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1. Introduction

This guide describes the steps to integrate the nShield Container Option Pack (nSCOP) with Mirantis Kubernetes Engine. The nSCOP provides application developers, within a container-based Mirantis Kubernetes Engine environment, the ability to access the cryptographic functionality of an nShield Hardware Security Module (HSM).

1.1. Product configurations

We have successfully tested nShield HSM integration with Mirantis Kubernetes Engine in the following configurations:

Software	Version
nSCOP	1.1.1
Operating System	CentOS 8
Mirantis Kubernetes Engine	3.4.5
Mirantis Container Runtime	20.10.7

1.2. Supported nShield hardware and software versions

We have successfully tested with the following nShield hardware and software versions:

1.2.1. Connect XC

Security World Software	Firmware	Image	OCS	Softcard	Module
12.71.0	12.50.11	12.60.10	✓	✓	✓

1.2.2. Connect +

Security World Software	Firmware	Image	OCS	Softcard	Module
12.71.0	12.50.8	12.60.10	✓	✓	✓

1.3. Supported nShield HSM functionality

Feature	Support
Module-only key	Yes
OCS cards	Yes
Softcards	Yes
nSaaS	Yes
FIPS 140-2 Level 3	Yes

1.4. Requirements

Before installing these products, read the associated documentation:

- For the nShield HSM: *Installation Guide* and *User Guide*.
- If nShield Remote Administration is to be used: *nShield Remote Administration User Guide*.
- *nShield Container Option Pack User Guide*.
- MCR documentation (<https://docs.mirantis.com/mcr/20.10/install/mcr-linux.html>)
- MKE documentation (<https://docs.mirantis.com/mke/3.4/index.html>).
- kubectl documentation (<https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/tools/install-kubectl-linux/>)

Furthermore, the following design decisions have an impact on how the HSM is installed and configured:

- Whether your Security World must comply with FIPS 140-2 Level 3 standards.
 - If using FIPS Restricted mode, it is advisable to create an OCS for FIPS authorization. The OCS can also provide key protection for the Vault master key. For information about limitations on FIPS authorization, see the *Installation Guide* of the nShield HSM.
- Whether to instantiate the Security World as recoverable or not.

1.5. More information

For more information about OS support, contact your Mirantis sales representative or Entrust nShield Support, <https://nshieldsupport.entrust.com>.

2. Procedures

2.1. Prerequisites

Before you can use nSCOP and pull the nSCOP container images to the external registry, complete the following steps:

1. Install the Mirantis Container Runtime on the host machine. This can be a VM running CentOS 8 or other compatible Operating Systems.
2. Install the Mirantis Kubernetes Engine on the host machine.
3. Install kubectl on the host machine.
4. Set up the HSM. See the Installation Guide for your HSM.
5. Configure the HSM(s) to have the IP address of your container host machine as a client.
6. Load an existing Security World or create a new one on the HSM. Copy the Security World and module files to your container host machine at a directory of your choice. Instructions on how to copy these two files into a persistent volume accessible by the application containers are given when you create the persistent volume during the deployment of MKE.
7. Install nSCOP and create the containers that contain your application. For the purpose of this guide you will need the nSCOP hardserver container and your application container. In this guide they are referred to as the *nshield-hwsp* and *nshield-app* containers. For instructions, see the *nShield Container Option Pack User Guide*.

For more information on configuring and managing nShield HSMs, Security Worlds, and Remote File Systems, see the User Guide for your HSM(s).

2.2. Push the nSCOP container images to an internal Docker registry

You will need to register the nSCOP container images you created to a Docker registry so they can be used when you deploy the Kubernetes pods later. In this guide, the external registry is <docker-registry-address>. Distribution of the nSCOP container image is not permitted because the software components are under strict export controls.

To deploy an nSCOP container images for use with Mirantis Kubernetes Engine:

1. Log in to the container host machine server as root, and launch a terminal window. We assume that you have built the nSCOP container images in this host and that they are available locally in Docker. They are: *nshield-hwsp:12.71.0* and *nshield-*

app:12.71.0.

2. Log in to the Docker registry.

```
% docker login -u YOURUSERID https://<docker-registry-address>
```

3. Register the images:

a. Tag the images:

```
% sudo docker tag nshield-hwsp:12.71.0 <docker-registry-address>/nshield-hwsp  
% sudo docker tag nshield-app:12.71.0 <docker-registry-address>/nshield-app
```

b. Push the images to the registry:

```
% sudo docker push <docker-registry-address>/nshield-hwsp  
% sudo docker push <docker-registry-address>/nshield-app
```

c. Remove the local images:

```
% sudo docker rmi <docker-registry-address>/nshield-hwsp  
% sudo docker rmi <docker-registry-address>/nshield-app
```

d. List the images:

```
% sudo docker images
```

e. Pull the images from the registry:

```
% sudo docker pull <docker-registry-address>/nshield-hwsp  
% sudo docker pull <docker-registry-address>/nshield-app
```

f. List the images:

```
% sudo docker images
```

2.3. Create the registry secrets

At the beginning of our process, we created nSCOP Docker containers and we pushed them to our internal Docker registry. Now it is necessary to let MKE know about how to authenticate to that registry.

1. Create the secret.

```
% kubectl create secret generic regcred --from-file= dockerconfigjson=/home/<YOUR USER ID>/.docker/config.json
--type=kubernetes.io/dockerconfigjson
```

2. Check if the secret was created.

```
% kubectl get secret regcred --output=yaml
```

2.3.1. Create the Configuration Map for the HSM details

We have created a `.yaml` file that can be modified according to the HSM you are using. Edit the file accordingly.



This integration was tested using `kubectl` commands for generating kubernetes objects with `yaml` files. The MKE web ui provides an alternative interface that can be used to generate these objects, and view them. See MKE documentation for more information.

For example:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
  name: config
data:
  config: |
    syntax-version=1

    [nethsm_imports]
    local_module=1
    remote_esn=BD10-03E0-D947
    remote_ip=10.194.148.36
    remote_port=9004
    keyhash=2dd7c10c73a3c5346d1246e6a8cf6766a7088e41
    privileged=0
```

1. Create the Config Map.

```
% kubectl apply -f configmap.yaml

configmap/config created
```

2. Verify the config map was created successfully.


```
% kubectl describe configmap/config

Name:         config
Namespace:    default
Labels:       <none>
Annotations:
Data
====
config:

syntax-version=1

[nethsm_imports]
local_module=1
remote_esn=BD10-03E0-D947
remote_ip=10.194.148.36
remote_port=9004
keyhash=2dd7c10c73a3c5346d1246e6a8cf6766a7088e41
privileged=0

Events:      <none>
```

2.3.2. Create the MKE persistent Volumes

This section describes how the persistent volumes is created in MKE.



Before you proceed with the creation of the persistent volume, you must create the directory `/opt/nfast/kmdata/local` in your host machine and copy the Security World and module files to it.

The example YAML files below are used to create and claim the persistent volume.

- The `persistent_volume_kmdata_definition.yaml` file:

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolume
metadata:
  name: nfast-kmdata
  labels:
    type: local
spec:
  storageClassName: manual
  capacity:
    storage: 1G
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
  persistentVolumeReclaimPolicy: Retain
  hostPath:
    path: /opt/nfast/kmdata
```

- The `persistent_volume_kmdata_claim.yaml` file:

```

apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
  name : nfast-kmdata
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
  storageClassName: local-storage
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 1G
  storageClassName: manual

```

1. Apply the definition file to MKE.

```

% kubectl apply -f persistent_volume_kmdata_definition.yaml

persistentvolume/nfast-kmdata created

```

2. Verify the persistent volume has been created.

```

% kubectl get pv

NAME CAPACITY ACCESS MODES RECLAIM POLICY STATUS CLAIM STORAGECLASS REASON AGE
nfast-kmdata 1G RWO Retain Available manual 43m

```

3. Create the claim.

```

% kubectl apply -f persistent_volume_kmdata_claim.yaml

persistentvolumeclaim/nfast-kmdata created

```

4. Verify the claim has been created.

```

% kubectl get pvc

NAME STATUS VOLUME CAPACITY ACCESS MODES STORAGECLASS AGE
nfast-kmdata Bound nfast-kmdata 1G RWO manual 61m

% kubectl get pv

NAME CAPACITY ACCESS MODES RECLAIM POLICY STATUS CLAIM STORAGECLASS
REASON AGE
nfast-kmdata 1G RWO Retain Bound default/nfast-kmdata manual
67m

```

2.3.3. Deploy the nSCOP Pod with your application

You will need to create a `.yaml` file that defines how to launch the hardserver and your application container into MKE. The examples below were created to show how you can talk to the HSM from inside the Kubernetes pod. Each example shows how to execute the following commands: `enquiry` and `nfkminfo`.

2.3.3.1. Populating the persistent volume with the world and module file

Before running any of the applications, `/opt/nfast/kmdata/local` in the persistent volume needs to be updated with the latest world and module files. To do this, create a yaml file to run a pod that gives access to the persistent volume so these files can be copied.

For example, the following `persistent_volume_kmdata_populate.yaml` file shows how to get access to the persistent volume:

```
kind: Pod
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: nscop-populate-kmdata
  labels:
    app: nshield
spec:
  imagePullSecrets:
    - name: regcred
  containers:
    - name: nscop-kmdata
      command:
        - sh
        - '-c'
        - sleep 3600
      image: <docker-registry-address>/nshield-app
      ports:
        - containerPort: 8080
          protocol: TCP
      resources: {}
      volumeMounts:
        - name: nscop-kmdata
          mountPath: /opt/nfast/kmdata
        - name: nscop-sockets
          mountPath: /opt/nfast/sockets
  securityContext: {}
  volumes:
    - name: nscop-config
      configMap:
        name: config
        defaultMode: 420
    - name: nscop-hardserver
      emptyDir: {}
    - name: nscop-kmdata
      persistentVolumeClaim:
        claimName: nfast-kmdata
    - name: nscop-sockets
      emptyDir: {}
```

- Deploy the pod

```
% kubectl apply -f persistent_volume_kmdata_populate.yaml
```

- Check if the Pod is running

```
% kubectl get pods
```

You should see the deployment taking place. Wait 10 seconds and run the command again until the status is Running. This will also let you know if there are any errors. If

there are errors, run the following command:

```
% kubectl describe pod nscop-populate-kmdata
```

- Copy the module file to /opt/nfast/kmdata/local in the pod.

```
% kubectl cp /opt/nfast/kmdata/Local/module_BD10-03E0-D947 nscop-populate-kmdata:/opt/nfast/kmdata/Local/.
```

- Copy the world file to /opt/nfast/kmdata/local in the pod.

```
% kubectl cp /opt/nfast/kmdata/local/world nscop-populate-kmdata:/opt/nfast/kmdata/local/.
```

- Check if the files are in the persistent volume.

```
% kubectl exec nscop-populate-kmdata -- ls -al /opt/nfast/kmdata/local
```

```
total 68
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Sep 20 18:40 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Dec 16 2020 ..
-rwxrwxrwx 1 root 1001 3488 Sep 20 18:40 module_BD10-03E0-D947
-rwxrwxrwx 1 root 1001 39968 Sep 20 18:40 world
```

2.3.3.2. Running the enquiry command

To run the **enquiry** command, which prints enquiry data from the module, use the following pod_enquiry_app.yaml file.

```

kind: Pod
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: nscop-test-enquiry
  labels:
    app: nshield
spec:
  imagePullSecrets:
    - name: regcred
  containers:
    - name: nscop
      command:
        - sh
        - '-c'
        - /opt/nfast/bin/enquiry && sleep 3600
      image: <docker-registry-address>/nshield-app
      ports:
        - containerPort: 8080
          protocol: TCP
      resources: {}
      volumeMounts:
        - name: nscop-kmdata
          mountPath: /opt/nfast/kmdata
        - name: nscop-sockets
          mountPath: /opt/nfast/sockets
    - name: nscop-hwsp
      image: <docker-registry-address>/nshield-hwsp
      ports:
        - containerPort: 8080
          protocol: TCP
      resources: {}
      volumeMounts:
        - name: nscop-config
          mountPath: /opt/nfast/kmdata/config
        - name: nscop-hardserver
          mountPath: /opt/nfast/kmdata/hardserver.d
        - name: nscop-sockets
          mountPath: /opt/nfast/sockets
  volumes:
    - name: nscop-config
      configMap:
        name: config
        defaultMode: 420
    - name: nscop-hardserver
      emptyDir: {}
    - name: nscop-kmdata
      persistentVolumeClaim:
        claimName: nfast-kmdata
    - name: nscop-sockets
      emptyDir: {}

```

In this example, <docker_registry-address> is the address of your internal docker registry server.

- Deploy the pod.

```
% kubectl apply -f pod_enquiry_app.yaml
```

- Check if the Pod is running.

```
% kubectl get pods
```

You should see the deployment taking place. Wait 10 seconds and run the command again until the status is Running. This will also let you know if there are any errors. If there are errors, run the following command:

```
% kubectl describe pod nscop-test-enquiry
```

- Check if the **enquiry** command ran successfully.

```
% kubectl logs pod/nscop-test-enquiry nscop
```

Server:

```
enquiry reply flags none
enquiry reply level Six
serial number BD10-03E0-D947
mode operational
version 12.71.0
speed index 478
rec. queue 110..208
level one flags Hardware HasTokens SupportsCommandState
version string 12.71.0-353-f63c551, 12.50.11-270-fb3b87dd465b6f6e53d9f829fc034f8be2dafd13 2019/05/16 22:02:33
BST, Bootloader: 1.2.3, Security Processor: 12.50.11 , 12.60.10-708-ea4dc41d
checked in 00000006053229a Thu Mar 18 09:51:22 2021
level two flags none
max. write size 8192
level three flags KeyStorage
level four flags OrderlyClearUnit HasRTC HasNVRAM HasNSOPermsCmd ServerHasPollCmds FastPollSlotList HasSEE
HasKLF HasShareACL HasFeatureEnable HasFileOp HasLongJobs ServerHasLongJobs AESModuleKeys NTokenCmds
JobFragmentation LongJobsPreferred Type2Smartcard
module type code 0
product name nFast server
device name
EnquirySix version 4
impath kx groups
feature ctrl flags none
features enabled none
version serial 0
level six flags none
remote server port 9004
kneti hash 5ebd9844cd9896ed40829c3bafa91a5bbba7a886
```

Module #1:

```
enquiry reply flags UnprivOnly
enquiry reply level Six
serial number BD10-03E0-D947
mode operational
version 12.50.11
speed index 478
rec. queue 22..50
level one flags Hardware HasTokens SupportsCommandState
version string 12.50.11-270-fb3b87dd465b6f6e53d9f829fc034f8be2dafd13 2019/05/16 22:02:33 BST, Bootloader:
1.2.3, Security Processor: 12.50.11 , 12.60.10-708-ea4dc41d
checked in 00000005cddcfe9 Thu May 16 21:02:33 2019
level two flags none
max. write size 8192
level three flags KeyStorage
level four flags OrderlyClearUnit HasRTC HasNVRAM HasNSOPermsCmd ServerHasPollCmds FastPollSlotList HasSEE
HasKLF HasShareACL HasFeatureEnable HasFileOp HasLongJobs ServerHasLongJobs AESModuleKeys NTokenCmds
JobFragmentation LongJobsPreferred Type2Smartcard ServerHasCreateClient HasInitialiseUnitEx AlwaysUseStrongPrimes
Type3Smartcard HasKLF2
module type code 12
product name nC3025E/nC4035E/nC4335N
device name Rt1
EnquirySix version 7
impath kx groups DHPrime1024 DHPrime3072 DHPrime3072Ex
feature ctrl flags LongTerm
features enabled StandardKM EllipticCurve ECCMQV AcceleratedECC HSMBaseSpeed
```

```
version serial      37
connection status   OK
connection info     esn = BD10-03E0-D947; addr = INET/10.194.148.36/9004; ku hash =
383666ac8d0a8062519b9baa964d0af8014e5d8d, mech = Any
image version       12.60.10-507-ea4dc41d
level six flags     none
max exported modules 100
rec. LongJobs queue 21
SEE machine type    PowerPCELF
supported KML types DSAP1024s160 DSAP3072s256
using impath kx grp DHPrime3072Ex
active modes        UseFIPSAprovedInternalMechanisms AlwaysUseStrongPrimes FIPSLevel3Enforcedv2
hardware status     OK
```

2.3.3.3. nfkminfo

The following `pod_nfkminfo_app.yaml` file shows how to run the `nfkminfo` command which shows information about the current security world.

```

kind: Pod
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: nscop-test-nfkminfo
  labels:
    app: nshield
spec:
  imagePullSecrets:
    - name: regcred
  containers:
    - name: nscop
      command:
        - sh
        - '-c'
        - /opt/nfast/bin/nfkminfo && sleep 3600
      image: <docker-registry-address>/nshield-app
      ports:
        - containerPort: 8080
          protocol: TCP
      resources: {}
      volumeMounts:
        - name: nscop-kmdata
          mountPath: /opt/nfast/kmdata
        - name: nscop-sockets
          mountPath: /opt/nfast/sockets
    - name: nscop-hwsp
      image: <docker-registry-address>/nshield-hwsp
      ports:
        - containerPort: 8080
          protocol: TCP
      resources: {}
      volumeMounts:
        - name: nscop-config
          mountPath: /opt/nfast/kmdata/config
        - name: nscop-hardserver
          mountPath: /opt/nfast/kmdata/hardserver.d
        - name: nscop-sockets
          mountPath: /opt/nfast/sockets
  volumes:
    - name: nscop-config
      configMap:
        name: config
        defaultMode: 420
    - name: nscop-hardserver
      emptyDir: {}
    - name: nscop-kmdata
      persistentVolumeClaim:
        claimName: nfast-kmdata
    - name: nscop-sockets
      emptyDir: {}

```

In this example, <docker_registry-address> is the address of your internal docker registry server.

- Deploy the pod.

```
% kubectl apply -f pod_nfkminfo_app.yaml
```

- Check if the Pod is running.

```
% kubectl get pods
```



```

Module #1 Slot #2 IC 29
generation      1
phystype        SmartCard
slotlistflags   0x180002 SupportsAuthentication DynamicSlot Associated
state           0x6 Unidentified
flags           0x0
shareno         1
shares          1
error           OK
No Cardset

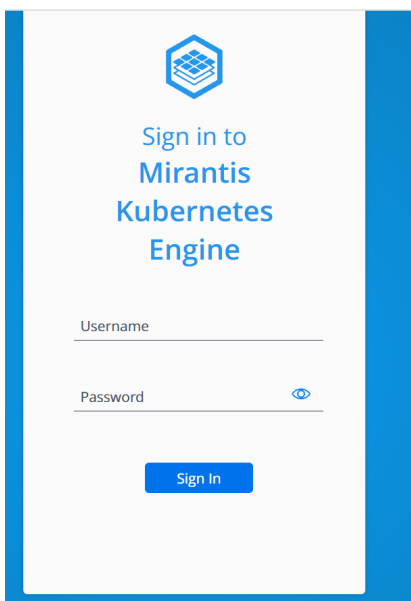
Module #1 Slot #3 IC 0
generation      1
phystype        SmartCard
slotlistflags   0x80002 SupportsAuthentication DynamicSlot
state           0x2 Empty
flags           0x0
shareno         0
shares          0
error           OK
No Cardset

No Pre-Loaded Objects

```

2.3.4. Test MKE Web Interface

- Open a web browser and go to <https://<host-node-ip-address>>;



- Log in with the account created during MKE installation.
- Navigate on the left pane to Kubernetes > Pods.
- The pods created should be shown running on this page.

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