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# **cloud-init**

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Cloud-init is the *industry standard* multi-distribution method for cross-platform cloud instance initialization. It is supported across all major public cloud providers, provisioning systems for private cloud infrastructure, and bare-metal installations.

Cloud instances are initialized from a disk image and instance data:

- Cloud metadata
- User data (optional)
- Vendor data (optional)

Cloud-init will identify the cloud it is running on during boot, read any provided metadata from the cloud and initialize the system accordingly. This may involve setting up the network and storage devices to configuring SSH access key and many other aspects of a system. Later on the cloud-init will also parse and process any optional user or vendor data that was passed to the instance.



Having trouble? We would like to help!

- Try the [FAQ](#) – its got answers to some common questions
- Ask a question in the `#cloud-init` IRC channel on Freenode
- Join and ask questions on the [cloud-init mailing list](#)
- Find a bug? [Report bugs on Launchpad](#)

## 1.1 Availability

Below outlines the current availability of cloud-init across distributions and clouds, both public and private.

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**Note:** If a distribution or cloud does not show up in the list below contact them and ask for images to be generated using cloud-init!

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### 1.1.1 Distributions

Cloud-init has support across all major Linux distributions and FreeBSD:

- Ubuntu
- SLES/openSUSE
- RHEL/CentOS
- Fedora
- Gentoo Linux
- Debian
- ArchLinux

- FreeBSD

## 1.1.2 Clouds

Cloud-init provides support across a wide ranging list of execution environments in the public cloud:

- Amazon Web Services
- Microsoft Azure
- Google Cloud Platform
- Oracle Cloud Infrastructure
- Softlayer
- Rackspace Public Cloud
- IBM Cloud
- Digital Ocean
- Bigstep
- Hetzner
- Joyent
- CloudSigma
- Alibaba Cloud
- OVH
- OpenNebula
- Exoscale
- Scaleway
- CloudStack
- AltCloud
- SmartOS

Additionally, cloud-init is supported on these private clouds:

- Bare metal installs
- OpenStack
- LXD
- KVM
- Metal-as-a-Service (MAAS)

## 1.2 Boot Stages

In order to be able to provide the functionality that it does, cloud-init must be integrated into the boot in a fairly controlled way. There are five stages to boot:

1. Generator



2. Local
3. Network
4. Config
5. Final

### 1.2.1 Generator

When booting under systemd, a [generator](#) will run that determines if `cloud-init.target` should be included in the boot goals. By default, this generator will enable cloud-init. It will not enable cloud-init if either:

- The file `/etc/cloud/cloud-init.disabled` exists
- The kernel command line as found in `/proc/cmdline` contains `cloud-init=disabled`. When running in a container, the kernel command line is not honored, but cloud-init will read an environment variable named `KERNEL_CMDLINE` in its place.

Again, these mechanisms for disabling cloud-init at runtime currently only exist in systemd.

### 1.2.2 Local

systemd service	<code>cloud-init-local.service</code>
runs	as soon as possible with / mounted read-write
blocks	as much of boot as possible, <i>must</i> block network
modules	none

The purpose of the local stage is to:

- locate “local” data sources.
- apply networking configuration to the system (including “Fallback”)

In most cases, this stage does not do much more than that. It finds the datasource and determines the network configuration to be used. That network configuration can come from:

- **datasource:** cloud provided network configuration via metadata
- **fallback:** cloud-init’s fallback networking consists of rendering the equivalent to “`dhcp on eth0`”, which was historically the most popular mechanism for network configuration of a guest
- **none:** network configuration can be disabled by writing the file `/etc/cloud/cloud.cfg` with the content:  
`network: {config: disabled}`

If this is an instance’s first boot, then the selected network configuration is rendered. This includes clearing of all previous (stale) configuration including persistent device naming with old mac addresses.

This stage must block network bring-up or any stale configuration might already have been applied. That could have negative effects such as DHCP hooks or broadcast of an old hostname. It would also put the system in an odd state to recover from as it may then have to restart network devices.

Cloud-init then exits and expects for the continued boot of the operating system to bring network configuration up as configured.

**Note:** In the past, local data sources have been only those that were available without network (such as ‘ConfigDrive’). However, as seen in the recent additions to the DigitalOcean datasource, even data sources that require a network can operate at this stage.

### 1.2.3 Network

systemd service	<code>cloud-init.service</code>
runs	after local stage and configured networking is up
blocks	as much of remaining boot as possible
modules	<code>cloud_init_modules</code> in <code>/etc/cloud/cloud.cfg</code>

This stage requires all configured networking to be online, as it will fully process any user-data that is found. Here, processing means:

- retrieve any `#include` or `#include-once` (recursively) including `http`
- decompress any compressed content
- run any part-handler found.

This stage runs the `disk_setup` and `mounts` modules which may partition and format disks and configure mount points (such as in `/etc/fstab`). Those modules cannot run earlier as they may receive configuration input from sources only available via network. For example, a user may have provided user-data in a network resource that describes how local mounts should be done.

On some clouds such as Azure, this stage will create filesystems to be mounted, including ones that have stale (previous instance) references in `/etc/fstab`. As such, entries `/etc/fstab` other than those necessary for cloud-init to run should not be done until after this stage.

A part-handler will run at this stage, as will boot-hooks including `cloud-config bootcmd`. The user of this functionality has to be aware that the system is in the process of booting when their code runs.

### 1.2.4 Config

systemd service	<code>cloud-config.service</code>
runs	after network
blocks	nothing
modules	<code>cloud_config_modules</code> in <code>/etc/cloud/cloud.cfg</code>

This stage runs config modules only. Modules that do not really have an effect on other stages of boot are run here.

### 1.2.5 Final

systemd service	<code>cloud-final.service</code>
runs	as final part of boot (traditional “rc.local”)
blocks	nothing
modules	<code>cloud_final_modules</code> in <code>/etc/cloud/cloud.cfg</code>

This stage runs as late in boot as possible. Any scripts that a user is accustomed to running after logging into a system should run correctly here. Things that run here include

- package installations
- configuration management plugins (puppet, chef, salt-minion)
- user-scripts (including `runcmd`).

For scripts external to cloud-init looking to wait until cloud-init is finished, the `cloud-init status` subcommand can help block external scripts until cloud-init is done without having to write your own systemd units dependency chains. See [status](#) for more info.

## 1.3 CLI Interface

For the latest list of subcommands and arguments use cloud-init's `--help` option. This can be used against cloud-init itself or any of its subcommands.

```
$ cloud-init --help
usage: /usr/bin/cloud-init [-h] [--version] [--file FILES] [--debug] [--force]
                        {init,modules,single,query,dhclient-hook,features,analyze,
↳ devel,collect-logs,clean,status}
                        ...

optional arguments:
-h, --help            show this help message and exit
--version, -v         show program's version number and exit
--file FILES, -f FILES
                        additional yaml configuration files to use
--debug, -d          show additional pre-action logging (default: False)
--force              force running even if no datasource is found (use at
                        your own risk)

Subcommands:
{init,modules,single,query,dhclient-hook,features,analyze,devel,collect-logs,clean,
↳ status}
  init                initializes cloud-init and performs initial modules
  modules            activates modules using a given configuration key
  single             run a single module
  query              Query standardized instance metadata from the command
                    line.
  dhclient-hook      Run the dhclient hook to record network info.
  features            list defined features
  analyze            Devel tool: Analyze cloud-init logs and data
  devel              Run development tools
  collect-logs       Collect and tar all cloud-init debug info
  clean              Remove logs and artifacts so cloud-init can re-run.
  status             Report cloud-init status or wait on completion.
```

The rest of this document will give an overview of each of the subcommands.

### 1.3.1 analyze

Get detailed reports of where cloud-init spends its time during the boot process. For more complete reference see [analyze](#).

Possible subcommands include:

- *blame*: report ordered by most costly operations
- *dump*: machine-readable JSON dump of all cloud-init tracked events
- *show*: show time-ordered report of the cost of operations during each boot stage
- *boot*: show timestamps from kernel initialization, kernel finish initialization, and cloud-init start

### 1.3.2 clean

Remove cloud-init artifacts from `/var/lib/cloud` to simulate a clean instance. On reboot, cloud-init will re-run all stages as it did on first boot.

- `-logs`: optionally remove all cloud-init log files in `/var/log/`
- `-reboot`: reboot the system after removing artifacts

### 1.3.3 collect-logs

Collect and tar cloud-init generated logs, data files, and system information for triage. This subcommand is integrated with `apport`.

Logs collected include:

- `/var/log/cloud-init.log`
- `/var/log/cloud-init-output.log`
- `/run/cloud-init`
- `/var/lib/cloud/instance/user-data.txt`
- cloud-init package version
- `dmesg` output
- `journalctl` output

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**Note:** Ubuntu users can file bugs with `ubuntu-bug cloud-init` to automatically attach these logs to a bug report

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### 1.3.4 devel

Collection of development tools under active development. These tools will likely be promoted to top-level subcommands when stable.

Do **NOT** rely on the output of these commands as they can and will change.

Current subcommands:

- `schema`: a **#cloud-config** format and schema validator. It accepts a cloud-config yaml file and annotates potential schema errors locally without the need for deployment. Schema validation is work in progress and supports a subset of cloud-config modules.
- `render`: use cloud-init's jinja template render to process **#cloud-config** or **custom-scripts**, injecting any variables from `/run/cloud-init/instance-data.json`. It accepts a user-data file containing the jinja template header `## template: jinja` and renders that content with any instance-data.json variables present.

### 1.3.5 features

Print out each feature supported. If cloud-init does not have the features subcommand, it also does not support any features described in this document.

```
$ cloud-init features
NETWORK_CONFIG_V1
NETWORK_CONFIG_V2
```

### 1.3.6 init

Generally run by OS init systems to execute cloud-init's stages *init* and *init-local*. See *Boot Stages* for more info. Can be run on the commandline, but is generally gated to run only once due to semaphores in `/var/lib/cloud/instance/sem/` and `/var/lib/cloud/sem`.

- `-local`: run *init-local* stage instead of *init*

### 1.3.7 modules

Generally run by OS init systems to execute *modules:config* and *modules:final* boot stages. This executes cloud config *Modules* configured to run in the *init*, *config* and *final* stages. The modules are declared to run in various boot stages in the file `/etc/cloud/cloud.cfg` under keys:

- `cloud_init_modules`
- `cloud_config_modules`
- `cloud_init_modules`

Can be run on the command line, but each module is gated to run only once due to semaphores in `/var/lib/cloud/`.

- `-mode [init|config|final]`: run *modules:init*, *modules:config* or *modules:final* cloud-init stages. See *Boot Stages* for more info.

### 1.3.8 query

Query standardized cloud instance metadata crawled by cloud-init and stored in `/run/cloud-init/instance-data.json`. This is a convenience command-line interface to reference any cached configuration metadata that cloud-init crawls when booting the instance. See *Instance Metadata* for more info.

- `-all`: dump all available instance data as json which can be queried
- `-instance-data`: optional path to a different instance-data.json file to source for queries
- `-list-keys`: list available query keys from cached instance data
- `-format`: a string that will use jinja-template syntax to render a string replacing
- `<varname>`: a dot-delimited variable path into the instance-data.json object

Below demonstrates how to list all top-level query keys that are standardized aliases:

```
$ cloud-init query --list-keys
_beta_keys
availability_zone
base64_encoded_keys
cloud_name
ds
instance_id
local_hostname
platform
```

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```
public_ssh_keys
region
sensitive_keys
subplatform
userdata
v1
vendordata
```

Below demonstrates how to query standardized metadata from clouds:

```
% cloud-init query v1.cloud_name
aws # or openstack, azure, gce etc.

# Any standardized instance-data under a <v#> key is aliased as a top-level key for_
↳convenience.
% cloud-init query cloud_name
aws # or openstack, azure, gce etc.

# Query datasource-specific metadata on EC2
% cloud-init query ds.meta_data.public_ipv4
```

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**Note:** The standardized instance data keys under **v#** are guaranteed not to change behavior or format. If using top-level convenience aliases for any standardized instance data keys, the most value (highest **v#**) of that key name is what is reported as the top-level value. So these aliases act as a 'latest'.

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This data can then be formatted to generate custom strings or data:

```
# Generate a custom hostname fqdn based on instance-id, cloud and region
% cloud-init query --format 'custom-{{instance_id}}.{{region}}.{{v1.cloud_name}}.com'
custom-i-0e91f69987f37ec74.us-east-2.aws.com
```

### 1.3.9 single

Attempt to run a single named cloud config module.

- *-name*: the cloud-config module name to run
- *-frequency*: optionally override the declared module frequency with one of (always|once-per-instance|once)

The following example re-runs the `cc_set_hostname` module ignoring the module default frequency of once-per-instance:

```
$ cloud-init single --name set_hostname --frequency always
```

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**Note:** Mileage may vary trying to re-run each cloud-config module, as some are not idempotent.

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### 1.3.10 status

Report whether cloud-init is running, done, disabled or errored. Exits non-zero if an error is detected in cloud-init.

- *-long*: detailed status information

- `--wait`: block until cloud-init completes

Below are examples of output when cloud-init is running, showing status and the currently running modules, as well as when it is done.

```
$ cloud-init status
status: running

$ cloud-init status --long
status: running
time: Fri, 26 Jan 2018 21:39:43 +0000
detail:
Running in stage: init-local

$ cloud-init status
status: done

$ cloud-init status --long
status: done
time: Wed, 17 Jan 2018 20:41:59 +0000
detail:
DataSourceNoCloud [seed=/var/lib/cloud/seed/nocloud-net][dsmode=net]
```

## 1.4 FAQ

### 1.4.1 Getting help

Having trouble? We would like to help!

- Use the search bar at the upper left to search these docs
- Ask a question in the `#cloud-init` IRC channel on Freenode
- Join and ask questions on the [cloud-init mailing list](#)
- Find a bug? [Report bugs on Launchpad](#)

### 1.4.2 Media

Below are some videos, blog posts, and white papers about cloud-init from a variety of sources.

- [Cloud Instance Initialization with cloud-init \(Whitepaper\)](#)
- [cloud-init Summit 2018](#)
- [cloud-init - The cross-cloud Magic Sauce \(PDF\)](#)
- [cloud-init Summit 2017](#)
- [cloud-init - Building clouds one Linux box at a time \(Video\)](#)
- [cloud-init - Building clouds one Linux box at a time \(PDF\)](#)
- [Metadata and cloud-init](#)
- [The beauty of cloud-init](#)
- [Introduction to cloud-init](#)

## 1.5 Reporting Bugs

The following documents:

- 1) How to collect information for reporting bugs
- 2) How to file bugs to the upstream cloud-init project or for distro specific packages

### 1.5.1 Collect Logs

To aid in debugging, please collect the necessary logs. To do so, run the *collect-logs* subcommand to produce a tarfile that you can easily upload:

```
$ cloud-init collect-logs
Wrote /home/ubuntu/cloud-init.tar.gz
```

If your version of cloud-init does not have the *collect-logs* subcommand, then please manually collect the base log files by doing the following:

```
$ dmesg > dmesg.txt
$ sudo journalctl -o short-precise > journal.txt
$ sudo tar -cvf cloud-init.tar dmesg.txt journal.txt /run/cloud-init \
  /var/log/cloud-init.log /var/log/cloud-init-output.log
```

### 1.5.2 Report Upstream Bug

Bugs for upstream cloud-init are tracked using Launchpad. To file a bug:

1. Collect the necessary debug logs as described above
2. [Create a Launchpad account](#) or login to your existing account
3. [Report an upstream cloud-init bug](#)

If debug logs are not provided, you will be asked for them before any further time is spent debugging. If you are unable to obtain the required logs please explain why in the bug.

If your bug is for a specific distro using cloud-init, please first consider reporting it with the upstream distro or confirm that it still occurs with the latest upstream cloud-init code. See below for details on specific distro reporting.

### 1.5.3 Distro Specific Issues

For issues specific to your distro please use one of the following distro specific reporting mechanisms:

#### Ubuntu

To report a bug on Ubuntu use the *ubuntu-bug* command on the affected system to automatically collect the necessary logs and file a bug on Launchpad:

```
$ ubuntu-bug cloud-init
```

If that does not work or is not an option, please collect the logs using the commands in the above Collect Logs section and then report the bug on the [Ubuntu bug tracker](#). Make sure to attach your collected logs!



## Debian

To file a bug against the Debian package for cloud-init please use the [Debian bug tracker](#) to file against 'Package: cloud-init'. See the [Debian bug reporting wiki](#) page for more details.

## Red Hat, CentOS, & Fedora

To file a bug against the Red Hat or Fedora packages of cloud-init please use the [Red Hat bugzilla](#).

## SUSE & openSUSE

To file a bug against the SuSE packages of cloud-init please use the [SUSE bugzilla](#).

## Arch

To file a bug against the Arch package of cloud-init please use the [Arch Linux Bugtracker](#). See the [Arch bug reporting wiki](#) for more details.

# 1.6 User-Data Formats

User data that will be acted upon by cloud-init must be in one of the following types.

## 1.6.1 Gzip Compressed Content

Content found to be gzip compressed will be uncompressed. The uncompressed data will then be used as if it were not compressed. This is typically useful because user-data is limited to ~16384<sup>1</sup> bytes.

## 1.6.2 Mime Multi Part Archive

This list of rules is applied to each part of this multi-part file. Using a mime-multi part file, the user can specify more than one type of data.

For example, both a user data script and a cloud-config type could be specified.

Supported content-types:

- text/cloud-boothook
- text/cloud-config
- text/cloud-config-archive
- text/jinja2
- text/part-handler
- text/upstart-job
- text/x-include-once-url
- text/x-include-url
- text/x-shellscript

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<sup>1</sup> See your cloud provider for applicable user-data size limitations...

## Helper script to generate mime messages

```
#!/usr/bin/python

import sys

from email.mime.multipart import MIMEMultipart
from email.mime.text import MIMEText

if len(sys.argv) == 1:
    print("%s input-file:type ..." % (sys.argv[0]))
    sys.exit(1)

combined_message = MIMEMultipart()
for i in sys.argv[1:]:
    (filename, format_type) = i.split(":", 1)
    with open(filename) as fh:
        contents = fh.read()
        sub_message = MIMEText(contents, format_type, sys.getdefaultencoding())
        sub_message.add_header('Content-Disposition', 'attachment; filename="%s"' %
    ↪(filename))
        combined_message.attach(sub_message)

print(combined_message)
```

### 1.6.3 User-Data Script

Typically used by those who just want to execute a shell script.

Begins with: `#!` or `Content-Type: text/x-shellscript` when using a MIME archive.

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**Note:** New in cloud-init v. 18.4: User-data scripts can also render cloud instance metadata variables using jinja templating. See *Instance Metadata* for more information.

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#### Example

```
$ cat myscript.sh

#!/bin/sh
echo "Hello World. The time is now $(date -R)!" | tee /root/output.txt

$ euca-run-instances --key mykey --user-data-file myscript.sh ami-a07d95c9
```

### 1.6.4 Include File

This content is a `include` file.

The file contains a list of urls, one per line. Each of the URLs will be read, and their content will be passed through this same set of rules. Ie, the content read from the URL can be gzipped, mime-multi-part, or plain text. If an error occurs reading a file the remaining files will not be read.

Begins with: `#include` or `Content-Type: text/x-include-url` when using a MIME archive.

## 1.6.5 Cloud Config Data

Cloud-config is the simplest way to accomplish some things via user-data. Using cloud-config syntax, the user can specify certain things in a human friendly format.

These things include:

- apt upgrade should be run on first boot
- a different apt mirror should be used
- additional apt sources should be added
- certain ssh keys should be imported
- *and many more...*

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**Note:** This file must be valid yaml syntax.

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See the *Cloud config examples* section for a commented set of examples of supported cloud config formats.

Begins with: `#cloud-config` or `Content-Type: text/cloud-config` when using a MIME archive.

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**Note:** New in cloud-init v. 18.4: Cloud config dta can also render cloud instance metadata variables using jinja templating. See *Instance Metadata* for more information.

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## 1.6.6 Upstart Job

Content is placed into a file in `/etc/init`, and will be consumed by upstart as any other upstart job.

Begins with: `#upstart-job` or `Content-Type: text/upstart-job` when using a MIME archive.

## 1.6.7 Cloud Boothook

This content is `boothook` data. It is stored in a file under `/var/lib/cloud` and then executed immediately. This is the earliest `hook` available. Note, that there is no mechanism provided for running only once. The boothook must take care of this itself.

It is provided with the instance id in the environment variable `INSTANCE_ID`. This could be made use of to provide a ‘once-per-instance’ type of functionality.

Begins with: `#cloud-boothook` or `Content-Type: text/cloud-boothook` when using a MIME archive.

## 1.6.8 Part Handler

This is a `part-handler`: It contains custom code for either supporting new mime-types in multi-part user data, or overriding the existing handlers for supported mime-types. It will be written to a file in `/var/lib/cloud/data` based on its filename (which is generated).

This must be python code that contains a `list_types` function and a `handle_part` function. Once the section is read the `list_types` method will be called. It must return a list of mime-types that this part-handler handles. Because mime parts are processed in order, a `part-handler` part must precede any parts with mime-types it is expected to handle in the same user data.

The `handle_part` function must be defined like:

```
def handle_part(data, ctype, filename, payload):
    # data = the cloudinit object
    # ctype = "__begin__", "__end__", or the mime-type of the part that is being_
    ↪handled.
    # filename = the filename of the part (or a generated filename if none is present_
    ↪in mime data)
    # payload = the parts' content
```

Cloud-init will then call the `handle_part` function once before it handles any parts, once per part received, and once after all parts have been handled. The `'__begin__'` and `'__end__'` sentinels allow the part handler to do initialization or teardown before or after receiving any parts.

Begins with: `#part-handler` or `Content-Type: text/part-handler` when using a MIME archive.

### Example

```
1 #part-handler
2 # vi: syntax=python ts=4
3
4 def list_types():
5     # return a list of mime-types that are handled by this module
6     return(["text/plain", "text/go-cubs-go"])
7
8 def handle_part(data, ctype, filename, payload):
9     # data: the cloudinit object
10    # ctype: '__begin__', '__end__', or the specific mime-type of the part
11    # filename: the filename for the part, or dynamically generated part if
12    #           no filename is given attribute is present
13    # payload: the content of the part (empty for begin or end)
14    if ctype == "__begin__":
15        print "my handler is beginning"
16        return
17    if ctype == "__end__":
18        print "my handler is ending"
19        return
20
21    print "==== received ctype=%s filename=%s ==== " % (ctype, filename)
22    print payload
23    print "==== end ctype=%s filename=%s" % (ctype, filename)
```

Also this [blog post](#) offers another example for more advanced usage.

## 1.6.9 Kernel Command Line

When using the *NoCloud* datasource, users can pass user data via the kernel command line parameters. See the *NoCloud* datasource documentation for more details.

### 1.6.10 Disabling User-Data

Cloud-init can be configured to ignore any user-data provided to instance. This allows custom images to prevent users from accidentally breaking closed appliances. Setting `allow_userdata: false` in the configuration will disable cloud-init from processing user-data.

## 1.7 Cloud config examples

### 1.7.1 Including users and groups

```

1 #cloud-config
2 # Add groups to the system
3 # The following example adds the ubuntu group with members 'root' and 'sys'
4 # and the empty group cloud-users.
5 groups:
6   - ubuntu: [root,sys]
7   - cloud-users
8
9 # Add users to the system. Users are added after groups are added.
10 users:
11   - default
12   - name: foobar
13     gecos: Foo B. Bar
14     primary_group: foobar
15     groups: users
16     selinux_user: staff_u
17     expiredate: 2012-09-01
18     ssh_import_id: foobar
19     lock_passwd: false
20     passwd: $6$j212wezy$7H/1LT4f9/
21     ↳N3wpgNunhsIqtMj62OKiS3nyNwuizouQc3u7MbYCarYeAHWYPYb2FT.lbioDm2RrkJPb9BZMN1O/
22   - name: barfoo
23     gecos: Bar B. Foo
24     sudo: ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD:ALL
25     groups: users, admin
26     ssh_import_id: None
27     lock_passwd: true
28     ssh_authorized_keys:
29       - <ssh pub key 1>
30       - <ssh pub key 2>
31   - name: cloudy
32     gecos: Magic Cloud App Daemon User
33     inactive: true
34     system: true
35   - name: fizzbuzz
36     sudo: False
37     ssh_authorized_keys:
38       - <ssh pub key 1>
39       - <ssh pub key 2>
40   - snapuser: joe@joeuser.io
41   - name: nosshlogins
42     ssh_redirect_user: true
43
44 # Valid Values:
45 #   name: The user's login name
46 #   gecos: The user name's real name, i.e. "Bob B. Smith"
47 #   homedir: Optional. Set to the local path you want to use. Defaults to
48 #             /home/<username>
49 #   primary_group: define the primary group. Defaults to a new group created
50 #                 named after the user.
51 #   groups: Optional. Additional groups to add the user to. Defaults to none
52 #   selinux_user: Optional. The SELinux user for the user's login, such as

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52 #         "staff_u". When this is omitted the system will select the default
53 #         SELinux user.
54 # lock_passwd: Defaults to true. Lock the password to disable password login
55 # inactive: Create the user as inactive
56 # passwd: The hash -- not the password itself -- of the password you want
57 #         to use for this user. You can generate a safe hash via:
58 #         mkpasswd --method=SHA-512 --rounds=4096
59 #         (the above command would create from stdin an SHA-512 password hash
60 #         with 4096 salt rounds)
61 #
62 #         Please note: while the use of a hashed password is better than
63 #         plain text, the use of this feature is not ideal. Also,
64 #         using a high number of salting rounds will help, but it should
65 #         not be relied upon.
66 #
67 #         To highlight this risk, running John the Ripper against the
68 #         example hash above, with a readily available wordlist, revealed
69 #         the true password in 12 seconds on a i7-2620QM.
70 #
71 #         In other words, this feature is a potential security risk and is
72 #         provided for your convenience only. If you do not fully trust the
73 #         medium over which your cloud-config will be transmitted, then you
74 #         should use SSH authentication only.
75 #
76 #         You have thus been warned.
77 # no_create_home: When set to true, do not create home directory.
78 # no_user_group: When set to true, do not create a group named after the user.
79 # no_log_init: When set to true, do not initialize lastlog and faillog database.
80 # ssh_import_id: Optional. Import SSH ids
81 # ssh_authorized_keys: Optional. [list] Add keys to user's authorized keys file
82 # ssh_redirect_user: Optional. [bool] Set true to block ssh logins for cloud
83 #         ssh public keys and emit a message redirecting logins to
84 #         use <default_username> instead. This option only disables cloud
85 #         provided public-keys. An error will be raised if ssh_authorized_keys
86 #         or ssh_import_id is provided for the same user.
87 #
88 #         ssh_authorized_keys.
89 # sudo: Defaults to none. Accepts a sudo rule string, a list of sudo rule
90 #         strings or False to explicitly deny sudo usage. Examples:
91 #
92 #         Allow a user unrestricted sudo access.
93 #         sudo: ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD:ALL
94 #
95 #         Adding multiple sudo rule strings.
96 #         sudo:
97 #         - ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD:/bin/mysql
98 #         - ALL=(ALL) ALL
99 #
100 #         Prevent sudo access for a user.
101 #         sudo: False
102 #
103 #         Note: Please double check your syntax and make sure it is valid.
104 #         cloud-init does not parse/check the syntax of the sudo
105 #         directive.
106 # system: Create the user as a system user. This means no home directory.
107 # snapuser: Create a Snappy (Ubuntu-Core) user via the snap create-user
108 #         command available on Ubuntu systems. If the user has an account
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109 #           on the Ubuntu SSO, specifying the email will allow snap to
110 #           request a username and any public ssh keys and will import
111 #           these into the system with username specified by SSO account.
112 #           If 'username' is not set in SSO, then username will be the
113 #           shortname before the email domain.
114 #
115
116 # Default user creation:
117 #
118 # Unless you define users, you will get a 'ubuntu' user on ubuntu systems with the
119 # legacy permission (no password sudo, locked user, etc). If however, you want
120 # to have the 'ubuntu' user in addition to other users, you need to instruct
121 # cloud-init that you also want the default user. To do this use the following
122 # syntax:
123 #   users:
124 #     - default
125 #     - bob
126 #     - ....
127 # foobar: ...
128 #
129 # users[0] (the first user in users) overrides the user directive.
130 #
131 # The 'default' user above references the distro's config:
132 # system_info:
133 #   default_user:
134 #     name: Ubuntu
135 #     plain_text_passwd: 'ubuntu'
136 #     home: /home/ubuntu
137 #     shell: /bin/bash
138 #     lock_passwd: True
139 #     gecos: Ubuntu
140 #     groups: [adm, audio, cdrom, dialout, floppy, video, plugdev, dip, netdev]

```

## 1.7.2 Writing out arbitrary files

```

1 #cloud-config
2 # vim: syntax=yaml
3 #
4 # This is the configuration syntax that the write_files module
5 # will know how to understand. encoding can be given b64 or gzip or (gz+b64).
6 # The content will be decoded accordingly and then written to the path that is
7 # provided.
8 #
9 # Note: Content strings here are truncated for example purposes.
10 write_files:
11 -   encoding: b64
12     content: CiMgVGhpcyBmaWxlIGNvbnRyb2xzIHRoZSBzdGF0ZSBvZiBTRUxpbmV4...
13     owner: root:root
14     path: /etc/sysconfig/selinux
15     permissions: '0644'
16 -   content: |
17         # My new /etc/sysconfig/samba file
18
19         SMBDOPTIONS="-D"
20     path: /etc/sysconfig/samba

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21 - content: !!binary |
22     f0VMRgIBAQAAAAAAAAAAAAIAPgABAAAAwARAAAAAAAAABAAAAAAAAAAJAVAAAAAAAAAAAAEAAOAAI
23     AEAHhGAdAAAYAAAAFAAAAQAAAAAAAAABAAEAAAAAAAAEAAQAAAAAAAAwAEAAAAAAAAADAAQAAAAAAAAgA
24     AAAAAAAAAAwAAAAQAAAAAAgAAAAAAAAAACQAAAAAAAAAJAAAAAAAAcAAAAAAAAABwAAAAAAAAAQAA
25     ....
26 path: /bin/arch
27 permissions: '0555'
28 - encoding: gzip
29 content: !!binary |
30     H4sIAIDb/U8C/1NW1E/KzNMvzuBKTc7IV8hIzcnJVyJpL8pJ4QIA6N+MVxsAAAA=
31 path: /usr/bin/hello
32 permissions: '0755'

```

### 1.7.3 Adding a yum repository

```

1 #cloud-config
2 # vim: syntax=yaml
3 #
4 # Add yum repository configuration to the system
5 #
6 # The following example adds the file /etc/yum.repos.d/epel_testing.repo
7 # which can then subsequently be used by yum for later operations.
8 yum_repos:
9     # The name of the repository
10    epel-testing:
11        # Any repository configuration options
12        # See: man yum.conf
13        #
14        # This one is required!
15        baseurl: http://download.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/testing/5/$basearch
16        enabled: false
17        failovermethod: priority
18        gpgcheck: true
19        gpgkey: file:///etc/pki/rpm-gpg/RPM-GPG-KEY-EPEL
20        name: Extra Packages for Enterprise Linux 5 - Testing

```

### 1.7.4 Configure an instances trusted CA certificates

```

1 #cloud-config
2 #
3 # This is an example file to configure an instance's trusted CA certificates
4 # system-wide for SSL/TLS trust establishment when the instance boots for the
5 # first time.
6 #
7 # Make sure that this file is valid yaml before starting instances.
8 # It should be passed as user-data when starting the instance.
9
10 ca-certs:
11     # If present and set to True, the 'remove-defaults' parameter will remove
12     # all the default trusted CA certificates that are normally shipped with
13     # Ubuntu.
14     # This is mainly for paranoid admins - most users will not need this

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15 # functionality.
16 remove-defaults: true
17
18 # If present, the 'trusted' parameter should contain a certificate (or list
19 # of certificates) to add to the system as trusted CA certificates.
20 # Pay close attention to the YAML multiline list syntax. The example shown
21 # here is for a list of multiline certificates.
22 trusted:
23 - |
24     -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
25     YOUR-ORGS-TRUSTED-CA-CERT-HERE
26     -----END CERTIFICATE-----
27 - |
28     -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
29     YOUR-ORGS-TRUSTED-CA-CERT-HERE
30     -----END CERTIFICATE-----

```

## 1.7.5 Configure an instances resolv.conf

*Note:* when using a config drive and a RHEL like system resolv.conf will also be managed ‘automatically’ due to the available information provided for dns servers in the config drive network format. For those that wish to have different settings use this module.

```

1 #cloud-config
2 #
3 # This is an example file to automatically configure resolv.conf when the
4 # instance boots for the first time.
5 #
6 # Ensure that your yaml is valid and pass this as user-data when starting
7 # the instance. Also be sure that your cloud.cfg file includes this
8 # configuration module in the appropriate section.
9 #
10 manage_resolv_conf: true
11
12 resolv_conf:
13   nameservers: ['8.8.4.4', '8.8.8.8']
14   searchdomains:
15     - foo.example.com
16     - bar.example.com
17   domain: example.com
18   options:
19     rotate: true
20     timeout: 1

```

## 1.7.6 Install and run chef recipes

```

1 #cloud-config
2 #
3 # This is an example file to automatically install chef-client and run a
4 # list of recipes when the instance boots for the first time.
5 # Make sure that this file is valid yaml before starting instances.
6 # It should be passed as user-data when starting the instance.
7 #

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8 # This example assumes the instance is 16.04 (xenial)
9
10
11 # The default is to install from packages.
12
13 # Key from https://packages.chef.io/chef.asc
14 apt:
15   sources:
16     source1: "deb http://packages.chef.io/repos/apt/stable $RELEASE main"
17     key: |
18       -----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----
19       Version: GnuPG v1.4.12 (Darwin)
20       Comment: GPGTools - http://gpgtools.org
21
22       mQGIBePpC7QRBADfsOkZU6KZK+YmKw4wev5mjKJEkVglus+NxW8wItX5sGa6kdUu
23       twAyj7Yr92rF+ICFEP3gGU6+lGo0Nve7KxkN/lW7/m3G4zuk+ccIKmjp8KS3qn99
24       dxy64vcji9jI1lVa+XXOGIp0G8GEaj7mbkixL/bMeGfdMlv8Gf2XPpp9vwCgn/GC
25       JKacfnw7MpLKUHOYS1b//JsEAJqao3ViNfav83jJKEkD8cf59Y8xKia5OpZqTK5W
26       ShVnNWS3U5IVQk10ZDH97Qn/YrK387H4CyhLE9mxPXs/ul18ioiaars/q2MEKU2I
27       XKfV21eMLO9LYd6Ny/Kqj8o5WQK2J6+NAhSwvthZcIEphcFignTuobP+B5wNFQpe
28       DbKfA/0wvN2OwFeWRcmmd3Hz7nHTpcnSF+4QX6yHRF/5BgxkG6IqBIACQbzPn6Hm
29       sMtM/SVf1lizmDqSsQptCrOZILfLX/mE+YO1+CwWSHh1+YsFts1W0uh1EhQD26aO
30       Z84HuHV5HFRWjDLw9LriltBVQcXbpfSrRP5bdr7Wh8vhqJTPjrQnT3BzY29kZSBQ
31       YWNrYwdlcyA8cGFja2FnZXNAb3BzY29kZS5jb20+iGAEExECACAFakppC7QCGwMG
32       CwkIBwMCBBUCCAMEFgIDAQIeAQIXgAAKCRApQKupg++Caj8sAKCOXmdG36gWji/K
33       +o+XtBfvdMnFYQCfTCEWxRy2BnzLoBBFCjDSK6sJqCu0IENIRUYgUGFja2FnZXMG
34       PHBhY2thZ2VzQGNoZWYuaW8+iGIEExECACIFAlQwYFECGwMGCwkIBwMCBhUIAgkK
35       CwQWAgMBAh4BAheAAAoJEC1Aq6mD74JqX94An26z99XOHWpLN8ahzm7cp13t4Xid
36       AJ9wVcgoUBzvvgg911Kfv/34cmemZn7kCDQRKaQu0EAgAg7ZLCVGVtmLqBM6njZEd
37       Zbv+mZbvWLSomdiqddE6u3eH0X3GuwaQfQWHUVG2yedyDMiG+EMTCdEeeRebTCz
38       SNXQ8Xvi22hrPoEsBSwWLZI8/XNg0n0f1+GER+mOK00BxDB2DG7DA0nnEISxwFkK
39       OFJFebR3fRsrWjj0KjDxkhse2ddU/jVz1BY7Nf8toZmwpBmdozETMOTx3LJy1HZ/
40       Te9FJXJMUaB21Ryluv15MVWCKQJro4MQG/7QGcIfrIZNfAGJ32DDsjv7/YO+IprY
41       IL4CUBQ65suY4gYUG4jhRH6u7H1p99sdwsg50IpBe/v2Vbc/tbwAB+eJJAp89Zeu
42       twADBQf/ZcGoPhTGFuzbkcnRSIz+boaeWpOSxK2DyfScyCAuG41CY9+g0HIw9Sq8
43       DuxQvJ+vrEJjNvNE3EAEdK1/zkXMZDb1EXjGwDi845TxEMhhd1dDw2qpHqnJ2mtE
44       WpZ7juGWA3sGhi6Fap004tIGacCfNNHmlRGipyq5ZiKIRq9mLEndLECr8cwaKgkS
45       0wWu+xmMZe7N5/t/TK19HXNh4tVacv0F3fYK54GUjt2FjCQV75USnmNY4KPTYLXA
46       dzC364hEMlXpN21siIFgB04w+Txn5UF3B4FfAy5hevvr4DtV4MvMiGLu0oWjpaLC
47       MpmrR3Ny2wkm00h+vgr19uIP06ODWIhJBBgRagAJBQJKAQu0AhsMAAoJEC1Aq6mD
48       74Jq4hIAoJ5KrYS8kCwj26SAGzglwggpvt3CAJ0bekyky56vNqoegB+y4PQVDv4K
49       zA==
50       =IxPr
51       -----END PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----
52
53 chef:
54
55 # Valid values are 'gems' and 'packages' and 'omnibus'
56 install_type: "packages"
57
58 # Boolean: run 'install_type' code even if chef-client
59 #     appears already installed.
60 force_install: false
61
62 # Chef settings
63 server_url: "https://chef.yourorg.com"
64

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65 # Node Name
66 # Defaults to the instance-id if not present
67 node_name: "your-node-name"
68
69 # Environment
70 # Defaults to '_default' if not present
71 environment: "production"
72
73 # Default validation name is chef-validator
74 validation_name: "yourorg-validator"
75 # if validation_cert's value is "system" then it is expected
76 # that the file already exists on the system.
77 validation_cert: |
78     -----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
79     YOUR-ORGS-VALIDATION-KEY-HERE
80     -----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
81
82 # A run list for a first boot json, an example (not required)
83 run_list:
84     - "recipe[apache2]"
85     - "role[db]"
86
87 # Specify a list of initial attributes used by the cookbooks
88 initial_attributes:
89     apache:
90         prefork:
91             maxclients: 100
92             keepalive: "off"
93
94 # if install_type is 'omnibus', change the url to download
95 omnibus_url: "https://www.chef.io/chef/install.sh"
96
97 # if install_type is 'omnibus', pass pinned version string
98 # to the install script
99 omnibus_version: "12.3.0"
100
101 # If encrypted data bags are used, the client needs to have a secrets file
102 # configured to decrypt them
103 encrypted_data_bag_secret: "/etc/chef/encrypted_data_bag_secret"
104
105 # Capture all subprocess output into a logfile
106 # Useful for troubleshooting cloud-init issues
107 output: {all: '| tee -a /var/log/cloud-init-output.log'}
```

### 1.7.7 Setup and run puppet

```

1 #cloud-config
2 #
3 # This is an example file to automatically setup and run puppetd
4 # when the instance boots for the first time.
5 # Make sure that this file is valid yaml before starting instances.
6 # It should be passed as user-data when starting the instance.
7 puppet:
8     # Every key present in the conf object will be added to puppet.conf:
9     # [name]
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10 # subkey=value
11 #
12 # For example the configuration below will have the following section
13 # added to puppet.conf:
14 # [puppetd]
15 # server=puppetmaster.example.org
16 # certname=i-0123456.ip-X-Y-Z.cloud.internal
17 #
18 # The puppetmaster ca certificate will be available in
19 # /var/lib/puppet/ssl/certs/ca.pem
20 conf:
21   agent:
22     server: "puppetmaster.example.org"
23     # certname supports substitutions at runtime:
24     #   %i: instanceid
25     #     Example: i-0123456
26     #   %f: fqdn of the machine
27     #     Example: ip-X-Y-Z.cloud.internal
28     #
29     # NB: the certname will automatically be lowercased as required by puppet
30     certname: "%i.%f"
31     # ca_cert is a special case. It won't be added to puppet.conf.
32     # It holds the puppetmaster certificate in pem format.
33     # It should be a multi-line string (using the | yaml notation for
34     # multi-line strings).
35     # The puppetmaster certificate is located in
36     # /var/lib/puppet/ssl/ca/ca_cert.pem on the puppetmaster host.
37     #
38     ca_cert: |
39       -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
40       MIICCTCCAXKgAwIBAgIBATANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQUFADANMQswCQYDVQQDDAJYTAe
41       Fw0xMDAyMTUxNzI5MjFjFaFw0xNTAyMTQxNzI5MjFjFaMA0xCzAJBgNVBAMAMNhMIGf
42       MA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBAQUAA4GNADCBiQKBgQCu7Q40sm47/E1Pf+r8AYb/V/FWGPgc
43       b014OmNoX7dgCxTDvps/h8Vw555PdAFsW5+QhsGr31IJNI3kSYprFQcYf7A8tNWu
44       1MASW2CfaEiOEi9F1R3R4QlZ4ix+iNoHiUDTjazw/tZwEdxaQXQVLwgTGRwVa+aA
45       qbutJKi93MILLwIDAQABo3kwdzA4Bg1ghkgBhvCAQ0EKxYpUHVwcGV0IFJ1Ynkv
46       T3BlblNTTCBHZW51cmF0ZWQgQ2VydG1maWNhdGUwDwYDVR0TAQH/BAUwAwEB/zAd
47       BgNVHQ4EFgQUu4+jHB+GYE5Vxo+o1l0AhevspjAwCwYDVR0PBAQDAgEGMA0GCSqG
48       SIb3DQEBBQUAA4GBAH/rxlUIjwNb3n7TXJcDJ6MMHulwjr03BDJXKb34U1ndkpaf
49       +GalzPXWa7b0908M9I8RnPfvtKnteLbvgTK+h+zX1XCTy+S2EQWk29i2AdoqOTxb
50       hppiGMp0tT5Havu4aceCXiy2crVcudj3NFciy8X66SoECemW9UYDCb9T5D0d
51       -----END CERTIFICATE-----

```

## 1.7.8 Add primary apt repositories

```

1 #cloud-config
2
3 # Add primary apt repositories
4 #
5 # To add 3rd party repositories, see cloud-config-apt.txt or the
6 # Additional apt configuration and repositories section.
7 #
8 #
9 # Default: auto select based on cloud metadata
10 # in ec2, the default is <region>.archive.ubuntu.com

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11 # apt:
12 #   primary:
13 #     - arches [default]
14 #       uri:
15 #         use the provided mirror
16 #       search:
17 #         search the list for the first mirror.
18 #         this is currently very limited, only verifying that
19 #         the mirror is dns resolvable or an IP address
20 #
21 # if neither mirror is set (the default)
22 # then use the mirror provided by the DataSource found.
23 # In EC2, that means using <region>.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com
24 #
25 # if no mirror is provided by the DataSource, but 'search_dns' is
26 # true, then search for dns names '<distro>-mirror' in each of
27 # - fqdn of this host per cloud metadata
28 # - localdomain
29 # - no domain (which would search domains listed in /etc/resolv.conf)
30 # If there is a dns entry for <distro>-mirror, then it is assumed that there
31 # is a distro mirror at http://<distro>-mirror.<domain>/<distro>
32 #
33 # That gives the cloud provider the opportunity to set mirrors of a distro
34 # up and expose them only by creating dns entries.
35 #
36 # if none of that is found, then the default distro mirror is used
37 apt:
38   primary:
39     - arches: [default]
40     uri: http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/
41 # or
42 apt:
43   primary:
44     - arches: [default]
45     search:
46     - http://local-mirror.mydomain
47     - http://archive.ubuntu.com
48 # or
49 apt:
50   primary:
51     - arches: [default]
52     search_dns: True

```

## 1.7.9 Run commands on first boot

```

1 #cloud-config
2
3 # boot commands
4 # default: none
5 # this is very similar to runcmd, but commands run very early
6 # in the boot process, only slightly after a 'boothook' would run.
7 # bootcmd should really only be used for things that could not be
8 # done later in the boot process. bootcmd is very much like
9 # boothook, but possibly with more friendly.
10 # - bootcmd will run on every boot

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11 # - the INSTANCE_ID variable will be set to the current instance id.
12 # - you can use 'cloud-init-per' command to help only run once
13 bootcmd:
14 - echo 192.168.1.130 us.archive.ubuntu.com >> /etc/hosts
15 - [ cloud-init-per, once, mymkfs, mkfs, /dev/vdb ]

```

```

1 #cloud-config
2
3 # run commands
4 # default: none
5 # runcmd contains a list of either lists or a string
6 # each item will be executed in order at rc.local like level with
7 # output to the console
8 # - runcmd only runs during the first boot
9 # - if the item is a list, the items will be properly executed as if
10 # passed to execve(3) (with the first arg as the command).
11 # - if the item is a string, it will be simply written to the file and
12 # will be interpreted by 'sh'
13 #
14 # Note, that the list has to be proper yaml, so you have to quote
15 # any characters yaml would eat (':' can be problematic)
16 runcmd:
17 - [ ls, -l, / ]
18 - [ sh, -xc, "echo $(date) ': hello world!'" ]
19 - [ sh, -c, echo "=====hello world=====" ]
20 - ls -l /root
21 # Note: Don't write files to /tmp from cloud-init use /run/somedir instead.
22 # Early boot environments can race systemd-tmpfiles-clean LP: #1707222.
23 - mkdir /run/mydir
24 - [ wget, "http://slashdot.org", -O, /run/mydir/index.html ]

```

### 1.7.10 Alter the completion message

```

1 #cloud-config
2
3 # final_message
4 # default: cloud-init boot finished at $TIMESTAMP. Up $UPTIME seconds
5 # this message is written by cloud-final when the system is finished
6 # its first boot
7 final_message: "The system is finally up, after $UPTIME seconds"

```

### 1.7.11 Install arbitrary packages

```

1 #cloud-config
2
3 # Install additional packages on first boot
4 #
5 # Default: none
6 #
7 # if packages are specified, this apt_update will be set to true
8 #
9 # packages may be supplied as a single package name or as a list

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10 # with the format [<package>, <version>] wherein the specific
11 # package version will be installed.
12 packages:
13 - pwgen
14 - pastebinit
15 - [libpython2.7, 2.7.3-0ubuntu3.1]

```

### 1.7.12 Update apt database on first boot

```

1 #cloud-config
2 # Update apt database on first boot (run 'apt-get update').
3 # Note, if packages are given, or package_upgrade is true, then
4 # update will be done independent of this setting.
5 #
6 # Default: false
7 # Aliases: apt_update
8 package_update: false

```

### 1.7.13 Run apt or yum upgrade

```

1 #cloud-config
2
3 # Upgrade the instance on first boot
4 # (ie run apt-get upgrade)
5 #
6 # Default: false
7 # Aliases: apt_upgrade
8 package_upgrade: true

```

### 1.7.14 Adjust mount points mounted

```

1 #cloud-config
2
3 # set up mount points
4 # 'mounts' contains a list of lists
5 # the inner list are entries for an /etc/fstab line
6 # ie : [ fs_spec, fs_file, fs_vfstype, fs_mntops, fs_freq, fs_passno ]
7 #
8 # default:
9 # mounts:
10 # - [ ephemeral0, /mnt ]
11 # - [ swap, none, swap, sw, 0, 0 ]
12 #
13 # in order to remove a previously listed mount (ie, one from defaults)
14 # list only the fs_spec. For example, to override the default, of
15 # mounting swap:
16 # - [ swap ]
17 # or
18 # - [ swap, null ]
19 #

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20 # - if a device does not exist at the time, an entry will still be
21 #   written to /etc/fstab.
22 # - '/dev' can be omitted for device names that begin with: xvd, sd, hd, vd
23 # - if an entry does not have all 6 fields, they will be filled in
24 #   with values from 'mount_default_fields' below.
25 #
26 # Note, that you should set 'nofail' (see man fstab) for volumes that may not
27 # be attached at instance boot (or reboot).
28 #
29 mounts:
30 - [ ephemeral0, /mnt, auto, "defaults,noexec" ]
31 - [ sdc, /opt/data ]
32 - [ xvdh, /opt/data, "auto", "defaults,nofail", "0", "0" ]
33 - [ dd, /dev/zero ]
34
35 # mount_default_fields
36 # These values are used to fill in any entries in 'mounts' that are not
37 # complete. This must be an array, and must have 7 fields.
38 mount_default_fields: [ None, None, "auto", "defaults,nofail", "0", "2" ]
39
40
41 # swap can also be set up by the 'mounts' module
42 # default is to not create any swap files, because 'size' is set to 0
43 swap:
44   filename: /swap.img
45   size: "auto" # or size in bytes
46   maxsize: size in bytes

```

### 1.7.15 Call a url when finished

```

1 #cloud-config
2
3 # phone_home: if this dictionary is present, then the phone_home
4 # cloud-config module will post specified data back to the given
5 # url
6 # default: none
7 # phone_home:
8 # url: http://my.foo.bar/$INSTANCE/
9 # post: all
10 # tries: 10
11 #
12 phone_home:
13   url: http://my.example.com/$INSTANCE_ID/
14   post: [ pub_key_dsa, pub_key_rsa, pub_key_ecdsa, instance_id ]

```

### 1.7.16 Reboot/poweroff when finished

```

1 #cloud-config
2
3 ## poweroff or reboot system after finished
4 # default: none
5 #

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6 # power_state can be used to make the system shutdown, reboot or
7 # halt after boot is finished. This same thing can be achieved by
8 # user-data scripts or by runcmd by simply invoking 'shutdown'.
9 #
10 # Doing it this way ensures that cloud-init is entirely finished with
11 # modules that would be executed, and avoids any error/log messages
12 # that may go to the console as a result of system services like
13 # syslog being taken down while cloud-init is running.
14 #
15 # If you delay '+5' (5 minutes) and have a timeout of
16 # 120 (2 minutes), then the max time until shutdown will be 7 minutes.
17 # cloud-init will invoke 'shutdown +5' after the process finishes, or
18 # when 'timeout' seconds have elapsed.
19 #
20 # delay: form accepted by shutdown. default is 'now'. other format
21 #     accepted is +m (m in minutes)
22 # mode: required. must be one of 'poweroff', 'halt', 'reboot'
23 # message: provided as the message argument to 'shutdown'. default is none.
24 # timeout: the amount of time to give the cloud-init process to finish
25 #           before executing shutdown.
26 # condition: apply state change only if condition is met.
27 #             May be boolean True (always met), or False (never met),
28 #             or a command string or list to be executed.
29 #             command's exit code indicates:
30 #             0: condition met
31 #             1: condition not met
32 #             other exit codes will result in 'not met', but are reserved
33 #             for future use.
34 #
35 power_state:
36   delay: "+30"
37   mode: poweroff
38   message: Bye Bye
39   timeout: 30
40   condition: True

```

### 1.7.17 Configure instances ssh-keys

```

1 #cloud-config
2
3 # add each entry to ~/.ssh/authorized_keys for the configured user or the
4 # first user defined in the user definition directive.
5 ssh_authorized_keys:
6   - ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABIwAAAGEA3FSyQwBI6Z+nCsJUUk8EEAnnkhXlukKoUPND/
   ↪RRC1Wz2s5TCzIkd3Ou5+Cyz71X0XmazM3l5WgeErvtIwQMyT1KjNoMhoJMrJnWqQPOT5Q8zWd9qG7PB19+eiH5qV7NZ_
   ↪mykey@host
7   - ssh-rsa_
   ↪AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABIwAAAQEA3I7VUF2l5gSn5uavROsc5HRDpZdQueUq5ozemNSj8T7enqKHOEaFoU2VoPgGEWC9RyzSQV
   ↪+i1D+ey3ONkZLN+LQ714cgj8FRS4Hj29SCmXp5Kt5/82cD/VN3NtHw== smoser@brickies
8
9 # Send pre-generated ssh private keys to the server
10 # If these are present, they will be written to /etc/ssh and
11 # new random keys will not be generated
12 # in addition to 'rsa' and 'dsa' as shown below, 'ecdsa' is also supported
13 ssh_keys:

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14  rsa_private: |
15  -----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
16  MIIBxwIBAAJhAKD0YSHy73nUgysO13XsJmd4fHiFyQ+00R7VVu2iV9Qcon2LZS/x
17  lcydPZ4pQpfjEha6WxZ6o8ci/Ea/wOn+0HGPwax1EG2Z9inNt j3pgFrYcRztfECb
18  1j6HCibZbAzYtwIBIwJgO8h72WjcmvcpZ8OvHSvTwAgu02TkR6mPgHsgSaKy6GJo
19  PUJnaZRWuba/HX0KGyhz19nPzLpzG5f0fYahlMJAYc13FV7K6kMBPXTRR6FxfHEg
20  L0MPC7cdqAwOVnCPY6A7AJeA1bNaIjOzFN2sfZX0j7OMhQuc4zP7r80zaGc5oy6W
21  p58hRancFKEvnEq2CeL3vtuZAjEAWNBHpbNsBYTRPCHM7rZuG/iBtwp8Rxc9I5w
22  ixvzMgi+HpGLWzUIBS+P/XhekIjPAjA285rVmEP+DR255Ls65QbgYhJmTzIXQ2T9
23  luLvcmFBC6l35Uc4gTgg4ALsmXLn7lMCMGMPsWspEvuGINayTCL+vEjmnBT+FAAdO
24  W7D4zCpI43jRS9U06JVOeSc9CDk2lwiA3wIwCTB/6uc8Cq85D9YqpM10FuHjKpnP
25  REPP0YrAspdeOAV+6VKRavstea7+2DZmSUGe
26  -----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
27
28  rsa_public: ssh-rsa
↪ AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABIwAAAGEAoPrHIfLvedSDKw7XdewmZ3h8eIXJD7TRHtVW7aJX1ByifYt1L/
↪ HVzJ09nilC1+MSFrpbFnqjxyL8Rr/DSf7QcY/BrGUQbZn2Kc22PemAWthxH018QJvWPocKJt1sDNi3
↪ smoser@localhost
29
30  dsa_private: |
31  -----BEGIN DSA PRIVATE KEY-----
32  MIIBuwIBAAKBgQDP2HLu7pTEXL89USyM0264RCyWX/CMLmukxX0Jdbm29ax8FBJT
33  pLrO8TIXVY5rPAJmldTHnpuyJhOvU9G7M8tPUABtzSJh4GVSHLwaCfycwcpLv9TX
34  DgWIpSj+6EiHCyARlB1/CBp9RiaB+10QcFbm+lapuET+/Au6vSDp9IRt1QIVAIMR
35  8KucvUYboEI+yv+5LW9u3z/BAoGBAI0q6JP+JvJmwZFaeCMMVxXUbqiSko/P1lsa
36  LNNBHZ5/8MOUIm8rB2FC6ziidfueJpqTMqeQmSA1EBCwnwreUnGfRrKoJpyPNENY
37  dl5MG6N5J+z81sEchFeprryZ+D3Ge9VjPq3Tf3NhKKwCDQ0240aPezbnjPeFm4mH
38  bYxxcZ9GAoGAXmLIFSQgiAPu459rCKxT46tHJtMQQfnNiEnQLbFluefZ/yiI4DI3
39  8UzTCOXLhUA7ybmZha+D/cs j15Y9/BNFu07unzVhikCQV9DTExX46pG4s1o23JKC
40  /QaYWNMZ7kTRv+wWow9MhGiVdML4Zn4Xnifu05krqAybnGiy66PMEoQCFEIsKKWw
41  99iziAH0KBMVbxy03Trz
42  -----END DSA PRIVATE KEY-----
43
44  dsa_public: ssh-dss AAAAB3NzaC1kc3MAAACBAM/
↪ Ycu7ulMTEvz1RLIzTbrhELJZf8Iwua6TFfQ11ubb1rHwUE1Okus7xmhdVjms8AmbV1Meem7ImE69T0bszy09QAG3NImHgZVieX
↪ JzByku/
↪ 1NcOBYilKP7oSicLJpGUHX8IGn1GJoH7XRBwVub6Vqm4RP78C7q9IOn0hg2VAAAAFQCDEFrCnL1GGzhCPsr/
↪ uS1vbt8/wQAAAEIAjsRok/4m8mbBkVp4IwxXfDRuqJKSj8/WWxos00Ednn/
↪ ww5QibysHYULrOKJ1+54mmpMyp5CZICUQELCfct5ScZ9GsggmnI80Q1h3Xkwbo3kn7PzWwRwcV6muvJn4PcZ71WM+rdN/
↪ c2EorAINDTbjRo97NueM94WbiYdtjHFxn0YAAACAXmLIFSQgiAPu459rCKxT46tHJtMQQfnNiEnQLbFluefZ/
↪ yiI4DI38UzTCOXLhUA7ybmZha+D/cs j15Y9/BNFu07unzVhikCQV9DTExX46pG4s1o23JKC/
↪ QaYWNMZ7kTRv+wWow9MhGiVdML4Zn4Xnifu05krqAybnGiy66PMEoQ= smoser@localhost

```

## 1.7.18 Additional apt configuration and repositories

```

1  # apt_pipelining (configure Acquire::http::Pipeline-Depth)
2  # Default: disables HTTP pipelining. Certain web servers, such
3  # as S3 do not pipeline properly (LP: #948461).
4  # Valid options:
5  #   False/default: Disables pipelining for APT
6  #   None/Unchanged: Use OS default
7  #   Number: Set pipelining to some number (not recommended)
8  apt_pipelining: False
9
10 ## apt config via system_info:

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11 # under the 'system_info', you can customize cloud-init's interaction
12 # with apt.
13 # system_info:
14 #   apt_get_command: [command, argument, argument]
15 #   apt_get_upgrade_subcommand: dist-upgrade
16 #
17 # apt_get_command:
18 # To specify a different 'apt-get' command, set 'apt_get_command'.
19 # This must be a list, and the subcommand (update, upgrade) is appended to it.
20 # default is:
21 #   ['apt-get', '--option=Dpkg::Options::=--force-confold',
22 #    '--option=Dpkg::options::=--force-unsafe-io', '--assume-yes', '--quiet']
23 #
24 # apt_get_upgrade_subcommand: "dist-upgrade"
25 # Specify a different subcommand for 'upgrade. The default is 'dist-upgrade'.
26 # This is the subcommand that is invoked for package_upgrade.
27 #
28 # apt_get_wrapper:
29 #   command: eatmydata
30 #   enabled: [True, False, "auto"]
31 #
32
33 # Install additional packages on first boot
34 #
35 # Default: none
36 #
37 # if packages are specified, this apt_update will be set to true
38
39 packages: ['pastebinit']
40
41 apt:
42 # The apt config consists of two major "areas".
43 #
44 # On one hand there is the global configuration for the apt feature.
45 #
46 # On one hand (down in this file) there is the source dictionary which allows
47 # to define various entries to be considered by apt.
48
49 #####
50 # Section 1: global apt configuration
51 #
52 # The following examples number the top keys to ease identification in
53 # discussions.
54
55 # 1.1 preserve_sources_list
56 #
57 # Preserves the existing /etc/apt/sources.list
58 # Default: false - do overwrite sources_list. If set to true then any
59 # "mirrors" configuration will have no effect.
60 # Set to true to avoid affecting sources.list. In that case only
61 # "extra" source specifications will be written into
62 # /etc/apt/sources.list.d/*
63 preserve_sources_list: true
64
65 # 1.2 disable_suites
66 #
67 # This is an empty list by default, so nothing is disabled.

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68 #
69 # If given, those suites are removed from sources.list after all other
70 # modifications have been made.
71 # Suites are even disabled if no other modification was made,
72 # but not if is preserve_sources_list is active.
73 # There is a special alias "$RELEASE" as in the sources that will be replace
74 # by the matching release.
75 #
76 # To ease configuration and improve readability the following common ubuntu
77 # suites will be automatically mapped to their full definition.
78 # updates => $RELEASE-updates
79 # backports => $RELEASE-backports
80 # security => $RELEASE-security
81 # proposed => $RELEASE-proposed
82 # release => $RELEASE
83 #
84 # There is no harm in specifying a suite to be disabled that is not found in
85 # the source.list file (just a no-op then)
86 #
87 # Note: Lines don't get deleted, but disabled by being converted to a comment.
88 # The following example disables all usual defaults except $RELEASE-security.
89 # On top it disables a custom suite called "mysuite"
90 disable_suites: [$RELEASE-updates, backports, $RELEASE, mysuite]
91
92 # 1.3 primary/security archives
93 #
94 # Default: none - instead it is auto select based on cloud metadata
95 # so if neither "uri" nor "search", nor "search_dns" is set (the default)
96 # then use the mirror provided by the DataSource found.
97 # In EC2, that means using <region>.ec2.archive.ubuntu.com
98 #
99 # define a custom (e.g. localized) mirror that will be used in sources.list
100 # and any custom sources entries for deb / deb-src lines.
101 #
102 # One can set primary and security mirror to different uri's
103 # the child elements to the keys primary and secondary are equivalent
104 primary:
105 # arches is list of architectures the following config applies to
106 # the special keyword "default" applies to any architecture not explicitly
107 # listed.
108 - arches: [amd64, i386, default]
109 # uri is just defining the target as-is
110 uri: http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu
111 #
112 # via search one can define lists that are tried one by one.
113 # The first with a working DNS resolution (or if it is an IP) will be
114 # picked. That way one can keep one configuration for multiple
115 # subenvironments that select the working one.
116 search:
117 - http://cool.but-sometimes-unreachable.com/ubuntu
118 - http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu
119 # if no mirror is provided by uri or search but 'search_dns' is
120 # true, then search for dns names '<distro>-mirror' in each of
121 # - fqdn of this host per cloud metadata
122 # - localdomain
123 # - no domain (which would search domains listed in /etc/resolv.conf)
124 # If there is a dns entry for <distro>-mirror, then it is assumed that
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125     # there is a distro mirror at http://<distro>-mirror.<domain>/<distro>
126     #
127     # That gives the cloud provider the opportunity to set mirrors of a distro
128     # up and expose them only by creating dns entries.
129     #
130     # if none of that is found, then the default distro mirror is used
131     search_dns: true
132     #
133     # If multiple of a category are given
134     # 1. uri
135     # 2. search
136     # 3. search_dns
137     # the first defining a valid mirror wins (in the order as defined here,
138     # not the order as listed in the config).
139     #
140     - arches: [s390x, arm64]
141     # as above, allowing to have one config for different per arch mirrors
142     # security is optional, if not defined it is set to the same value as primary
143     security:
144         uri: http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu
145     # If search_dns is set for security the searched pattern is:
146     # <distro>-security-mirror
147
148     # if no mirrors are specified at all, or all lookups fail it will try
149     # to get them from the cloud datasource and if those neither provide one fall
150     # back to:
151     #   primary: http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu
152     #   security: http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu
153
154     # 1.4 sources_list
155     #
156     # Provide a custom template for rendering sources.list
157     # without one provided cloud-init uses builtin templates for
158     # ubuntu and debian.
159     # Within these sources.list templates you can use the following replacement
160     # variables (all have sane Ubuntu defaults, but mirrors can be overwritten
161     # as needed (see above)):
162     # => $RELEASE, $MIRROR, $PRIMARY, $SECURITY
163     sources_list: | # written by cloud-init custom template
164     deb $MIRROR $RELEASE main restricted
165     deb-src $MIRROR $RELEASE main restricted
166     deb $PRIMARY $RELEASE universe restricted
167     deb $SECURITY $RELEASE-security multiverse
168
169     # 1.5 conf
170     #
171     # Any apt config string that will be made available to apt
172     # see the APT.CONF(5) man page for details what can be specified
173     conf: | # APT config
174     APT {
175         Get {
176             Assume-Yes "true";
177             Fix-Broken "true";
178         };
179     };
180
181     # 1.6 (http_|ftp_|https_)proxy

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182 #
183 # Proxies are the most common apt.conf option, so that for simplified use
184 # there is a shortcut for those. Those get automatically translated into the
185 # correct Acquire::Proxy statements.
186 #
187 # note: proxy actually being a short synonym to http_proxy
188 proxy: http://[[user][:pass]@]host[:port]/
189 http_proxy: http://[[user][:pass]@]host[:port]/
190 ftp_proxy: ftp://[[user][:pass]@]host[:port]/
191 https_proxy: https://[[user][:pass]@]host[:port]/
192
193 # 1.7 add_apt_repo_match
194 #
195 # 'source' entries in apt-sources that match this python regex
196 # expression will be passed to add-apt-repository
197 # The following example is also the builtin default if nothing is specified
198 add_apt_repo_match: '^[\w-]+:\w'
199
200
201 #####
202 # Section 2: source list entries
203 #
204 # This is a dictionary (unlike most block/net which are lists)
205 #
206 # The key of each source entry is the filename and will be prepended by
207 # /etc/apt/sources.list.d/ if it doesn't start with a '/'.
208 # If it doesn't end with .list it will be appended so that apt picks up it's
209 # configuration.
210 #
211 # Whenever there is no content to be written into such a file, the key is
212 # not used as filename - yet it can still be used as index for merging
213 # configuration.
214 #
215 # The values inside the entries consist of the following optional entries:
216 # 'source': a sources.list entry (some variable replacements apply)
217 # 'keyid': providing a key to import via shortid or fingerprint
218 # 'key': providing a raw PGP key
219 # 'keyserver': specify an alternate keyserver to pull keys from that
220 #               were specified by keyid
221
222 # This allows merging between multiple input files than a list like:
223 # cloud-config1
224 # sources:
225 #   s1: {'key': 'key1', 'source': 'source1'}
226 # cloud-config2
227 # sources:
228 #   s2: {'key': 'key2'}
229 #   s1: {'keyserver': 'foo'}
230 # This would be merged to
231 # sources:
232 #   s1:
233 #     keyserver: foo
234 #     key: key1
235 #     source: source1
236 #   s2:
237 #     key: key2
238 #

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239 # The following examples number the subfeatures per sources entry to ease
240 # identification in discussions.
241
242
243 sources:
244   curtin-dev-ppa.list:
245     # 2.1 source
246     #
247     # Creates a file in /etc/apt/sources.list.d/ for the sources list entry
248     # based on the key: "/etc/apt/sources.list.d/curtin-dev-ppa.list"
249     source: "deb http://ppa.launchpad.net/curtin-dev/test-archive/ubuntu xenial main
↳ "
250
251     # 2.2 keyid
252     #
253     # Importing a gpg key for a given key id. Used keyserver defaults to
254     # keyserver.ubuntu.com
255     keyid: F430BBA5 # GPG key ID published on a key server
256
257   ignored1:
258     # 2.3 PPA shortcut
259     #
260     # Setup correct apt sources.list line and Auto-Import the signing key
261     # from LP
262     #
263     # See https://help.launchpad.net/Packaging/PPA for more information
264     # this requires 'add-apt-repository'. This will create a file in
265     # /etc/apt/sources.list.d automatically, therefore the key here is
266     # ignored as filename in those cases.
267     source: "ppa:curtin-dev/test-archive" # Quote the string
268
269   my-repo2.list:
270     # 2.4 replacement variables
271     #
272     # sources can use $MIRROR, $PRIMARY, $SECURITY and $RELEASE replacement
273     # variables.
274     # They will be replaced with the default or specified mirrors and the
275     # running release.
276     # The entry below would be possibly turned into:
277     # source: deb http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu xenial multiverse
278     source: deb $MIRROR $RELEASE multiverse
279
280   my-repo3.list:
281     # this would have the same end effect as 'ppa:curtin-dev/test-archive'
282     source: "deb http://ppa.launchpad.net/curtin-dev/test-archive/ubuntu xenial main
↳ "
283     keyid: F430BBA5 # GPG key ID published on the key server
284     filename: curtin-dev-ppa.list
285
286   ignored2:
287     # 2.5 key only
288     #
289     # this would only import the key without adding a ppa or other source spec
290     # since this doesn't generate a source.list file the filename key is ignored
291     keyid: F430BBA5 # GPG key ID published on a key server
292
293   ignored3:

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294 # 2.6 key id alternatives
295 #
296 # Keyid's can also be specified via their long fingerprints
297 keyid: B59D 5F15 97A5 04B7 E230 6DCA 0620 BBCF 0368 3F77
298
299 ignored4:
300 # 2.7 alternative keyserver
301 #
302 # One can also specify alternative keyserver to fetch keys from.
303 keyid: B59D 5F15 97A5 04B7 E230 6DCA 0620 BBCF 0368 3F77
304 keyserver: pgp.mit.edu
305
306
307 my-repo4.list:
308 # 2.8 raw key
309 #
310 # The apt signing key can also be specified by providing a pgp public key
311 # block. Providing the PGP key this way is the most robust method for
312 # specifying a key, as it removes dependency on a remote key server.
313 #
314 # As with keyid's this can be specified with or without some actual source
315 # content.
316 key: | # The value needs to start with -----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----
317 -----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----
318 Version: SKS 1.0.10
319
320 mI0ESpA3UQEELdZKvIMq0j6qWAXAyxSlF63SvPVIgXHPb9Nk0DZUixn+akqytXG4zKCONz6
321 qLjoBBfHnynyVlft4ihg9an1PqxRnTO+JKQx18NgKGz6Pon569GtAodWnkW15XKinJTDLjnj
322 9y961jJqRcpV9t/WsIcdJpCkFR5voHTEoABE2aEXABEBAAG0GUxhdW5jaHBhZCBQUEEgZm9y
323 IEFsZXN0aW0ItgQTAQIAIAUCSpA3UQIbAwYLCQgHAWIEFQIIAwQWAgMBAh4BAheAAAoJEA7H
324 5Qi+CcVxWZ8D/1MyYvfj3FJPZUm2YolZsQ657vHI9+pPouqflWOayRR9jbiyUFIn0VdQBrP
325 t0FwvnOFArUovUWoKAEdqR8hPy3M3APUZj15K4cMZR/xaMQeQRZ5CHps4DBKURKAHC0ltS5o
326 uBJKQOZm5iltJp15cgyIkBkGe8Mx18VFyVg1AZey
327 =Y2oI
328 -----END PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----

```

## 1.7.19 Disk setup

```

1 # Cloud-init supports the creation of simple partition tables and file systems
2 # on devices.
3
4 # Default disk definitions for AWS
5 # -----
6 # (Not implemented yet, but provided for future documentation)
7
8 disk_setup:
9   ephemeral0:
10     table_type: 'mbr'
11     layout: True
12     overwrite: False
13
14 fs_setup:
15   - label: None,
16     filesystem: ext3
17     device: ephemeral0

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```
18     partition: auto
19
20 # Default disk definitions for Microsoft Azure
21 # -----
22
23 device_aliases: {'ephemeral0': '/dev/sdb'}
24 disk_setup:
25     ephemeral0:
26         table_type: mbr
27         layout: True
28         overwrite: False
29
30 fs_setup:
31     - label: ephemeral0
32       filesystem: ext4
33       device: ephemeral0.1
34       replace_fs: ntfs
35
36
37 # Data disks definitions for Microsoft Azure
38 # -----
39
40 disk_setup:
41     /dev/disk/azure/scsi1/lun0:
42         table_type: gpt
43         layout: True
44         overwrite: True
45
46 fs_setup:
47     - device: /dev/disk/azure/scsi1/lun0
48       partition: 1
49       filesystem: ext4
50
51
52 # Default disk definitions for SmartOS
53 # -----
54
55 device_aliases: {'ephemeral0': '/dev/vdb'}
56 disk_setup:
57     ephemeral0:
58         table_type: mbr
59         layout: False
60         overwrite: False
61
62 fs_setup:
63     - label: ephemeral0
64       filesystem: ext4
65       device: ephemeral0.0
66
67 # Cavaut for SmartOS: if ephemeral disk is not defined, then the disk will
68 #   not be automatically added to the mounts.
69
70
71 # The default definition is used to make sure that the ephemeral storage is
72 # setup properly.
73
74 # "disk_setup": disk partitioning
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75 # -----
76
77 # The disk_setup directive instructs Cloud-init to partition a disk. The format is:
78
79 disk_setup:
80   ephemeral0:
81     table_type: 'mbr'
82     layout: 'auto'
83   /dev/xvdh:
84     table_type: 'mbr'
85     layout:
86       - 33
87       - [33, 82]
88       - 33
89     overwrite: True
90
91 # The format is a list of dicts of dicts. The first value is the name of the
92 # device and the subsequent values define how to create and layout the
93 # partition.
94 # The general format is:
95 #   disk_setup:
96 #     <DEVICE>:
97 #       table_type: 'mbr'
98 #       layout: <LAYOUT|BOOL>
99 #       overwrite: <BOOL>
100 #
101 # Where:
102 #   <DEVICE>: The name of the device. 'ephemeralX' and 'swap' are special
103 #             values which are specific to the cloud. For these devices
104 #             Cloud-init will look up what the real devices is and then
105 #             use it.
106 #
107 #             For other devices, the kernel device name is used. At this
108 #             time only simply kernel devices are supported, meaning
109 #             that device mapper and other targets may not work.
110 #
111 #             Note: At this time, there is no handling or setup of
112 #             device mapper targets.
113 #
114 #   table_type=<TYPE>: Currently the following are supported:
115 #       'mbr': default and setups a MS-DOS partition table
116 #       'gpt': setups a GPT partition table
117 #
118 #             Note: At this time only 'mbr' and 'gpt' partition tables
119 #             are allowed. It is anticipated in the future that
120 #             we'll also have "RAID" to create a mdadm RAID.
121 #
122 #   layout={...}: The device layout. This is a list of values, with the
123 #                 percentage of disk that partition will take.
124 #                 Valid options are:
125 #                 [<SIZE>, [<SIZE>, <PART_TYPE>]]
126 #
127 #                 Where <SIZE> is the percentage of the disk to use, while
128 #                 <PART_TYPE> is the numerical value of the partition type.
129 #
130 #                 The following setups two partitions, with the first
131 #                 partition having a swap label, taking 1/3 of the disk space

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132 #         and the remainder being used as the second partition.
133 #         /dev/xvdh':
134 #             table_type: 'mbr'
135 #             layout:
136 #                 - [33,82]
137 #                 - 66
138 #             overwrite: True
139 #
140 #         When layout is "true" it means single partition the entire
141 #         device.
142 #
143 #         When layout is "false" it means don't partition or ignore
144 #         existing partitioning.
145 #
146 #         If layout is set to "true" and overwrite is set to "false",
147 #         it will skip partitioning the device without a failure.
148 #
149 #     overwrite=<BOOL>: This describes whether to ride with saftey's on and
150 #     everything holstered.
151 #
152 #     'false' is the default, which means that:
153 #     1. The device will be checked for a partition table
154 #     2. The device will be checked for a file system
155 #     3. If either a partition of file system is found, then
156 #        the operation will be _skipped_.
157 #
158 #     'true' is cowboy mode. There are no checks and things are
159 #     done blindly. USE with caution, you can do things you
160 #     really, really don't want to do.
161 #
162 #
163 # fs_setup: Setup the file system
164 # -----
165 #
166 # fs_setup describes the how the file systems are supposed to look.
167
168 fs_setup:
169   - label: ephemeral0
170     filesystem: 'ext3'
171     device: 'ephemeral0'
172     partition: 'auto'
173   - label: mylabl2
174     filesystem: 'ext4'
175     device: '/dev/xvdal'
176   - cmd: mkfs -t %(filesystem)s -L %(label)s %(device)s
177     label: mylabl3
178     filesystem: 'btrfs'
179     device: '/dev/xvdh'
180
181 # The general format is:
182 #   fs_setup:
183 #     - label: <LABEL>
184 #       filesystem: <FS_TYPE>
185 #       device: <DEVICE>
186 #       partition: <PART_VALUE>
187 #       overwrite: <OVERWRITE>
188 #       replace_fs: <FS_TYPE>

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189 #
190 # Where:
191 #   <LABEL>: The file system label to be used. If set to None, no label is
192 #           used.
193 #
194 #   <FS_TYPE>: The file system type. It is assumed that there
195 #             will be a "mkfs.<FS_TYPE>" that behaves like "mkfs". On a standard
196 #             Ubuntu Cloud Image, this means that you have the option of ext{2,3,4},
197 #             and vfat by default.
198 #
199 #   <DEVICE>: The device name. Special names of 'ephemeralX' or 'swap'
200 #             are allowed and the actual device is acquired from the cloud datasource.
201 #             When using 'ephemeralX' (i.e. ephemeral0), make sure to leave the
202 #             label as 'ephemeralX' otherwise there may be issues with the mounting
203 #             of the ephemeral storage layer.
204 #
205 #           If you define the device as 'ephemeralX.Y' then Y will be interpreted
206 #           as a partition value. However, ephemeralX.0 is the same as ephemeralX.
207 #
208 #   <PART_VALUE>:
209 #           Partition definitions are overwritten if you use the '<DEVICE>.Y' notation.
210 #
211 #           The valid options are:
212 #           "auto|any": tell cloud-init not to care whether there is a partition
213 #                       or not. Auto will use the first partition that does not contain a
214 #                       file system already. In the absence of a partition table, it will
215 #                       put it directly on the disk.
216 #
217 #           "auto": If a file system that matches the specification in terms of
218 #                   label, type and device, then cloud-init will skip the creation of
219 #                   the file system.
220 #
221 #           "any": If a file system that matches the file system type and device,
222 #                   then cloud-init will skip the creation of the file system.
223 #
224 #           Devices are selected based on first-detected, starting with partitions
225 #           and then the raw disk. Consider the following:
226 #           NAME      FSTYPE LABEL
227 #           xvdb
228 #           |-xvdb1  ext4
229 #           |-xvdb2
230 #           |-xvdb3  btrfs  test
231 #           \-xvdb4  ext4   test
232 #
233 #           If you ask for 'auto', label of 'test', and file system of 'ext4'
234 #           then cloud-init will select the 2nd partition, even though there
235 #           is a partition match at the 4th partition.
236 #
237 #           If you ask for 'any' and a label of 'test', then cloud-init will
238 #           select the 1st partition.
239 #
240 #           If you ask for 'auto' and don't define label, then cloud-init will
241 #           select the 1st partition.
242 #
243 #           In general, if you have a specific partition configuration in mind,
244 #           you should define either the device or the partition number. 'auto'
245 #           and 'any' are specifically intended for formatting ephemeral storage or

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246 #         for simple schemes.
247 #
248 #         "none": Put the file system directly on the device.
249 #
250 #         <NUM>: where NUM is the actual partition number.
251 #
252 #         <OVERWRITE>: Defines whether or not to overwrite any existing
253 #         filesystem.
254 #
255 #         "true": Indiscriminately destroy any pre-existing file system. Use at
256 #         your own peril.
257 #
258 #         "false": If an existing file system exists, skip the creation.
259 #
260 #         <REPLACE_FS>: This is a special directive, used for Microsoft Azure that
261 #         instructs cloud-init to replace a file system of <FS_TYPE>. NOTE:
262 #         unless you define a label, this requires the use of the 'any' partition
263 #         directive.
264 #
265 # Behavior Caveat: The default behavior is to check if the file system exists.
266 #         If a file system matches the specification, then the operation is a no-op.

```

## 1.7.20 Register RedHat Subscription

```

1 #cloud-config
2
3 # register your Red Hat Enterprise Linux based operating system
4 #
5 # this cloud-init plugin is capable of registering by username
6 # and password *or* activation and org. Following a successfully
7 # registration you can:
8 #   - auto-attach subscriptions
9 #   - set the service level
10 #   - add subscriptions based on its pool ID
11 #   - enable yum repositories based on its repo id
12 #   - disable yum repositories based on its repo id
13 #   - alter the rhsm_baseurl and server-hostname in the
14 #     /etc/rhsm/rhs.conf file
15
16 rh_subscription:
17     username: joe@foo.bar
18
19     ## Quote your password if it has symbols to be safe
20     password: '1234abcd'
21
22     ## If you prefer, you can use the activation key and
23     ## org instead of username and password. Be sure to
24     ## comment out username and password
25
26     #activation-key: foobar
27     #org: 12345
28
29     ## Uncomment to auto-attach subscriptions to your system
30     #auto-attach: True
31

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```
32  ## Uncomment to set the service level for your
33  ##  subscriptions
34  #service-level: self-support
35
36  ## Uncomment to add pools (needs to be a list of IDs)
37  #add-pool: []
38
39  ## Uncomment to add or remove yum repos
40  ##  (needs to be a list of repo IDs)
41  #enable-repo: []
42  #disable-repo: []
43
44  ## Uncomment to alter the baseurl in /etc/rhsm/rhsm.conf
45  #rhsm-baseurl: http://url
46
47  ## Uncomment to alter the server hostname in
48  ##  /etc/rhsm/rhsm.conf
49  #server-hostname: foo.bar.com
```

## 1.7.21 Configure data sources

```
1  # Documentation on data sources configuration options
2  datasource:
3  # Ec2
4  Ec2:
5  # timeout: the timeout value for a request at metadata service
6  timeout : 50
7  # The length in seconds to wait before giving up on the metadata
8  # service. The actual total wait could be up to
9  # len(resolvable_metadata_urls)*timeout
10 max_wait : 120
11
12 #metadata_url: a list of URLs to check for metadata services
13 metadata_urls:
14 - http://169.254.169.254:80
15 - http://instance-data:8773
16
17 MAAS:
18 timeout : 50
19 max_wait : 120
20
21 # there are no default values for metadata_url or oauth credentials
22 # If no credentials are present, non-authed attempts will be made.
23 metadata_url: http://mass-host.localdomain/source
24 consumer_key: Xh234sdkljlf
25 token_key: kjfhgb3n
26 token_secret: 24uysdfx1w4
27
28 NoCloud:
29 # default seedfrom is None
30 # if found, then it should contain a url with:
31 # <url>/user-data and <url>/meta-data
32 # seedfrom: http://my.example.com/i-abcde
33 seedfrom: None
34
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35 # fs_label: the label on filesystems to be searched for NoCloud source
36 fs_label: cidata
37
38 # these are optional, but allow you to basically provide a datasource
39 # right here
40 user-data: |
41     # This is the user-data verbatim
42 meta-data:
43     instance-id: i-87018aed
44     local-hostname: myhost.internal
45
46 Azure:
47     agent_command: [service, walinuxagent, start]
48     set_hostname: True
49     hostname_bounce:
50         interface: eth0
51         policy: on # [can be 'on', 'off' or 'force']
52
53 SmartOS:
54     # For KVM guests:
55     # Smart OS datasource works over a serial console interacting with
56     # a server on the other end. By default, the second serial console is the
57     # device. SmartOS also uses a serial timeout of 60 seconds.
58     serial_device: /dev/ttyS1
59     serial_timeout: 60
60
61     # For LX-Brand Zones guests:
62     # Smart OS datasource works over a socket interacting with
63     # the host on the other end. By default, the socket file is in
64     # the native .zoncontrol directory.
65     metadata_sockfile: /native/.zonecontrol/metadata.sock
66
67     # a list of keys that will not be base64 decoded even if base64_all
68     no_base64_decode: ['root_authorized_keys', 'motd_sys_info',
69                       'iptables_disable']
70     # a plaintext, comma delimited list of keys whose values are b64 encoded
71     base64_keys: []
72     # a boolean indicating that all keys not in 'no_base64_decode' are encoded
73     base64_all: False

```

## 1.7.22 Create partitions and filesystems

```

1 # Cloud-init supports the creation of simple partition tables and file systems
2 # on devices.
3
4 # Default disk definitions for AWS
5 # -----
6 # (Not implemented yet, but provided for future documentation)
7
8 disk_setup:
9     ephemeral0:
10         table_type: 'mbr'
11         layout: True
12         overwrite: False
13

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```
14 fs_setup:
15   - label: None,
16     filesystem: ext3
17     device: ephemeral0
18     partition: auto
19
20 # Default disk definitions for Microsoft Azure
21 # -----
22
23 device_aliases: {'ephemeral0': '/dev/sdb'}
24 disk_setup:
25   ephemeral0:
26     table_type: mbr
27     layout: True
28     overwrite: False
29
30 fs_setup:
31   - label: ephemeral0
32     filesystem: ext4
33     device: ephemeral0.1
34     replace_fs: ntfs
35
36 # Data disks definitions for Microsoft Azure
37 # -----
38
39 disk_setup:
40   /dev/disk/azure/scsil/lun0:
41     table_type: gpt
42     layout: True
43     overwrite: True
44
45 fs_setup:
46   - device: /dev/disk/azure/scsil/lun0
47     partition: 1
48     filesystem: ext4
49
50
51 # Default disk definitions for SmartOS
52 # -----
53
54 device_aliases: {'ephemeral0': '/dev/vdb'}
55 disk_setup:
56   ephemeral0:
57     table_type: mbr
58     layout: False
59     overwrite: False
60
61 fs_setup:
62   - label: ephemeral0
63     filesystem: ext4
64     device: ephemeral0.0
65
66 # Cavaut for SmartOS: if ephemeral disk is not defined, then the disk will
67 #   not be automatically added to the mounts.
68
69
70
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71 # The default definition is used to make sure that the ephemeral storage is
72 # setup properly.
73
74 # "disk_setup": disk partitioning
75 # -----
76
77 # The disk_setup directive instructs Cloud-init to partition a disk. The format is:
78
79 disk_setup:
80   ephemeral0:
81     table_type: 'mbr'
82     layout: 'auto'
83   /dev/xvdh:
84     table_type: 'mbr'
85     layout:
86       - 33
87       - [33, 82]
88       - 33
89     overwrite: True
90
91 # The format is a list of dicts of dicts. The first value is the name of the
92 # device and the subsequent values define how to create and layout the
93 # partition.
94 # The general format is:
95 #   disk_setup:
96 #     <DEVICE>:
97 #       table_type: 'mbr'
98 #       layout: <LAYOUT|BOOL>
99 #       overwrite: <BOOL>
100 #
101 # Where:
102 #   <DEVICE>: The name of the device. 'ephemeralX' and 'swap' are special
103 #             values which are specific to the cloud. For these devices
104 #             Cloud-init will look up what the real devices is and then
105 #             use it.
106 #
107 #             For other devices, the kernel device name is used. At this
108 #             time only simply kernel devices are supported, meaning
109 #             that device mapper and other targets may not work.
110 #
111 #             Note: At this time, there is no handling or setup of
112 #             device mapper targets.
113 #
114 #   table_type=<TYPE>: Currently the following are supported:
115 #                       'mbr': default and setups a MS-DOS partition table
116 #                       'gpt': setups a GPT partition table
117 #
118 #             Note: At this time only 'mbr' and 'gpt' partition tables
119 #             are allowed. It is anticipated in the future that
120 #             we'll also have "RAID" to create a mdadm RAID.
121 #
122 #   layout={...}: The device layout. This is a list of values, with the
123 #                 percentage of disk that partition will take.
124 #                 Valid options are:
125 #                   [<SIZE>, [<SIZE>, <PART_TYPE>]]
126 #
127 #                 Where <SIZE> is the percentage of the disk to use, while

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128 #           <PART_TYPE> is the numerical value of the partition type.
129 #
130 #           The following setups two partitions, with the first
131 #           partition having a swap label, taking 1/3 of the disk space
132 #           and the remainder being used as the second partition.
133 #           /dev/xvdh':
134 #               table_type: 'mbr'
135 #               layout:
136 #                   - [33,82]
137 #                   - 66
138 #               overwrite: True
139 #
140 #           When layout is "true" it means single partition the entire
141 #           device.
142 #
143 #           When layout is "false" it means don't partition or ignore
144 #           existing partitioning.
145 #
146 #           If layout is set to "true" and overwrite is set to "false",
147 #           it will skip partitioning the device without a failure.
148 #
149 #           overwrite=<BOOL>: This describes whether to ride with safety's on and
150 #           everything holstered.
151 #
152 #           'false' is the default, which means that:
153 #               1. The device will be checked for a partition table
154 #               2. The device will be checked for a file system
155 #               3. If either a partition or file system is found, then
156 #                   the operation will be _skipped_.
157 #
158 #           'true' is cowboy mode. There are no checks and things are
159 #           done blindly. USE with caution, you can do things you
160 #           really, really don't want to do.
161 #
162 #
163 # fs_setup: Setup the file system
164 # -----
165 #
166 # fs_setup describes the how the file systems are supposed to look.
167
168 fs_setup:
169     - label: ephemeral0
170       filesystem: 'ext3'
171       device: 'ephemeral0'
172       partition: 'auto'
173     - label: mylabl2
174       filesystem: 'ext4'
175       device: '/dev/xvda1'
176     - cmd: mkfs -t %(filesystem)s -L %(label)s %(device)s
177       label: mylabl3
178       filesystem: 'btrfs'
179       device: '/dev/xvdh'
180
181 # The general format is:
182 #     fs_setup:
183 #         - label: <LABEL>
184 #           filesystem: <FS_TYPE>

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185 #         device: <DEVICE>
186 #         partition: <PART_VALUE>
187 #         overwrite: <OVERWRITE>
188 #         replace_fs: <FS_TYPE>
189 #
190 # Where:
191 #     <LABEL>: The file system label to be used. If set to None, no label is
192 #             used.
193 #
194 #     <FS_TYPE>: The file system type. It is assumed that there
195 #               will be a "mkfs.<FS_TYPE>" that behaves like "mkfs". On a standard
196 #               Ubuntu Cloud Image, this means that you have the option of ext{2,3,4},
197 #               and vfat by default.
198 #
199 #     <DEVICE>: The device name. Special names of 'ephemeralX' or 'swap'
200 #               are allowed and the actual device is acquired from the cloud datasource.
201 #               When using 'ephemeralX' (i.e. ephemeral0), make sure to leave the
202 #               label as 'ephemeralX' otherwise there may be issues with the mounting
203 #               of the ephemeral storage layer.
204 #
205 #             If you define the device as 'ephemeralX.Y' then Y will be interpreted
206 #             as a partition value. However, ephemeralX.0 is the same as ephemeralX.
207 #
208 #     <PART_VALUE>:
209 #             Partition definitions are overwritten if you use the '<DEVICE>.Y' notation.
210 #
211 #             The valid options are:
212 #             "auto|any": tell cloud-init not to care whether there is a partition
213 #                       or not. Auto will use the first partition that does not contain a
214 #                       file system already. In the absence of a partition table, it will
215 #                       put it directly on the disk.
216 #
217 #             "auto": If a file system that matches the specification in terms of
218 #                   label, type and device, then cloud-init will skip the creation of
219 #                   the file system.
220 #
221 #             "any": If a file system that matches the file system type and device,
222 #                   then cloud-init will skip the creation of the file system.
223 #
224 #             Devices are selected based on first-detected, starting with partitions
225 #             and then the raw disk. Consider the following:
226 #
227 #             NAME      FSTYPE LABEL
228 #             |-xvdb1  ext4
229 #             |-xvdb2
230 #             |-xvdb3  btrfs  test
231 #             \-xvdb4  ext4   test
232 #
233 #             If you ask for 'auto', label of 'test', and file system of 'ext4'
234 #             then cloud-init will select the 2nd partition, even though there
235 #             is a partition match at the 4th partition.
236 #
237 #             If you ask for 'any' and a label of 'test', then cloud-init will
238 #             select the 1st partition.
239 #
240 #             If you ask for 'auto' and don't define label, then cloud-init will
241 #             select the 1st partition.

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242 #
243 #     In general, if you have a specific partition configuration in mind,
244 #     you should define either the device or the partition number. 'auto'
245 #     and 'any' are specifically intended for formatting ephemeral storage or
246 #     for simple schemes.
247 #
248 #     "none": Put the file system directly on the device.
249 #
250 #     <NUM>: where NUM is the actual partition number.
251 #
252 #     <OVERWRITE>: Defines whether or not to overwrite any existing
253 #     filesystem.
254 #
255 #     "true": Indiscriminately destroy any pre-existing file system. Use at
256 #     your own peril.
257 #
258 #     "false": If an existing file system exists, skip the creation.
259 #
260 #     <REPLACE_FS>: This is a special directive, used for Microsoft Azure that
261 #     instructs cloud-init to replace a file system of <FS_TYPE>. NOTE:
262 #     unless you define a label, this requires the use of the 'any' partition
263 #     directive.
264 #
265 # Behavior Caveat: The default behavior is to _check_ if the file system exists.
266 #     If a file system matches the specification, then the operation is a no-op.

```

### 1.7.23 Grow partitions

```

1 #cloud-config
2 #
3 # growpart entry is a dict, if it is not present at all
4 # in config, then the default is used ({'mode': 'auto', 'devices': ['/']})
5 #
6 # mode:
7 #   values:
8 #     * auto: use any option possible (any available)
9 #           if none are available, do not warn, but debug.
10 #     * growpart: use growpart to grow partitions
11 #                if growpart is not available, this is an error.
12 #     * off, false
13 #
14 # devices:
15 #   a list of things to resize.
16 #   items can be filesystem paths or devices (in /dev)
17 #   examples:
18 #     devices: [/, /dev/vdb1]
19 #
20 # ignore_growroot_disabled:
21 #   a boolean, default is false.
22 #   if the file /etc/growroot-disabled exists, then cloud-init will not grow
23 #   the root partition. This is to allow a single file to disable both
24 #   cloud-initramfs-growroot and cloud-init's growroot support.
25 #
26 #   true indicates that /etc/growroot-disabled should be ignored
27 #

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```
28 growpart:
29   mode: auto
30   devices: ['/']
31   ignore_growroot_disabled: false
```

## 1.8 Modules

### 1.8.1 Apt Configure

**Summary:** configure apt

This module handles both configuration of apt options and adding source lists. There are configuration options such as `apt_get_wrapper` and `apt_get_command` that control how cloud-init invokes apt-get. These configuration options are handled on a per-distro basis, so consult documentation for cloud-init's distro support for instructions on using these config options.

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**Note:** To ensure that apt configuration is valid yaml, any strings containing special characters, especially `:` should be quoted.

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**Note:** For more information about apt configuration, see the `Additional apt configuration example`.

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#### Preserve `sources.list`:

By default, cloud-init will generate a new `sources.list` in `/etc/apt/sources.list.d` based on any changes specified in cloud config. To disable this behavior and preserve the `sources.list` from the pristine image, set `preserve_sources_list` to `true`.

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**Note:** The `preserve_sources_list` option overrides all other config keys that would alter `sources.list` or `sources.list.d`, **except** for additional sources to be added to `sources.list.d`.

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#### Disable source suites:

Entries in the `sources.list` can be disabled using `disable_suites`, which takes a list of suites to be disabled. If the string `$RELEASE` is present in a suite in the `disable_suites` list, it will be replaced with the release name. If a suite specified in `disable_suites` is not present in `sources.list` it will be ignored. For convenience, several aliases are provided for `disable_suites`:

- `updates => $RELEASE-updates`
- `backports => $RELEASE-backports`
- `security => $RELEASE-security`
- `proposed => $RELEASE-proposed`
- `release => $RELEASE`

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**Note:** When a suite is disabled using `disable_suites`, its entry in `sources.list` is not deleted; it is just commented out.

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**Configure primary and security mirrors:**

The primary and security archive mirrors can be specified using the `primary` and `security` keys, respectively. Both the `primary` and `security` keys take a list of configs, allowing mirrors to be specified on a per-architecture basis. Each config is a dictionary which must have an entry for `arches`, specifying which architectures that config entry is for. The keyword `default` applies to any architecture not explicitly listed. The mirror url can be specified with the `uri` key, or a list of mirrors to check can be provided in order, with the first mirror that can be resolved being selected. This allows the same configuration to be used in different environment, with different hosts used for a local apt mirror. If no mirror is provided by `uri` or `search`, `search_dns` may be used to search for dns names in the format `<distro>-mirror` in each of the following:

- fqdn of this host per cloud metadata
- localdomain
- domains listed in `/etc/resolv.conf`

If there is a dns entry for `<distro>-mirror`, then it is assumed that there is a distro mirror at `http://<distro>-mirror.<domain>/<distro>`. If the `primary` key is defined, but not the `security` key, then then configuration for `primary` is also used for `security`. If `search_dns` is used for the `security` key, the search pattern will be. `<distro>-security-mirror`.

If no mirrors are specified, or all lookups fail, then default mirrors defined in the datasource are used. If none are present in the datasource either the following defaults are used:

- `primary`: `http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu`
- `security`: `http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu`

**Specify sources.list template:**

A custom template for rendering `sources.list` can be specified with `sources_list`. If no `sources_list` template is given, cloud-init will use sane default. Within this template, the following strings will be replaced with the appropriate values:

- `$MIRROR`
- `$RELEASE`
- `$PRIMARY`
- `$SECURITY`

**Pass configuration to apt:**

Apt configuration can be specified using `conf`. Configuration is specified as a string. For multiline apt configuration, make sure to follow yaml syntax.

**Configure apt proxy:**

Proxy configuration for apt can be specified using `conf`, but proxy config keys also exist for convenience. The proxy config keys, `http_proxy`, `ftp_proxy`, and `https_proxy` may be used to specify a proxy for http, ftp and https protocols respectively. The `proxy` key also exists as an alias for `http_proxy`. Proxy url is specified in the format `<protocol>://[[user][:pass]@]host[:port]/`.

**Add apt repos by regex:**

All source entries in `apt-sources` that match regex in `add_apt_repo_match` will be added to the system using `add-apt-repository`. If `add_apt_repo_match` is not specified, it defaults to `^[\\w-]+:\\w`

**Add source list entries:**

Source list entries can be specified as a dictionary under the `sources` config key, with key in the dict representing a different source file. The key of each source entry will be used as an id that can be referenced in other config entries, as well as the filename for the source's configuration under `/etc/apt/sources.list.d`. If the name does not

end with `.list`, it will be appended. If there is no configuration for a key in `sources`, no file will be written, but the key may still be referred to as an id in other `sources` entries.

Each entry under `sources` is a dictionary which may contain any of the following optional keys:

- `source`: a `sources.list` entry (some variable replacements apply)
- `keyid`: a key to import via shortid or fingerprint
- `key`: a raw PGP key
- `keyserver`: alternate keyserver to pull `keyid` key from

The `source` key supports variable replacements for the following strings:

- `$MIRROR`
- `$PRIMARY`
- `$SECURITY`
- `$RELEASE`

**Internal name:** `cc_apt_configure`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** ubuntu, debian

**Config keys:**

```
apt:
  preserve_sources_list: <true/false>
  disable_suites:
    - $RELEASE-updates
    - backports
    - $RELEASE
    - mysuite
  primary:
    - arches:
      - amd64
      - i386
      - default
      uri: "http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu"
      search:
        - "http://cool.but-sometimes-unreachable.com/ubuntu"
        - "http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu"
      search_dns: <true/false>
    - arches:
      - s390x
      - arm64
      uri: "http://archive-to-use-for-arm64.example.com/ubuntu"
  security:
    - arches:
      - default
      search_dns: true
  sources_list: |
    deb $MIRROR $RELEASE main restricted
    deb-src $MIRROR $RELEASE main restricted
    deb $PRIMARY $RELEASE universe restricted
    deb $SECURITY $RELEASE-security multiverse
  debconf_selections:
    set1: the-package the-package/some-flag boolean true
```

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```

conf: |
  APT {
    Get {
      Assume-Yes "true";
      Fix-Broken "true";
    }
  }
  proxy: "http://[[user][:pass]@]host[:port]/"
  http_proxy: "http://[[user][:pass]@]host[:port]/"
  ftp_proxy: "ftp://[[user][:pass]@]host[:port]/"
  https_proxy: "https://[[user][:pass]@]host[:port]/"
  sources:
    source1:
      keyid: "keyid"
      keyserver: "keyserverurl"
      source: "deb http://<url>/ xenial main"
    source2:
      source: "ppa:<ppa-name>"
    source3:
      source: "deb $MIRROR $RELEASE multiverse"
      key: |
        -----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----
        <key data>
        -----END PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----

```

## 1.8.2 Apt Pipelining

**Summary:** configure apt pipelining

This module configures apt's `Acquire::http::Pipeline-Depth` option, which controls how apt handles HTTP pipelining. It may be useful for pipelining to be disabled, because some web servers, such as S3 do not pipeline properly (LP: #948461). The `apt_pipelining` config key may be set to `false` to disable pipelining altogether. This is the default behavior. If it is set to `none`, `unchanged`, or `os`, no change will be made to apt configuration and the default setting for the distro will be used. The pipeline depth can also be manually specified by setting `apt_pipelining` to a number. However, this is not recommended.

**Internal name:** `cc_apt_pipelining`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** ubuntu, debian

**Config keys:** `apt_pipelining: <false/none/unchanged/os/number>`

## 1.8.3 Bootcmd

**Summary:** Run arbitrary commands early in the boot process

This module runs arbitrary commands very early in the boot process, only slightly after a boothook would run. This is very similar to a boothook, but more user friendly. The environment variable `INSTANCE_ID` will be set to the current instance id for all run commands. Commands can be specified either as lists or strings. For invocation details, see `runcmd`.

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**Note:** `bootcmd` should only be used for things that could not be done later in the boot process.

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**Note:** when writing files, do not use /tmp dir as it races with systemd-tmpfiles-clean LP: #1707222. Use /run/somedir instead.

---

**Internal name:** cc\_bootcmd

**Module frequency:** always

**Supported distros:** all

**Config schema: bootcmd:** (array of (array of string)/(string))

**Examples:**

```
bootcmd:
  - echo 192.168.1.130 us.archive.ubuntu.com > /etc/hosts
  - [ cloud-init-per, once, mymkfs, mkfs, /dev/vdb ]
```

## 1.8.4 CA Certs

**Summary:** add ca certificates

This module adds CA certificates to /etc/ca-certificates.conf and updates the ssl cert cache using update-ca-certificates. The default certificates can be removed from the system with the configuration option remove-defaults.

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**Note:** certificates must be specified using valid yaml. in order to specify a multiline certificate, the yaml multiline list syntax must be used

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**Internal name:** cc\_ca\_certs

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** ubuntu, debian

**Config keys:**

```
ca-certs:
  remove-defaults: <true/false>
  trusted:
    - <single line cert>
    - |
      -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
      YOUR-ORGS-TRUSTED-CA-CERT-HERE
      -----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

## 1.8.5 Chef

**Summary:** module that configures, starts and installs chef.

This module enables chef to be installed (from packages or from gems, or from omnibus). Before this occurs chef configurations are written to disk (validation.pem, client.pem, firstboot.json, client.rb), and needed chef folders/directories are created (/etc/chef and /var/log/chef and so-on). Then once installing proceeds correctly if configured chef will be started (in daemon mode or in non-daemon mode) and then once that has finished (if ran in non-daemon mode this will be when chef finishes converging, if ran in daemon mode then no further actions are possible since chef will have

forked into its own process) then a post run function can run that can do finishing activities (such as removing the validation pem file).

**Internal name:** cc\_chef

**Module frequency:** per always

**Supported distros:** all

**Config keys:**

```
chef:
  directories: (defaulting to /etc/chef, /var/log/chef, /var/lib/chef,
               /var/cache/chef, /var/backups/chef, /var/run/chef)
  validation_cert: (optional string to be written to file validation_key)
                  special value 'system' means set use existing file
  validation_key: (optional the path for validation_cert. default
                  /etc/chef/validation.pem)
  firstboot_path: (path to write run_list and initial_attributes keys that
                  should also be present in this configuration, defaults
                  to /etc/chef/firstboot.json)
  exec: boolean to run or not run chef (defaults to false, unless
      a gem installed is requested
      where this will then default
      to true)
```

```
chef.rb template keys (if falsey, then will be skipped and not
                       written to /etc/chef/client.rb)
```

```
chef:
  client_key:
  encrypted_data_bag_secret:
  environment:
  file_backup_path:
  file_cache_path:
  json_attribs:
  log_level:
  log_location:
  node_name:
  omnibus_url:
  omnibus_url_retries:
  omnibus_version:
  pid_file:
  server_url:
  show_time:
  ssl_verify_mode:
  validation_cert:
  validation_key:
  validation_name:
```

## 1.8.6 Debug

**Summary:** helper to debug cloud-init *internal* datastructures.

This module will enable for outputting various internal information that cloud-init sources provide to either a file or to the output console/log location that this cloud-init has been configured with when running.

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**Note:** Log configurations are not output.

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**Internal name:** `cc_debug`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** all

**Config keys:**

```
debug:
  verbose: true/false (defaulting to true)
  output: (location to write output, defaulting to console + log)
```

### 1.8.7 Disable EC2 Metadata

**Summary:** disable aws ec2 metadata

This module can disable the ec2 datasource by rejecting the route to `169.254.169.254`, the usual route to the datasource. This module is disabled by default.

**Internal name:** `cc_disable_ec2_metadata`

**Module frequency:** per always

**Supported distros:** all

**Config keys:**

```
disable_ec2_metadata: <true/false>
```

### 1.8.8 Disk Setup

**Summary:** configure partitions and filesystems

This module is able to configure simple partition tables and filesystems.

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**Note:** for more detail about configuration options for disk setup, see the disk setup example

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For convenience, aliases can be specified for disks using the `device_aliases` config key, which takes a dictionary of alias: path mappings. There are automatic aliases for `swap` and `ephemeral<X>`, where `swap` will always refer to the active swap partition and `ephemeral<X>` will refer to the block device of the ephemeral image.

Disk partitioning is done using the `disk_setup` directive. This config directive accepts a dictionary where each key is either a path to a block device or an alias specified in `device_aliases`, and each value is the configuration options for the device. The `table_type` option specifies the partition table type, either `mbr` or `gpt`. The `layout` option specifies how partitions on the device are to be arranged. If `layout` is set to `true`, a single partition using all the space on the device will be created. If set to `false`, no partitions will be created. Partitions can be specified by providing a list to `layout`, where each entry in the list is either a size or a list containing a size and the numerical value for a partition type. The size for partitions is specified in **percentage** of disk space, not in bytes (e.g. a size of 33 would take up 1/3 of the disk space). The `overwrite` option controls whether this module tries to be safe about writing partition tables or not. If `overwrite: false` is set, the device will be checked for a partition table and for a file system and if either is found, the operation will be skipped. If `overwrite: true` is set, no checks will be performed.

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**Note:** Using `overwrite: true` is dangerous and can lead to data loss, so double check that the correct device has been specified if using this option.

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File system configuration is done using the `fs_setup` directive. This config directive accepts a list of filesystem configs. The device to create the filesystem on may be specified either as a path or as an alias in the format `<alias name>.<y>` where `<y>` denotes the partition number on the device. The partition can also be specified by setting `partition` to the desired partition number. The `partition` option may also be set to `auto`, in which this module will search for the existence of a filesystem matching the `label`, `type` and `device` of the `fs_setup` entry and will skip creating the filesystem if one is found. The `partition` option may also be set to `any`, in which case any file system that matches `type` and `device` will cause this module to skip filesystem creation for the `fs_setup` entry, regardless of `label` matching or not. To write a filesystem directly to a device, use `partition: none`. A label can be specified for the filesystem using `label`, and the filesystem type can be specified using `filesystem`.

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**Note:** If specifying device using the `<device name>.<partition number>` format, the value of `partition` will be overwritten.

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**Note:** Using `overwrite: true` for filesystems is dangerous and can lead to data loss, so double check the entry in `fs_setup`.

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**Note:** `replace_fs` is ignored unless `partition` is `auto` or `any`.

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**Internal name:** `cc_disk_setup`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** all

**Config keys:**

```
device_aliases:
  <alias name>: <device path>
disk_setup:
  <alias name/path>:
    table_type: <'mbr'/'gpt'>
    layout:
      - [33, 82]
      - 66
    overwrite: <true/false>
fs_setup:
  - label: <label>
    filesystem: <filesystem type>
    device: <device>
    partition: <"auto"/"any"/"none"/<partition number>>
    overwrite: <true/false>
    replace_fs: <filesystem type>
```

## 1.8.9 Emit Upstart

**Summary:** emit upstart configuration

Emit upstart configuration for cloud-init modules on upstart based systems. No user configuration should be required.

**Internal name:** cc\_emit\_upstart

**Module frequency:** per always

**Supported distros:** ubuntu, debian

## 1.8.10 Fan

**Summary:** configure ubuntu fan networking

This module installs, configures and starts the ubuntu fan network system. For more information about Ubuntu Fan, see: <https://wiki.ubuntu.com/FanNetworking>.

If cloud-init sees a fan entry in cloud-config it will:

- write `config_path` with the contents of the `config` key
- install the package `ubuntu-fan` if it is not installed
- ensure the service is started (or restarted if was previously running)

**Internal name:** cc\_fan

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** ubuntu

**Config keys:**

```
fan:
  config: |
    # fan 240
    10.0.0.0/8 eth0/16 dhcp
    10.0.0.0/8 eth1/16 dhcp off
    # fan 241
    241.0.0.0/8 eth0/16 dhcp
  config_path: /etc/network/fan
```

## 1.8.11 Final Message

**Summary:** output final message when cloud-init has finished

This module configures the final message that cloud-init writes. The message is specified as a jinja template with the following variables set:

- `version`: cloud-init version
- `timestamp`: time at cloud-init finish
- `datasource`: cloud-init data source
- `uptime`: system uptime

**Internal name:** cc\_final\_message

**Module frequency:** per always

**Supported distros:** all

**Config keys:**

```
final_message: <message>
```

### 1.8.12 Foo

**Summary:** example module

Example to show module structure. Does not do anything.

**Internal name:** `cc_foo`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** all

### 1.8.13 Growpart

**Summary:** grow partitions

Growpart resizes partitions to fill the available disk space. This is useful for cloud instances with a larger amount of disk space available than the pristine image uses, as it allows the instance to automatically make use of the extra space.

The devices run growpart on are specified as a list under the `devices` key. Each entry in the devices list can be either the path to the device's mountpoint in the filesystem or a path to the block device in `/dev`.

The utility to use for resizing can be selected using the `mode` config key. If `mode` key is set to `auto`, then any available utility (either `growpart` or `gpart`) will be used. If neither utility is available, no error will be raised. If `mode` is set to `growpart`, then the `growpart` utility will be used. If this utility is not available on the system, this will result in an error. If `mode` is set to `off` or `false`, then `cc_growpart` will take no action.

There is some functionality overlap between this module and the `growroot` functionality of `cloud-initramfs-tools`. However, there are some situations where one tool is able to function and the other is not. The default configuration for both should work for most cloud instances. To explicitly prevent `cloud-initramfs-tools` from running `growroot`, the file `/etc/growroot-disabled` can be created. By default, both `growroot` and `cc_growpart` will check for the existence of this file and will not run if it is present. However, this file can be ignored for `cc_growpart` by setting `ignore_growroot_disabled` to `true`. For more information on `cloud-initramfs-tools` see: <https://launchpad.net/cloud-initramfs-tools>

Growpart is enabled by default on the root partition. The default config for growpart is:

```
growpart:
  mode: auto
  devices: ["/"]
  ignore_growroot_disabled: false
```

**Internal name:** `cc_growpart`

**Module frequency:** per always

**Supported distros:** all

**Config keys:**

```
growpart:
  mode: <auto/growpart/off/false>
  devices:
    - "/"
    - "/dev/vdb1"
  ignore_growroot_disabled: <true/false>
```

### 1.8.14 Grub Dpkg

**Summary:** configure grub debconf installation device

Configure which device is used as the target for grub installation. This module should work correctly by default without any user configuration. It can be enabled/disabled using the `enabled` config key in the `grub_dpkg` config dict. The global config key `grub-dpkg` is an alias for `grub_dpkg`. If no installation device is specified this module will look for the first existing device in:

- /dev/sda
- /dev/vda
- /dev/xvda
- /dev/sda1
- /dev/vda1
- /dev/xvda1

**Internal name:** `cc_grub_dpkg`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** ubuntu, debian

**Config keys:**

```
grub_dpkg:
  enabled: <true/false>
  grub-pc/install_devices: <devices>
  grub-pc/install_devices_empty: <devices>
grub-dpkg: (alias for grub_dpkg)
```

### 1.8.15 Keys to Console

**Summary:** control which ssh keys may be written to console

For security reasons it may be desirable not to write ssh fingerprints and keys to the console. To avoid the fingerprint of types of ssh keys being written to console the `ssh_fp_console_blacklist` config key can be used. By default all types of keys will have their fingerprints written to console. To avoid keys of a key type being written to console the `ssh_key_console_blacklist` config key can be used. By default `ssh-dss` keys are not written to console.

**Internal name:** `cc_keys_to_console`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** all

**Config keys:**

```
ssh_fp_console_blacklist: <list of key types>
ssh_key_console_blacklist: <list of key types>
```

### 1.8.16 Locale

**Summary:** set system locale

Configure the system locale and apply it system wide. By default use the locale specified by the datasource.

**Internal name:** `cc_locale`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** all

**Config keys:**

```
locale: <locale str>
locale_configfile: <path to locale config file>
```

## 1.8.17 LXD

**Summary:** configure lxd with `lxd init` and optionally `lxd-bridge`

This module configures lxd with user specified options using `lxd init`. If lxd is not present on the system but lxd configuration is provided, then lxd will be installed. If the selected storage backend is zfs, then zfs will be installed if missing. If network bridge configuration is provided, then `lxd-bridge` will be configured accordingly.

**Internal name:** `cc_lxd`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** ubuntu

**Config keys:**

```
lxd:
  init:
    network_address: <ip addr>
    network_port: <port>
    storage_backend: <zfs/dir>
    storage_create_device: <dev>
    storage_create_loop: <size>
    storage_pool: <name>
    trust_password: <password>
  bridge:
    mode: <new, existing or none>
    name: <name>
    ipv4_address: <ip addr>
    ipv4_netmask: <cidr>
    ipv4_dhcp_first: <ip addr>
    ipv4_dhcp_last: <ip addr>
    ipv4_dhcp_leases: <size>
    ipv4_nat: <bool>
    ipv6_address: <ip addr>
    ipv6_netmask: <cidr>
    ipv6_nat: <bool>
    domain: <domain>
```

## 1.8.18 Migrator

**Summary:** migrate old versions of cloud-init data to new

This module handles moving old versions of cloud-init data to newer ones. Currently, it only handles renaming cloud-init's per-frequency semaphore files to canonicalized name and renaming legacy semaphore names to newer ones. This module is enabled by default, but can be disabled by specifying `migrate: false` in config.

**Internal name:** `cc_migrator`



**Module frequency:** per always

**Supported distros:** all

**Config keys:**

```
migrate: <true/false>
```

## 1.8.19 Mounts

**Summary:** configure mount points and swap files

This module can add or remove mountpoints from `/etc/fstab` as well as configure swap. The `mounts` config key takes a list of fstab entries to add. Each entry is specified as a list of `[ fs_spec, fs_file, fs_vfstype, fs_mntops, fs_freq, fs_passno ]`. For more information on these options, consult the manual for `/etc/fstab`. When specifying the `fs_spec`, if the device name starts with one of `xvd`, `sd`, `hd`, or `vd`, the leading `/dev` may be omitted.

In order to remove a previously listed mount, an entry can be added to the `mounts` list containing `fs_spec` for the device to be removed but no mountpoint (i.e. `[ sda1 ]` or `[ sda1, null ]`).

The `mount_default_fields` config key allows default options to be specified for the values in a `mounts` entry that are not specified, aside from the `fs_spec` and the `fs_file`. If specified, this must be a list containing 7 values. It defaults to:

```
mount_default_fields: [none, none, "auto", "defaults,nobootwait", "0", "2"]
```

On a systemd booted system that default is the mostly equivalent:

```
mount_default_fields: [none, none, "auto",
    "defaults,nofail,x-systemd.requires=cloud-init.service", "0", "2"]
```

Note that `nobootwait` is an upstart specific boot option that somewhat equates to the more standard `nofail`.

Swap files can be configured by setting the path to the swap file to create with `filename`, the size of the swap file with `size` maximum size of the swap file if using an `size: auto` with `maxsize`. By default no swap file is created.

**Internal name:** `cc_mounts`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** all

**Config keys:**

```
mounts:
  - [ /dev/ephemeral0, /mnt, auto, "defaults,noexec" ]
  - [ sdc, /opt/data ]
  - [ xvdh, /opt/data, "auto", "defaults,nofail", "0", "0" ]
mount_default_fields: [None, None, "auto", "defaults,nofail", "0", "2"]
swap:
  filename: <file>
  size: <"auto"/size in bytes>
  maxsize: <size in bytes>
```

## 1.8.20 NTP

**Summary:** enable and configure ntp

Handle ntp configuration. If ntp is not installed on the system and ntp configuration is specified, ntp will be installed. If there is a default ntp config file in the image or one is present in the distro's ntp package, it will be copied to `/etc/ntp.conf.dist` before any changes are made. A list of ntp pools and ntp servers can be provided under the ntp config key. If no ntp servers or pools are provided, 4 pools will be used in the format `{0-3}.{distro}.pool.ntp.org`.

**Internal name:** `cc_ntp`

**Module frequency:** once-per-instance

**Supported distros:** centos, debian, fedora, opensuse, rhel, sles, ubuntu

**Config schema:** `ntp`: (object/null)

**pools:** (array of string) List of ntp pools. If both pools and servers are empty, 4 default pool servers will be provided of the format `{0-3}.{distro}.pool.ntp.org`.

**servers:** (array of string) List of ntp servers. If both pools and servers are empty, 4 default pool servers will be provided with the format `{0-3}.{distro}.pool.ntp.org`.

**ntp\_client:** (string) Name of an NTP client to use to configure system NTP. When unprovided or 'auto' the default client preferred by the distribution will be used. The following built-in client names can be used to override existing configuration defaults: `chrony`, `ntp`, `ntpdate`, `systemd-timesyncd`.

**enabled:** (boolean) Attempt to enable ntp clients if set to True. If set to False, ntp client will not be configured or installed

**config:** (object) Configuration settings or overrides for the `ntp_client` specified.

**confpath:** (string) The path to where the `ntp_client` configuration is written.

**check\_exe:** (string) The executable name for the `ntp_client`. For example, ntp service `check_exe` is 'ntpd' because it runs the ntpd binary.

**packages:** (array of string) List of packages needed to be installed for the selected `ntp_client`.

**service\_name:** (string) The systemd or sysvinit service name used to start and stop the `ntp_client` service.

**template:** (string) Inline template allowing users to define their own `ntp_client` configuration template. The value must start with '## template:jinja' to enable use of templating support.

**Examples:**

```
# Override ntp with chrony configuration on Ubuntu
ntp:
  enabled: true
  ntp_client: chrony # Uses cloud-init default chrony configuration

# --- Example2 ---
# Provide a custom ntp client configuration
ntp:
  enabled: true
  ntp_client: myntpclient
  config:
    confpath: /etc/myntpclient/myntpclient.conf
```

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```

check_exe: myntpclientd
packages:
  - myntpclient
service_name: myntpclient
template: |
  ## template:jinja
  # My NTP Client config
  {% if pools -%}# pools{% endif %}
  {% for pool in pools -%}
  pool {{pool}} iburst
  {% endfor %}
  {%- if servers %}# servers
  {% endif %}
  {% for server in servers -%}
  server {{server}} iburst
  {% endfor %}
pools: [0.int.pool.ntp.org, 1.int.pool.ntp.org, ntp.myorg.org]
servers:
  - ntp.server.local
  - ntp.ubuntu.com
  - 192.168.23.2

```

## 1.8.21 Package Update Upgrade Install

**Summary:** update, upgrade, and install packages

This module allows packages to be updated, upgraded or installed during boot. If any packages are to be installed or an upgrade is to be performed then the package cache will be updated first. If a package installation or upgrade requires a reboot, then a reboot can be performed if `package_reboot_if_required` is specified. A list of packages to install can be provided. Each entry in the list can be either a package name or a list with two entries, the first being the package name and the second being the specific package version to install.

**Internal name:** `cc_package_update_upgrade_install`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** all

**Config keys:**

```

packages:
  - pwgen
  - pastebinit
  - [libpython2.7, 2.7.3-0ubuntu3.1]
package_update: <true/false>
package_upgrade: <true/false>
package_reboot_if_required: <true/false>

apt_update: (alias for package_update)
apt_upgrade: (alias for package_upgrade)
apt_reboot_if_required: (alias for package_reboot_if_required)

```

## 1.8.22 Phone Home

**Summary:** post data to url

This module can be used to post data to a remote host after boot is complete. If the post url contains the string `$INSTANCE_ID` it will be replaced with the id of the current instance. Either all data can be posted or a list of keys to post. Available keys are:

- `pub_key_dsa`
- `pub_key_rsa`
- `pub_key_ecdsa`
- `instance_id`
- `hostname`
- `fqdn`

**Internal name:** `cc_phone_home`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** all

**Config keys:**

```
phone_home:
  url: http://example.com/$INSTANCE_ID/
  post:
    - pub_key_dsa
    - instance_id
    - fqdn
  tries: 10
```

### 1.8.23 Power State Change

**Summary:** change power state

This module handles shutdown/reboot after all config modules have been run. By default it will take no action, and the system will keep running unless a package installation/upgrade requires a system reboot (e.g. installing a new kernel) and `package_reboot_if_required` is true. The `power_state` config key accepts a dict of options. If mode is any value other than `poweroff`, `halt`, or `reboot`, then no action will be taken.

The system can be shutdown before cloud-init has finished using the `timeout` option. The `delay` key specifies a duration to be added onto any shutdown command used. Therefore, if a 5 minute delay and a 120 second shutdown are specified, the maximum amount of time between cloud-init starting and the system shutting down is 7 minutes, and the minimum amount of time is 5 minutes. The `delay` key must have an argument in a form that the shutdown utility recognizes. The most common format is the form `+5` for 5 minutes. See `man shutdown` for more options.

Optionally, a command can be run to determine whether or not the system should shut down. The command to be run should be specified in the `condition` key. For command formatting, see the documentation for `cc_runcmd`. The specified shutdown behavior will only take place if the `condition` key is omitted or the command specified by the `condition` key returns 0.

**Internal name:** `cc_power_state_change`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** all

**Config keys:**

```

power_state:
  delay: <now/'+minutes'>
  mode: <poweroff/halt/reboot>
  message: <shutdown message>
  timeout: <seconds>
  condition: <true/false/command>

```

## 1.8.24 Puppet

**Summary:** install, configure and start puppet

This module handles puppet installation and configuration. If the `puppet` key does not exist in global configuration, no action will be taken. If a config entry for `puppet` is present, then by default the latest version of puppet will be installed. If `install` is set to `false`, puppet will not be installed. However, this will result in an error if puppet is not already present on the system. The version of puppet to be installed can be specified under `version`, and defaults to `none`, which selects the latest version in the repos. If the `puppet` config key exists in the config archive, this module will attempt to start puppet even if no installation was performed.

The module also provides keys for configuring the new puppet 4 paths and installing the puppet package from the puppetlabs repositories: [https://docs.puppet.com/puppet/4.2/reference/whered\\_it\\_go.html](https://docs.puppet.com/puppet/4.2/reference/whered_it_go.html) The keys are `package_name`, `conf_file`, `ssl_dir` and `csr_attributes_path`. If unset, their values will default to ones that work with puppet 3.x and with distributions that ship modified puppet 4.x that uses the old paths.

Puppet configuration can be specified under the `conf` key. The configuration is specified as a dictionary containing high-level `<section>` keys and lists of `<key>=<value>` pairs within each section. Each section name and `<key>=<value>` pair is written directly to `puppet.conf`. As such, section names should be one of: `main`, `master`, `agent` or `user` and keys should be valid puppet configuration options. The `certname` key supports string substitutions for `%i` and `%f`, corresponding to the instance id and fqdn of the machine respectively. If `ca_cert` is present, it will not be written to `puppet.conf`, but instead will be used as the puppermaster certificate. It should be specified in pem format as a multi-line string (using the `| yml` notation).

Additionally it's possible to create a `csr_attributes.yaml` for CSR attributes and certificate extension requests. See [https://puppet.com/docs/puppet/latest/config\\_file\\_csr\\_attributes.html](https://puppet.com/docs/puppet/latest/config_file_csr_attributes.html)

**Internal name:** `cc_puppet`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** all

**Config keys:**

```

puppet:
  install: <true/false>
  version: <version>
  conf_file: '/etc/puppet/puppet.conf'
  ssl_dir: '/var/lib/puppet/ssl'
  csr_attributes_path: '/etc/puppet/csr_attributes.yaml'
  package_name: 'puppet'
  conf:
    agent:
      server: "puppetmaster.example.org"
      certname: "%i.%f"
      ca_cert: |
        -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
        <cert data>
        -----END CERTIFICATE-----

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```

csr_attributes:
  custom_attributes:
    1.2.840.113549.1.9.7: 342thbjkt82094y0uthhor289jnqthpc2290
  extension_requests:
    pp_uuid: ED803750-E3C7-44F5-BB08-41A04433FE2E
    pp_image_name: my_ami_image
    pp_preshared_key: 342thbjkt82094y0uthhor289jnqthpc2290

```

### 1.8.25 Resizesfs

**Summary:** Resize filesystem

Resize a filesystem to use all available space on partition. This module is useful along with `cc_growpart` and will ensure that if the root partition has been resized the root filesystem will be resized along with it. By default, `cc_resizesfs` will resize the root partition and will block the boot process while the resize command is running. Optionally, the resize operation can be performed in the background while cloud-init continues running modules. This can be enabled by setting `resize_rootfs` to `true`. This module can be disabled altogether by setting `resize_rootfs` to `false`.

**Internal name:** `cc_resizesfs`

**Module frequency:** always

**Supported distros:** all

**Config schema:** `resize_rootfs`: (true/false/noblock) Whether to resize the root partition. Default: 'true'

**Examples:**

```
resize_rootfs: false # disable root filesystem resize operation
```

### 1.8.26 Resolv Conf

**Summary:** configure resolv.conf

This module is intended to manage `resolv.conf` in environments where early configuration of `resolv.conf` is necessary for further bootstrapping and/or where configuration management such as puppet or chef own dns configuration. As Debian/Ubuntu will, by default, utilize `resolvconf`, and similarly RedHat will use `sysconfig`, this module is likely to be of little use unless those are configured correctly.

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**Note:** For RedHat with `sysconfig`, be sure to set `PEERDNS=no` for all DHCP enabled NICs.

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**Note:** And, in Ubuntu/Debian it is recommended that DNS be configured via the standard `/etc/network/interfaces` configuration file.

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**Internal name:** `cc_resolv_conf`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** fedora, rhel, sles

**Config keys:**

```

manage_resolv_conf: <true/false>
resolv_conf:
  nameservers: ['8.8.4.4', '8.8.8.8']
  searchdomains:
    - foo.example.com
    - bar.example.com
  domain: example.com
  options:
    rotate: <true/false>
    timeout: 1

```

## 1.8.27 RedHat Subscription

**Summary:** register red hat enterprise linux based system

Register a RedHat system either by username and password *or* activation and org. Following a successful registration, you can auto-attach subscriptions, set the service level, add subscriptions based on pool id, enable/disable yum repositories based on repo id, and alter the rhsm\_baseurl and server-hostname in `/etc/rhsm/rhsm.conf`. For more details, see the Register RedHat Subscription example config.

**Internal name:** `cc_rh_subscription`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** rhel, fedora

**Config keys:**

```

rh_subscription:
  username: <username>
  password: <password>
  activation-key: <activation key>
  org: <org number>
  auto-attach: <true/false>
  service-level: <service level>
  add-pool: <list of pool ids>
  enable-repo: <list of yum repo ids>
  disable-repo: <list of yum repo ids>
  rhsm-baseurl: <url>
  server-hostname: <hostname>

```

## 1.8.28 Rightscale Userdata

**Summary:** support rightscale configuration hooks

This module adds support for RightScale configuration hooks to cloud-init. RightScale adds a entry in the format `CLOUD_INIT_REMOTE_HOOK=http://...` to ec2 user-data. This module checks for this line in the raw userdata and retrieves any scripts linked by the RightScale user data and places them in the user scripts configuration directory, to be run later by `cc_scripts_user`.

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**Note:** the `CLOUD_INIT_REMOTE_HOOK` config variable is present in the raw ec2 user data only, not in any cloud-config parts

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**Internal name:** `cc_rightscale_userdata`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** all

**Config keys:**

CLOUD_INIT_REMOTE_HOOK=<url>
------------------------------

## 1.8.29 Rsyslog

**Summary:** configure system logging via rsyslog

This module configures remote system logging using rsyslog.

The rsyslog config file to write to can be specified in `config_filename`, which defaults to `20-cloud-config.conf`. The rsyslog config directory to write config files to may be specified in `config_dir`, which defaults to `/etc/rsyslog.d`.

A list of configurations for rsyslog can be specified under the `configs` key in the `rsyslog` config. Each entry in `configs` is either a string or a dictionary. Each config entry contains a configuration string and a file to write it to. For config entries that are a dictionary, `filename` sets the target filename and `content` specifies the config string to write. For config entries that are only a string, the string is used as the config string to write. If the filename to write the config to is not specified, the value of the `config_filename` key is used. A file with the selected filename will be written inside the directory specified by `config_dir`.

The command to use to reload the rsyslog service after the config has been updated can be specified in `service_reload_command`. If this is set to `auto`, then an appropriate command for the distro will be used. This is the default behavior. To manually set the command, use a list of command args (e.g. `[systemctl, restart, rsyslog]`).

Configuration for remote servers can be specified in `configs`, but for convenience it can be specified as key value pairs in `remotes`. Each key is the name for an rsyslog remote entry. Each value holds the contents of the remote config for rsyslog. The config consists of the following parts:

- filter for log messages (defaults to `*.*`)
- optional leading `@` or `@@`, indicating `udp` and `tcp` respectively (defaults to `@`, for `udp`)
- `ipv4` or `ipv6` hostname or address. `ipv6` addresses must be in `[::1]` format, (e.g. `@[fd00::1]:514`)
- optional port number (defaults to `514`)

This module will provide sane defaults for any part of the remote entry that is not specified, so in most cases remote hosts can be specified just using `<name>: <address>`.

For backwards compatibility, this module still supports legacy names for the config entries. Legacy to new mappings are as follows:

- `rsyslog` -> `rsyslog/configs`
- `rsyslog_filename` -> `rsyslog/config_filename`
- `rsyslog_dir` -> `rsyslog/config_dir`

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**Note:** The legacy config format does not support specifying `service_reload_command`.

---

**Internal name:** `cc_rsyslog`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** all



**Config keys:**

```

rsyslog:
  config_dir: config_dir
  config_filename: config_filename
  configs:
    - "*. * @@192.158.1.1"
    - content: "*. * @@192.0.2.1:10514"
      filename: 01-example.conf
    - content: |
        *. * @@syslogd.example.com
  remotes:
    maas: "192.168.1.1"
    juju: "10.0.4.1"
  service_reload_command: [your, syslog, restart, command]

```

**Legacy config keys:**

```

rsyslog:
  - "*. * @@192.158.1.1"
rsyslog_dir: /etc/rsyslog-config.d/
rsyslog_filename: 99-local.conf

```

## 1.8.30 Salt Minion

**Summary:** set up and run salt minion

This module installs, configures and starts salt minion. If the `salt_minion` key is present in the config parts, then salt minion will be installed and started. Configuration for salt minion can be specified in the `conf` key under `salt_minion`. Any `conf` values present there will be assigned in `/etc/salt/minion`. The public and private keys to use for salt minion can be specified with `public_key` and `private_key` respectively. Optionally if you have a custom package name, service name or config directory you can specify them with `pkg_name`, `service_name` and `config_dir`.

**Internal name:** `cc_salt_minion`**Module frequency:** per instance**Supported distros:** all**Config keys:**

```

salt_minion:
  pkg_name: 'salt-minion'
  service_name: 'salt-minion'
  config_dir: '/etc/salt'
  conf:
    master: salt.example.com
  grains:
    role:
      - web
  public_key: |
    -----BEGIN PUBLIC KEY-----
    <key data>
    -----END PUBLIC KEY-----
  private_key: |
    -----BEGIN PRIVATE KEY-----

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```
<key data>
-----END PRIVATE KEY-----
```

### 1.8.31 Scripts Per Boot

**Summary:** run per boot scripts

Any scripts in the `scripts/per-boot` directory on the datasource will be run every time the system boots. Scripts will be run in alphabetical order. This module does not accept any config keys.

**Internal name:** `cc_scripts_per_boot`

**Module frequency:** per always

**Supported distros:** all

### 1.8.32 Scripts Per Instance

**Summary:** run per instance scripts

Any scripts in the `scripts/per-instance` directory on the datasource will be run when a new instance is first booted. Scripts will be run in alphabetical order. This module does not accept any config keys.

Some cloud platforms change instance-id if a significant change was made to the system. As a result per-instance scripts will run again.

**Internal name:** `cc_scripts_per_instance`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** all

### 1.8.33 Scripts Per Once

**Summary:** run one time scripts

Any scripts in the `scripts/per-once` directory on the datasource will be run only once. Changes to the instance will not force a re-run. The only way to re-run these scripts is to run the `clean` subcommand and reboot. Scripts will be run in alphabetical order. This module does not accept any config keys.

**Internal name:** `cc_scripts_per_once`

**Module frequency:** per once

**Supported distros:** all

### 1.8.34 Scripts User

**Summary:** run user scripts

This module runs all user scripts. User scripts are not specified in the `scripts` directory in the datasource, but rather are present in the `scripts` dir in the instance configuration. Any cloud-config parts with a `#!` will be treated as a script and run. Scripts specified as cloud-config parts will be run in the order they are specified in the configuration. This module does not accept any config keys.

**Internal name:** `cc_scripts_user`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** all

### 1.8.35 Scripts Vendor

**Summary:** run vendor scripts

Any scripts in the `scripts/vendor` directory in the datasource will be run when a new instance is first booted. Scripts will be run in alphabetical order. Vendor scripts can be run with an optional prefix specified in the `prefix` entry under the `vendor_data` config key.

**Internal name:** `cc_scripts_vendor`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** all

**Config keys:**

```
vendor_data:
  prefix: <vendor data prefix>
```

### 1.8.36 Seed Random

**Summary:** provide random seed data

Since all cloud instances started from the same image will produce very similar data when they are first booted, as they are all starting with the same seed for the kernel's entropy keyring. To avoid this, random seed data can be provided to the instance either as a string or by specifying a command to run to generate the data.

Configuration for this module is under the `random_seed` config key. The `file` key specifies the path to write the data to, defaulting to `/dev/urandom`. Data can be passed in directly with `data`, and may optionally be specified in encoded form, with the encoding specified in `encoding`.

---

**Note:** when using a multiline value for `data` or specifying binary data, be sure to follow yaml syntax and use the `|` and `!binary` yaml format specifiers when appropriate

---

Instead of specifying a data string, a command can be run to generate/collect the data to be written. The command should be specified as a list of args in the `command` key. If a command is specified that cannot be run, no error will be reported unless `command_required` is set to `true`.

For example, to use `pollinate` to gather data from a remote entropy server and write it to `/dev/urandom`, the following could be used:

```
random_seed:
  file: /dev/urandom
  command: ["pollinate", "--server=http://local.pollinate.server"]
  command_required: true
```

**Internal name:** `cc_seed_random`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** all

**Config keys:**

```
random_seed:
  file: <file>
  data: <random string>
  encoding: <raw/base64/b64/gzip/gz>
  command: [<cmd name>, <arg1>, <arg2>...]
  command_required: <true/false>
```

### 1.8.37 Set Hostname

**Summary:** set hostname and fqdn

This module handles setting the system hostname and fqdn. If `preserve_hostname` is set, then the hostname will not be altered.

A hostname and fqdn can be provided by specifying a full domain name under the `fqdn` key. Alternatively, a hostname can be specified using the `hostname` key, and the fqdn of the cloud will be used. If a fqdn specified with the `hostname` key, it will be handled properly, although it is better to use the `fqdn` config key. If both `fqdn` and `hostname` are set, `fqdn` will be used.

**Internal name:** `cc_set_hostname`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** all

**Config keys:**

```
preserve_hostname: <true/false>
fqdn: <fqdn>
hostname: <fqdn/hostname>
```

### 1.8.38 Snap

**Summary:** Install, configure and manage snapd and snap packages

This module provides a simple configuration namespace in cloud-init to both setup snapd and install snaps.

---

**Note:** Both `assertions` and `commands` values can be either a dictionary or a list. If these configs are provided as a dictionary, the keys are only used to order the execution of the assertions or commands and the dictionary is merged with any vendor-data snap configuration provided. If a list is provided by the user instead of a dict, any vendor-data snap configuration is ignored.

---

The `assertions` configuration option is a dictionary or list of properly-signed snap assertions which will run before any snap commands. They will be added to snapd's assertion database by invoking `snap ack <aggregate_assertion_file>`.

`commands` is a dictionary or list of individual snap commands to run on the target system. These commands can be used to create snap users, install snaps and provide snap configuration.

---

**Note:** If 'side-loading' private/unpublished snaps on an instance, it is best to create a snap seed directory and `seed.yaml` manifest in `/var/lib/snapd/seed/` which snapd automatically installs on startup.

---

**Development only:** The `squashfuse_in_container` boolean can be set true to install squashfuse package when in a container to enable snap installs. Default is false.

**Internal name:** `cc_snap`

**Module frequency:** once-per-instance

**Supported distros:** ubuntu

**Config schema:** `snap:` (object)

**assertions:** (object/array of string)

**commands:** (object/array of (array of string)/(string))

**squashfuse\_in\_container:** (boolean)

**Examples:**

```

snap:
  assertions:
    00: |
      signed_assertion_blob_here
    02: |
      signed_assertion_blob_here
  commands:
    00: snap create-user --sudoer --known <snap-user>@mydomain.com
    01: snap install canonical-livepatch
    02: canonical-livepatch enable <AUTH_TOKEN>

# --- Example2 ---
# LXC-based containers require squashfuse before snaps can be installed
snap:
  commands:
    00: apt-get install squashfuse -y
    11: snap install emoji

# --- Example3 ---
# Convenience: the snap command can be omitted when specifying commands
# as a list and 'snap' will automatically be prepended.
# The following commands are equivalent:
snap:
  commands:
    00: ['install', 'vlc']
    01: ['snap', 'install', 'vlc']
    02: snap install vlc
    03: 'snap install vlc'

```

### 1.8.39 Snappy

**Summary:** snappy module allows configuration of snappy.

**Deprecated:** Use `Snappy` module instead. This module will not exist in cloud-init 18.3.

The below example config would install `etcd`, and then install `pkg2.smoser` with a `<config-file>` argument where `config-file` has `config-blob` inside it. If `pkgname` is installed already, then `snappy config pkgname <file>` will be called where `file` has `pkgname-config-blob` as its content.

Entries in `config` can be namespaced or non-namespaced for a package. In either case, the config provided to snappy command is non-namespaced. The package name is provided as it appears.

If `packages_dir` has files in it that end in `.snap`, then they are installed. Given 3 files:

- <packages\_dir>/foo.snap
- <packages\_dir>/foo.config
- <packages\_dir>/bar.snap

cloud-init will invoke:

- `snappy install <packages_dir>/foo.snap <packages_dir>/foo.config`
- `snappy install <packages_dir>/bar.snap`

---

**Note:** that if provided a `config` entry for `ubuntu-core`, then cloud-init will invoke: `snappy config ubuntu-core <config>` Allowing you to configure `ubuntu-core` in this way.

---

The `ssh_enabled` key controls the system's `ssh` service. The default value is `auto`. Options are:

- **True:** enable `ssh` service
- **False:** disable `ssh` service
- **auto:** enable `ssh` service if either `ssh` keys have been provided or user has requested password authentication (`ssh_pwauth`).

**Internal name:** `cc_snappy`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** `ubuntu`

**Config keys:**

```
#cloud-config
snappy:
  system_snappy: auto
  ssh_enabled: auto
  packages: [etcd, pkg2.smoser]
  config:
    pkgname:
      key2: value2
    pkg2:
      key1: value1
  packages_dir: '/writable/user-data/cloud-init/snaps'
```

### 1.8.40 Snap Config

**Summary:** `snappy` module allows configuration of `snappy`.

**Deprecated:** Use `snappy` module instead. This module will not exist in cloud-init 18.3.

This module uses the same `snappy` namespace for configuration but acts only on a subset of the configuration.

If `assertions` is set and the user has included a list of assertions then cloud-init will collect the assertions into a single assertion file and invoke `snappy ack <path to file with assertions>` which will attempt to load the provided assertions into the `snappy` assertion database.

If `email` is set, this value is used to create an authorized user for contacting and installing snaps from the Ubuntu Store. This is done by calling `snappy create-user` command.

If `known` is set to `True`, then it is expected the user also included an assertion of type `system-user`. When `snappy create-user` is called cloud-init will append `-known` flag which instructs `snappy` to look for a `system-user`

assertion with the details. If `known` is not set, then `snap create-user` will contact the Ubuntu SSO for validating and importing a system-user for the instance.

---

**Note:** If the system is already managed, then cloud-init will not attempt to create a system-user.

---

**Internal name:** `cc_snap_config`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** any with 'snapd' available

**Config keys:**

```
#cloud-config
snappy:
  assertions:
    - |
    <assertion 1>
    - |
    <assertion 2>
  email: user@user.org
  known: true
```

## 1.8.41 Spacewalk

**Summary:** install and configure spacewalk

This module installs spacewalk and applies basic configuration. If the `spacewalk` config key is present spacewalk will be installed. The server to connect to after installation must be provided in the `server` in spacewalk configuration. A proxy to connect through and a activation key may optionally be specified.

For more information about spacewalk see: <https://fedorahosted.org/spacewalk/>

**Internal name:** `cc_spacewalk`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** redhat, fedora

**Config keys:**

```
spacewalk:
  server: <url>
  proxy: <proxy host>
  activation_key: <key>
```

## 1.8.42 Timezone

**Summary:** set system timezone

Set the system timezone. If any args are passed to the module then the first will be used for the timezone. Otherwise, the module will attempt to retrieve the timezone from cloud config.

**Internal name:** `cc_timezone`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** all

**Config keys:**

```
timezone: <timezone>
```

### 1.8.43 Ubuntu Advantage

**Summary:** Configure Ubuntu Advantage support services

Attach machine to an existing Ubuntu Advantage support contract and enable or disable support services such as Livepatch, ESM, FIPS and FIPS Updates. When attaching a machine to Ubuntu Advantage, one can also specify services to enable. When the 'enable' list is present, any named service will be enabled and all absent services will remain disabled.

Note that when enabling FIPS or FIPS updates you will need to schedule a reboot to ensure the machine is running the FIPS-compliant kernel. See *Power State Change* for information on how to configure cloud-init to perform this reboot.

**Internal name:** cc\_ubuntu\_advantage

**Module frequency:** once-per-instance

**Supported distros:** ubuntu

**Config schema:** **ubuntu\_advantage:** (object)

**enable:** (array of string)

**token:** (string) A contract token obtained from <https://ubuntu.com/advantage>.

**Examples:**

```
# Attach the machine to an Ubuntu Advantage support contract with a
# UA contract token obtained from https://ubuntu.com/advantage.
ubuntu_advantage:
  token: <ua_contract_token>

# --- Example2 ---
# Attach the machine to an Ubuntu Advantage support contract enabling
# only fips and esm services. Services will only be enabled if
# the environment supports said service. Otherwise warnings will
# be logged for incompatible services specified.
ubuntu-advantage:
  token: <ua_contract_token>
  enable:
  - fips
  - esm

# --- Example3 ---
# Attach the machine to an Ubuntu Advantage support contract and enable
# the FIPS service. Perform a reboot once cloud-init has
# completed.
power_state:
  mode: reboot
ubuntu-advantage:
  token: <ua_contract_token>
  enable:
  - fips
```



### 1.8.44 Ubuntu Drivers

**Summary:** Interact with third party drivers in Ubuntu.

This module interacts with the ‘ubuntu-drivers’ command to install third party driver packages.

**Internal name:** `cc_ubuntu_drivers`

**Module frequency:** once-per-instance

**Supported distros:** ubuntu

**Config schema: drivers:** (object)

**nvidia:** (object)

**license-accepted:** (boolean) Do you accept the NVIDIA driver license?

**version:** (string) The version of the driver to install (e.g. “390”, “410”). Defaults to the latest version.

**Examples:**

```
drivers:
  nvidia:
    license-accepted: true
```

### 1.8.45 Update Etc Hosts

**Summary:** update `/etc/hosts`

This module will update the contents of `/etc/hosts` based on the `hostname/fqdn` specified in config. Management of `/etc/hosts` is controlled using `manage_etc_hosts`. If this is set to false, cloud-init will not manage `/etc/hosts` at all. This is the default behavior.

If set to `true` or `template`, cloud-init will generate `/etc/hosts` using the template located in `/etc/cloud/templates/hosts.tmpl`. In the `/etc/cloud/templates/hosts.tmpl` template, the strings `$hostname` and `$fqdn` will be replaced with the `hostname` and `fqdn` respectively.

If `manage_etc_hosts` is set to `localhost`, then cloud-init will not rewrite `/etc/hosts` entirely, but rather will ensure that a entry for the `fqdn` with a distribution dependent ip is present in `/etc/hosts` (i.e. `ping <hostname>` will ping `127.0.0.1` or `127.0.1.1` or other ip).

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**Note:** if `manage_etc_hosts` is set `true` or `template`, the contents of `/etc/hosts` will be updated every boot. to make any changes to `/etc/hosts` persistent they must be made in `/etc/cloud/templates/hosts.tmpl`

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**Note:** for instructions on specifying `hostname` and `fqdn`, see documentation for `cc_set_hostname`

---

**Internal name:** `cc_update_etc_hosts`

**Module frequency:** per always

**Supported distros:** all

**Config keys:**

```
manage_etc_hosts: <true/"template"/false/"localhost">
fqdn: <fqdn>
hostname: <fqdn/hostname>
```

## 1.8.46 Update Hostname

**Summary:** update hostname and fqdn

This module will update the system hostname and fqdn. If `preserve_hostname` is set, then the hostname will not be altered.

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**Note:** for instructions on specifying hostname and fqdn, see documentation for `cc_set_hostname`

---

**Internal name:** `cc_update_hostname`

**Module frequency:** per always

**Supported distros:** all

**Config keys:**

```
preserve_hostname: <true/false>
fqdn: <fqdn>
hostname: <fqdn/hostname>
```

## 1.8.47 Write Files

**Summary:** write arbitrary files

Write out arbitrary content to files, optionally setting permissions. Content can be specified in plain text or binary. Data encoded with either base64 or binary gzip data can be specified and will be decoded before being written.

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**Note:** if multiline data is provided, care should be taken to ensure that it follows yaml formatting standards. to specify binary data, use the yaml option `!!binary`

---

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**Note:** Do not write files under `/tmp` during boot because of a race with `systemd-tmpfiles-clean` that can cause temp files to get cleaned during the early boot process. Use `/run/somedir` instead to avoid race LP:1707222.

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**Internal name:** `cc_write_files`

**Module frequency:** per instance

**Supported distros:** all

**Config keys:**

```
write_files:
- encoding: b64
  content: CiMgVGhpcyBmaWxlIGNvb3R1b2x1IHRoZSBzdGF0ZSBvZiBTRUxpbmV4...
  owner: root:root
  path: /etc/sysconfig/selinux
  permissions: '0644'
```

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```

- content: |
  # My new /etc/sysconfig/samba file

  SMDBOPTIONS="-D"
  path: /etc/sysconfig/samba
- content: !!binary |
  f0VMRgIBAQAAAAAAAAAAAAAIAPgABAAAAwARAAAAABAAAAAAAAAAJAVAAAAA
  AEAHhGAdAAAYAAAFAAAAQAAAAAAAAABAAEAAAAAAAAEAAQAAAAAAwAEAAAAA
  AAAAAAAAwAAAAQAAAAAgAAAAAAAAACQAAAAAAAJAAAAAAAcAAAAAAAB
  ...
  path: /bin/arch
  permissions: '0555'
- content: |
  15 * * * * root ship_logs
  path: /etc/crontab
  append: true

```

## 1.8.48 Yum Add Repo

**Summary:** add yum repository configuration to the system

Add yum repository configuration to `/etc/yum.repos.d`. Configuration files are named based on the dictionary key under the `yum_repos` they are specified with. If a config file already exists with the same name as a config entry, the config entry will be skipped.

**Internal name:** `cc_yum_add_repo`

**Module frequency:** per always

**Supported distros:** fedora, rhel

**Config keys:**

```

yum_repos:
  <repo-name>:
    baseurl: <repo url>
    name: <repo name>
    enabled: <true/false>
    # any repository configuration options (see man yum.conf)

```

## 1.9 Merging User-Data Sections

### 1.9.1 Overview

This was implemented because it has been a common feature request that there be a way to specify how cloud-config yaml “dictionaries” provided as user-data are merged together when there are multiple yaml files to merge together (say when performing an `#include`).

Since previously the merging algorithm was very simple and would only overwrite and not append lists, or strings, and so on it was decided to create a new and improved way to merge dictionaries (and their contained objects) together in a way that is customizable, thus allowing for users who provide cloud-config user-data to determine exactly how their objects will be merged.

For example.

```
#cloud-config (1)
runcmd:
- bash1
- bash2

#cloud-config (2)
runcmd:
- bash3
- bash4
```

The previous way of merging the two objects above would result in a final cloud-config object that contains the following.

```
#cloud-config (merged)
runcmd:
- bash3
- bash4
```

Typically this is not what users want; instead they would likely prefer:

```
#cloud-config (merged)
runcmd:
- bash1
- bash2
- bash3
- bash4
```

This way makes it easier to combine the various cloud-config objects you have into a more useful list, thus reducing duplication necessary to accomplish the same result with the previous method.

## 1.9.2 Built-in Mergers

Cloud-init provides merging for the following built-in types:

- Dict
- List
- String

The `Dict` merger has the following options which control what is done with values contained within the config.

- `allow_delete`: Existing values not present in the new value can be deleted, defaults to `False`
- `no_replace`: Do not replace an existing value if one is already present, enabled by default.
- `replace`: Overwrite existing values with new ones.

The `List` merger has the following options which control what is done with the values contained within the config.

- `append`: Add new value to the end of the list, defaults to `False`.
- `prepend`: Add new values to the start of the list, defaults to `False`.
- `no_replace`: Do not replace an existing value if one is already present, enabled by default.
- `replace`: Overwrite existing values with new ones.

The `Str` merger has the following options which control what is done with the values contained within the config.

- `append`: Add new value to the end of the string, defaults to `False`.

Common options for all merge types which control how recursive merging is done on other types.

- `recurse_dict`: If True merge the new values of the dictionary, defaults to True.
- `recurse_list`: If True merge the new values of the list, defaults to False.
- `recurse_array`: Alias for `recurse_list`.
- `recurse_str`: If True merge the new values of the string, defaults to False.

### 1.9.3 Customizability

Because the above merging algorithm may not always be desired (just as the previous merging algorithm was not always the preferred one), the concept of customized merging was introduced through ‘merge classes’.

A merge class is a class definition which provides functions that can be used to merge a given type with another given type.

An example of one of these merging classes is the following:

```
class Merger(object):
    def __init__(self, merger, opts):
        self._merger = merger
        self._overwrite = 'overwrite' in opts

    # This merging algorithm will attempt to merge with
    # another dictionary, on encountering any other type of object
    # it will not merge with said object, but will instead return
    # the original value
    #
    # On encountering a dictionary, it will create a new dictionary
    # composed of the original and the one to merge with, if 'overwrite'
    # is enabled then keys that exist in the original will be overwritten
    # by keys in the one to merge with (and associated values). Otherwise
    # if not in overwrite mode the 2 conflicting keys themselves will
    # be merged.
    def _on_dict(self, value, merge_with):
        if not isinstance(merge_with, (dict)):
            return value
        merged = dict(value)
        for (k, v) in merge_with.items():
            if k in merged:
                if not self._overwrite:
                    merged[k] = self._merger.merge(merged[k], v)
                else:
                    merged[k] = v
            else:
                merged[k] = v
        return merged
```

As you can see there is a ‘\_on\_dict’ method here that will be given a source value and a value to merge with. The result will be the merged object. This code itself is called by another merging class which ‘directs’ the merging to happen by analyzing the types of the objects to merge and attempting to find a known object that will merge that type. I will avoid pasting that here, but it can be found in the `mergers/__init__.py` file (see `LookupMerger` and `UnknownMerger`).

So following the typical cloud-init way of allowing source code to be downloaded and used dynamically, it is possible for users to inject their own merging files to handle specific types of merging as they choose (the basic ones included will handle lists, dicts, and strings). Note how each merge can have options associated with it which affect how the

merging is performed, for example a dictionary merger can be told to overwrite instead of attempt to merge, or a string merger can be told to append strings instead of discarding other strings to merge with.

### 1.9.4 How to activate

There are a few ways to activate the merging algorithms, and to customize them for your own usage.

1. The first way involves the usage of MIME messages in cloud-init to specify multipart documents (this is one way in which multiple cloud-config is joined together into a single cloud-config). Two new headers are looked for, both of which can define the way merging is done (the first header to exist wins). These new headers (in lookup order) are 'Merge-Type' and 'X-Merge-Type'. The value should be a string which will satisfy the new merging format definition (see below for this format).
2. The second way is actually specifying the merge-type in the body of the cloud-config dictionary. There are 2 ways to specify this, either as a string or as a dictionary (see format below). The keys that are looked up for this definition are the following (in order), 'merge\_how', 'merge\_type'.

#### String format

The string format that is expected is the following.

```
classname1(option1,option2)+classname2(option3,option4) . . .
```

The class name there will be connected to class names used when looking for the class that can be used to merge and options provided will be given to the class on construction of that class.

For example, the default string that is used when none is provided is the following:

```
list()+dict()+str()
```

#### Dictionary format

A dictionary can be used when it specifies the same information as the string format (i.e. the second option above), for example:

```
{'merge_how': [{'name': 'list', 'settings': ['append']},  
               {'name': 'dict', 'settings': ['no_replace', 'recurse_list']},  
               {'name': 'str', 'settings': ['append']}]}
```

This would be the equivalent format for default string format but in dictionary form instead of string form.

### 1.9.5 Specifying multiple types and its effect

Now you may be asking yourself, if I specify a merge-type header or dictionary for every cloud-config that I provide, what exactly happens?

The answer is that when merging, a stack of 'merging classes' is kept, the first one on that stack is the default merging classes, this set of mergers will be used when the first cloud-config is merged with the initial empty cloud-config dictionary. If the cloud-config that was just merged provided a set of merging classes (via the above formats) then those merging classes will be pushed onto the stack. Now if there is a second cloud-config to be merged then the merging classes from the cloud-config before the first will be used (not the default) and so on. This way a cloud-config can decide how it will merge with a cloud-config dictionary coming after it.

## 1.9.6 Other uses

In addition to being used for merging user-data sections, the default merging algorithm for merging ‘conf.d’ yaml files (which form an initial yaml config for cloud-init) was also changed to use this mechanism so its full benefits (and customization) can also be used there as well. Other places that used the previous merging are also, similarly, now extensible (metadata merging, for example).

Note, however, that merge algorithms are not used *across* types of configuration. As was the case before merging was implemented, user-data will overwrite conf.d configuration without merging.

## 1.9.7 Example cloud-config

A common request is to include multiple `runcmd` directives in different files and merge all of the commands together. To achieve this, we must modify the default merging to allow for dictionaries to join list values.

The first config

```
#cloud-config
merge_how:
- name: list
  settings: [append]
- name: dict
  settings: [no_replace, recurse_list]

runcmd:
- bash1
- bash2
```

The second config

```
#cloud-config
merge_how:
- name: list
  settings: [append]
- name: dict
  settings: [no_replace, recurse_list]

runcmd:
- bash3
- bash4
```

## 1.10 Instance Metadata

### 1.10.1 What is instance data?

Instance data is the collection of all configuration data that cloud-init processes to configure the instance. This configuration typically comes from any number of sources:

- cloud-provided metadata services (aka metadata)
- custom config-drive attached to the instance
- cloud-config seed files in the booted cloud image or distribution
- vendordata provided from files or cloud metadata services

- userdata provided at instance creation

Each cloud provider presents unique configuration metadata in different formats to the instance. Cloud-init provides a cache of any crawled metadata as well as a versioned set of standardized instance data keys which it makes available on all platforms.

Cloud-init produces a simple json object in `/run/cloud-init/instance-data.json` which represents standardized and versioned representation of the metadata it consumes during initial boot. The intent is to provide the following benefits to users or scripts on any system deployed with cloud-init:

- simple static object to query to obtain a instance's metadata
- speed: avoid costly network transactions for metadata that is already cached on the filesystem
- reduce need to recrawl metadata services for static metadata that is already cached
- leverage cloud-init's best practices for crawling cloud-metadata services
- avoid rolling unique metadata crawlers on each cloud platform to get metadata configuration values

Cloud-init stores any instance data processed in the following files:

- `/run/cloud-init/instance-data.json`: world-readable json containing standardized keys, sensitive keys redacted
- `/run/cloud-init/instance-data-sensitive.json`: root-readable unredacted json blob
- `/var/lib/cloud/instance/user-data.txt`: root-readable sensitive raw userdata
- `/var/lib/cloud/instance/vendor-data.txt`: root-readable sensitive raw vendordata

Cloud-init redacts any security sensitive content from `instance-data.json`, stores `/run/cloud-init/instance-data.json` as a world-readable json file. Because `user-data` and `vendor-data` can contain passwords both of these files are readonly for `root` as well. The `root` user can also read `/run/cloud-init/instance-data-sensitive.json` which is all instance data from `instance-data.json` as well as unredacted sensitive content.

### 1.10.2 Format of instance-data.json

The `instance-data.json` and `instance-data-sensitive.json` files are well-formed JSON and record the set of keys and values for any metadata processed by cloud-init. Cloud-init standardizes the format for this content so that it can be generalized across different cloud platforms.

There are three basic top-level keys:

- **base64\_encoded\_keys**: A list of forward-slash delimited key paths into the `instance-data.json` object whose value is base64encoded for json compatibility. Values at these paths should be decoded to get the original value.
- **sensitive\_keys**: A list of forward-slash delimited key paths into the `instance-data.json` object whose value is considered by the datasource as 'security sensitive'. Only the keys listed here will be redacted from `instance-data.json` for non-root users.
- **ds**: Datasource-specific metadata crawled for the specific cloud platform. It should closely represent the structure of the cloud metadata crawled. The structure of content and details provided are entirely cloud-dependent. Mileage will vary depending on what the cloud exposes. The content exposed under the 'ds' key is currently **experimental** and expected to change slightly in the upcoming cloud-init release.
- **v1**: Standardized cloud-init metadata keys, these keys are guaranteed to exist on all cloud platforms. They will also retain their current behavior and format and will be carried forward even if cloud-init introduces a new version of standardized keys with **v2**.

The standardized keys present:



### **v1.\_beta\_keys**

List of standardized keys still in ‘beta’. The format, intent or presence of these keys can change. Do not consider them production-ready.

Example output:

- [subplatform]

### **v1.cloud\_name**

Where possible this will indicate the ‘name’ of the cloud the system is running on. This is different than the ‘platform’ item. For example, the cloud name of Amazon Web Services is ‘aws’, while the platform is ‘ec2’.

If determining a specific name is not possible or provided in meta-data, then this file may contain the same content as ‘platform’.

Example output:

- aws
- openstack
- azure
- configdrive
- nocloud
- ovf

### **v1.instance\_id**

Unique instance\_id allocated by the cloud.

Examples output:

- i-<hash>

### **v1.local\_hostname**

The internal or local hostname of the system.

Examples output:

- ip-10-41-41-70
- <user-provided-hostname>

### **v1.platform**

An attempt to identify the cloud platform instance that the system is running on.

Examples output:

- ec2
- openstack
- lxd

- gce
- nocloud
- ovf

### v1.subplatform

Additional platform details describing the specific source or type of metadata used. The format of subplatform will be:

```
<subplatform_type> (<url_file_or_dev_path>
```

Examples output:

- metadata (<http://168.254.169.254>)
- seed-dir (/path/to/seed-dir/)
- config-disk (/dev/cd0)
- configdrive (/dev/sr0)

### v1.public\_ssh\_keys

A list of ssh keys provided to the instance by the datasource metadata.

Examples output:

- ['ssh-rsa AA...', ...]

### v1.region

The physical region/data center in which the instance is deployed.

Examples output:

- us-east-2

### v1.availability\_zone

The physical availability zone in which the instance is deployed.

Examples output:

- us-east-2b
- nova
- null

## Example Output

Below is an example of `/run/cloud-init/instance_data.json` on an EC2 instance:



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```

    "dc3uIGGNu1lOC1mJKSH3XoBWsYH20J/xhIdftYBoXHGf2BSFsrs9ZscXd2rKAKea4pSPOZEYMXgz",
    "lPuT7W0WU89N3ZKviy/ReMSRjmI/jJmsY1lea6mlgcsJXreBXFMYucZvyeWGHdnCjamoKWXkmZlM",
    "mSB1gshWy8Y7DzoKviYPQzi5aI54XK2Upt4kGmeltH1NI2Cq+hM4K+adxTbNhS3uzvWaWzMklUuU",
    "QHX2GMmjAVRVc8vnA8IAsBCJJp+gFgYzi09IK+cwNgCFFPADoG6jbMHHf4sLB3MUGpiA+G9JlCnM",
    "fmkjI2pNRB8spc0k4UG4egqLrqCz67WuK38tjwAAAAA==",
  ],
  "signature": [
    "Tsw6h+V3WnxrNVsXBYIOs1V4j95YR1mLPPH45XnhX0/Ei3waJqf7/7EEKGYP1Cr4PTYEULtZ7Mvf",
    "+xJpM50Ivs2bdF7o0c4vnplRWe3f06NI9pv50dr110j/wNzP4MZ1pLhJCqubQOaaBTF3LFutgRrt",
    "r4B0mN3p7EcqD8G+1l0="
  ]
},
"meta-data": {
  "ami-id": "ami-079638aae7046bdd2",
  "ami-launch-index": "0",
  "ami-manifest-path": "(unknown)",
  "block-device-mapping": {
    "ami": "/dev/sda1",
    "ephemeral0": "sdb",
    "ephemeral1": "sdc",
    "root": "/dev/sda1"
  },
  "hostname": "ip-10-41-41-95.us-east-2.compute.internal",
  "instance-action": "none",
  "instance-id": "i-075f088c72ad3271c",
  "instance-type": "t2.micro",
  "local-hostname": "ip-10-41-41-95.us-east-2.compute.internal",
  "local-ipv4": "10.41.41.95",
  "mac": "06:74:8f:39:cd:a6",
  "metrics": {
    "vhostmd": "<?xml version=\"1.0\" encoding=\"UTF-8\"?>"
  },
  "network": {
    "interfaces": {
      "macs": {
        "06:74:8f:39:cd:a6": {
          "device-number": "0",
          "interface-id": "eni-052058bbd7831eaae",
          "ipv4-associations": {
            "18.218.221.122": "10.41.41.95"
          }
        },
      },
      "local-hostname": "ip-10-41-41-95.us-east-2.compute.internal",
      "local-ipv4s": "10.41.41.95",
      "mac": "06:74:8f:39:cd:a6",
      "owner-id": "437526006925",
      "public-hostname": "ec2-18-218-221-122.us-east-2.compute.amazonaws.com",
      "public-ipv4s": "18.218.221.122",
      "security-group-ids": "sg-828247e9",
      "security-groups": "Cloud-init integration test secgroup",
      "subnet-id": "subnet-282f3053",
      "subnet-ipv4-cidr-block": "10.41.41.0/24",
      "subnet-ipv6-cidr-blocks": "2600:1f16:b80:ad00::/64",
      "vpc-id": "vpc-252ef24d",
      "vpc-ipv4-cidr-block": "10.41.0.0/16",
      "vpc-ipv4-cidr-blocks": "10.41.0.0/16",
      "vpc-ipv6-cidr-blocks": "2600:1f16:b80:ad00::/56"
    }
  }
}

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```

    }
  }
},
"placement": {
  "availability-zone": "us-east-2b"
},
"profile": "default-hvm",
"public-hostname": "ec2-18-218-221-122.us-east-2.compute.amazonaws.com",
"public-ipv4": "18.218.221.122",
"public-keys": {
  "cloud-init-integration": [
    "ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQDSL7uWGj8cgWyIOaspgKdVy0cKJ+UTjfv7jBOjG2H/
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↪W86Q+tkQYE1jqtqDOo0a+cOsaZkvUNzUyEXUwz/
↪lmYa6G4hMKZH4NBj7nbAAF96wsMCoyNwbWryBnDYUr6wMbjRRlJ9Pw7Xh7WRC73wy4Va2YuOgbD3V/
↪5ZrFPLbWZW/7TFXVrql04QVbyei4aiFR5n//GvoqwQDNe58LmbzX/
↪xvxyKJYdny2zXmdAhMxbrpFQsfpkJ9E/H5w0yOdSvnWbUoG5xNGoOB cloud-init-integration"
  ]
},
"reservation-id": "r-0594a20e31f6cfe46",
"security-groups": "Cloud-init integration test secgroup",
"services": {
  "domain": "amazonaws.com",
  "partition": "aws"
}
},
"sensitive_keys": [],
"v1": {
  "_beta_keys": [
    "subplatform"
  ],
  "availability-zone": "us-east-2b",
  "availability_zone": "us-east-2b",
  "cloud_name": "aws",
  "instance_id": "i-075f088c72ad3271c",
  "local_hostname": "ip-10-41-41-95",
  "platform": "ec2",
  "public_ssh_keys": [
    "ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQDSL7uWGj8cgWyIOaspgKdVy0cKJ+UTjfv7jBOjG2H/
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↪W86Q+tkQYE1jqtqDOo0a+cOsaZkvUNzUyEXUwz/
↪lmYa6G4hMKZH4NBj7nbAAF96wsMCoyNwbWryBnDYUr6wMbjRRlJ9Pw7Xh7WRC73wy4Va2YuOgbD3V/
↪5ZrFPLbWZW/7TFXVrql04QVbyei4aiFR5n//GvoqwQDNe58LmbzX/
↪xvxyKJYdny2zXmdAhMxbrpFQsfpkJ9E/H5w0yOdSvnWbUoG5xNGoOB cloud-init-integration"
  ],
  "region": "us-east-2",
  "subplatform": "metadata (http://169.254.169.254)"
}
}
}

```

### 1.10.3 Using instance-data

As of cloud-init v. 18.4, any variables present in `/run/cloud-init/instance-data.json` can be used in:

- User-data scripts
- Cloud config data
- Command line interface via **cloud-init query** or **cloud-init devel render**

Many clouds allow users to provide user-data to an instance at the time the instance is launched. Cloud-init supports a number of *User-Data Formats*.

Both user-data scripts and **#cloud-config** data support jinja template rendering. When the first line of the provided user-data begins with, **## template: jinja** cloud-init will use jinja to render that file. Any instance-data-sensitive.json variables are surfaced as dot-delimited jinja template variables because cloud-config modules are run as ‘root’ user.

Below are some examples of providing these types of user-data:

- Cloud config calling home with the ec2 public hostname and availability-zone

```
## template: jinja
#cloud-config
runcmd:
- echo 'EC2 public hostname allocated to instance: {{
  ds.meta_data.public_hostname }}' > /tmp/instance_metadata
- echo 'EC2 availability zone: {{ v1.availability_zone }}' >>
  /tmp/instance_metadata
- curl -X POST -d '{"hostname": "{{ds.meta_data.public_hostname }}",
  "availability-zone": "{{ v1.availability_zone }}"}'
  https://example.com
```

- Custom user-data script performing different operations based on region

```
## template: jinja
#!/bin/bash
{% if v1.region == 'us-east-2' -%}
echo 'Installing custom proxies for {{ v1.region }}'
sudo apt-get install my-xtra-fast-stack
{%- endif %}
...
```

---

**Note:** Trying to reference jinja variables that don’t exist in instance-data.json will result in warnings in `/var/log/cloud-init.log` and the following string in your rendered user-data: `CI_MISSING_JINJA_VAR/<your_varname>`.

---

Cloud-init also surfaces a command line tool **cloud-init query** which can assist developers or scripts with obtaining instance metadata easily. See *query* for more information.

To cut down on keystrokes on the command line, cloud-init also provides top-level key aliases for any standardized `v#` keys present. The preceding `v1` is not required of `v1.var_name`. These aliases will represent the value of the highest versioned standard key. For example, `cloud_name` value will be `v2.cloud_name` if both `v1` and `v2` keys are present in instance-data.json. The **query** command also publishes `userdata` and `vendordata` keys to the root user which will contain the decoded user and vendor data provided to this instance. Non-root users referencing `userdata` or `vendordata` keys will see only redacted values.

```
# List all top-level instance-data keys available
% cloud-init query --list-keys

# Find your EC2 ami-id
% cloud-init query ds.metadata.ami_id
```

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```
# Format your cloud_name and region using jinja template syntax
% cloud-init query --format 'cloud: {{ v1.cloud_name }} myregion: {{
% v1.region }}'
```

**Note:** To save time designing a user-data template for a specific cloud's instance-data.json, use the 'render' cloud-init command on an instance booted on your favorite cloud. See *devel* for more information.

## 1.11 Datasources

Datasources are sources of configuration data for cloud-init that typically come from the user (e.g. userdata) or come from the cloud that created the configuration drive (e.g. metadata). Typical userdata would include files, yaml, and shell scripts while typical metadata would include server name, instance id, display name and other cloud specific details.

Since there are multiple ways to provide this data (each cloud solution seems to prefer its own way) internally a datasource abstract class was created to allow for a single way to access the different cloud systems methods to provide this data through the typical usage of subclasses.

Any metadata processed by cloud-init's datasources is persisted as `/run/cloud-init/instance-data.json`. Cloud-init provides tooling to quickly introspect some of that data. See *Instance Metadata* for more information.

### 1.11.1 Known Sources

The following is a list of documents for each supported datasource:

#### Alibaba Cloud (AliYun)

The `AliYun` datasource reads data from Alibaba Cloud ECS. Support is present in cloud-init since 0.7.9.

#### Metadata Service

The Alibaba Cloud metadata service is available at the well known url `http://100.100.100.200/`. For more information see Alibaba Cloud ECS on *metadata*.

#### Versions

Like the EC2 metadata service, Alibaba Cloud's metadata service provides versioned data under specific paths. As of April 2018, there are only `2016-01-01` and `latest` versions.

It is expected that the dated version will maintain a stable interface but `latest` may change content at a future date.

Cloud-init uses the `2016-01-01` version.

You can list the versions available to your instance with:

```
$ curl http://100.100.100.200/
2016-01-01
latest
```

### Metadata

Instance metadata can be queried at `http://100.100.100.200/2016-01-01/meta-data`

```
$ curl http://100.100.100.200/2016-01-01/meta-data
dns-conf/
eipv4
hostname
image-id
instance-id
instance/
mac
network-type
network/
ntp-conf/
owner-account-id
private-ipv4
public-keys/
region-id
serial-number
source-address
sub-private-ipv4-list
vpc-cidr-block
vpc-id
```

### Userdata

If provided, user-data will appear at `http://100.100.100.200/2016-01-01/user-data`. If no user-data is provided, this will return a 404.

```
$ curl http://100.100.100.200/2016-01-01/user-data
#!/bin/sh
echo "Hello World."
```

### Alt Cloud

The datasource `altcloud` will be used to pick up user data on [RHEVm](#) and [vSphere](#).

### RHEVm

For [RHEVm](#) v3.0 the userdata is injected into the VM using floppy injection via the [RHEVm](#) dashboard “Custom Properties”.

The format of the Custom Properties entry must be:

```
floppyinject=user-data.txt:<base64 encoded data>
```

For example to pass a simple bash script:

```
% cat simple_script.bash
#!/bin/bash
echo "Hello Joe!" >> /tmp/JJV_Joe_out.txt
```

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```
% base64 < simple_script.bash
IyEvYmluL2Jhc2gKZWNoYAiSGVsbG8gSm9lISIgPj4gL3RtcC9KS1ZfSm9lX291dC50eHQK
```

To pass this example script to cloud-init running in a **RHEVM** v3.0 VM set the “Custom Properties” when creating the **RHEMv** v3.0 VM to:

```
floppyinject=user-data.
↪txt:IyEvYmluL2Jhc2gKZWNoYAiSGVsbG8gSm9lISIgPj4gL3RtcC9KS1ZfSm9lX291dC50eHQK
```

**NOTE:** The prefix with file name must be: floppyinject=user-data.txt :

It is also possible to launch a **RHEVM** v3.0 VM and pass optional user data to it using the Delta Cloud.

For more information on Delta Cloud see: <http://deltacloud.apache.org>

## vSphere

For VMWare’s **vSphere** the userdata is injected into the VM as an ISO via the cdrom. This can be done using the **vSphere** dashboard by connecting an ISO image to the CD/DVD drive.

To pass this example script to cloud-init running in a **vSphere** VM set the CD/DVD drive when creating the **vSphere** VM to point to an ISO on the data store.

**Note:** The ISO must contain the user data.

For example, to pass the same `simple_script.bash` to **vSphere**:

### Create the ISO

```
% mkdir my-iso
```

**NOTE:** The file name on the ISO must be: user-data.txt

```
% cp simple_script.bash my-iso/user-data.txt
% genisoimage -o user-data.iso -r my-iso
```

### Verify the ISO

```
% sudo mkdir /media/vsphere_iso
% sudo mount -o loop user-data.iso /media/vsphere_iso
% cat /media/vsphere_iso/user-data.txt
% sudo umount /media/vsphere_iso
```

Then, launch the **vSphere** VM the ISO user-data.iso attached as a CDRROM.

It is also possible to launch a **vSphere** VM and pass optional user data to it using the Delta Cloud.

For more information on Delta Cloud see: <http://deltacloud.apache.org>

## Azure

This datasource finds metadata and user-data from the Azure cloud platform.

### walinuxagent

walinuxagent has several functions within images. For cloud-init specifically, the relevant functionality it performs is to register the instance with the Azure cloud platform at boot so networking will be permitted. For more information about the other functionality of walinuxagent, see [Azure's documentation](#) for more details. (Note, however, that only one of walinuxagent's provisioning and cloud-init should be used to perform instance customisation.)

If you are configuring walinuxagent yourself, you will want to ensure that you have `Provisioning.UseCloudInit` set to `Y`.

### Builtin Agent

An alternative to using walinuxagent to register to the Azure cloud platform is to use the `__builtin__` agent command. This section contains more background on what that code path does, and how to enable it.

The Azure cloud platform provides initial data to an instance via an attached CD formatted in UDF. That CD contains a 'ovf-env.xml' file that provides some information. Additional information is obtained via interaction with the "endpoint".

To find the endpoint, we now leverage the dhcp client's ability to log its known values on exit. The endpoint server is special DHCP option 245. Depending on your networking stack, this can be done by calling a script in `/etc/dhcp/dhclient-exit-hooks` or a file in `/etc/NetworkManager/dispatcher.d`. Both of these call a sub-command 'dhclient\_hook' of cloud-init itself. This sub-command will write the client information in json format to `/run/cloud-init/dhclient.hook/<interface>.json`.

In order for cloud-init to leverage this method to find the endpoint, the `cloud.cfg` file must contain:

```
datasource:
  Azure:
    set_hostname: False
    agent_command: __builtin__
```

If those files are not available, the fallback is to check the leases file for the endpoint server (again option 245).

You can define the path to the lease file with the 'dhclient\_lease\_file' configuration.

### IMDS

Azure provides the [instance metadata service \(IMDS\)](#) which is a REST service on `169.254.169.254` providing additional configuration information to the instance. Cloud-init uses the IMDS for:

- network configuration for the instance which is applied per boot
- a preprovisioning gate which blocks instance configuration until Azure fabric is ready to provision

### Configuration

The following configuration can be set for the datasource in system configuration (in `/etc/cloud/cloud.cfg` or `/etc/cloud/cloud.cfg.d/`).

The settings that may be configured are:

- **agent\_command:** Either `__builtin__` (default) or a command to run to getcw metadata. If `__builtin__`, get metadata from walinuxagent. Otherwise run the provided command to obtain metadata.

- **apply\_network\_config**: Boolean set to True to use network configuration described by Azure’s IMDS endpoint instead of fallback network config of dhcp on eth0. Default is True. For Ubuntu 16.04 or earlier, default is False.
- **data\_dir**: Path used to read metadata files and write crawled data.
- **dhclient\_lease\_file**: The fallback lease file to source when looking for custom DHCP option 245 from Azure fabric.
- **disk\_aliases**: A dictionary defining which device paths should be interpreted as ephemeral images. See `cc_disk_setup` module for more info.
- **hostname\_bounce**: A dictionary Azure hostname bounce behavior to react to metadata changes. The `hostname_bounce: command` entry can be either the literal string `builtin` or a command to execute. The command will be invoked after the hostname is set, and will have the `interface` in its environment. If `set_hostname` is not true, then `hostname_bounce` will be ignored. An example might be:
 

```
command: ["sh", "-c", "killall dhclient; dhclient $interface"]
```
- **hostname\_bounce**: A dictionary Azure hostname bounce behavior to react to metadata changes. Azure will throttle ifup/down in some cases after metadata has been updated to inform dhcp server about updated hostnames.
- **set\_hostname**: Boolean set to True when we want Azure to set the hostname based on metadata.

Configuration for the datasource can also be read from a `dscfg` entry in the `LinuxProvisioningConfigurationSet`. Content in `dscfg` node is expected to be base64 encoded yaml content, and it will be merged into the `datasource: Azure` entry.

An example configuration with the default values is provided below:

```
datasource:
  Azure:
    agent_command: __builtin__
    apply_network_config: true
    data_dir: /var/lib/waagent
    dhclient_lease_file: /var/lib/dhcp/dhclient.eth0.leases
    disk_aliases:
      ephemeral0: /dev/disk/cloud/azure_resource
    hostname_bounce:
      interface: eth0
      command: builtin
      policy: true
      hostname_command: hostname
    set_hostname: true
```

## Userdata

Userdata is provided to cloud-init inside the `ovf-env.xml` file. Cloud-init expects that user-data will be provided as base64 encoded value inside the text child of a element named `UserData` or `CustomData` which is a direct child of the `LinuxProvisioningConfigurationSet` (a sibling to `UserName`) If both `UserData` and `CustomData` are provided behavior is undefined on which will be selected.

In the example below, user-data provided is `‘this is my userdata’`, and the datasource config provided is `{"agent_command": ["start", "walinuxagent"]}`. That agent command will take affect as if it were specified in system config.

Example:

```
<wa:ProvisioningSection>
  <wa:Version>1.0</wa:Version>
  <LinuxProvisioningConfigurationSet
    xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/windowsazure"
    xmlns:i="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
    <ConfigurationSetType>LinuxProvisioningConfiguration</ConfigurationSetType>
    <HostName>myHost</HostName>
    <UserName>myuser</UserName>
    <UserPassword/>
    <CustomData>dGhpcyBpcyBteSB1c2VyZGF0YQ===</CustomData>
    <dscfg>eyJhZ2VudF9jb21tYW5kIjogWyJzdGFydCI6ICJ3YWxpbnV4YWdlbnQiXX0=</dscfg>
    <DisableSshPasswordAuthentication>>true</DisableSshPasswordAuthentication>
    <SSH>
      <PublicKeys>
        <PublicKey>
          <Fingerprint>6BE7A7C3C8A8F4B123CCA5D0C2F1BE4CA7B63ED7</Fingerprint>
          <Path>this-value-unused</Path>
        </PublicKey>
      </PublicKeys>
    </SSH>
  </LinuxProvisioningConfigurationSet>
</wa:ProvisioningSection>
```

## hostname

When the user launches an instance, they provide a hostname for that instance. The hostname is provided to the instance in the `ovf-env.xml` file as `HostName`.

Whatever value the instance provides in its dhcp request will resolve in the domain returned in the ‘search’ request.

The interesting issue is that a generic image will already have a hostname configured. The ubuntu cloud images have ‘ubuntu’ as the hostname of the system, and the initial dhcp request on `eth0` is not guaranteed to occur after the `datasource` code has been run. So, on first boot, that initial value will be sent in the dhcp request and *that* value will resolve.

In order to make the `HostName` provided in the `ovf-env.xml` resolve, a dhcp request must be made with the new value. `Walinuxagent` (in its current version) handles this by polling the state of hostname and bouncing (`ifdown eth0; ifup eth0`) the network interface if it sees that a change has been made.

`cloud-init` handles this by setting the hostname in the `DataSource`’s ‘`get_data`’ method via ‘`hostname $HostName`’, and then bouncing the interface. This behavior can be configured or disabled in the `datasource` config. See ‘`Configuration`’ above.

## CloudSigma

This `datasource` finds metadata and user-data from the [CloudSigma](#) cloud platform. Data transfer occurs through a virtual serial port of the [CloudSigma](#)’s VM and the presence of network adapter is **NOT** a requirement, See `server context` in the public documentation for more information.

## Setting a hostname

By default the name of the server will be applied as a hostname on the first boot.

## Providing user-data

You can provide user-data to the VM using the dedicated `meta` field in the `server context` `cloudinit-user-data`. By default `cloud-config` format is expected there and the `#cloud-config` header could be omitted. However since this is a raw-text field you could provide any of the valid `config formats`.

You have the option to encode your user-data using Base64. In order to do that you have to add the `cloudinit-user-data` field to the `base64_fields`. The latter is a comma-separated field with all the meta fields whit base64 encoded values.

If your user-data does not need an internet connection you can create a `meta` field in the `server context` `cloudinit-dsmode` and set “local” as value. If this field does not exist the default value is “net”.

## CloudStack

Apache CloudStack expose user-data, meta-data, user password and account sshkey thru the Virtual-Router. The datasource obtains the VR address via dhcp lease information given to the instance. For more details on meta-data and user-data, refer the [CloudStack Administrator Guide](#).

URLs to access user-data and meta-data from the Virtual Machine. Here 10.1.1.1 is the Virtual Router IP:

```
http://10.1.1.1/latest/user-data
http://10.1.1.1/latest/meta-data
http://10.1.1.1/latest/meta-data/{metadata type}
```

## Configuration

The following configuration can be set for the datasource in system configuration (in `/etc/cloud/cloud.cfg` or `/etc/cloud/cloud.cfg.d/`).

The settings that may be configured are:

- **max\_wait:** the maximum amount of clock time in seconds that should be spent searching `metadata_urls`. A value less than zero will result in only one request being made, to the first in the list. (default: 120)
- **timeout:** the timeout value provided to `urlopen` for each individual http request. This is used both when selecting a `metadata_url` and when crawling the metadata service. (default: 50)

An example configuration with the default values is provided below:

```
datasource:
  CloudStack:
    max_wait: 120
    timeout: 50
  datasource_list:
    - CloudStack
```

## Config Drive

The configuration drive datasource supports the [OpenStack](#) configuration drive disk.

See the [config drive extension](#) and [metadata introduction](#) in the public documentation for more information.

By default, cloud-init does *always* consider this source to be a full-fledged datasource. Instead, the typical behavior is to assume it is really only present to provide networking information. Cloud-init will copy off the network information, apply it to the system, and then continue on. The “full” datasource could then be found in the EC2 metadata service. If this is not the case then the files contained on the located drive must provide equivalents to what the EC2 metadata service would provide (which is typical of the version 2 support listed below)

### Version 1

**Note:** Version 1 is legacy and should be considered deprecated. Version 2 has been supported in OpenStack since 2012.2 (Folsom).

The following criteria are required to as a config drive:

1. Must be formatted with **vfat** filesystem
2. Must contain *one* of the following files

```
/etc/network/interfaces
/root/.ssh/authorized_keys
/meta.js
```

`/etc/network/interfaces`

This file is laid down by nova in order to pass static networking information to the guest. Cloud-init will copy it off of the config-drive and into `/etc/network/interfaces` (or convert it to RH format) as soon as it can, and then attempt to bring up all network interfaces.

`/root/.ssh/authorized_keys`

This file is laid down by nova, and contains the ssk keys that were provided to nova on instance creation (nova-boot `-key ...`)

`/meta.js`

meta.js is populated on the config-drive in response to the user passing “meta flags” (nova boot `-meta key=value ...`). It is expected to be json formatted.

### Version 2

The following criteria are required to as a config drive:

1. Must be formatted with **vfat** or **iso9660** filesystem or have a *filesystem* label of **config-2**
2. The files that will typically be present in the config drive are:

```
openstack/
- 2012-08-10/ or latest/
- meta_data.json
- user_data (not mandatory)
- content/
- 0000 (referenced content files)
- 0001
- ....
ec2
- latest/
- meta-data.json (not mandatory)
```

## Keys and values

Cloud-init's behavior can be modified by keys found in the meta.js (version 1 only) file in the following ways.

```
dsmode:
  values: local, net, pass
  default: pass
```

This is what indicates if configdrive is a final data source or not. By default it is 'pass', meaning this datasource should not be read. Set it to 'local' or 'net' to stop cloud-init from continuing on to search for other data sources after network config.

The difference between 'local' and 'net' is that local will not require networking to be up before user-data actions (or boothooks) are run.

```
instance-id:
  default: iid-dsconfigdrive
```

This is utilized as the metadata's instance-id. It should generally be unique, as it is what is used to determine "is this a new instance".

```
public-keys:
  default: None
```

If present, these keys will be used as the public keys for the instance. This value overrides the content in authorized\_keys.

Note: it is likely preferable to provide keys via user-data

```
user-data:
  default: None
```

This provides cloud-init user-data. See *examples* for what all can be present here.

## Digital Ocean

The [DigitalOcean](#) datasource consumes the content served from DigitalOcean's [metadata service](#). This metadata service serves information about the running droplet via HTTP over the link local address 169.254.169.254. The metadata API endpoints are fully described at <https://developers.digitalocean.com/metadata/>.

## Configuration

DigitalOcean's datasource can be configured as follows:

### **datasource:**

**DigitalOcean:** retries: 3 timeout: 2

- *retries*: Determines the number of times to attempt to connect to the metadata service
- *timeout*: Determines the timeout in seconds to wait for a response from the metadata service

## E24Cloud

*E24Cloud* <<https://www.e24cloud.com/en/>> platform provides an AWS Ec2 metadata service clone. It identifies itself to guests using the dmi system-manufacturer (/sys/class/dmi/id/sys\_vendor).

### Amazon EC2

The EC2 datasource is the oldest and most widely used datasource that cloud-init supports. This datasource interacts with a *magic* ip that is provided to the instance by the cloud provider. Typically this ip is 169.254.169.254 of which at this ip a http server is provided to the instance so that the instance can make calls to get instance userdata and instance metadata.

Metadata is accessible via the following URL:

```
GET http://169.254.169.254/2009-04-04/meta-data/  
ami-id  
ami-launch-index  
ami-manifest-path  
block-device-mapping/  
hostname  
instance-id  
instance-type  
local-hostname  
local-ipv4  
placement/  
public-hostname  
public-ipv4  
public-keys/  
reservation-id  
security-groups
```

Userdata is accessible via the following URL:

```
GET http://169.254.169.254/2009-04-04/user-data  
1234,fred,reboot,true | 4512,jimbo, | 173,,,
```

Note that there are multiple versions of this data provided, cloud-init by default uses **2009-04-04** but newer versions can be supported with relative ease (newer versions have more data exposed, while maintaining backward compatibility with the previous versions).

To see which versions are supported from your cloud provider use the following URL:

```
GET http://169.254.169.254/  
1.0  
2007-01-19  
2007-03-01  
2007-08-29  
2007-10-10  
2007-12-15  
2008-02-01  
2008-09-01  
2009-04-04  
...  
latest
```

### Configuration

The following configuration can be set for the datasource in system configuration (in `/etc/cloud/cloud.cfg` or `/etc/cloud/cloud.cfg.d/`).

The settings that may be configured are:



- **metadata\_urls:** This list of urls will be searched for an Ec2 metadata service. The first entry that successfully returns a 200 response for `<url>/<version>/meta-data/instance-id` will be selected. (default: [`'http://169.254.169.254'`, `'http://instance-data:8773'`]).
- **max\_wait:** the maximum amount of clock time in seconds that should be spent searching `metadata_urls`. A value less than zero will result in only one request being made, to the first in the list. (default: 120)
- **timeout:** the timeout value provided to `urlopen` for each individual http request. This is used both when selecting a `metadata_url` and when crawling the metadata service. (default: 50)

An example configuration with the default values is provided below:

```
datasource:
  Ec2:
    metadata_urls: ["http://169.254.169.254:80", "http://instance-data:8773"]
    max_wait: 120
    timeout: 50
```

## Notes

- There are 2 types of EC2 instances network-wise: VPC ones (Virtual Private Cloud) and Classic ones (also known as non-VPC). One major difference between them is that Classic instances have their MAC address changed on stop/restart operations, so cloud-init will recreate the network config file for EC2 Classic instances every boot. On VPC instances this file is generated only in the first boot of the instance. The check for the instance type is performed by `is_classic_instance()` method.

## Exoscale

This datasource supports reading from the metadata server used on the [Exoscale platform](#).

Use of the Exoscale datasource is recommended to benefit from new features of the Exoscale platform.

The datasource relies on the availability of a compatible metadata server (`http://169.254.169.254` is used by default) and its companion password server, reachable at the same address (by default on port 8080).

## Crawling of metadata

The metadata service and password server are crawled slightly differently:

- The “metadata service” is crawled every boot.
- The password server is also crawled every boot (the Exoscale datasource forces the password module to run with “frequency always”).

In the password server case, the following rules apply in order to enable the “restore instance password” functionality:

- If a password is returned by the password server, it is then marked “saved” by the cloud-init datasource. Subsequent boots will skip setting the password (the password server will return “saved\_password”).
- When the instance password is reset (via the Exoscale UI), the password server will return the non-empty password at next boot, therefore causing cloud-init to reset the instance’s password.

### Configuration

Users of this datasource are discouraged from changing the default settings unless instructed to by Exoscale support.

The following settings are available and can be set for the datasource in system configuration (in */etc/cloud/cloud.cfg.d/*).

The settings available are:

- **metadata\_url**: The URL for the metadata service (defaults to `http://169.254.169.254`)
- **api\_version**: The API version path on which to query the instance metadata (defaults to `1.0`)
- **password\_server\_port**: The port (on the metadata server) on which the password server listens (defaults to `8080`).
- **timeout**: the timeout value provided to `urlopen` for each individual http request. (defaults to `10`)
- **retries**: The number of retries that should be done for an http request (defaults to `6`)

An example configuration with the default values is provided below:

```
datasource:  
  Exoscale:  
    metadata_url: "http://169.254.169.254"  
    api_version: "1.0"  
    password_server_port: 8080  
    timeout: 10  
    retries: 6
```

### Fallback/None

This is the fallback datasource when no other datasource can be selected. It is the equivalent of a empty datasource in that it provides a empty string as userdata and a empty dictionary as metadata. It is useful for testing as well as for when you do not have a need to have an actual datasource to meet your instance requirements (ie you just want to run modules that are not concerned with any external data). It is typically put at the end of the datasource search list so that if all other datasources are not matched, then this one will be so that the user is not left with an inaccessible instance.

**Note:** the instance id that this datasource provides is `iid-datasource-none`.

### Google Compute Engine

The GCE datasource gets its data from the internal compute metadata server. Metadata can be queried at the URL `'http://metadata.google.internal/computeMetadata/v1/'` from within an instance. For more information see the [GCE metadata docs](#).

Currently the default project and instance level metadatakeys `keys project/attributes/sshKeys` and `instance/attributes/ssh-keys` are merged to provide `public-keys`.

`user-data` and `user-data-encoding` can be provided to cloud-init by setting those custom metadata keys for an *instance*.

### MAAS

*TODO*

For now see: <http://maas.ubuntu.com/>

## NoCloud

The data source `NoCloud` allows the user to provide user-data and meta-data to the instance without running a network service (or even without having a network at all).

You can provide meta-data and user-data to a local vm boot via files on a `vfat` or `iso9660` filesystem. The filesystem volume label must be `cidata` or `CIDATA`.

Alternatively, you can provide meta-data via kernel command line or SMBIOS “serial number” option. The data must be passed in the form of a string:

```
ds=nocloud[;key=val;key=val]
```

or

```
ds=nocloud-net[;key=val;key=val]
```

The permitted keys are:

- `h` or `local-hostname`
- `i` or `instance-id`
- `s` or `seedfrom`

With `ds=nocloud`, the `seedfrom` value must start with `/` or `file:///`. With `ds=nocloud-net`, the `seedfrom` value must start with `http://`, `https://` or `ftp://`

e.g. you can pass this option to QEMU:

```
-smbios type=1,serial=ds=nocloud-net;s=http://10.10.0.1:8000/
```

to cause NoCloud to fetch the full meta-data from `http://10.10.0.1:8000/meta-data` after the network initialization is complete.

These user-data and meta-data files are expected to be in the following format.

```
/user-data
/meta-data
```

Basically, user-data is simply user-data and meta-data is a yaml formatted file representing what you’d find in the EC2 metadata service.

Given a disk `ubuntu 12.04` cloud image in ‘`disk.img`’, you can create a sufficient disk by following the example below.

```
## create user-data and meta-data files that will be used
## to modify image on first boot
$ { echo instance-id: iid-local01; echo local-hostname: cloudimg; } > meta-data

$ printf "#cloud-config\npassword: passw0rd\nchpasswd: { expire: False }\nssh_pwauth: ↵
↵True\n" > user-data

## create a disk to attach with some user-data and meta-data
$ genisoimage -output seed.iso -volid cidata -joliet -rock user-data meta-data

## alternatively, create a vfat filesystem with same files
## $ truncate --size 2M seed.img
## $ mkfs.vfat -n cidata seed.img
## $ mcopy -oi seed.img user-data meta-data ::
```

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```
## create a new qcow image to boot, backed by your original image
$ qemu-img create -f qcow2 -b disk.img boot-disk.img

## boot the image and login as 'ubuntu' with password 'passw0rd'
## note, passw0rd was set as password through the user-data above,
## there is no password set on these images.
$ kvm -m 256 \
  -net nic -net user,hostfwd=tcp::2222-:22 \
  -drive file=boot-disk.img,if=virtio \
  -drive file=seed.iso,if=virtio
```

**Note:** that the instance-id provided (iid-local01 above) is what is used to determine if this is “first boot”. So if you are making updates to user-data you will also have to change that, or start the disk fresh.

Also, you can inject an `/etc/network/interfaces` file by providing the content for that file in the `network-interfaces` field of metadata.

Example metadata:

```
instance-id: iid-abcdefg
network-interfaces: |
  iface eth0 inet static
  address 192.168.1.10
  network 192.168.1.0
  netmask 255.255.255.0
  broadcast 192.168.1.255
  gateway 192.168.1.254
hostname: myhost
```

Network configuration can also be provided to cloud-init in either *Networking Config Version 1* or *Networking Config Version 2* by providing that yaml formatted data in a file named `network-config`. If found, this file will override a `network-interfaces` file.

See an example below. Note specifically that this file does not have a top level `network` key as it is already assumed to be network configuration based on the filename.

```
version: 1
config:
  - type: physical
    name: interface0
    mac_address: "52:54:00:12:34:00"
    subnets:
      - type: static
        address: 192.168.1.10
        netmask: 255.255.255.0
        gateway: 192.168.1.254
```

```
version: 2
ethernets:
  interface0:
    match:
      mac_address: "52:54:00:12:34:00"
    set-name: interface0
    addresses:
      - 192.168.1.10/255.255.255.0
    gateway4: 192.168.1.254
```

## OpenNebula

The **OpenNebula** (ON) datasource supports the contextualization disk.

See [contextualization overview](#), [contextualizing VMs and network configuration](#) in the public documentation for more information.

OpenNebula's virtual machines are contextualized (parametrized) by CD-ROM image, which contains a shell script *context.sh* with custom variables defined on virtual machine start. There are no fixed contextualization variables, but the datasource accepts many used and recommended across the documentation.

### Datasource configuration

Datasource accepts following configuration options.

```
dsmode:
  values: local, net, disabled
  default: net
```

Tells if this datasource will be processed in 'local' (pre-networking) or 'net' (post-networking) stage or even completely 'disabled'.

```
parseuser:
  default: nobody
```

Unprivileged system user used for contextualization script processing.

### Contextualization disk

The following criteria are required:

1. Must be formatted with *iso9660* filesystem or have a *filesystem* label of **CONTEXT** or **CDROM**
2. Must contain file *context.sh* with contextualization variables. File is generated by OpenNebula, it has a `KEY='VALUE'` format and can be easily read by bash

### Contextualization variables

There are no fixed contextualization variables in OpenNebula, no standard. Following variables were found on various places and revisions of the OpenNebula documentation. Where multiple similar variables are specified, only first found is taken.

```
DSMODE
```

Datasource mode configuration override. Values: local, net, disabled.

```
DNS
ETH<x>_IP
ETH<x>_NETWORK
ETH<x>_MASK
ETH<x>_GATEWAY
ETH<x>_DOMAIN
ETH<x>_DNS
```

Static [network configuration](#).

```
HOSTNAME
```

Instance hostname.

```
PUBLIC_IP
IP_PUBLIC
ETH0_IP
```

If no hostname has been specified, cloud-init will try to create hostname from instance's IP address in 'local' dsmode. In 'net' dsmode, cloud-init tries to resolve one of its IP addresses to get hostname.

```
SSH_KEY
SSH_PUBLIC_KEY
```

One or multiple SSH keys (separated by newlines) can be specified.

```
USER_DATA
USERDATA
```

cloud-init user data.

### Example configuration

This example cloud-init configuration (*cloud.cfg*) enables OpenNebula datasource only in 'net' mode.

```
disable_ec2_metadata: True
datasource_list: ['OpenNebula']
datasource:
  OpenNebula:
    dsmode: net
    parseuser: nobody
```

### Example VM's context section

```
CONTEXT=[
  PUBLIC_IP="$NIC[IP] ",
  SSH_KEY="$USER[SSH_KEY]
$USER[SSH_KEY1]
$USER[SSH_KEY2] ",
  USER_DATA="#cloud-config
# see https://help.ubuntu.com/community/CloudInit

packages: []

mounts:
- [vdc, none, swap, sw, 0, 0]
runcmd:
- echo 'Instance has been configured by cloud-init.' | wall
" ]
```

### OpenStack

This datasource supports reading data from the [OpenStack Metadata Service](#).

## Discovery

To determine whether a platform looks like it may be OpenStack, cloud-init checks the following environment attributes as a potential OpenStack platform:

- Maybe OpenStack if
  - **non-x86 cpu architecture**: because DMI data is buggy on some arches
- Is OpenStack **if x86 architecture and ANY** of the following
  - **/proc/1/environ**: Nova-lxd contains *product\_name=OpenStack Nova*
  - **DMI product\_name**: Either *Openstack Nova* or *OpenStack Compute*
  - **DMI chassis\_asset\_tag** is *OpenTelekomCloud*

## Configuration

The following configuration can be set for the datasource in system configuration (in */etc/cloud/cloud.cfg* or */etc/cloud/cloud.cfg.d/*).

The settings that may be configured are:

- **metadata\_urls**: This list of urls will be searched for an OpenStack metadata service. The first entry that successfully returns a 200 response for `<url>/openstack` will be selected. (default: [`'http://169.254.169.254'`]).
- **max\_wait**: the maximum amount of clock time in seconds that should be spent searching metadata\_urls. A value less than zero will result in only one request being made, to the first in the list. (default: -1)
- **timeout**: the timeout value provided to `urlopen` for each individual http request. This is used both when selecting a metadata\_url and when crawling the metadata service. (default: 10)
- **retries**: The number of retries that should be done for an http request. This value is used only after metadata\_url is selected. (default: 5)
- **apply\_network\_config**: A boolean specifying whether to configure the network for the instance based on `network_data.json` provided by the metadata service. When False, only configure dhcp on the primary nic for this instances. (default: True)

An example configuration with the default values is provided below:

```
datasource:
  OpenStack:
    metadata_urls: ["http://169.254.169.254"]
    max_wait: -1
    timeout: 10
    retries: 5
    apply_network_config: True
```

## Vendor Data

The OpenStack metadata server can be configured to serve up vendor data which is available to all instances for consumption. OpenStack vendor data is, generally, a JSON object.

cloud-init will look for configuration in the `cloud-init` attribute of the vendor data JSON object. cloud-init processes this configuration using the same handlers as user data, so any formats that work for user data should work for vendor data.

For example, configuring the following as vendor data in OpenStack would upgrade packages and install `htop` on all instances:

```
{ "cloud-init": "#cloud-config\npackage_upgrade: True\npackages:\n - htop" }
```

For more general information about how cloud-init handles vendor data, including how it can be disabled by users on instances, see *Vendor Data*.

## Oracle

This datasource reads metadata, vendor-data and user-data from [Oracle Compute Infrastructure \(OCI\)](#).

### Oracle Platform

OCI provides bare metal and virtual machines. In both cases, the platform identifies itself via DMI data in the chassis asset tag with the string 'OracleCloud.com'.

Oracle's platform provides a metadata service that mimics the 2013-10-17 version of OpenStack metadata service. Initially support for Oracle was done via the OpenStack datasource.

**Cloud-init has a specific datasource for Oracle in order to:**

- a. allow and support future growth of the OCI platform.
- b. address small differences between OpenStack and Oracle metadata implementation.

## Configuration

The following configuration can be set for the datasource in system configuration (in `/etc/cloud/cloud.cfg` or `/etc/cloud/cloud.cfg.d/`).

The settings that may be configured are:

- **configure\_secondary\_nics**: A boolean, defaulting to `False`. If set to `True` on an OCI Virtual Machine, cloud-init will fetch networking metadata from Oracle's IMDS and use it to configure the non-primary network interface controllers in the system. If set to `True` on an OCI Bare Metal Machine, it will have no effect (though this may change in the future).

An example configuration with the default values is provided below:

```
datasource:  
  Oracle:  
    configure_secondary_nics: false
```

## OVF

The OVF Datasource provides a datasource for reading data from on an [Open Virtualization Format](#) ISO transport.

For further information see a full working example in cloud-init's source code tree in `doc/sources/ovf`

## Rbx Cloud

The Rbx datasource consumes the metadata drive available on platform [HyperOne](#) and [Rootbox](#) platform.

Datasource supports, in particular, network configurations, hostname, user accounts and user metadata.



## Metadata drive

Drive metadata is a FAT-formatted partition with the ``CLOUDMD`` label on the system disk. Its contents are refreshed each time the virtual machine is restarted, if the partition exists. For more information see [HyperOne Virtual Machine docs](#).

## SmartOS Datasource

This datasource finds metadata and user-data from the SmartOS virtualization platform (i.e. Joyent).

Please see <http://smartos.org/> for information about SmartOS.

## SmartOS Platform

The SmartOS virtualization platform uses meta-data to the instance via the second serial console. On Linux, this is `/dev/ttyS1`. The data is provided via a simple protocol: something queries for the data, the console responds with the status and if “SUCCESS” returns until a single “.n”.

New versions of the SmartOS tooling will include support for base64 encoded data.

## Meta-data channels

Cloud-init supports three modes of delivering user/meta-data via the flexible channels of SmartOS.

- user-data is written to `/var/db/user-data`
  - per the spec, user-data is for consumption by the end-user, not provisioning tools
  - cloud-init entirely ignores this channel other than writing it to disk
  - removal of the meta-data key means that `/var/db/user-data` gets removed
  - a backup of previous meta-data is maintained as `/var/db/user-data.<timestamp>`. `<timestamp>` is the epoch time when cloud-init ran
- user-script is written to `/var/lib/cloud/scripts/per-boot/99_user_data`
  - this is executed each boot
  - a link is created to `/var/db/user-script`
  - previous versions of the user-script is written to `/var/lib/cloud/scripts/per-boot.backup/99_user_script.<timestamp>`. `-<timestamp>` is the epoch time when cloud-init ran.
  - when the ‘user-script’ meta-data key goes missing, the user-script is removed from the file system, although a backup is maintained.
  - if the script does not start with a shebang (i.e. starts with `#!<executable>`), then or is not an executable, cloud-init will add a shebang of `#!/bin/bash`
- cloud-init:user-data is treated like on other Clouds.
  - this channel is used for delivering `_all_` cloud-init instructions
  - scripts delivered over this channel must be well formed (i.e. must have a shebang)

Cloud-init supports reading the traditional meta-data fields supported by the SmartOS tools. These are:

- `root_authorized_keys`

- hostname
- enable\_motd\_sys\_info
- iptables\_disable

**Note:** At this time `iptables_disable` and `enable_motd_sys_info` are read but are not actioned.

### Disabling user-script

Cloud-init uses the per-boot script functionality to handle the execution of the user-script. If you want to prevent this use a cloud-config of:

```
#cloud-config
cloud_final_modules:
- scripts-per-once
- scripts-per-instance
- scripts-user
- ssh-authkey-fingerprints
- keys-to-console
- phone-home
- final-message
- power-state-change
```

Alternatively you can use the json patch method

```
#cloud-config-jsonp
[
  {
    "op": "replace",
    "path": "/cloud_final_modules",
    "value": ["scripts-per-once",
              "scripts-per-instance",
              "scripts-user",
              "ssh-authkey-fingerprints",
              "keys-to-console",
              "phone-home",
              "final-message",
              "power-state-change"]
  }
]
```

The default cloud-config includes “script-per-boot”. Cloud-init will still ingest and write the user-data but will not execute it, when you disable the per-boot script handling.

**Note:** Unless you have an explicit use-case, it is recommended that you not disable the per-boot script execution, especially if you are using any of the life-cycle management features of SmartOS.

The cloud-config needs to be delivered over the cloud-init:user-data channel in order for cloud-init to ingest it.

### base64

The following are exempt from base64 encoding, owing to the fact that they are provided by SmartOS:

- root\_authorized\_keys
- enable\_motd\_sys\_info
- iptables\_disable

- user-data
- user-script

This list can be changed through system config of variable 'no\_base64\_decode'.

This means that user-script and user-data as well as other values can be base64 encoded. Since Cloud-init can only guess as to whether or not something is truly base64 encoded, the following meta-data keys are hints as to whether or not to base64 decode something:

- base64\_all: Except for excluded keys, attempt to base64 decode the values. If the value fails to decode properly, it will be returned in its text
- base64\_keys: A comma delimited list of which keys are base64 encoded.
- b64-<key>: for any key, if there exists an entry in the metadata for 'b64-<key>' Then 'b64-<key>' is expected to be a plaintext boolean indicating whether or not its value is encoded.
- no\_base64\_decode: This is a configuration setting (i.e. /etc/cloud/cloud.cfg.d) that sets which values should not be base64 decoded.

## disk\_aliases and ephemeral disk

By default, SmartOS only supports a single ephemeral disk. That disk is completely empty (un-partitioned with no filesystem).

The SmartOS datasource has built-in cloud-config which instructs the 'disk\_setup' module to partition and format the ephemeral disk.

### You can control the disk\_setup then in 2 ways:

1. through the datasource config, you can change the 'alias' of ephemeral0 to reference another device. The default is:

```
'disk_aliases': {'ephemeral0': '/dev/vdb'},
```

Which means anywhere disk\_setup sees a device named 'ephemeral0' then /dev/vdb will be substituted.

2. you can provide disk\_setup or fs\_setup data in user-data to overwrite the datasource's built-in values.

See doc/examples/cloud-config-disk-setup.txt for information on disk\_setup.

## ZStack

ZStack platform provides a AWS Ec2 metadata service, but with different datasource identity. More information about ZStack can be found at [ZStack](#).

## Discovery

To determine whether a vm running on ZStack platform, cloud-init checks DMI information by 'dmidecode -s chassis-asset-tag', if the output ends with '.zstack.io', it's running on ZStack platform:

## Metadata

Same as EC2, instance metadata can be queried at

```
GET http://169.254.169.254/2009-04-04/meta-data/  
instance-id  
local-hostname
```

### Userdata

Same as EC2, instance userdata can be queried at

```
GET http://169.254.169.254/2009-04-04/user-data/  
meta_data.json  
user_data  
password
```

### 1.11.2 Creation

The datasource objects have a few touch points with cloud-init. If you are interested in adding a new datasource for your cloud platform you will need to take care of the following items:

- **Identify a mechanism for positive identification of the platform:** It is good practice for a cloud platform to positively identify itself to the guest. This allows the guest to make educated decisions based on the platform on which it is running. On the x86 and arm64 architectures, many clouds identify themselves through DMI data. For example, Oracle's public cloud provides the string 'OracleCloud.com' in the DMI chassis-asset field.

cloud-init enabled images produce a log file with details about the platform. Reading through this log in `/run/cloud-init/ds-identify.log` may provide the information needed to uniquely identify the platform. If the log is not present, you can generate it by running from source `./tools/ds-identify` or the installed location `/usr/lib/cloud-init/ds-identify`.

The mechanism used to identify the platform will be required for the `ds-identify` and `datasource` module sections below.

- **Add datasource module “cloudinit/sources/DataSource<CloudPlatform>.py“:** It is suggested that you start by copying one of the simpler datasources such as `DataSourceHetzner`.
- **Add tests for datasource module:** Add a new file with some tests for the module to `cloudinit/sources/test_<yourplatform>.py`. For example see `cloudinit/sources/tests/test_oracle.py`
- **Update ds-identify:** In systemd systems, `ds-identify` is used to detect which datasource should be enabled or if cloud-init should run at all. You'll need to make changes to `tools/ds-identify`.
- **Add tests for ds-identify:** Add relevant tests in a new class to `tests/unittests/test_ds_identify.py`. You can use `TestOracle` as an example.
- **Add your datasource name to the builtin list of datasources:** Add your datasource module name to the end of the `datasource_list` entry in `cloudinit/settings.py`.
- **Add your your cloud platform to apport collection prompts:** Update the list of cloud platforms in `cloudinit/apport.py`. This list will be provided to the user who invokes `ubuntu-bug cloud-init`.
- **Enable datasource by default in ubuntu packaging branches:** Ubuntu packaging branches contain a template file `debian/cloud-init.templates` that ultimately sets the default `datasource_list` when installed via package. This file needs updating when the commit gets into a package.
- **Add documentation for your datasource:** You should add a new file in `doc/datasources/<cloudplatform>.rst`

### 1.11.3 API

The current interface that a datasource object must provide is the following:

```
# returns a mime multipart message that contains
# all the various fully-expanded components that
# were found from processing the raw user data string
# - when filtering only the mime messages targeting
#   this instance id will be returned (or messages with
#   no instance id)
def get_userdata(self, apply_filter=False)

# returns the raw userdata string (or none)
def get_userdata_raw(self)

# returns a integer (or none) which can be used to identify
# this instance in a group of instances which are typically
# created from a single command, thus allowing programmatic
# filtering on this launch index (or other selective actions)
@property
def launch_index(self)

# the data sources' config_obj is a cloud-config formatted
# object that came to it from ways other than cloud-config
# because cloud-config content would be handled elsewhere
def get_config_obj(self)

#returns a list of public ssh keys
def get_public_ssh_keys(self)

# translates a device 'short' name into the actual physical device
# fully qualified name (or none if said physical device is not attached
# or does not exist)
def device_name_to_device(self, name)

# gets the locale string this instance should be applying
# which typically used to adjust the instances locale settings files
def get_locale(self)

@property
def availability_zone(self)

# gets the instance id that was assigned to this instance by the
# cloud provider or when said instance id does not exist in the backing
# metadata this will return 'iid-datasource'
def get_instance_id(self)

# gets the fully qualified domain name that this host should be using
# when configuring network or hostname related settings, typically
# assigned either by the cloud provider or the user creating the vm
def get_hostname(self, fqdn=False)

def get_package_mirror_info(self)
```

## 1.12 Vendor Data

### 1.12.1 Overview

Vendordata is data provided by the entity that launches an instance (for example, the cloud provider). This data can be used to customize the image to fit into the particular environment it is being run in.

Vendordata follows the same rules as user-data, with the following caveats:

1. Users have ultimate control over vendordata. They can disable its execution or disable handling of specific parts of multipart input.
2. By default it only runs on first boot
3. Vendordata can be disabled by the user. If the use of vendordata is required for the instance to run, then vendordata should not be used.
4. user supplied cloud-config is merged over cloud-config from vendordata.

Users providing cloud-config data can use the '#cloud-config-jsonp' method to more finely control their modifications to the vendor supplied cloud-config. For example, if both vendor and user have provided 'runcmd' then the default merge handler will cause the user's runcmd to override the one provided by the vendor. To append to 'runcmd', the user could better provide multipart input with a cloud-config-jsonp part like:

```
#cloud-config-jsonp
[{"op": "add", "path": "/runcmd", "value": ["my", "command", "here"]}]
```

Further, we strongly advise vendors to not 'be evil'. By evil, we mean any action that could compromise a system. Since users trust you, please take care to make sure that any vendordata is safe, atomic, idempotent and does not put your users at risk.

### 1.12.2 Input Formats

cloud-init will download and cache to filesystem any vendor-data that it finds. Vendordata is handled exactly like user-data. That means that the vendor can supply multipart input and have those parts acted on in the same way as user-data.

The only differences are:

- user-scripts are stored in a different location than user-scripts (to avoid namespace collision)
- user can disable part handlers by cloud-config settings. For example, to disable handling of 'part-handlers' in vendor-data, the user could provide user-data like this:

```
#cloud-config
vendordata: {excluded: 'text/part-handler'}
```

### 1.12.3 Examples

There are examples in the examples subdirectory.

Additionally, the 'tools' directory contains 'write-mime-multipart', which can be used to easily generate mime-multipart files from a list of input files. That data can then be given to an instance.

See 'write-mime-multipart -help' for usage.

## 1.13 Network Configuration

- Default Behavior
- Disabling Network Configuration
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- Network Configuration Sources
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- Network Output Policy
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### 1.13.1 Default Behavior

Cloud-init 's searches for network configuration in order of increasing precedence; each item overriding the previous.

#### Datasource

For example, OpenStack may provide network config in the MetaData Service.

#### System Config

A `network:` entry in `/etc/cloud/cloud.cfg.d/*` configuration files.

#### Kernel Command Line

```
ip= or network-config=<YAML config string>
```

User-data cannot change an instance's network configuration. In the absence of network configuration in any of the above sources, Cloud-init will write out a network configuration that will issue a DHCP request on a "first" network interface.

### 1.13.2 Disabling Network Configuration

Users may disable Cloud-init 's network configuration capability and rely on other methods, such as embedded configuration or other customizations.

Cloud-init supports the following methods for disabling cloud-init.

#### Kernel Command Line

Cloud-init will check for a parameter `network-config` and the value is expected to be YAML string in the *Networking Config Version 1* format. The YAML string may optionally be Base64 encoded, and optionally compressed with `gzip`.

Example disabling kernel command line entry:

```
network-config={config: disabled}
```

#### cloud config

In the combined cloud-init configuration dictionary.

```
network:
  config: disabled
```

If `Cloud-init`'s networking config has not been disabled, and no other network information is found, then it will proceed to generate a fallback networking configuration.

### 1.13.3 Fallback Network Configuration

`Cloud-init` will attempt to determine which of any attached network devices is most likely to have a connection and then generate a network configuration to issue a DHCP request on that interface.

`Cloud-init` runs during early boot and does not expect composed network devices (such as Bridges) to be available. `Cloud-init` does not consider the following interface devices as likely 'first' network interfaces for fallback configuration; they are filtered out from being selected.

- **loopback:** `name=lo`
- **Virtual Ethernet:** `name=veth*`
- **Software Bridges:** `type=bridge`
- **Software VLANs:** `type=vlan`

`Cloud-init` will prefer network interfaces that indicate they are connected via the Linux `carrier` flag being set. If no interfaces are marked connected, then all unfiltered interfaces are potential connections.

Of the potential interfaces, `Cloud-init` will attempt to pick the "right" interface given the information it has available.

Finally after selecting the "right" interface, a configuration is generated and applied to the system.

### 1.13.4 Network Configuration Sources

`Cloud-init` accepts a number of different network configuration formats in support of different cloud substrates. The Datasource for these clouds in `Cloud-init` will detect and consume Datasource-specific network configuration formats for use when writing an instance's network configuration.

The following Datasources optionally provide network configuration:

- *Config Drive*
  - OpenStack Metadata Service Network
  - *Network Configuration ENI (Legacy)*
- *Digital Ocean*
  - DigitalOcean JSON metadata
- *NoCloud*
  - *Networking Config Version 1*
  - *Networking Config Version 2*
  - *Network Configuration ENI (Legacy)*
- *OpenNebula*
  - *Network Configuration ENI (Legacy)*
- *OpenStack*
  - *Network Configuration ENI (Legacy)*
  - OpenStack Metadata Service Network
- *SmartOS Datasource*



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For more information on network configuration formats

### Network Configuration ENI (Legacy)

Cloud-init supports reading and writing network config in the ENI format which is consumed by the `ifupdown` tool to parse and apply network configuration.

As an input format this is **legacy**. In cases where ENI format is available and another format is also available, it will prefer to use the other format. This can happen in either *NoCloud* or *OpenStack* datasources.

Please reference existing [documentation](#) for the `/etc/network/interfaces(5)` format.

### Networking Config Version 1

This network configuration format lets users customize their instance's networking interfaces by assigning subnet configuration, virtual device creation (bonds, bridges, vlans) routes and DNS configuration.

Required elements of a Network Config Version 1 are `config` and `version`.

Cloud-init will read this format from system config. For example the following could be present in `/etc/cloud/cloud.cfg.d/custom-networking.cfg`:

```
network:
  version: 1
  config:
    - type: physical
      name: eth0
      subnets:
        - type: dhcp
```

The *NoCloud* datasource can also provide cloud-init networking configuration in this Format.

### Configuration Types

Within the network `config` portion, users include a list of configuration types. The current list of support `type` values are as follows:

- Physical (`physical`)
- Bond (`bond`)
- Bridge (`bridge`)
- VLAN (`vlan`)
- Nameserver (`nameserver`)
- Route (`route`)

Physical, Bond, Bridge and VLAN types may also include IP configuration under the key `subnets`.

- Subnet/IP (`subnets`)

## Physical

The `physical` type configuration represents a “physical” network device, typically Ethernet-based. At least one of these entries is required for external network connectivity. Type `physical` requires only one key: `name`. A `physical` device may contain some or all of the following keys:

**name:** *<desired device name>*

A device's name must be less than 15 characters. Names exceeding the maximum will be truncated. This is a limitation of the Linux kernel network-device structure.

**mac\_address:** *<MAC Address>*

The MAC Address is a device unique identifier that most Ethernet-based network devices possess. Specifying a MAC Address is optional.

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**Note:** Cloud-init will handle the persistent mapping between a device's name and the `mac_address`.

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**mtu:** *<MTU SizeBytes>*

The MTU key represents a device's Maximum Transmission Unit, the largest size packet or frame, specified in octets (eight-bit bytes), that can be sent in a packet- or frame-based network. Specifying `mtu` is optional.

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**Note:** The possible supported values of a device's MTU is not available at configuration time. It's possible to specify a value too large or too small for a device and may be ignored by the device.

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### Physical Example:

```
network:
  version: 1
  config:
    # Simple network adapter
    - type: physical
      name: interface0
      mac_address: 00:11:22:33:44:55
    # Second nic with Jumbo frames
    - type: physical
      name: jumbo0
      mac_address: aa:11:22:33:44:55
      mtu: 9000
    # 10G pair
    - type: physical
      name: gbe0
      mac_address: cd:11:22:33:44:00
    - type: physical
      name: gbe1
      mac_address: cd:11:22:33:44:02
```

## Bond

A `bond` type will configure a Linux software Bond with one or more network devices. A `bond` type requires the following keys:

**name:** *<desired device name>*

A device's name must be less than 15 characters. Names exceeding the maximum will be truncated. This is a limitation of the Linux kernel network-device structure.

**mac\_address:** *<MAC Address>*

When specifying MAC Address on a bond this value will be assigned to the bond device and may be different than the MAC address of any of the underlying bond interfaces. Specifying a MAC Address is optional. If `mac_address` is not present, then the bond will use one of the MAC Address values from one of the bond interfaces.

**bond\_interfaces:** *<List of network device names>*

The `bond_interfaces` key accepts a list of network device name values from the configuration. This list may be empty.

**mtu:** *<MTU SizeBytes>*

The MTU key represents a device's Maximum Transmission Unit, the largest size packet or frame, specified in octets (eight-bit bytes), that can be sent in a packet- or frame-based network. Specifying `mtu` is optional.

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**Note:** The possible supported values of a device's MTU is not available at configuration time. It's possible to specify a value too large or too small for a device and may be ignored by the device.

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**params:** *<Dictionary of key: value bonding parameter pairs>*

The `params` key in a bond holds a dictionary of bonding parameters. This dictionary may be empty. For more details on what the various bonding parameters mean please read the Linux Kernel Bonding.txt.

Valid `params` keys are:

- `active_slave`: Set bond attribute
- `ad_actor_key`: Set bond attribute
- `ad_actor_sys_prio`: Set bond attribute
- `ad_actor_system`: Set bond attribute
- `ad_aggregator`: Set bond attribute
- `ad_num_ports`: Set bond attribute
- `ad_partner_key`: Set bond attribute
- `ad_partner_mac`: Set bond attribute
- `ad_select`: Set bond attribute
- `ad_user_port_key`: Set bond attribute
- `all_slaves_active`: Set bond attribute
- `arp_all_targets`: Set bond attribute
- `arp_interval`: Set bond attribute
- `arp_ip_target`: Set bond attribute
- `arp_validate`: Set bond attribute
- `downdelay`: Set bond attribute
- `fail_over_mac`: Set bond attribute
- `lacp_rate`: Set bond attribute
- `lp_interval`: Set bond attribute

- `miimon`: Set bond attribute
- `mii_status`: Set bond attribute
- `min_links`: Set bond attribute
- `mode`: Set bond attribute
- `num_grat_arp`: Set bond attribute
- `num_unsol_na`: Set bond attribute
- `packets_per_slave`: Set bond attribute
- `primary`: Set bond attribute
- `primary_reselect`: Set bond attribute
- `queue_id`: Set bond attribute
- `resend_igmp`: Set bond attribute
- `slaves`: Set bond attribute
- `tlb_dynamic_lb`: Set bond attribute
- `updelay`: Set bond attribute
- `use_carrier`: Set bond attribute
- `xmit_hash_policy`: Set bond attribute

### Bond Example:

```
network:
  version: 1
  config:
    # Simple network adapter
    - type: physical
      name: interface0
      mac_address: 00:11:22:33:44:55
    # 10G pair
    - type: physical
      name: gbe0
      mac_address: cd:11:22:33:44:00
    - type: physical
      name: gbe1
      mac_address: cd:11:22:33:44:02
    - type: bond
      name: bond0
      bond_interfaces:
        - gbe0
        - gbe1
      params:
        bond-mode: active-backup
```

### Bridge

Type `bridge` requires the following keys:

- `name`: Set the name of the bridge.
- `bridge_interfaces`: Specify the ports of a bridge via their name. This list may be empty.

- `params`: A list of bridge params. For more details, please read the `bridge-utils-interfaces` manpage.

Valid keys are:

- `bridge_ageing`: Set the bridge's ageing value.
- `bridge_bridgeprio`: Set the bridge device network priority.
- `bridge_fd`: Set the bridge's forward delay.
- `bridge_hello`: Set the bridge's hello value.
- `bridge_hw`: Set the bridge's MAC address.
- `bridge_maxage`: Set the bridge's maxage value.
- `bridge_maxwait`: Set how long network scripts should wait for the bridge to be up.
- `bridge_pathcost`: Set the cost of a specific port on the bridge.
- `bridge_portprio`: Set the priority of a specific port on the bridge.
- `bridge_ports`: List of devices that are part of the bridge.
- `bridge_stp`: Set spanning tree protocol on or off.
- `bridge_waitport`: Set amount of time in seconds to wait on specific ports to become available.

#### Bridge Example:

```
network:
  version: 1
  config:
    # Simple network adapter
    - type: physical
      name: interface0
      mac_address: 00:11:22:33:44:55
    # Second nic with Jumbo frames
    - type: physical
      name: jumbo0
      mac_address: aa:11:22:33:44:55
      mtu: 9000
    - type: bridge
      name: br0
      bridge_interfaces:
        - jumbo0
      params:
        bridge_ageing: 250
        bridge_bridgeprio: 22
        bridge_fd: 1
        bridge_hello: 1
        bridge_maxage: 10
        bridge_maxwait: 0
        bridge_pathcost:
          - jumbo0 75
        bridge_pathprio:
          - jumbo0 28
        bridge_stp: 'off'
        bridge_maxwait:
          - jumbo0 0
```

## VLAN

Type `vlan` requires the following keys:

- `name`: Set the name of the VLAN
- `vlan_link`: Specify the underlying link via its name.
- `vlan_id`: Specify the VLAN numeric id.

The following optional keys are supported:

**mtu**: <MTU SizeBytes>

The MTU key represents a device's Maximum Transmission Unit, the largest size packet or frame, specified in octets (eight-bit bytes), that can be sent in a packet- or frame-based network. Specifying `mtu` is optional.

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**Note:** The possible supported values of a device's MTU is not available at configuration time. It's possible to specify a value too large or too small for a device and may be ignored by the device.

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### VLAN Example:

```
network:
  version: 1
  config:
    # Physical interfaces.
    - type: physical
      name: eth0
      mac_address: "c0:d6:9f:2c:e8:80"
    # VLAN interface.
    - type: vlan
      name: eth0.101
      vlan_link: eth0
      vlan_id: 101
      mtu: 1500
```

## Nameserver

Users can specify a `nameserver` type. Nameserver dictionaries include the following keys:

- `address`: List of IPv4 or IPv6 address of nameservers.
- `search`: List of hostnames to include in the `resolv.conf` search path.

### Nameserver Example:

```
network:
  version: 1
  config:
    - type: physical
      name: interface0
      mac_address: 00:11:22:33:44:55
      subnets:
        - type: static
          address: 192.168.23.14/27
          gateway: 192.168.23.1
    - type: nameserver:
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```

address:
  - 192.168.23.2
  - 8.8.8.8
search:
  - exemplary

```

## Route

Users can include static routing information as well. A `route` dictionary has the following keys:

- `destination`: IPv4 network address with CIDR netmask notation.
- `gateway`: IPv4 gateway address with CIDR netmask notation.
- `metric`: Integer which sets the network metric value for this route.

### Route Example:

```

network:
  version: 1
  config:
    - type: physical
      name: interface0
      mac_address: 00:11:22:33:44:55
      subnets:
        - type: static
          address: 192.168.23.14/24
          gateway: 192.168.23.1
    - type: route
      destination: 192.168.24.0/24
      gateway: 192.168.24.1
      metric: 3

```

## Subnet/IP

For any network device (one of the Config Types) users can define a list of `subnets` which contain ip configuration dictionaries. Multiple subnet entries will create interface alias allowing a single interface to use different ip configurations.

Valid keys for `subnets` include the following:

- `type`: Specify the subnet type.
- `control`: Specify manual, auto or hotplug. Indicates how the interface will be handled during boot.
- `address`: IPv4 or IPv6 address. It may include CIDR netmask notation.
- `netmask`: IPv4 subnet mask in dotted format or CIDR notation.
- `gateway`: IPv4 address of the default gateway for this subnet.
- `dns_nameservers`: Specify a list of IPv4 dns server IPs to end up in `resolv.conf`.
- `dns_search`: Specify a list of search paths to be included in `resolv.conf`.
- `routes`: Specify a list of routes for a given interface

Subnet types are one of the following:

- `dhcp4`: Configure this interface with IPv4 dhcp.
- `dhcp`: Alias for `dhcp4`
- `dhcp6`: Configure this interface with IPv6 dhcp.
- `static`: Configure this interface with a static IPv4.
- `static6`: Configure this interface with a static IPv6 .

When making use of `dhcp` types, no additional configuration is needed in the subnet dictionary.

### Subnet DHCP Example:

```
network:
  version: 1
  config:
    - type: physical
      name: interface0
      mac_address: 00:11:22:33:44:55
      subnets:
        - type: dhcp
```

### Subnet Static Example:

```
network:
  version: 1
  config:
    - type: physical
      name: interface0
      mac_address: 00:11:22:33:44:55
      subnets:
        - type: static
          address: 192.168.23.14/27
          gateway: 192.168.23.1
          dns_nameservers:
            - 192.168.23.2
            - 8.8.8.8
          dns_search:
            - exemplary.maas
```

The following will result in an `interface0` using DHCP and `interface0:1` using the static subnet configuration.

### Multiple subnet Example:

```
network:
  version: 1
  config:
    - type: physical
      name: interface0
      mac_address: 00:11:22:33:44:55
      subnets:
        - type: dhcp
        - type: static
          address: 192.168.23.14/27
          gateway: 192.168.23.1
          dns_nameservers:
            - 192.168.23.2
            - 8.8.8.8
          dns_search:
            - exemplary
```



**Subnet with routes Example:**

```

network:
  version: 1
  config:
    - type: physical
      name: interface0
      mac_address: 00:11:22:33:44:55
      subnets:
        - type: dhcp
        - type: static
          address: 10.184.225.122
          netmask: 255.255.255.252
          routes:
            - gateway: 10.184.225.121
              netmask: 255.240.0.0
              network: 10.176.0.0
            - gateway: 10.184.225.121
              netmask: 255.240.0.0
              network: 10.208.0.0

```

**Multi-layered configurations**

Complex networking sometimes uses layers of configuration. The syntax allows users to build those layers one at a time. All of the virtual network devices supported allow specifying an underlying device by their name value.

**Bonded VLAN Example:**

```

network:
  version: 1
  config:
    # 10G pair
    - type: physical
      name: gbe0
      mac_address: cd:11:22:33:44:00
    - type: physical
      name: gbe1
      mac_address: cd:11:22:33:44:02
    # Bond.
    - type: bond
      name: bond0
      bond_interfaces:
        - gbe0
        - gbe1
      params:
        bond-mode: 802.3ad
        bond-lacp-rate: fast
    # A Bond VLAN.
    - type: vlan
      name: bond0.200
      vlan_link: bond0
      vlan_id: 200
      subnets:
        - type: dhcp4

```

## More Examples

Some more examples to explore the various options available.

### Multiple VLAN example:

```
network:
  version: 1
  config:
  - id: eth0
    mac_address: d4:be:d9:a8:49:13
    mtu: 1500
    name: eth0
    subnets:
    - address: 10.245.168.16/21
      dns_nameservers:
      - 10.245.168.2
      gateway: 10.245.168.1
      type: static
    type: physical
  - id: eth1
    mac_address: d4:be:d9:a8:49:15
    mtu: 1500
    name: eth1
    subnets:
    - address: 10.245.188.2/24
      dns_nameservers: []
      type: static
    type: physical
  - id: eth1.2667
    mtu: 1500
    name: eth1.2667
    subnets:
    - address: 10.245.184.2/24
      dns_nameservers: []
      type: static
    type: vlan
    vlan_id: 2667
    vlan_link: eth1
  - id: eth1.2668
    mtu: 1500
    name: eth1.2668
    subnets:
    - address: 10.245.185.1/24
      dns_nameservers: []
      type: static
    type: vlan
    vlan_id: 2668
    vlan_link: eth1
  - id: eth1.2669
    mtu: 1500
    name: eth1.2669
    subnets:
    - address: 10.245.186.1/24
      dns_nameservers: []
      type: static
    type: vlan
    vlan_id: 2669
```

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```

vlan_link: eth1
- id: eth1.2670
  mtu: 1500
  name: eth1.2670
  subnets:
  - address: 10.245.187.2/24
    dns_nameservers: []
    type: static
  type: vlan
  vlan_id: 2670
  vlan_link: eth1
- address: 10.245.168.2
  search:
  - dellstack
  type: nameserver

```

## Networking Config Version 2

Cloud-init’s support for Version 2 network config is a subset of the version 2 format defined for the [netplan](#) tool. Cloud-init supports both reading and writing of Version 2; the latter support requires a distro with [netplan](#) present.

The `network` key has at least two required elements. First it must include `version: 2` and one or more of possible device types..

Cloud-init will read this format from system config. For example the following could be present in `/etc/cloud/cloud.cfg.d/custom-networking.cfg`:

```

network:
  version: 2
  ethernets: []

```

It may also be provided in other locations including the *NoCloud*, see *Default Behavior* for other places.

Supported device `types` values are as follows:

- Ethernets (`ethernets`)
- Bonds (`bonds`)
- Bridges (`bridges`)
- VLANs (`vlan`s)

Each type block contains device definitions as a map where the keys (called “configuration IDs”). Each entry under the `types` may include IP and/or device configuration.

Cloud-init does not current support `wifis` type that is present in native [netplan](#).

## Device configuration IDs

The key names below the per-device-type definition maps (like `ethernets:`) are called “ID”s. They must be unique throughout the entire set of configuration files. Their primary purpose is to serve as anchor names for composite devices, for example to enumerate the members of a bridge that is currently being defined.

There are two physically/structurally different classes of device definitions, and the ID field has a different interpretation for each:

Physical devices

**: (Examples: ethernet, wifi)** These can dynamically come and go between reboots and even during runtime (hot-plugging). In the generic case, they can be selected by `match:` rules on desired properties, such as name/name pattern, MAC address, driver, or device paths. In general these will match any number of devices (unless they refer to properties which are unique such as the full path or MAC address), so without further knowledge about the hardware these will always be considered as a group.

It is valid to specify no match rules at all, in which case the ID field is simply the interface name to be matched. This is mostly useful if you want to keep simple cases simple, and it's how network device configuration has been done for a long time.

If there are `match:` rules, then the ID field is a purely opaque name which is only being used for references from definitions of compound devices in the config.

Virtual devices

**: (Examples: veth, bridge, bond)** These are fully under the control of the config file(s) and the network stack. I.e. these devices are being created instead of matched. Thus `match:` and `set-name:` are not applicable for these, and the ID field is the name of the created virtual device.

## Common properties for physical device types

**match:** <(mapping)>

This selects a subset of available physical devices by various hardware properties. The following configuration will then apply to all matching devices, as soon as they appear. *All* specified properties must match. The following properties for creating matches are supported:

**name:** <(scalar)>

Current interface name. Globs are supported, and the primary use case for matching on names, as selecting one fixed name can be more easily achieved with having no `match:` at all and just using the ID (see above). Note that currently only `networkd` supports globbing, `NetworkManager` does not.

**macaddress:** <(scalar)>

Device's MAC address in the form "XX:XX:XX:XX:XX:XX". Globs are not allowed.

**driver:** <(scalar)>

Kernel driver name, corresponding to the `DRIVER` udev property. Globs are supported. Matching on driver is *only* supported with `networkd`.

**Examples:**

```
# all cards on second PCI bus
match:
  name: enp2*

# fixed MAC address
match:
  macaddress: 11:22:33:AA:BB:FF

# first card of driver ``ixgbe``
match:
  driver: ixgbe
  name: en*s0
```

**set-name:** <(scalar)>

When matching on unique properties such as path or MAC, or with additional assumptions such as "there will only ever be one wifi device", match rules can be written so that they only match one device. Then this property can be

used to give that device a more specific/desirable/nicer name than the default from udev's ifnames. Any additional device that satisfies the match rules will then fail to get renamed and keep the original kernel name (and dmesg will show an error).

**wakeonlan:** *<(bool)>*

Enable wake on LAN. Off by default.

### Common properties for all device types

**renderer:** *<(scalar)>*

Use the given networking backend for this definition. Currently supported are `networkd` and `NetworkManager`. This property can be specified globally in `networks:`, for a device type (in e. g. `ethernets:`) or for a particular device definition. Default is `networkd`.

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**Note:** Cloud-init only supports `networkd` backend if rendering `version2` config to the instance.

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**dhcp4:** *<(bool)>*

Enable DHCP for IPv4. Off by default.

**dhcp6:** *<(bool)>*

Enable DHCP for IPv6. Off by default.

**addresses:** *<(sequence of scalars)>*

Add static addresses to the interface in addition to the ones received through DHCP or RA. Each sequence entry is in CIDR notation, i. e. of the form `addr/prefixlen`. `addr` is an IPv4 or IPv6 address as recognized by `inet_pton(3)` and `prefixlen` the number of bits of the subnet.

Example: `addresses: [192.168.14.2/24, 2001:1::1/64]`

**gateway4:** or **gateway6:** *<(scalar)>*

Set default gateway for IPv4/6, for manual address configuration. This requires setting `addresses` too. Gateway IPs must be in a form recognized by `inet_pton(3)`

Example for IPv4: `gateway4: 172.16.0.1` Example for IPv6: `gateway6: 2001:4::1`

**mtu:** *<MTU SizeBytes>*

The MTU key represents a device's Maximum Transmission Unit, the largest size packet or frame, specified in octets (eight-bit bytes), that can be sent in a packet- or frame-based network. Specifying `mtu` is optional.

**nameservers:** *<(mapping)>*

Set DNS servers and search domains, for manual address configuration. There are two supported fields: `addresses:` is a list of IPv4 or IPv6 addresses similar to `gateway*`, and `search:` is a list of search domains.

Example:

```
nameservers:
  search: [lab, home]
  addresses: [8.8.8.8, FEDC::1]
```

**routes:** *<(sequence of mapping)>*

Add device specific routes. Each mapping includes a `to`, `via` key with an IPv4 or IPv6 address as value. `metric` is an optional value.

Example:

```
routes:
- to: 0.0.0.0/0
  via: 10.23.2.1
  metric: 3
```

## Ethernets

Ethernet device definitions do not support any specific properties beyond the common ones described above.

## Bonds

**interfaces** <(sequence of scalars)>

All devices matching this ID list will be added to the bond.

Example:

```
ethernets:
  switchports:
    match: {name: "enp2*"}
  [...]
bonds:
  bond0:
    interfaces: [switchports]
```

**parameters:** <(mapping)>

Customization parameters for special bonding options. Time values are specified in seconds unless otherwise specified.

**mode:** <(scalar)>

Set the bonding mode used for the interfaces. The default is `balance-rr` (round robin). Possible values are `balance-rr`, `active-backup`, `balance-xor`, `broadcast`, `802.3ad`, `balance-tlb`, and `balance-alb`.

**lACP-rate:** <(scalar)>

Set the rate at which LACPDU are transmitted. This is only useful in `802.3ad` mode. Possible values are `slow` (30 seconds, default), and `fast` (every second).

**mii-monitor-interval:** <(scalar)>

Specifies the interval for MII monitoring (verifying if an interface of the bond has carrier). The default is 0; which disables MII monitoring.

**min-links:** <(scalar)>

The minimum number of links up in a bond to consider the bond interface to be up.

**transmit-hash-policy:** <(scalar)>

Specifies the transmit hash policy for the selection of slaves. This is only useful in `balance-xor`, `802.3ad` and `balance-tlb` modes. Possible values are `layer2`, `layer3+4`, `layer2+3`, `encap2+3`, and `encap3+4`.

**ad-select:** <(scalar)>

Set the aggregation selection mode. Possible values are `stable`, `bandwidth`, and `count`. This option is only used in `802.3ad` mode.

**all-slaves-active:** *<(bool)>*

If the bond should drop duplicate frames received on inactive ports, set this option to `false`. If they should be delivered, set this option to `true`. The default value is `false`, and is the desirable behavior in most situations.

**arp-interval:** *<(scalar)>*

Set the interval value for how frequently ARP link monitoring should happen. The default value is 0, which disables ARP monitoring.

**arp-ip-targets:** *<(sequence of scalars)>*

IPs of other hosts on the link which should be sent ARP requests in order to validate that a slave is up. This option is only used when `arp-interval` is set to a value other than 0. At least one IP address must be given for ARP link monitoring to function. Only IPv4 addresses are supported. You can specify up to 16 IP addresses. The default value is an empty list.

**arp-validate:** *<(scalar)>*

Configure how ARP replies are to be validated when using ARP link monitoring. Possible values are `none`, `active`, `backup`, and `all`.

**arp-all-targets:** *<(scalar)>*

Specify whether to use any ARP IP target being up as sufficient for a slave to be considered up; or if all the targets must be up. This is only used for `active-backup` mode when `arp-validate` is enabled. Possible values are `any` and `all`.

**up-delay:** *<(scalar)>*

Specify the delay before enabling a link once the link is physically up. The default value is 0.

**down-delay:** *<(scalar)>*

Specify the delay before disabling a link once the link has been lost. The default value is 0.

**fail-over-mac-policy:** *<(scalar)>*

Set whether to set all slaves to the same MAC address when adding them to the bond, or how else the system should handle MAC addresses. The possible values are `none`, `active`, and `follow`.

**gratuitious-arp:** *<(scalar)>*

Specify how many ARP packets to send after failover. Once a link is up on a new slave, a notification is sent and possibly repeated if this value is set to a number greater than 1. The default value is 1 and valid values are between 1 and 255. This only affects `active-backup` mode.

**packets-per-slave:** *<(scalar)>*

In `balance-rr` mode, specifies the number of packets to transmit on a slave before switching to the next. When this value is set to 0, slaves are chosen at random. Allowable values are between 0 and 65535. The default value is 1. This setting is only used in `balance-rr` mode.

**primary-reselect-policy:** *<(scalar)>*

Set the reselection policy for the primary slave. On failure of the active slave, the system will use this policy to decide how the new active slave will be chosen and how recovery will be handled. The possible values are `always`, `better`, and `failure`.

**learn-packet-interval:** *<(scalar)>*

Specify the interval between sending learning packets to each slave. The value range is between 1 and `0x7fffffff`. The default value is 1. This option only affects `balance-tlb` and `balance-alb` modes.

## Bridges

**interfaces:** *<(sequence of scalars)>*

All devices matching this ID list will be added to the bridge.

Example:

```
ethernets:
  switchports:
    match: {name: "enp2*"}
  [...]
bridges:
  br0:
    interfaces: [switchports]
```

**parameters:** *<(mapping)>*

Customization parameters for special bridging options. Time values are specified in seconds unless otherwise specified.

**ageing-time:** *<(scalar)>*

Set the period of time to keep a MAC address in the forwarding database after a packet is received.

**priority:** *<(scalar)>*

Set the priority value for the bridge. This value should be an number between 0 and 65535. Lower values mean higher priority. The bridge with the higher priority will be elected as the root bridge.

**forward-delay:** *<(scalar)>*

Specify the period of time the bridge will remain in Listening and Learning states before getting to the Forwarding state. This value should be set in seconds for the systemd backend, and in milliseconds for the NetworkManager backend.

**hello-time:** *<(scalar)>*

Specify the interval between two hello packets being sent out from the root and designated bridges. Hello packets communicate information about the network topology.

**max-age:** *<(scalar)>*

Set the maximum age of a hello packet. If the last hello packet is older than that value, the bridge will attempt to become the root bridge.

**path-cost:** *<(scalar)>*

Set the cost of a path on the bridge. Faster interfaces should have a lower cost. This allows a finer control on the network topology so that the fastest paths are available whenever possible.

**stp:** *<(bool)>*

Define whether the bridge should use Spanning Tree Protocol. The default value is “true”, which means that Spanning Tree should be used.

## VLANs

**id:** *<(scalar)>*

VLAN ID, a number between 0 and 4094.

**link:** *<(scalar)>*



ID of the underlying device definition on which this VLAN gets created.

Example:

```
ethernets:
  eno1: {...}
vlans:
  en-intra:
    id: 1
    link: eno1
    dhcp4: yes
  en-vpn:
    id: 2
    link: eno1
    address: ...
```

## Examples

Configure an ethernet device with networkd, identified by its name, and enable DHCP:

```
network:
  version: 2
  ethernets:
    eno1:
      dhcp4: true
```

This is a complex example which shows most available features:

```
network:
  version: 2
  ethernets:
    # opaque ID for physical interfaces, only referred to by other stanzas
    id0:
      match:
        macaddress: 00:11:22:33:44:55
      wakeonlan: true
      dhcp4: true
      addresses:
        - 192.168.14.2/24
        - 2001:1::1/64
      gateway4: 192.168.14.1
      gateway6: 2001:1::2
      nameservers:
        search: [foo.local, bar.local]
        addresses: [8.8.8.8]
    lom:
      match:
        driver: ixgbe
        # you are responsible for setting tight enough match rules
        # that only match one device if you use set-name
      set-name: lom1
      dhcp6: true
  switchports:
    # all cards on second PCI bus; unconfigured by themselves, will be added
    # to br0 below
    match:
      name: enp2*
```

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```

    mtu: 1280
bonds:
  bond0:
    interfaces: [id0, lom]
bridges:
  # the key name is the name for virtual (created) interfaces; no match: and
  # set-name: allowed
  br0:
    # IDs of the components; switchports expands into multiple interfaces
    interfaces: [wlpls0, switchports]
    dhcp4: true
vlans:
  en-intra:
    id: 1
    link: id0
    dhcp4: yes
# static routes
routes:
- to: 0.0.0.0/0
  via: 11.0.0.1
  metric: 3

```

### 1.13.5 Network Configuration Outputs

Cloud-init converts various forms of user supplied or automatically generated configuration into an internal network configuration state. From this state Cloud-init delegates rendering of the configuration to Distro supported formats. The following renderers are supported in cloud-init:

- **ENI**

/etc/network/interfaces or ENI is supported by the `ifupdown` package found in Ubuntu and Debian.

- **Netplan**

Introduced in Ubuntu 16.10 (Yakkety Yak), `netplan` has been the default network configuration tool in Ubuntu since 17.10 (Artful Aardvark). `netplan` consumes *Networking Config Version 2* input and renders network configuration for supported backends such as `systemd-networkd` and `NetworkManager`.

- **Sysconfig**

Sysconfig format is used by RHEL, CentOS, Fedora and other derivatives.

### 1.13.6 Network Output Policy

The default policy for selecting a network `renderer` in order of preference is as follows:

- ENI
- Sysconfig
- Netplan

When applying the policy, Cloud-init checks if the current instance has the correct binaries and paths to support the renderer. The first renderer that can be used is selected. Users may override the network renderer policy by supplying an updated configuration in `cloud-config`.

```

system_info:
network:
  renderers: ['netplan', 'eni', 'sysconfig']

```

### 1.13.7 Network Configuration Tools

Cloud-init contains one tool used to test input/output conversion between formats. The `tools/net-convert.py` in the Cloud-init source repository is helpful for examining expected output for a given input format.

CLI Interface :

```

% tools/net-convert.py --help
usage: net-convert.py [-h] --network-data PATH --kind
                    {eni,network_data.json,yaml} -d PATH [-m name,mac]
                    --output-kind {eni,netplan,sysconfig}

optional arguments:
  -h, --help            show this help message and exit
  --network-data PATH, -p PATH
                        directory to place output in
  --kind {eni,network_data.json,yaml}, -k {eni,network_data.json,yaml}
                        interface name to mac mapping
  -d PATH, --directory PATH
                        directory to place output in
  -m name,mac, --mac name,mac
                        interface name to mac mapping
  --output-kind {eni,netplan,sysconfig}, -ok {eni,netplan,sysconfig}

```

Example output converting V2 to sysconfig:

```

% tools/net-convert.py --network-data v2.yaml --kind yaml \
  --output-kind sysconfig -d target
% cat target/etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/ifcfg-eth*
# Created by cloud-init on instance boot automatically, do not edit.
#
BOOTPROTO=static
DEVICE=eth7
IPADDR=192.168.1.5/255.255.255.0
NM_CONTROLLED=no
ONBOOT=yes
TYPE=Ethernet
USERCTL=no
# Created by cloud-init on instance boot automatically, do not edit.
#
BOOTPROTO=dhcp
DEVICE=eth9
NM_CONTROLLED=no
ONBOOT=yes
TYPE=Ethernet
USERCTL=no

```

## 1.14 Hacking on cloud-init

This document describes how to contribute changes to cloud-init. It assumes you have a [GitHub](#) account, and refers to your GitHub user as `GH_USER` throughout.

### 1.14.1 Do these things once

- To contribute, you must sign the Canonical [contributor license agreement](#)

If you have already signed it as an individual, your Launchpad user will be listed in the [contributor-agreement-canonical](#) group. Unfortunately there is no easy way to check if an organization or company you are doing work for has signed. When signing the CLA and prompted for ‘Project contact’ or ‘Canonical Project Manager’ enter ‘Josh Powers’.

For existing contributors who’ve already signed the agreement, we can verify the link between your [Launchpad](#) account and your [GitHub](#) account by creating a branch with both your Launchpad and GitHub usernames into both Launchpad and GitHub cloud-init repositories. We’ve added a tool (`tools/migrate-lp-user-to-github`) to the cloud-init repository to handle this migration as automatically as possible.

The cloud-init team will review the two merge proposals and verify that the CLA has been signed for the Launchpad user and record the associated GitHub account. We will reply to the email address associated with your Launchpad account that you’ve been clear to contribute to cloud-init on GitHub.

If your company has signed the CLA for you, please contact us to help in verifying which launchad/GitHub accounts are associated with the company. For any questions or help with the process, please email:

[Josh Powers](#) with the subject: Cloud-Init CLA

You also may contact user `powersj` in `#cloud-init` channel via IRC freenode.

- Configure git with your email and name for commit messages.

Your name will appear in commit messages and will also be used in changelogs or release notes. Give yourself credit!:

```
git config user.name "Your Name"
git config user.email "Your Email"
```

- Sign into your [GitHub](#) account
- Fork the upstream [repository](#) on Github and clicking on the [Fork](#) button
- Create a new remote pointing to your personal GitHub repository.

```
git clone git://github.com/canonical/cloud-init
cd cloud-init
git remote add GH_USER git@github.com:GH_USER/cloud-init.git
git push GH_USER master
```

### 1.14.2 Do these things for each feature or bug

- Create a new topic branch for your work:

```
git checkout -b my-topic-branch
```

- Make and commit your changes (note, you can make multiple commits, fixes, more commits.):

```
git commit
```

- Run unit tests and lint/formatting checks with [tox](#):

```
tox
```

- Push your changes to your personal GitHub repository:

```
git push -u GH_USER my-topic-branch
```

- Use your browser to create a merge request:
  - Open the branch on GitHub
    - \* You can see a web view of your repository and navigate to the branch at:
 

```
https://github.com/GH_USER/cloud-init/tree/my-topic-branch
```
  - Click ‘Pull Request’
  - Fill out the pull request title, summarizing the change and a longer message indicating important details about the changes included, like

```
Activate the frobnicator.

The frobnicator was previously inactive and now runs by default.
This may save the world some day. Then, list the bugs you fixed
as footers with syntax as shown here.

The commit message should be one summary line of less than
74 characters followed by a blank line, and then one or more
paragraphs describing the change and why it was needed.

This is the message that will be used on the commit when it
is squashed and merged into trunk.

LP: #1
```

Note that the project continues to use LP: #NNNNN format for closing launchpad bugs rather than GitHub Issues.

- Click ‘Create Pull Request’

Then, someone in the [Ubuntu Server](#) team will review your changes and follow up in the pull request.

Feel free to ping and/or join #cloud-init on freenode irc if you have any questions.

### 1.14.3 Design

This section captures design decisions that are helpful to know when hacking on cloud-init.

#### Cloud Config Modules

- Any new modules should use underscores in any new config options and not hyphens (e.g. *new\_option* and *not new-option*).

## 1.15 Security Policy

The following documents the upstream cloud-init security policy.

### 1.15.1 Reporting

If a user finds a security issue, they are requested to file a [private security bug on Launchpad](#). To ensure the information stays private, change the “This bug contains information that is:” from “Public” to “Private Security” when filing.

After the bug is received, the issue is triaged within 2 working days of being reported and a response is sent to the reporter.

### 1.15.2 cloud-init-security

The cloud-init-security Launchpad team is a private, invite-only team used to discuss and coordinate security issues with the project.

Any issues disclosed to the cloud-init-security mailing list are considered embargoed and should only be discussed with other members of the cloud-init-security mailing list before the coordinated release date, unless specific exception is granted by the administrators of the mailing list. This includes disclosure of any details related to the vulnerability or the presence of a vulnerability itself. Violation of this policy may result in removal from the list for the company or individual involved.

### 1.15.3 Evaluation

If the reported bug is deemed a real security issue a CVE is assigned by the Canonical Security Team as CVE Numbering Authority (CNA).

If it is deemed a regular, non-security, issue, the reporter will be asked to follow typical bug reporting procedures.

In addition to the disclosure timeline, the core Canonical cloud-init team will enlist the expertise of the Ubuntu Security team for guidance on industry-standard disclosure practices as necessary.

If an issue specifically involves another distro or cloud vendor, additional individuals will be informed of the issue to help in evaluation.

### 1.15.4 Disclosure

Disclosure of security issues will be made with a public statement. Once the determined time for disclosure has arrived the following will occur:

- A public bug is filed/made public with vulnerability details, CVE, mitigations and where to obtain the fix
- An email is sent to the [public cloud-init mailing list](#)

The disclosure timeframe is coordinated with the reporter and members of the cloud-init-security list. This depends on a number of factors:

- The reporter might have their own disclosure timeline (e.g. Google Project Zero and many others use a 90-days after initial report OR when a fix becomes public)
- It might take time to decide upon and develop an appropriate fix
- A distros might want extra time to backport any possible fixes before the fix becomes public
- A cloud may need additional time to prepare to help customers or impliment a fix
- The issue might be deemed low priority
- May wish to to align with an upcoming planned release

## 1.16 Testing and debugging cloud-init

### 1.16.1 Overview

This topic will discuss general approaches for test and debug of cloud-init on deployed instances.

### 1.16.2 Boot Time Analysis - cloud-init analyze

Occasionally instances don't appear as performant as we would like and cloud-init packages a simple facility to inspect what operations took cloud-init the longest during boot and setup.

The script `/usr/bin/cloud-init` has an analyze sub-command **analyze** which parses any cloud-init.log file into formatted and sorted events. It allows for detailed analysis of the most costly cloud-init operations are to determine the long-pole in cloud-init configuration and setup. These subcommands default to reading `/var/log/cloud-init.log`.

- `analyze show` Parse and organize cloud-init.log events by stage and include each sub-stage granularity with time delta reports.

```
$ cloud-init analyze show -i my-cloud-init.log
-- Boot Record 01 --
The total time elapsed since completing an event is printed after the "@"
character.
The time the event takes is printed after the "+" character.

Starting stage: modules-config
|`->config-emit_upstart ran successfully @05.47600s +00.00100s
|`->config-snap_config ran successfully @05.47700s +00.00100s
|`->config-ssh-import-id ran successfully @05.47800s +00.00200s
|`->config-locale ran successfully @05.48000s +00.00100s
...
```

- `analyze dump` Parse cloud-init.log into event records and return a list of dictionaries that can be consumed for other reporting needs.

```
$ cloud-init analyze dump -i my-cloud-init.log
[
  {
    "description": "running config modules",
    "event_type": "start",
    "name": "modules-config",
    "origin": "cloudinit",
    "timestamp": 1510807493.0
  }, ...
```

- `analyze blame` Parse cloud-init.log into event records and sort them based on highest time cost for quick assessment of areas of cloud-init that may need improvement.

```
$ cloud-init analyze blame -i my-cloud-init.log
-- Boot Record 11 --
    00.01300s (modules-final/config-scripts-per-boot)
    00.00400s (modules-final/config-final-message)
    00.00100s (modules-final/config-rightscale_userdata)
    ...
```

- `analyze boot` Make subprocess calls to the kernel in order to get relevant pre-cloud-init timestamps, such as the kernel start, kernel finish boot, and cloud-init start.

```
$ cloud-init analyze boot
-- Most Recent Boot Record --
  Kernel Started at: 2019-06-13 15:59:55.809385
  Kernel ended boot at: 2019-06-13 16:00:00.944740
  Kernel time to boot (seconds): 5.135355
  Cloud-init start: 2019-06-13 16:00:05.738396
  Time between Kernel boot and Cloud-init start (seconds): 4.793656
```

### Analyze quickstart - LXC

To quickly obtain a cloud-init log try using lxc on any ubuntu system:

```
$ lxc init ubuntu-daily:xenial x1
$ lxc start x1
$ # Take lxc's cloud-init.log and pipe it to the analyzer
$ lxc file pull x1/var/log/cloud-init.log - | cloud-init analyze dump -i -
$ lxc file pull x1/var/log/cloud-init.log - | \
python3 -m cloudinit.analyze dump -i -
```

### Analyze quickstart - KVM

To quickly analyze a KVM a cloud-init log:

1. Download the current cloud image

```
$ wget https://cloud-images.ubuntu.com/daily/server/xenial/current/xenial-server-
↳cloudimg-amd64.img
```

2. Create a snapshot image to preserve the original cloud-image

```
$ qemu-img create -b xenial-server-cloudimg-amd64.img -f qcow2 \
test-cloudinit.qcow2
```

3. Create a seed image with metadata using *cloud-localds*

```
$ cat > user-data <<EOF
#cloud-config
password: passw0rd
chpasswd: { expire: False }
EOF
$ cloud-localds my-seed.img user-data
```

4. Launch your modified VM

```
$ kvm -m 512 -net nic -net user -redir tcp:2222::22 \
-drive file=test-cloudinit.qcow2,if=virtio,format=qcow2 \
-drive file=my-seed.img,if=virtio,format=raw
```

5. Analyze the boot (blame, dump, show)

```
$ ssh -p 2222 ubuntu@localhost 'cat /var/log/cloud-init.log' | \
cloud-init analyze blame -i -
```



### 1.16.3 Running single cloud config modules

This subcommand is not called by the init system. It can be called manually to load the configured datasource and run a single cloud-config module once using the cached userdata and metadata after the instance has booted. Each cloud-config module has a module FREQUENCY configured: PER\_INSTANCE, PER\_BOOT, PER\_ONCE or PER\_ALWAYS. When a module is run by cloud-init, it stores a semaphore file in `/var/lib/cloud/instance/sem/config_<module_name>.<frequency>` which marks when the module last successfully ran. Presence of this semaphore file prevents a module from running again if it has already been run. To ensure that a module is run again, the desired frequency can be overridden on the commandline:

```
$ sudo cloud-init single --name cc_ssh --frequency always
...
Generating public/private ed25519 key pair
...
```

Inspect `cloud-init.log` for output of what operations were performed as a result.

## 1.17 Logging

Cloud-init supports both local and remote logging configurable through python's built-in logging configuration and through the cloud-init rsyslog module.

### 1.17.1 Command Output

Cloud-init can redirect its stdout and stderr based on config given under the `output` config key. The output of any commands run by cloud-init and any user or vendor scripts provided will also be included here. The `output` key accepts a dictionary for configuration. Output files may be specified individually for each stage (`init`, `config`, and `final`), or a single key `all` may be used to specify output for all stages.

The output for each stage may be specified as a dictionary of `output` and `error` keys, for stdout and stderr respectively, as a tuple with stdout first and stderr second, or as a single string to use for both. The strings passed to all of these keys are handled by the system shell, so any form of redirection that can be used in bash is valid, including piping cloud-init's output to `tee`, or `logger`. If only a filename is provided, cloud-init will append its output to the file as though `>>` was specified.

By default, cloud-init loads its output configuration from `/etc/cloud/cloud.cfg.d/05_logging.cfg`. The default config directs both stdout and stderr from all cloud-init stages to `/var/log/cloud-init-output.log`. The default config is given as

```
output: { all: "| tee -a /var/log/cloud-init-output.log" }
```

For a more complex example, the following configuration would output the `init` stage to `/var/log/cloud-init.out` and `/var/log/cloud-init.err`, for stdout and stderr respectively, replacing anything that was previously there. For the `config` stage, it would pipe both stdout and stderr through `tee -a /var/log/cloud-config.log`. For the `final` stage it would append the output of stdout and stderr to `/var/log/cloud-final.out` and `/var/log/cloud-final.err` respectively.

```
output:
  init:
    output: "> /var/log/cloud-init.out"
    error: "> /var/log/cloud-init.err"
  config: "tee -a /var/log/cloud-config.log"
  final:
```

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```
- ">> /var/log/cloud-final.out"
- "/var/log/cloud-final.err"
```

## Python Logging

Cloud-init uses the python logging module, and can accept config for this module using the standard python fileConfig format. Cloud-init looks for config for the logging module under the `logcfg` key.

**Note:** the logging configuration is not yaml, it is python fileConfig format, and is passed through directly to the python logging module. please use the correct syntax for a multi-line string in yaml.

By default, cloud-init uses the logging configuration provided in `/etc/cloud/cloud.cfg.d/05_logging.cfg`. The default python logging configuration writes all cloud-init events with a priority of `WARNING` or higher to console, and writes all events with a level of `DEBUG` or higher to `/var/log/cloud-init.log` and via `syslog`.

Python's fileConfig format consists of sections with headings in the format `[title]` and key value pairs in each section. Configuration for python logging must contain the sections `[loggers]`, `[handlers]`, and `[formatters]`, which name the entities of their respective types that will be defined. The section name for each defined logger, handler and formatter will start with its type, followed by an underscore (`_`) and the name of the entity. For example, if a logger was specified with the name `log01`, config for the logger would be in the section `[logger_log01]`.

Logger config entries contain basic logging set up. They may specify a list of handlers to send logging events to as well as the lowest priority level of events to handle. A logger named `root` must be specified and its configuration (under `[logger_root]`) must contain a level and a list of handlers. A level entry can be any of the following: `DEBUG`, `INFO`, `WARNING`, `ERROR`, `CRITICAL`, or `NOTSET`. For the `root` logger the `NOTSET` option will allow all logging events to be recorded.

Each configured handler must specify a class under the python's logging package namespace. A handler may specify a message formatter to use, a priority level, and arguments for the handler class. Common handlers are `StreamHandler`, which handles stream redirects (i.e. logging to `stderr`), and `FileHandler` which outputs to a log file. The logging module also supports logging over net sockets, over http, via smtp, and additional complex configurations. For full details about the handlers available for python logging, please see the documentation for [python logging handlers](#).

Log messages are formatted using the `logging.Formatter` class, which is configured using `formatter` config entities. A default format of `%(message)s` is given if no formatter configs are specified. Formatter config entities accept a format string which supports variable replacements. These may also accept a `datefmt` string which may be used to configure the timestamp used in the log messages. The format variables `%(asctime)s`, `%(levelname)s` and `%(message)s` are commonly used and represent the timestamp, the priority level of the event and the event message. For additional information on logging formatters see [python logging formatters](#).

**Note:** by default the format string used in the logging formatter are in python's old style `%(message)s` form. the `str.format()` and `string.Template` styles can also be used by using `{` or `$` in place of `%` by setting the `style` parameter in formatter config.

A simple, but functional python logging configuration for cloud-init is below. It will log all messages of priority `DEBUG` or higher both `stderr` and `/tmp/my.log` using a `StreamHandler` and a `FileHandler`, using the default format string `%(message)s`:

```
logcfg: |
[loggers]
```

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```

keys=root,cloudinit
[handlers]
keys=ch,cf
[formatters]
keys=
[logger_root]
level=DEBUG
handlers=
[logger_cloudinit]
level=DEBUG
qualname=cloudinit
handlers=ch,cf
[handler_ch]
class=StreamHandler
level=DEBUG
args=(sys.stderr,)
[handler_cf]
class=FileHandler
level=DEBUG
args=('tmp/my.log',)

```

For additional information about configuring python's logging module, please see the documentation for [python logging config](#).

## Rsyslog Module

Cloud-init's `cc_rsyslog` module allows for fully customizable rsyslog configuration under the `rsyslog` config key. The simplest way to use the rsyslog module is by specifying remote servers under the `remotes` key in `rsyslog` config. The `remotes` key takes a dictionary where each key represents the name of an rsyslog server and each value is the configuration for that server. The format for server config is:

- optional filter for log messages (defaults to `*.*`)
- optional leading `@` or `@@`, indicating udp and tcp respectively (defaults to `@`, for udp)
- ipv4 or ipv6 hostname or address. ipv6 addresses must be in `[::1]` format, (e.g. `@[fd00::1]:514`)
- optional port number (defaults to 514)

For example, to send logging to an rsyslog server named `log_serv` with address `10.0.4.1`, using port number 514, over udp, with all log messages enabled one could use either of the following.

With all options specified:

```

rsyslog:
  remotes:
    log_serv: "*.* @10.0.4.1:514"

```

With defaults used:

```

rsyslog:
  remotes:
    log_serv: "10.0.4.1"

```

For more information on rsyslog configuration, see *Rsyslog*.

## 1.18 Directory layout

Cloud-init's directory structure is somewhat different from a regular application:

```
/var/lib/cloud/  
- data/  
  - instance-id  
  - previous-instance-id  
  - datasource  
  - previous-datasource  
  - previous-hostname  
- handlers/  
- instance  
- instances/  
  i-00000XYZ/  
    - boot-finished  
    - cloud-config.txt  
    - datasource  
    - handlers/  
    - obj.pkl  
    - scripts/  
    - sem/  
    - user-data.txt  
    - user-data.txt.i  
- scripts/  
  - per-boot/  
  - per-instance/  
  - per-once/  
- seed/  
- sem/
```

`/var/lib/cloud`

The main directory containing the cloud-init specific subdirectories. It is typically located at `/var/lib` but there are certain configuration scenarios where this can be altered.

TBD, describe this overriding more.

`data/`

Contains information related to instance ids, datasources and hostnames of the previous and current instance if they are different. These can be examined as needed to determine any information related to a previous boot (if applicable).

`handlers/`

Custom `part-handlers` code is written out here. Files that end up here are written out with in the scheme of `part-handler-XYZ` where `XYZ` is the handler number (the first handler found starts at 0).

`instance`

A symlink to the current `instances/` subdirectory that points to the currently active instance (which is active is dependent on the datasource loaded).

`instances/`

All instances that were created using this image end up with instance identifier subdirectories (and corresponding data for each instance). The currently active instance will be symlinked the `instance` symlink file defined previously.

`scripts/`

Scripts that are downloaded/created by the corresponding `part-handler` will end up in one of these subdirectories.

`seed/`

TBD

`sem/`

Cloud-init has a concept of a module semaphore, which basically consists of the module name and its frequency. These files are used to ensure a module is only ran *per-once*, *per-instance*, *per-always*. This folder contains semaphore *files* which are only supposed to run *per-once* (not tied to the instance id).

## 1.19 Analyze

The `analyze` subcommand was added to cloud-init in order to help analyze cloud-init boot time performance. It is loosely based on `systemd-analyze` where there are four subcommands:

- `blame`
- `show`
- `dump`
- `boot`

### 1.19.1 Usage

The `analyze` command requires one of the four subcommands:

```
$ cloud-init analyze blame
$ cloud-init analyze show
$ cloud-init analyze dump
$ cloud-init analyze boot
```

### 1.19.2 Availability

The `analyze` subcommand is generally available across all distributions with the exception of Gentoo and FreeBSD.

### 1.19.3 Subcommands

#### Blame

The `blame` action matches `systemd-analyze blame` where it prints, in descending order, the units that took the longest to run. This output is highly useful for examining where cloud-init is spending its time during execution.

```
$ cloud-init analyze blame
-- Boot Record 01 --
 00.80300s (init-network/config-growpart)
 00.64300s (init-network/config-resizefs)
 00.62100s (init-network/config-ssh)
 00.57300s (modules-config/config-grub-dpkg)
 00.40300s (init-local/search-NoCloud)
 00.38200s (init-network/config-users-groups)
```

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```
00.19800s (modules-config/config-apt-configure)
00.03700s (modules-final/config-keys-to-console)
00.02100s (init-network/config-update_etc_hosts)
00.02100s (init-network/check-cache)
00.00800s (modules-final/config-ssh-authkey-fingerprints)
00.00800s (init-network/consume-vendor-data)
00.00600s (modules-config/config-timezone)
00.00500s (modules-final/config-final-message)
00.00400s (init-network/consume-user-data)
00.00400s (init-network/config-mounts)
00.00400s (init-network/config-disk_setup)
00.00400s (init-network/config-bootcmd)
00.00400s (init-network/activate-datasource)
00.00300s (init-network/config-update_hostname)
00.00300s (init-network/config-set_hostname)
00.00200s (modules-final/config-snappy)
00.00200s (init-network/config-rsyslog)
00.00200s (init-network/config-ca-certs)
00.00200s (init-local/check-cache)
00.00100s (modules-final/config-scripts-vendor)
00.00100s (modules-final/config-scripts-per-once)
00.00100s (modules-final/config-salt-minion)
00.00100s (modules-final/config-rightscale_userdata)
00.00100s (modules-final/config-phone-home)
00.00100s (modules-final/config-package-update-upgrade-install)
00.00100s (modules-final/config-fan)
00.00100s (modules-config/config-ubuntu-advantage)
00.00100s (modules-config/config-ssh-import-id)
00.00100s (modules-config/config-snap)
00.00100s (modules-config/config-set-passwords)
00.00100s (modules-config/config-runcmd)
00.00100s (modules-config/config-locale)
00.00100s (modules-config/config-byobu)
00.00100s (modules-config/config-apt-pipelining)
00.00100s (init-network/config-write-files)
00.00100s (init-network/config-seed_random)
00.00100s (init-network/config-migrator)
00.00000s (modules-final/config-ubuntu-drivers)
00.00000s (modules-final/config-scripts-user)
00.00000s (modules-final/config-scripts-per-instance)
00.00000s (modules-final/config-scripts-per-boot)
00.00000s (modules-final/config-puppet)
00.00000s (modules-final/config-power-state-change)
00.00000s (modules-final/config-mcollective)
00.00000s (modules-final/config-lxd)
00.00000s (modules-final/config-landscape)
00.00000s (modules-final/config-chef)
00.00000s (modules-config/config-snap_config)
00.00000s (modules-config/config-ntp)
00.00000s (modules-config/config-emit_upstart)
00.00000s (modules-config/config-disable-ec2-metadata)
00.00000s (init-network/setup-datasource)
```

1 boot records analyzed

## Show

The show action is similar to `systemd-analyze critical-chain` which prints a list of units, the time they started and how long they took. Cloud-init has four stages and within each stage a number of modules may run depending on configuration. `cloudinit-analyze show` will, for each boot, print this information and a summary total time, per boot.

The following is an abbreviated example of the show output:

```
$ cloud-init analyze show
-- Boot Record 01 --
The total time elapsed since completing an event is printed after the "@" character.
The time the event takes is printed after the "+" character.

Starting stage: init-local
|`->no cache found @00.01700s +00.00200s
|`->found local data from DataSourceNoCloud @00.11000s +00.40300s
Finished stage: (init-local) 00.94200 seconds

Starting stage: init-network
|`->restored from cache with run check: DataSourceNoCloud [seed=/dev/sr0][dsmode=net]
↳@04.79500s +00.02100s
|`->setting up datasource @04.88900s +00.00000s
|`->reading and applying user-data @04.90100s +00.00400s
|`->reading and applying vendor-data @04.90500s +00.00800s
|`->activating datasource @04.95200s +00.00400s
Finished stage: (init-network) 02.72100 seconds

Starting stage: modules-config
|`->config-emit_upstart ran successfully @15.43100s +00.00000s
|`->config-snap ran successfully @15.43100s +00.00100s
...
|`->config-runcmd ran successfully @16.22300s +00.00100s
|`->config-byobu ran successfully @16.23400s +00.00100s
Finished stage: (modules-config) 00.83500 seconds

Starting stage: modules-final
|`->config-snappy ran successfully @16.87400s +00.00200s
|`->config-package-update-upgrade-install ran successfully @16.87600s +00.00100s
...
|`->config-final-message ran successfully @16.93700s +00.00500s
|`->config-power-state-change ran successfully @16.94300s +00.00000s
Finished stage: (modules-final) 00.10300 seconds

Total Time: 4.60100 seconds

1 boot records analyzed
```

If additional boot records are detected then they are printed out from oldest to newest.

## Dump

The dump action simply dumps the cloud-init logs that the analyze module is performing the analysis on and returns a list of dictionaries that can be consumed for other reporting needs. Each element in the list is a boot entry.

```
$ cloud-init analyze dump
[
```

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```
{
  "description": "starting search for local datasources",
  "event_type": "start",
  "name": "init-local",
  "origin": "cloudinit",
  "timestamp": 1567057578.037
},
{
  "description": "attempting to read from cache [check]",
  "event_type": "start",
  "name": "init-local/check-cache",
  "origin": "cloudinit",
  "timestamp": 1567057578.054
},
{
  "description": "no cache found",
  "event_type": "finish",
  "name": "init-local/check-cache",
  "origin": "cloudinit",
  "result": "SUCCESS",
  "timestamp": 1567057578.056
},
{
  "description": "searching for local data from DataSourceNoCloud",
  "event_type": "start",
  "name": "init-local/search-NoCloud",
  "origin": "cloudinit",
  "timestamp": 1567057578.147
},
{
  "description": "found local data from DataSourceNoCloud",
  "event_type": "finish",
  "name": "init-local/search-NoCloud",
  "origin": "cloudinit",
  "result": "SUCCESS",
  "timestamp": 1567057578.55
},
{
  "description": "searching for local datasources",
  "event_type": "finish",
  "name": "init-local",
  "origin": "cloudinit",
  "result": "SUCCESS",
  "timestamp": 1567057578.979
},
{
  "description": "searching for network datasources",
  "event_type": "start",
  "name": "init-network",
  "origin": "cloudinit",
  "timestamp": 1567057582.814
},
{
  "description": "attempting to read from cache [trust]",
  "event_type": "start",
  "name": "init-network/check-cache",
  "origin": "cloudinit",
```

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```

    "timestamp": 1567057582.832
  },
  ...
  {
    "description": "config-power-state-change ran successfully",
    "event_type": "finish",
    "name": "modules-final/config-power-state-change",
    "origin": "cloudinit",
    "result": "SUCCESS",
    "timestamp": 1567057594.98
  },
  {
    "description": "running modules for final",
    "event_type": "finish",
    "name": "modules-final",
    "origin": "cloudinit",
    "result": "SUCCESS",
    "timestamp": 1567057594.982
  }
]

```

## Boot

The `boot` action prints out kernel related timestamps that are not included in any of the cloud-init logs. There are three different timestamps that are presented to the user:

- kernel start
- kernel finish boot
- cloud-init start

This was added for additional clarity into the boot process that cloud-init does not have control over, to aid in debugging of performance issues related to cloud-init startup, and tracking regression.

```

$ cloud-init analyze boot
-- Most Recent Boot Record --
  Kernel Started at: 2019-08-29 01:35:37.753790
  Kernel ended boot at: 2019-08-29 01:35:38.807407
  Kernel time to boot (seconds): 1.053617000579834
  Cloud-init activated by systemd at: 2019-08-29 01:35:43.992460
  Time between Kernel end boot and Cloud-init activation (seconds): 5.
↔185053110122681
  Cloud-init start: 2019-08-29 08:35:45.867000
successful

```

## Timestamp Gathering

The following boot related timestamps are gathered on demand when `cloud-init analyze boot` runs:

- Kernel startup gathered from system uptime
- Kernel finishes initialization from systemd `UserSpaceMonotonicTimestamp` property
- Cloud-init activation from the property `InactiveExitTimestamp` of the cloud-init local systemd unit

In order to gather the necessary timestamps using systemd, running the commands below will gather the UserspaceTimestamp and InactiveExitTimestamp:

```
$ systemctl show -p UserspaceTimestampMonotonic
UserspaceTimestampMonotonic=989279
$ systemctl show cloud-init-local -p InactiveExitTimestampMonotonic
InactiveExitTimestampMonotonic=4493126
```

The UserspaceTimestamp tracks when the init system starts, which is used as an indicator of kernel finishing initialization. The InactiveExitTimestamp tracks when a particular systemd unit transitions from the Inactive to Active state, which can be used to mark the beginning of systemd's activation of cloud-init.

Currently this only works for distros that use systemd as the init process. We will be expanding support for other distros in the future and this document will be updated accordingly.

If systemd is not present on the system, dmesg is used to attempt to find an event that logs the beginning of the init system. However, with this method only the first two timestamps are able to be found; dmesg does not monitor userspace processes, so no cloud-init start timestamps are emitted like when using systemd.

## 1.20 Docs

These docs are hosted on Read the Docs. The following will explain how to contribute to and build these docs locally.

The documentation is primarily written in reStructuredText.

### 1.20.1 Building

There is a makefile target to build the documentation for you:

```
$ tox -e doc
```

This will do two things:

- Build the documentation using sphinx
- Run doc8 against the documentation source code

Once build the HTML files will be viewable in `doc/rtd_html`. Use your web browser to open `index.html` to view and navigate the site.

### 1.20.2 Style Guide

#### Headings

The headings used across the documentation use the following hierarchy:

- \*\*\*\*\*: used once atop of a new page
- =====: each sections on the page
- -----: subsections
- ^^^^^: sub-subsections
- """"": paragraphs

The top level header ##### is reserved for the first page.

If under and overline are used, their length must be identical. The length of the underline must be at least as long as the title itself

## Line Length

Please keep the line lengths to a maximum of **79** characters. This ensures that the pages and tables do not get too wide that side scrolling is required.

## Header

Adding a link at the top of the page allows for the page to be referenced by other pages. For example for the FAQ page this would be:

```
.. _faq:
```

## Footer

The footer should include the textwidth

```
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```

## Vertical Whitespace

One newline between each section helps ensure readability of the documentation source code.

## Common Words

There are some common words that should follow specific usage:

- `cloud-init`: always lower case with a hyphen, unless starting a sentence in which case only the 'C' is capitalized (e.g. `Cloud-init`).
- `metadata`: one word
- `user data`: two words, not to be combined
- `vendor data`: like user data, it is two words

# 1.21 Integration Testing

## 1.21.1 Overview

This page describes the execution, development, and architecture of the cloud-init integration tests:

- Execution explains the options available and running of tests
- Development shows how to write test cases
- Architecture explains the internal processes

## 1.21.2 Execution

### Overview

In order to avoid the need for dependencies and ease the setup and configuration users can run the integration tests via tox:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/canonical/cloud-init
$ cd cloud-init
$ tox -e citest -- -h
```

Everything after the double dash will be passed to the integration tests. Executing tests has several options:

- run an alias to run both `collect` and `verify`. The `tree_run` command does the same thing, except uses a deb built from the current working tree.
- `collect` deploys on the specified platform and distro, patches with the requested deb or rpm, and finally collects output of the arbitrary commands. Similarly, `tree_collect` will collect output using a deb built from the current working tree.
- `verify` given a directory of test data, run the Python unit tests on it to generate results.
- `bddeb` will build a deb of the current working tree.

### Run

The first example will provide a complete end-to-end run of data collection and verification. There are additional examples below explaining how to run one or the other independently.

```
$ git clone https://github.com/canonical/cloud-init
$ cd cloud-init
$ tox -e citest -- run --verbose \
  --os-name stretch --os-name xenial \
  --deb cloud-init_0.7.8~my_patch_all.deb \
  --preserve-data --data-dir ~/collection \
  --preserve-instance
```

The above command will do the following:

- run both `collect` output and run tests the output
- `--verbose` verbose output
- `--os-name stretch` on the Debian Stretch release
- `--os-name xenial` on the Ubuntu Xenial release
- `--deb cloud-init_0.7.8~patch_all.deb` use this deb as the version of cloud-init to run with
- `--preserve-data` always preserve collected data, do not remove data after successful test run
- `--preserve-instance` do not destroy the instance after test to allow for debugging the stopped instance during integration test development. By default, test instances are destroyed after the test completes.
- `--data-dir ~/collection` write collected data into `~/collection`, rather than using a temporary directory

For a more detailed explanation of each option see below.

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**Note:** By default, data collected by the run command will be written into a temporary directory and deleted after a successful. If you would like to preserve this data, please use the option `--preserve-data`.

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## Collect

If developing tests it may be necessary to see if cloud-config works as expected and the correct files are pulled down. In this case only a collect can be ran by running:

```
$ tox -e citest -- collect -n xenial --data-dir /tmp/collection
```

The above command will run the collection tests on xenial and place all results into `/tmp/collection`.

## Verify

When developing tests it is much easier to simply rerun the verify scripts without the more lengthy collect process. This can be done by running:

```
$ tox -e citest -- verify --data-dir /tmp/collection
```

The above command will run the verify scripts on the data discovered in `/tmp/collection`.

## TreeRun and TreeCollect

If working on a cloud-init feature or resolving a bug, it may be useful to run the current copy of cloud-init in the integration testing environment. The integration testing suite can automatically build a deb based on the current working tree of cloud-init and run the test suite using this deb.

The `tree_run` and `tree_collect` commands take the same arguments as the `run` and `collect` commands. These commands will build a deb and write it into a temporary file, then start the test suite and pass that deb in. To build a deb only, and not run the test suite, the `bddeb` command can be used.

Note that code in the cloud-init working tree that has not been committed when the cloud-init deb is built will still be included. To build a cloud-init deb from or use the `tree_run` command using a copy of cloud-init located in a different directory, use the option `--cloud-init /path/to/cloud-init`.

```
$ tox -e citest -- tree_run --verbose \
  --os-name xenial --os-name stretch \
  --test modules/final_message --test modules/write_files \
  --result /tmp/result.yaml
```

## Bddeb

The `bddeb` command can be used to generate a deb file. This is used by the `tree_run` and `tree_collect` commands to build a deb of the current working tree. It can also be used a user to generate a deb for use in other situations and avoid needing to have all the build and test dependencies installed locally.

- `--bddeb-args`: arguments to pass through to `bddeb`
- `--build-os`: distribution to use as build system (default is xenial)
- `--build-platform`: platform to use for build system (default is lxd)
- `--cloud-init`: path to base of cloud-init tree (default is '.')

- `--deb`: path to write output deb to (default is `'.'`)

### Setup Image

By default an image that is used will remain unmodified, but certain scenarios may require image modification. For example, many images may use a much older cloud-init. As a result tests looking at newer functionality will fail because a newer version of cloud-init may be required. The following options can be used for further customization:

- `--deb`: install the specified deb into the image
- `--rpm`: install the specified rpm into the image
- `--repo`: enable a repository and upgrade cloud-init afterwards
- `--ppa`: enable a ppa and upgrade cloud-init afterwards
- `--upgrade`: upgrade cloud-init from repos
- `--upgrade-full`: run a full system upgrade
- `--script`: execute a script in the image. This can perform any setup required that is not covered by the other options

### 1.21.3 Test Case Development

#### Overview

As a test writer you need to develop a test configuration and a verification file:

- The test configuration specifies a specific cloud-config to be used by cloud-init and a list of arbitrary commands to capture the output of (e.g `my_test.yaml`)
- The verification file runs tests on the collected output to determine the result of the test (e.g. `my_test.py`)

The names must match, however the extensions will of course be different, `yaml` vs `py`.

#### Configuration

The test configuration is a YAML file such as `ntp_server.yaml` below:

```
#
# Empty NTP config to setup using defaults
#
# NOTE: this should not require apt feature, use 'which' rather than 'dpkg -l'
# NOTE: this should not require no_ntpdate feature, use 'which' to check for
#       installation rather than 'dpkg -l', as 'grep ntp' matches 'ntpdate'
# NOTE: the verifier should check for any ntp server not 'ubuntu.pool.ntp.org'
cloud_config: |
  #cloud-config
  ntp:
    servers:
      - pool.ntp.org
required_features:
  - apt
  - no_ntpdate
  - ubuntu_ntp
collect_scripts:
```

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```

ntp_installed_servers: |
    #!/bin/bash
    dpkg -l | grep ntp | wc -l
ntp_conf_dist_servers: |
    #!/bin/bash
    ls /etc/ntp.conf.dist | wc -l
ntp_conf_servers: |
    #!/bin/bash
    cat /etc/ntp.conf | grep '^server'

```

There are several keys, 1 required and some optional, in the YAML file:

1. The required key is `cloud_config`. This should be a string of valid YAML that is exactly what would normally be placed in a cloud-config file, including the cloud-config header. This essentially sets up the scenario under test.
2. One optional key is `collect_scripts`. This key has one or more sub-keys containing strings of arbitrary commands to execute (e.g. ``cat /var/log/cloud-config-output.log``). In the example above the output of `dpkg` is captured, `grep` for `ntp`, and the number of lines reported. The name of the sub-key is important. The sub-key is used by the verification script to recall the output of the commands ran.
3. The optional `enabled` key enables or disables the test case. By default the test case will be enabled.
4. The optional `required_features` key may be used to specify a list of features flags that an image must have to be able to run the test case. For example, if a test case relies on an image supporting `apt`, then the config for the test case should include `required_features: [ apt ]`.

## Default Collect Scripts

By default the following files will be collected for every test. There is no need to specify these items:

- `/var/log/cloud-init.log`
- `/var/log/cloud-init-output.log`
- `/run/cloud-init/.instance-id`
- `/run/cloud-init/result.json`
- `/run/cloud-init/status.json`
- ``dpkg-query -W -f='${Version}' cloud-init``

## Verification

The verification script is a Python file with unit tests like the one, `ntp_server.py`, below:

```

# This file is part of cloud-init. See LICENSE file for license information.

"""cloud-init Integration Test Verify Script"""
from tests.cloud_tests.testcases import base

class TestNtp(base.CloudTestCase):
    """Test ntp module"""

    def test_ntp_installed(self):

```

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```

    """Test ntp installed"""
    out = self.get_data_file('ntp_installed_empty')
    self.assertEqual(1, int(out))

    def test_ntp_dist_entries(self):
        """Test dist config file has one entry"""
        out = self.get_data_file('ntp_conf_dist_empty')
        self.assertEqual(1, int(out))

    def test_ntp_entries(self):
        """Test config entries"""
        out = self.get_data_file('ntp_conf_empty')
        self.assertIn('pool 0.ubuntu.pool.ntp.org iburst', out)
        self.assertIn('pool 1.ubuntu.pool.ntp.org iburst', out)
        self.assertIn('pool 2.ubuntu.pool.ntp.org iburst', out)
        self.assertIn('pool 3.ubuntu.pool.ntp.org iburst', out)

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```

Here is a breakdown of the unit test file:

- The import statement allows access to the output files.
- The class can be named anything, but must import the base `.CloudTestCase`, either directly or via another test class.
- There can be 1 to N number of functions with any name, however only functions starting with `test_*` will be executed.
- There can be 1 to N number of classes in a test module, however only classes inheriting from base `.CloudTestCase` will be loaded.
- Output from the commands can be accessed via `self.get_data_file('key')` where `key` is the sub-key of `collect_scripts` above.
- The cloud config that the test ran with can be accessed via `self.cloud_config`, or any entry from the cloud config can be accessed via `self.get_config_entry('key')`.
- See the base `CloudTestCase` for additional helper functions.

## Layout

Integration tests are located under the `tests/cloud_tests` directory. Test configurations are placed under `configs` and the test verification scripts under `testcases`:

```

cloud-init$ tree -d tests/cloud_tests/
tests/cloud_tests/
├── configs
│   ├── bugs
│   ├── examples
│   ├── main
│   └── modules
└── testcases
    ├── bugs
    ├── examples
    ├── main
    └── modules

```



The sub-folders of `bugs`, `examples`, `main`, and `modules` help organize the tests. View the `README.md` in each to understand in more detail each directory.

## Test Creation Helper

The integration testing suite has a built in helper to aid in test development. Help can be invoked via `tox -e citest -- create --help`. It can create a template test case config file with user data passed in from the command line, as well as a template test case verifier module.

The following would create a test case named `example` under the `modules` category with the given description, and cloud config data read in from `/tmp/user_data`.

```
$ tox -e citest -- create modules/example \
  -d "a simple example test case" -c "$(< /tmp/user_data)"
```

## Development Checklist

- **Configuration File**
  - Named ‘your\_test.yaml’
  - Contains at least a valid cloud-config
  - Optionally, commands to capture additional output
  - Valid YAML
  - Placed in the appropriate sub-folder in the configs directory
  - Any image features required for the test are specified
- **Verification File**
  - Named ‘your\_test.py’
  - Valid unit tests validating output collected
  - Passes pylint & pep8 checks
  - Placed in the appropriate sub-folder in the test cases directory
- Tested by running the test:

```
$ tox -e citest -- run -verbose \
  --os-name <release target> \
  --test modules/your_test.yaml \
  [--deb <build of cloud-init>]
```

## 1.21.4 Platforms

### EC2

To run on the EC2 platform it is required that the user has an AWS credentials configuration file specifying his or her access keys and a default region. These configuration files are the standard that the AWS cli and other AWS tools utilize for interacting directly with AWS itself and are normally generated when running `aws configure`:

```
$ cat $HOME/.aws/credentials
[default]
aws_access_key_id = <KEY HERE>
aws_secret_access_key = <KEY HERE>
```

```
$ cat $HOME/.aws/config
[default]
region = us-west-2
```

### Azure Cloud

To run on Azure Cloud platform users login with Service Principal and export credentials file. Region is defaulted and can be set in `tests/cloud_tests/platforms.yaml`. The Service Principal credentials are the standard authentication for Azure SDK to interact with Azure Services:

Create Service Principal account or login

```
$ az ad sp create-for-rbac --name "APP_ID" --password "STRONG-SECRET-PASSWORD"
```

```
$ az login --service-principal --username "APP_ID" --password "STRONG-SECRET-PASSWORD"
```

Export credentials

```
$ az ad sp create-for-rbac --sdk-auth > $HOME/.azure/credentials.json
```

```
{
  "clientId": "<Service principal ID>",
  "clientSecret": "<Service principal secret/password>",
  "subscriptionId": "<Subscription associated with the service principal>",
  "tenantId": "<The service principal's tenant>",
  "activeDirectoryEndpointUrl": "https://login.microsoftonline.com",
  "resourceManagerEndpointUrl": "https://management.azure.com/",
  "activeDirectoryGraphResourceId": "https://graph.windows.net/",
  "sqlManagementEndpointUrl": "https://management.core.windows.net:8443/",
  "galleryEndpointUrl": "https://gallery.azure.com/",
  "managementEndpointUrl": "https://management.core.windows.net/"
}
```

Set region in `platforms.yaml`

```
azurecloud:
  enabled: true
  region: West US 2
  vm_size: Standard_DS1_v2
  storage_sku: standard_lrs
  tag: ci
```

### 1.21.5 Architecture

The following section outlines the high-level architecture of the integration process.

## Overview

The process flow during a complete end-to-end LXD-backed test.

### 1. Configuration

- The back end and specific distro releases are verified as supported
- The test or tests that need to be run are determined either by directory or by individual yaml

### 2. Image Creation

- Acquire the request LXD image
- Install the specified cloud-init package
- Clean the image so that it does not appear to have been booted
- A snapshot of the image is created and reused by all tests

### 3. Configuration

- For each test, the cloud-config is injected into a copy of the snapshot and booted
- The framework waits for `/var/lib/cloud/instance/boot-finished` (up to 120 seconds)
- All default commands are ran and output collected
- Any commands the user specified are executed and output collected

### 4. Verification

- The default commands are checked for any failures, errors, and warnings to validate basic functionality of cloud-init completed successfully
- The user generated unit tests are then ran validating against the collected output

### 5. Results

- If any failures were detected the test suite returns a failure
- Results can be dumped in yaml format to a specified file using the `-r <result_file_name>.yaml` option

## Configuring the Test Suite

Most of the behavior of the test suite is configurable through several yaml files. These control the behavior of the test suite's platforms, images, and tests. The main config files for platforms, images and test cases are `platforms.yaml`, `releases.yaml` and `testcases.yaml`.

## Config handling

All configurable parts of the test suite use a defaults + overrides system for managing config entries. All base config items are dictionaries.

Merging is done on a key-by-key basis, with all keys in the default and override represented in the final result. If a key exists both in the defaults and the overrides, then the behavior depends on the type of data the key refers to. If it is atomic data or a list, then the overrides will replace the default. If the data is a dictionary then the value will be the result of merging that dictionary from the default config and that dictionary from the overrides.

Merging is done using the function `tests.cloud_tests.config.merge_config`, which can be examined for more detail on config merging behavior.

The following demonstrates merge behavior:

```
defaults:
  list_item:
    - list_entry_1
    - list_entry_2
  int_item_1: 123
  int_item_2: 234
  dict_item:
    subkey_1: 1
    subkey_2: 2
    subkey_dict:
      subsubkey_1: a
      subsubkey_2: b

overrides:
  list_item:
    - overridden_list_entry
  int_item_1: 0
  dict_item:
    subkey_2: false
    subkey_dict:
      subsubkey_2: 'new value'

result:
  list_item:
    - overridden_list_entry
  int_item_1: 0
  int_item_2: 234
  dict_item:
    subkey_1: 1
    subkey_2: false
    subkey_dict:
      subsubkey_1: a
      subsubkey_2: 'new value'
```

## Image Config

Image configuration is handled in `releases.yaml`. The image configuration controls how platforms locate and acquire images, how the platforms should interact with the images, how platforms should detect when an image has fully booted, any options that are required to set the image up, and features that the image supports.

Since settings for locating an image and interacting with it differ from platform to platform, there are 4 levels of settings available for images on top of the default image settings. The structure of the image config file is:

```
default_release_config:
  default:
    ...
  <platform>:
    ...
  <platform>:
    ...

releases:
  <release name>:
    <default>:
      ...
```

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```

<platform>:
  ...
<platform>:
  ...

```

The base config is created from the overall defaults and the overrides for the platform. The overrides are created from the default config for the image and the platform specific overrides for the image.

## System Boot

The test suite must be able to test if a system has fully booted and if cloud-init has finished running, so that running collect scripts does not race against the target image booting. This is done using the `system_ready_script` and `cloud_init_ready_script` image config keys.

Each of these keys accepts a small bash test statement as a string that must return 0 or 1. Since this test statement will be added into a larger bash statement it must be a single statement using the `[ test` syntax.

The default image config provides a system ready script that works for any systemd based image. If the image is not systemd based, then a different test statement must be provided. The default config also provides a test for whether or not cloud-init has finished which checks for the file `/run/cloud-init/result.json`. This should be sufficient for most systems as writing this file is one of the last things cloud-init does.

The setting `boot_timeout` controls how long, in seconds, the platform should wait for an image to boot. If the system ready script has not indicated that the system is fully booted within this time an error will be raised.

## Feature Flags

Not all test cases can work on all images due to features the test case requires not being present on that image. If a test case requires features in an image that are not likely to be present across all distros and platforms that the test suite supports, then the test can be skipped everywhere it is not supported.

Feature flags, which are names for features supported on some images, but not all that may be required by test cases. Configuration for feature flags is provided in `releases.yaml` under the `features` top level key. The features config includes a list of all currently defined feature flags, their meanings, and a list of feature groups.

Feature groups are groups of features that many images have in common. For example, the `Ubuntu_specific` feature group includes features that should be present across most Ubuntu releases, but may or may not be for other distros. Feature groups are specified for an image as a list under the key `feature_groups`.

An image's feature flags are derived from the features groups that that image has and any feature overrides provided. Feature overrides can be specified under the `features` key which accepts a dictionary of `{<feature_name>: true/false}` mappings. If a feature is omitted from an image's feature flags or set to `false` in the overrides then the test suite will skip any tests that require that feature when using that image.

Feature flags may be overridden at run time using the `--feature-override` command line argument. It accepts a feature flag and value to set in the format `<feature name>=true/false`. Multiple `--feature-override` flags can be used, and will all be applied to all feature flags for images used during a test.

## Setup Overrides

If an image requires some of the options for image setup to be used, then it may specify overrides for the command line arguments passed into setup image. These may be specified as a dictionary under the `setup_overrides` key. When an image is set up, the arguments that control how it is set up will be the arguments from the command line, with any entries in `setup_overrides` used to override these arguments.

For example, images that do not come with cloud-init already installed should have `setup_overrides: {upgrade: true}` specified so that in the event that no additional setup options are given, cloud-init will be installed from the image's repos before running tests. Note that if other options such as `--deb` are passed in on the command line, these will still work as expected, since apt's policy for cloud-init would prefer the locally installed deb over an older version from the repos.

### Platform Specific Options

There are many platform specific options in image configuration that allow platforms to locate images and that control additional setup that the platform may have to do to make the image usable. For information on how these work, please consult the documentation for that platform in the integration testing suite and the `releases.yaml` file for examples.

### Error Handling

The test suite makes an attempt to run as many tests as possible even in the event of some failing so that automated runs collect as much data as possible. In the event that something goes wrong while setting up for or running a test, the test suite will attempt to continue running any tests which have not been affected by the error.

For example, if the test suite was told to run tests on one platform for two releases and an error occurred setting up the first image, all tests for that image would be skipped, and the test suite would continue to set up the second image and run tests on it. Or, if the system does not start properly for one test case out of many to run on that image, that test case will be skipped and the next one will be run.

Note that if any errors occur, the test suite will record the failure and where it occurred in the result data and write it out to the specified result file.

### Results

The test suite generates result data that includes how long each stage of the test suite took and which parts were and were not successful. This data is dumped to the log after the collect and verify stages, and may also be written out in yaml format to a file. If part of the setup failed, the traceback for the failure and the error message will be included in the result file. If a test verifier finds a problem with the collected data from a test run, the class, test function and test will be recorded in the result data.

### Exit Codes

The test suite counts how many errors occur throughout a run. The exit code after a run is the number of errors that occurred. If the exit code is non-zero then something is wrong either with the test suite, the configuration for an image, a test case, or cloud-init itself.

Note that the exit code does not always directly correspond to the number of failed test cases, since in some cases, a single error during image setup can mean that several test cases are not run. If `run` is used, then the exit code will be the sum of the number of errors in the collect and verify stages.

### Data Dir

When using `run`, the collected data is written into a temporary directory. In the event that all tests pass, this directory is deleted, but if a test fails or an error occurs, this data will be left in place, and a message will be written to the log giving the location of the data.

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