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Portworx with Azure Arcenabled Data Services for Stateful Kubernetes Deployments

Enable HA, DR, backup, and data security for Azure data services on any Kubernetes-enabled cloud or infrastructure.





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Executive Summary

As modern applications running on Kubernetes increasingly move from stateless to stateful, developers need to maintain access to Azure Arc-enabled data services like SQL Server, Postgres, and more. The traditional, legacy approach to managing these databases relies on scripting combined with a significant number of highly repetitive and manual activities to ensure databases remain online and highly available in support of mission-critical applications. These highly manual activities are prone to human error, excessive downtime, and can't be easily automated with existing infrastructure automation tools.

While Kubernetes provides some support for such automation, teams need an enterprise-grade Kubernetes data services platform to ensure the reliability and performance of these databases in production at scale.

Microsoft Azure Arc-enabled data services bring Azure data services to any cloud or infrastructure that can host Kubernetes clusters. This Pure Validated Design and Azure Arc validated solution outlines how Portworx[®] can provide a compelling Azure data service experience for mission-critical environments. To achieve this, the Kubernetes cluster storage solution needs to provide the following services and qualities:

- **Consistent Data Plane:** In the same way that Azure Arc-enabled data services can run on Kubernetes in any cloud and on any infrastructure, the Kubernetes storage solution data plane requires the ability to underpin any Kubernetes cluster in any cloud and on any infrastructure.
- **Elastic Scaling:** Because a key feature of Azure Arc-enabled data services is the ability to provide elastic scaling, the Kubernetes storage solution needs to support this by allowing thousands of persistent volumes to be associated with each worker node and for effortless management of persistent volumes at scale.
- **Performance:** The storage solution should provide mission-critical levels of performance consistently as the platform is scaled out.
- Security: Because cybercrime is rife, sensitive data needs to be protected against exfiltration and ransomware attacks.
- **High Availability:** Databases need to be highly available across worker nodes, different availability zones for cloud-based Kubernetes clusters, as well as clusters in different on-premises data centers.
- **Disaster Recovery:** Data needs to be protected at various levels of granularity in a Kubernetes cluster, ranging from namespace level down to object level.





The Portworx Kubernetes Data Services Platform provides enterprises with a Kubernetes-native storage solution that incorporates all these qualities and more. Portworx provides a fully integrated solution for persistent storage, data protection, disaster recovery, data security, cross-cloud and data migrations, and automated capacity management for applications running on Kubernetes. Administrators can leverage this consistent management framework, to manage the entire lifecycle of an Azure Arc-enabled data services, from automating day-2 operations like scaling and migration to delivering self-service database access to developers.

Microsoft Azure Arc-enabled Data Services

Azure Arc-enabled data services contain several layers:

- **Kubernetes:** The infrastructure that the solution runs on top of is Kubernetes-based. Because data platforms by their very nature are stateful, the Kubernetes cluster requires a storage solution irrespective of where it is hosted.
- **Control Plane Layer:** The Azure cloud is extended to the Kubernetes cluster via the Azure Arc data controller. More specifically, the controller extends the Azure Resource Manager (ARM) to the Kubernetes cluster. It also provides data services resource management and is how logging and telemetry data are delivered to Azure. Once a Kubernetes cluster and its associated infrastructure is in place, the very first step in deploying Azure Arc-enabled data services is to deploy a controller to the Kubernetes cluster.
- Data Services Layer: This layer includes Azure Arc-enabled SQL Server Managed instances and/or PostgreSQL Hyperscale instances, or more simply put the database services to be consumed.
- Cloud Provisioning/Monitoring Layer: Each controller has an associated Azure region. Metrics and logging are uploaded to the Azure region automatically for controllers deployed in 'Connected' mode and manually via the command line tool for controllers deployed in 'indirectly connected mode'. The cloud-based element of the solution stack also provides the capabilities to monitor Azure Arc-enabled data services and provision both data services and controllers.



Figure 1: Azure Arc-enabled data service layers





Tooling

You can deploy Azure Arc-enabled data services in a variety of ways:

- Azure CLI Extensions: Azure Arc-enabled data services extensions provided in python wheel format (a python packaging format) can be plugged into Azure CLI. At the time of writing an Azure CLI extension is provided for SQL Servers.
- Azure Data Studio: Azure Data Studio is a graphical user interface tool that comes with the built-in capability to run notebooks. It currently enables both controller and data service deployment.
- Azure Portal: Controllers and data services can both be deployed from the Azure marketplace. It can also be used to provide a single pane of glass across all Azure Arc managed resources.
- Kubernetes Native Tools: Both controllers and data services can be deployed via YAML manifests using kubectl.

Irrespective of the tool used to deploy Azure Arc-enabled data services, the touchpoint for storage is the Kubernetes storage class object.

Portworx

Portworx is a data management solution that serves applications and deployments in Kubernetes clusters. Portworx is deployed natively within Kubernetes and extends the automation capabilities down into the infrastructure to eliminate all the complexities of managing data. Portworx provides simple and easy to consume storage classes that are usable by stateful applications in a Kubernetes cluster.



At the core of Portworx is PX-Store, a software-defined storage platform that works on practically any infrastructure, regardless of whether it is in a public cloud or on-premises. PX-Store is complemented by:

- **PX-Migrate:** Allows applications to be easily migrated across clusters, racks, and clouds.
- **PX-Secure:** Provides access controls and enables data encryption at a cluster, namespace, or persistent volume level.





- **PX-DR:** A service that allows applications to have a zero RPO failover across data centers in a metro area as well as continuous backups across the WAN for even greater protection.
- **PX-Backup:** A solution that allows enterprises to back up and restore the entire Kubernetes application, including data, app configuration, and Kubernetes objects, to any backup location—including NFS, S3, or Azure Blob—with the click of a button.
- PX-Autopilot: A service that provides rules-based auto-scaling for persistent volumes and automatic expansion and rebalancing of Portworx storage pools.

This paper will review each element of Portworx in greater detail and highlight the value each specific service provides to Azure Arc-enabled data services.

PX-Store

PX-Store is a 100% software-defined storage solution that provides high levels of persistent volume density per block device per worker node. The key features of PX-Store include:

Storage Virtualization: The storage made available to each worker node is effectively virtualized such that each worker node can host pods that use up to hundreds of thousands of persistent volumes per Kubernetes cluster. This benefits Kubernetes clusters deployed to the cloud, in that larger volumes or disks are often conducive to better performance.

Storage-aware Scheduling: Stork, a storage-aware scheduler, collocates pods on worker nodes that host the persistent volume replicas associated with the same pods, resulting in reduced storage access latency.

Storage Pooling for Performance-based Quality-of-Service: PX-Store segregates storage into three distinct pools of storage based on performance: low, medium, and high. Applications, including Azure Arc-enabled data services, can select storage based on performance by specifying one of these pools at the storage class level.

- **Persistent Volume Replicas:** You can specify a persistent volume replication factor at the storage class level. This enables the state to be highly available across the cluster, cloud regions, and Kubernetes-as-a-service platforms such as AKS, EKS, and GKE.
- Cloud Volumes: Cloud volumes enable storage to be provisioned from the underlying platform without the need to present storage to worker nodes. PX-Store running on most public cloud providers and VMware have cloud volume capability, a feature introduced to FlashArray[™] and FlashBlade[®] in the 2.8 release of Portworx.
- Automatic I/O Path Tuning: Portworx provides different I/O profiles for storage optimization based on the I/O traffic pattern. By default, Portworx automatically applies the most appropriate I/O profile for the data patterns it sees. It does this by continuously analyzing the I/O pattern of traffic in the background.
- Metadata Caching: High-performance devices can be assigned the role of Journal devices to lower I/O latency when accessing metadata.
- **Read and Write-through Caching:** PX-Cache-enabled high-performance devices can be used for read and write-through caching to enhance performance.





PX-Backup

Backup is essential for enterprise applications, serving as a core requirement for mission-critical production workloads. The risk to the enterprise is magnified for applications on Kubernetes where traditional, virtual machine (VM)-optimized data protection solutions simply don't work. Protecting stateful applications like databases in highly dynamic environments calls for a purpose-built, Kubernetes-native backup solution.

Portworx PX-Backup solves these shortfalls and protects your applications' data, application configuration, and Kubernetes objects with a single click at the Kubernetes pod, namespace, or cluster level. Enabling application-aware zero data loss backup and fast recovery for even complex distributed applications, PX-Backup delivers true multicloud availability with key features including:

- App-Consistent Backup and Restore: Easily protect and recover applications regardless of how they are initially deployed on, or rescheduled by, Kubernetes.
- Seamless Migration: Move a single Kubernetes application or an entire namespace between clusters in Azure.
- **Compliance Management:** Manage and enforce compliance and governance responsibilities with a single pane of glass for all your containerized applications.
- Streamlined Storage Integration: Back up and recover cloud volumes with storage providers including Amazon EBS, Google Persistent Disk, Azure Managed Disks, and CSI-enabled storage.

PX-DR

PX-DR extends the data protection included in PX-Store with zero RPO disaster recovery for data centers in a metropolitan area as well as continuous backups across the WAN for an even greater level of protection. PX-DR provides both synchronous and asynchronous replication, delivering key benefits including:

- Zero Data Loss Disaster Recovery: PX-DR delivers zero RPO failover across data centers in metropolitan areas in addition to HA within a single data center. You can deploy applications between clouds in the same region and ensure application survivability.
- **Continuous Global Backup:** For applications that span a country, or across the entire world, PX-DR also offers constant incremental backups to protect your mission-critical applications.

PX-Autopilot

PX-Autopilot allows enterprises to automate storage management to Intelligently provision cloud storage only when needed and eliminate the problem of paying for storage when over-provisioned:

- Storage Capacity Growth On-demand: Automate your applications' growing storage demands while also minimizing disruptions. Set growth policies to automate cloud drive and Kubernetes integration to ensure your application's storage needs are met without performance or availability degradations.
- Slash Storage Costs by Half: Intelligently provision cloud storage only when needed and eliminate the problem of paying for storage when over-provisioned instead of consumed. Scale at the individual volume or entire cluster level to save money and avoid application outages.





• Integrate with All Major Clouds and VMware: PX-Autopilot natively integrates with AWS, Azure, Google, as well as VMware enabling you to achieve savings, and increase automated agility across all your clouds.

Architecture

All Portworx products run on the same Kubernetes cluster as the applications that they provide service to. The core storage services of the Portworx platform are provided by PX-Store, which has two main components:

- **Control Plane:** The control plane exposes a REST API that can either be used by the Portworx native CLI, pxctl, or the OpenStorage SDK that can be leveraged either by Go or Python. It also monitors the health of the cluster via the use of a Gossip protocol. In addition to this, the control plane exposes a Prometheus exporter endpoint—which benchmarks available storage—to determine what performance-based pool devices should be allocated to. It also gathers metrics from the data plane.
- Data Plane: The data plane is responsible for all I/O, I/O caching, making data highly available via persistent volume replicas, and the encryption of data at rest.

PX-Store is deployed through a Portworx specification or spec for short. Depending on the Kubernetes distribution or platform, the specification can either be deployed via a Kubernetes Operator or DaemonSet YAML manifest. Worker nodes in a Kubernetes cluster that are part of the data plane are referred to as Portworx storage nodes.

Portworx requires a Kubernetes cluster with at least three worker nodes, each with the ability to mount block storage or NFS file shares, and this document will focus on block storage. Metadata is stored in etcd, commonly referred to as a 'KVDB' (key-value database) in Portworx documentation. Control plane nodes are usually separate from the worker nodes, except for Kubernetes clusters built on bare metal, such as a Red Hat OpenShift three-node edge configuration, whereby the physical nodes act as both control plane and worker nodes.



Figure 2: Etcd, control and worker nodes.

Each worker node requires a minimum of eight logical processors and 12GB of memory (Figure 2). Portworx can be deployed to virtually all the popular on-premises Kubernetes distributions and most of the popular Kubernetes-as-a-service platforms in the public cloud. This document will not go into the specifics of any specific distribution; however, it will make a distinction between Kubernetes on-premises and Kubernetes-as-a-service in the public cloud. An important distinction is that with





Portworx deployed to the public cloud, there must be at least two worker nodes per availability zone for a worker node to be considered for use as a Portworx storage node in any given availability zone.

Deployment Options

When creating a specification to deploy Portworx with, you have several options to consider:

- Use an Existing KVDB: For most deployments, you can create a deployment specification with the option of storing Portworx metadata in a separate etcd cluster. There are two exceptions to this:
 - The first scenario: When the PX-DR is used for Kubernetes clusters that are not within the same metro area, meaning the network round-trip latency between the primary and disaster recovery sites is greater than 10ms.
 - The second scenario in which a dedicated etcd cluster should be used is for large-scale deployment, with 10 or more worker nodes, in which a heavy dynamic provisioning activity takes place.
- Dedicated Journal Device: A dedicated Journal device can be specified to buffer metadata writes.
- **Dedicated Cache Device:** A dedicated cache device can be specified to improve performance by acting as a read/write-through cache.
- Container Storage Interface (CSI) API Compatibility: You can choose the option to deploy Portworx with CSI enabled if PX-Security is to be used.
- Stork: Stork is a storage-aware scheduler that attempts to collocate application pods onto the same nodes as the persistent volumes and persistent volume replicas that it uses. Use Stork if your underlying infrastructure uses either servers with dedicated internal storage or servers with dedicated network-attached storage appliances.
- **Dedicated Network:** Consider using a dedicated network for storage cluster traffic if the existing network infrastructure does not support quality-of-service.

Leveraging VMware

Portworx is infrastructure-agnostic in that it can be deployed to virtually any infrastructure either on-premises or in the public cloud. Despite this, VMware is worth highlighting because it is ubiquitous with most on-premises data centers that run Microsoft software. When creating a Portworx spec, selecting the cloud deployment option provides the ability to deploy Portworx so that persistent volumes are created inside VMware virtual disks inside of VMFS datastores.

Planning, Design, and Prework

This section of the document will cover detailed requirements and preparation before deployment. Prework of the vSphere Hosts and Environment must be carefully reviewed with preplanning the network requirements for a successful deployment.

vSphere Hosts

The solution is based on four ESXi 7.0.2 hosts with the following individual specifications:

- Dual socket, 12 cores per socket
- 512GB of physical memory
- 2 Fibre Channel HBA





- 2 10 GbE Dual port network controllers
 - Vmnic0: Assigned to vSwitch for ESXi host mgmt and VMKernel ports
 - Vmnic1: Assigned to vSwitch for ESXi host mgmt and VMKernel ports
 - Vmnic2: Available for distributed vSwitch Uplink VLAN trunking configured
 - Vmnic3: Available for distributed vSwitch Uplink VLAN trunking configured

The required physical server type is commodity x86-64 architecture with minimum specs based on VMware hardware requirements. For vSphere 7.0 ESXi requirements, see the <u>ESXi Hardware Requirements</u> or <u>VMware Compatibility Guide</u>.

vSphere Environment

The vSphere environment for this solution must meet all the following parameters before deploying the HAProxy Load Balancer and enabling Workload Management. This document will showcase the vCenter Server User interface to accomplish required tasks to manage and operate vSphere with Tanzu.

- vSphere cluster with three ESXi hosts (minimum)
 - Minimum: version 7.0.2
 - Minimum of one FlashArray//X VMFS datastore
 - Best practice: Hostnames using all lowercase to eliminate deployment issues
- vCenter Server Appliance
 - Minimum: version 7.0.2
 - Running on FlashArray VMFS datastore
- HA and DRS must be enabled for tanzu-cluster
 - DRS should be set to Fully Automated
- vSphere distributed switch
 - Minimum: Version 7
 - All ESXi hosts connected
 - Two port groups configured as "management" and "workload"
- vMotion network
 - Best practice: Dedicated VLAN for production workloads
- NTP configuration must be the same across ESXi hosts, vCenter Server, and HAProxy.
 - Synced to an external time source.

NOTE: vSphere 7.0+ includes a 60-Day trial of vSphere with Tanzu Basic.

Network Requirements

This deployment is based on two routable VLAN networks (Figure 3) and a single vSphere Distributed Switch with two port groups:





- The Management network supports ESXi hosts, vCenter Server, FlashArray, and operational management.
- The Workload network supports the Supervisor Cluster and Kubernetes workloads which includes access to HAProxy services.



- Management network vmnic0 [Example: VLAN111 w/ 192.168.111.0/24]
 - Must be routable to ESXi hosts, vCenter Server, the Supervisor Cluster, and HAProxy
 - DNS query enabled
 - Must have internet connectivity
- Workload Network vmnic1 (Example: VLAN114 w/ 192.168.114.0/24)
 - DNS query enabled
- vSphere distributed switch
 - Management port group configured to appropriate VLAN ID
 - Workload port group configured to appropriate VLAN ID

NOTE: HAProxy Load Balancer requires assignment of static IP Addresses. This deployment cannot be based on DHCP.

- Management network
 - HAProxy Management IP Address (Example: 192.168.111.159/24)
 - Default Gateway must be on this network
 - Dataplane management port 5556 (default), which is used for Step 5 of enabling Workload Management. (Example: 192.168.111.159:5556)
 - Supervisor Control Plane Five IP Addresses (Example: 192.168.111.160-192.168.111.164)
 - The first IP address will be used to enable Workload Management, Step 6: Starting IP Address.





- Workload network
 - Workload IP address (Example: 192.168.114.7/24, must be outside of LB IP Range)
 - This IP address will be used and entered in CIDR format during the HAProxy installation, Step 9: Customize Template section 2.5.
 - Load balancer IP ranges (CIDR) (Example: 192.168.114.32/27; these are used for the TKC)
 - 10.21.114.32/27 CIDR Range = 192.168.114.32–192.168.114.63
 - HAProxy Installation Wizard Step 9, Section 3.1
 - Workload IP Range Virtual Machines (Example: 192.168.114.96-10.21.114.127; must be outside of LB IP Range)
 - This will be used to enable Workload Management, see adding workload network, Step 7.

For more information, access <u>extensive networking overview and official documentation</u>.

Network Worksheet

HAProxy	Management	Workload	Notes
Management IP			root
SControlPlane VM-1			Start
SControlPlane VM-2			
SControlPlane VM-3	·		
SControlPlane VM-4			
SControlPlane VM-5	··		End
Workload IP		·	
Load Balancer IP Range of 30 IPs (min)			CIDR
Virtual Machines Range of 30 IPs (min)			Out of LB range
NTP			
DNS			

See the <u>CIDR conversion tool</u>.





FlashArray

Deployment tasks in this documentation are based on the vSphere Client and the Pure Storage® Plugin for the vSphere Client.

The FlashArray is authenticated with the Pure Storage Plugin for the vSphere Client (referred to in the rest of this document as the vSphere Plugin) for ease of use. There are multiple methods to install the vSphere Plugin, such as PowerShell, vRealize Orchestrator, and the FlashArray Web UI as documented in our support guide.

- Required: ESXi hosts' Personality must be set to "ESXi"
- Purity Version 5.3.10 or later

FlashArray vVols

The following list is a set of best practices and tasks that must be completed before the creation and mounting of the vVols Datastore via vCenter:

- Required: Network port 8084 must be open and accessible from vCenter Server and ESXi hosts to the FlashArray.
- The vCenter Server should never run on vVols. The two are interdependent. The best practice is to run vCenter on VMFS.
- Best practice: Create a dedicated local FlashArray User for VASA registration. This prevents authentication issues in the event Active Directory/LDAP service is unreachable or the case of a *user account* of the storage provider being deleted/removed.

Access Best Practices Quick Guidance Points from Pure Support.

VMware HAProxy

The VMware HAProxy Appliance must be downloaded and uploaded to the vCenter Content Library.

- Download and upload to vCenter Content Library
- Requires an FQDN and static IP address for direct management on the *management* network and a static IP address on the *workload* network
- HAProxy v0.2.0

Managing the Content Library

The vSphere Content Library consists of a local HAProxy library containing the OVA and a subscription Tanzu Kubernetes Grid library for deployment. The HAProxy OVA must be uploaded on a Datastore accessible by the tanzu-cluster.

- Tanzu Kubernetes Grid (Subscription content library).
- HAProxy (Local content library). You must Import Library Item: haproxy-v0.2.0.ova

To create vSphere Content Libraries, navigate to the **Menu** drop down from vSphere Client and select **Content Libraries** (Figure 4).





3 Advanced + Create					
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HAProxy		Local	No	6.18 GB	10.21.111.96
TKG Content Library		Subscribed	No	37.05 GB	10.21.111.96

Figure 4: Content Library

Deployment and Application Validation

This section describes the deployment of vSphere Workload Management, Namespaces, Tanzu Kubernetes Clusters, and Persistent Volume Claims with FlashArray vVols Datastore. It provides guidelines for installing and configuring HAProxy, the Workload Management environment, and deploying a Tanzu Kubernetes Cluster.

Once the cluster is deployed, the guide will then step through implementing Portworx Enterprise Data Platform to manage persistent storage operations using vVol-backed vSphere CSI volumes. This brings enterprise-class data services to the Azure Arc and Tanzu platforms that are on par with the service levels that are established standards in traditional environments.

Solution validation is an operational deployment of Azure Arc-enabled data services with Portworx Enterprise providing persistent storage.

Deployment

You should install VMware vSphere with Tanzu on dedicated physical industry-standard x86 servers and Pure FlashArray hardware. Pure Storage FlashArray is a high-performance platform that supports mixed workloads for shared storage efficiency. It is common to use FlashArray for hosting VMware vSphere workloads with both VMFS and vVols.

vSphere Client VASA FlashArray Storage Providers Registration

VASA registration can be accomplished in multiple ways, i.e., PowerShell, FlashArray UI, or vRealize Orchestrator. The example here uses vSphere Client with the FlashArray Plugin. Once the FlashArray providers are registered, creating and mounting a vVols datastore is a simple and seamless process.

1. With an existing and registered FlashArray via Plugin, navigate to the plugin.





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2. Once you have successfully registered the Storage Provider, navigate to the Storage Providers configuration page to confirm both providers are online and healthy.

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Creating a FlashArray Host Group

The vSphere Plugin for the vSphere Client will be used to streamline the creation of a host group to the cluster named *tanzu-cluster*. The best practice is to create and mount the vVol Datastore with the ESXi cluster mapped to FlashArray Host Groups.





 Navigate to the tanzu-cluster and right-click to bring up the Actions menu, hover down to Pure Storage and click Add Host Group wizard.



2. Select the FlashArray and the appropriate protocol that you are using for the deployment. Review and confirm the available hosts and click **Create**.

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Hosts Host Group: (1) tanzu-cluster Hosts	Filter	Q

NOTE: iSCSI deployments will default and Configure iSCSI Initiators on Hosts.





Creating and Mounting the vVols Datastore

Use the vSphere Plugin for the vSphere Client to streamline the provisioning process of the vVols datastore to the tanzucluster. The best practice is to create and mount the vVol datastore with the ESXi cluster mapped to a FlashArray host group.

 Navigate to the *tanzu-cluster* and right-click to bring up the Actions menu, hover down to Pure Storage and click Create Datastore wizard.



 Select "vVol" as the type of datastore and proceed through the wizard. The following screens will ask for a datastore name. A vVol datastore is at a defaulted size of 8PB and can be modified by Pure Support as required. Select tanzu-cluster as the compute resource.







3. Select the FlashArray for the project.

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3 Compute Resource	X50-LAB-PVD	
4 Storage		
5 Ready to Complete		
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4. Review your entries, click Finish to complete the task.

1 Type	Ready to Complete	
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2 Name and Size	Datastore Name:	vvols-tanzu-01
	Type:	vVol
3 Compute Resource	Compute Resource:	vSphere with Tanzu
4 Storage	Array:	X50-LAB-PVD
4 Stolage	Pod:	None
5 Ready to Complete	Storage Container:	🛇 Vvol container
	Protocol Endpoint Verified:	Yes

5. Navigate to the Datastore page and select the vVol Datastore for a summary.





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VMware vSphere Client Tasks

Creating Storage Policies

This deployment uses two storage policies. The first is a vVols policy (example name: vsphere-tanzu-gold-policy) for persistent storage and the second is for VMFS policy (example name: vsphere-tanzu-vmfs-policy) which will store VMs. These policies translate to storage classes in Kubernetes which will be inserted in the design files during the Tanzu Kubernetes cluster, application, and database deployment.

The FlashArray vVols datastore policy will use VMware's native Storage Policy-Based Management (SPBM) with a simple definition. A tag-based policy will be created for the FlashArray VMFS datastore.

1. Create a new Category Name with default values. This deployment uses the name "tanzu-demo-tag-category" for ease of identification.

vm vSphere Client			
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Auto Deploy	VSANDirectStorage	true	StoragePod, Datastore, Network, Datacenter, Library, HostSystem, OpaqueNetwork, VirtualMachine Datastore
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Administration Tasks Events Tags & Custom Attributes			
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2. Additionally, create a new tag to be assigned to the FlashArray VMFS datastore.

Tags & Custom Attribut	es		
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TAGS CATEGORIES			
NEW EDIT DELETE ADD PERMI	SSION		
Tag Name	T	Category	T
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3. Navigate to the datastores and assign the new tag to the FlashArray VMFS Datastore.

vm vSphere Client M	enu V Q Search in all environments
 fapmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purest fatatacenter vmfs_tanzu_01 vvois-tanzu-01 x50_Datastore_01 	Summary Monitor Configure Permissions Files Hosts VMs Type: VMFS 6 URL: ds:///vmfs/volumes/5fac9161-1460ef3c-611b-ecf4bbd7b184/
	Details ~
	Assigned Tag Category Description
	tanzu-vmfs-flasharray tanzu-demo-tag-category
	1 items Assign Remove

Create a Storage Policy for the FlashArray VMFS datastore.

1. Navigate to the vSphere Client Menu, click Policies and Profiles, select VM Storage Policies, and click Create.





vm vSphere Client Menu v Q Search in all envi		
Policies and Profiles Policies VM Customization Specifications VM Storage Policies Post Profiles	VM Storage Policies	
🕆 Storage Policy Components	Name Host-local PMem Default Storage Policy B Management Storage policy - Encrypti Management Storage Policy - Large Management Storage Policy - Regular Management Storage Policy - Single N Management Storage Policy - Stretched Management Storage policy - Stretched Management Storage policy - Thin Management Storage Delicy	vc f apmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purestorage.com f apmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purestorage.com f apmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purestorage.com f apmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purestorage.com f apmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purestorage.com f apmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purestorage.com f apmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purestorage.com f apmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purestorage.com f apmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purestorage.com f apmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purestorage.com

2. Add a description if desired and click Next. The policy structure will be based on datastore-specific rules, so check the box for Enable tag-based placement rules and click Next.

Create VM Storage Policy	Policy structure	×
1 Name and description	Host based services	
2 Policy structure 3 Tag based placement	Create rules for data services provided by hosts. Available data services could include encryption, I/O control, caching, etc. Host based services will be applied in addition to any datastore specific rules. Enable host based rules	
4 Storage compatibility	Datastore specific rules	
5 Review and finish	Create rules for a specific storage type to configure data services provided by the datastores. The rules will be applied whe VMs are placed on the specific storage type. Enable rules for "vSAN" storage To the storage type t	en
	 Enable rules for "com.purestorage.storage.policy" storage Enable tag based placement rules 	
	CANCEL BACK NEX	г





3. Select the tag category for the rule and add the appropriate tag with Browse tags. Click Next.

Create VM Storage Policy	Tag based plac	cement		×
1 Name and description 2 Policy structure	Add tag rules to filter dat Rule 1	tastores to be used for placement of VMs.		REMOVE
3 Tag based placement	Tag category	tanzu-demo-tag-category	~	
4 Storage compatibility	Usage option Tags	Use storage tagged with tanzu-vmfs-fla_ X	~	
		BROWSE TAGS		

4. Review and select the compatible Datastore type and click next to review and finish.

Create VM Storage Policy	Storage compat	ibility				×
1 Name and description	COMPATIBLE INCOMPA	ATIBLE		Compat	ible storage 999.7	5 GB (645.54 GB free)
2 Policy structure					- Filt	or
3 Tag based placement	Name	Datacenter	Туре	Free Space	Capacity	Warnings
4 Storage compatibility	vmfs_tanzu_01	datacenter	VMFS 6	645.54 GB	999.75 GB	
5 Daviow and finish						

5. Review the list for the new VMFS policy.

Policies and Profiles The VM Customization Specifications The VM Storage Policies The Host Profiles	VM Storage Policies	
🔁 Storage Policy Components	Name Image: Management Storage Policy - Single N Image: Management Storage Policy - Stretched Image: Management Storage Policy - Thin Image: Management Storage Policy - Thin Image: VM Encryption Policy Image: VSAN Default Storage Policy Image: VSAN Default Storage Policy Image: VSAN Default Storage Policy Image: Vsphere-tanzu-gold-policy Image: Vvol No Requirements Policy	vc ² Tapmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purestorage.com

The next step is to create a storage policy for the FlashArray vVols Datastore, using Storage Policy-Based Management (SPBM) with a simple rule.

1. Navigate to the vSphere Client Menu, click Policies and Profiles, select VM Storage Policies, and click Create.





vm vSphere Client Menu v Q Search in all envi	ronments	
Policies and Profiles WM Customization Specifications WM Storage Policies Host Profiles	VM Storage Policies	
Storage Policy Components	Name Image: Rest-local PMem Default Storage Policy Image: Rest-local PMem Default Storage Policy Image: Rest-local PMem Default Storage Policy - Encrypting Image: Rest-local PMem Default Storage Policy - Large Image: Rest-local PMem Default Storage Policy - Large Image: Rest-local PMem Default Storage Policy - Regular Image: Rest-local PMem Default Storage Policy - Single N Image: Rest-local PMem Default Storage Policy - Stretched Image: Rest-local PMem Default Storage Policy Image: VM Encryption Policy Image: VAN Default Storage Policy	vc Image: provide the second
	Sphere-tanzu-vmfs-policy	fapmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purestorage.com

2. Use a descriptive Name with a Description (optionally) and click **Next**. The policy structure will be based on datastorespecific rules, check the box for Enable rules for "com.purestorage.storage.policy" storage and click **Next**.

Create VM Storage Policy	Name and desc	ription	×	
1 Name and description	vCenter Server:	FAPMM-VCSA-01.PURETEC.PURESTORAGE Y		
2 Policy structure 3 Storage compatibility	Name:	vsphere-tanzu-gold-policy		
4 Review and finish	Description:	FlashArray vVols		

3. Using the Add Rule drop-down menu, select Pure Storage FlashArray rule with Yes value and click Next.

Create VM Storage Policy	com.purestorage.storage.policy rules	×
1 Name and description 2 Policy structure	Placement Replication Tags Pure Storage FlashArray () Yes ADD RULE Y	× REMOVE
 com.purestorage.storage.policy ru Storage compatibility 		





4. Select the FlashArray vVols datastore and click Next onto the Review screen and Finish.

Create VM Storage Policy	Storage compa	atibility				×
1 Name and description	COMPATIBLE INCOM	IPATIBLE			Compatible s	torage 8 PB (8 PB free)
2 Policy structure					T F	ilter
3 com.purestorage.storage.policy rul	Name	Datacenter	Туре	Free Space	Capacity	Warnings
4 Storage compatibility	vvols-tanzu-01	datacenter	vVol	8.00 PB	8.00 PB	
5 Review and finish						

5. Review the list for the new vVols policy.

Policies and Profiles		
VM Customization Specifications	VM Storage Policies	
📑 VM Storage Policies	CREATE	
Host Profiles	CREATE	
🃸 Storage Policy Components	Name	vc
	Management Storage Policy - Large	🗗 fapmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purestorage.com
	📄 📑 Management Storage Policy - Regula	r 🗗 fapmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purestorage.com
	📄 📑 Management Storage Policy - Single	N 🗗 fapmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purestorage.com
	📄 👔 Management Storage Policy - Stretch	ned 🗗 fapmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purestorage.com
	Management Storage policy - Thin	fapmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purestorage.com
	VM Encryption Policy	fapmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purestorage.com
	VSAN Default Storage Policy	🗗 fapmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purestorage.com
	vsphere-tanzu-gold-policy	fapmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purestorage.com
	sphere-tanzu-vmfs-policy	fapmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purestorage.com
	VVol No Requirements Policy	🗗 fapmm-vcsa-01.puretec.purestorage.com

HAProxy

The deployment of the HAProxy Load Balancer is wizard-driven and requires attention with IP Address entries. While it is possible to modify the HAProxy post-deployment, we recommend deleting the HAProxy VM and re-deploying it to eliminate complexities.

Navigate to the Content Libraries through the vCenter Server Menu drop down and expand the HAProxy Library.

1. Select OVF & OVA Templates, select the haproxy-v0.2.0 OVA and select New VM from This Template in the Actions dropdown.







- 2. Enter a virtual machine name for your haproxy and select the location.
- **3.** Select destination cluster for the project tanzu-cluster.
- 4. Review details and accept the license agreements.

1 Select a name and folder	Select a name and folder			
2 Select a compute resource	Specify a unique name and ta	arget location		
3 Review details				
4 Select storage	Virtual machine name:	naproxy-pvd.puretec.purestorage.com		
5 Ready to complete				
	Select a location for the virtua	al machine.		
	✓ 🗗 fapmm-vcsa-01.purete	ec.purestorage.com		
	> datacenter			

5. Select the **Default** option to deploy the HAProxy with two network interface controllers.

1 Select a name and folder	Configuration	
2 Select a compute resource	Select a deployment configuration	
3 Review details		Description
4 License agreements	Default	Deploy the Appliance with 2 pics: a
5 Configuration	O Frontend Network	Management network (Supervisor ->
6 Select storage		Management Network (Supervisor ->
7 Colort activity		HAProxy dataplane) and a single
7 Select hetworks		Workload network Load-balanced IPs a

6. Select the vmfs_tanzu_01 Datastore storage option for the HAProxy. We strongly recommended keeping the virtual disk format at the default setting of **Thick Provisioned Lazy Zeroed**.

1 Select a name and folder 2 Select a compute resource	Select storage Select the storage for the co	onfiguration and dis	k files				
3 Review details 4 License agreements						Configure per disl	k group 🕻
5 Configuration 6 Select storage	 Encrypt this virtual mach Select virtual disk format: 	ine (Requires Key N	lanagement Serve	Thick Provision	on Lazy Zeroed 🗸 🗸		
7 Select networks	VM Storage Policy:				Datastore Defau	ult	~
9 Ready to complete	Name	Capacity	Provisioned	Free	Туре	Cluster	
	<pre>vmfs_tanzu_01</pre>	999.75 GB	425.99 GB	674.8 GB	VMFS 6		
	🗐 vvols-tanzu-01	8 PB	39 MB	8 PB	vVol		
	x50_Datastore_01	999.75 GB	959.76 GB	560.75 GB	VMFS 6		
	Compatibility						





7. Select each destination network to match the source network. The HAProxy's management Interface and IP Address on the management source network **must** be connected to the management network on the destination network. The workload must be connected to the destination network.

NOTE: The frontend source network does not require a change in Destination Network selection.

 1 Select a name and folder 2 Select a compute resource 3 Review details 	Select networks Select a destination network for each source network	c.	
4 License agreements5 Configuration	Source Network	Destination Network	
6 Select storage	Management	management 🗸	
7 Select networks 8 Customize template	Workload	workload 🗸	
9 Ready to complete	Frontend	workload 🗸	
			3 item
	IP Allocation Settings		
	IP allocation:	Static - Manual	
	IP protocol:	IPv4	

- **8.** Configure the appliance as follows:
 - a. 1.1: Enter a password for the root user to manage the HAProxy via the Management network. Take note of this password, as it will be used with the *root* user once the VM is powered on for additional tasks.
 - b. 1.2: Permit Root Login: Default as enabled.
 - c. 1.3-1.4: Do not require an entry.

1 Select a name and folder 2 Select a compute resource	Customize template Customize the deployment properties of this softw	are solution.
3 Review details	All properties have valid values	×
4 License agreements	Air propercies have valid values	^
6 Select storage	 Appliance Configuration 	4 settings
7 Select networks 8 Customize template	1.1. Root Password	The initial password of the root user. Subsequent changes of password should be performed in operating system. (6-128 characters)
		Confirm Password
	1.2. Permit Root Login	Specifies whether root user can log in using SSH.
	1.3. TLS Certificate Authority Certificate (ca.crt)	Paste the content of the CA certificate from which keys will be generated. Will be generated if blank
	1.4. TLS Certificate Authority Private Key (ca.key)	Paste the content of the CA certificate private key file. Will be generated if blank
	✓ 2. Network Config	6 settings





- 9. Network configuration entries here must be entered and reviewed thoroughly to ensure accuracy based on the worksheet. It is important to note that entries for sections 2.3 and 2.5 require the proper CIDR format based on the IP Address, for example: 10.21.111.159/24 (e.g., IP/subnet mask bits), /24 is a subnet mask of 255.255.255.0
 - a. 2.1: It is best practice to use an FQDN.
 - b. 2.3-2.5: The management and workload IP address entry must include the proper CIDR format.
 - c. 2.4-2.6: The gateway IP address entry does not require a CIDR format.

1 Select a name and folder		
2 Select a compute resource	twork Config	6 settings
4 License agreements	twork comig	o settinga
5 Configuration	ost Name	The host name. A fully-qualified domain name is also supported.
6 Select storage		haproxy-pvd.puretec.pure
7 Select networks 2.2. D	DNS	A comma-separated list of IP addresses for up to three DNS servers
8 Customize template 9 Ready to complete		10.21.93.16
2.3. N	lanagement IP	The static IP address for the appliance on the Management Port Group in
		CIDR format (Eg. ip/subnet mask bits). This cannot be DHCP.
		10.21.111.159/24
2.4. N	lanagement Gateway	The gateway address for the workload network. This is also the default
		gateway for the appliance.
		10.21.111.1
2.5. V	Vorkload IP	The static IP address for the appliance on the Workload Port Group in CIDR
		format (Eg. ip/subnet mask bits). This IP must be outside of the Load
		Balancer IP Range
		10.21.114.7/24
2.6. V	Vorkload Gateway	The gateway address for the workload network
		10.21.114.1

10. Load balancing entries must be entered and reviewed thoroughly to ensure accuracy based on the worksheet. Entry for section 3.1 requires the proper CIDR format based on the first IP address of the load balancer IP range from the worksheet in CIDR format. Example: 192.168.114.32/27 with /27 CIDR range of 192.168.114.32-195.168.114.63





2 Select a name and folder 2 Select a compute resource 3 Review details	2.6. Workload Gateway	The gateway address for the workload network 10.21.114.1
4 License agreements 5 Configuration	✓ 3. Load Balancing	4 settings
6 Select storage 7 Select networks 8 Customize template 9 Ready to complete	3.1. Load Balancer IP Ranges, comma- separated in CIDR format (Eg 1.2.3.4/28,5.6.7.8/28)	The IP ranges the load balancer will use for Kubernetes Services and Control Planes. The Appliance will currently respond to ALL the IPs in these ranges whether they're assigned or not. As such, these ranges must not overlap with the IPs assigned for the appliance or any other VMs on the network.
	3.2. Dataplane API Management Port	Specifies the port on which the Dataplane API will be advertized on the Management Network. 5556
	3.3. HAProxy User ID	Specifies the user ID used to authenticate to the Dataplane API.
	3.4. HAProxy Password	Specifies the password used to authenticate to the Dataplane API. (6-128 characters) Password
		Confirm Password

Review your entries and take note of the IP Address on Section 2.3, Management IP. It will be used to log into the HAProxy to confirm the installation and pull the certificate authority to enable Workload Management. Review thoroughly and click Finish to start the HAProxy build.

1 Select a name and folder	Folder	datacenter
2 Select a compute resource	Resource	tanzu-cluster
 3 Review details 4 License agreements 	Storage mapping	1
5 Configuration	All disks	Datastore: vmfs_tanzu_01; Format: Thick provision lazy zeroed
6 Select storage	Network mapping	3
 7 Select networks 8 Customize template 	Management	management
9 Ready to complete	Workload	workload
	Frontend	workload
	IP allocation settings	
	IP protocol	IPV4
	IP allocation	Static - Manual
	Properties	12. Permit Root Login = True 1.3. TLS Certificate Authority Certificate (ca.crt) = 1.4. TLS Certificate Authority Private Key (ca.key) =
		2.1. Host Name = haproxy-pvd puretec.purestorage.com 2.2. DNS = 10.2193.16 2.3. Management IP = 10.21111.159/24 2.4. Management ID = 10.21111.159/24 2.5. Workload IP = 10.21114.7/24 2.6. Workload Gateway = 10.21114.1 3.1. Load Balancer IP Ranges, comma-separated in CIDR format (Eg 1.2.3.4/28,5.6.7.8/28) = 10.21.114.32/27 3.2. Dataplane API Management Port = 5556 3.3. HAProxy User ID = tanzu





12. Check the status of the OVA build in vCenter, Power-On HAProxy once the build is complete.

- **13.** You must be able to ping the management IP, workload IP, and the load balancer IP range to enable workload management.
 - a. If you are able to ping all the IP addresses, you have successfully installed the HAProxy and will be able to enable Workload Management.
 - i. Retrieve the Server Certificate Authority from the HAProxy.

1.SSH to the HAProxy management IP address using root user and the password from step 1.1

- ii. Once logged in as root run cat /etc/haproxy/ca.crt, copy the entire contents and save for the workload management installation.
- b. If you are unable to ping all IP addresses, give the HAProxy a little more time to start all of its services while rechecking your entries for accuracy with CIDR entry requirements.
- iii. Validate physical core networking for any restrictions in the network.
- iv. Check vDS DSwitch port group settings for appropriate VLAN ID.

Enable Workload Management and Create a Namespace

Enabling the vSphere Workload Management requires a fully functional HAProxy, which is the ability to ping the management IP, workload IP, and the entire load balancer IP range(s). Create the Namespace once Workload Management is enabled.

Enable Workload Management

Navigate to vSphere Client Menu and select Workload Management. Click Get Started to build the Cluster of Supervisors.

- 1. Select vCenter Server Network and click Next.
- 2. Select a Compatible Cluster and click Next.

Worl	kloa	ad Management											
< BAC	к											VIEW PR	EREQUISTIES
>	Ø	vCenter Server and Network	vCenter Networ	r Server: fapm k: vCenter Se	nm-vcsa-01.pure rver Network	etec.pi	urestorage.com						
~	2.	Select a Cluster Select	ect a clust	er to enable \	Workload Mana	geme	ent						
	Sele	ct a cluster to be enabled for Workload	Manageme	ent with enough	space to support)	your Ku	ubernetes workloads. Th	ne cluster will also	run three Kubernetes o	ontrol plane VMs.			
	>	fapmm-vcsa-01.puretec.puresto	age. Clus	ter Details	fapmm-vcsa-01.pu	uretec.p	purestorage.com						
			co	MPATIBLE IN									
				Cluster Name		٣	Number of Hosts	٣	Available CPU	Ŧ	Available Memory	Ŧ	
			•	tanzu-cluste	r		4		257.63 GHz		1,975.83 GB		
				I								1 - 1 of 1 items	
	_												
	N	EXT											





- 3. Select a Deployment Size and click Next.
- 4. Using the drop-down menu, select vsphere-tanzu-vmfs-policy for the Control Plane VMs and click Next.
 - a. Configure the Load Balancer.
 - b. IP Address Range is based on your CIDR LB Range Example: 10.21.114.32/27 would be 10.21.114.32-10.21.114.63.
 - c. Server Certificate Authority: You must retrieve from HAProxy via HAProxy Management IP Address as root. Run cat /etc/haproxy/ca.crt.

5. Load Balancer Configure	e load balancer for workloads created on	this cluster		
You must configure a load balancer to support HAproxy.	the network connectivity to workloads from c	ient networks and to load balance tra	ffic between Tanzu Kubernetes o	lusters. The type of load balancer supporte
Name*	haproxy-pvd			S VIEW NETWORK TOPOLO
Туре" ()	HA Proxy	~		
Data plane API Addresses(s)* 🚺	10.21.111.159:5556			
	Separate multiple addresses by commas.			
User name* 🚯	tanzu			
Password* ()	tanzu	<u></u> 82		
IP Address Ranges for Virtual Servers® ()	10.21.114.32-10.21.114.63			
	Separate multiple ranges by commas.			
Server Certificate Authority® (tfXwBKoRYIOnJ7bcB3ig3pMm0ffV			
	END CERTIFICATE	•		

5. Enter management network data of Supervisor Control Plane virtual machines from the worksheet. The Starting IP Address entry is the first of the five supervisor control plane IP addresses.

Workload Management		
✓ 6. Management Network Configure Mar	nagement network for the Control Plane and	Worker nodes
The Workload Management consists of three Kuberr Workload Management is connected to a managem	netes control plane VMs and the Spherelet process ent network supporting traffic to vCenter Server.	on each host, which allows the hosts to be joined in a Kubernetes cluster. The cluster where you set up
Network (1)	management ~	S VIEW NETWORK TOPOLOGY
Starting IP Address (1)	10.21.111.160	
Subnet Mask 🕕	255.255.255.0	
Gateway ()	10.21.111.1	
DNS Server (1)	10.21.96.16	
DNS Search Domains (Optional) (puretec.purestorage.com	
NTP Server (1)	10.21.93.14	
NEXT		

- 6. For the Workload network, use default IP Address for services, enter the DNS server IP and add the workload network.
 - a. Workload network: Create a name, select the workload port group, and provide the gateway and subnet of the workload network. The "IP Address Ranges" is a range for virtual machines and must be outside of the load balancer range. The total number of IP addresses for this "IP Address Ranges" is 30. Click **Save** and continue.





	oads on this Supervisor Cluster.			
Name	wi-1			
	Set as Primary network for Supervisor Cluster workloads		٩	
Port Group (j)		т	Filter	
	Port Group Distributed Virtual Switch			
	workload DSwitch			
	O management. DSwitch			
Layer 3 Routing Configuration				
Gateway (j)	10.21.114.1			
	255.255.255.0			
Subnet (j)				

- 7. Select the TKG Library. Click **OK** to continue.
- 8. Review and confirm, then select Finish to enable workload management.

Create and Configure the vSphere Namespace

Navigate to the vCenter Server menu and select Workload Management. Select Namespaces to create a namespace.



1. Select the designated vSphere Cluster, assign a name to the new namespace and choose the designated network to support Tanzu workloads. Click **Create** and the new namespace will be created.

Select a cluster v	where you would like to create this namespace.	
Cluster 🕕		
Name 🕦	wpmsql	
Network () Description	with with with the second seco	





- 2. Add Administrator@vsphere.local Permissions and assign storage policies.
 - a. Add appropriate user as authorized and applicable for the project, and authentication to the Namespace is via vSphere Plugin for the kubectl CLI Tool, and vCenter **Single Sign-On Credentials**.

⊘ Your namespace wpmsc	I has been successfully created.			
Before sharing with your devops te	am, you might want to :			-
Choose which storage policies th Add your devops teams users an set some limits for this namespa- Add a content library to the clust When you're ready, you can hand t	» namespace can use d permissions er to support Kubernetes functions his namespace to the devops team. w for future workloads			e tr
Status Created 12/29/20 II	Permissions II	Storage #	Capacity and Usage II CPU No limit	Tanzu Kubernetes II
Running Kubernetes Status Active Location tanzu-cluster	You haven't given any devops access to this namespace. Add some permissions to let your devops team directly manage this namespace.	You haven't added any storage policies for this namespace. Add some policies to let your devops team access persistent storage.	Memory No limit O MB Storage No limit	Content Library EDIT TKG Content Library

Add Permissions		×
Add a user or a group to give	access to this namespace	
Identity source	vsphere.local	~
User/Group Search	Q Administrator	2
Role	Can edit	~
	c.	ANCEL OK

	Storage Policy		Total Capacity	Available Capac
\square >	VM Encryption Poli	cy	8.00 PB	8.00 PB
□ >	VVol No Requireme	ents Policy	8.00 PB	8.00 PB
v	vsphere-tanzu-gold	1-policy	8.00 PB	8.00 PB
	Available Datastor	'es		
	Datastore	Capacity	Free Spac	е Туре
V	vvols-tanzu-01	8.00 PB	8.00 PB 499.75 GB	VVOL
	vvols-tanzu-01 vsphere-tanzu-vmf: Available Datastor	8.00 PB s-policy res	8.00 PB 499.75 GB	262.74 GB
	vvols-tanzu-01 vsphere-tanzu-vmf Available Datastor Datastore	8.00 PB s-policy res Capacity	8.00 PB 499.75 GB Free Space	VVOL ◀ 262.74 GB :e Type
✓ ✓	vvols-tanzu-01 vsphere-tanzu-vmf Available Datastor Datastore vmfs_tanzu_01	8.00 PB s-policy res Capacity 499.75 GB	8.00 PB 499.75 GB Free Spac 262.74 GE	¹ VVOL 262.74 GB :e Туре 3 VMFS ↓
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✓ ✓	vvols-tanzu-01 vsphere-tanzu-vmfr Available Datastor Datastore vmfs_tanzu_01	8.00 PB s-policy res Capacity 499.75 GB	8.00 PB 499.75 GB Free Spac 262.74 GE	VVOL





Tanzu Kubernetes Cluster Deployment

An instance of Tanzu Kubernetes Cluster will be deployed to the *wpmsql* workspace using the kubectl CLI tool.



1. Once Kubernetes CLI Tools is installed, log into the Namespace. Example:

kubectl vsphere login --server=10.21.114.32 --vsphere-username administratoravsphere.local --insecure-skip-

→ C ▲ Not secure 10.2	1.114.32
	Kubernetes CLI Tools
	Kubectl + vSphere plugin
	Download the CLI tools package to view and control namespaces in vSphere. LEARN MORE 🕜
	SELECT OPERATING SYSTEM *
	DOWNLOAD CLI PLUGIN WINDOWS 坐
	Checksum CLI plugin Windows 🛓
Administrator: Windows Power	Shell – 🗆 🗙
Password: Logged in successfully.	wing contexts:
You have access to the follo 10.21.114.176 10.21.114.32 wpmsql	
You have access to the follo 10.21.114.176 10.21.114.32 wpmsql If the context you wish to u logging in again later, or o	se is not in this list, you may need to try ontact your cluster administrator.

2. Use *wpmsql* Namespace. Example: kubectl config use-context wpmsql. Run, for example: kubectl config getcontexts. The asterisk indicates the current context in which you are logged into.





27 Administrator: Windows PowerShell	-	×
PS C:\temp\wp_sql\tkcbuild> kubectl vsphere loginserver=10.21.114.32vsphere-userna	me administrator@vsphere.localinsecure-skip-tls-verify	
Password: Logged in successfully.		
You have access to the following contexts: 10.21.114.176 10.21.114.32 wpmsql		
If the context you wish to use is not in this list, you may need to try logging in again later, or contact your cluster administrator.		
To change context, use `kubectl config use-context (workload name>` 5 C:itempium_salitktobilds kubectl config use-context upsal Suitched to context "upsagi" section and context of		
CICHEMYND_SNLICKUDIUF KODECIC CUTLA ger-CUTEXAS CURRENT NAME CLUSTER AUTHINFO 10.21.114.176 10.21.114.176 kcp:10.21.114.176;administrator@vsphere.local 10.21.114.23 10.21 114.23 kcp:10.21 114.23 cm/ministrator@vsphere.local	NAMESPACE	
 wpmsql 10.21.114.32 wcp:10.21.114.32:administrator@vsphere.local 	wpmsql	

3. Use kubect1 get vmimage to see the list of available Tanzu Kubernetes Cluster versions.

Administrator: Windows PowerShell		
PS C:\temp\wp_sql> kubect1 get vmimage NAME ob-15957779-photon-3-k8s-v1.16.8vmware.1-tkg.3.60d2ffd ob-16466772-photon-3-k8s-v1.17.7vmware.1-tkg.1.154236c ob-16545581-photon-3-k8s-v1.16.12vmware.1-tkg.1.da7afe7 ob-16551547-photon-3-k8s-v1.16.14vmware.1-tkg.1.ada4837 ob-16897056-photon-3-k8s-v1.16.14vmware.1-tkg.1.ada4837 ob-16924026-photon-3-k8s-v1.18.5vmware.1-tkg.1.c40d30d ob-16924027-photon-3-k8s-v1.7.11vmware.1-tkg.1.15f1e18 ob-07010758-photon-3-k8s-v1.7.11vmware.1-tkg.2.ad3d374 PS C:\temp\wp_sql>	VERSION v1.16.8+vmware.1-tkg.3.60d2ffd v1.17.7+vmware.1-tkg.1.154236c v1.16.12+vmware.1-tkg.1.da7afe7 v1.17.8+vmware.1-tkg.1.5417466 v1.16.14+vmware.1-tkg.1.ada4837 v1.18.5+vmware.1-tkg.1.ada4837 v1.18.5+vmware.1-tkg.1.15f1e18 v1.17.11+vmware.1-tkg.2.ad3d374	OSTYPE vmwarePhoton64Guest vmwarePhoton64Guest vmwarePhoton64Guest vmwarePhoton64Guest vmwarePhoton64Guest vmwarePhoton64Guest vmwarePhoton64Guest

4. Using a source-code editor such as Visual Studio Code, build a design yaml file to deploy the Tanzu Kubernetes Cluster with storageClass: vsphere-vmfs-policy.

NOTE: Tanzu Kubernetes Cluster deployments are currently only supported on FlashArray VMFS Datastores.

Tanzu Kubernetes Cluster design yaml file example:

```
apiVersion: run.tanzu.vmware.com/v1alpha1
kind: TanzuKubernetesCluster
metadata:
name: tkg-cluster-app-01
spec:
topology:
controlPlane:
count: 3
class: best-effort-medium
storageClass: vsphere-tanzu-vmfs-policy
workers:
count: 3
class: best-effort-large
storageClass: vsphere-tanzu-vmfs-policy
distribution:
```





version: v1.20

5. From the directory of the TKC, design the yaml file and manifest the deployment, Example: kubect1 apply -f



6. Check the status of the Tanzu Kubernetes Cluster deployment kubectl get tkc. Once the TKC is running, proceed to

the next step. Maninistrator: Windows PowerShell × wp_sql\t DISTRIBUTION CONTR PHASE app-01 1 2 v1.17.8+v wp_sql\tkcbuild> kubectl get virtualmachines are.1-tkg.1.5417466 luster-app-01 695 creating luster-app-01-control-plane-9vzqh 24s \temp\wp_sql\tkcbuild> kubectl get machines PROVIDERID PHASE Provisioning Pending Pending r-app-01-control-plane-9vzqh r-app-01-workers-ksjlt-78b7f7ffdf-qd4sr r-app-01-workers-ksjlt-78b7f7ffdf-wn9xt \wp_sql\tkcbuild> kubectl get machines PROVIDERID vsphere://4207deff-8e21-8f90-b2ed-20becc6f8e11 PHASE Provisioning Pending -app-01-control-plane-9vzqh -app-01-workers-ksjlt-78b7f7ffdf-qd4sr -app-01-workers-ksjlt-78b7f7ffdf-wn9xt ending p_sal\tkcbuild> kubectl get machines PROVIDERID vsphere://4207deff-8e21-8f90-b2ed-20becc6f8e11 HASE Provisioning Provisioning Provisioning app-01-control-plane-9vzqt TEEde. ctl get PROVIDERID vsphere://4207deff-8e21-8f90-b2ed-20becc6f8e11 vsphere://4207de7-7672-70a4-33e9-94e23fe63cec vsphere://42078a11-760a-f228-0a32-blaa9c70166c trol-plan Running -plane-9vzqh -ksjlt-78b7f7ffdf-qd4sr Provisioning

Provisioning 01 ksilt-78b7f7ffdf PROVIDERID HASE vsphere://4207deff-8e21-8f90-b2ed-20becc6f8e11 vsphere://4207deff-7672-70a4-33e9-94e23fe63cec vsphere://42078a11-760a-f228-0a32-b1aa9c70166c plane-9vzqh ksjlt-78b7f7ffdf-qd4sr ing wp sal\tkcb tl get tkc DISTRIBUTION v1.17.8+vmware.1-tkg.1.5417466 CONTR AGE 9m2s PHASE cluster-app-01 :\temp\wp_sql\t ild>

- 7. Log into tkg-cluster-app-01. Example: kubectl vsphere login --server=10.21.114.32 --insecure-skip-tlsverify --tanzu-kubernetes-cluster-namespace=wpmsql --tanzu-kubernetes-cluster-name=tkgcluster-app-01
- 8. Use kubectl config get-contexts to validate with the asterisk that you are logged into the Tanzu Kubernetes Cluster.





🗷 Administrator: Windows PowerShell	6						-		×
<pre>PS C:\temp\wp_sql\tkcbuild> kubec tes-cluster-name=tkg-cluster-app-</pre>	ctl vsphere log -01	inserver=10.21.114.32	insecure-skip-t	ls-verifyt	anzu-kubernetes-cl	uster-namespace=v	rpmsqlta	nzu-kubi	erne
Username: administrator@vsphere.l Password: Logged in successfully.	local								
You have access to the following 10.21.114.176 10.21.114.32 tKg-cluster-app-01 wpmsql	contexts:								
If the context you wish to use is logging in again later, or contac	s not in this l ct your cluster	ist, you may need to try administrator.							
To change context, use `kubect1 c PS C:\temp\wp_sql\tkcbuild> kubec CURRENT NAME 10.21.114.176 10	config use-cont ctl config get- LUSTER 0.21.114.176	ext (workload name)` contexts AUTHINFU wcp:10.21.114.176:adminis	trator@vsphere.lo	NAMESPA	ICE				
10.21.114.32 10 tkg-cluster-app-01 10 wpmsql 10 PS C:\cmp\wp_sql\tkcbuild>	0.21.114.32 0.21.114.40 0.21.114.32	wcp:10.21.114.32:administ wcp:10.21.114.40:administ wcp:10.21.114.32:administ	rator@vsphere.loc rator@vsphere.loc rator@vsphere.loc	al al al wpmsql					

Deploy Portworx Enterprise to the Tanzu Cluster

Preparing the Portworx Storage Cluster Manifest

Once you have completed deploying your Tanzu cluster, you are ready to move on to deploying Portworx. Portworx by Pure Storage provides a wizard driven website to generate the appropriate deployment manifests. To prepare the manifests follow the screen shots below, some selections used should be changed to align with your environment.

- 1. Navigate to https://central.portworx.com and either create a new account or use one of the supported Identity providers.
- 2. Once logged into the page, you will be presented with the "Install and Run" page. We will start the process here.
- 3. On the install and run page, select Enterprise Edition then click "Next."







4. On the next page we will begin configuring Portworx. To follow this guide, it is advised to make the same selections.

>	← Spec Generator - Enterprise	9		۵
4	Basic	Storage	Network	Customize
			.	\$
	. Ise the Portwory Operator 🔒			
0	Portworx Operator only supports kub	ernetes versions 1.12 and up.		
	Portworx Version *			
	2.8 View release notes			
	ETCD * 1	Your etcd details 0	💽 Built-in 0	
	Portworx will create and manage an ir	ternal key-value store (kvdb) cluster.		
	You can restrict the nodes that will ru cluster. This allows you to use nodes w	n the key-value store by labelling your nodes with the key-value store.	he label px/metadata-node=true. Only the nodes	with the label will participate in the kvdb
	For example: kubectl label nodes n	odel node2 node3 px/metadata-node=true		
	Reset			Back Next

5. The next screen provides the options to configure a "On-Premises" or "Cloud" environment. Portworx supports VMware vSphere as well as Tanzu Kubernetes as a Cloud provider, so we will select "Cloud" and complete the page with the settings below.

>	\leftarrow Spec Generator - Enterprise			\$
	E Basic ✓ Kubernetes Version: Builtin etcd	Storage	Network	Customize
	Select your environment *	On Premises		
?		Select Clou	d Platform *	
	aws	Azure	vSphere VM	
	AWS Google o	cloud/GKE AZURE	vSphere VMwa	are Tanzu Pure FlashArray
	Configure storage devices If you are running on VMware, Portworx car Minimum privileges need for the VMware ur	n communicate with the VMWare Tanzu API and ser. For more information, click here		details below if you want to use that feature.
	Select type of disk *	Create Using a Spec I	Consume Unused 0	Use Existing Disks O
	kvdb device tkg-vvols	Size (GB) 0 32		
	Storage class * 0 tkg:vvols	Size (GB) * 0 150	Add/Delete Spec Object	
	Reset			Back





6. On the "Network" page, we can leave the settings at default and simply click "Next".

>	\leftarrow Spec Generator - Enterprise			e
4	🖽 Basic 🗸	🛢 Storage 🗸	Network	Customize
	Kubernetes Version: Builtin etcd	Cluster Environment: Volume, size GB	.	\$
	Interface(s)			
0				
			auto	
	Management Network Interface 🔀		auto	
	Advanced Settings			
	Reset			Back Next

- 7. On the "Customize" page, we will make the following selections:
 - a. Under "Customize" select None.

Customize		
	None OpenShift 4+ PKS (Pivotal Container Service)	

b. Unless you need to use a Custom Registry or enable RBAC within Portworx, select the "Advanced Settings" section and verify all options are selected.

>	← Spec Generator - Enterpris	se		٥
	■ Basic ✓ Kubernetes Version: Builtin etcd	Ξ Storage ✓ Cluster Environment: Volume, size GB	thetwork ✓ Port Range Start: 9001 Data Interface: auto Mgmt Interface: auto	Customize
لما ۞	Customize			
	Registry And Image Set	ings		
	Security Settings			
	Advanced Settings			
	Enable Stork			
	Enable CSI Enable Monitoring			
	 Enable Telemetry 			
	Cluster Name Prefix 🕄		Secrets Store Type 🕕	
	px-cluster		Kubernetes	
	Reset			Back Finish





8. Once you complete the wizard, click "Finish". You will be asked to read and agree to the End User agreement. Once done, you are presented with the following page:

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	Save Spec				
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	Spec Tags*				
	Comma separated Tags				
	Back			Download Save	Spec

9. Click the icon that looks like two pieces of paper to copy the commands to your "Clipboard."

a. First Deploy the Portworx Operator - You can also manually copy or type the kubectl command displayed.

- i. After deploying the operator, verify it is running by issuing kubectl get pods -n kube-system. Among the pods listed, you will see Portworx-operator-xxxxx with the 'x' representing the hash created by Kubernetes found in almost all pod names. When the operator is running, we can now deploy the Storage Cluster Manifest.
- b. Next copy and apply the second line to complete installing Portworx on your Tanzu cluster.
- c. Finally, it is recommended to save each spec created for future reference, so provide a name and optional tag, then click "Save Spec".

Below is an example of the manifest created at https://central.portworx.com for a vSphere with Tanzu deployment.

```
# SOURCE: https://install.portworx.com/?operator=true&mc=false&kbver=&b=true&s=&22sc&3Dtkg-
vvols&2Csize&3D150&22&kd=sc&3Dtkg-vvols&2Csize&3D32&csicd=true&c=px-cluster-725c9&1a-4e45-4140-b76f-
2a7e643956c4&stork=true&csi=true&mon=true&st=k&s&promop=true
kind: StorageCluster
apiVersion: core.libopenstorage.org/v1
metadata:
    name: px-cluster-725c9&1a-4e45-4140-b76f-2a7e643956c4
    namespace: kube-system
    annotations:
    portworx.io/install-source:
"https://install.portworx.com/?operator=true&mc=false&kbver=&b=true&s=&22sc&3Dtkg-
```





```
vvols%2Csize%3D150%22&kd=sc%3Dtkq-vvols%2Csize%3D32&csicd=true&c=px-cluster-725c981a-4e45-4140-b76f-
2a7e643956c4&stork=true&csi=true&mon=true&st=k8s&promop=true"
spec:
  image: portworx/oci-monitor:2.8.0
  imagePullPolicy: Always
  kvdb:
    internal: true
  cloudStorage:
    deviceSpecs:
    - sc=tkg-vvols,size=150
    kvdbDeviceSpec: sc=tkg-vvols,size=32
  secretsProvider: k8s
  stork:
    enabled: true
    args:
      webhook-controller: "false"
  autopilot:
    enabled: true
    providers:
    - name: default
      type: prometheus
      params:
        url: http://prometheus:9090
  monitoring:
    telemetry:
      enabled: true
    prometheus:
      enabled: true
      exportMetrics: true
  featureGates:
    CSI: "true"
```

After applying the above manifest to your Tanzu Kubernetes Cluster, open a second terminal window and issue the following command to monitor the progress of the deployment: watch kubectl get pods -n kube-system -l name=portworx.

When two out of three pods are running, issue the following command in your original terminal window:

```
kubectl get pods -n kube-system -l name=portworx |cut -f1 -d\ |\
while read pod; \
do echo "$pod setting host firewall rules:";\
kubectl exec -t $pod -n kube-system -- nsenter --mount=/host_proc/1/ns/mnt bash -c \
"iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --match multiport --dports 9001:9020 -j ACCEPT &&\
iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --match multiport --dports 1970 -j ACCEPT"
done
```

This will open the ports on the worker nodes used by Portworx. Once this command has finished, the installation will complete in approximately five to ten minutes.





Use kubectl get pods -n kube-system to check the progress of the deployment. Once all Portworx pods are running, proceed with deploying applications using Portworx as the storage orchestration layer.

The output of kubect1 get pods -n kube-system should resemble this once Portworx has finished installing:

kubectl get pods -n kube-system				
NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE
autopilot-7b4f7f58f4-d2qx8	1/1	Running	0	17h
calico-kube-controllers-c76779489-htl82	1/1	Running	0	18h
calico-node-bv749	1/1	Running	0	18h
calico-node-k4v46	1/1	Running	0	18h
calico-node-rfzpw	1/1	Running	0	18h
calico-node-smxbl	1/1	Running	0	18h
calico-node-sx5bd	1/1	Running	0	18h
calico-node-xn8c2	1/1	Running	0	18h
coredns-785f4496d4-4bmjw	1/1	Running	0	18h
coredns-785f4496d4-nt2gh	1/1	Running	0	18h
docker-registry-tkc-cluster01-control-plane-6qx9v	1/1	Running	0	18h
docker-registry-tkc-cluster01-control-plane-fl8hz	1/1	Running	0	18h
docker-registry-tkc-cluster01-control-plane-ggl7n	1/1	Running	0	18h
docker-registry-tkc-cluster01-workers-brdgw-57f94bf685-gptxm	1/1	Running	0	18h
docker-registry-tkc-cluster01-workers-brdgw-57f94bf685-sstth	1/1	Running	0	18h
docker-registry-tkc-cluster01-workers-brdgw-57f94bf685-v2vbc	1/1	Running	0	18h
etcd-tkc-cluster01-control-plane-6qx9v	1/1	Running	0	18h
etcd-tkc-cluster01-control-plane-fl8hz	1/1	Running	0	18h
etcd-tkc-cluster01-control-plane-ggl7n	1/1	Running	0	18h
<pre>kube-apiserver-tkc-cluster01-control-plane-6qx9v</pre>	1/1	Running	0	18h
<pre>kube-apiserver-tkc-cluster01-control-plane-fl8hz</pre>	1/1	Running	0	18h
<pre>kube-apiserver-tkc-cluster01-control-plane-ggl7n</pre>	1/1	Running	0	18h
<pre>kube-controller-manager-tkc-cluster01-control-plane-6qx9v</pre>	1/1	Running	1	18h
kube-controller-manager-tkc-cluster01-control-plane-fl8hz	1/1	Running	0	18h
kube-controller-manager-tkc-cluster01-control-plane-ggl7n	1/1	Running	0	18h
kube-proxy-72q8w	1/1	Running	0	18h
kube-proxy-742b8	1/1	Running	0	18h
kube-proxy-c82p8	1/1	Running	0	18h
kube-proxy-dh4sv	1/1	Running	0	18h
kube-proxy-qzjhp	1/1	Running	0	18h
kube-proxy-wghjh	1/1	Running	0	18h
kube-scheduler-tkc-cluster01-control-plane-6qx9v	1/1	Running	1	18h
kube-scheduler-tkc-cluster01-control-plane-fl8hz	1/1	Running	0	18h
kube-scheduler-tkc-cluster01-control-plane-ggl7n	1/1	Running	0	18h
portworx-api-9lbqs	1/1	Running	0	17h
portworx-api-lb2mg	1/1	Running	0	17h
portworx-api-twz8h	1/1	Running	0	17h
portworx-kvdb-4jn62	1/1	Running	0	17h
portworx-kvdb-jcw4k	1/1	Running	0	17h
portworx-kvdb-zbrpz	1/1	Running	0	17h
portworx-operator-65c7c7bb5b-9hhfc	1/1	Running	0	18h
prometheus-px-prometheus-0	3/3	Running	1	17h
px-csi-ext-5686675c58-rlpq5	3/3	Running	0	17h
px-csi-ext-5686675c58-vzjgx	3/3	Running	0	17h
px-cs1-ext-5686675c58-vztd4	3/3	Running	0	17h
px-lighthouse-7dc48b77c8-x9vvt	3/3	Running	0	17h
px-prometheus-operator-8c88487bc-mktp5	1/1	Running	0	17h
stork-/5519dbf5c-j/h5s	1/1	Running	0	1/h
stork-/5519dbf5c-vcx4q	1/1	Running	0	1/h
stork-/5519dbf5c-zcwvc	1/1	Running	0	1/h
stork-scheduler-988d5dbdb-cj5rv	1/1	Running	0	1/h
stork-scheduler-988d5dbdb-j6v69	1/1	Running	0	1/h
stork-scheduler-988d5dbdb-vlrbb	1/1	Running	0	1/h
TKC-Cluster01-/hmjx	3/3	Running	0	17h
tkc-cluster01-h6lr8	3/3	Running	0	17h
tkc-cluster01-qtqn6	3/3	Running	0	17h

Figure 5: The output of kubectl get pods -n kube-system

Deploying Azure Arc-enabled Data Services

Prerequisites

- A client machine to install the CLI per Microsoft's installation instructions
- A context to connect the target Kubernetes cluster, which is obtained by running the kubectl vsphere login command
- Optionally, a machine with an operating system that supports a graphical user interface for <u>installation of Azure Data</u> Studio, e.g., Windows, Linux, or macOS
- If you are using Azure Data Studio, ensure that the <u>Azure Arc Extension</u> is installed.
- A Kubernetes namespace for installing the Azure Arc-enabled data services controller and database instances into.
- Azure CLI





- A Kubernetes storage class
- An Azure subscription
- An Azure resource group

Storage Class Considerations

Portworx makes data highly available across any Kubernetes cluster by using replication. This is specified at the storage class level per the example below:

```
kind: StorageClass
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
Metadata:
    name: portworx-sc
provisioner: kubernetes.io/portworx-volume
Parameters:
    repl: "2"
    io_profile: "db_remote"
allowVolumeExpansion: true
```

It is recommended that you use:

- A minimum replication factor of 2
- The io_profile of db_remote because it tunes storage access in a manner best suited to databases while factoring for data durability with replication
- An allowVolumeExpansion set to true
- A dedicated storage class for SQL Managed Server Instance backups, such that backups ultimately reside on storage which is separate from that used to store the database data and log files

Note that while Availability Groups protect data at the Managed Instance database level, all data associated with controllers, Managed Instances—both user and system databases and PostgreSQL Hyperscale instances—are fully protected by Portworx storage replication when a replication factor of two or more is specified.

The storage experience for users of Azure Arc-enabled data services can be further enhanced using performance-based storage quality-of-service, facilitated by adding io_priority to the storage class manifest:

```
kind: StorageClass
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
Metadata:
    name: portworx-sc
provisioner: kubernetes.io/portworx-volume
Parameters:
    repl: "2"
    io_profile: "db_remote"
```





io_priority: <low|medium|high> allowVolumeExpansion: true

The io_priority parameter can be used to direct storage classes to allocate persistent volume claims from pools of storage with different performance characteristics. For example, low-performance pools (io_priority: low) might be best suited for development purposes, and high-performance pools (io_priority: high) might be more suitable for applications running in production environments.

Deploying a Data Controller

- 1. Install the Azure CLI as per Microsoft's documentation.
- 2. Log into Azure via the Azure CLI: az login
- 3. Create an Azure resource group to deploy the controller to, this example will use AzureArc as the resource group and eastus as the region: az group create --name AzureArc --location eastus Configure the environment variables for the controller export AZDATA_USERNAME=azuser export AZDATA_PASSWORD=SOmfstr0ngPassw0rd1!
- 4. Deploy the data controller:

```
az arcdata dc create --profile-name azure-arc-kubeadm \
    --k8s-namespace arc-ds \
    --name ds-controller \
    --subscription {Azure subscription ID} \
    --resource-group AzureArc \
    --location eastus \
    --storage-class portworx-sc \
    --connectivity-mode indirect \
    --infrastructure onpremises \
    --use-k8s
```

Once the controller has been successfully deployed the following message will appear: Data controller successfully deployed.

Deploying an Arc Managed SQL Server Instance

Once a data controller has been deployed, an Arc managed SQL Server instance can be deployed, this example uses portworx-sc as the storage class:

```
az sql mi-arc create -n sqlmi1 \
--k8s-namespace arc-ds \
--admin-login-secret {admin password} \
```







Deploying a Postgres Hyperscale Server Group

Similarly, a Postgres Hyperscale server group can be deployed, this example also uses portworx-sc as the storage class:

```
az postgres arc-server create -n postgres-hs-sg --memory-limit "coordinator=2Gi,w=1Gi"
```

- --k8s-namespace arc-ds --cores-limit 8 --cores-request 8 --memory-request 1Gi
- --storage-class-data portworx-sc --storage-class-logs portworx-sc
- --storage-class-backups portworx-sc --volume-size-data 10Gi --volume-size-logs 2Gi
- --volume-size-backups 10Gi --workers 2 --use-k8s

Conclusion

Portworx can easily provide the Enterprise Grade data services needed to run reliable production databases built around Azure Arc in the VMware Tanzu ecosystem at any scale. Solving for speed, density, and scale, Portworx not only enables efficient provisioning, High Availability, and data that is as mobile as the containers it fuels. Portworx also provides customers a complete Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity solution. Simply add the Disaster Recovery option and enable Metro-DR for Zero RPO, or Async-DR for longer distances with a low RPO of 10 minutes. If your business just cannot be down, Portworx Enterprise paired with VMware Tanzu Kubernetes Grid service are the tools for the job.

Additional Documentation

• FastStart Azure Arc-enabled data services and BDC deployment GitHub.





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