IBM Spectrum Scale

Container Storage Interface Driver Guide Version 1.1.0

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Note

Before using this information and the product it supports, read the information in “Notices” on page 43.

This edition applies to version 5 release 0 modification 4 of the following products, and to all subsequent releases and modifications until otherwise indicated in new editions:

- IBM Spectrum Scale Data Management Edition ordered through Passport Advantage® (product number 5737-F34)
- IBM Spectrum Scale Data Access Edition ordered through Passport Advantage (product number 5737-I39)
- IBM Spectrum Scale Erasure Code Edition ordered through Passport Advantage (product number 5737-J34)
- IBM Spectrum Scale Data Management Edition ordered through AAS (product numbers 5641-DM1, DM3, DM5)
- IBM Spectrum Scale Data Access Edition ordered through AAS (product numbers 5641-DA1, DA3, DA5)
- IBM Spectrum Scale Data Management Edition for IBM® ESS (product number 5765-DME)
- IBM Spectrum Scale Data Access Edition for IBM ESS (product number 5765-DAE)

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About this information

This edition applies to IBM Spectrum Scale version 5.0.4 for AIX®, Linux, and Windows.

IBM Spectrum Scale is a file management infrastructure, based on IBM General Parallel File System (GPFS) technology, which provides unmatched performance and reliability with scalable access to critical file data.

To find out which version of IBM Spectrum Scale is running on a particular AIX node, enter:

```
lslpp -l gpfs\*
```

To find out which version of IBM Spectrum Scale is running on a particular Linux node, enter:

```
rpm -qa | grep gpfs     (for SLES and Red Hat Enterprise Linux)
```

```
dpkg -l | grep gpfs     (for Ubuntu Linux)
```

To find out which version of IBM Spectrum Scale is running on a particular Windows node, open **Programs and Features** in the control panel. The IBM Spectrum Scale installed program name includes the version number.

Which IBM Spectrum Scale information unit provides the information you need?

The IBM Spectrum Scale library consists of the information units listed in Table 1 on page viii.

To use these information units effectively, you must be familiar with IBM Spectrum Scale and the AIX, Linux, or Windows operating system, or all of them, depending on which operating systems are in use at your installation. Where necessary, these information units provide some background information relating to AIX, Linux, or Windows. However, more commonly they refer to the appropriate operating system documentation.

Note: Throughout this documentation, the term "Linux" refers to all supported distributions of Linux, unless otherwise specified.

Table 1. IBM Spectrum Scale library information units		
Information unit	**Type of information**	**Intended users**
IBM Spectrum Scale: Concepts, Planning, and Installation Guide	This guide provides the following information: **Product overview** • Overview of IBM Spectrum Scale • GPFS architecture • Protocols support overview: Integration of protocol access methods with GPFS • Active File Management • AFM-based Asynchronous Disaster Recovery (AFM DR) • Data protection and disaster recovery in IBM Spectrum Scale • Introduction to IBM Spectrum Scale GUI • IBM Spectrum Scale management API • Introduction to Cloud services • Introduction to file audit logging • Introduction to watch folder • Introduction to clustered watch • IBM Spectrum Scale in an OpenStack cloud deployment • IBM Spectrum Scale product editions • IBM Spectrum Scale license designation • Capacity based licensing • IBM Spectrum Storage™ Suite **Planning** • Planning for GPFS • Planning for protocols • Planning for Cloud services • Planning for AFM • Planning for AFM DR • Firewall recommendations • Considerations for GPFS applications	System administrators, analysts, installers, planners, and programmers of IBM Spectrum Scale clusters who are very experienced with the operating systems on which each IBM Spectrum Scale cluster is based

Table 1. IBM Spectrum Scale library information units (continued)		
Information unit	**Type of information**	**Intended users**
IBM Spectrum Scale: Concepts, Planning, and Installation Guide	**Installing** • Steps for establishing and starting your IBM Spectrum Scale cluster • Installing IBM Spectrum Scale on Linux nodes and deploying protocols • Installing IBM Spectrum Scale on AIX nodes • Installing IBM Spectrum Scale on Windows nodes • Installing Cloud services on IBM Spectrum Scale nodes • Installing and configuring IBM Spectrum Scale management API • Installation of Active File Management (AFM) • Installing and upgrading AFM-based Disaster Recovery • Installing call home • Installing file audit logging • Installing watch folder • Installing clustered watch • Steps to permanently uninstall GPFS **Upgrading** • IBM Spectrum Scale supported upgrade paths • Upgrading to IBM Spectrum Scale 5.0.x from IBM Spectrum Scale 4.2.y • Upgrading to IBM Spectrum Scale 4.2.y from IBM Spectrum Scale 4.1.x • Online upgrade support for protocols and performance monitoring	System administrators, analysts, installers, planners, and programmers of IBM Spectrum Scale clusters who are very experienced with the operating systems on which each IBM Spectrum Scale cluster is based

Table 1. IBM Spectrum Scale library information units (continued)		
Information unit	**Type of information**	**Intended users**
IBM Spectrum Scale: Concepts, Planning, and Installation Guide	• Upgrading IBM Spectrum® Scale non-protocol Linux nodes • Upgrading IBM Spectrum Scale protocol nodes • Upgrading AFM and AFM DR • Upgrading object packages • Upgrading SMB packages • Upgrading NFS packages • Upgrading call home • Manually upgrading the performance monitoring tool • Manually upgrading pmswift • Manually upgrading the IBM Spectrum Scale management GUI • Upgrading Cloud services • Upgrading to IBM Cloud Object Storage software level 3.7.2 and above • Upgrade paths and commands for file audit logging, watch folder API, and clustered watch folder • Upgrading with clustered watch folder enabled • Upgrading IBM Spectrum Scale components with the installation toolkit • Changing IBM Spectrum Scale product edition • Completing the upgrade to a new level of IBM Spectrum Scale • Reverting to the previous level of IBM Spectrum Scale	System administrators, analysts, installers, planners, and programmers of IBM Spectrum Scale clusters who are very experienced with the operating systems on which each IBM Spectrum Scale cluster is based

Table 1. IBM Spectrum Scale library information units (continued)		
Information unit	**Type of information**	**Intended users**
IBM Spectrum Scale: Concepts, Planning, and Installation Guide	• Coexistence considerations • Compatibility considerations • Considerations for IBM Spectrum Protect for Space Management • GUI user role considerations • Applying maintenance to your GPFS system • Guidance for upgrading the operating system on IBM Spectrum Scale nodes • Servicing IBM Spectrum Scale protocol nodes • Offline upgrade with complete cluster shutdown	

Table 1. IBM Spectrum Scale library information units (continued)		
Information unit	**Type of information**	**Intended users**
IBM Spectrum Scale: Administration Guide	This guide provides the following information: **Configuring** • Configuring the GPFS cluster • Configuring the CES and protocol configuration • Configuring and tuning your system for GPFS • Parameters for performance tuning and optimization • Ensuring high availability of the GUI service • Configuring and tuning your system for Cloud services • Configuring the message queue • Configuring file audit logging • Configuring clustered watch folder • Configuring Active File Management • Configuring AFM-based DR • Tuning for Kernel NFS backend on AFM and AFM DR **Administering** • Performing GPFS administration tasks • Verifying network operation with the mmnetverify command • Managing file systems • File system format changes between versions of IBM Spectrum Scale • Managing disks • Managing protocol services • Managing protocol user authentication • Managing protocol data exports • Managing object storage • Managing GPFS quotas • Managing GUI users • Managing GPFS access control lists	System administrators or programmers of IBM Spectrum Scale systems

Table 1. IBM Spectrum Scale library information units (continued)		
Information unit	**Type of information**	**Intended users**
IBM Spectrum Scale: Administration Guide	• Native NFS and GPFS • Considerations for GPFS applications • Accessing a remote GPFS file system • Information lifecycle management for IBM Spectrum Scale • Creating and maintaining snapshots of file systems • Creating and managing file clones • Scale Out Backup and Restore (SOBAR) • Data Mirroring and Replication • Implementing a clustered NFS environment on Linux • Implementing Cluster Export Services • Identity management on Windows / RFC 2307 Attributes • Protocols cluster disaster recovery • File Placement Optimizer • Encryption • Managing certificates to secure communications between GUI web server and web browsers • Securing protocol data • Cloud services: Transparent cloud tiering and Cloud data sharing • Managing file audit logging • Performing a watch with watch folder API • RDMA tuning • Administering AFM • Administering AFM DR • Highly-available write cache (HAWC) • Local read-only cache • Miscellaneous advanced administration • GUI limitations	System administrators or programmers of IBM Spectrum Scale systems

Table 1. IBM Spectrum Scale library information units (continued)		
Information unit	**Type of information**	**Intended users**
IBM Spectrum Scale: Problem Determination Guide	This guide provides the following information: **Monitoring** • Performance monitoring • Monitoring system health through the IBM Spectrum Scale GUI • Monitoring system health by using the mmhealth command • Monitoring events through callbacks • Monitoring capacity through GUI • Monitoring AFM and AFM DR • GPFS SNMP support • Monitoring the IBM Spectrum Scale system by using call home • Monitoring remote cluster through GUI • Monitoring the message queue • Monitoring file audit logging • Monitoring clustered watch **Troubleshooting** • Best practices for troubleshooting • Understanding the system limitations • Collecting details of the issues • Managing deadlocks • Installation and configuration issues • Upgrade issues • Network issues • File system issues • Disk issues • Security issues • Protocol issues • Disaster recovery issues • Performance issues	System administrators of GPFS systems who are experienced with the subsystems used to manage disks and who are familiar with the concepts presented in the *IBM Spectrum Scale: Concepts, Planning, and Installation Guide*

Table 1. IBM Spectrum Scale library information units (continued)		
Information unit	**Type of information**	**Intended users**
IBM Spectrum Scale: Problem Determination Guide	• GUI issues • AFM issues • AFM DR issues • Transparent cloud tiering issues • File audit logging issues • Troubleshooting watch folder API • Troubleshooting mmwatch • Message queue issues • Maintenance procedures • Recovery procedures • Support for troubleshooting • References	

Table 1. IBM Spectrum Scale library information units (continued)		
Information unit	**Type of information**	**Intended users**
IBM Spectrum Scale: Command and Programming Reference	This guide provides the following information: **Command reference** • gpfs.snap command • mmaddcallback command • mmadddisk command • mmaddnode command • mmadquery command • mmafmconfig command • mmafmctl command • mmafmlocal command • mmapplypolicy command • mmaudit command • mmauth command • mmbackup command • mmbackupconfig command • mmblock command • mmbuildgpl command • mmcachectl command • mmcallhome command • mmces command • mmcesdr command • mmchattr command • mmchcluster command • mmchconfig command • mmchdisk command • mmcheckquota command • mmchfileset command • mmchfs command • mmchlicense command • mmchmgr command • mmchnode command • mmchnodeclass command • mmchnsd command • mmchpolicy command • mmchpool command • mmchqos command • mmclidecode command	• System administrators of IBM Spectrum Scale systems • Application programmers who are experienced with IBM Spectrum Scale systems and familiar with the terminology and concepts in the XDSM standard

Table 1. IBM Spectrum Scale library information units (continued)		
Information unit	**Type of information**	**Intended users**
IBM Spectrum Scale: Command and Programming Reference	• mmclone command • mmcloudgateway command • mmcrcluster command • mmcrfileset command • mmcrfs command • mmcrnodeclass command • mmcrnsd command • mmcrsnapshot command • mmdefedquota command • mmdefquotaoff command • mmdefquotaon command • mmdefragfs command • mmdelacl command • mmdelcallback command • mmdeldisk command • mmdelfileset command • mmdelfs command • mmdelnode command • mmdelnodeclass command • mmdelnsd command • mmdelsnapshot command • mmdf command • mmdiag command • mmdsh command • mmeditacl command • mmedquota command • mmexportfs command • mmfsck command • mmfsctl command • mmgetacl command • mmgetstate command • mmhadoopctl command • mmhdfs command • mmhealth command • mmimgbackup command • mmimgrestore command • mmimportfs command • mmkeyserv command	• System administrators of IBM Spectrum Scale systems • Application programmers who are experienced with IBM Spectrum Scale systems and familiar with the terminology and concepts in the XDSM standard

Table 1. IBM Spectrum Scale library information units (continued)		
Information unit	**Type of information**	**Intended users**
IBM Spectrum Scale: Command and Programming Reference	• mmlinkfileset command • mmlsattr command • mmlscallback command • mmlscluster command • mmlsconfig command • mmlsdisk command • mmlsfileset command • mmlsfs command • mmlslicense command • mmlsmgr command • mmlsmount command • mmlsnodeclass command • mmlsnsd command • mmlspolicy command • mmlspool command • mmlsqos command • mmlsquota command • mmlssnapshot command • mmmigratefs command • mmmount command • mmmsgqueue command • mmnetverify command • mmnfs command • mmnsddiscover command • mmobj command • mmperfmon command • mmpmon command • mmprotocoltrace command • mmpsnap command • mmputacl command • mmquotaoff command • mmquotaon command • mmreclaimspace command • mmremotecluster command • mmremotefs command • mmrepquota command • mmrestoreconfig command • mmrestorefs command • mmrestripefile command	• System administrators of IBM Spectrum Scale systems • Application programmers who are experienced with IBM Spectrum Scale systems and familiar with the terminology and concepts in the XDSM standard

Table 1. IBM Spectrum Scale library information units (continued)		
Information unit	**Type of information**	**Intended users**
IBM Spectrum Scale: Command and Programming Reference	• mmrestripefs command • mmrpldisk command • mmsdrrestore command • mmsetquota command • mmshutdown command • mmsmb command • mmsnapdir command • mmstartup command • mmtracectl command • mmumount command • mmunlinkfileset command • mmuserauth command • mmwatch command • mmwinservctl command • spectrumscale command **Programming reference** • IBM Spectrum Scale Data Management API for GPFS information • GPFS programming interfaces • GPFS user exits • IBM Spectrum Scale management API commands • Watch folder API	• System administrators of IBM Spectrum Scale systems • Application programmers who are experienced with IBM Spectrum Scale systems and familiar with the terminology and concepts in the XDSM standard

Table 1. IBM Spectrum Scale library information units (continued)		
Information unit	**Type of information**	**Intended users**
IBM Spectrum Scale: Big Data and Analytics Guide	This guide provides the following information: Hadoop Scale Storage Architecture • Elastic Storage Server (ESS) • Erasure Code Edition • Share Storage (SAN-based storage) • File Placement Optimizer (FPO) • Deployment model • Additional supported features about storage IBM Spectrum Scale support for Hadoop • HDFS transparency • Supported IBM Spectrum Scale storage modes • Hadoop cluster planning • CES HDFS • Installation and configuration of HDFS transparency • Application interaction with HDFS transparency • Upgrading the HDFS Transparency cluster • Rolling upgrade for HDFS Transparency • Security • Advanced features • Hadoop distribution support • Limitations and differences from native HDFS • Problem determination IBM Spectrum Scale Hadoop performance tuning guide • Overview • Performance overview • Hadoop Performance Planning over IBM Spectrum Scale • Performance guide	• System administrators of IBM Spectrum Scale systems • Application programmers who are experienced with IBM Spectrum Scale systems and familiar with the terminology and concepts in the XDSM standard

Table 1. IBM Spectrum Scale library information units (continued)		
Information unit	**Type of information**	**Intended users**
IBM Spectrum Scale: Big Data and Analytics Guide	Hortonworks Data Platform 3.X • Planning • Installation • Upgrading and uninstallation • Configuration • Administration • Limitations • Problem determination Open Source Apache Hadoop • Open Source Apache Hadoop without CES HDFS • Open Source Apache Hadoop with CES HDFS BigInsights® 4.2.5 and Hortonworks Data Platform 2.6 • Installation • Upgrading software stack • Configuration • Administration • Troubleshooting • Limitations • FAQ	• System administrators of IBM Spectrum Scale systems • Application programmers who are experienced with IBM Spectrum Scale systems and familiar with the terminology and concepts in the XDSM standard

Table 1. IBM Spectrum Scale library information units (continued)		
Information unit	**Type of information**	**Intended users**
IBM Spectrum Scale Erasure Code Edition Guide	IBM Spectrum Scale Erasure Code Edition • Introduction to IBM Spectrum Scale Erasure Code Edition • Planning for IBM Spectrum Scale Erasure Code Edition • Installing IBM Spectrum Scale Erasure Code Edition • Incorporating IBM Spectrum Scale Erasure Code Edition in an Elastic Storage Server (ESS) cluster • Creating an IBM Spectrum Scale Erasure Code Edition storage environment • Upgrading IBM Spectrum Scale Erasure Code Edition • Administering IBM Spectrum Scale Erasure Code Edition • Troubleshooting • IBM Spectrum Scale RAID Administration [1] **Note:** [1] For PDF or EPUB format of IBM Spectrum Scale RAID Administration documentation, see Elastic Storage Server for Power® documentation on IBM Knowledge Center.	• System administrators of IBM Spectrum Scale systems • Application programmers who are experienced with IBM Spectrum Scale systems and familiar with the terminology and concepts in the XDSM standard

Table 1. IBM Spectrum Scale library information units (continued)		
Information unit	**Type of information**	**Intended users**
IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface Driver	This guide provides the following information: • Introduction to IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface Driver • Planning for IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface Driver • Installation of IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface Driver • Migrating from IBM Storage Enabler for Containers to IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface Driver • Configuring IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface Driver • Using IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface Driver • Managing IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface Driver • Limitations • Troubleshooting	• System administrators of IBM Spectrum Scale systems • Application programmers who are experienced with IBM Spectrum Scale systems and familiar with the terminology and concepts in the XDSM standard

Prerequisite and related information

For updates to this information, see IBM Spectrum Scale in IBM Knowledge Center (www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/STXKQY/ibmspectrumscale_welcome.html).

For the latest support information, see the IBM Spectrum Scale FAQ in IBM Knowledge Center (www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/STXKQY/gpfsclustersfaq.html).

Conventions used in this information

Table 2 on page xxiv describes the typographic conventions used in this information. UNIX file name conventions are used throughout this information.

Note: Users of IBM Spectrum Scale for Windows must be aware that on Windows, UNIX-style file names need to be converted appropriately. For example, the GPFS cluster configuration data is stored in the `/var/mmfs/gen/mmsdrfs` file. On Windows, the UNIX namespace starts under the `%SystemDrive%\cygwin64` directory, so the GPFS cluster configuration data is stored in the `C:\cygwin64\var\mmfs\gen\mmsdrfs` file.

Table 2. Conventions

Convention	Usage
bold	Bold words or characters represent system elements that you must use literally, such as commands, flags, values, and selected menu options. Depending on the context, **bold** typeface sometimes represents path names, directories, or file names.
bold underlined	bold underlined keywords are defaults. These take effect if you do not specify a different keyword.
constant width	Examples and information that the system displays appear in constant-width typeface. Depending on the context, constant-width typeface sometimes represents path names, directories, or file names.
italic	*Italic* words or characters represent variable values that you must supply. *Italics* are also used for information unit titles, for the first use of a glossary term, and for general emphasis in text.
<*key*>	Angle brackets (less-than and greater-than) enclose the name of a key on the keyboard. For example, <Enter> refers to the key on your terminal or workstation that is labeled with the word *Enter*.

****	In command examples, a backslash indicates that the command or coding example continues on the next line. For example:
	`mkcondition -r IBM.FileSystem -e "PercentTotUsed > 90" \`
	`-E "PercentTotUsed < 85" -m p "FileSystem space used"`

{*item*}	Braces enclose a list from which you must choose an item in format and syntax descriptions.
[*item*]	Brackets enclose optional items in format and syntax descriptions.
<Ctrl-*x*>	The notation <Ctrl-*x*> indicates a control character sequence. For example, <Ctrl-c> means that you hold down the control key while pressing <c>.
***item*...**	Ellipses indicate that you can repeat the preceding item one or more times.
|	In *synopsis* statements, vertical lines separate a list of choices. In other words, a vertical line means *Or*. In the left margin of the document, vertical lines indicate technical changes to the information.

Note: CLI options that accept a list of option values delimit with a comma and no space between values. As an example, to display the state on three nodes use `mmgetstate -N` *NodeA*,*NodeB*,*NodeC*. Exceptions to this syntax are listed specifically within the command.

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Chapter 1. Summary of changes

Summary of changes for IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver version 1.1.0.

The following enhancements have been made in this release:

- Support for Red Hat OpenShift 4.3
- Upgraded sidecar images
  - csi-attacher: v2.1.1
  - csi-provisioner: v1.5.0
  - csi-node-driver-registrar:v1.2.0
- Improvements in the debug data collection tool

Chapter 2. Introduction to IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver

This section provides a brief introduction to IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver.

IBM Spectrum Scale is a clustered file system that provides concurrent access to a single file system or set of file systems from multiple nodes. The nodes can be SAN attached, network attached, a mixture of SAN attached, and network attached, or in a shared nothing cluster configuration. This enables high performance access to this common set of data to support a scale-out solution or to provide a high availability platform. For more information on IBM Spectrum Scale features, see the *Product overview* section in the *IBM Spectrum Scale: Concepts, Planning, and Installation Guide*.

Container Storage Interface (CSI) is a standard for exposing arbitrary block and file storage systems to containerized workloads on Container Orchestration Systems (COs) like Kubernetes. The IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver specification is defined at https://github.com/container-storage-interface/spec/blob/master/spec.md.

IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver allows IBM Spectrum Scale to be used as persistent storage for stateful application running in Kubernetes clusters. Through the IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver, Kubernetes persistent volumes (PVs) can be provisioned from IBM Spectrum Scale. Thus, the containers can be used with stateful microservices, such as database applications (MongoDB, PostgreSQL etc).

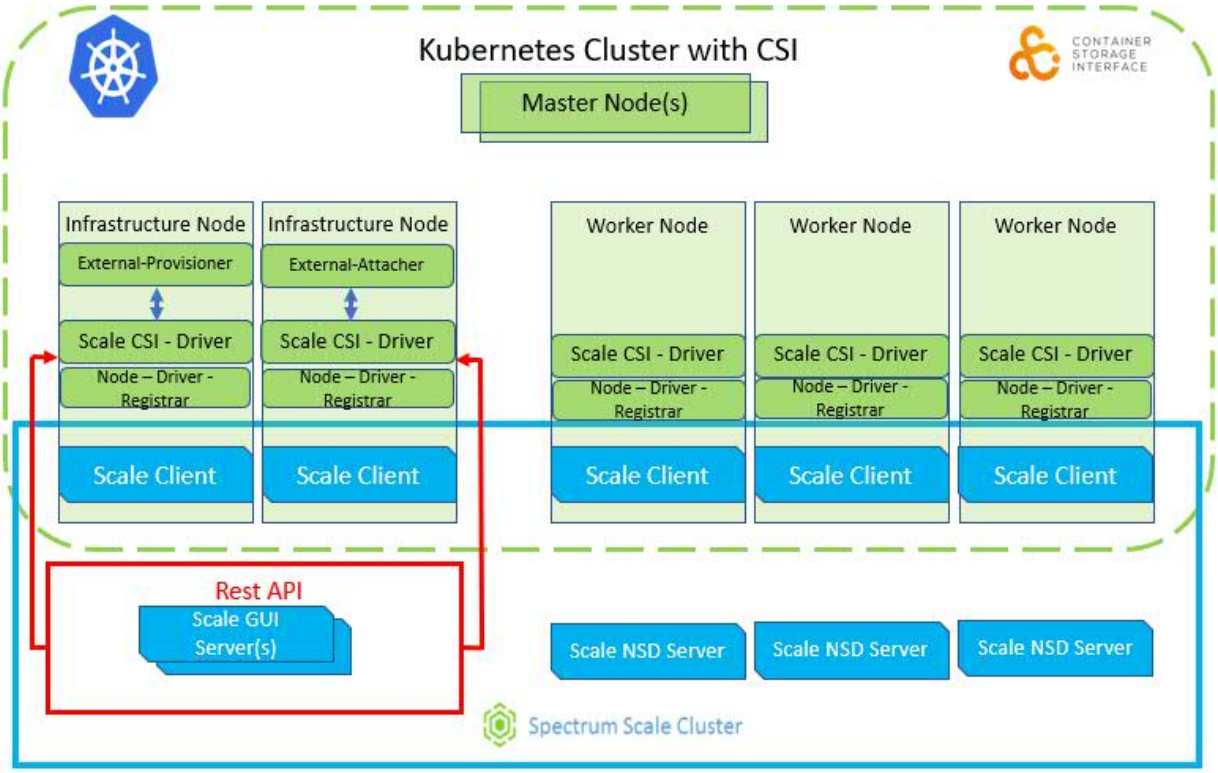

Figure 1. IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface Driver

IBM implements the CSI specification of storage plug-in in the following manner:

The external-provisioner and external-attacher Sidecar Containers are StatefulSets, which should be deployed on separate infrastructure hosts for resiliency. The external-provisioner watches for create or delete API calls while the external-attacher watches for mount or unmount API calls. The node-driver-

registrar is a kubelet service which runs alongside the node plugin at the time of initialization. The IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver provides the interconnect for persistent volume mount from the container worker node to the underlying storage system and is deployed as a DaemonSet. The IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver also makes the API calls on the storage system to perform any provisioning requests on the storage. For more information on StatefulSets and Daemonsets, see https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/workloads/controllers/statefulset/.

Features covered

The following features are covered:

- Static provisioning: Ability to use existing directories and filesets as persistent volumes
- Lightweight dynamic provisioning: Ability to create directory-based volumes dynamically
- Fileset-based dynamic provisioning: Ability to create fileset-based volumes dynamically
- Multiple file systems support: Volumes can be created across multiple file systems
- Remote mount support: Volumes can be created on a remotely mounted file system
- Operator support for easy deployment, upgrade, and cleanup

Chapter 3. Planning for IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver

This topic describes the planning information for using IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver.

Note: If you are using a Red Hat OpenShift cluster, ensure to replace "kubectl" with "oc" in all commands.

Hardware and Software requirements

This topic describes the hardware and software requirements that must be met for using IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver at your site.

The requirements are as follows:

- RHEL version 7.5, 7.6, and 7.7 (x86_64 architecture)
- IBM Spectrum Scale version 5.0.4.1 or higher
- Kubernetes version 1.14, 1.15, 1.16, and 1.17
- Red Hat OpenShift 4.2 and 4.3

IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver deployment considerations

This topic provides information on the steps that must be taken before deploying IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver in your cluster.

- **Worker nodes selection**: By default, Kubernetes/Red Hat OpenShift will schedule the IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver pods on all worker nodes. It is essential to have IBM Spectrum Scale client installed on all these nodes. If you wish to schedule the IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver pods only on selected worker nodes, you must label the selected nodes and use this label in node selector. For more information, see “Using the node selector” on page 21.
- **Node selection for StatefulSets**: CSI attacher and CSI provisioner are sidecar containers that run as two separate StatefulSets. These pods can be scheduled on any of the worker nodes by Kubernetes. As a best practice, it is recommended to run these on two separate stable nodes. The StatefulSets by design of Kubernetes do not automatically fail over to another node, hence it is recommended to schedule them to run on reliable nodes. Scheduling them to run on specific nodes can be achieved by using nodes labels and nodeSelectors. For more information, see “Using the node selector” on page 21. IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver pod must also be scheduled on the nodes running StatefulSets.
- **Remote cluster setup**: If you plan to use remotely mounted file system for PVC provisioning, add the remote cluster details to the Operator configuration. For more information, see “Remote cluster support” on page 20.
- **SELinux considerations**: Different Kubernetes distributions handle the SELinux enforcing mode differently. There might be differences in terms of SELinux context being set on files, relabeling of volumes and the process context of containers. As a prerequisite, appropriate SELinux rules must be set up to allow IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver containers to access the required resources on host. For example “container_t” context needs to have access to `csi.sock` and the IBM Spectrum Scale file system, or the files needing access from containers need to have the “`container_file_t`” context set. Refer to audit logs for any SELinux failures and set up appropriate rules as required.

- **Node names**: At times, it is possible that IBM Spectrum Scale cluster and Kubernetes/Red Hat OpenShift cluster are configured with different node names for the same host. Use the **mmlscluster** and **kubectl get nodes** commands and check the node names of IBM Spectrum Scale cluster and Kubernetes cluster. If the names are different, then configure node mapping in the Operator configuration. For more information, see "Kubernetes to IBM Spectrum Scale node mapping" on page 22.
- **Internet connectivity**: If your worker nodes do not have internet connectivity, you need to get the IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver and the Operator images from a registry from a node with internet connectivity, copy them on your worker nodes, and upload the images manually:
  - `quay.io/ibm-spectrum-scale/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-driver:v1.1.0`
  - `quay.io/ibm-spectrum-scale/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-operator:v1.1.0`
  - `quay.io/k8scsi/csi-node-driver-registrar:v1.2.0`
  - `quay.io/k8scsi/csi-attacher:v2.1.1`
  - `quay.io/k8scsi/csi-provisioner:v1.5.0`
- **IBM Spectrum Scale services**: As a best practice, it is recommended that GUI nodes, protocol nodes, and NSD nodes are not part of the Kubernetes cluster.

Chapter 4. Installation of IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver

This section explains how to install or clean up the IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver. CSI Operators are used for performing these activities.

Performing pre-installation tasks

This topic describes the tasks that must be done before performing IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver installation:

- Ensure that the IBM Spectrum Scale is installed along with the IBM Spectrum Scale management API (GUI).
  - For the supported versions, see https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/STXKQY/gpfsclusterfaq.html.
  - For information on installing IBM Spectrum Scale, see the *Installing IBM Spectrum Scale on Linux nodes with the installation toolkit* topic in *IBM Spectrum Scale: Concepts, Planning, and Installation Guide*.
- Ensure that either Kubernetes or Red Hat OpenShift is installed and set up.
  - For supported versions, see https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/STXKQY/gpfsclusterfaq.html.
  - For information on installing Kubernetes, see https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/tools/install-kubectl/.
  - For information on installing Red Hat OpenShift, see https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-us/openshift_container_platform/4.2/html-single/installing/index.
- Ensure that IBM Spectrum Scale client is installed on required Kubernetes worker nodes, and these nodes are added to the IBM Spectrum Scale cluster.
- Ensure that the primary file system that is used for IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver configuration is mounted on all Kubernetes worker nodes and on the IBM Spectrum Scale GUI nodes.
- Create a IBM Spectrum Scale user group "CsiAdmin" if one does not already exist by using the `/usr/lpp/mmfs/gui/cli/mkusergrp CsiAdmin --role csiadmin` command. Create an IBM Spectrum Scale user in the "CsiAdmin" group. This user must be used on IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver configuration. Issue this command on the GUI node to create the user:

  ```
  /usr/lpp/mmfs/gui/cli/mkuser <username> -p <password> -g CsiAdmin
  ```

- Ensure that all the worker nodes where CSI driver should be scheduled are running Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) x86_64.
- Ensure that IBM Spectrum Scale GUI is initialized either by logging into the GUI console once or by running this command on the GUI node:

  ```
  /usr/lpp/mmfs/gui/cli/initgui
  ```

- Issue the following command from the Kubernetes node to ensure that the GUI server is running and can communicate with the Kubernetes nodes:

  ```
  curl --insecure -u 'username:password' -X GET https://guihost:443/scalemgmt/v2/cluster
  ```

  The command gives an output similar to the following:

```
{
  "cluster" : {
    "clusterSummary" : {
      "clusterId" : 17258972170939727157,
      "clusterName" : "node10.node10",
      "primaryServer" : "node10",
      "rcpPath" : "/usr/bin/scp",
      "rcpSudoWrapper" : false,
      "repositoryType" : "CCR",
      "rshPath" : "/usr/bin/ssh",
      "rshSudoWrapper" : false,
      "uidDomain" : "node10.node10"
    },
    "capacityLicensing" : {
      "liableCapacity" : 96636764160,
      "liableNsdCount" : 2,
      "liableNsds" : [ {
        "nsdName" : "nsd1",
        "liableCapacity" : 53687091200
      }, {
        "nsdName" : "nsd2",
        "liableCapacity" : 42949672960
      } ]
    }
  },
  "status" : {
    "code" : 200,
    "message" : "The request finished successfully."
  }
}
```

- Ensure that at least one file system exists, and is mounted on all worker nodes where IBM Spectrum Scale client is installed as well as on the GUI node.
- Verify that quota is enabled for all the file systems being used for creating persistent volumes (Required for fileset-based dynamic provisioning).

  ```
  mmlsfs gpfs0 -Q
  ```

  The command gives an output similar to the following:

  ```
  flag                value                    description
  ------------------- ------------------------ -----------------------------------
   -Q                 user;group;fileset       Quotas accounting enabled
                      user;group;fileset       Quotas enforced
                      none                     Default quotas enabled
  ```

  If you fail to obtain this output, issue the run the `mmchfs gpfs0 -Q yes` command.
- Enable quota for `root` by issuing this command:

  ```
  mmchconfig enforceFilesetQuotaOnRoot=yes -i
  ```
- For Red Hat OpenShift, ensure that the `controlSetxattrImmutableSELinux` parameter is set to "yes" by issuing this command:

  ```
  mmchconfig controlSetxattrImmutableSELinux=yes -i
  ```
- To display the correct volume size in the container, enable filesetdf of the file system by using the following command:

  ```
  mmchfs <filesystem name> --filesetdf
  ```

Installing IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver using Operator Lifecycle Manager (OLM)

This topic describes the procedure for installing IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver using OLM.

OLM runs by default on Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform 4.2+. For more information, see https://docs.openshift.com/container-platform/4.2/operators/understanding-olm/olm-understanding-olm.html. OLM is not available by default on Kubernetes, and it is recommended to use CLI-based installation of the IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver on Kubernetes. For more information, see "Installing IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver using CLIs" on page 9. However, if OLM is already installed on the Kubernetes cluster, then use the method that is described here.

Before performing IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver installation, ensure that the prerequisites are met. For more information, see "Performing pre-installation tasks" on page 7.

Create the Operator from the Red Hat OpenShift console, as follows:

a. Log in to the Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform.
b. From the left panel, click **Operators-> OperatorHub**. The OperatorHub page appears.
c. From the **Project** drop-down list, select the project or create a new project by clicking **Create Project**.
d. Under **All Items**, select **Storage** from the list.
e. In the **Filter by keyword** box, type "`IBM Spectrum Scale CSI`".
f. Click **IBM Spectrum Scale CSI Plugin Operator**. The IBM Spectrum Scale CSI Plugin Operator page appears.
g. Click **Install**. The Create Operator Subscription page appears.
h. On this page, select a namespace as that of operator from the available options, select the approval strategy (automatic or manual), and click **Subscribe**. The Installed Operators page appears, where *IBM Spectrum Scale CSI Plugin Operator* is listed as successfully installed.
i. On the Installed Operators page, click **IBM Spectrum Scale CSI Plugin Operator**, and go to the **IBM CSI Spectrum Scale Driver** tab.
j. Click **Create CSIScale Operator**. The Create CSIScale Operator page appears.
k. On this page, an editor appears, where you can update the manifest file according to your environment. For more information, see "Operator" on page 19, "Secrets" on page 19, and "Certificates" on page 19.

Installing IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver using CLIs

This topic describes the procedures for installing IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver by using CLIs.

Before performing IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver installation, ensure that the prerequisites are met. For more information, see "Performing pre-installation tasks" on page 7.

Note: This procedure is applicable for both Kubernetes and Red Hat OpenShift. For Red Hat OpenShift, replace "kubectl" with "oc" in all the commands.

Installing IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver using Operator involves the following phases:

1. Deploy the Operator on your cluster
2. Use the Operator for deploying IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver

Phase 1: Deploying the Operator

To deploy Operator on your cluster, do the following steps:

1. Create a namespace.

```
kubectl create namespace ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-driver
```

Note: For Red Hat OpenShift, use this command:

```
oc new-project ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-driver
```

2. Create the Operator.

```
kubectl create -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/IBM/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi/v1.1.0/
generated/\
installer/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-operator.yaml
```

3. Verify that the Operator is deployed, and the Operator pod is in running state.

```
kubectl get pod,deployment -n ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-driver
```

```
NAME                                                READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
pod/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-operator-6ff9cf6979-v5g4c   2/2     Running   0          6d3h

NAME                                                READY   UP-TO-DATE  AVAILABLE AGE
deployment.extensions/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-operator  1/1     1           1         6d3h
```

Phase 2: Deploying IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver

Now that the Operator is up and running, you must access the Operator's API and request a deployment. This is done through the use of the *CSIScaleOperator* custom resource.

Do the following steps:

1. Create a secret with IBM Spectrum Scale GUI server's credentials in the `ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-driver` namespace. For more information, see "Secrets" on page 19.

   Note: If you are using a remote cluster setup, then create a secret object for each cluster's GUI server.

2. Download the sample custom resource file on your cluster:

```
curl -O https://raw.githubusercontent.com/IBM/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi/v1.1.0/operator/deploy/
crds/\
csiscaleoperators.csi.ibm.com.cr.yaml
```

3. Modify the parameters in the file to suit your environment. For more information, see "Operator" on page 19.

4. Apply the custom resource file to deploy IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver.

```
kubectl apply -f csiscaleoperators.csi.ibm.com.cr.yaml
```

5. Verify that IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver is installed, Operator and driver resources are ready, and pods are in running state:

```
# kubectl get pod,daemonset,statefulset -n ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-driver
NAME                                       READY   STATUS             RESTARTS   AGE
pod/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-attacher-0      1/1     Running            0          4d2h
pod/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-dxslh           2/2     Running            0          4d2h
pod/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-provisioner-0   1/1     Running            0.         4d2h
pod/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-operator-6ff9cf6979-v5g4c   2/2     Running   0          1h

NAME                                     DESIRED   CURRENT   READY   UP-TO-DATE   AVAILABLE
NODE SELECTOR   AGE
daemonset.apps/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi   1         1         1       1            1
<none>          4d2h

NAME                                              READY   AGE
statefulset.apps/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-attacher      1/1     4d2h
statefulset.apps/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-provisioner   1/1     4d2h
```

For more information, see https://github.com/IBM/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi.

Cleaning up IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver and Operators by using OLM

This topic describes the procedure for uninstalling IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver and Operator by using OLM.

Cleanup procedure includes two tasks: deleting IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver and deleting the Operator.

Cleaning up IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver

Do the following steps:

1. Log in to the Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform.
2. Click **Operators->Installed Operators**. The Installed Operators page appears, where *IBM Spectrum Scale CSI Plugin Operator* is listed.
3. From the **Project : default** drop-down list, select the project in which the Operator is installed.
4. On the Installed Operators page, click **IBM Spectrum Scale CSI Plugin**. The Operator Details page appears.
5. Go to the **IBM CSI Spectrum Scale Driver** tab.
6. Click **ibm-spectrum-scale-csi** and select **CSIScale Operator Delete** from the **Actions** drop-down list.
7. Click **Delete** to confirm deletion.

Cleaning up the Operator

Do the following steps:

1. Log in to the Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform.
2. Click **Operators->Installed Operators**. The Installed Operators page appears, where *IBM Spectrum Scale CSI Plugin Operator* is listed.
3. From the **Project : default** drop-down list, select the project in which the Operator is installed.
4. Click **IBM Spectrum Scale CSI Plugin Operator** and select **Uninstall Operator** from the **Actions** drop-down list.
5. Click **Remove** for confirmation.

Cleaning up IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver and Operator using CLIs

This topic describes the procedure to clean up or uninstall the IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver and the Operator.

To manage IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver, it is essential that the Operator is always running on your cluster. If the Operator is deleted for some reason, ensure to re-deploy it by using the `kubectl apply -f ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-operator.yaml` command before proceeding with the following steps:

1. To stop and uninstall IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver, issue the following command:

```
kubectl delete -f csiscaleoperators.csi.ibm.com.cr.yaml
```

2. To uninstall Operator and clean up all resources, issue the following commands:

```
kubectl delete -f ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-operator.yaml
kubectl delete namespace ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-driver
```

Note: Delete the secrets with GUI credentials under the `ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-driver` namespace.

3. To completely remove IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver and the Operator images, do the following steps:

   a. Find the images

```
# docker images | grep spectrum-scale-csi
quay.io/ibm-spectrum-scale/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-driver     v1.1.0   8b6cb1a1743e   4
hours ago     122 MB
quay.io/ibm-spectrum-scale/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-operator   v1.1.0   ced0267b0a45   4
hours ago     505 MB
```

   b. Remove the images

```
# docker rmi 8b6cb1a1743e
```

   Note: If you use a different container engine than Docker, replace the Docker commands with the commands of the container engine that you use.

4. To delete PVC data, unlink and delete the primary fileset defined in the `csiscaleoperators.csi.ibm.com.cr.yaml` file from your IBM Spectrum Scale cluster, by issuing the following commands:

```
/usr/lpp/mmfs/bin/mmunlinkfileset fs1 csifset1
/usr/lpp/mmfs/bin/mmdelfileset fs1 csifset1
```

   Note: This will completely delete the PVC data, and any PVCs that were created before will no longer be useful even if the IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver is reinstalled.

Chapter 5. Upgrading IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver

This topic describes the procedure for upgrading IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver.

From version 1.0.0 or 1.0.1 to version 1.1.0

Steps for upgrading IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver from version 1.0.0 or 1.0.1 to version 1.1.0.

1. Download the operator manifest file on your cluster.

```
curl -O https://raw.githubusercontent.com/IBM/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi/v1.1.0/generated\
/installer/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-operator.yaml
```

2. Apply the manifest file.

```
kubectl apply -f ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-operator.yaml
```

   This upgrades the Operator and the IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver. The Operator and the pods are restarted with the upgraded image.

3. Verify that the pods are back in the running state.

```
# kubectl get pod -n ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-driver
```

   The system displays an output similar to this:

```
NAME                                          READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-662zv                  2/2     Running   0          29m
ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-87rw9                  2/2     Running   0          29m
ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-attacher-0             1/1     Running   0          29m
ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-operator-ddfcc6cb5-z9g29   2/2     Running   0          31m
ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-provisioner-0          1/1     Running   0          29m
ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-wkg42                  2/2     Running   0          29m
```

4. Verify that the Operator and the pods are using the upgraded images.

```
# kubectl describe pod ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-operator-ddfcc6cb5-z9g29 -n ibm-spectrum-scale-
csi-driver \|
 grep "Image:" | grep ibm-spectrum-scale

    Image:         quay.io/ibm-spectrum-scale/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-operator:v1.1.0
    Image:          quay.io/ibm-spectrum-scale/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-operator:v1.1.0
```

```
# kubectl describe pod ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-662zv -n ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-driver |\
grep "Image:" | grep ibm-spectrum-scale

    Image:         quay.io/ibm-spectrum-scale/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-driver:v1.1.0
```

Chapter 6. Migrating from IBM Storage Enabler for Containers to IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver

This topic describes the procedure for migrating from IBM Storage Enabler for Containers to IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver.

There can be three scenarios in IBM Storage Enabler for Containers, as follows:

- **Kubernetes is used**: In this case, Kubernetes version 1.12 or before used in IBM Storage Enabler for Containers should be upgraded to 1.13 or later.
- **IBM Cloud Private (ICP) is used**. In this case, ICP should be upgraded to Red Hat OpenShift 4.x by:
  - Uninstalling ICP
  - Freshly installing Red Hat OpenShift 4.x
- **Red Hat OpenShift is used**. In this case, Red Hat OpenShift version 3.x should be upgraded to version 4.x by:
  - Uninstalling Red Hat OpenShift 3.x
  - Freshly installing Red Hat OpenShift 4.x

  Note: During the Red Hat OpenShift upgrade, IBM Spectrum Scale client nodes are removed and are added back after the upgrade.

After the upgrade

- Dynamic provisioning, especially deletion, will not work on migrated volumes.
- All dynamically provisioned volumes from IBM Storage Enabler for Containers will be used as static provisioned volumes in IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver.

High-level steps

The following procedure provides a high-level overview on migration of IBM Storage Enabler for Containers to IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver.

This is a manual process, which involves downtime till migration completes. For detailed steps, see “Detailed steps ” on page 16.

1. Find all the PersistentVolumeClaim (PVCs) created in IBM Storage Enabler for Containers.
2. Create `pv.yaml` and `pvc.yaml` for each PV and PVC.
3. Change the reclaim policy of all PVs to *retain*.
4. Stop the workloads that were there in IBM Storage Enabler for Containers.
5. Delete all PVs and PVCs created in IBM Storage Enabler for Containers except *ibm-ubiquity-db* or equivalent.
6. Uninstall IBM Storage Enabler for Containers.
7. Upgrade Kubernetes/Red Hat OpenShift/IBM Cloud Private. For more information, see the respective documentation.
8. Deploy the IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver.
9. Create PVs and PVCs using the `yaml` files (pv.yaml and pvc.yaml).
10. Start the workload using the newly defined PVCs.

Detailed steps

This topic describes the detailed steps for migrating from IBM Storage Enabler for Containers to IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver.

1. Get all StorageClasses that are created in IBM Storage Enabler for Containers, as follows:

```
kubectl get sc | grep ubiquity/flex
```

2. Get all namespaces in IBM Storage Enabler for Containers.

```
kubectl get ns
```

3. For each namespace, get all PVCs for the Storage Classes.

```
kubectl get pvc -n <namespace> | grep <storageClass>
```

4. For each **PVC**:

   a. Collect the following details:

Table 3. PVC parameter details

Parameter Name	Description	Example syntax
pvname	Name of the PV to which the PVC is bounded	`kubectl get pvc <pvc name> -n <namespace> -o jsonpath={.spec.volumeName}`
pvmountpoint	File system mount point from PV definition	`kubectl get pv <pv-name> -o jsonpath={.spec.flexVolume.options.mountpoint}`
pvfsname	File system mount point from PV definition	`kubectl get pv <pv-name> -o jsonpath={.spec.flexVolume.options.filesystem}`
pvcapacity	Size of the PV from PV definition	`kubectl get pv <pv-name> -o jsonpath={.spec.capacity.storage}`
pvccapacity	Size of the PVC from the PVC definition	`kubectl get pvc <pvcname> -n <namespace> -o jsonpath={.spec.resources.requests.storage}`
pvcaccessmode	Get the PVC access mode from the PVC definition	`kubectl get pvc <pvcname> -n <namespace> -o jsonpath={.spec.accessModes[0]}`
pvaccessmode	Get the PVC access mode from the PV definition	`kubectl get pv <pvname> -n <namespace> -o jsonpath={.spec.accessModes[0]}`

   b. Generate `pvc.yaml` files as shown in the following example. Adjust the parameters according to your environment.

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
  name: <pvcname>
  namespace: <pvcnamespace>
spec:
  accessModes:
```

```
  - <pvcaccessmode>
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: <pvccapacity>
  volumeName: <pvname>
```

Note: Update any other parameters such as **storageClass** based on your requirement in the `pvc.yaml` files. Ensure that appropriate modification is made to the dependent `pv.yaml` files.

c. Generate `pv.yaml` files using the `generate_pv_yaml.sh` tool. Adjust the parameters according to your environment.

- If primary file system in IBM Storage Enabler for Containers is same as the volume file system (`$pvfsname`), use this command:

```
./generate_pv_yaml.sh  --filesystem $pvfsname --linkpath $pvmountpoint --size
$pvcapacity --pvname $pvname --accessmode $pvaccessmode
```

- If primary file system in IBM Storage Enabler for Containers is different from `$pvfsname`:

  1) Create a softlink in the primary file system area pointing to `$pvmountpoint`, as follows:

```
ln -s $pvmountpoint  <softlink path in primary filesystem>
```

  2) Generate the yaml file, as follows:

```
./generate_pv_yaml.sh  --filesystem $pvfsname --linkpath <softlink path in primary
filesystem> --size $pvcapacity --pvname $pvname --accessmode $pvaccessmode
```

Note: Update or add any other parameter based on your requirement in the `pv.yaml` file.

d. Change the reclaim policy of PV to *retain*.

```
kubectl patch pv <pv-name> -p '{‘spec"{"persistentVolumeReclaimPolicy":"Retain"}}’
```

5. Stop all the I/Os for the PVCs in IBM Storage Enabler for Containers.
6. Delete all PVCs except `ibm-ubiquity-db`.
7. Delete all PVs except `ibm-ubiquity-db`.
8. Uninstall IBM Storage Enabler for Containers.
9. Upgrade `Kubernetes/ICP/Openshift`.
10. Create all PVCs using the `pvc.yaml` file created in step 4 b.
11. Create all PVs using the `pv.yaml` created in step 4 c.
12. Start I/O using the newly created PVCs.

Chapter 7. Configuring IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver

This topic describes the options available for configuring IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver at your site.

IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver configurations

During IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver plug-in deployment, parameters required for communication with IBM Spectrum Scale must be configured in Kubernetes' Secrets.

Secrets

Secret is needed to store credentials to connect to IBM Spectrum Scale REST API server. Secrets are defined in data field with base64 encoded values in json file. The GUI user must have *csiadmin* role.

To create Secrets, issue this command:

```
kubectl apply -f secrets.yaml -n ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-driver
```

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: [secret_name]
  labels:
    product: ibm-spectrum-scale-csi
data:
  username: [base64_username]
  password: [base64_password]
```

Note: Credentials can be base64 encoded using this command: `echo -n 'my-password' | base64`

Certificates

In case of secure SSL mode, a CA certificate must be specified. This is used in SSL communication with the IBM Spectrum Scale GUI server. The certificate should be created as a ConfigMap. There should be as many ConfigMaps as the number of clusters with secure SSL enabled. For example,

```
kubectl create configmap cert1 --from-file=cert1=/path/to/mycertificate.pem -n ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-driver
```

The value from "file=" should be the one that should be used as "cacert" value in CSIScaleOperator

Note: Configmap name and `--from-file` value should match and this value should be used as "`cacert`" value in Operator.

Operator

This topic describes the configuration parameters to be defined for creating a CSIScaleOperator custom resource. CSIScaleOperator is used to configure IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver.

A sample configuration yaml file is available here: https://raw.githubusercontent.com/IBM/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi/v1.1.0/operator/deploy/crds/csiscaleoperators.csi.ibm.com.cr.yaml.

Table 4. CSIScaleOperator configuration parameter description		
Parameter	**Usage**	**Description**
id	Mandatory	Primary cluster ID. The Spectrum Scale cluster of which Kubernetes worker nodes are part of is considered as the primary cluster.
primaryFs	Mandatory	Primary file system name. This file system will be configured to contain links to all the PVCs. This file system must exist for the CSI driver to deploy.
primaryFset	Mandatory	Primary fileset name. This will be created by the driver if the fileset does not exist.
inodeLimit	Optional	Inode limit for the primary fileset. If not specified, fileset is created with 1 M inodes, which is the GPFS default.
remoteCluster	Optional	Remote cluster ID. Required if primary file system is remotely mounted. An entry for this cluster must be there in *clusters*. For more information see, "Remote cluster support" on page 20.
remoteFs	Optional	Required if primary file system is remotely mounted and has a different name than the locally mounted file system.
cacert	Mandatory if *secureSslMode* is true.	Name of the CA certificate configmap that must have been pre-created. For more information see, "Certificates" on page 19.
secrets	Mandatory	Name of the secret that must have been pre-created. For more information, see "Secrets" on page 19.
guiHost	Mandatory	Host name or IP address of the GUI server.
scaleHostpath	Mandatory	Mount path of the file system specified against `primaryFs`.

Remote cluster support

IBM Spectrum Scale provides a feature to mount an IBM Spectrum Scale file system that belongs to another IBM Spectrum Scale cluster. You can configure IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver to work with a remotely mounted IBM Spectrum Scale cluster. For more information on remote mount setup, see the *Accessing a remote GPFS file system* topic in the *IBM Spectrum Scale: Administration Guide*.

Note: Remote mount setup must be done before configuring IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver.

The remote cluster information must be added to the `csiscaleoperators.csi.ibm.com.cr.yaml` Operator configuration file as another entry in the "`clusters`" section as follows:

```
clusters:
   - id: "< Primary Cluster ID>"
     secrets: "<secret name>"
     secureSslMode: false
     primary:
       primaryFs: "< Primary Filesystem >"
       primaryFset: "< Fileset in Primary Filesystem >"
     restApi:
     - guiHost: "< Primary cluster GUI IP/Hostname >"
   - id: "< Remote Cluster ID >"
     secrets: "< Secret for Remote Cluster >"
     secureSslMode: false
     restApi:
     - guiHost: "< Remote Cluster GUI IP/Hostname >"
```

Note:

- Only one cluster can be configured as a primary cluster in Operator. Primary cluster indicates the IBM Spectrum Scale cluster, which is part of Kubernetes cluster.
- GUI server on the remote cluster must be up and running and also initialized. This is required for fileset-based provisioning of volumes on a remote cluster.
- Secret with remote GUI server credentials must be created before the Operator deployment (For more information, see “Secrets” on page 19.
- If SSL mode is used for communication with the remote GUI server, certificate configmap must be created before the Operator deployment. (For more information, see “Certificates” on page 19).
- If the primary file system is remotely mounted, then add the following parameters in the "`primary`" section:
  - `remoteCluster`: ID of the remote cluster from where the file system is locally mounted
  - `remoteFs`: File system name of the remote cluster. This is needed only if the locally mounted file system name is different from the file system name on the remote cluster.

Using the node selector

You can use nodeSelector to control on what nodes IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver should be installed.

By default, IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver gets deployed on all worker nodes. Node selector controls on which Kubernetes worker nodes IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver should be running. It helps in cases where new worker nodes are added to Kubernetes cluster but does not have IBM Spectrum Scale installed. It helps in ensuring that StatefulSets are running on the desired nodes.

To configure node selector, perform the following steps:

1. Label the Kubernetes worker nodes where StatefulSets should run, as follows:
   - `kubectl label node node1 infranode=1 --overwrite=true`
   - `kubectl label node node2 infranode=2 --overwrite=true`

   Note:
   - Use specific labels like the one for attacher and provisioner StatefulSet only if there is a requirement of running these StatefulSets of very specific nodes. Otherwise, use single label like `scale=true` for running StatefulSets and IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver DaemonSet.
   - Nodes marked for running StatefulSet must be subset of the nodes marked with the `scale=true` label.
2. Label the Kubernetes worker nodes where IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver should run, as follows:

   ```
   kubectl label node node1 scale=true --overwrite=true
   ```
3. Configure the following parameters in the Operator custom resource (`ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-operator-cr.yaml`) under the "spec" section: IBM Spectrum Scale client must be installed and running on the nodes that have the `scale=true` label.

   ```
   attacherNodeSelector:
      - key: "scale"
        value: "true"
   #  - key: "infranode"       # Only if there is requirement of running Attacher
   #    value: "2"             # on specific Node

   provisionerNodeSelector:
      - key: "scale"
        value: "true"
   #  - key: "infranode".      # Only if there is requirement of running Provisioner
   #    value: "1"             # on specific Node

   pluginNodeSelector:
   ```

```
    - key: "scale"
      value: "true"
```

Note: If you choose to run IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver on selective nodes using the nodeSelector, then make sure that the pod using IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver PVC is getting scheduled on the nodes where IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver is running.

Kubernetes to IBM Spectrum Scale node mapping
In some environments, Kubernetes node names might be different from the IBM Spectrum Scale node names. This results in failure during mounting of pods. Kubernetes node to IBM Spectrum Scale node mapping must be configured to address this condition during the Operator configuration.

To configure this, add "nodeMapping" section under "spec" in the `csiscaleoperators.csi.ibm.com.cr.yaml`, as follows:

```
nodeMapping:
   - k8sNode: "kubernetesNode1"
     spectrumscaleNode: "scaleNode1"
   - k8sNode: "kubernetesNode2"
     spectrumscaleNode: "scaleNode2"
```

If Kubernetes node name starts with a number, then add node mapping for such nodes in this format:

```
    - k8sNode: "K8sNodePrefix_<Kubernetes Node Name/ID>"
      spectrumscaleNode: "<Spectrum Scale Node Name/ID>"
```

For example, if Kubernetes node name is 192.168.122.11, then use the following node mapping:

```
    - k8sNode: "K8sNodePrefix_192.168.122.11"
      spectrumscaleNode: "spectrumscalenode11"
```

Note:

- Kubernetes node name is listed by using the `kubectl get nodes` command
- IBM Spectrum Scale node name is listed by the **`mmlscluster`** command.
- All entries for nodes that differ in name must be added

Storage class

Storage class is used for creating lightweight volumes as well as fileset-based volumes.

Storage Class for creating lightweight volumes:

This is the configuration:

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
   name: ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-lt
provisioner: spectrumscale.csi.ibm.com
parameters:
    volBackendFs: "gpfs0"
    volDirBasePath: "pvfileset/lwdir"
reclaimPolicy: Delete
```

Description of the fields

Field name	Description
volBackendFs	File system on which directory-based volume should be created

Field name	Description
volDirBasePath	Base path under which all volumes with this storage class will be created. This path must exist.
uid	uid that should be assigned to the directory. This is optional. uid/gid must exist on the IBM Spectrum Scale GUI node
gid	gid that should be assigned to the directory. This is optional. uid/gid must exist on the IBM Spectrum Scale GUI node

Storage Class for creating fileset based volumes:

Independent fileset storage class:

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
   name: ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-fileset
provisioner: spectrumscale.csi.ibm.com
parameters:
    volBackendFs: "fs1"
    clusterId: "17797813605352210071"
    uid: "1000"
    gid: "1000"
reclaimPolicy: Delete
```

Dependent fileset storage class example:

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
   name: ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-fileset-dependent
provisioner: spectrumscale.csi.ibm.com
parameters:
    volBackendFs: "gpfs0"
    clusterId: "7118073361626808055"
    uid: "1000"
    gid: "1000"
    filesetType: "dependent"
    parentFileset: "independent-fileset-fset1"
reclaimPolicy: Delete
```

Description of the fields

Field name	Description
volBackendFs	File system under which the fileset should be created. In case of remotely mounted file system, this is the local file system name.
clusterId	Cluster ID on which fileset should be created. In case of remotely mounted file system, this should be the remote cluster ID.
uid	uid that will be assigned to the fileset (optional)
gid	gid that will be assigned to fileset (optional)
filesetType	Default is independent if not specified
parentFileset	Parent fileset name.
inodeLimit	inode limit for fileset

Changing the configuration after deployment

IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver configuration can be changed after the driver is deployed. Any change in the configuration post deployment will re-initialize IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver.

Updating a Secret

The IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver leverages secrets to store API authentication. In the event of an authentication going stale, the user will need to update the secret in Kubernetes.

Note: Due to `ansible-operator` constraints, when updating a secret, `kubectl apply` and `kubectl edit` commands are not usable.

To update the secret and have the operator apply it, do the following steps:

1. Edit the `json` or `yaml` defining your secret to have the updated authentication information.

   ```
   export SECRET_NAME="mysecret"
   export NAMESPACE="ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-driver"
   ```

   Note: If you still have a json or yaml file, you can just edit that:

   ```
   kubectl get secret -n ${NAMESPACE} ${SECRET_NAME} -o yaml > secret.yaml
   ```

2. Ensure the secret has the correct labelling.

   ```
       metadata:
           labels:
               app.kubernetes.io/name: ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-operator
   ```

   Note: If the label is not set, the Operator will not trigger.

3. Delete the old secret and apply the updated secret configuration.

   ```
   kubectl delete secret -n ${NAMESPACE} ${SECRET_NAME}
   kubectl apply -f secret.yaml
   ```

After running the fresh apply, you should see the *spec.trigger* field increment if the secret was successfully created. The process may then be monitored in the Operator logs.

Additionally, if the Operator's custom resource was deployed before the secrets were created the above process may be leveraged to start the operator without deleting the Custom Resource.

Cluster Details

To change cluster details such as *guiHost*, remote cluster information or node mapping, edit the **`CSIScaleOperator`** using the following command.

```
oc edit CSIScaleOperator ibm-spectrum-scale-csi  -n  ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-driver
```

When this command is executed, a `vi` editor opens up, which contains a temporary `yaml` file with the contents for *CSIScaleOperator* object. Here, the user can update the cluster details, save the file, and exit. The Operator will restart the IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver with the new configuration.

Chapter 8. Using IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver

Dynamic provisioning

Administrators use dynamic volume provisioning to create storage volumes on-demand.

Do the following steps:

1. Create a storageclass for the type of volume to be created:

   ```
   kubectl apply -f storageclass.yaml
   ```

   For more information, see “Storage class” on page 22.

2. Create a persistent volume claim (PVC) using this storageclass, as follows:

   ```
   # cat pvc.yaml

   apiVersion: v1
   kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
   metadata:
     name: scale-fset-pvc
   spec:
     accessModes:
     - ReadWriteMany
     resources:
       requests:
         storage: 1Gi
     storageClassName: [name_of_your_storageclass]
   ```

   Modify the PVC name, storage, and storageClassName values according to your requirement.

3. Create a PVC by issuing this command:

   ```
   kubectl apply -f pvc.yaml
   ```

Static provisioning

In static provisioning, an administrator creates a number of Persistent Volumes (PVs), which include information about the storage that is available to each user in the cluster.

To create a storage class for static provisioning, do the following steps:

1. Create a persistent volume using the PV manifest file. For more information, see “Creating a persistent volume (PV)” on page 26.
2. Create a persistent volume claim (PVC) using the PVC manifest file. For more information, see “Creating a PersistentVolumeClaim (PVC)” on page 27.

Generating a PV manifest

To generate a PV manifest, use the following script:

```
generate_pv_yaml.sh
```

You can download and run this sample script:

```
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/IBM/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi/v1.1.0/tools/generate_pv_yaml.sh
```

Note: This script should be run on an IBM Spectrum Scale cluster node.

Usage of the script is as follows:

```
Usage: ./generate_pv_yaml.sh
        -f|--filesystem <Name of Volume's Source Filesystem>
        -l|--linkpath <full Path of Volume in Primary Filesystem>
        -s|--size <size in GB>
        [-p|--pvname <name for pv>]
              [-c|--storageclass <StorageClass for pv>]
              [-a|--accessmode <AccessMode for pv>]
        [-h|--help]
```

Example 1: Single file system

```
./generate_pv_yaml.sh --filesystem gpfs0 --linkpath /ibm/gpfs0/fileset1/\
.volumes/staticpv --size 10 --pvname mystaticpv
```

Here, only one file system 'gpfs0' and the directory from the same file system are used as volume.

Example 2: Two or more file systems

```
./generate_pv_yaml.sh --filesystem gpfs1 --linkpath /ibm/gpfs0/fileset1/\
.volumes/staticpv1 --size 10 --pvname mystaticpv1
```

Here, two file systems 'gpfs0' and 'gpfs1' are used, where 'gpfs0' is configured as primary file system. To create a volume from the directory present in the gpfs1 file system (say a directory in the gpfs1 is /ibm/gpfs1/dir1), you need to create a softlink `/ibm/gpfs1/dir1 --> /ibm/gpfs0/fileset1/.volumes/staticpv1` and then issue the following command to generate the `pv.yaml` file:

```
./generate_pv_yaml.sh --filesystem gpfs1 --linkpath /ibm/gpfs0/fileset1/.volumes/staticpv1\
--size 10 --pvname mystaticpv1
```

Note: The script does not validate if softlinks are correctly created. The path that is specified for the `--linkpath` option must be a valid GPFS path from the primary file system.

Creating a persistent volume (PV)

A PersistentVolume (PV) is a storage that is statically provisioned by an administrator or dynamically provisioned using storage classes.

To create a PV, do the following steps:

1. Configure the https://raw.githubusercontent.com/IBM/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi/v1.1.0/driver/examples/static/static_pv.yaml file with the required parameters.
2. Configure persistent volume (PV) manifest file with a volumeHandle as described in this example:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolume
metadata:
        name: static-scale-static-pv
spec:
  capacity:
    storage: 1Gi
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
  csi:
    driver: ibm-spectrum-scale-csi
    volumeHandle: "clusterID;FSUID;path=/gpfs/fs1/staticdir"
```

Field Name	Description
volumeHandle	This must be in the [clusterID];[Filesystem UID];path=[Path to the directory] format
clusterID	ID of the primary cluster

Field Name	Description
	Note: **`mmlscluster`** command displays the current configuration including the cluster ID.
Filesystem UID	This is the UID of the filesystem consisting of directory to be provisioned **Note:** `mmlsfs <filesystem name> --uid` command displays the file system UID.
path	Complete path of the directory to be provisioned.

Note: This manifest file can be auto-generated using the `generate_pv_yaml.sh` tool.

3. Issue this command to create a PV:

```
kubectl apply -f pv.yaml
```

Creating a PersistentVolumeClaim (PVC)

A PVC is a request for storage by a user. There are two types of PVCs, static provisioning and dynamic provisioning.

Create a PVC manifest as follows:

1. Create a `pvc.yaml` file:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
  name: scale-static-pvc
spec:
  accessModes:
  - ReadWriteMany
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 1Gi
```

2. Create a PVC by issuing this command:

```
kubectl apply -f pvc.yaml
```

This PVC will be bound to an available PV with storage equal to or greater than what is specified in the `pvc.yaml` file.

Creating pods

To configure a pod, do the following steps:

1. Create a manifest file (pod.yaml) with pod definition referencing the persistent volume claim (PVC). Following is an example of a pod definition for creating a nginx container using a previously created PVC:

```
# cat pod.yaml

apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: csi-scale-staticdemo-pod
  labels:
    app: nginx
spec:
  containers:
   - name: web-server
     image: nginx
     volumeMounts:
```

```
        - name: mypvc
          mountPath: /usr/share/nginx/html/scale
      ports:
      - containerPort: 80
  volumes:
   - name: mypvc
     persistentVolumeClaim:
       claimName: [pvc name]
       readOnly: false
```

Note: `cliamName` is the PVC name to be used by pod for persistent storage. The readOnly flag can be set to true in which case the pod will mount the PVC in the read-only mode.

2. Issue the following command to create the pod:

```
kubectl apply -f pod.yaml
```

For more information on pods, see https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/configure-pod-container/configure-persistent-volume-storage/.

Chapter 9. Managing IBM Spectrum Scale when used with IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver

When IBM Spectrum Scale is used for providing persistent volumes for containers, then the following must be considered:

Adding a new node to the Kubernetes or Red Hat OpenShift cluster

This topic describes the procedure for adding a node to the Kubernetes or Red Hat OpenShift cluster.

Do the following steps:

1. Add the node to the IBM Spectrum Scale cluster. For more information, see the *mmaddnode* command in the *IBM Spectrum Scale: Command and Programming Reference*.
2. Mount the required file systems on the newly added node.
3. Add the new node into the Kubernetes cluster. For more information, see the Kubernetes documentation.
4. Add a label to the node. For example, `scale = true`
5. Check if the IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver pods are running correctly.

Unmounting IBM Spectrum Scale file system

Follow these steps to unmount IBM Spectrum Scale file systems from a node:

1. Ensure that all the containers that are using the IBM Spectrum Scale file systems being unmounted are moved to other nodes.
2. Ensure that the new pods that are using the IBM Spectrum Scale file systems being unmounted are not scheduled on the node.
3. Unmount the IBM Spectrum Scale file system using the **mmunmount** command.

For more information on the **mmunmount** command, see the *IBM Spectrum Scale: Command and Programming Reference* guide in the IBM Spectrum Scale Knowledge Center.

If you face an issue in unmounting the IBM Spectrum Scale file systems, see the *File system fails to unmount* topic in the *IBM Spectrum Scale: Problem Determination Guide*.

Shutting down IBM Spectrum Scale

Follow these steps to shut down IBM Spectrum Scale when using IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver:

1. Ensure that all the containers that are using the IBM Spectrum Scale file systems that are being unmounted are moved to other nodes.
2. Ensure that the new pods that are using the IBM Spectrum Scale file systems that are being unmounted are not scheduled on the node.
3. Stop Kubernetes and Docker.
4. Shutdown the IBM Spectrum Scale file system using the **mmshutdown** command.

Note: Stop all pods manually before running the **mmshutdown** command. Otherwise, a worker node might crash. If a crash occurs, its recovery involves recovery of the node, followed by manually stopping all pods before resuming any prior shutdown.

For more information on the **mmshutdown** command, see the *IBM Spectrum Scale: Command and Programming Reference* guide in the IBM Spectrum Scale Knowledge Center.

IBM Spectrum Scale monitoring considerations

Consider the following information for IBM Spectrum Scale when using IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver:

If an IBM Spectrum Scale file system that is being used by Kubernetes gets unmounted, or if there is an issue with the IBM Spectrum Scale file system mounted on a particular node, then the applications in the containers that are using the PVC from IBM Spectrum Scale throw an I/O error.

It is recommended that users directly monitor IBM Spectrum Scale for any IBM Spectrum Scale specific issues, since such monitoring is not done by Kubernetes or IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver.

Upgrading IBM Spectrum Scale on IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver nodes

IBM Spectrum Scale can be upgraded on the nodes where IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver is already running.

On the worker nodes

As a first of step of upgrade, one must upgrade IBM Spectrum Scale on the worker nodes.

1. Cordon the worker node so scheduling is disabled.

   ```
   kubectl cordon <node>
   ```

2. Move any workload off of the worker node.
3. Remove the `scale` label from the node.

   ```
   kubectl label <node> scale-
   ```

4. Prepare the worker node to shut down IBM Spectrum Scale.
   a. Check for open files.

      ```
      lsof <filesystem>
      ```

   b. Check for mounted kernel modules.

      ```
      lsmod | grep mm
      ```

   c. If there is any mm* present, then unmount and shut down file systems on the worker node.
      - Check the GPFS status.

        ```
        mmgetstate
        ```

        Note: The GPFS state should be active.
      - To list the mounted file systems across all nodes.

        ```
        mmlsmount all
        ```

- To list disk space usage and more importantly to see what file systems are mounted.

```
df
```

d. Unmount all file systems for the current node.

```
mmunmount all
```

e. Shut down GPFS on the current node.

```
mmshutdown
```

f. Check for open files.

```
lsof <file system>
```

g. Check for mounted kernel modules.

```
lsmod | grep mm
```

Note:

- All file systems must be unmounted, and GPFS shut down. Continue to step 5 to proceed with IBM Spectrum Scale upgrade.
- If there are file systems or mounted kernel modules (mm*) present, then you require a reboot of the worker node to clean up the state. Ensure **autoload** is set to `off` for the node before rebooting.

h. Set **autoload** to `off`.

```
mmchconfig autoload=no -N <node>
```

i. Reboot the worker node.

```
reboot
```

5. Upgrade the IBM Spectrum Scale by using the toolkit, set the worker node as an offline node, exclude the other nodes.
6. After the upgrade is completed, do the following steps:

a. Log on to the worker node and ensure that **autoload** is set back to on.

```
mmchconfig autoload=yes -N <node>
```

b. Log on to the worker node and start GPFS.

```
mmstartup
```

c. Uncordon the worker node.

```
kubectl uncordon <node>
```

d. Relabel the node `scale`.

```
kubectl label node <node> scale=true
```

On the nodes running provisioner and attacher pods

As the next step, you must upgrade IBM Spectrum Scale on the nodes where provisioner and attacher pods are running.

1. Move or stop all pods that use volumes that are managed by the IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver.
2. Drain the nodes so that `StatefulSets` move to other nodes.

```
kubectl drain <nodename> --ignore-daemonsets —delete-local-data
```

3. Remove the `PluginSelector` label that is assigned to the infrastructure node.

```
kubectl label node <nodename> scale-
```

4. Prepare the node to shut down IBM Spectrum Scale.
   a. Check for open files.

```
lsof <filesystem>
```

   b. Check for mounted kernel modules.

```
lsmod | grep mm
```

   c. If there is any mm* present, then unmount and shut down file systems on the node.
      - Ensure that GPFS is active on the node.

```
mmgetstate
```

      - To list the mounted file systems across all nodes.

```
mmlsmount all
```

      - To list disk space usage and more importantly to see what file systems are mounted.

```
df
```

   d. Unmount all file systems for the current node.

```
mmunmount all
```

   e. Shut down GPFS on the current node.

```
mmshutdown
```

   f. Check for open files.

```
lsof <filesystem>
```

   g. Check for mounted kernel modules.

```
lsmod | grep mm
```

   Note:
      - If all file systems are unmounted and GPFS is shut down, continue to step 5 to proceed with IBM Spectrum Scale upgrade.
      - If there are file systems or mounted kernel modules (mm*) present, then do a reboot of the worker node to clean up the state. Ensure that **autoload** is set to `off` for the node before rebooting.

   h. Set **autoload** to `off`.

```
mmchconfig autoload=no -N <node>
```

   i. Reboot the worker node.

```
reboot
```

5. Upgrade the IBM Spectrum Scale using the toolkit, set the worker node as an offline node, and exclude other nodes.
6. After the upgrade is completed, do the following steps:

a. Log on to the worker node to ensure that **autoload** is set back to off.

```
mmchconfig autoload=yes -N <node>
```

b. Log on to the worker node and start GPFS.

```
mmstartup
```

c. Uncordon the node.

```
kubectl uncordon <node>
```

d. Relabel the node with IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver.

```
kubectl label node <node> scale=true
```

Chapter 10. Limitations

This topic describes the limitations that are identified for IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver.

The known limitations are the following:

- IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver does not honor the size specified in `PersistentVolumeClaim` for lightweight volume.
- Maximum number of supported volumes that can be created using independent fileset storage class is 998 (excluding the root fileset and primary fileset reserved for IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver). This is based upon the https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/STXKQY/gpfsclustersfaq.html#filesets.
- IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver relies on the GUI server for performing IBM Spectrum Scale operations. If the GUI password or CA certificate expires, then manual intervention is needed by the admin to reset the password on GUI or generate a new certificate and update the configuration in IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver.
- IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver does not support ReadOnlyMany access mode of PVC.
- IBM Spectrum Scale file systems should remain mounted on worker nodes. If unmounted for some reason, it might affect pods on a node and reboot of the node is required to mount the file system.
- REST API status, used by the IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver, may lag from actual state causing transient failures in provisioning and volume attachment.
- Although multiple instances of the IBM Spectrum Scale GUI are allowed, the IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver is currently limited to point to a single GUI node.
- It is recommended to create PVCs serially. Create a new PVC after the earlier PVC created using the IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver comes in "bound" state. Creating a large number of PVCs in a single batch or deleting all of them simultaneously is not recommended. Such actions might result in overloading the IBM Spectrum Scale GUI node, which in turn might lead to the failure of creation and deletion of filesets on IBM Spectrum Scale.
- The **`df`** command inside a container will not show the correct volume size in the container for lightweight volumes, instead the command will show the size of the file system or fileset based on the `filesetdf` configuration.
- For successful volume creation, UID/GID/username/groupname specified in the storage class must be present in the IBM Spectrum Scale GUI node.

Chapter 11. Troubleshooting

If there is any issue with IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver functionality, you must obtain the logs, which can be done by running the `spectrum-scale-driver-snap.sh` tool. These logs along with the output of the **`gpfs.snap`** command can be used for debugging the issue.

Debug data collection

This topic describes how debug data can be collected by using the `spectrum-scale-driver-snap.sh` tool.

IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver provides the `spectrum-scale-driver-snap.sh` tool to collect the debug data. This tool gathers the state of required Kubernetes resources like nodes, pods, service accounts, and so on and collects `StatefulSet` and `DaemonSet` logs from all nodes. It collects definition of resources in the given namespace with the label, `product=ibm-spectrum-scale-csi`. The collected logs are stored in the given output directory.

Download the tool from this location:

```
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/IBM/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi/v1.1.0/tools/spectrum-scale-driver-snap.sh
```

Usage of the tool

```
spectrum-scale-driver-snap.sh [-n namespace] [-o output-dir] [-h]
```

```
-n: Debug data for CSI resources under this namespace will be collected. If not specified, default namespace is used. The tool returns error if CSI is not running under the given namespace.
-o: Output directory where debug data will be stored. If not specified, the debug data is stored in current directory.
-h: Prints the usage
```

The resultant folder contains the following files with debug information:

- `nodes.json`
- `ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-k8snodes`
- `ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-configmap`
- `ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-get-all-by-label`
- `ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-describe-all-by-label`
- `ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-operator-6d4bd865f6-XXXXX-operator-previous.log`
- `ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-operator-6d4bd865f6-XXXXX-ansible-previous.log`
- `ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-operator-6d4bd865f6-XXXXX-operator.log`
- `ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-operator-6d4bd865f6-XXXXX-ansible.log`
- `ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-describe-CSIScaleOperator`
- `ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-XXXXX-driver-registrar-previous.log`
- `ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-XXXXX-previous.log`
- `ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-XXXXX-driver-registrar.log`
- `ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-XXXXX.log`
- `ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-XXXXX-driver-registrar-previous.log`
- `ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-XXXXX-previous.log`

- ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-XXXXX-driver-registrar.log
- ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-XXXXX.log
- ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-provisioner.log
- ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-attacher.log
- ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-k8snodes
- ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-configmap
- ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-get-all-by-label
- ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-describe-all-by-label
- ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-attacher.log
- ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-provisioner.log
- ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-xxxxx-driver-registrar.log
- ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-xxxxx.log

Debugging initialization issues

This section outlines how to debug IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver initialization issues.

Issue

IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver pod goes in an error state during deployment as detailed in the following example:

```
# kubectl get pod -n ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-driver

NAME                                      READY   STATUS             RESTARTS   AGE
ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-attacher-0         1/1     Running            0          4d2h
ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-dxslh              0/2     Error              20         4d2h
ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-provisioner-0      1/1     Running            0.         4d2h
```

How to troubleshoot this?

Look for the IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver container logs in the IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver pod as shown in the following example, where you can see the root cause of the failure.

```
# kubectl logs ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-dxslh ibm-spectrum-scale-csi

E1017 06:13:07.529701       1 gpfs.go:252] Error getting cluster ID: rpc error: code =
Unauthenticated desc = Unauthorized GET request to https://ip-10-0-73-
79.ec2.internal:443/scalemgmt/v2/cluster: 401 Unauthorized
E1017 06:13:07.529711       1 gpfs.go:196] Error in plugin initialization: rpc error: code =
Unauthenticated desc = Unauthorized GET request to https://ip-10-0-73-
79.ec2.internal:443/scalemgmt/v2/cluster: 401 Unauthorized
F1017 06:13:07.529719       1 main.go:65] Failed to initialize Scale CSI Driver: rpc error:
code
= Unauthenticated desc = Unauthorized GET request to https://ip-10-0-73-
79.ec2.internal:443/scalemgmt/v2/cluster: 401 Unauthorized
```

Debugging PVC creation issues

This section discusses the troubleshooting of PVC creation issues.

Issue

PVC remains in the pending state.

```
# kubectl get pvc  scale-fset-pvc
NAME             STATUS    VOLUME   CAPACITY   ACCESS MODES   STORAGECLASS
AGE
scale-fset-pvc   Pending                                       ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-fileset
9s
```

How to troubleshoot?

Look for the PVC description. It should highlight any error prohibiting the volume creation, as shown in the following example:

```
# kubectl describe pvc scale-fset-pvc
Name:          scale-fset-pvc
Namespace:     ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-driver
StorageClass:  ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-fileset
Status:        Pending
Volume:
Labels:        <none>
Annotations:   volume.beta.kubernetes.io/storage-provisioner: spectrumscale.csi.ibm.com
Finalizers:    [kubernetes.io/pvc-protection]
Capacity:
Access Modes:
VolumeMode:    Filesystem
Events:
  Type       Reason                Age
From
     Message
  ----       ------                ----
----
     -------
  Normal     Provisioning          11s                spectrumscale.csi.ibm.com_ibm-spectrum-
scale-csi-provisioner-0_c58323a3-436a-11ea-9c1a-920ed99f44ce  External provisioner is
provisioning volume for claim "ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-driver/scale-fset-pvc"
  Warning    ProvisioningFailed    10s                spectrumscale.csi.ibm.com_ibm-spectrum-
scale-csi-provisioner-0_c58323a3-436a-11ea-9c1a-920ed99f44ce  failed to provision volume with
StorageClass "ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-fileset": rpc error: code = Internal desc = Unable to
create fileset [pvc-4696a3e4-5006-11ea-8b62-000c2932e5ce] in FS [scale0]. Error [[EFSSG0072C
File set myscalefileset does not exist.]]
  Normal     ExternalProvisioning  10s (x2 over 10s)  persistentvolume-
controller                                                                    waiting for
a volume to be created, either by external provisioner "spectrumscale.csi.ibm.com" or manually
created by system administrator
Mounted By:  <none>
```

Debugging pod mounting issues

This section discusses the troubleshooting of issues related to pod mounting.

Issue

Application pod fails to start and does not go in the Running state

How to troubleshoot?

Look for pod description for the root cause of failure.

```
# kubectl describe pod my-csi-pod -n ibm-spectrum-scale-csi-driver
.
.
Events:
  Type     Reason              Age                    From                     Message
  ----     ------              ----                   ----                     -------
  Normal   Scheduled           8s                     default-scheduler        Successfully
assigned spectrum-scale-csi/csi-scale-fsetdemo-pod to scuttleclaw-compute4
  Warning  FailedAttachVolume  <invalid> (x6 over 8s)  attachdetach-controller
AttachVolume.Attach failed for volume "pvc-f3024f7a-06be-11ea-9384-00505695e231" : rpc error:
code = Internal desc = ControllerPublishVolume : SKIP_MOUNT_UNMOUNT == yes and either fs1 or
fs1 in not mounted on node scuttleclaw-compute4.
```

Root cause

If the above error is seen despite the file system being mounted on a given node, then the root cause is that IBM Spectrum Scale node names and Kubernetes node names are different, and node mapping is not configured. For more information, see “Kubernetes to IBM Spectrum Scale node mapping” on page 22.

Accessibility features for IBM Spectrum Scale

Accessibility features help users who have a disability, such as restricted mobility or limited vision, to use information technology products successfully.

Accessibility features

The following list includes the major accessibility features in IBM Spectrum Scale:

- Keyboard-only operation
- Interfaces that are commonly used by screen readers
- Keys that are discernible by touch but do not activate just by touching them
- Industry-standard devices for ports and connectors
- The attachment of alternative input and output devices

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Glossary

This glossary provides terms and definitions for IBM Spectrum Scale.

The following cross-references are used in this glossary:

- *See* refers you from a nonpreferred term to the preferred term or from an abbreviation to the spelled-out form.
- *See also* refers you to a related or contrasting term.

For other terms and definitions, see the IBM Terminology website (www.ibm.com/software/globalization/terminology) (opens in new window).

B

block utilization
The measurement of the percentage of used subblocks per allocated blocks.

C

cluster
A loosely-coupled collection of independent systems (nodes) organized into a network for the purpose of sharing resources and communicating with each other. See also *GPFS cluster*.

cluster configuration data
The configuration data that is stored on the cluster configuration servers.

Cluster Export Services (CES) nodes
A subset of nodes configured within a cluster to provide a solution for exporting GPFS file systems by using the Network File System (NFS), Server Message Block (SMB), and Object protocols.

cluster manager
The node that monitors node status using disk leases, detects failures, drives recovery, and selects file system managers. The cluster manager must be a quorum node. The selection of the cluster manager node favors the quorum-manager node with the lowest node number among the nodes that are operating at that particular time.

Note: The cluster manager role is not moved to another node when a node with a lower node number becomes active.

clustered watch folder
Provides a scalable and fault-tolerant method for file system activity within an IBM Spectrum Scale file system. A clustered watch folder can watch file system activity on a fileset, inode space, or an entire file system. Events are streamed to an external Kafka sink cluster in an easy-to-parse JSON format. For more information, see the *mmwatch command* in the *IBM Spectrum Scale: Command and Programming Reference*.

control data structures
Data structures needed to manage file data and metadata cached in memory. Control data structures include hash tables and link pointers for finding cached data; lock states and tokens to implement distributed locking; and various flags and sequence numbers to keep track of updates to the cached data.

D

Data Management Application Program Interface (DMAPI)
The interface defined by the Open Group's XDSM standard as described in the publication *System Management: Data Storage Management (XDSM) API Common Application Environment (CAE) Specification C429*, The Open Group ISBN 1-85912-190-X.

deadman switch timer
A kernel timer that works on a node that has lost its disk lease and has outstanding I/O requests. This timer ensures that the node cannot complete the outstanding I/O requests (which would risk causing file system corruption), by causing a panic in the kernel.

dependent fileset
A fileset that shares the inode space of an existing independent fileset.

disk descriptor
A definition of the type of data that the disk contains and the failure group to which this disk belongs. See also *failure group*.

disk leasing
A method for controlling access to storage devices from multiple host systems. Any host that wants to access a storage device configured to use disk leasing registers for a lease; in the event of a perceived failure, a host system can deny access, preventing I/O operations with the storage device until the preempted system has reregistered.

disposition
The session to which a data management event is delivered. An individual disposition is set for each type of event from each file system.

domain
A logical grouping of resources in a network for the purpose of common management and administration.

E

ECKD
See *extended count key data (ECKD)*.

ECKD device
See *extended count key data device (ECKD device)*.

encryption key
A mathematical value that allows components to verify that they are in communication with the expected server. Encryption keys are based on a public or private key pair that is created during the installation process. See also *file encryption key*, *master encryption key*.

extended count key data (ECKD)
An extension of the count-key-data (CKD) architecture. It includes additional commands that can be used to improve performance.

extended count key data device (ECKD device)
A disk storage device that has a data transfer rate faster than some processors can utilize and that is connected to the processor through use of a speed matching buffer. A specialized channel program is needed to communicate with such a device. See also *fixed-block architecture disk device*.

F

failback
Cluster recovery from failover following repair. See also *failover*.

failover
(1) The assumption of file system duties by another node when a node fails. (2) The process of transferring all control of the ESS to a single cluster in the ESS when the other clusters in the ESS fails. See also *cluster*. (3) The routing of all transactions to a second controller when the first controller fails. See also *cluster*.

failure group
A collection of disks that share common access paths or adapter connection, and could all become unavailable through a single hardware failure.

FEK
See *file encryption key*.

fileset
A hierarchical grouping of files managed as a unit for balancing workload across a cluster. See also *dependent fileset*, *independent fileset*.

fileset snapshot
A snapshot of an independent fileset plus all dependent filesets.

file audit logging
Provides the ability to monitor user activity of IBM Spectrum Scale file systems and store events related to the user activity in a security-enhanced fileset. Events are stored in an easy-to-parse JSON format. For more information, see the *mmaudit command* in the *IBM Spectrum Scale: Command and Programming Reference*.

file clone
A writable snapshot of an individual file.

file encryption key (FEK)
A key used to encrypt sectors of an individual file. See also *encryption key*.

file-management policy
A set of rules defined in a policy file that GPFS uses to manage file migration and file deletion. See also *policy*.

file-placement policy
A set of rules defined in a policy file that GPFS uses to manage the initial placement of a newly created file. See also *policy*.

file system descriptor
A data structure containing key information about a file system. This information includes the disks assigned to the file system (*stripe group*), the current state of the file system, and pointers to key files such as quota files and log files.

file system descriptor quorum
The number of disks needed in order to write the file system descriptor correctly.

file system manager
The provider of services for all the nodes using a single file system. A file system manager processes changes to the state or description of the file system, controls the regions of disks that are allocated to each node, and controls token management and quota management.

fixed-block architecture disk device (FBA disk device)
A disk device that stores data in blocks of fixed size. These blocks are addressed by block number relative to the beginning of the file. See also *extended count key data device*.

fragment
The space allocated for an amount of data too small to require a full block. A fragment consists of one or more subblocks.

G

global snapshot
A snapshot of an entire GPFS file system.

GPFS cluster
A cluster of nodes defined as being available for use by GPFS file systems.

GPFS portability layer
The interface module that each installation must build for its specific hardware platform and Linux distribution.

GPFS recovery log
A file that contains a record of metadata activity, and exists for each node of a cluster. In the event of a node failure, the recovery log for the failed node is replayed, restoring the file system to a consistent state and allowing other nodes to continue working.

I

ill-placed file
A file assigned to one storage pool, but having some or all of its data in a different storage pool.

ill-replicated file
A file with contents that are not correctly replicated according to the desired setting for that file. This situation occurs in the interval between a change in the file's replication settings or suspending one of its disks, and the restripe of the file.

independent fileset
A fileset that has its own inode space.

indirect block
A block containing pointers to other blocks.

inode
The internal structure that describes the individual files in the file system. There is one inode for each file.

inode space
A collection of inode number ranges reserved for an independent fileset, which enables more efficient per-fileset functions.

ISKLM
IBM Security Key Lifecycle Manager. For GPFS encryption, the ISKLM is used as an RKM server to store MEKs.

J

journaled file system (JFS)
A technology designed for high-throughput server environments, which are important for running intranet and other high-performance e-business file servers.

junction
A special directory entry that connects a name in a directory of one fileset to the root directory of another fileset.

K

kernel
The part of an operating system that contains programs for such tasks as input/output, management and control of hardware, and the scheduling of user tasks.

M

master encryption key (MEK)
A key used to encrypt other keys. See also *encryption key*.

MEK
See *master encryption key*.

metadata
Data structures that contain information that is needed to access file data. Metadata includes inodes, indirect blocks, and directories. Metadata is not accessible to user applications.

metanode
The one node per open file that is responsible for maintaining file metadata integrity. In most cases, the node that has had the file open for the longest period of continuous time is the metanode.

mirroring
The process of writing the same data to multiple disks at the same time. The mirroring of data protects it against data loss within the database or within the recovery log.

Microsoft Management Console (MMC)

A Windows tool that can be used to do basic configuration tasks on an SMB server. These tasks include administrative tasks such as listing or closing the connected users and open files, and creating and manipulating SMB shares.

multi-tailed
A disk connected to multiple nodes.

N

namespace
Space reserved by a file system to contain the names of its objects.

Network File System (NFS)
A protocol, developed by Sun Microsystems, Incorporated, that allows any host in a network to gain access to another host or netgroup and their file directories.

Network Shared Disk (NSD)
A component for cluster-wide disk naming and access.

NSD volume ID
A unique 16 digit hex number that is used to identify and access all NSDs.

node
An individual operating-system image within a cluster. Depending on the way in which the computer system is partitioned, it may contain one or more nodes.

node descriptor
A definition that indicates how GPFS uses a node. Possible functions include: manager node, client node, quorum node, and nonquorum node.

node number
A number that is generated and maintained by GPFS as the cluster is created, and as nodes are added to or deleted from the cluster.

node quorum
The minimum number of nodes that must be running in order for the daemon to start.

node quorum with tiebreaker disks
A form of quorum that allows GPFS to run with as little as one quorum node available, as long as there is access to a majority of the quorum disks.

non-quorum node
A node in a cluster that is not counted for the purposes of quorum determination.

Non-Volatile Memory Express (NVMe)
An interface specification that allows host software to communicate with non-volatile memory storage media.

P

policy
A list of file-placement, service-class, and encryption rules that define characteristics and placement of files. Several policies can be defined within the configuration, but only one policy set is active at one time.

policy rule
A programming statement within a policy that defines a specific action to be performed.

pool
A group of resources with similar characteristics and attributes.

portability
The ability of a programming language to compile successfully on different operating systems without requiring changes to the source code.

primary GPFS cluster configuration server
In a GPFS cluster, the node chosen to maintain the GPFS cluster configuration data.

private IP address
A IP address used to communicate on a private network.

public IP address
A IP address used to communicate on a public network.

Q

quorum node
A node in the cluster that is counted to determine whether a quorum exists.

quota
The amount of disk space and number of inodes assigned as upper limits for a specified user, group of users, or fileset.

quota management
The allocation of disk blocks to the other nodes writing to the file system, and comparison of the allocated space to quota limits at regular intervals.

R

Redundant Array of Independent Disks (RAID)
A collection of two or more disk physical drives that present to the host an image of one or more logical disk drives. In the event of a single physical device failure, the data can be read or regenerated from the other disk drives in the array due to data redundancy.

recovery
The process of restoring access to file system data when a failure has occurred. Recovery can involve reconstructing data or providing alternative routing through a different server.

remote key management server (RKM server)
A server that is used to store master encryption keys.

replication
The process of maintaining a defined set of data in more than one location. Replication involves copying designated changes for one location (a source) to another (a target), and synchronizing the data in both locations.

RKM server
See *remote key management server*.

rule
A list of conditions and actions that are triggered when certain conditions are met. Conditions include attributes about an object (file name, type or extension, dates, owner, and groups), the requesting client, and the container name associated with the object.

S

SAN-attached
Disks that are physically attached to all nodes in the cluster using Serial Storage Architecture (SSA) connections or using Fibre Channel switches.

Scale Out Backup and Restore (SOBAR)
A specialized mechanism for data protection against disaster only for GPFS file systems that are managed by IBM Spectrum Protect Hierarchical Storage Management (HSM).

secondary GPFS cluster configuration server
In a GPFS cluster, the node chosen to maintain the GPFS cluster configuration data in the event that the primary GPFS cluster configuration server fails or becomes unavailable.

Secure Hash Algorithm digest (SHA digest)
A character string used to identify a GPFS security key.

session failure
The loss of all resources of a data management session due to the failure of the daemon on the session node.

session node
The node on which a data management session was created.

Small Computer System Interface (SCSI)
An ANSI-standard electronic interface that allows personal computers to communicate with peripheral hardware, such as disk drives, tape drives, CD-ROM drives, printers, and scanners faster and more flexibly than previous interfaces.

snapshot
An exact copy of changed data in the active files and directories of a file system or fileset at a single point in time. See also *fileset snapshot*, *global snapshot*.

source node
The node on which a data management event is generated.

stand-alone client
The node in a one-node cluster.

storage area network (SAN)
A dedicated storage network tailored to a specific environment, combining servers, storage products, networking products, software, and services.

storage pool
A grouping of storage space consisting of volumes, logical unit numbers (LUNs), or addresses that share a common set of administrative characteristics.

stripe group
The set of disks comprising the storage assigned to a file system.

striping
A storage process in which information is split into blocks (a fixed amount of data) and the blocks are written to (or read from) a series of disks in parallel.

subblock
The smallest unit of data accessible in an I/O operation, equal to one thirty-second of a data block.

system storage pool
A storage pool containing file system control structures, reserved files, directories, symbolic links, special devices, as well as the metadata associated with regular files, including indirect blocks and extended attributes The `system storage pool` can also contain user data.

T

token management
A system for controlling file access in which each application performing a read or write operation is granted some form of access to a specific block of file data. Token management provides data consistency and controls conflicts. Token management has two components: the token management server, and the token management function.

token management function
A component of token management that requests tokens from the token management server. The token management function is located on each cluster node.

token management server
A component of token management that controls tokens relating to the operation of the file system. The token management server is located at the file system manager node.

transparent cloud tiering (TCT)
A separately installable add-on feature of IBM Spectrum Scale that provides a native cloud storage tier. It allows data center administrators to free up on-premise storage capacity, by moving out cooler data to the cloud storage, thereby reducing capital and operational expenditures. .

twin-tailed
A disk connected to two nodes.

U

user storage pool
A storage pool containing the blocks of data that make up user files.

V

VFS
See *virtual file system*.

virtual file system (VFS)
A remote file system that has been mounted so that it is accessible to the local user.

virtual node (vnode)
The structure that contains information about a file system object in a virtual file system (VFS).

W

watch folder API
Provides a programming interface where a custom C program can be written that incorporates the ability to monitor inode spaces, filesets, or directories for specific user activity-related events within IBM Spectrum Scale file systems. For more information, a sample program is provided in the following directory on IBM Spectrum Scale nodes: `/usr/lpp/mmfs/samples/util` called tswf that can be modified according to the user's needs.

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