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## **Overview**

The platform provides a comprehensive extension system that allows users to enhance the functionality of their Kubernetes clusters. This system is designed to be flexible and user-friendly, enabling users to easily add new features and capabilities to their clusters.

This system consists of two main extension types:

- Operators: Operators are built on the Operator Lifecycle Manager (OLM) v0 framework, providing specialized operational capabilities for the platform. These extensions enable automated management of complex applications and services within your cluster.
- Cluster Plugins: The platform features a proprietary cluster plugin system specifically
  designed for Chart-type plugins. This system delivers an improved installation and
  management experience compared to standard methods, with a user-friendly interface for
  handling Chart-based extensions.

With support for numerous Operators and cluster plugins, users can significantly expand the platform's capabilities to meet specific operational requirements and use cases.

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### **Overview**

Based on the **OLM (Operator Lifecycle Manager)** framework, **OperatorHub** provides a unified interface for managing the installation, upgrade, and lifecycle of Operators.

Administrators can use OperatorHub to install and manage Operators, enabling full lifecycle automation for Kubernetes applications, including creation, updates, and deletion.

OLM mainly consists of the following components and CRDs:

- **OLM (olm-operator)**: Manages the complete lifecycle of Operators, including installation, upgrades, and version conflict detection.
- Catalog Operator: Manages Operator catalogs and generates corresponding InstallPlans.
- CatalogSource: A namespace-scoped CRD that manages the Operator catalog source and provides Operator metadata (e.g., version info, managed CRDs). The platform provides 3 default CatalogSources: system, platform, and custom. Operators in system are not displayed in OperatorHub.
- ClusterServiceVersion (CSV): A namespace-scoped CRD that describes a specific version of an Operator, including the resources, CRDs, and permissions it requires.
- **Subscription**: A namespace-scoped CRD that describes the subscribed Operator, its source, acquisition channel, and upgrade strategy.
- **InstallPlan**: A namespace-scoped CRD that describes the actual installation operations to be performed (e.g., creating Deployments, CRDs, RBAC). An Operator will only be installed or upgraded once the InstallPlan is approved.

## **Operator Sources**

To clarify the lifecycle strategy of different Operators in OperatorHub, the platform provides 5 source types:

1. **Alauda** Provided and maintained by Alauda , including full lifecycle management, security updates, technical support, and SLA commitments.

- Curated Selected from the open-source community, consistent with community versions, without code modifications or recompilation. Alauda provides guidance and security updates but does not guarantee SLA or lifecycle management.
- Community Provided by the open-source community, updated periodically to ensure installability, but functional completeness is not guaranteed; no SLA or Alauda support is provided.
- 4. **Marketplace** Provided and maintained by third-party vendors certified by Alauda . Alauda provides platform integration support, while the vendor is responsible for core maintenance.
- 5. **Custom** Developed and uploaded by the user to meet custom use-case requirements.

## **Pre-installation Preparation**

Before installing an Operator, you need to understand the following key parameters:

#### **Installation Mode**

OLM provides three installation modes:

- Single Namespace
- Multi Namespace
- Cluster

**Cluster mode (AllNamespaces) is recommended.** The platform will eventually be upgraded to OLM v1, which only supports the AllNamespaces install mode. Therefore, SingleNamespace and MultiNamespace should be strongly avoided.

## **Update Channel**

If an Operator provides multiple update channels, you can choose which channel to subscribe to, e.g., **stable**.

## **Approval Strategy**

Options: Automatic or Manual.

- **Automatic**: OLM will automatically upgrade the Operator when a new version is released in the selected channel.
- Manual: When a new version is available, OLM creates an upgrade request that must be manually approved by the cluster administrator before the upgrade occurs.

Note: Operators from Alauda only support Manual mode; otherwise, installation will fail.

#### **Installation Location**

It is recommended to create a separate namespace for each Operator.

If multiple Operators share the same namespace, their Subscriptions may be resolved into a single InstallPlan:

• If an InstallPlan in that namespace requires Manual approval and remains pending, it can block automatic upgrades for other Subscriptions included in the same InstallPlan.

## **Installing via Web Console**

- 1. Log in to the web console and switch to the **Administrator** view.
- Navigate to Marketplace > OperatorHub.
- 3. If the status is **Absent**:
  - Download the Operator package from the Custom Portal or contact support.
  - Upload the package to the target cluster using violet (see CLI).
  - On the Marketplace > Upload Packages page, switch to the Operator tab and confirm the upload.
- 4. If the status is **Ready**, click **Install** and follow the Operator's user guide.

## **Installing via YAML**

The following examples demonstrate installation methods for Operators from Alauda (Manual only) and non- Alauda sources (Manual or Automatic).

#### **Manual**

The harbor-ce-operator is from Alauda and supports **Manual** approval only. In Manual mode, even if a new version is released, the Operator will not upgrade automatically. You must **Approve** manually before OLM executes the upgrade.

#### 1. Check available versions

```
(
  echo -e "CHANNEL\tNAME\tVERSION"
  kubectl get packagemanifest harbor-ce-operator -o json | jq -r '
    .status.channels[] |
    .name as $channel |
    .entries[] |
    [$channel, .name, .version] | @tsv
'
) | column -t -s $'\t'
```

#### Example output:

```
CHANNEL NAME VERSION
harbor-2 harbor-ce-operator.v2.12.11 2.12.11
harbor-2 harbor-ce-operator.v2.12.10 2.12.10
stable harbor-ce-operator.v2.12.11 2.12.11
stable harbor-ce-operator.v2.12.10 2.12.10
```

#### Fields:

CHANNEL: Operator channel name

NAME: CSV resource name

• VERSION: Operator version

## 2. Confirm catalogSource

```
kubectl get packagemanifests harbor-ce-operator -ojsonpath='{.status.catalogSource}'
```

Example output:

```
platform
```

This indicates the harbor-ce-operator comes from the platform catalogSource.

#### 3. Create a namespace

```
kubectl create namespace harbor-ce-operator
```

### 4. Create a Subscription

```
apiVersion: operators.coreos.com/v1alpha1
kind: Subscription
metadata:
    annotations:
        cpaas.io/target-namespaces: ""
    name: harbor-ce-operator-subs
    namespace: harbor-ce-operator
spec:
    channel: stable
    installPlanApproval: Manual
    name: harbor-ce-operator
    source: platform
    sourceNamespace: cpaas-system
    startingCSV: harbor-ce-operator.v2.12.11
```

#### Field explanations:

- **annotation** cpaas.io/target-namespaces: It is recommended to set this to empty; empty indicates cluster-wide installation.
- .metadata.name: Subscription name (DNS-compliant, max 253 characters).
- .metadata.namespace: Namespace where the Operator will be installed.

- .spec.channel: Subscribed Operator channel.
- .spec.installPlanApproval: Approval strategy (Manual or Automatic ). Here, Manual requires manual approval for install/upgrade.
- .spec.source: Operator catalogSource.
- .spec.sourceNamespace: Must be set to cpaas-system because all catalogSources provided by the platform are located in this namespace.
- .spec.startingCSV: Specifies the version to install for Manual approval; defaults to the latest in the channel if empty. Not required for Automatic.

#### 5. Check Subscription status

```
kubectl -n harbor-ce-operator get subscriptions harbor-ce-operator-subs -o yaml
```

#### Key output:

- .status.state: UpgradePending indicates the Operator is awaiting installation or upgrade.
- Condition InstallPlanPending = True: Waiting for manual approval.
- .status.currentCSV: Latest subscribed CSV.
- .status.installPlanRef: Associated InstallPlan; must be approved before installation proceeds.

### 6. Approve InstallPlan

```
kubectl -n harbor-ce-operator get installplan \
    "$(kubectl -n harbor-ce-operator get subscriptions harbor-ce-operator-subs -o
jsonpath='{.status.installPlanRef.name}')"
```

#### Example output:

```
NAME CSV APPROVAL APPROVED install-27t29 harbor-ce-operator.v2.12.11 Manual false
```

#### Approve manually:

```
PLAN="$(kubectl -n harbor-ce-operator get subscription harbor-ce-operator-subs -o jsonpath='{.status.installPlanRef.name}')"
kubectl -n harbor-ce-operator patch installplan "$PLAN" --type=json -p='[{"op": "replace", "path": "/spec/approved", "value": true}]'
```

Wait for CSV creation; Phase changes to Succeeded:

```
kubectl -n harbor-ce-operator get csv
```

#### Example output:

```
NAME DISPLAY VERSION REPLACES

PHASE
harbor-ce-operator.v2.12.11 Alauda Build of Harbor 2.12.11 harbor-ce-
operator.v2.12.10 Succeeded
```

#### Fields:

• NAME: Installed CSV name

DISPLAY: Operator display name

VERSION: Operator version

REPLACES: CSV replaced during upgrade

• PHASE: Installation status ( Succeeded indicates success)

#### **Automatic**

The clickhouse-operator comes from a non- Alauda source, and its Approval Strategy can be set to **Automatic**. In Automatic mode, the Operator upgrades automatically when a new version is released, without manual approval.

#### 1. Check available versions

```
(
  echo -e "CHANNEL\tNAME\tVERSION"
kubectl get packagemanifest clickhouse-operator -o json | jq -r '
    .status.channels[] |
    .name as $channel |
    .entries[] |
    [$channel, .name, .version] | @tsv
'
) | column -t -s $'\t'
```

#### Example output:

```
CHANNEL NAME VERSION stable clickhouse-operator.v0.18.2 0.18.2
```

### 2. Confirm catalogSource

```
kubectl get packagemanifests clickhouse-operator -ojsonpath='{.status.catalogSource}'
```

Example output:

```
community-operators
```

This indicates the clickhouse-operator comes from the community-operators catalogSource.

### 3. Create a namespace

```
kubectl create namespace clickhouse-operator
```

## 4. Create a Subscription

```
apiVersion: operators.coreos.com/v1alpha1
kind: Subscription
metadata:
    annotations:
        cpaas.io/target-namespaces: ""
    name: clickhouse-operator-subs
    namespace: clickhouse-operator
spec:
    channel: stable
    installPlanApproval: Automatic
    name: clickhouse-operator
    source: community-operators
    sourceNamespace: openshift-marketplace
```

Field explanations are the same as in Manual.

## 5. Check Subscription status

```
kubectl -n clickhouse-operator get subscriptions clickhouse-operator -oyaml
```

### 6. Verify CSV

```
kubectl -n clickhouse-operator get csv
```

#### Example output:

```
NAME DISPLAY VERSION PHASE clickhouse-operator.v0.18.2 ClickHouse Operator 0.18.2 Succeeded
```

Installation is successful.

## **Upgrade Process**

- 1. Upload the new Operator version.
- 2. Upgrades follow the strategy configured in the Subscription:
  - Automatic Upgrade: Upgrades automatically upon upload.
  - Manual Upgrade:
    - Batch Upgrade: Execute on Platform Management > Cluster Management > Cluster > Features page.
    - Individual Upgrade: Manually approve upgrade requests in OperatorHub.

Note: Only Operators from Alauda support batch upgrades.

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## **Overview**

A cluster plugin is a tool for extending the platform's functionality. Each plugin is managed through three cluster-level CRDs: **ModulePlugin**, **ModuleConfig**, and **ModuleInfo**.

- ModulePlugin: Defines the basic information of the cluster plugin.
- **ModuleConfig**: Defines the version information of the plugin. Each ModulePlugin can correspond to one or more ModuleConfigs.
- ModuleInfo: Records the installed plugin's version and status information.

Cluster plugins support dynamic form configuration. Dynamic forms are simple UI forms that provide customizable configuration options or parameter combinations for plugins. For example, when installing the Alauda Container Platform Log Collector, you can select the log storage plugin as ElasticSearch or ClickHouse via the dynamic form. The dynamic form definition is located in the <a href="text-specific library">text-specific library</a> field of the ModuleConfig; if the plugin does not require a dynamic form, this field is empty.

Plugins are published via the **violet** tool. Note:

- Plugins can only be published to the global cluster, but can be installed on either the global or workload cluster depending on the configuration.
- In the same cluster, a plugin can only be installed once.
- Once published successfully, the platform will automatically create the corresponding ModulePlugin and ModuleConfig in the global cluster—no manual modifications are required.
- Creating a ModuleInfo resource installs the plugin and allows selecting the version, target cluster, and dynamic form parameters. Refer to the ModuleConfig of the selected version for the dynamic form definition. For more usage instructions, refer to the plugin-specific documentation.

## **Viewing Available Plugins**

To view all plugins provided by the platform:

- 1. Navigate to the platform management view.
- 2. Click the left navigation menu: **Administrator** > **Marketplace** > **Cluster Plugin**

This page lists all available plugins along with their current status.

## **Installing via Web Console**

If a plugin shows an "absent" status, follow these steps to install it:

#### 1. Download the plugin package:

- Visit the Custom Portal to download the corresponding plugin package.
- If you don't have access to the Custom Portal, contact technical support.

#### 2. Upload the package to the platform:

- Use the violet tool to publish the package to the platform.
- For detailed instructions on using this tool, refer to the CLI.

#### 3. Verify the upload:

- Navigate to Administrator > Marketplace > Upload Packages
- Switch to the Cluster Plugin tab
- · Locate the uploaded plugin name
- The plugin details will show the version(s) of the uploaded package

#### 4. Install the plugin:

- If the plugin shows a "ready" status, click Install
- Some plugins require installation parameters; refer to the plugin-specific documentation
- Plugins without installation parameters will start installation immediately after clicking Install

## **Installing via YAML**

The installation method differs by plugin type:

- **Non-config plugin**: No additional parameters required; installation is straightforward.
- **Config plugin**: Requires filling in configuration parameters; refer to the plugin documentation for details.

The following examples demonstrate YAML-based installation.

### non-config

Example: Alauda Container Platform Web Terminal

#### 1. Check available versions

Ensure the plugin has been published by checking for ModulePlugin and ModuleConfig resources:

This indicates that the ModulePlugin web-cli exists in the cluster and version v4.0.4 is published.

Check the ModuleConfig for version v4.0.4:

```
# kubectl get moduleconfigs web-cli-v4.0.4 -oyaml
apiVersion: cluster.alauda.io/v1alpha1
kind: ModuleConfig
metadata:
    ...
    name: web-cli-v4.0.4
spec:
    affinity:
        clusterAffinity:
        matchLabels:
            is-global: "true"
    version: v4.0.4
config: {}
    ...
```

The .spec.affinity defines cluster affinity, indicating that web-cli can only be installed on the global cluster. .spec.config is empty, meaning the plugin requires no configuration and can be installed directly.

#### 2. Create a ModuleInfo

Create a ModuleInfo resource to install the plugin without any configuration parameters:

```
apiVersion: cluster.alauda.io/v1alpha1
kind: ModuleInfo
metadata:
    labels:
        cpaas.io/cluster-name: global
        cpaas.io/module-name: web-cli
        cpaas.io/module-type: plugin
        name: global-temporary-name
spec:
    config: {}
    version: v4.0.4
```

#### Field explanations:

- name: Temporary name for the cluster plugin. The platform will rename it after creation based on the content, in the format <cluster-name>-<hash of content>, e.g., global-ee98c9991ea1464aaa8054bdacbab313.
- label cpaas.io/cluster-name : Specifies the cluster where the plugin should be installed. If it conflicts with the ModuleInfo's affinity, installation will fail.
- label cpaas.io/module-name: Plugin name, must match the ModulePlugin resource.
- label cpaas.io/module-type: Fixed field, must be plugin; missing this field causes installation failure.
- .spec.config: If the corresponding ModuleConfig is empty, this field can be left empty.
- spec.version: Specifies the plugin version to install, must match spec.version in ModuleConfig.

## 3. Verify installation

Since the ModuleInfo name changes upon creation, locate the resource via label to check the plugin status and version:

#### Field explanations:

- NAME: ModuleInfo resource name
- CLUSTER: Cluster where the plugin is installed
- MODULE: Plugin name
- DISPLAY\_NAME: Display name of the plugin
- STATUS: Installation status; Running means successfully installed and running
- TARGET\_VERSION: Intended installation version
- CURRENT\_VERSION: Version before installation
- NEW\_VERSION: Latest available version for installation

## with-config

Example: Alauda Container Platform GPU Device Plugin

#### 1. Check available versions

Ensure the plugin has been published by checking ModulePlugin and ModuleConfig resources:

This indicates that ModulePlugin gpu-device-plugin exists and version v4.0.15 is published.

#### Check the ModuleConfig for v4.0.15:

```
# kubectl get moduleconfigs gpu-device-plugin-v4.0.15 -oyaml
apiVersion: cluster.alauda.io/v1alpha1
kind: ModuleConfig
metadata:
  name: gpu-device-plugin-v4.0.15
spec:
  affinity:
    clusterAffinity:
      matchExpressions:
      - key: cpaas.io/os-linux
        operator: Exists
      matchLabels:
        cpaas.io/arch-amd64: "true"
  config:
    custom:
      mps_enable: false
      pgpu_enable: false
      vgpu_enable: false
  version: v4.0.15
```

#### Notes:

- This plugin can only be installed on clusters with Linux OS and amd64 architecture.
- The dynamic form includes three device driver switches: custom.mps\_enable ,
   custom.pgpu\_enable , and custom.vgpu\_enable . Only when set to true will the corresponding driver be installed.

#### 2. Create a ModuleInfo

Create a ModuleInfo resource to install the plugin, filling in dynamic form parameters as needed (e.g., enabling pgpu and vgpu drivers):

```
apiVersion: cluster.alauda.io/v1alpha1
kind: ModuleInfo
metadata:
    labels:
        cpaas.io/cluster-name: business
        cpaas.io/module-name: gpu-device-plugin
        cpaas.io/module-type: plugin
        name: business-temporary-name
spec:
    config:
        custom:
        mps_enable: false
        pgpu_enable: true
        vgpu_enable: true
        version: v4.0.15
```

Field explanations are the same as non-config. Refer to the plugin documentation for config details.

### 3. Verify installation

Locate the ModuleInfo via label to check status and version:

Field explanations are the same as non-config.

## **Upgrade Process**

To upgrade an existing plugin to a newer version:

1. Upload the new version:

• Follow the same process to upload the new version to the platform.

#### 2. Verify the new version:

- Navigate to Administrator > Marketplace > Upload Packages
- Switch to the **Cluster Plugin** tab
- The plugin details will show the newly uploaded version

#### 3. Perform the upgrade:

- Navigate to Administrator > Clusters > Clusters
- Clusters with upgradable plugins will display an upgrade icon
- Enter the cluster details and switch to the **Features** tab
- The upgrade button will be enabled under the features component
- Click **Upgrade** to complete the plugin upgrade

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# **Upload Packages**

The platform provides a command-line tool violet, which is used to upload packages downloaded from the Marketplace in the Custom Portal to the platform.

violet supports uploading the following types of packages:

- Operator
- Cluster Plugin
- Helm Chart

When the status of a package in **Cluster Plugins** or **OperatorHub** is shown as Absent, you need to use this tool to upload the corresponding package.

The upload process of violet mainly includes the following steps:

- 1. Extract and retrieve information from the package
- 2. Push images to the image registry
- 3. Create **Artifact** and **ArtifactVersion** resources on the platform

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## **Download the Tool**

#### Supported operating systems and architectures

- Linux, macOS, Windows
- Both Linux and macOS support x86 and ARM architectures

#### Steps to download

- 1. Log into the Web Console of the global cluster and switch to **Administrator** view.
- 2. Navigate to **Marketplace > Upload Packages**.
- 3. Click **Download Packaging and Listing Tool**.
- 4. Select the binary that matches your operating system and architecture.

After downloading, install the tool on your server or PC.

#### For Linux or macOS

For non-root users:

```
# Linux x86
sudo mv -f violet_linux_amd64 /usr/local/bin/violet &8 sudo chmod +x
/usr/local/bin/violet
# Linux ARM
sudo mv -f violet_linux_arm64 /usr/local/bin/violet &8 sudo chmod +x
/usr/local/bin/violet
# macOS x86
sudo mv -f violet_darwin_amd64 /usr/local/bin/violet &8 sudo chmod +x
/usr/local/bin/violet
# macOS ARM
sudo mv -f violet_darwin_arm64 /usr/local/bin/violet &8 sudo chmod +x
/usr/local/bin/violet
```

#### For root users:

```
# Linux x86
mv -f violet_linux_amd64 /usr/bin/violet && chmod +x /usr/bin/violet
# Linux ARM
mv -f violet_linux_arm64 /usr/bin/violet && chmod +x /usr/bin/violet
# macOS x86
mv -f violet_darwin_amd64 /usr/bin/violet && chmod +x /usr/bin/violet
# macOS ARM
mv -f violet_darwin_arm64 /usr/bin/violet && chmod +x /usr/bin/violet
```

#### **For Windows**

1. Download the file and rename it to violet.exe, or use PowerShell to rename it:

```
# Windows x86
mv -Force violet_windows_amd64.exe violet.exe
```

2. Run the tool in PowerShell.

**Note**: If the tool path is not added to your environment variables, you must specify the full path when running commands.

## **Prerequisites**

#### **Permission requirements**

- You must provide a valid platform user account (username and password).
- The account must have the role property set to System and the role name must be platform-admin-system.

**Note:** If the role property of your account is set to Custom, you cannot use this tool.

## **Using the Tool**

The following examples illustrate common usage scenarios.

## **View Package Information**

Before uploading a package, use the violet show command to preview its details.

```
violet show topolvm-operator.v2.3.0.tgz
Name: NativeStor
Type: bundle
Arch: [linux/amd64]
Version: 2.3.0

violet show topolvm-operator.v2.3.0.tgz --all
Name: NativeStor
Type: bundle
Arch: []
Version: 2.3.0
Artifact: harbor.demo.io/acp/topolvm-operator-bundle:v3.11.0
RelateImages: [harbor.demo.io/acp/topolvm-operator:v3.11.0
harbor.demo.io/acp/topolvm:v3.11.0 harbor.demo.io/3rdparty/k8scsi/csi-provisioner:v3.00
...]
```

### **Upload an Operator to Multiple Clusters**

Use the --clusters parameter to specify the target clusters.

```
violet push opensearch-operator.v3.14.2.tgz \
    --platform-address https://192.168.0.1 \
    --platform-username <user> \
    --platform-password <password> \
    --clusters region1,region2
```

**Note:** If --clusters is not specified, the Operator is uploaded to the **global cluster** by default.

## **Upload a Cluster Plugin**

```
violet push plugins-cloudedge-v0.3.16-hybrid.tgz \
   --platform-address https://192.168.0.1 \
   --platform-username <user> \
   --platform-password <password>
```

**Note:** You do not need to specify the --clusters parameter when uploading a Cluster Plugin, as the platform will automatically distribute it based on its affinity configuration. If you specify --clusters, the parameter will be ignored.

### **Upload a Helm Chart**

Upload a Helm Chart to the chart repository:

```
violet push plugins-cloudedge-v0.3.16-hybrid.tgz \
   --platform-address https://192.168.0.1 \
   --platform-username <user> \
   --platform-password <password>
```

**Note:** Helm Charts can only be uploaded to the default <code>public-charts</code> repository provided by the platform.

For more details, run:

```
violet --help
```

### Push only images from all packages in a directory

When multiple packages are downloaded from the Marketplace, you can place them in the same directory and upload them all at once:

```
violet push <packages_dir_name> \
    --skip-crs \
    --platform-address https://192.168.0.1 \
    --platform-username <user> \
    --platform-password <password>
```

With the --skip-crs flag, **only images are pushed**, while the creation of Artifact and ArtifactVersion resources is skipped. This prevents Operators or Cluster Plugins from being updated prematurely during the ACP upgrade process.

## **Create only CRs from all packages in a directory**

When multiple packages are downloaded from the Marketplace, you can place them in the same directory and upload them all at once:

```
violet push <packages_dir_name> \
    --skip-push \
    --platform-address https://192.168.0.1 \
    --platform-username <user> \
    --platform-password <password>
```

With the --skip-push flag, only Artifact and ArtifactVersion resources are created, while images are not pushed.