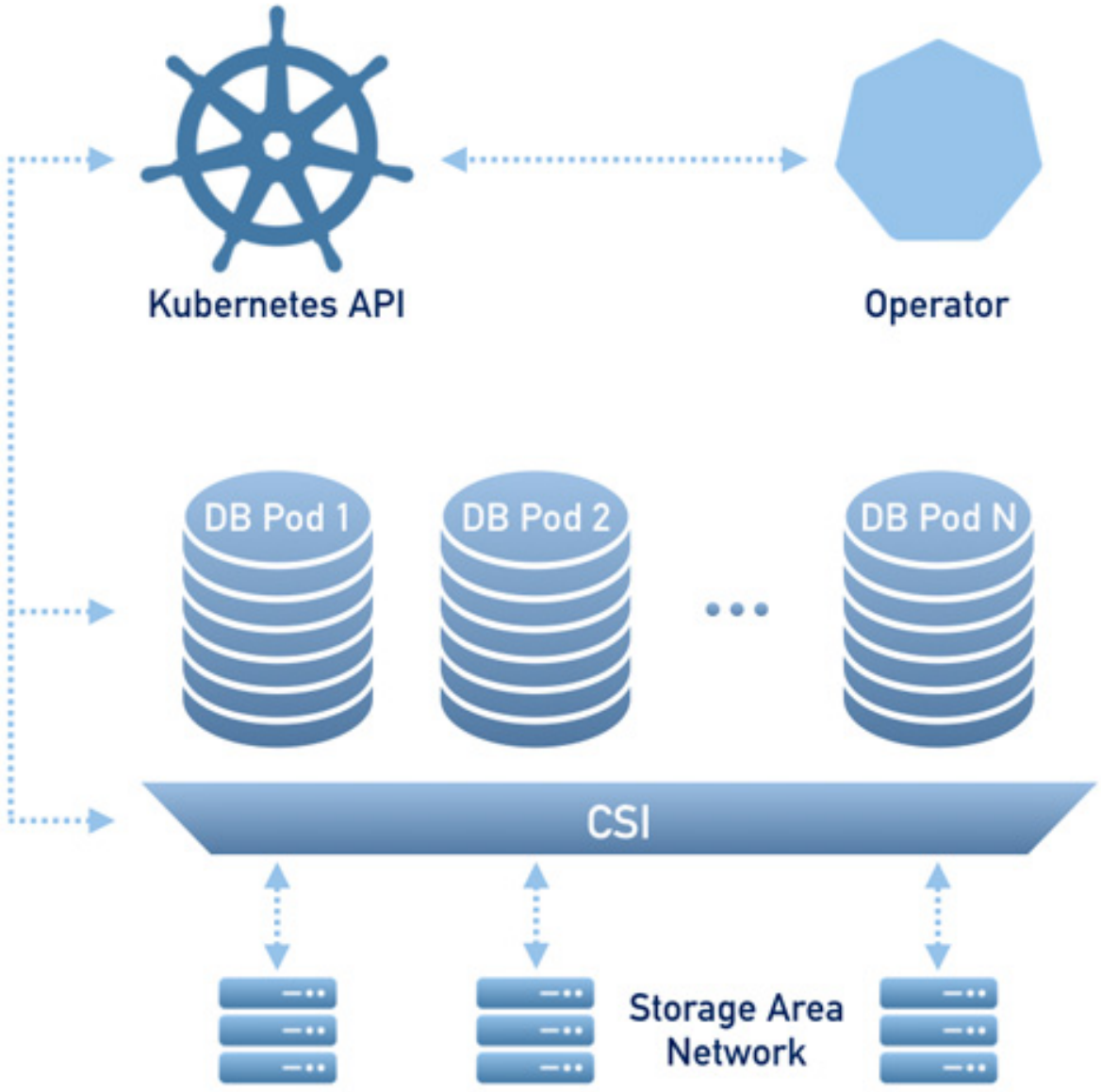


Being a regular MySQL Server instance, each node contains the same set of data synchronized accross nodes. The recommended configuration is to have at least 3 nodes. In a basic setup with this amount of nodes, Percona XtraDB Cluster provides high availability, continuing to function if you take any of the nodes down. Additionally load balancing can be achieved with the ProxySQL daemon, which accepts incoming traffic from MySQL clients and forwards it to backend MySQL servers.

Note: Using ProxySQL results in more efficient database workload management in comparison with other load balancers which are not SQL-aware, including built-in ones of the cloud providers, or the Kubernetes NGINX Ingress

Controller.

To provide high availability operator uses node affinity to run PXC instances on separate worker nodes if possible. If some node fails, the pod with it is automatically re-created on another node.



To provide data storage for stateful applications, Kubernetes uses Persistent Volumes. A *PersistentVolumeClaim* (PVC) is used to implement the automatic storage provisioning to pods. If a failure occurs, the Container Storage Interface (CSI) should be able to re-mount storage on a different node. The PVC StorageClass must support this feature (Kubernetes and OpenShift support this in versions 1.9 and 3.9 respectively).

The Operator functionality extends the Kubernetes API with *PerconaXtraDBCluster* object, and it is implemented as a golang application. Each *PerconaXtraDBCluster* object maps to one separate PXC setup. The Operator listens to all events on the created objects. When a new PerconaXtraDBCluster object is created, or an existing one undergoes some changes or deletion, the operator automatically creates/changes/deletes all needed Kubernetes objects with the

appropriate settings to provide a properly PXC operating.

Part II

Installation

CHAPTER

THREE

INSTALL PERCONA XTRADB CLUSTER ON KUBERNETES

0. First of all, clone the percona-xtradb-cluster-operator repository:

```
git clone -b release-1.0.0 https://github.com/percona/percona-xtradb-cluster-
↪operator
cd percona-xtradb-cluster-operator
```

Note: *It is crucial to specify the right branch with ''-b'' option while cloning the code on this step. Please be careful.*

1. Now Custom Resource Definition for PXC should be created from the `deploy/crd.yaml` file. Custom Resource Definition extends the standard set of resources which Kubernetes "knows" about with the new items (in our case ones which are the core of the operator).

   This step should be done only once; it does not need to be repeated with the next Operator deployments, etc.

```
$ kubectl apply -f deploy/crd.yaml
```

2. The next thing to do is to add the `pxc` namespace to Kubernetes, not forgetting to set the correspondent context for further steps:

```
$ kubectl create namespace pxc
$ kubectl config set-context $(kubectl config current-context) --namespace=pxc
```

3. Now RBAC (role-based access control) for PXC should be set up from the `deploy/rbac.yaml` file. Briefly speaking, role-based access is based on specifically defined roles and actions corresponding to them, allowed to be done on specific Kubernetes resources (details about users and roles can be found in Kubernetes documentation).

```
$ kubectl apply -f deploy/rbac.yaml
```

   Note: *Setting RBAC requires your user to have cluster-admin role privileges. For example, those using Google Kubernetes Engine can grant user needed privileges with the following command:* `$ kubectl create clusterrolebinding cluster-admin-binding --clusterrole=cluster-admin --user=$(gcloud config get-value core/account)`

   Finally it's time to start the operator within Kubernetes:

```
$ kubectl apply -f deploy/operator.yaml
```

4. Now that's time to add the PXC Users secrets to Kubernetes. They should be placed in the data section of the `deploy/secrets.yaml` file as base64-encoded logins and passwords for the user accounts (see Kubernetes documentation for details).

   Note: *the following command can be used to get base64-encoded password from a plain text string:* `$ echo -n 'plain-text-password' | base64`

After editing is finished, users secrets should be created (or updated with the new passwords) using the following command:

```
$ kubectl apply -f deploy/secrets.yaml
```

More details about secrets can be found in a separate section.

5. Install cert-manager if it is not up and running yet then generate and apply certificates as secrets according to *TLS document <TLS.html>*:

   Pre-generated certificates are available in the `deploy/ssl-secrets.yaml` secrets file for test purposes, but we strongly recommend avoiding their usage on any production system.

   ```
   $ kubectl apply -f <secrets file>
   ```

6. After the operator is started and user secrets are added, Percona XtraDB Cluster can be created at any time with the following command:

   ```
   $ kubectl apply -f deploy/cr.yaml
   ```

   Creation process will take some time. The process is over when both operator and replica set pod have reached their Running status:

   ```
   $ kubectl get pods
   NAME                                               READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
   cluster1-pxc-node-0                                1/1     Running   0          5m
   cluster1-pxc-node-1                                1/1     Running   0          4m
   cluster1-pxc-node-2                                1/1     Running   0          2m
   cluster1-pxc-proxysql-0                            1/1     Running   0          5m
   percona-xtradb-cluster-operator-dc67778fd-qtspz    1/1     Running   0          6m
   ```

7. Check connectivity to newly created cluster

   ```
   $ kubectl run -i --rm --tty percona-client --image=percona:5.7 --restart=Never --␣
   ↪bash -il
   percona-client:/$ mysql -h cluster1-proxysql -uroot -proot_password
   ```

CHAPTER

FOUR

INSTALL PERCONA XTRADB CLUSTER ON OPENSHIFT

0. First of all, clone the percona-xtradb-cluster-operator repository:

```
git clone -b release-1.0.0 https://github.com/percona/percona-xtradb-cluster-
↪operator
cd percona-xtradb-cluster-operator
```

Note: *It is crucial to specify the right branch with the'-b' option while cloning the code on this step. Please be careful.*

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   This step should be done only once; it does not need to be repeated with the next Operator deployments, etc.

```
$ oc apply -f deploy/crd.yaml
```

   Note: *Setting Custom Resource Definition requires your user to have cluster-admin role privileges.*

   An extra action is needed if you want to manage PXC cluster from a non-privileged user. Necessary permissions can be granted by applying the next clusterrole:

```
$ oc create clusterrole pxc-admin --verb="*" --resource=perconaxtradbclusters.pxc.
↪percona.com,perconaxtradbclusters.pxc.percona.com/status,
↪perconaxtradbclusterbackups.pxc.percona.com,perconaxtradbclusterbackups.pxc.
↪percona.com/status,perconaxtradbclusterrestores.pxc.percona.com,
↪perconaxtradbclusterrestores.pxc.percona.com/status,issuers.certmanager.k8s.io,
↪certificates.certmanager.k8s.io
$ oc adm policy add-cluster-role-to-user pxc-admin <some-user>
```

2. The next thing to do is to create a new `pxc` project:

```
$ oc new-project pxc
```

3. Now RBAC (role-based access control) for PXC should be set up from the `deploy/rbac.yaml` file. Briefly speaking, role-based access is based on specifically defined roles and actions corresponding to them, allowed to be done on specific Kubernetes resources (details about users and roles can be found in OpenShift documentation).

```
$ oc apply -f deploy/rbac.yaml
```

   Finally, it's time to start the operator within OpenShift:

```
$ oc apply -f deploy/operator.yaml
```

4. Now that's time to add the PXC Users secrets to OpenShift. They should be placed in the data section of the `deploy/secrets.yaml` file as base64-encoded logins and passwords for the user accounts (see Kubernetes documentation for details).

   Note: *the following command can be used to get base64-encoded password from a plain text string:* `$ echo -n 'plain-text-password' | base64`

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   cluster1-pxc-node-2                                1/1     Running   0          2m
   cluster1-pxc-proxysql-0                            1/1     Running   0          5m
   percona-xtradb-cluster-operator-dc67778fd-qtspz    1/1     Running   0          6m
   ```

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   ```
   $ oc run -i --rm --tty percona-client --image=percona:5.7 --restart=Never -- bash␣
   ↪-il
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   ```

CHAPTER

FIVE

INSTALL PERCONA XTRADB CLUSTER ON MINIKUBE

Installing the PXC Operator on minikube is the easiest way to try it locally without a cloud provider. Minikube runs Kubernetes on GNU/Linux, Windows, or macOS system using a system-wide hypervisor, such as VirtualBox, KVM/QEMU, VMware Fusion or Hyper-V. Using it is a popular way to test the Kubernetes application locally prior to deploying it on a cloud.

The following steps are needed to run PXC Operator on Minikube:

0. Install Minikube, using a way recommended for your system. This includes the installation of the following three components: #. kubectl tool, #. a hypervisor, if it is not already installed, #. actual Minikube package

   After the installation running `minikube start` should download needed virtualized images, then initialize and run the cluster. After Minikube is successfully started, you can optionally run the Kubernetes dashboard, which visually represents the state of your cluster. Executing `minikube dashboard` will start the dashboard and open it in your default web browser.

1. Clone the percona-xtradb-cluster-operator repository:

```
git clone -b release-1.1.0 https://github.com/percona/percona-xtradb-cluster-
↪operator
cd percona-xtradb-cluster-operator
```

2. Deploy the operator with the following command:

```
kubectl apply -f deploy/bundle.yaml
```

3. Edit the `deploy/cr.yaml` file to change the following keys in `pxc` and `proxysql` sections, which would otherwise prevent running Percona XtraDB Cluster on your local Kubernetes installation:

   (a) comment `resources.requests.memory` and `resources.requests.cpu` keys

   (b) set `affinity.antiAffinityTopologyKey` key to `"none"`

   Also, switch `allowUnsafeConfigurations` key to `true`.

4. Now apply the `deploy/cr.yaml` file with the following command:

```
kubectl apply -f deploy/cr.yaml
```

5. During previous steps, the Operator has generated several secrets, including the password for the `root` user, which you will definitely need to access the cluster. Use `kubectl get secrets` to see the list of Secrets objects (by default Secrets object you are interested in has `my-cluster-secrets` name). Then `kubectl get secret my-cluster-secrets -o yaml` will return the YAML file with generated secrets, including the root password which should look as follows:

```
...
data:
```

```
  ...
  root: cm9vdF9wYXNzd29yZA==
```

Here the actual password is base64-encoded, and `echo 'cm9vdF9wYXNzd29yZA==' | base64 --decode` will bring it back to a human-readable form.

6. Check connectivity to a newly created cluster.

   First of all, run percona-client and connect its console output to your terminal (running it may require some time to deploy the correspondent Pod):

```
kubectl run -i --rm --tty percona-client --image=percona:5.7 --restart=Never --␣
↪bash -il
```

   Now run `mysql` tool in the percona-client command shell using the password obtained from the secret:

```
mysql -h cluster1-proxysql -uroot -proot_password
```

CHAPTER

SIX

SCALE PERCONA XTRADB CLUSTER ON KUBERNETES AND OPENSHIFT

One of the great advantages brought by Kubernetes and the OpenShift platform is the ease of an application scaling. Scaling a Deployment up or down ensures new Pods are created and set to available Kubernetes nodes.

Size of the cluster is controlled by a `size` key in the Custom Resource options configuration, as specified in the Operator Options section. That's why scaling the cluster needs nothing more but changing this option and applying the updated configuration file. This may be done in a specifically saved config, or on the fly, using the following command, which saves the current configuration, updates it and applies the changed version:

```
$ kubectl get pxc/my-cluster -o yaml | sed -e 's/size: 3/size: 5/' | kubectl apply -f␣
↪-
```

In this example we have changed the size of the Percona XtraDB Cluster from `3`, which is a minimum recommended value, to `5` nodes.

Note: *Using ''kubectl scale StatefulSet_name'' command to rescale Percona XtraDB Cluster is not recommended, as it makes ''size'' configuration option out of sync, and the next config change may result in reverting the previous number of nodes.*

Increase the Persistent Volume Claim size

Kubernetes manages storage with a PersistentVolume (PV), a segment of storage supplied by the administrator, and a PersistentVolumeClaim (PVC), a request for storage from a user. In Kubernetes v1.11 the feature was added to allow a user to increase the size of an existing PVC object. The user cannot shrink the size of an existing PVC object. Certain volume types support, be default, expanding PVCs (details about PVCs and the supported volume types can be found in Kubernetes documentation)

The following are the steps to increase the size:

0. Extract and backup the yaml file for the cluster

   ```
   kubectl get pxc cluster1 -o yaml --export > CR_backup.yaml
   ```

1. Delete the cluster

   ```
   kubectl delete -f CR_backup.yaml
   ```

2. For each node, edit the yaml to resize the PVC object.

   ```
   kubectl edit pvc datadir-cluster1-pxc-0
   ```

   In the yaml, edit the spec.resources.requests.storage value.

```
spec:
  accessModes:
  - ReadWriteOnce
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 6Gi
```

Perform the same operation on the other nodes.

```
kubectl edit pvc datadir-cluster1-pxc-1
kubectl edit pvc datadir-cluster1-pxc-2
```

3. In the CR configuration file, use vim or another text editor to edit the PVC size.

```
vim CR_backup.yaml
```

4. Apply the updated configuration to the cluster.

```
kubectl apply -f CR_backup.yaml
```

CHAPTER

SEVEN

UPDATE PERCONA XTRADB CLUSTER OPERATOR

Starting from the version 1.1.0 the Percona Kubernetes Operator for Percona XtraDB Cluster allows upgrades to newer versions. This upgrade can be done either in semi-automatic or in manual mode.

Note: The manual update mode is the recomended way for a production cluster.

Semi-automatic update

1. Edit the `deploy/cr.yaml` file, setting `updateStrategy` key to `RollingUpdate`.
2. Now you should apply a patch to your deployment, supplying necessary image names with a newer version tag. This is done with the `kubectl patch deployment` command. For example, updating to the `1.1.0` version should look as follows:

```
kubectl patch deployment percona-xtradb-cluster-operator \
   -p'{"spec":{"template":{"spec":{"containers":[{"name":"percona-xtradb-cluster-
↪operator","image":"percona/percona-xtradb-cluster-operator:1.1.0"}]}}}}'

kubectl patch pxc cluster1 --type=merge --patch '{
   "spec": {"pxc":{ "image": "percona/percona-xtradb-cluster-operator:1.1.0-pxc" }
↪,
       "proxysql": { "image": "percona/percona-xtradb-cluster-operator:1.1.0-
↪proxysql" },
       "backup":   { "image": "percona/percona-xtradb-cluster-operator:1.1.0-
↪backup" }
   }}'
```

3. The deployment rollout will be automatically triggered by the applied patch. You can track the rollout process in real time with the `kubectl rollout status` command with the name of your cluster:

```
kubectl rollout status sts cluster1-pxc
```

Manual update

1. Edit the `deploy/cr.yaml` file, setting `updateStrategy` key to `OnDelete`.
2. Now you should apply a patch to your deployment, supplying necessary image names with a newer version tag. This is done with the `kubectl patch deployment` command. For example, updating to the `1.1.0` version should look as follows:

```
kubectl patch deployment percona-xtradb-cluster-operator \
   -p'{"spec":{"template":{"spec":{"containers":[{"name":"percona-xtradb-cluster-
↪operator","image":"percona/percona-xtradb-cluster-operator:1.1.0"}]}}}}'

kubectl patch pxc cluster1 --type=merge --patch '{
   "spec": {"pxc":{ "image": "percona/percona-xtradb-cluster-operator:1.1.0-pxc" }
↪,
       "proxysql": { "image": "percona/percona-xtradb-cluster-operator:1.1.0-
↪proxysql" },
       "backup":   { "image": "percona/percona-xtradb-cluster-operator:1.1.0-
↪backup" }
   }}'
```

3. The Pod with the newer Percona XtraDB Cluster image will start after you delete it. Delete targeted Pods manually one by one to make them restart in desired order:

   (a) Delete the Pod using its name with the command like the following one:

   ```
   kubectl delete pod cluster1-pxc-2
   ```

   (b) Wait until Pod becomes ready:

   ```
   kubectl get pod cluster1-pxc-2
   ```

   The output should be like this:

   ```
   NAME              READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
   cluster1-pxc-2    1/1     Running   0          3m33s
   ```

4. The update process is successfully finished when all Pods have been restarted.

CHAPTER

EIGHT

MONITORING

The Percona Monitoring and Management (PMM) provides an excellent solution to monitor Percona XtraDB Cluster.

Installing the PMM Server

This first section installs the PMM Server to monitor Percona XtraDB Cluster on Kubernetes or OpenShift. The following steps are optional if you already have installed the PMM Server. The PMM Server available on your network does not require another installation in Kubernetes.

1. The recommended installation approach is based on using helm - the package manager for Kubernetes, which will substantially simplify further steps. So first thing to do is to install helm following its official installation instructions.
2. When the helm is installed, add Percona chart repository and update information of available charts as follows:

```
$ helm repo add percona https://percona-charts.storage.googleapis.com
$ helm repo update
```

3. Now helm can be used to install PMM Server:

```
$ helm install percona/pmm-server --name monitoring --set platform=openshift --
↪set credentials.username=pmm --set "credentials.password=supa|^|pazz"
```

   It is important to specify correct options in the installation command:

   - `platform` should be either `kubernetes` or `openshift` depending on which platform are you using.
   - `name` should correspond to the `serverHost` key in the `pmm` section of the deploy/cr.yaml file with a "-service" suffix, so default `--name monitoring` part of the shown above command corresponds to a `monitoring-service` value of the `serverHost` key.
   - `credentials.username` should correspond to the `serverUser` key in the `pmm` section of the deploy/cr.yaml file.
   - `credentials.password` should correspond to a value of the `pmmserver` secret key specified in `deploy/secrets.yaml` secrets file. Note that password specified in this example is the default development mode password not intended to be used on production systems.

Installing the PMM Client

The following steps are needed for the PMM client installation:

1. The PMM client installation is initiated by updating the `pmm` section in the deploy/cr.yaml file.

- set `pmm.enabled=true`
- make sure that `serverUser` (the PMM Server user name, `pmm` by default) is the same as one specified for the `credentials.username` parameter on the previous step.
- make sure that `serverHost` (the PMM service name, `monitoring-service` by default) is the same as one specified for the `name` parameter on the previous step, but with additional `-service` suffix.
- make sure that `pmmserver` secret key in the `deploy/secrets.yaml` secrets file is the same as one specified for the `credentials.password` parameter on the previous step (if not, fix it and apply with the `kubectl apply -f deploy/secrets.yaml` command).

When done, apply the edited `deploy/cr.yaml` file:

```
$ kubectl apply -f deploy/cr.yaml
```

2. To make sure everything gone right, check that correspondent Pods are not continuously restarting (which would occur in case of any errors on the previous two steps):

```
$ kubectl get pods
$ kubectl logs cluster1-pxc-node-0 -c pmm-client
```

3. Find the external IP address (`EXTERNAL-IP` field in the output of `kubectl get service/monitoring-service -o wide`). This IP address can be used to access PMM via *https* in a web browser, with the login/password authentication, already configured and able to show Percona XtraDB Cluster metrics.

CHAPTER

NINE

USE DOCKER IMAGES FROM A CUSTOM REGISTRY

Using images from a private Docker registry may be useful in different situations: it may be related to storing images inside of a company, for privacy and security reasons, etc. In such cases, Percona XtraDB Cluster Operator allows to use a custom registry, and the following instruction illustrates how this can be done by the example of the Operator deployed in the OpenShift environment.

1. First of all login to the OpenShift and create project.

```
$ oc login
Authentication required for https://192.168.1.100:8443 (openshift)
Username: admin
Password:
Login successful.
$ oc new-project pxc
Now using project "pxc" on server "https://192.168.1.100:8443".
```

2. There are two things you will need to configure your custom registry access:

   - the token for your user
   - your registry IP address.

   The token can be find out with the following command:

```
$ oc whoami -t
ADO8CqCDappWR4hxjfDqwijEHei31yXAvWg61Jg210s
```

   And the following one tells you the registry IP address:

```
$ kubectl get services/docker-registry -n default
NAME              TYPE        CLUSTER-IP       EXTERNAL-IP   PORT(S)    AGE
docker-registry   ClusterIP   172.30.162.173   <none>        5000/TCP   1d
```

3. Now you can use the obtained token and address to login to the registry:

```
$ docker login -u admin -p ADO8CqCDappWR4hxjfDqwijEHei31yXAvWg61Jg210s 172.30.162.
↪173:5000
Login Succeeded
```

4. Pull the needed image by its SHA digest:

```
$ docker pull docker.io/perconalab/percona-xtradb-cluster-
↪operator@sha256:8895ff4647602dcbcabbf6ea5d1be1611e9d7a9769c3bb3415c3a73aba2adda0
Trying to pull repository docker.io/perconalab/percona-xtradb-cluster-operator ...
sha256:8895ff4647602dcbcabbf6ea5d1be1611e9d7a9769c3bb3415c3a73aba2adda0: Pulling␣
↪from docker.io/perconalab/percona-xtradb-cluster-operator
```

```
Digest: sha256:8895ff4647602dcbcabbf6ea5d1be1611e9d7a9769c3bb3415c3a73aba2adda0
Status: Image is up to date for docker.io/perconalab/percona-xtradb-cluster-
↪operator@sha256:8895ff4647602dcbcabbf6ea5d1be1611e9d7a9769c3bb3415c3a73aba2adda0
```

5. The following way is used to push an image to the custom registry (into the OpenShift pxc project):

```
$ docker tag \
    docker.io/perconalab/percona-xtradb-cluster-
↪operator@sha256:8895ff4647602dcbcabbf6ea5d1be1611e9d7a9769c3bb3415c3a73aba2adda0␣
↪\
    172.30.162.173:5000/pxc/percona-xtradb-cluster-operator:0.3.0
$ docker push 172.30.162.173:5000/pxc/percona-xtradb-cluster-operator:0.3.0
```

6. Check the image in the OpenShift registry with the following command:

```
$ oc get is
NAME                                DOCKER REPO                                                ␣
↪                          TAGS      UPDATED
percona-xtradb-cluster-operator   docker-registry.default.svc:5000/pxc/percona-
↪xtradb-cluster-operator   0.3.0     2 hours ago
```

7. When the custom registry image is Ok, put a Docker Repo + Tag string (it should look like `docker-registry.default.svc:5000/pxc/percona-xtradb-cluster-operator:0.3.0`) into the `image:` option in `deploy/operator.yaml` configuration file.

   Please note it is possible to specify `imagePullSecrets` option for all images, if the registry requires authentication.

8. Repeat steps 3-5 for other images, and update corresponding options in the `deploy/cr.yaml` file.
9. Now follow the standard Percona XtraDB Cluster Operator installation instruction.

Percona certified images

Following table presents Percona's certified images to be used with the Percona XtraDB Cluster Operator:

0.3.0

Image	Digest
percona/percona-xtradb-cluster-operator:0.3.0	f4a0d604bb13678cbcd72fd261d1b2a287a09e69270b1f91b04b46c85f9592dc
percona/percona-xtradb-cluster-operator:0.3.0-pxc	51a478ff24e6e16315e090e7c8b372ad58909d9560a8c5b428c1ca9588912bb2
percona/percona-xtradb-cluster-operator:0.3.0-proxysql	673b954eec7395ca4571024a62f8faab3897b183f3134e220ad5332866afa4a1
percona/percona-xtradb-cluster-operator:0.3.0-backup	a205e8f86993373ece95d9bcfc3068b7f83f96d61582dbe07d7a4b6cb359cc03
perconalab/pmm-client:1.17.1	f762cda2eda9ef17bfd1242ede70ee72595611511d8d0c5c46931ecbc968e9af

0.2.0

Image	Digest
perconalab/percona-xtradb-cl uster-operator:0.2.0	8895ff4647602dcbcabbf6ea5d1be1611e9d7 a9769c3bb3415c3a73aba2adda0
perconalab/pxc-openshift:0.2 .0	a9f6568cc71e1e7b5bbfe69b3ea561e2c3bae 92a75caba7ffffa88bd3c730bc9
perconalab/proxysql-openshif t:0.2.0	cdd114b82f34312ef73419282a695063387c7 15d3e80677902938f991ef94f13
perconalab/backupjob-openshi ft:0.2.0	1ded5511a59fc2cc5a6b23234495e6d243d5f 8b55e1b6061781779e19887cdc9
perconalab/pmm-client:1.17.0	efdce369d5fb29b0a1b03a7026dfbc2efe07b 618471aba5db308d0c21b8e118d

0.1.0

Image	Digest
perconalab/percona-xtradb-cl uster-operator:0.1.0	9e4b44ef6859e995d70c0ef7db9be9b9c2875 d1116a2b6ff7e5a7f5e5fcb39b7
perconalab/pxc-openshift:0.1 .0	c72eb45c3f103f105f864f05668a2b029bb6a 3ba9fc8a1d0467040c6c83f3e53
perconalab/proxysql-openshif t:0.1.0	482b6f4161aafc78585b3e377a4aec9a983f4 e4860e0bd8576f0e39eee52909d
perconalab/pmm-client:1.17.0	efdce369d5fb29b0a1b03a7026dfbc2efe07b 618471aba5db308d0c21b8e118d

Part III

Configuration

CHAPTER

TEN

USERS

As it is written in the installation part, the operator requires Kubernetes Secrets to be deployed before it is started. The name of the required secrets can be set in `deploy/cr.yaml` under the `spec.secrets` section.

Unprivileged users

There are no unprivileged (general purpose) user accounts created by default. If you need general purpose users, please run commands below:

```
$ kubectl run -it --rm percona-client --image=percona:5.7 --restart=Never -- mysql -
↪hcluster1-pxc -uroot -proot_password
mysql> GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON database1.* TO 'user1'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY 'password1';
```

Sync users on the ProxySQL node:

```
$ kubectl exec -it cluster1-pxc-proxysql-0 -- proxysql-admin --config-file=/etc/
↪proxysql-admin.cnf --syncusers
```

Now check the newly created user. If everything is Ok with it, the following command will let you successfully login to MySQL shell via ProxySQL:

```
$ kubectl run -it --rm percona-client --image=percona:5.7 --restart=Never -- bash -il
percona-client:/$ mysql -h cluster1-proxysql -uuser1 -ppassword1
mysql> SELECT * FROM database1.table1 LIMIT 1;
```

You may also try executing any simple SQL statement to make sure permissions have been successfully granted.

System Users

Default Secret name: `my-cluster-secrets`

Secret name field: `spec.secretsName`

The Operator requires system-level PXC users to automate the PXC deployment.

Warning: *These users should not be used to run an application.*

User Purpose	Username	Password Secret Key	Description
Admin	root	root	Database administrative user, should be used for maintenance tasks only
ProxySQL Admin	proxyadmin	proxyadmin	ProxySQL administrative user, can be used for *adding new general purpouse ProxySQL users <https://github. com/sysown/proxysql/wiki/Users-configuration #creating-a-new-user> __*
Backup	xtrabackup	xtrabackup	User for run backups
Cluster Check	clusterchec kuser	clustercheck	User for liveness and readiness checks
PMM Client User	monitor	monitor	User for PMM agent
PMM Server Password	should be set via operator options	pmmserver	password to access PMM Server

Development Mode

To make development and testing easier, `deploy/secrets.yaml` secrets file contains default passwords for PXC system users.

These development mode credentials from `deploy/secrets.yaml` are:

Secret Key	Secret Value
root	`root_password`
xtrabackup	`backup_password`
monitor	`monitor`
clustercheck	`clustercheckpassword`
proxyuser	`s3cret`
proxyadmin	`admin_password`
pmmserver	`supa|^|pazz`

Warning: *Do not use the default PXC user passwords in production!*

CHAPTER

ELEVEN

CUSTOM RESOURCE OPTIONS

The operator is configured via the spec section of the deploy/cr.yaml file. This file contains the following spec sections to configure three main subsystems of the cluster:

Table 11.1: Custom Resource options

Key	Value Type	Description
pxc	subdoc	Percona XtraDB Cluster general section
proxysql	subdoc	ProxySQL section
pmm	subdoc	Percona Moonitoring and Management section
backup	subdoc	Percona XtraDB Cluster backups section

PXC Section

The `pxc` section in the deploy/cr.yaml file contains general configuration options for the Percona XtraDB Cluster.

Table 11.2: PXC Section

Key	Value	Example	Description
size	int	3	The size of the Percona XtraDB cluster must be >= 3 for High Availability
allowUnsafe-Configurations	string	false	Prevents users from configuring a cluster with unsafe parameters such as starting the cluster with less than 3 nodes or starting the cluster without TLS/SSL certificates"
image	string	percona/percona-xtradb-cluster-operator:1.0.0-pxc	The Docker image of the Percona cluster used.
readinessDelay-Sec	int	15	Adds a delay before a run check to verify the application is ready to process traffic
livenessDelay-Sec	int	300	Adds a delay before the run check ensures the application is healthy and capable of processing requests
forceUn-safeBootstrap	string	false	The setting can be reset in case of a sudden crash when all nodes may be considered unsafe to bootstrap from. The setting lets a node be selected and set to *safe_to_bootstrap* and provides data recovery.
configuration	string	| [mysqld] wsrep_debug=ON wsrep-provider_options=gcache.size=1G;gcache.recover=yes	The `my.cnf` file options to be passed to Percona XtraDB cluster nodes.
imagePullSe-crets.name	string	private-registry-credentials	The Kubernetes ImagePullSecret
priorityClass-Name	string	high-priority	The Kubernetes Pod priority class
annotations	la-bel	iam.amazonaws.com/role: role-arn	The Kubernetes annotations
labels	la-bel	rack: rack-22	Labels are key-value pairs attached to objects.
re-sources.requests.memory	string	1G	The Kubernetes memory requests for a PXC container.
re-sources.requests.cpu	string	600m	Kubernetes CPU requests for a PXC container.
re-sources.limits.memory	string	1G	Kubernetes memory limits for a PXC container.
nodeSelector	la-bel	disktype: ssd	Kubernetes nodeSelector
affin-ity.topologyKey	string	kubernetes.io/hostname	The Operator topology key https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/configuration/assign-pod-node/#affinity-and-anti-affinity node anti-affinity constraint
affin-ity.advanced	sub-doc		In cases where the pods require complex tuning the *advanced* option turns off the *topologykey* effect. This setting allows the standard Kubernetes affinity constraints of any complexity to be used.
affin-ity.tolerations	sub-doc	node.alpha.kubernetes.io/unreachable	Kubernetes pod tolerations
podDisruption-Budet.maxUnavailable	int	1	The Kubernetes podDisruptionBudget specifies the number of pods from the set unavailable after the eviction.
podDisruption-Budet.minAvailable	int	0	The Kubernetes podDisruptionBudet defines the number of pods that must be available after an

ProxySQL Section

The `proxysql` section in the deploy/cr.yaml file contains configuration options for the ProxySQL daemon.

Table 11.3: proxysql Section

Key	Value	Example	Description
enabled	boolean	true	Enables or disables load balancing with ProxySQL Services
size	int	1	The number of the ProxySQL daemons to provide load balancing must be = 1 in current release.
image	string	percona/percona-xtradb-cluster-operator:1.0.0-proxysql	ProxySQL Docker image to use.
imagePullSecrets.name	string	private-registry-credentials	The Kubernetes imagePullSecrets for the ProxySQL image.
annotations	label	iam.amazonaws.com/role: role-arn	Kubernetes annotations metadata.
labels	label	rack: rack-22	Labels are key-value pairs attached to objects.
servicetype	string	ClusterIP	Specifies the type of Kubernetes Service to be used.
resources.requests.memory	string	1G	Kubernetes memory requests for a ProxySQL container.
resources.requests.cpu	string	600m	Kubernetes CPU requests for a ProxySQL container.
resources.limits.memory	string	1G	Kubernetes memory limits for a ProxySQL container.
resources.limits.cpu	string	700m	Kubernetes CPU limits for a ProxySQL container.
priorityClassName	string	high-priority	The Kubernetes Pod Priority class for ProxySQL.
nodeSelector	label	disktype: ssd	Kubernetes nodeSelector
affinity.topologyKey	string	kubernetes.io/hostname	The Operator topology key https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/configuration/assign-pod-node/#affinity-and-anti-affinity node anti-affinity constraint
affinity.advanced	subdoc		If available it makes a topologyKey node affinity constraint to be ignored.
affinity.tolerations	subdoc	"node.alpha.kubernetes.io/unreachable"	Kubernetes pod tolerations
volumeSpec.emptyDir	string	{}	Kubernetes emptyDir volume The directory created on a node and accessible to the PXC pod containers.
volumeSpec.hostPath.path	string	/data	Kubernetes hostPath The volume that mounts a directory from the host node's filesystem into your pod. The path property is required.
volumeSpec.hostPath.type	string	Directory	Kubernetes hostPath An optional property for the hostPath.
volumeSpec.persistentVolumeClaim.storageClassName	string	standard	Set the Kubernetes storage class to use with the PXC PersistentVolumeClaim
volumeSpec.PersistentVolumeClaim.accessModes	array	[ReadWriteOnce]	The Kubernetes PersistentVolumeClaim access modes for the Percona XtraDB cluster.
volumeSpec.resources.requests.storage	string	6Gi	The Kubernetes PersistentVolumeClaim size for the Percona XtraDB cluster.
podDisruptionBudet.maxUnavailable	int	1	Kubernetes podDisruptionBudget specifies the number of pods from the set unavailable after the eviction.
podDisruptionBudet.minAvailable	int	0	Kubernetes podDisruptionBudet the number of pods that must be available after an eviction.
gracePeriod	int	30	The Kubernetes grace period when terminating a pod

PMM Section

The `pmm` section in the deploy/cr.yaml file contains configuration options for Percona Monitoring and Management.

Table 11.4: pmm Section

Key	Value	Example	Description
enabled	boolean	`false`	Enables or disables monitoring Percona XtraDB cluster with PMM
image	string	`perconalab/pmm-client:1.17.1`	PMM client Docker image to use.
serverHost	string	`monitoring-service`	Address of the PMM Server to collect data from the cluster.
serverUser	string	`pmm`	The PMM Serve_User. The PMM Server password should be configured using Secrets.

backup section

The `backup` section in the deploy/cr.yaml file contains the following configuration options for the regular Percona XtraDB Cluster backups.

Table 11.5: backup Section

Key	Value	Example	Description
image	string	`percona/percona-xtradb-cluster-operator:1.0.0-backup`	The Percona XtraDB cluster Docker image to use for the backup
imagePullSecrets.name	string	`private-registry-credentials`	The Kubernetes imagePullSecrets for the specified image.
storages.type	string	`s3`	The cloud storage type used for backups. Only `s3` and `filesystem` types are supported.
storages.s3.credentialsSecret	string	`my-cluster-name-backup-s3`	The Kubernetes secret for backups. It should contain `AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID` and `AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY` keys.
storages.s3.bucket	string		The Amazon S3 bucket name for backups.
storages.s3.region	string	`us-east-1`	The AWS region to use. Please note ** this option is mandatory** for Amazon and all S3-compatible storages.
storages.s3.endpointUrl	string		The endpoint URL of the S3-compatible storage to be used (not needed for the original Amazon S3 cloud).
storages.persistentVolumeClaim.type	string	`filesystem`	The persistent volume claim storage type
storages.persistentVolumeClaim.storageClassName	string	`standard`	Set the Kubernetes Storage Class to use with the PXC backups PersistentVolumeClaims for the `filesystem` storage type.
storages.persistentVolumeClaim.accessModes	array	`[ReadWriteOne]`	The Kubernetes PersistentVolume access modes
storages.persistentVolumeClaim.storage	string	`6Gi`	Storage size for the PersistentVolume.
schedule.name	string	`sat-night-backup`	The backup name
schedule.schedule	string	`0 0 * * 6`	Scheduled time to make a backup specified in the crontab format
schedule.keep	int	`3`	Number of stored backups
schedule.storageName	string	`s3-us-west`	The name of the storage for the backups configured in the `storages` or `fs-pvc` subsection.

CHAPTER

TWELVE

PROVIDING BACKUPS

Percona XtraDB Cluster Operator allows doing cluster backup in two ways. *Scheduled backups* are configured in the deploy/cr.yaml file to be executed automatically in proper time. *On-demand backups* can be done manually at any moment.

Backup images are usually stored on Amazon S3 or S3-compatible storage (storing backups on private storage is also possible, but they are described separately).

Making scheduled backups

Since backups are stored separately on the Amazon S3, a secret with `AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID` and `AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY` should be present on the Kubernetes cluster. The secrets file with these keys should be created: for example `deploy/backup-s3.yaml` file with the following contents:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: my-cluster-name-backup-s3
type: Opaque
data:
  AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID: UkVQTEFDRS1XSVRILUFXUy1BQ0NFU1MtS0VZ
  AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY: UkVQTEFDRS1XSVRILUFXUy1TRUNSRVQtS0VZ
```

The `name` value is the Kubernetes secret name which will be used further, and `AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID` and `AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY` are the keys to access S3 storage (and obviously they should contain proper values to make this access possible). To have effect secrets file should be applied with the appropriate command to create the secret object, e.g. `kubectl apply -f deploy/backup-s3.yaml` (for Kubernetes).

Backups schedule is defined in the `backup` section of the deploy/cr.yaml file. This section contains following subsections: * `storages` subsection contains data needed to access the S3-compatible cloud to store backups. * `schedule` subsection allows to actually schedule backups (the schedule is specified in crontab format).

Here is an example which uses Amazon S3 storage for backups:

```
...
backup:
  enabled: true
  version: 0.3.0
  ...
  storages:
    s3-us-west:
      type: s3
      s3:
```

```
        bucket: S3-BACKUP-BUCKET-NAME-HERE
        region: us-west-2
        credentialsSecret: my-cluster-name-backup-s3
  ...
  schedule:
   - name: "sat-night-backup"
     schedule: "0 0 * * 6"
     keep: 3
     storageName: s3-us-west
  ...
```

if you use some S3-compatible storage instead of the original Amazon S3, the endpointURL is needed in the *s3* subsection which points to the actual cloud used for backups and is specific to the cloud provider. For example, using Google Cloud involves the following endpointUrl.

The options within these three subsections are further explained in the Operator Options.

The only option which should be mentioned separately is `credentialsSecret` which is a Kubernetes secret for backups. Value of this key should be the same as the name used to create the secret object (`my-cluster-name-backup-s3` in the last example).

The schedule is specified in crontab format as explained in the Operator Options.

Making on-demand backup

To make on-demand backup, user should use YAML file with correct names for the backup and the PXC Cluster, and correct PVC settings. The example of such file is deploy/backup/cr.yaml.

When the backup config file is ready, actual backup command is executed:

```
kubectl apply -f deploy/backup/cr.yaml
```

Note: *Storing backup settings in a separate file can be replaced by passing its content to the ''kubectl apply'' command as follows:*

```
cat <<EOF | kubectl apply -f-
apiVersion: pxc.percona.com/v1
kind: PerconaXtraDBClusterBackup
metadata:
  name: backup1
spec:
  pxcCluster: cluster1
  storageName: fs-pvc
EOF
```

Restore the cluster from a previously saved backup

Following steps are needed to restore a previously saved backup:

1. First of all make sure that the cluster is running.
2. Now find out correct names for the backup and the cluster. Available backups can be listed with the following command:

```
kubectl get pxc-backup
```

And the following command will list available clusters:

```
kubectl get pxc
```

3. When both correct names are known, the actual restoration process can be started as follows:

```
kubectl apply -f deploy/backup/restore.yaml
```

Note: *Storing backup settings in a separate file can be replaced by passing its content to the ''kubectl apply'' command as follows:*

```
cat <<EOF | kubectl apply -f-
apiVersion: "pxc.percona.com/v1"
kind: "PerconaXtraDBClusterRestore"
metadata:
  name: "restore1"
spec:
  pxcCluster: "cluster1"
  backupName: "backup1"
EOF
```

Delete the unneeded backup

Deleting a previously saved backup requires not more than the backup name. This name can be taken from the list of available backups returned by the following command:

```
kubectl get pxc-backup
```

When the name is known, backup can be deleted as follows:

```
kubectl delete pxc-backup/<backup-name>
```

Copy backup to a local machine

Make a local copy of a previously saved backup requires not more than the backup name. This name can be taken from the list of available backups returned by the following command:

```
kubectl get pxc-backup
```

When the name is known, backup can be downloaded to the local machine as follows:

```
./deploy/backup/copy-backup.sh <backup-name> path/to/dir
```

For example, this downloaded backup can be restored to the local installation of Percona Server:

```
service mysqld stop
rm -rf /var/lib/mysql/*
cat xtrabackup.stream | xbstream -x -C /var/lib/mysql
xtrabackup --prepare --target-dir=/var/lib/mysql
chown -R mysql:mysql /var/lib/mysql
service mysqld start
```

CHAPTER

THIRTEEN

LOCAL STORAGE SUPPORT FOR THE PERCONA XTRADB CLUSTER OPERATOR

Among the wide rage of volume types, supported by Kubernetes, there are two which allow Pod containers to access part of the local filesystem on the node. Two such options are *emptyDir* and *hostPath* volumes.

emptyDir

The name of this option is self-explanatory. When Pod having an emptyDir volume is assigned to a Node, a directory with the specified name is created on this node and exists until this Pod is removed from the node. When the Pod have been deleted, the directory is deleted too with all its content. All containers in the Pod which have mounted this volume will gain read and write access to the correspondent directory.

The `emptyDir` options in the deploy/cr.yaml file can be used to turn the emptyDir volume on by setting the directory name.

hostPath

A hostPath volume mounts some existing file or directory from the node's filesystem into the Pod.

The `volumeSpec.hostPath` subsection in the deploy/cr.yaml file may include `path` and `type` keys to set the node's filesystem object path and to specify whether it is a file, a directory, or something else (e.g. a socket):

```
volumeSpec:
  hostPath:
    path: /data
    type: Directory
```

Please note, that hostPath directory is not created automatically! Is should be created manually and should have following correct attributives: 1. access permissions 2. ownership 3. SELinux security context

`hostPath` is useful when you are able to perform manual actions during the first run and have strong need in improved disk performance. Also, please consider using tolerations to avoid cluster migration to different hardware in case of a reboot or a hardware failure.

More details can be found in the official hostPath Kubernetes documentation.

CHAPTER

FOURTEEN

BINDING PERCONA XTRADB CLUSTER COMPONENTS TO SPECIFIC KUBERNETES/OPENSHIFT NODES

The operator does good job automatically assigning new Pods to nodes with sufficient to achieve balanced distribution across the cluster. Still there are situations when it worth to ensure that pods will land on specific nodes: for example, to get speed advantages of the SSD equipped machine, or to reduce costs choosing nodes in a same availability zone.

Both `pxc` and `proxysql` sections of the deploy/cr.yaml file contain keys which can be used to do this, depending on what is the best for a particular situation.

Node selector

`nodeSelector` contains one or more key-value pairs. If the node is not labeled with each key-value pair from the Pod's `nodeSelector`, the Pod will not be able to land on it.

The following example binds the Pod to any node having a self-explanatory `disktype: ssd` label:

```
nodeSelector:
  disktype: ssd
```

Affinity and anti-affinity

Affinity makes Pod eligible (or not eligible - so called "anti-affinity") to be scheduled on the node which already has Pods with specific labels. Particularly this approach is good to to reduce costs making sure several Pods with intensive data exchange will occupy the same availability zone or even the same node - or, on the contrary, to make them land on different nodes or even different availability zones for the high availability and balancing purposes.

Percona XtraDB Cluster Operator provides two approaches for doing this:

- simple way to set anti-affinity for Pods, built-in into the Operator,
- more advanced approach based on using standard Kubernetes constraints.

Simple approach - use topologyKey of the Percona XtraDB Cluster Operator

Percona XtraDB Cluster Operator provides a `topologyKey` option, which may have one of the following values:

- `kubernetes.io/hostname` - Pods will avoid residing within the same host,
- `failure-domain.beta.kubernetes.io/zone` - Pods will avoid residing within the same zone,
- `failure-domain.beta.kubernetes.io/region` - Pods will avoid residing within the same region,

- `none` - no constraints are applied.

The following example forces Percona XtraDB Cluster Pods to avoid occupying the same node:

```
affinity:
  topologyKey: "kubernetes.io/hostname"
```

Advanced approach - use standard Kubernetes constraints

Previous way can be used with no special knowledge of the Kubernetes way of assigning Pods to specific nodes. Still in some cases more complex tuning may be needed. In this case `advanced` option placed in the deploy/cr.yaml file turns off the effect of the `topologyKey` and allows to use standard Kubernetes affinity constraints of any complexity:

```
affinity:
   advanced:
     podAffinity:
       requiredDuringSchedulingIgnoredDuringExecution:
       - labelSelector:
           matchExpressions:
           - key: security
             operator: In
             values:
             - S1
         topologyKey: failure-domain.beta.kubernetes.io/zone
     podAntiAffinity:
       preferredDuringSchedulingIgnoredDuringExecution:
       - weight: 100
         podAffinityTerm:
           labelSelector:
             matchExpressions:
             - key: security
               operator: In
               values:
               - S2
           topologyKey: kubernetes.io/hostname
     nodeAffinity:
       requiredDuringSchedulingIgnoredDuringExecution:
         nodeSelectorTerms:
         - matchExpressions:
           - key: kubernetes.io/e2e-az-name
             operator: In
             values:
             - e2e-az1
             - e2e-az2
       preferredDuringSchedulingIgnoredDuringExecution:
       - weight: 1
         preference:
           matchExpressions:
           - key: another-node-label-key
             operator: In
             values:
             - another-node-label-value
```

See explanation of the advanced affinity options in Kubernetes documentation.

Tolerations

Tolerations allow Pods having them to be able to land onto nodes with matching *taints*. Toleration is expressed as a `key` with and `operator`, which is either `exists` or `equal` (the latter variant also requires a `value` the key is equal to). Moreover, toleration should have a specified `effect`, which may be a self-explanatory `NoSchedule`, less strict `PreferNoSchedule`, or `NoExecute`. The last variant means that if a *taint* with `NoExecute` is assigned to node, then any Pod not tolerating this *taint* will be removed from the node, immediately or after the `tolerationSeconds` interval, like in the following example:

```
tolerations:
- key: "node.alpha.kubernetes.io/unreachable"
  operator: "Exists"
  effect: "NoExecute"
  tolerationSeconds: 6000
```

The Kubernetes Taints and Toleratins contains more examples on this topic.

Priority Classes

Pods may belong to some *priority classes*. This allows scheduler to distinguish more and less important Pods to resolve the situation when some higher priority Pod cannot be scheduled without evicting a lower priority one. This can be done adding one or more PriorityClasses in your Kubernetes cluster, and specifying the `PriorityClassName` in the deploy/cr.yaml file:

```
priorityClassName: high-priority
```

See the Kubernetes Pods Priority and Preemption documentation to find out how to define and use priority classes in your cluster.

Pod Disruption Budgets

Creating the *Pod Disruption Budget* is the Kubernetes style to limits the number of Pods of an application that can go down simultaneously due to such *voluntary disruptions* as cluster administrator's actions during the update of deployments or nodes, etc. By such a way Distribution Budgets allow large applications to retain their high availability while maintenance and other administrative activities.

We recommend to apply Pod Disruption Budgets manually to avoid situation when Kubernetes stopped all your database Pods. See the official Kubernetes documentation for details.

CHAPTER

FIFTEEN

CHANGING MYSQL OPTIONS

You may require a configuration change for your application. MySQL allows the option to configure the database with a configuration file. You can pass the MySQL options from the my.cnf configuration file to the cluster in one of the following ways: * CR.yaml * ConfigMap

Edit the CR.yaml

You can add options from the my.cnf by editing the configuration section of the deploy/cr.yaml.

```
spec:
  secretsName: my-cluster-secrets
  pxc:
    ...
      configuration: |
        [mysqld]
        wsrep_debug=ON
        [sst]
        wsrep_debug=ON
```

See the Custom Resource options, PXC section for more details

Use a ConfigMap

You can use a configmap and the cluster restart to reset configuration options. A configmap allows Kubernetes to pass or update configuration data inside a containerized application.

Use the `kubectl` command to create the configmap from external resources, for more information see Configure a Pod to use a ConfigMap.

For example, let's suppose that your application requires more connections. To increase your `max_connections` setting in MySQL, you define a `my.cnf` configuration file with the following setting:

```
[mysqld]
...
max_connections=250
```

You can create a configmap from the `my.cnf` file with the `kubectl create configmap` command.

You should use the combination of the cluster name with the `-pxc` suffix as the naming convention for the configmap. To find the cluster name, you can use the following command:

```
kubectl get pxc
```

The syntax for `kubectl create configmap` command is:

```
kubectl create configmap <cluster-name>-pxc <resource-type=resource-name>
```

The following example defines cluster1-pxc as the configmap name and the my-cnf file as the data source:

```
kubectl create configmap cluster1-pxc --from-file=my.cnf
```

To view the created configmap, use the following command:

```
kubectl describe configmaps cluster1-pxc
```

Make changed options visible to the Percona XtraDB Cluster

Do not forget to restart Percona XtraDB Cluster to ensure the cluster has updated the configuration (see details on how to connect in the Install Percona XtraDB Cluster on Kubernetes page.).

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TRANSPORT LAYER SECURITY (TLS)

The Percona Kubernetes Operator for PXC uses Transport Layer Security (TLS) cryptographic protocol for the following types of communication:

- Internal - communication between PXC instances in the cluster
- External - communication between the client application and ProxySQL

The internal certificate is also used as an authorization method.

TLS security can be configured in two ways: Percona XtraDB Cluster Operator can use a *cert-manager* for automatic certificates generation, but also supports manual certificates generation. The following subsections cover these two ways to configure TLS security with the Operator, as well as explains how to temporarily disable it if needed.

Install and use the *cert-manager*

About the *cert-manager*

A *cert-manager* is a Kubernetes certificate management controller which widely used to automate the management and issuance of TLS certificates. It is community-driven, and open source.

When you have already installed *cert-manager* and deploy the operator, the operator requests a certificate from the *cert-manager*. The *cert-manager* acts as a self-signed issuer and generates certificates. The Percona Operator self-signed issuer is local to the operator namespace. This self-signed issuer is created because PXC requires all certificates are issued by the same CA.

The creation of the self-signed issuer allows you to deploy and use the Percona Operator without creating a clusterissuer separately.

Installation of the *cert-manager*

The steps to install the *cert-manager* are the following:

- Create a namespace
- Disable resource validations on the cert-manager namespace
- Install the cert-manager.

The following commands perform all the needed actions:

```
kubectl create namespace cert-manager
kubectl label namespace cert-manager certmanager.k8s.io/disable-validation=true
kubectl apply -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/jetstack/cert-manager/release-0.7/
↪deploy/manifests/cert-manager.yaml
```

After the installation, you can verify the *cert-manager* by running the following command:

```
kubectl get pods -n cert-manager
```

The result should display the *cert-manager* and webhook active and running.

Generate certificates manually

To generate certificates manually, follow these steps:

1. Provision a Certificate Authority (CA) to generate TLS certificates
2. Generate a CA key and certificate file with the server details
3. Create the server TLS certificates using the CA keys, certs, and server details

The set of commands generate certificates with the following attributes:

- `Server-pem` - Certificate
- `Server-key.pem` - the private key
- `ca.pem` - Certificate Authority

You should generate certificates twice: one set is for external communications, and another set is for internal ones. A secret created for the external use must be added to `cr.yaml/spec/secretsName`. A certificate generated for internal communications must be added to the `cr.yaml/spec/sslInternalSecretName`.

```
cat <<EOF | cfssl gencert -initca - | cfssljson -bare ca
{
  "CN": "Root CA",
  "key": {
    "algo": "rsa",
    "size": 2048
  }
}
EOF

cat <<EOF | cfssl gencert -ca=ca.pem  -ca-key=ca-key.pem - | cfssljson -bare server
{
  "hosts": [
    "${CLUSTER_NAME}-proxysql",
    "*.${CLUSTER_NAME}-proxysql-unready",
    "*.${CLUSTER_NAME}-pxc"
  ],
  "CN": "${CLUSTER_NAME}-pxc",
  "key": {
```

```
    "algo": "rsa",
    "size": 2048
  }
}
EOF

kubectl create secret generic my-cluster-ssl --from-file=tls.crt=server.pem --
from-file=tls.key=server-key.pem --from-file=ca.crt=ca.pem --
type=kubernetes.io/tls
```

Run PXC without TLS

Omitting TLS is also possible, but we recommend that you run your cluster with the TLS protocol enabled.

TLS protocol can be disabled (e.g. for demonstration purposes) by editing the `cr.yaml/spec/pxc/allowUnstafeConfigurations` setting to `true`.

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PERCONA KUBERNETES OPERATOR FOR PERCONA XTRADB CLUSTER 1.1.0 RELEASE NOTES

Percona Kubernetes Operator for Percona XtraDB Cluster 1.1.0

Percona announces the general availability of *Percona Kubernetes Operator for Percona XtraDB Cluster* 1.1.0 on July 15, 2019. This release is now the current GA release in the 1.1 series. Install the Kubernetes Operator for Percona XtraDB Cluster by following the instructions.

The Percona Kubernetes Operator for Percona XtraDB Cluster automates the lifecycle and provides a consistent Percona XtraDB Cluster instance. The Operator can be used to create a Percona XtraDB Cluster, or scale an existing Cluster and contains the necessary Kubernetes settings.

The Operator simplifies the deployment and management of the Percona XtraDB Cluster in Kubernetes-based environments. It extends the Kubernetes API with a new custom resource for deploying, configuring and managing the application through the whole life cycle.

The Operator source code is available in our Github repository. All of Percona's software is open-source and free.

New features and improvements:

- Now the Percona Kubernetes Operator allows upgrading Percona XtraDB Cluster to newer versions, either in semi-automatic or in manual mode.
- Also, two modes are implemented for updating the Percona XtraDB Cluster `my.cnf` configuration file: in *automatic configuration update* mode Percona XtraDB Cluster Pods are immediately re-created to populate changed options from the Operator YAML file, while in *manual mode* changes are held until Percona XtraDB Cluster Pods are re-created manually.
- A separate service account is now used by the Operator's containers which need special privileges, and all other Pods run on default service account with limited permissions.
- User secrets are now generated automatically if don't exist: this feature especially helps reduce work in repeated development environment testing and reduces the chance of accidentally pushing predefined development passwords to production environments.
- The Operator is now able to generate TLS certificates itself which removes the need in manual certificate generation.
- The list of officially supported platforms now includes Minikube, which provides an easy way to test the Operator locally on your own machine before deploying it on a cloud.
- Also, Google Kubernetes Engine 1.14 and OpenShift Platform 4.1 are now supported.

Percona XtraDB Cluster is an open source, cost-effective and robust clustering solution for businesses. It integrates Percona Server for MySQL with the Galera replication library to produce a highly-available and scalable MySQL® cluster complete with synchronous multi-master replication, zero data loss and automatic node provisioning using Percona XtraBackup.

Help us improve our software quality by reporting any bugs you encounter using our bug tracking system.

Percona Kubernetes Operator for Percona XtraDB Cluster 1.0.0

Percona announces the general availability of *Percona Kubernetes Operator for Percona XtraDB Cluster* 1.0.0 on May 29, 2019. This release is now the current GA release in the 1.0 series. Install the Kubernetes Operator for Percona XtraDB Cluster by following the instructions. Please see the GA release announcement. All of Percona's software is open-source and free.

The Percona Kubernetes Operator for Percona XtraDB Cluster automates the lifecycle and provides a consistent Percona XtraDB Cluster instance. The Operator can be used to create a Percona XtraDB Cluster, or scale an existing Cluster and contains the necessary Kubernetes settings.

The Percona Kubernetes Operators are based on best practices for configuration and setup of the Percona XtraDB Cluster. The Operator provides a consistent way to package, deploy, manage, and perform a backup and a restore for a Kubernetes application. Operators deliver automation advantages in cloud-native applications.

The advantages are the following:

- Deploy a Percona XtraDB Cluster environment with no single point of failure and environment can span multiple availability zones (AZs).
- Deployment takes about six minutes with the default configuration.
- Modify the Percona XtraDB Cluster size parameter to add or remove Percona XtraDB Cluster members
- Integrate with Percona Monitoring and Management (PMM) to seamlessly monitor your Percona XtraDB Cluster
- Automate backups or perform on-demand backups as needed with support for performing an automatic restore
- Supports using Cloud storage with S3-compatible APIs for backups
- Automate the recovery from failure of a single Percona XtraDB Cluster node
- TLS is enabled by default for replication and client traffic using Cert-Manager
- Access private registries to enhance security
- Supports advanced Kubernetes features such as pod disruption budgets, node selector, constraints, tolerations, priority classes, and affinity/anti-affinity
- You can use either PersistentVolumeClaims or local storage with hostPath to store your database
- Customize your MySQL configuration using ConfigMap.

Installation

Installation is performed by following the documentation installation instructions for Kubernetes and OpenShift.

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