

Questionnaire: Deploying in a Customer-Controlled Region with Alibaba Cloud Container Service for Kubernetes

This questionnaire is specific to deployments of PubSub+ Cloud in Customer-Controlled Regions using Alibaba Cloud Container Service for Kubernetes. For questions related to deployments for Dedicated Regions, see [Questionnaire: Deploying in a Dedicated Region](#).

Deploying PubSub+ Cloud can require planning and coordination across different teams. It's important that you plan and design your deployment to ensure the long-term success of your system. The following questions are designed to uncover the configuration information needed to create your event broker services properly. To help make your deployment go quickly and smoothly, carefully research and plan your decisions around these questions.

To begin your planning, we have produced a questionnaire to help identify critical information required for a successful deployment, including:

- questions common to deployments in all Kubernetes implementations, including queries about your cluster, Operational Connectivity, Messaging Connectivity, and feature requirements.
- questions specific to the implementation of Kubernetes you have chosen for your Customer-Controlled Region, including queries about your cluster, Messaging Connectivity, and storage.

The answers to these questions help Solace determine how to configure the Mission Control Agent to create event broker services in your cluster.

After you have finished the common questions, you must answer the questions that are specific to your Kubernetes implementation. If you intend to use multiple implementations, you must complete a questionnaire for each Kubernetes implementation:

- [Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service Questions](#)
- [Google Kubernetes Engine Questions](#)
- [Azure Kubernetes Service Questions](#)
- [Alibaba Cloud Container Service for Kubernetes Questions](#)

- [Huawei Cloud Container Engine Questions](#)
- [On-Premises Questions](#)

Common Deployment Questions

This section contains questions about the following common deployment factors:

- [Cluster](#)
- [Operational Connectivity](#)
- [Messaging Connectivity](#)
- [Features](#)
- [Contact Information](#)

Cluster

You must answer the following questions about your cluster.

| Question | Possible Answers | How Solace Uses This Information | Links to Related Documentation |
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| Do you have an existing cluster (or a defined specification for a new cluster), or do you require an architecture example to start from? | <p>I have an existing cluster (or clusters) or intend to create new clusters based on existing specification.</p> <p>or</p> <p>I would like a best practice architecture example to start from.</p> | <p>Solace's best practices documentation provides descriptions of how best to label and taint worker nodes with the correct resource requirements for the service classes that are supported in PubSub+ Cloud.</p> <p>If you have an existing cluster, you can use our best practices documentation to understand how to modify your cluster, and how to provide Solace with the node selectors and tolerations we need to deploy event broker services in your cluster.</p> | <p>Support for nodeSelector, Taints, and Tolerations</p> <p>Resource Requirements for Kubernetes</p> |

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| | | <p>If you don't have an existing cluster, we can provide Terraform projects for EKS, AKS, or GKE that describe our best practices and can be used as a baseline to deploy your cluster. For other cloud providers or on-premises deployments, we can provide documentation that describes our best practices.</p> | |
| <p>Will the cluster be used exclusively for PubSub+ Cloud or will it be shared with other applications or workloads?</p> | <p>Exclusive or Shared</p> | <p>Providing this information allows Solace to understand the architecture of your cluster so we can better suggest changes that may help the operation of PubSub+ Cloud in your cluster.</p> | <p>Deployment Architecture for Kubernetes Resource Requirements for Kubernetes</p> |
| <p>Is the Kubernetes version of your cluster supported by PubSub+ Cloud?</p> | <p>Yes or No</p> | <p>Only supported Kubernetes versions are tested and guaranteed to work with PubSub+ Cloud.</p> <p>If you use a different implementation of Kubernetes, contact Solace to find out how we can support your deployment.</p> | <p>Supported Kubernetes Versions</p> |
| <p>What is the cluster domain for your Kubernetes cluster?</p> | | <p>This is typically <code>cluster.local</code>, but your Kubernetes administrator can configure it to be something else. Solace requires this information to properly configure the Mission Control Agent.</p> | <p>DNS for Services and Pods in the Kubernetes documentation</p> |

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| <p>Are there any custom node selectors or tolerations required to successfully schedule the Mission Control Agent or event broker service pods? If so, what are they?</p> | | <p>If it varies from our best practices, Solace requires this information to ensure that the event broker service pods are scheduled successfully.</p> | <p>Support for nodeSelector, Taints, and Tolerations</p> |
| <p>Are there any custom labels that must be applied to the Mission Control Agent or event broker service pods? If so, what are they?</p> | | <p>Solace supports only fixed labels that can be applied to the Mission Control Agent or event broker services. We don't support dynamic labels.</p> | <p>Support for nodeSelector, Taints, and Tolerations</p> |
| <p>What geographic locations will the clusters reside in?</p> <p>For clusters in the cloud, provide a list of regions.</p> <p>For on-premises clusters provide a list of countries or regions.</p> | | <p>PubSub+ Cloud produces diagnostic logs that are pushed to an AWS S3 bucket for use by Solace. We use S3 buckets that are geographically close to the deployment to optimize retrieval.</p> | <p>S3 Bucket Names for Gathered Diagnostics</p> |
| <p>Does your cluster have any Pod Security Policies? Do you use a Policy Controller (for example, Gatekeeper) to enforce security in your cluster? If so, do any of these policies affect the operation of PubSub+ Cloud in your</p> | | <p>Policy controllers like Gatekeeper can enforce security policies in a cluster, such as required labels, a restricted set of container registry images, and so on.</p> <p>In most cases, PubSub+ Cloud can be configured to meet these requirements.</p> | <p>Support for nodeSelector, Taints, and Tolerations</p> <p>Connectivity Model for Kubernetes Deployments</p> |

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| cluster? | | | |
| Does your cluster enforce resource quotas? Have these quotas been updated to support the number of event broker services you expect to create in your cluster? | | Your cluster must have sufficient resource to successfully create event broker service. | Resource Requirements for Kubernetes |

Operational Connectivity

You must answer the following questions about your Operational Connectivity.

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| Will you use access the Solace Container Registry directly or will you use a mirror? | Direct or Mirror | <p>PubSub+ Cloud container images are provided in a private registry that can either be accessed directly or mirrored (for example using Nexus or Artifactory).</p> <p>PubSub+ Cloud cannot push images to a private registry due to the frequency with</p> | Connectivity Model for Kubernetes Deployments |

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| | | <p>which we publish and perform upgrades with new container images for our Mission Control Agent.</p> | |
| <p>If you are using a mirror container registry, what is its path?</p> | <p>For example, for container image <code>quay.io/example/nginx</code> the container registry portion is <code>quay.io/example</code>.</p> | <p>Solace requires this information to configure the Mission Control Agent to create event broker services using the correct container image name.</p> | <p>Connectivity Model for Kubernetes Deployments</p> |
| <p>If you are using a mirror container registry, what is the name of the image pull secret used to authenticate with it?</p> | | <p>The Mission Control Agent and event broker service may require a secret in the namespace they're deployed in so they can pull images from the registry.</p> | <p>Downloading the Registry Credentials for Solace's Google Container Registry</p> |
| <p>Do you restrict outbound internet access? Is your environment configured to allow all outbound communication required for proper operation of PubSub+ Cloud?</p> | <p>Restricted or Not restricted</p> | <p>If you restrict outbound access then you must read the documentation for details about how to allow access for PubSub+ Cloud.</p> | <p>Connectivity Model for Kubernetes Deployments</p> |

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| If you have an HTTP/HTTPS proxy that is required for outbound communication, what is its URL? Does it require credentials? If yes, we will contact you to securely provide them. | For example: https://proxy-host or http://proxy-host | Solace needs this information to configure the Mission Control Agent to use your proxy. | Using HTTP/HTTPS Proxies |

Messaging Connectivity

You must answer the following questions about your Messaging Connectivity.

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| Do you intend to create event broker services that are accessed via the public internet, private networking, or both? | Public or Private or Both | Solace needs this information to configure the Mission Control Agent to create event broker services that match your requirements. | Exposing Event Broker Services to External Traffic |

Feature Requirements

You must answer the following questions about your plans to use certain features that require special configuration.

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| Do you intend to use MQTT Retain on any of your event broker services? | Yes or No | Solace may need to allocate more memory to the event broker service's pod for it to support MQTT Retain. | |
| Do you intend to provide a custom server certificate for your event broker services? | Yes or No | Solace needs this information to configure the Mission Control Agent to use your custom server certificates. | |

Contact Information

You must provide a point of contact for each entry in the table below. Solace prefers a distribution list as the point of contact, though you can choose to provide individual contact details.

| Contact Type | Distribution List or Contact Details |
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| Event broker service incidents or issues. | |
| Event broker service upgrade notifications and scheduling. | |
| Release and maintenance notifications. | |

Alibaba Cloud Container Service for Kubernetes (ACK) Questions

After answering the common questions, you must answer the following questions related to your Alibaba Cloud Container Service for Kubernetes (ACK) deployment.

- [Cluster Questions](#)
- [Storage Questions](#)

ACK Cluster

You must answer the following questions about your Alicloud ACK cluster.

| Question | Possible Answers | How Solace Uses This Information | Links to Related Documentation |
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| Is your cluster's network properly sized to support the number of event broker services you would like to create? | Yes | The number of event broker services that can be created in a cluster is limited by the available IP addresses in the VPC/VNET. <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;">Consider the size of your cluster's network carefully, as it is not possible to change its size after creation.</div> | Planning Your Network Requirements in Installing in Alibaba Cloud Container Service for Kubernetes (ACK) |
| Have you configured the cluster's node pools to use autoscaling? | Yes or No | Solace recommends using the cluster autoscaler to ensure that there is sufficient capacity in the cluster to create event broker services with a minimum waste of resources. | Autoscaling in Installing in Alibaba Cloud Container Service for Kubernetes (ACK) |

ACK Storage

You must answer the following questions about your Alicloud ACK storage.

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| Have you created a storage class based on our best prac- | Yes | Some storage class parameters need to be set to properly support the creation of event broker services as well as other fea- | Storage Class Configuration for Autoscaling in Installing in Alibaba Cloud Container Service for Kubernetes (ACK) |

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| tices? | | tures. | |
| Which underlying disk type does your storage class use? | SSD | Solace supports the deployment of event broker services only to SSDs. | Storage Class Configuration for Autoscaling in the Installing in Alibaba Cloud Container Service for Kubernetes (ACK) |
| What is the name of the storage class? | | Solace requires the name to properly configure the Mission Control Agent so it can create event broker services. | Storage Class Configuration for Autoscaling in Installing in Alibaba Cloud Container Service for Kubernetes (ACK) |