# **Pacemaker Explained**

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# **CHAPTER**

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# **ABSTRACT**

This document definitively explains Pacemaker's features and capabilities, particularly the XML syntax used in Pacemaker's Cluster Information Base (CIB).

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### 2.1.1 The Scope of this Document

This document is intended to be an exhaustive reference for configuring Pacemaker. To achieve this, it focuses on the XML syntax used to configure the CIB.

For those that are allergic to XML, multiple higher-level front-ends (both command-line and GUI) are available. These tools will not be covered in this document, though the concepts explained here should make the functionality of these tools more easily understood.

Users may be interested in other parts of the Pacemaker documentation set, such as *Clusters from Scratch*, a step-by-step guide to setting up an example cluster, and *Pacemaker Administration*, a guide to maintaining a cluster.

### 2.1.2 What Is Pacemaker?

Pacemaker is a high-availability cluster resource manager – software that runs on a set of hosts (a cluster of nodes) in order to preserve integrity and minimize downtime of desired services (resources).<sup>1</sup> It is maintained by the ClusterLabs community.

Pacemaker's key features include:

- Detection of and recovery from node- and service-level failures
- Ability to ensure data integrity by fencing faulty nodes
- Support for one or more nodes per cluster
- Support for multiple resource interface standards (anything that can be scripted can be clustered)
- Support (but no requirement) for shared storage
- Support for practically any redundancy configuration (active/passive, N+1, etc.)
- Automatically replicated configuration that can be updated from any node
- Ability to specify cluster-wide relationships between services, such as ordering, colocation, and anticolocation
- Support for advanced service types, such as *clones* (services that need to be active on multiple nodes), *promotable clones* (clones that can run in one of two roles), and containerized services

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cluster is sometimes used in other contexts to refer to hosts grouped together for other purposes, such as high-performance computing (HPC), but Pacemaker is not intended for those purposes.

Unified, scriptable cluster management tools

#### Note: Fencing

Fencing, also known as STONITH (an acronym for Shoot The Other Node In The Head), is the ability to ensure that it is not possible for a node to be running a service. This is accomplished via fence devices such as intelligent power switches that cut power to the target, or intelligent network switches that cut the target's access to the local network.

Pacemaker represents fence devices as a special class of resource.

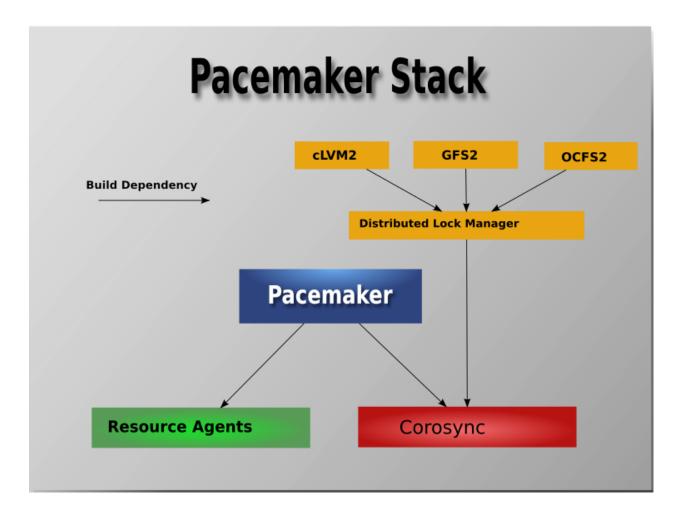
A cluster cannot safely recover from certain failure conditions, such as an unresponsive node, without fencing.

#### **Cluster Architecture**

At a high level, a cluster can be viewed as having these parts (which together are often referred to as the cluster stack):

- Resources: These are the reason for the cluster's being the services that need to be kept highly available.
- Resource agents: These are scripts or operating system components that start, stop, and monitor resources, given a set of resource parameters. These provide a uniform interface between Pacemaker and the managed services.
- **Fence agents:** These are scripts that execute node fencing actions, given a target and fence device parameters.
- Cluster membership layer: This component provides reliable messaging, membership, and quorum information about the cluster. Currently, Pacemaker supports Corosync as this layer.
- Cluster resource manager: Pacemaker provides the brain that processes and reacts to events that occur in the cluster. These events may include nodes joining or leaving the cluster; resource events caused by failures, maintenance, or scheduled activities; and other administrative actions. To achieve the desired availability, Pacemaker may start and stop resources and fence nodes.
- Cluster tools: These provide an interface for users to interact with the cluster. Various command-line and graphical (GUI) interfaces are available.

Most managed services are not, themselves, cluster-aware. However, many popular open-source cluster filesystems make use of a common *Distributed Lock Manager* (DLM), which makes direct use of Corosync for its messaging and membership capabilities and Pacemaker for the ability to fence nodes.

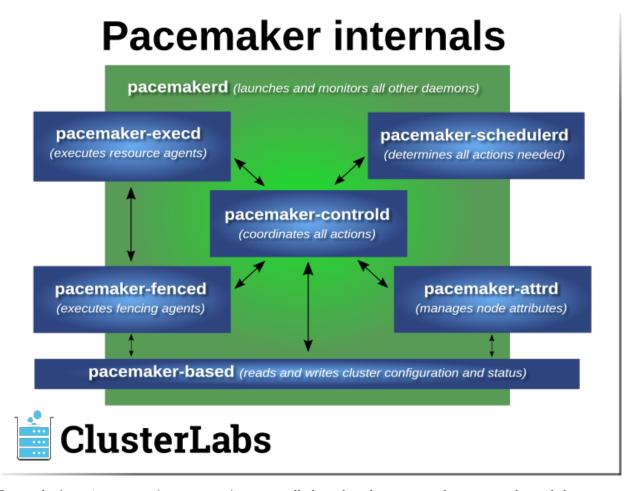


### **Pacemaker Architecture**

Pacemaker itself is composed of multiple daemons that work together:

- pacemakerd
- pacemaker-attrd
- pacemaker-based
- pacemaker-controld
- pacemaker-execd
- pacemaker-fenced
- pacemaker-schedulerd

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Pacemaker's main process (pacemakerd) spawns all the other daemons, and respawns them if they unexpectedly exit.

The Cluster Information Base (CIB) is an XML representation of the cluster's configuration and the state of all nodes and resources. The CIB manager (pacemaker-based) keeps the CIB synchronized across the cluster, and handles requests to modify it.

The attribute manager (pacemaker-attrd) maintains a database of attributes for all nodes, keeps it synchronized across the cluster, and handles requests to modify them. These attributes are usually recorded in the CIB.

Given a snapshot of the CIB as input, the *scheduler* (pacemaker-schedulerd) determines what actions are necessary to achieve the desired state of the cluster.

The *local executor* (pacemaker-execd) handles requests to execute resource agents on the local cluster node, and returns the result.

The fencer (pacemaker-fenced) handles requests to fence nodes. Given a target node, the fencer decides which cluster node(s) should execute which fencing device(s), and calls the necessary fencing agents (either directly, or via requests to the fencer peers on other nodes), and returns the result.

The *controller* (pacemaker-controld) is Pacemaker's coordinator, maintaining a consistent view of the cluster membership and orchestrating all the other components.

Pacemaker centralizes cluster decision-making by electing one of the controller instances as the Designated Controller (DC). Should the elected DC process (or the node it is on) fail, a new one is quickly established. The DC responds to cluster events by taking a current snapshot of the CIB, feeding it to the scheduler, then

asking the executors (either directly on the local node, or via requests to controller peers on other nodes) and the fencer to execute any necessary actions.

### Note: Old daemon names

The Pacemaker daemons were renamed in version 2.0. You may still find references to the old names, especially in documentation targeted to version 1.1.

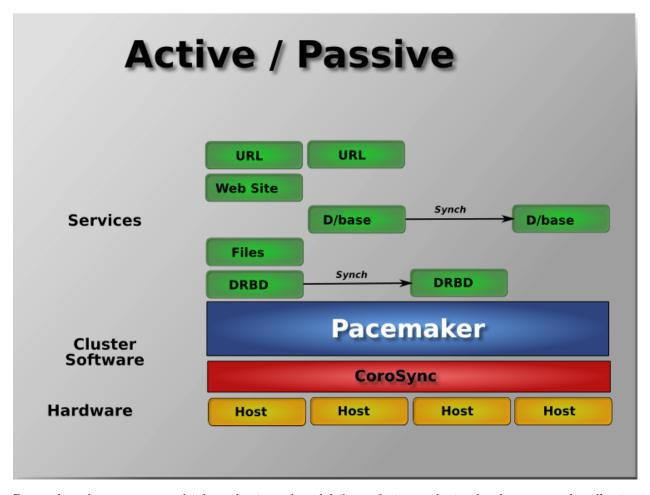
Old name	New name
attrd	pacemaker-attrd
cib	pacemaker-based
crmd	pacemaker-controld
lrmd	pacemaker-execd
stonithd	pacemaker-fenced
pacemaker_remoted	pacemaker-remoted

### **Node Redundancy Designs**

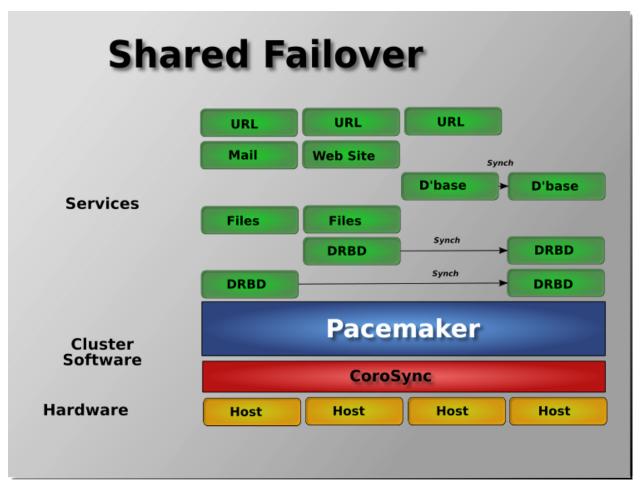
Pacemaker supports practically any node redundancy configuration including Active/Active, Active/Passive, N+1, N+M, N-to-1, and N-to-N.

Active/passive clusters with two (or more) nodes using Pacemaker and DRBD are a cost-effective high-availability solution for many situations. One of the nodes provides the desired services, and if it fails, the other node takes over.

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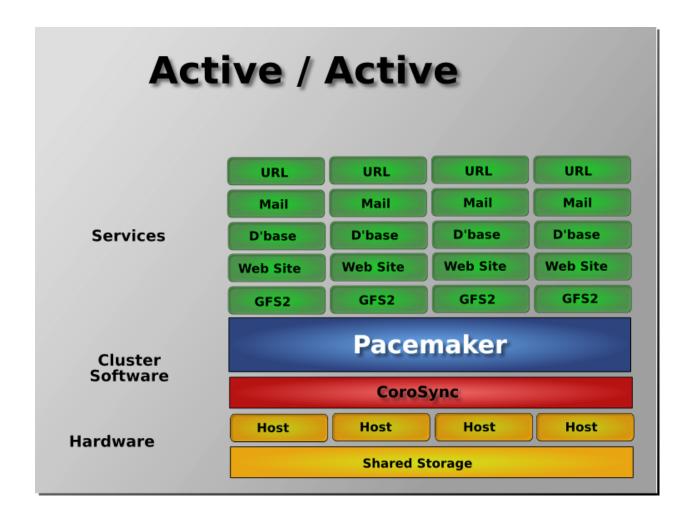


Pacemaker also supports multiple nodes in a shared-failover design, reducing hardware costs by allowing several active/passive clusters to be combined and share a common backup node.



When shared storage is available, every node can potentially be used for failover. Pacemaker can even run multiple copies of services to spread out the workload. This is sometimes called N-to-N redundancy.

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# 2.2 Host-Local Configuration

**Note:** Directory and file paths below may differ on your system depending on your Pacemaker build settings. Check your Pacemaker configuration file to find the correct paths.

Pacemaker supports several host-local configuration options. These options can be configured on each node in the main Pacemaker configuration file (/etc/sysconfig/pacemaker) in the format <NAME>="<VALUE>". They work by setting environment variables when Pacemaker daemons start up.

Table 1: Local Options

Name	Туре	Default	Description
PCMK_logfacility	enumeration	daemon	Enable logging via the system log or journal, using the specified log facility. Messages sent here are of value to all Pacemaker administrators. This can be disabled using none, but that is not recommended. Allowed values:  • none  • daemon  • user  • local0  • local1  • local2  • local3  • local4  • local5  • local6  • local7
PCMK_logpriorit	enumeration y	notice	Unless system logging is disabled using PCMK_logfacility=none, messages of the specified log severity and higher will be sent to the system log. The default is appropriate for most installations. Allowed values:  • emerg • alert • crit • error • warning • notice • info • debug
PCMK_logfile	text		erl/phæsisekenlægne, more detailed log messages will be sent to the specified file (in addition to the system log, if enabled). These messages may have extended information, and will include messages of info severity. This log is of more use to developers and advanced system administrators, and when reporting problems.
PCMK_logfile_m	$\begin{array}{c} text \\ ode \end{array}$	0660	Pacemaker will set the permissions on the detail log to this value (see chmod(1)).

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Name Type	Default	Description
enumeratio		Advanced Use Only: Enable blackbox logging
PCMK_blackbox		globally (yes or no) or by subsystem. A black-
_		box contains a rolling buffer of all logs (of all
		severities). Blackboxes are stored under /var/
		lib/pacemaker/blackbox by default, by de-
		fault, and their contents can be viewed using
		the qb-blackbox(8) command.
		The blackbox recorder can be enabled at start
		using this variable, or at runtime by send-
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		ing a Pacemaker subsystem daemon process a
		SIGUSR1 or SIGTRAP signal, and disabled by
		sending SIGUSR2 (see kill(1)). The blackbox
		will be written after a crash, assertion failure,
		or SIGTRAP signal.
		See <i>PCMK_debug</i> for allowed subsystems.
		Example: PCMK_blackbox="pacemakerd,
		pacemaker-execd"
PCMV trace blockbox	771	Advanced Use Only: Write a blackbox when
PCMK_trace_blackbox		ever the message at the specified function and
		line is logged. Multiple entries may be comma-
		separated.
		Example: PCMK_trace_blackbox="remote.
	1.0.1	c:144,remote.c:149"
enumeratio	n default	By default, the local host will join the cluster
PCMK_node_start_state		in an online or standby state when Pacemaker
		first starts depending on whether it was previ-
		ously put into standby mode. If this variable
		is set to standby or online, it will force the
		local host to join in the specified state.
nonnegative	e $in$ -	Specify the maximum number of jobs that can
PCMK_node_actionagehimit		be scheduled on this node. If set, this overrides
		the node-action-limit cluster property for
		this node.
timeout		Specify a delay before shutting down
PCMK_shutdown_delay		pacemakerd after shutting down all other
		Pacemaker daemons.
boolean	no	By default, if a Pacemaker subsystem crashes,
PCMK_fail_fast		the main pacemakerd process will attempt
		to restart it. If this variable is set to yes,
		pacemakerd will panic the local host instead.
enumeratio	n reboot	Pacemaker will panic the local host under cer-
PCMK_panic_action		tain conditions. By default, this means re-
		booting the host. This variable can change
		that behavior: if crash, trigger a kernel crash
		(useful if you want a kernel dump to inves-
		tigate); if sync-reboot or sync-crash, syn-
		chronize filesystems before rebooting the host
		or triggering a kernel crash. The sync values
		are more likely to preserve log messages, but
		with the risk that the host may be left active
		if the synchronization hangs.
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Name	Туре	le 1 - continued fron  Default	Description	
. 141110	text	/etc/pacemaker/authershe contents of this file as the authoriza-		
PCMK_authkey_		/ cuc/ paccinaker/ a	tion key to use with Pacemaker Remote con-	
1 CMIL_dddincy_			nections. This file must be readable by Pace-	
			maker daemons (that is, it must allow read	
			permissions to either the hacluster user or	
			the haclient group), and its contents must	
			be identical on all nodes.	
	text		By default, if the Pacemaker Remote service	
PCMK_remote_			is run on the local node, it will listen for con-	
1 CMIX_Telliote_	audress		nections on all IP addresses. This may be set	
			to one address to listen on instead, as a re-	
			solvable hostname or as a numeric IPv4 or	
			IPv6 address. When resolving names or lis-	
			tening on all addresses, IPv6 will be preferred	
			if available. When listening on an IPv6 address, IPv4 clients will be supported via IPv4-	
			mapped IPv6 addresses.	
			Example: PCMK_remote_address="192.0.2.	
	nort	3121	Use this TCP port number for Pacemaker Re-	
DCMIZ namenta	port	3121	mote node connections. This value must be	
PCMK_remote_	port		the same on all nodes.	
		default		
DOMEZ	enumeration	default	Advanced Use Only: When a bundle resource's	
PCMK_remote_	p1011		run-command option is left to default, Pace-	
			maker Remote runs as PID 1 in the bundle's	
			containers. When it does so, it loads envi-	
			ronment variables from the container's /etc/	
			pacemaker/pcmk-init.env and performs the	
			PID 1 responsibility of reaping dead subpro-	
			cesses.	
			This option controls whether those actions	
			are performed when Pacemaker Remote is not	
			running as PID 1. It is intended primarily	
			for developer testing but can be useful when	
			run-command is set to a separate, custom PID	
			1 process that launches Pacemaker Remote.	
			• full: Pacemaker Remote loads environ-	
			ment variables from /etc/pacemaker/	
			pcmk-init.env and reaps dead subpro-	
			cesses.	
			• vars: Pacemaker Remote loads environ-	
			ment variables from /etc/pacemaker/	
			pcmk-init.env but does not reap dead	
			subprocesses.	
			• default: Pacemaker Remote performs	
			neither action.	
			If Pacemaker Remote is running as PID 1, this	
			option is ignored, and the behavior is the same	
			as for full.	

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Name	Type	Default	Description	
DOMEZ 41	text	NORMAL	Advanced Use Only: These GnuTLS cipher	
PCMK_tls_prior	rities		priorities will be used for TLS connections	
			(whether for Pacemaker Remote connections	
			or remote CIB access, when enabled). See:	
			https://gnutls.org/manual/html_	
			node/Priority-Strings.html	
			Pacemaker will append ":+ANON-DH" for re-	
			mote CIB access and ":+DHE-PSK:+PSK" for	
			Pacemaker Remote connections, as they are	
			required for the respective functionality.	
			Example: PCMK_tls_priorities="SECURE128:	+SECURE192"
	nonnegative in-	0 (no minimum)	Advanced Use Only: Set a lower bound on the	
PCMK_dh_min_	_b <b>its</b> er		bit length of the prime number generated for	
			Diffie-Hellman parameters needed by TLS con-	
			nections. The default is no minimum.	
			The server (Pacemaker Remote daemon, or	
			CIB manager configured to accept remote	
			clients) will use this value to provide a floor	
			for the value recommended by the GnuTLS li-	
			brary. The library will only accept a limited	
			number of specific values, which vary by li-	
			brary version, so setting these is recommended	
			only when required for compatibility with spe-	
			cific client versions.	
			Clients (connecting cluster nodes or remote	
			CIB commands) will require that the server	
			use a prime of at least this size. This is recom-	
			mended only when the value must be lowered	
			in order for the client's GnuTLS library to ac-	
			cept a connection to an older server.	
DOMEZ 11	nonnegative in-	0 (no maximum)	Advanced Use Only: Set an upper bound on	
PCMK_dh_max_	_brigser		the bit length of the prime number generated	
			for Diffie-Hellman parameters needed by TLS	
			connections. The default is no maximum.	
			The server (Pacemaker Remote daemon, or	
			CIB manager configured to accept remote	
			clients) will use this value to provide a ceiling	
			for the value recommended by the GnuTLS li-	
			brary. The library will only accept a limited number of specific values, which vary by li-	
			brary version, so setting these is recommended	
			only when required for compatibility with spe-	
			cific client versions.	
			Clients do not use PCMK_dh_max_bits.	
	enumeration	shared-mem	Advanced Use Only: Force use of a particular	
PCMK_ipc_type		SHOLOG-HIGH	IPC method. Allowed values:	
i Civili_ipc_type			shared-mem	
			• socket	
			• posix	
			• sysv	
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Name	Туре	Default	Description
	nonnegative in-	131072	Advanced Use Only: Specify an IPC buffer size
PCMK_ipc_buffer teger			in bytes. This can be useful when connecting
			to large clusters that result in messages ex-
			ceeding the default size (which will also result
			in log messages referencing this variable).
	enumeration	corosync	Advanced Use Only: Specify the cluster layer
PCMK_cluster_t	ype		to be used. If unset, Pacemaker will detect
			and use a supported cluster layer, if available.
			Currently, "corosync" is the only supported
			cluster layer. If multiple layers are supported
			in the future, this will allow overriding Pace-
			maker's automatic detection to select a specific
			one.
	text	/usr/share/pacem	aktedvanced Use Only: Specify an alternate loca-
PCMK_schema_	Ü		tion for RNG schemas and XSL transforms.
	enumeration	no	Advanced Use Only: Whether subsystem dae-
PCMK_valgrind_	enabled		mons should be run under valgrind. Allowed
			values are the same as for PCMK_debug.
	enumeration	no	Advanced Use Only: Whether subsystem dae-
PCMK_callgrind	enabled		mons should be run under valgrind with the
			callgrind tool enabled. Allowed values are
			the same as for PCMK_debug.
VAL-	text		Advanced Use Only: Pass these options to
GRIND_OPTS			valgrind, when enabled (see valgrind(1)).
			"vgdb=no" should usually be specified be-
			cause pacemaker-execd can lower privileges
			when executing commands, which would oth-
			erwise leave a bunch of unremovable files in
			/tmp.

# 2.3 Cluster-Wide Configuration

# 2.3.1 Configuration Layout

The cluster is defined by the Cluster Information Base (CIB), which uses XML notation. The simplest CIB, an empty one, looks like this:

The empty configuration above contains the major sections that make up a CIB:

- cib: The entire CIB is enclosed with a cib element. Certain fundamental settings are defined as attributes of this element.
  - configuration: This section the primary focus of this document contains traditional configuration information such as what resources the cluster serves and the relationships among them.
    - \* crm\_config: cluster-wide configuration options
    - \* nodes: the machines that host the cluster
    - \* resources: the services run by the cluster
    - \* constraints: indications of how resources should be placed
  - status: This section contains the history of each resource on each node. Based on this data, the cluster can construct the complete current state of the cluster. The authoritative source for this section is the local executor (pacemaker-execd process) on each cluster node, and the cluster will occasionally repopulate the entire section. For this reason, it is never written to disk, and administrators are advised against modifying it in any way.

In this document, configuration settings will be described as properties or options based on how they are defined in the CIB:

- Properties are XML attributes of an XML element.
- Options are name-value pairs expressed as nvpair child elements of an XML element.

Normally, you will use command-line tools that abstract the XML, so the distinction will be unimportant; both properties and options are cluster settings you can tweak.

## 2.3.2 Configuration Value Types

Throughout this document, configuration values will be designated as having one of the following types:

Description Type boolean Case-insensitive text value where 1, yes, y, on, and true evaluate as true and 0, no, n, off, false, and unset evaluate as false date/time Textual timestamp like Sat Dec 21 11:47:45 2013 duration A time duration, specified either like a timeout or an ISO 8601 duration. A duration may be up to approximately 49 days but is intended for much smaller time periods. Text that must be one of a set of defined values (which will be listed in the enumeration description) integer 32-bit signed integer value (-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647) 32-bit nonnegative integer value (0 to 2,147,483,647) nonnegative integer Integer TCP port number (0 to 65535) port A Pacemaker score can be an integer between -1,000,000 and 1,000,000, or a score string alias: INFINITY or +INFINITY is equivalent to 1,000,000, -INFINITY is equivalent to -1,000,000, and red, yellow, and green are equivalent to integers as described in Tracking Node Health. A text string text

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Туре	Description			
timeout	A time duration, specified as a bare number (in which case it is considered			
	to be in seconds) or a number with a unit (ms or msec for milliseconds, us or			
	usec for microseconds, s or sec for seconds, m or min for minutes, h or hr for			
	hours) optionally with whitespace before and/or after the number.			
version	Version number (any combination of alphanumeric characters, dots, and			
	dashes, starting with a number).			

#### **Scores**

Scores are integral to how Pacemaker works. Practically everything from moving a resource to deciding which resource to stop in a degraded cluster is achieved by manipulating scores in some way.

Scores are calculated per resource and node. Any node with a negative score for a resource can't run that resource. The cluster places a resource on the node with the highest score for it.

Score addition and subtraction follow these rules:

- Any value (including INFINITY) INFINITY = -INFINITY
- INFINITY + any value other than -INFINITY = INFINITY

**Note:** What if you want to use a score higher than 1,000,000? Typically this possibility arises when someone wants to base the score on some external metric that might go above 1,000,000.

The short answer is you can't.

The long answer is it is sometimes possible work around this limitation creatively. You may be able to set the score to some computed value based on the external metric rather than use the metric directly. For nodes, you can store the metric as a node attribute, and query the attribute when computing the score (possibly as part of a custom resource agent).

### 2.3.3 CIB Properties

Certain settings are defined by CIB properties (that is, attributes of the cib tag) rather than with the rest of the cluster configuration in the configuration section.

The reason is simply a matter of parsing. These options are used by the configuration database which is, by design, mostly ignorant of the content it holds. So the decision was made to place them in an easy-to-find location.

Table 3: CIB Properties

Name	Туре	Default	Description
admin_epoch	nonnegative in-	0	When a node joins the cluster, the cluster
	teger		asks the node with the highest (admin_epoch,
			epoch, num_updates) tuple to replace the
			configuration on all the nodes – which
			makes setting them correctly very important.
			admin_epoch is never modified by the cluster;
			you can use this to make the configurations on
			any inactive nodes obsolete.

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Name	Туре	Default	Description
epoch	nonnegative in-	0	The cluster increments this every time the
- P	teger		CIB's configuration section is updated.
num_updates	nonnegative in-	0	The cluster increments this every time the
	teger		CIB's configuration or status sections are up-
			dated, and resets it to 0 when epoch changes.
validate-with	enumeration		Determines the type of XML validation that
			will be done on the configuration. Allowed
			values are none (in which case the cluster will
			not require that updates conform to expected
			syntax) and the base names of schema files
			installed on the local machine (for example,
			"pacemaker-3.9")
remote-tls-port	port		If set, the CIB manager will listen for anony-
			mously encrypted remote connections on this
			port, to allow CIB administration from hosts
			not in the cluster. No key is used, so this
			should be used only on a protected net-
			work where man-in-the-middle attacks can be
			avoided.
remote-clear-	port		If set to a TCP port number, the CIB manager
port			will listen for remote connections on this port,
			to allow for CIB administration from hosts not
			in the cluster. No encryption is used, so this
			should be used only on a protected network.
cib-last-written	date/time		Indicates when the configuration was last writ-
			ten to disk. Maintained by the cluster; for in-
			formational purposes only.
have-quorum	boolean		Indicates whether the cluster has quorum. If
			false, the cluster's response is determined by
			no-quorum-policy (see below). Maintained
			by the cluster.
dc-uuid	text		Node ID of the cluster's current designated
			controller (DC). Used and maintained by the
			cluster.

### 2.3.4 Cluster Options

Cluster options, as you might expect, control how the cluster behaves when confronted with various situations.

They are grouped into sets within the crm\_config section. In advanced configurations, there may be more than one set. (This will be described later in the chapter on *Rules* where we will show how to have the cluster use different sets of options during working hours than during weekends.) For now, we will describe the simple case where each option is present at most once.

You can obtain an up-to-date list of cluster options, including their default values, by running the man pacemaker-schedulerd and man pacemaker-controld commands.

Table 4: Cluster Options

Name	Туре	Default	Description
cluster-name	text		An (optional) name for the cluster as a whole. This is mostly for users' convenience for use as desired in administration, but can be used in the Pacemaker configuration in <i>Rules</i> (as the #cluster-name node attribute). It may also be used by higher-level tools when displaying cluster information, and by certain resource agents (for example, the ocf:heartbeat:GFS2 agent stores the cluster name in filesystem meta-data).
dc-version	version	detected	Version of Pacemaker on the cluster's designated controller (DC). Maintained by the cluster, and intended for diagnostic purposes.
cluster- infrastructure	text	detected	The messaging layer with which Pacemaker is currently running. Maintained by the cluster, and intended for informational and diagnostic purposes.
no-quorum-policy	enumeration	stop	<ul> <li>What to do when the cluster does not have quorum. Allowed values:</li> <li>ignore: continue all resource management</li> <li>freeze: continue resource management, but don't recover resources from nodes not in the affected partition</li> <li>stop: stop all resources in the affected cluster partition</li> <li>demote: demote promotable resources and stop all other resources in the affected cluster partition (since 2.0.5)</li> <li>suicide: fence all nodes in the affected cluster partition</li> </ul>
batch-limit	integer	0	The maximum number of actions that the cluster may execute in parallel across all nodes. The ideal value will depend on the speed and load of your network and cluster nodes. If zero, the cluster will impose a dynamically calculated limit only when any node has high load. If -1, the cluster will not impose any limit.
migration-limit	integer	-1	The number of <i>live migration</i> actions that the cluster is allowed to execute in parallel on a node. A value of -1 means unlimited.
symmetric- cluster	boolean	true	If true, resources can run on any node by default. If false, a resource is allowed to run on a node only if a <i>location constraint</i> enables it.
stop-all- resources	boolean	false	Whether all resources should be disallowed from running (can be useful during maintenance or troubleshooting)

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Name	Туре	Default	Description
stop-orphan- resources	boolean	true	Whether resources that have been deleted from the configuration should be stopped. This value takes precedence over <i>is-managed</i> (that is, even unmanaged resources will be stopped when orphaned if this value is true).
stop-orphan- actions	boolean	true	Whether recurring <i>operations</i> that have been deleted from the configuration should be cancelled
start-failure-is- fatal	boolean	true	Whether a failure to start a resource on a particular node prevents further start attempts on that node. If false, the cluster will decide whether the node is still eligible based on the resource's current failure count and migration-threshold.
enable-startup- probes	boolean	true	Whether the cluster should check the pre- existing state of resources when the cluster starts
maintenance- mode	boolean	false	If true, the cluster will not start or stop any resource in the cluster, and any recurring operations (expect those specifying role as Stopped) will be paused. If true, this overrides the maintenance node attribute, is-managed and maintenance resource meta-attributes, and enabled operation meta-attribute.
stonith-enabled	boolean	true	Whether the cluster is allowed to fence nodes (for example, failed nodes and nodes with resources that can't be stopped).  If true, at least one fence device must be configured before resources are allowed to run.  If false, unresponsive nodes are immediately assumed to be running no resources, and resource recovery on online nodes starts without any further protection (which can mean data loss if the unresponsive node still accesses shared storage, for example). See also the requires resource meta-attribute.
stonith-action	enumeration	reboot	Action the cluster should send to the fence agent when a node must be fenced. Allowed values are reboot, off, and (for legacy agents only) poweroff.
stonith-timeout	duration	60s	How long to wait for on, off, and reboot fence actions to complete by default.
stonith-max- attempts	score	10	How many times fencing can fail for a target before the cluster will no longer immediately re-attempt it. Any value below 1 will be ignored, and the default will be used instead.

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Name	Туре	Default	Description
stonith- watchdog- timeout	Type  timeout	Default 0	If nonzero, and the cluster detects have-watchdog as true, then watchdog-based self-fencing will be performed via SBD when fencing is required, without requiring a fencing resource explicitly configured.  If this is set to a positive value, unseen nodes are assumed to self-fence within this much time.  Warning: It must be ensured that this value is larger than the SBD_WATCHDOG_TIMEOUT environment variable on all nodes. Pacemaker verifies the settings individually on all nodes and prevents startup or shuts down if configured wrongly on the fly. It is strongly recommended that SBD_WATCHDOG_TIMEOUT be set to the same value on all nodes.  If this is set to a negative value, and SBD_WATCHDOG_TIMEOUT is set, twice that value will be used.  Warning: In this case, it is essential (and currently not verified by pacemaker) that
concurrent-fencing	boolean	false	SBD_WATCHDOG_TIMEOUT is set to the same value on all nodes.  Whether the cluster is allowed to initiate multiple fence actions concurrently. Fence actions initiated externally, such as via the stonith_admin tool or an application such as DLM, or by the fencer itself such as recurring device monitors and status and list commands, are not limited by this option.
fence-reaction	enumeration	stop	How should a cluster node react if notified of its own fencing? A cluster node may receive notification of its own fencing if fencing is misconfigured, or if fabric fencing is in use that doesn't cut cluster communication. Allowed values are stop to attempt to immediately stop Pacemaker and stay stopped, or panic to attempt to immediately reboot the local node, falling back to stop on failure. The default is likely to be changed to panic in a future release. (since 2.0.3)

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Name	Туре	Default	Description
priority-fencing- delay	duration	0	Apply this delay to any fencing targeting the lost nodes with the highest total resource priority in case we don't have the majority of the nodes in our cluster partition, so that the more significant nodes potentially win any fencing match (especially meaningful in a split-brain of a 2-node cluster). A promoted resource instance takes the resource's priority plus 1 if the resource's priority is not 0. Any static or random delays introduced by pcmk_delay_base and pcmk_delay_max configured for the corresponding fencing resources will be added to this delay. This delay should be significantly greater than (safely twice) the maximum delay from those parameters. (since 2.0.4)
node-pending- timeout	duration	0	Fence nodes that do not join the controller process group within this much time after joining the cluster, to allow the cluster to continue managing resources. A value of 0 means never fence pending nodes. Setting the value to 2h means fence nodes after 2 hours. (since 2.1.7)
cluster-delay	duration	60s	If the DC requires an action to be executed on another node, it will consider the action failed if it does not get a response from the other node within this time (beyond the action's own timeout). The ideal value will depend on the speed and load of your network and cluster nodes.
dc-deadtime	duration	20s	How long to wait for a response from other nodes when electing a DC. The ideal value will depend on the speed and load of your network and cluster nodes.
cluster-ipc-limit	nonnegative in- teger	500	The maximum IPC message backlog before one cluster daemon will disconnect another. This is of use in large clusters, for which a good value is the number of resources in the cluster multiplied by the number of nodes. The default of 500 is also the minimum. Raise this if you see "Evicting client" log messages for cluster daemon process IDs.
pe-error-series- max	integer	-1	The number of scheduler inputs resulting in errors to save. These inputs can be helpful during troubleshooting and when reporting issues. A negative value means save all inputs, and 0 means save none.
pe-warn-series- max	integer	5000	The number of scheduler inputs resulting in warnings to save. These inputs can be helpful during troubleshooting and when reporting issues. A negative value means save all inputs, and 0 means save none.

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Name	Туре	Default	Description
pe-input-series-	integer	4000	The number of "normal" scheduler inputs to
max			save. These inputs can be helpful during trou-
			bleshooting and when reporting issues. A neg-
			ative value means save all inputs, and 0 means
			save none.
enable-acl	boolean	false	Whether access control lists should be used to
			authorize CIB modifications
placement-	enumeration	default	How the cluster should assign resources
strategy		doladi	to nodes (see <i>Utilization and Placement</i>
50140083			Strategy). Allowed values are default,
			utilization, balanced, and minimal.
node-health-	enumeration	none	How the cluster should react to node
strategy	Civariociavioni	none	health attributes. Allowed values are none,
Strategy			migrate-on-red, only-green, progressive,
			and custom.
node-health-	score	0	The base health score assigned to a node.
base	30076		Only used when node-health-strategy is
Dase			progressive.
node-health-	score	0	The score to use for a node health at-
	<i>SCOTE</i>		tribute whose value is green. Only used
green			when node-health-strategy is progressive
			30 1 0
node-health-	0.0000	0	or custom.  The score to use for a node health attribute
	score	0	
yellow			whose value is yellow. Only used when
			node-health-strategy is progressive or
1 1 1/1 1			custom.
node-health-red	score	0	The score to use for a node health at-
			tribute whose value is red. Only used when
			node-health-strategy is progressive or
1 1 1	1	15 .	custom.
cluster-recheck-	duration	15min	Pacemaker is primarily event-driven, and looks
interval			ahead to know when to recheck the cluster
			for failure timeouts and most time-based rules
			(since 2.0.3). However, it will also recheck the
			cluster after this amount of inactivity. This
			has two goals: rules with date_spec are only
			guaranteed to be checked this often, and it also
			serves as a fail-safe for some kinds of scheduler
			bugs. A value of 0 disables this polling.

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Name	Туре	Default	Description
shutdown-lock	boolean	false	The default of false allows active resources
			to be recovered elsewhere when their node is
			cleanly shut down, which is what the vast
			majority of users will want. However, some
			users prefer to make resources highly avail-
			able only for failures, with no recovery for
			clean shutdowns. If this option is true, re-
			sources active on a node when it is cleanly shut
			down are kept "locked" to that node (not al-
			lowed to run elsewhere) until they start again
			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
			on that node after it rejoins (or for at most
			shutdown-lock-limit, if set). Stonith resources and Pacemaker Remote connections
			are never locked. Clone and bundle instances
			and the promoted role of promotable clones
			are currently never locked, though support
			could be added in a future release. Locks
			may be manually cleared using therefresh
			option of crm_resource (both the resource
			and node must be specified; this works with
			remote nodes if their connection resource's
			target-role is set to Stopped, but not if
			Pacemaker Remote is stopped on the remote
			node without disabling the connection re-
			source). (since 2.0.4)
shutdown-lock-	duration	0	If shutdown-lock is true, and this is set to
limit			a nonzero time duration, locked resources will
			be allowed to start after this much time has
			passed since the node shutdown was initiated,
			even if the node has not rejoined. (This works
			with remote nodes only if their connection
			resource's target-role is set to Stopped.)
a.	7 7		(since 2.0.4)
remove-after-	boolean	false	Deprecated Whether the cluster should re-
stop			move resources from Pacemaker's executor af-
			ter they are stopped. Values other than the de-
			fault are, at best, poorly tested and potentially
			dangerous. This option is deprecated and will
			be removed in a future release.
startup-fencing	boolean	true	Advanced Use Only: Whether the cluster
			should fence unseen nodes at start-up. Set-
			ting this to false is unsafe, because the unseen
			nodes could be active and running resources
			but unreachable. dc-deadtime acts as a grace
			period before this fencing, since a DC must be
			elected to schedule fencing.
election-timeout	duration	2min	Advanced Use Only: If a winner is not declared
			within this much time of starting an election,
			the node that initiated the election will declare itself the winner.

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Default		Description	Ī

Name	Туре	Default	Description
shutdown-	duration	20min	Advanced Use Only: The controller will exit
escalation			immediately if a shutdown does not complete
			within this much time.
join-integration-	duration	3min	Advanced Use Only: If you need to adjust this
timeout			value, it probably indicates the presence of a
			bug.
join-	duration	30min	Advanced Use Only: If you need to adjust this
finalization-			value, it probably indicates the presence of a
timeout			bug.
transition-delay	duration	0s	Advanced Use Only: Delay cluster recovery for
			the configured interval to allow for additional
			or related events to occur. This can be useful
			if your configuration is sensitive to the order
			in which ping updates arrive. Enabling this
			option will slow down cluster recovery under
			all conditions.

### 2.4 Cluster Nodes

## 2.4.1 Defining a Cluster Node

Each cluster node will have an entry in the **nodes** section containing at least an ID and a name. A cluster node's ID is defined by the cluster layer (Corosync).

```
Example Corosync cluster node entry

<node id="101" uname="pcmk-1"/>
```

In normal circumstances, the admin should let the cluster populate this information automatically from the cluster layer.

#### Where Pacemaker Gets the Node Name

The name that Pacemaker uses for a node in the configuration does not have to be the same as its local hostname. Pacemaker uses the following for a Corosync node's name, in order of most preferred first:

- $\bullet\,$  The value of name in the nodelist section of corosync.conf
- The value of ringO\_addr in the nodelist section of corosync.conf
- The local hostname (value of uname -n)

If the cluster is running, the crm\_node -n command will display the local node's name as used by the cluster.

If a Corosync nodelist is used, crm\_node --name-for-id with a Corosync node ID will display the name used by the node with the given Corosync nodeid, for example:

```
crm_node --name-for-id 2
```

### 2.4.2 Node Attributes

Pacemaker allows node-specific values to be specified using *node attributes*. A node attribute has a name, and may have a distinct value for each node.

Node attributes come in two types, *permanent* and *transient*. Permanent node attributes are kept within the **node** entry, and keep their values even if the cluster restarts on a node. Transient node attributes are kept in the CIB's **status** section, and go away when the cluster stops on the node.

While certain node attributes have specific meanings to the cluster, they are mainly intended to allow administrators and resource agents to track any information desired.

For example, an administrator might choose to define node attributes for how much RAM and disk space each node has, which OS each uses, or which server room rack each node is in.

Users can configure Rules that use node attributes to affect where resources are placed.

#### Setting and querying node attributes

Node attributes can be set and queried using the crm\_attribute and attrd\_updater commands, so that the user does not have to deal with XML configuration directly.

Here is an example command to set a permanent node attribute, and the XML configuration that would be generated:

To read back the value that was just set:

```
# crm_attribute --type nodes --node pcmk-1 --name kernel --query scope=nodes name=kernel value=3.10.0-862.14.4.el7.x86_64
```

The --type nodes indicates that this is a permanent node attribute; --type status would indicate a transient node attribute.

#### Special node attributes

Certain node attributes have special meaning to the cluster.

Node attribute names beginning with # are considered reserved for these special attributes. Some special attributes do not start with #, for historical reasons.

Certain special attributes are set automatically by the cluster, should never be modified directly, and can be used only within *Rules*; these are listed under *built-in node attributes*.

For true/false values, the cluster considers a value of "1", "y", "yes", "on", or "true" (case-insensitively) to be true, "0", "n", "no", "off", "false", or unset to be false, and anything else to be an error.

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Table 5: Node attributes with special significance

Name	Description
fail-count-*	Attributes whose names start with fail-count- are managed by the cluster to track how many times particular resource operations have failed on this node. These should be queried and cleared via the crm_failcount or crm_resourcecleanup commands rather than directly.
last-failure-*	Attributes whose names start with last-failure— are managed by the cluster to track when particular resource operations have most recently failed on this node. These should be cleared via the crm_failcount or crm_resourcecleanup commands rather than directly.
maintenance	If true, the cluster will not start or stop any resources on this node. Any resources active on the node become unmanaged, and any recurring operations for those resources (except those specifying role as Stopped) will be paused. The <i>maintenance-mode</i> cluster option, if true, overrides this. If this attribute is true, it overrides the <i>is-managed</i> and <i>maintenance</i> meta-attributes of affected resources and <i>enabled</i> meta-attribute for affected recurring actions. Pacemaker should not be restarted on a node that is in single-node maintenance mode.
probe_complete	This is managed by the cluster to detect when nodes need to be reprobed, and should never be used directly.
resource-discovery-enabled	If the node is a remote node, fencing is enabled, and this attribute is explicitly set to false (unset means true in this case), resource discovery (probes) will not be done on this node. This is highly discouraged; the resource-discovery location constraint property is preferred for this purpose.
shutdown	This is managed by the cluster to orchestrate the shutdown of a node, and should never be used directly.
site-name	If set, this will be used as the value of the #site-name node attribute used in rules. (If not set, the value of the cluster-name cluster option will be used as #site-name instead.)
standby	If true, the node is in standby mode. This is typically set and queried via the crm_standby command rather than directly.
terminate	If the value is true or begins with any nonzero number, the node will be fenced. This is typically set by tools rather than directly.
#digests-*	Attributes whose names start with #digests- are managed by the cluster to detect when <i>Unfencing</i> needs to be redone, and should never be used directly.
#node-unfenced	When the node was last unfenced (as seconds since the epoch). This is managed by the cluster and should never be used directly.

# 2.4.3 Tracking Node Health

A node may be functioning adequately as far as cluster membership is concerned, and yet be "unhealthy" in some respect that makes it an undesirable location for resources. For example, a disk drive may be reporting SMART errors, or the CPU may be highly loaded.

Pacemaker offers a way to automatically move resources off unhealthy nodes.

#### **Node Health Attributes**

Pacemaker will treat any node attribute whose name starts with #health as an indicator of node health. Node health attributes may have one of the following values:

Table 6: Allowed Values for Node Health Attributes

Value	Intended significance
red	This indicator is unhealthy
yellow	This indicator is becoming unhealthy
green	This indicator is healthy
integer	A numeric score to apply to all resources on this node (0 or positive is healthy, negative is unhealthy)

### **Node Health Strategy**

Pacemaker assigns a node health score to each node, as the sum of the values of all its node health attributes. This score will be used as a location constraint applied to this node for all resources.

The node-health-strategy cluster option controls how Pacemaker responds to changes in node health attributes, and how it translates red, yellow, and green to scores.

Allowed values are:

Table 7: Node Health Strategies

Value	Effect
none	Do not track node health attributes at all.
migrate-on-red	Assign the value of -INFINITY to red, and 0 to yellow and green. This will cause all resources to move off the node if any attribute is red.
only-green	Assign the value of -INFINITY to red and yellow, and 0 to green. This will cause all resources to move off the node if any attribute is red or yellow.
progressive	Assign the value of the node-health-red cluster option to red, the value of node-health-yellow to yellow, and the value of node-health-green to green. Each node is additionally assigned a score of node-health-base (this allows resources to start even if some attributes are yellow). This strategy gives the administrator finer control over how important each value is.
custom	Track node health attributes using the same values as progressive for red, yellow, and green, but do not take them into account. The administrator is expected to implement a policy by defining <i>Rules</i> referencing node health attributes.

#### **Exempting a Resource from Health Restrictions**

If you want a resource to be able to run on a node even if its health score would otherwise prevent it, set the resource's allow-unhealthy-nodes meta-attribute to true (available since 2.1.3).

This is particularly useful for node health agents, to allow them to detect when the node becomes healthy again. If you configure a health agent without this setting, then the health agent will be banned from an

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unhealthy node, and you will have to investigate and clear the health attribute manually once it is healthy to allow resources on the node again.

If you want the meta-attribute to apply to a clone, it must be set on the clone itself, not on the resource being cloned.

#### **Configuring Node Health Agents**

Since Pacemaker calculates node health based on node attributes, any method that sets node attributes may be used to measure node health. The most common are resource agents and custom daemons.

Pacemaker provides examples that can be used directly or as a basis for custom code. The ocf:pacemaker:HealthCPU, ocf:pacemaker:HealthIOWait, and ocf:pacemaker:HealthSMART resource agents set node health attributes based on CPU and disk status.

To take advantage of this feature, add the resource to your cluster (generally as a cloned resource with a recurring monitor action, to continually check the health of all nodes). For example:

The resource agents use attrd\_updater to set proper status for each node running this resource, as a node attribute whose name starts with #health (for HealthIOWait, the node attribute is named #health-iowait).

When a node is no longer faulty, you can force the cluster to make it available to take resources without waiting for the next monitor, by setting the node health attribute to green. For example:

```
Force node1 to be marked as healthy

# attrd_updater --name "#health-iowait" --update "green" --node "node1"
```

## 2.5 Cluster Resources

#### 2.5.1 What is a Cluster Resource?

A resource is a service managed by Pacemaker. The simplest type of resource, a primitive, is described in this chapter. More complex forms, such as groups and clones, are described in later chapters.

Every primitive has a resource agent that provides Pacemaker a standardized interface for managing the service. This allows Pacemaker to be agnostic about the services it manages. Pacemaker doesn't need to understand how the service works because it relies on the resource agent to do the right thing when asked.

Every resource has a *class* specifying the standard that its resource agent follows, and a *type* identifying the specific service being managed.

#### 2.5.2 Resource Classes

Pacemaker supports several classes, or standards, of resource agents:

- OCF
- LSB
- Systemd
- Service
- Fencing
- Nagios (deprecated since 2.1.6)
- Upstart (deprecated since 2.1.0)

#### **Open Cluster Framework**

The Open Cluster Framework (OCF) Resource Agent API is a ClusterLabs standard for managing services. It is the most preferred since it is specifically designed for use in a Pacemaker cluster.

OCF agents are scripts that support a variety of actions including start, stop, and monitor. They may accept parameters, making them more flexible than other classes. The number and purpose of parameters is left to the agent, which advertises them via the meta-data action.

Unlike other classes, OCF agents have a provider as well as a class and type.

For more information, see the "Resource Agents" chapter of *Pacemaker Administration* and the OCF standard.

### **Systemd**

Most Linux distributions use Systemd for system initialization and service management. *Unit files* specify how to manage services and are usually provided by the distribution.

Pacemaker can manage systemd services. Simply create a resource with systemd as the resource class and the unit file name as the resource type. Do *not* run systemctl enable on the unit.

**Important:** Make sure that any systemd services to be controlled by the cluster are *not* enabled to start at boot.

#### Linux Standard Base

LSB resource agents, also known as SysV-style, are scripts that provide start, stop, and status actions for a service.

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They are provided by some operating system distributions. If a full path is not given, they are assumed to be located in a directory specified when your Pacemaker software was built (usually /etc/init.d).

In order to be used with Pacemaker, they must conform to the LSB specification as it relates to init scripts.

**Warning:** Some LSB scripts do not fully comply with the standard. For details on how to check whether your script is LSB-compatible, see the "Resource Agents" chapter of *Pacemaker Administration*. Common problems include:

- Not implementing the status action
- Not observing the correct exit status codes
- Starting a started resource returns an error
- Stopping a stopped resource returns an error

**Important:** Make sure the host is *not* configured to start any LSB services at boot that will be controlled by the cluster.

#### **System Services**

Since there are various types of system services (systemd, upstart, and lsb), Pacemaker supports a special service alias which intelligently figures out which one applies to a given cluster node.

This is particularly useful when the cluster contains a mix of systemd, upstart, and lsb.

In order, Pacemaker will try to find the named service as:

- an LSB init script
- a Systemd unit file
- an Upstart job

#### **STONITH**

The stonith class is used for managing fencing devices, discussed later in Fencing.

#### **Nagios Plugins**

Nagios Plugins are a way to monitor services. Pacemaker can use these as resources, to react to a change in the service's status.

To use plugins as resources, Pacemaker must have been built with support, and OCF-style meta-data for the plugins must be installed on nodes that can run them. Meta-data for several common plugins is provided by the nagios-agents-metadata project.

The supported parameters for such a resource are same as the long options of the plugin.

Start and monitor actions for plugin resources are implemented as invoking the plugin. A plugin result of "OK" (0) is treated as success, a result of "WARN" (1) is treated as a successful but degraded service, and any other result is considered a failure.

A plugin resource is not going to change its status after recovery by restarting the plugin, so using them alone does not make sense with on-fail set (or left to default) to restart. Another value could make sense, for example, if you want to fence or standby nodes that cannot reach some external service.

A more common use case for plugin resources is to configure them with a **container** meta-attribute set to the name of another resource that actually makes the service available, such as a virtual machine or container.

With container set, the plugin resource will automatically be colocated with the containing resource and ordered after it, and the containing resource will be considered failed if the plugin resource fails. This allows monitoring of a service inside a virtual machine or container, with recovery of the virtual machine or container if the service fails.

Warning: Nagios support is deprecated in Pacemaker. Support will be dropped entirely at the next major release of Pacemaker.

For monitoring a service inside a virtual machine or container, the recommended alternative is to configure the virtual machine as a guest node or the container as a *bundle*. For other use cases, or when the virtual machine or container image cannot be modified, the recommended alternative is to write a custom OCF agent for the service (which may even call the Nagios plugin as part of its status action).

#### **Upstart**

Some Linux distributions previously used Upstart for system initialization and service management. Pacemaker is able to manage services using Upstart if the local system supports them and support was enabled when your Pacemaker software was built.

The jobs that specify how services are managed are usually provided by the operating system distribution.

**Important:** Make sure the host is *not* configured to start any Upstart services at boot that will be controlled by the cluster.

Warning: Upstart support is deprecated in Pacemaker. Upstart is no longer actively maintained, and test platforms for it are no longer readily usable. Support will be dropped entirely at the next major release of Pacemaker.

### 2.5.3 Resource Properties

These values tell the cluster which resource agent to use for the resource, where to find that resource agent and what standards it conforms to.

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Table 8: Pro	perties	of a	Primitive	Resource
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Field	Description
id	Your name for the resource
class	The standard the resource agent conforms to. Allowed values: lsb, ocf, service, stonith, systemd, nagios (deprecated since 2.1.6), and upstart (deprecated since 2.1.0)
description	A description of the Resource Agent, intended for local use. E.g. IP address for website
type	The name of the Resource Agent you wish to use. E.g. IPaddr or Filesystem
provider	The OCF spec allows multiple vendors to supply the same resource agent. To use the OCF resource agents supplied by the Heartbeat project, you would specify heartbeat here.

The XML definition of a resource can be queried with the **crm\_resource** tool. For example:

```
# crm_resource --resource Email --query-xml
```

might produce:

**Note:** One of the main drawbacks to system services (LSB, systemd or Upstart) resources is that they do not allow any parameters!

## 2.5.4 Resource Options

Resources have two types of options: *meta-attributes* and *instance attributes*. Meta-attributes apply to any type of resource, while instance attributes are specific to each resource agent.

### **Resource Meta-Attributes**

Meta-attributes are used by the cluster to decide how a resource should behave and can be easily set using the --meta option of the **crm\_resource** command.

Table 9: Meta-attributes of a Primitive Resource

Field	Default	Description
priority	0	If not all resources can be active, the cluster
		will stop lower priority resources in order to
		keep higher priority ones active.
critical	true	Use this value as the default for influence
		in all colocation constraints involving this
		resource, as well as the implicit colocation
		constraints created if this resource is in a
		group. For details, see Colocation Influence.
		(since 2.1.0)
target-role	Started	What state should the cluster attempt to
		keep this resource in? Allowed values:
		• Stopped: Force the resource to be stopped
		• Started: Allow the resource to be
		started (and in the case of promotable
		clone resources, promoted if appropri-
		ate)
		• Unpromoted: Allow the resource to
		be started, but only in the unpro-
		moted role if the resource is pro-
		motable
		Promoted: Equivalent to Started
is-managed	TRUE	If false, the cluster will not start or stop the
		resource on any node. Recurring actions for
		the resource are unaffected. Maintenance
		mode overrides this setting. Allowed values:
		true, false
maintenance	FALSE	If true, the cluster will not start or stop the
		resource on any node, and will pause any
		recurring monitors (except those specifying
		role as Stopped). If true, the maintenance-
		mode cluster option or maintenance node
		attribute override this. Allowed values: true, false
resource-stickiness	1 for individual clone in-	A score that will be added to the current
1050u100-5tileRilleS5	stances, 0 for all other re-	node when a resource is already active. This
	sources	allows running resources to stay where they
		are, even if they would be placed elsewhere
		if they were being started from a stopped
		state.
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Field	Default	Description
requires	quorum for resources with	Conditions under which the resource can
_	a class of stonith, oth-	be started. Allowed values:
	erwise unfencing if unfenc-	• nothing: can always be started
	ing is active in the clus-	• quorum: The cluster can only start
	ter, otherwise fencing if	this resource if a majority of the con-
	stonith-enabled is true,	figured nodes are active
	otherwise quorum	• fencing: The cluster can only start
		this resource if a majority of the configured nodes are active <i>and</i> any failed or unknown nodes have been <i>fenced</i> • unfencing: The cluster can only
		start this resource if a majority of the configured nodes are active and any failed or unknown nodes have been fenced and only on nodes that have been unfenced
migration-threshold	INFINITY	How many failures may occur for this re-
		source on a node, before this node is marked
		ineligible to host this resource. A value
		of 0 indicates that this feature is disabled
		(the node will never be marked ineligible);
		by constrast, the cluster treats INFINITY
		(the default) as a very large but finite number. This antion has an effect only if
		ber. This option has an effect only if the failed operation specifies on-fail as
		restart (the default), and additionally for
		failed start operations, if the cluster prop-
		erty start-failure-is-fatal is false.
failure-timeout	0	How many seconds to wait before acting as
		if the failure had not occurred, and poten-
		tially allowing the resource back to the node
		on which it failed. A value of 0 indicates
		that this feature is disabled.

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Field	Default	Description
multiple-active		What should the cluster do if it ever finds
muniple-active	stop_start	
		the resource active on more than one node?
		Allowed values:
		• block: mark the resource as unman-
		aged
		• stop_only: stop all active instances and leave them that way
		• stop_start: stop all active instances and start the resource in one location
		only
		• stop_unexpected: stop all active in-
		stances except where the resource
		should be active (this should be used
		only when extra instances are not ex-
		pected to disrupt existing instances,
		and the resource agent's monitor of
		an existing instance is capable of de-
		tecting any problems that could be
		caused; note that any resources or-
		dered after this will still need to be
		restarted) (since 2.1.3)
allow-migrate	TRUE for	Whether the cluster should try to "live mi-
<u> </u>	ocf:pacemaker:remote	grate" this resource when it needs to be
	resources, FALSE otherwise	moved (see Migrating Resources)
allow-unhealthy-nodes	FALSE	Whether the resource should be able to run
V		on a node even if the node's health score
		would otherwise prevent it (see Tracking
		Node Health) (since 2.1.3)
container-attribute-target		Specific to bundle resources; see <i>Bundle</i>
container attribute target		Node Attributes
remote-node		The name of the Pacemaker Remote guest
remote-node		node this resource is associated with, if any.
		If specified, this both enables the resource
		as a guest node and defines the unique
		name used to identify the guest node. The
		guest must be configured to run the Pace-
		maker Remote daemon when it is started.
		WARNING: This value cannot overlap
	0101	with any resource or node IDs.
remote-port	3121	If remote-node is specified, the port on the
		guest used for its Pacemaker Remote con-
		nection. The Pacemaker Remote daemon
		on the guest must be configured to listen
		on this port.
remote-addr	value of remote-node	If remote-node is specified, the IP address
		or hostname used to connect to the guest
		via Pacemaker Remote. The Pacemaker
		Remote daemon on the guest must be con-
		figured to accept connections on this ad-
		Inguied to accept connections on this ad-
		dress.

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Field	Default	Description
remote-connect-timeout	60s	If remote-node is specified, how long before
		a pending guest connection will time out.

As an example of setting resource options, if you performed the following commands on an LSB Email resource:

```
# crm_resource --meta --resource Email --set-parameter priority --parameter-value 100
# crm_resource -m -r Email -p multiple-active -v block
```

the resulting resource definition might be:

In addition to the cluster-defined meta-attributes described above, you may also configure arbitrary meta-attributes of your own choosing. Most commonly, this would be done for use in *rules*. For example, an IT department might define a custom meta-attribute to indicate which company department each resource is intended for. To reduce the chance of name collisions with cluster-defined meta-attributes added in the future, it is recommended to use a unique, organization-specific prefix for such attributes.

#### Setting Global Defaults for Resource Meta-Attributes

To set a default value for a resource option, add it to the rsc\_defaults section with crm\_attribute. For example,

```
# crm_attribute --type rsc_defaults --name is-managed --update false
```

would prevent the cluster from starting or stopping any of the resources in the configuration (unless of course the individual resources were specifically enabled by having their is-managed set to true).

#### **Resource Instance Attributes**

The resource agents of some resource classes (lsb, systemd and upstart *not* among them) can be given parameters which determine how they behave and which instance of a service they control.

If your resource agent supports parameters, you can add them with the crm\_resource command. For example,

```
# crm_resource --resource Public-IP --set-parameter ip --parameter-value 192.0.2.2
```

would create an entry in the resource like this:

An example OCF resource with instance attributes

For an OCF resource, the result would be an environment variable called OCF\_RESKEY\_ip with a value of 192.0.2.2.

The list of instance attributes supported by an OCF resource agent can be found by calling the resource agent with the meta-data command. The output contains an XML description of all the supported attributes, their purpose and default values.

```
Displaying the metadata for the Dummy resource agent template

# export OCF_ROOT=/usr/lib/ocf

# $OCF_ROOT/resource.d/pacemaker/Dummy meta-data
```

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```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE resource-agent SYSTEM "ra-api-1.dtd">
<resource-agent name="Dummy" version="2.0">
<version>1.1
<le><longdesc lang="en">
This is a dummy OCF resource agent. It does absolutely nothing except keep track
of whether it is running or not, and can be configured so that actions fail or
take a long time. Its purpose is primarily for testing, and to serve as a
template for resource agent writers.
</longdesc>
<shortdesc lang="en">Example stateless resource agent</shortdesc>
<parameters>
<parameter name="state" unique-group="state">
<longdesc lang="en">
Location to store the resource state in.
</longdesc>
<shortdesc lang="en">State file</shortdesc>
<content type="string" default="/var/run/Dummy-RESOURCE_ID.state" />
</parameter>
<parameter name="passwd" reloadable="1">
<longdesc lang="en">
Fake password field
</longdesc>
<shortdesc lang="en">Password</shortdesc>
<content type="string" default="" />
</parameter>
<parameter name="fake" reloadable="1">
<le><longdesc lang="en">
Fake attribute that can be changed to cause a reload
</longdesc>
<shortdesc lang="en">Fake attribute that can be changed to cause a reload</shortdesc>
<content type="string" default="dummy" />
</parameter>
<parameter name="op_sleep" reloadable="1">
<le><longdesc lang="en">
Number of seconds to sleep during operations. This can be used to test how
the cluster reacts to operation timeouts.
<shortdesc lang="en">Operation sleep duration in seconds.</shortdesc>
<content type="string" default="0" />
</parameter>
<parameter name="fail_start_on" reloadable="1">
<longdesc lang="en">
Start, migrate_from, and reload-agent actions will return failure if running on
the host specified here, but the resource will run successfully anyway (future
monitor calls will find it running). This can be used to test on-fail=ignore.
</longdesc>
<shortdesc lang="en">Report bogus start failure on specified host</shortdesc>
<content type="string" default="" />
</parameter>
<parameter name="envfile" reloadable="1">
<longdesc lang="en">
</longdesc>
5shortdesc lang="en">Environment dump file</shortdesc>
```

## 2.6 Resource Operations

*Operations* are actions the cluster can perform on a resource by calling the resource agent. Resource agents must support certain common operations such as start, stop, and monitor, and may implement any others.

Operations may be explicitly configured for two purposes: to override defaults for options (such as timeout) that the cluster will use whenever it initiates the operation, and to run an operation on a recurring basis (for example, to monitor the resource for failure).

Pacemaker identifies operations by a combination of name and interval, so this combination must be unique for each resource. That is, you should not configure two operations for the same resource with the same name and interval.

## 2.6.1 Operation Properties

Operation properties may be specified directly in the op element as XML attributes, or in a separate meta\_attributes block as nvpair elements. XML attributes take precedence over nvpair elements if both are specified.

Field	Default	Description
id		A unique name for the operation.
name		The action to perform. This can be any action
		supported by the agent; common values include
		monitor, start, and stop.
interval	0	How frequently (in seconds) to perform the opera-
		tion. A value of 0 means "when needed". A positive
		value defines a recurring action, which is typically
		used with monitor.
timeout		How long to wait before declaring the action has
		failed

Table 10: Properties of an Operation

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Field	Default	Description
on-fail	Varies by action:  • stop: fence if stonith-enabled is true or block otherwise  • demote: on-fail of the monitor action with role set to Promoted, if present, enabled, and configured to a value other than demote, or restart otherwise  • all other actions: restart	The action to take if this action ever fails. Allowed values:  • ignore: Pretend the resource did not fail.  • block: Don't perform any further operations on the resource.  • stop: Stop the resource and do not start it elsewhere.  • demote: Demote the resource, without a full restart. This is valid only for promote actions, and for monitor actions with both a nonzero interval and role set to Promoted; for any other action, a configuration error will be logged, and the default behavior will be used. (since 2.0.5)  • restart: Stop the resource and start it again (possibly on a different node).  • fence: STONITH the node on which the resource failed.  • standby: Move all resources away from the node on which the resource failed.
enabled record-pending	TRUE	If false, ignore this operation definition. This does not suppress all actions of this type, but is typically used to pause a recurring monitor. This can complement the resource being unmanaged (ismanaged set to false), which does not stop recurring operations. Maintenance mode, which does stop configured this monitors, overrides this setting. Allowed values: true, false.  If true, the intention to perform the operation is
record-pending	THUE	recorded so that GUIs and CLI tools can indicate that an operation is in progress. This is best set as an operation default (see Setting Global Defaults for Operations). Allowed values: true, false.
role		Run the operation only on node(s) that the cluster thinks should be in the specified role. This only makes sense for recurring monitor operations. Allowed (case-sensitive) values: Stopped, Started, and in the case of <i>promotable clone resources</i> , Unpromoted and Promoted.

**Note:** When on-fail is set to demote, recovery from failure by a successful demote causes the cluster to recalculate whether and where a new instance should be promoted. The node with the failure is eligible, so if promotion scores have not changed, it will be promoted again.

There is no direct equivalent of migration-threshold for the promoted role, but the same effect can be achieved with a location constraint using a *rule* with a node attribute expression for the resource's fail count.

For example, to immediately ban the promoted role from a node with any failed promote or promoted instance monitor:

This example assumes that there is a promotable clone of the my\_primitive resource (note that the primitive name, not the clone name, is used in the rule), and that there is a recurring 10-second-interval monitor configured for the promoted role (fail count attributes specify the interval in milliseconds).

### 2.6.2 Monitoring Resources for Failure

When Pacemaker first starts a resource, it runs one-time monitor operations (referred to as *probes*) to ensure the resource is running where it's supposed to be, and not running where it's not supposed to be. (This behavior can be affected by the resource-discovery location constraint property.)

Other than those initial probes, Pacemaker will not (by default) check that the resource continues to stay healthy<sup>1</sup>. You must configure monitor operations explicitly to perform these checks.

By default, a monitor operation will ensure that the resource is running where it is supposed to. The target-role property can be used for further checking.

For example, if a resource has one monitor operation with interval=10 role=Started and a second monitor operation with interval=11 role=Stopped, the cluster will run the first monitor on any nodes it thinks *should* be running the resource, and the second monitor on any nodes that it thinks *should not* be running the resource (for the truly paranoid, who want to know when an administrator manually starts a service by mistake).

Note: Currently, monitors with role=Stopped are not implemented for *clone* resources.

## 2.6.3 Setting Global Defaults for Operations

You can change the global default values for operation properties in a given cluster. These are defined in an op\_defaults section of the CIB's configuration section, and can be set with crm\_attribute. For

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Currently, anyway. Automatic monitoring operations may be added in a future version of Pacemaker.

example,

```
# crm_attribute --type op_defaults --name timeout --update 20s
```

would default each operation's timeout to 20 seconds. If an operation's definition also includes a value for timeout, then that value would be used for that operation instead.

## 2.6.4 When Implicit Operations Take a Long Time

The cluster will always perform a number of implicit operations: start, stop and a non-recurring monitor operation used at startup to check whether the resource is already active. If one of these is taking too long, then you can create an entry for them and specify a longer timeout.

## 2.6.5 Multiple Monitor Operations

</instance\_attributes>

</primitive>

Provided no two operations (for a single resource) have the same name and interval, you can have as many monitor operations as you like. In this way, you can do a superficial health check every minute and progressively more intense ones at higher intervals.

To tell the resource agent what kind of check to perform, you need to provide each monitor with a different value for a common parameter. The OCF standard creates a special parameter called OCF\_CHECK\_LEVEL for this purpose and dictates that it is "made available to the resource agent without the normal OCF\_RESKEY prefix".

Whatever name you choose, you can specify it by adding an instance\_attributes block to the op tag. It is up to each resource agent to look for the parameter and decide how to use it.

```
An OCF resource with two recurring health checks, performing different levels of checks
specified via OCF_CHECK_LEVEL.
 <primitive id="Public-IP" class="ocf" type="IPaddr" provider="heartbeat">
      <op id="public-ip-health-60" name="monitor" interval="60">
         <instance_attributes id="params-public-ip-depth-60">
            <nvpair id="public-ip-depth-60" name="OCF_CHECK_LEVEL" value="10"/>
         </instance_attributes>
      </op>
      <op id="public-ip-health-300" name="monitor" interval="300">
         <instance_attributes id="params-public-ip-depth-300">
             <nvpair id="public-ip-depth-300" name="OCF_CHECK_LEVEL" value="20"/>
          </instance_attributes>
     </op>
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    <instance_attributes id="params-public-ip">
```

<nvpair id="public-ip-level" name="ip" value="192.0.2.2"/>

## 2.6.6 Disabling a Monitor Operation

The easiest way to stop a recurring monitor is to just delete it. However, there can be times when you only want to disable it temporarily. In such cases, simply add enabled=false to the operation's definition.

## 

This can be achieved from the command line by executing:

```
# cibadmin --modify --xml-text '<op id="public-ip-check" enabled="false"/>'
```

Once you've done whatever you needed to do, you can then re-enable it with

```
# cibadmin --modify --xml-text '<op id="public-ip-check" enabled="true"/>'
```

## 2.6.7 Specifying When Recurring Actions are Performed

By default, recurring actions are scheduled relative to when the resource started. In some cases, you might prefer that a recurring action start relative to a specific date and time. For example, you might schedule an in-depth monitor to run once every 24 hours, and want it to run outside business hours.

To do this, set the operation's interval-origin. The cluster uses this point to calculate the correct start-delay such that the operation will occur at interval-origin plus a multiple of the operation interval.

For example, if the recurring operation's interval is 24h, its interval-origin is set to 02:00, and it is currently 14:32, then the cluster would initiate the operation after 11 hours and 28 minutes.

The value specified for interval and interval-origin can be any date/time conforming to the ISO8601 standard. By way of example, to specify an operation that would run on the first Monday of 2021 and every Monday after that, you would add:

## 2.6.8 Handling Resource Failure

By default, Pacemaker will attempt to recover failed resources by restarting them. However, failure recovery is highly configurable.

#### **Failure Counts**

Pacemaker tracks resource failures for each combination of node, resource, and operation (start, stop, monitor, etc.).

You can query the fail count for a particular node, resource, and/or operation using the crm\_failcount command. For example, to see how many times the 10-second monitor for myrsc has failed on node1, run:

```
# crm_failcount --query -r myrsc -N node1 -n monitor -I 10s
```

If you omit the node, crm\_failcount will use the local node. If you omit the operation and interval, crm\_failcount will display the sum of the fail counts for all operations on the resource.

You can use crm\_resource --cleanup or crm\_failcount --delete to clear fail counts. For example, to clear the above monitor failures, run:

```
# crm_resource --cleanup -r myrsc -N node1 -n monitor -I 10s
```

If you omit the resource, crm\_resource --cleanup will clear failures for all resources. If you omit the node, it will clear failures on all nodes. If you omit the operation and interval, it will clear the failures for all operations on the resource.

**Note:** Even when cleaning up only a single operation, all failed operations will disappear from the status display. This allows us to trigger a re-check of the resource's current status.

Higher-level tools may provide other commands for querying and clearing fail counts.

The crm\_mon tool shows the current cluster status, including any failed operations. To see the current fail counts for any failed resources, call crm\_mon with the --failcounts option. This shows the fail counts per resource (that is, the sum of any operation fail counts for the resource).

#### **Failure Response**

Normally, if a running resource fails, pacemaker will try to stop it and start it again. Pacemaker will choose the best location to start it each time, which may be the same node that it failed on.

However, if a resource fails repeatedly, it is possible that there is an underlying problem on that node, and you might desire trying a different node in such a case. Pacemaker allows you to set your preference via the migration-threshold resource meta-attribute.<sup>2</sup>

If you define migration-threshold to N for a resource, it will be banned from the original node after N failures there.

**Note:** The migration-threshold is per *resource*, even though fail counts are tracked per *operation*. The operation fail counts are added together to compare against the migration-threshold.

By default, fail counts remain until manually cleared by an administrator using crm\_resource --cleanup or crm\_failcount --delete (hopefully after first fixing the failure's cause). It is possible to have fail counts expire automatically by setting the failure-timeout resource meta-attribute.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The naming of this option was perhaps unfortunate as it is easily confused with live migration, the process of moving a resource from one node to another without stopping it. Xen virtual guests are the most common example of resources that can be migrated in this manner.

**Important:** A successful operation does not clear past failures. If a recurring monitor operation fails once, succeeds many times, then fails again days later, its fail count is 2. Fail counts are cleared only by manual intervention or failure timeout.

For example, setting migration-threshold to 2 and failure-timeout to 60s would cause the resource to move to a new node after 2 failures, and allow it to move back (depending on stickiness and constraint scores) after one minute.

Note: failure-timeout is measured since the most recent failure. That is, older failures do not individually time out and lower the fail count. Instead, all failures are timed out simultaneously (and the fail count is reset to 0) if there is no new failure for the timeout period.

There are two exceptions to the migration threshold: when a resource either fails to start or fails to stop.

If the cluster property start-failure-is-fatal is set to true (which is the default), start failures cause the fail count to be set to INFINITY and thus always cause the resource to move immediately.

Stop failures are slightly different and crucial. If a resource fails to stop and fencing is enabled, then the cluster will fence the node in order to be able to start the resource elsewhere. If fencing is disabled, then the cluster has no way to continue and will not try to start the resource elsewhere, but will try to stop it again after any failure timeout or clearing.

## 2.6.9 Reloading an Agent After a Definition Change

The cluster automatically detects changes to the configuration of active resources. The cluster's normal response is to stop the service (using the old definition) and start it again (with the new definition). This works, but some resource agents are smarter and can be told to use a new set of options without restarting.

To take advantage of this capability, the resource agent must:

• Implement the reload-agent action. What it should do depends completely on your application!

**Note:** Resource agents may also implement a reload action to make the managed service reload its own *native* configuration. This is different from reload-agent, which makes effective changes in the resource's *Pacemaker* configuration (specifically, the values of the agent's reloadable parameters).

- Advertise the reload-agent operation in the actions section of its meta-data.
- Set the reloadable attribute to 1 in the parameters section of its meta-data for any parameters eligible to be reloaded after a change.

Once these requirements are satisfied, the cluster will automatically know to reload the resource (instead of restarting) when a reloadable parameter changes.

**Note:** Metadata will not be re-read unless the resource needs to be started. If you edit the agent of an already active resource to set a parameter reloadable, the resource may restart the first time the parameter value changes.

**Note:** If both a reloadable and non-reloadable parameter are changed simultaneously, the resource will be restarted.

## 2.6.10 Migrating Resources

Normally, when the cluster needs to move a resource, it fully restarts the resource (that is, it stops the resource on the current node and starts it on the new node).

However, some types of resources, such as many virtual machines, are able to move to another location without loss of state (often referred to as live migration or hot migration). In pacemaker, this is called live migration. Pacemaker can be configured to migrate a resource when moving it, rather than restarting it.

Not all resources are able to migrate; see the *migration checklist* below. Even those that can, won't do so in all situations. Conceptually, there are two requirements from which the other prerequisites follow:

- The resource must be active and healthy at the old location; and
- everything required for the resource to run must be available on both the old and new locations.

The cluster is able to accommodate both *push* and *pull* migration models by requiring the resource agent to support two special actions: migrate\_to (performed on the current location) and migrate\_from (performed on the destination).

In push migration, the process on the current location transfers the resource to the new location where is it later activated. In this scenario, most of the work would be done in the migrate\_to action and, if anything, the activation would occur during migrate from.

Conversely for pull, the migrate\_to action is practically empty and migrate\_from does most of the work, extracting the relevant resource state from the old location and activating it.

There is no wrong or right way for a resource agent to implement migration, as long as it works.

## Migration Checklist

- The resource may not be a clone.
- The resource agent standard must be OCF.
- The resource must not be in a failed or degraded state.
- The resource agent must support migrate\_to and migrate\_from actions, and advertise them in its meta-data.
- The resource must have the allow-migrate meta-attribute set to true (which is not the default).

If an otherwise migratable resource depends on another resource via an ordering constraint, there are special situations in which it will be restarted rather than migrated.

For example, if the resource depends on a clone, and at the time the resource needs to be moved, the clone has instances that are stopping and instances that are starting, then the resource will be restarted. The scheduler is not yet able to model this situation correctly and so takes the safer (if less optimal) path.

Also, if a migratable resource depends on a non-migratable resource, and both need to be moved, the migratable resource will be restarted. .. rubric:: Footnotes

## 2.7 Resource Constraints

## 2.7.1 Deciding Which Nodes a Resource Can Run On

Location constraints tell the cluster which nodes a resource can run on.

There are two alternative strategies. One way is to say that, by default, resources can run anywhere, and then the location constraints specify nodes that are not allowed (an *opt-out* cluster). The other way is to start with nothing able to run anywhere, and use location constraints to selectively enable allowed nodes (an *opt-in* cluster).

Whether you should choose opt-in or opt-out depends on your personal preference and the make-up of your cluster. If most of your resources can run on most of the nodes, then an opt-out arrangement is likely to result in a simpler configuration. On the other-hand, if most resources can only run on a small subset of nodes, an opt-in configuration might be simpler.

#### **Location Properties**

Table 11: Attributes of a rsc\_location Element

Attribute	Default	Description
id		A unique name for the constraint (required)
rsc		The name of the resource to which this constraint applies. A location
		constraint must either have a rsc, have a rsc-pattern, or contain at
		least one resource set.
rsc-pattern		A pattern matching the names of resources to which this constraint
		applies. The syntax is the same as POSIX extended regular expres-
		sions, with the addition of an initial! indicating that resources not
		matching the pattern are selected. If the regular expression contains
		submatches, and the constraint is governed by a <i>rule</i> , the submatches
		can be referenced as %1 through %9 in the rule's score-attribute
		or a rule expression's attribute (see Specifying location scores using
		pattern submatches). A location constraint must either have a rsc,
		have a rsc-pattern, or contain at least one resource set.
node		The name of the node to which this constraint applies. A location
		constraint must either have a node and score, or contain at least one
		rule.
score		Positive values indicate a preference for running the affected re-
		source(s) on node – the higher the value, the stronger the preference.
		Negative values indicate the resource(s) should avoid this node (a
		value of <b>-INFINITY</b> changes "should" to "must"). A location con-
		straint must either have a node and score, or contain at least one
		rule.

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Attribute	Default	Description
resource- discovery	always	Whether Pacemaker should perform resource discovery (that is, check whether the resource is already running) for this resource on this node. This should normally be left as the default, so that rogue instances of
		a service can be stopped when they are running where they are not supposed to be. However, there are two situations where disabling resource discovery is a good idea: when a service is not installed on a node, discovery might return an error (properly written OCF agents will not, so this is usually only seen with other agent types); and when Pacemaker Remote is used to scale a cluster to hundreds of nodes, limiting resource discovery to allowed nodes can significantly
		<ul> <li>boost performance.</li> <li>always: Always perform resource discovery for the specified resource on this node.</li> <li>never: Never perform resource discovery for the specified resource on this node. This option should generally be used with a -INFINITY score, although that is not strictly required.</li> <li>exclusive: Perform resource discovery for the specified resource only on this node (and other nodes similarly marked as exclusive). Multiple location constraints using exclusive discovery for the same resource across different nodes creates a subset of nodes resource-discovery is exclusive to. If a resource is marked for exclusive discovery on one or more nodes, that resource is only allowed to be placed within that subset of nodes.</li> </ul>

Warning: Setting resource-discovery to never or exclusive removes Pacemaker's ability to detect and stop unwanted instances of a service running where it's not supposed to be. It is up to the system administrator (you!) to make sure that the service can *never* be active on nodes without resource-discovery (such as by leaving the relevant software uninstalled).

### Asymmetrical "Opt-In" Clusters

To create an opt-in cluster, start by preventing resources from running anywhere by default:

```
# crm_attribute --name symmetric-cluster --update false
```

Then start enabling nodes. The following fragment says that the web server prefers **sles-1**, the database prefers **sles-2** and both can fail over to **sles-3** if their most preferred node fails.

#### Symmetrical "Opt-Out" Clusters

To create an opt-out cluster, start by allowing resources to run anywhere by default:

```
# crm_attribute --name symmetric-cluster --update true
```

Then start disabling nodes. The following fragment is the equivalent of the above opt-in configuration.

#### What if Two Nodes Have the Same Score

If two nodes have the same score, then the cluster will choose one. This choice may seem random and may not be what was intended, however the cluster was not given enough information to know any better.

In the example above, assuming no other constraints and an inactive cluster, **Webserver** would probably be placed on **sles-1** and **Database** on **sles-2**. It would likely have placed **Webserver** based on the node's uname and **Database** based on the desire to spread the resource load evenly across the cluster. However other factors can also be involved in more complex configurations.

#### Specifying locations using pattern matching

A location constraint can affect all resources whose IDs match a given pattern. The following example bans resources named **ip-httpd**, **ip-asterisk**, **ip-gateway**, etc., from **node1**.

## 2.7.2 Specifying the Order in which Resources Should Start/Stop

Ordering constraints tell the cluster the order in which certain resource actions should occur.

**Important:** Ordering constraints affect *only* the ordering of resource actions; they do *not* require that the resources be placed on the same node. If you want resources to be started on the same node *and* in a specific order, you need both an ordering constraint *and* a colocation constraint (see *Placing Resources Relative to other Resources*), or alternatively, a group (see *Groups - A Syntactic Shortcut*).

### **Ordering Properties**

Table 12: Attributes of a rsc\_order Element

Field	Default	Description
id		A unique name for the constraint
first		Name of the resource that the then resource depends on
then		Name of the dependent resource
first-action	start	The action that the first resource must complete before
		then-action can be initiated for the then resource. Al-
		lowed values: start, stop, promote, demote.
then-action	value of first-action	The action that the then resource can execute only after
		the first-action on the first resource has completed.
		Allowed values: start, stop, promote, demote.
kind	Mandatory	How to enforce the constraint. Allowed values:
		• Mandatory: then-action will never be initiated for
		the then resource unless and until first-action suc-
		cessfully completes for the first resource.
		• Optional: The constraint applies only if both spec-
		ified resource actions are scheduled in the same tran-
		sition (that is, in response to the same cluster state).
		This means that then-action is allowed on the then
		resource regardless of the state of the first resource,
		but if both actions happen to be scheduled at the
		same time, they will be ordered.
		• Serialize: Ensure that the specified actions are
		never performed concurrently for the specified re-
		sources. First-action and then-action can be ex-
		ecuted in either order, but one must complete before
		the other can be initiated. An example use case is
		when resource start-up puts a high load on the host.
symmetrical	TRUE for Mandatory and	If true, the reverse of the constraint applies for the opposite
,	Optional kinds. FALSE for	action (for example, if B starts after A starts, then B stops
	Serialize kind.	before A stops). Serialize orders cannot be symmetrical.

Promote and demote apply to promotable clone resources.

#### Optional and mandatory ordering

Here is an example of ordering constraints where **Database** must start before **Webserver**, and **IP** should start before **Webserver** if they both need to be started:

Because the above example lets symmetrical default to TRUE, Webserver must be stopped before **Database** can be stopped, and **Webserver** should be stopped before **IP** if they both need to be stopped.

### Symmetric and asymmetric ordering

A mandatory symmetric ordering of "start A then start B" implies not only that the start actions must be ordered, but that B is not allowed to be active unless A is active. For example, if the ordering is added to the configuration when A is stopped (due to target-role, failure, etc.) and B is already active, then B will be stopped.

By contrast, asymmetric ordering of "start A then start B" means the stops can occur in either order, which implies that B can remain active in the same situation.

## 2.7.3 Placing Resources Relative to other Resources

Colocation constraints tell the cluster that the location of one resource depends on the location of another one.

Colocation has an important side-effect: it affects the order in which resources are assigned to a node. Think about it: You can't place A relative to B unless you know where B is<sup>1</sup>.

So when you are creating colocation constraints, it is important to consider whether you should colocate A with B, or B with A.

**Important:** Colocation constraints affect *only* the placement of resources; they do *not* require that the resources be started in a particular order. If you want resources to be started on the same node *and* in a specific order, you need both an ordering constraint (see *Specifying the Order in which Resources Should Start/Stop*) and a colocation constraint, or alternatively, a group (see *Groups - A Syntactic Shortcut*).

## **Colocation Properties**

Table 13: Attributes of a rsc\_colocation Constraint

Field	Default	Description
id		A unique name for the constraint (required).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> While the human brain is sophisticated enough to read the constraint in any order and choose the correct one depending on the situation, the cluster is not quite so smart. Yet.

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Field	Default	Description
rsc		The name of a resource that should be located relative to
		with-rsc. A colocation constraint must either contain at
		least one resource set, or specify both rsc and with-rsc.
with-rsc		The name of the resource used as the colocation target.
		The cluster will decide where to put this resource first and
		then decide where to put rsc. A colocation constraint
		must either contain at least one resource set, or specify
		both rsc and with-rsc.
node-attribute	#uname	If rsc and with-rsc are specified, this node attribute
		must be the same on the node running rsc and the node
		running with-rsc for the constraint to be satisfied. (For
		details, see Colocation by Node Attribute.)
score	0	Positive values indicate the resources should run on the
		same node. Negative values indicate the resources should
		run on different nodes. Values of $+/-$ INFINITY change
		"should" to "must".
rsc-role	Started	If rsc and with-rsc are specified, and rsc is a promotable
		clone, the constraint applies only to rsc instances in
		this role. Allowed values: Started, Stopped, Promoted,
		Unpromoted. For details, see Promotable Clone Con-
		straints.
with-rsc-role	Started	If rsc and with-rsc are specified, and with-rsc is a pro-
		motable clone, the constraint applies only to with-rsc in-
		stances in this role. Allowed values: Started, Stopped,
		Promoted, Unpromoted. For details, see Promotable
_		Clone Constraints.
influence	value of critical	Whether to consider the location preferences of rsc when
	meta-attribute for	with-rsc is already active. Allowed values: true, false.
	rsc	For details, see Colocation Influence. (since 2.1.0)

### **Mandatory Placement**

Mandatory placement occurs when the constraint's score is **+INFINITY** or **-INFINITY**. In such cases, if the constraint can't be satisfied, then the **rsc** resource is not permitted to run. For **score=INFINITY**, this includes cases where the with-rsc resource is not active.

If you need resource A to always run on the same machine as resource B, you would add the following constraint:

```
Mandatory colocation constraint for two resources

<rsc_colocation id="colocate" rsc="A" with-rsc="B" score="INFINITY"/>
```

Remember, because  $\mathbf{INFINITY}$  was used, if  $\mathbf{B}$  can't run on any of the cluster nodes (for whatever reason) then  $\mathbf{A}$  will not be allowed to run. Whether  $\mathbf{A}$  is running or not has no effect on  $\mathbf{B}$ .

Alternatively, you may want the opposite – that  $\bf A$  cannot run on the same machine as  $\bf B$ . In this case, use  ${\tt score}="-{\tt INFINITY}"$ .

#### Mandatory anti-colocation constraint for two resources

```
<rsc_colocation id="anti-colocate" rsc="A" with-rsc="B" score="-INFINITY"/>
```

Again, by specifying **-INFINITY**, the constraint is binding. So if the only place left to run is where **B** already is, then **A** may not run anywhere.

As with **INFINITY**, **B** can run even if **A** is stopped. However, in this case **A** also can run if **B** is stopped, because it still meets the constraint of **A** and **B** not running on the same node.

#### **Advisory Placement**

If mandatory placement is about "must" and "must not", then advisory placement is the "I'd prefer if" alternative.

For colocation constraints with scores greater than **-INFINITY** and less than **INFINITY**, the cluster will try to accommodate your wishes, but may ignore them if other factors outweigh the colocation score. Those factors might include other constraints, resource stickiness, failure thresholds, whether other resources would be prevented from being active, etc.

#### Advisory colocation constraint for two resources

```
<rsc_colocation id="colocate-maybe" rsc="A" with-rsc="B" score="500"/>
```

#### Colocation by Node Attribute

The node-attribute property of a colocation constraints allows you to express the requirement, "these resources must be on similar nodes".

As an example, imagine that you have two Storage Area Networks (SANs) that are not controlled by the cluster, and each node is connected to one or the other. You may have two resources **r1** and **r2** such that **r2** needs to use the same SAN as **r1**, but doesn't necessarily have to be on the same exact node. In such a case, you could define a *node attribute* named **san**, with the value **san1** or **san2** on each node as appropriate. Then, you could colocate **r2** with **r1** using **node-attribute** set to **san**.

#### **Colocation Influence**

By default, if A is colocated with B, the cluster will take into account A's preferences when deciding where to place B, to maximize the chance that both resources can run.

For a detailed look at exactly how this occurs, see Colocation Explained.

However, if influence is set to false in the colocation constraint, this will happen only if B is inactive and needing to be started. If B is already active, A's preferences will have no effect on placing B.

An example of what effect this would have and when it would be desirable would be a nonessential reporting tool colocated with a resource-intensive service that takes a long time to start. If the reporting tool fails enough times to reach its migration threshold, by default the cluster will want to move both resources to another node if possible. Setting influence to false on the colocation constraint would mean that the reporting tool would be stopped in this situation instead, to avoid forcing the service to move.

The critical resource meta-attribute is a convenient way to specify the default for all colocation constraints and groups involving a particular resource.

Note: If a noncritical resource is a member of a group, all later members of the group will be treated as noncritical, even if they are marked as (or left to default to) critical.

### 2.7.4 Resource Sets

Resource sets allow multiple resources to be affected by a single constraint.

```
A set of 3 resources
<resource_set id="resource-set-example">
    <resource_ref id="A"/>
    <resource_ref id="B"/>
    <resource_ref id="C"/>
</resource_set>
```

Resource sets are valid inside rsc\_location, rsc\_order (see Ordering Sets of Resources), rsc\_colocation (see Colocating Sets of Resources), and rsc\_ticket (see Configuring Ticket Dependencies) constraints.

A resource set has a number of properties that can be set, though not all have an effect in all contexts.

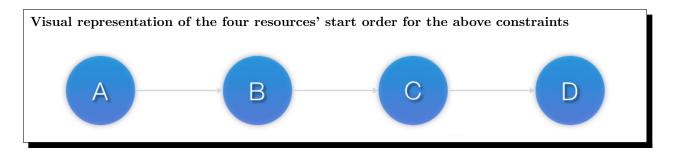
Field	Default	Description
id		A unique name for the set (required)
sequential	true	Whether the members of the set must be acted on in or-
		der. Meaningful within rsc_order and rsc_colocation.
require-all	true	Whether all members of the set must be active before
		continuing. With the current implementation, the cluster
		may continue even if only one member of the set is started,
		but if more than one member of the set is starting at the
		same time, the cluster will still wait until all of those
		have started before continuing (this may change in future
		versions). Meaningful within rsc_order.
role		The constraint applies only to resource set members that
		are <i>Promotable clones</i> in this role. Meaningful within
		rsc_location, rsc_colocation and rsc_ticket. Al-
		lowed values: Started, Promoted, Unpromoted. For de-
		tails, see Promotable Clone Constraints.
action	value of	The action that applies to all members of the set. Mean-
	first-action in	ingful within rsc_order. Allowed values: start, stop,
	the enclosing order-	promote, demote.
	ing constraint	
score		Advanced use only. Use a specific score for this set within
		the constraint.

Table 14: Attributes of a resource\_set Element Description

## 2.7.5 Ordering Sets of Resources

A common situation is for an administrator to create a chain of ordered resources, such as:

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#### **Ordered Set**

To simplify this situation, Resource Sets can be used within ordering constraints:

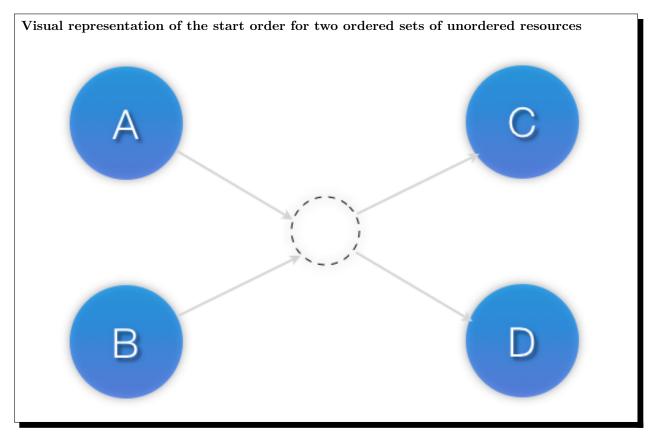
While the set-based format is not less verbose, it is significantly easier to get right and maintain.

**Important:** If you use a higher-level tool, pay attention to how it exposes this functionality. Depending on the tool, creating a set **A B** may be equivalent to **A** then **B**, or **B** then **A**.

#### **Ordering Multiple Sets**

The syntax can be expanded to allow sets of resources to be ordered relative to each other, where the members of each individual set may be ordered or unordered (controlled by the sequential property). In the example below, **A** and **B** can both start in parallel, as can **C** and **D**, however **C** and **D** can only start once both **A** and **B** are active.

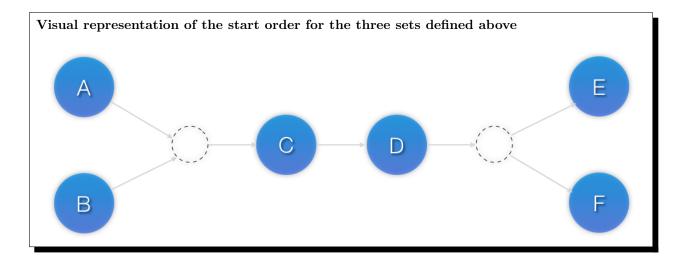
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Of course either set – or both sets – of resources can also be internally ordered (by setting sequential="true") and there is no limit to the number of sets that can be specified.

Advanced use of set ordering - Three ordered sets, two of which are internally unordered

```
<constraints>
   <rsc_order id="order-1">
     <resource_set id="ordered-set-1" sequential="false">
        <resource_ref id="A"/>
        <resource_ref id="B"/>
      </resource_set>
      <resource_set id="ordered-set-2" sequential="true">
        <resource_ref id="C"/>
        <resource_ref id="D"/>
      </resource_set>
      <resource_set id="ordered-set-3" sequential="false">
        <resource_ref id="E"/>
        <resource_ref id="F"/>
      </resource_set>
    </rsc_order>
</constraints>
```



**Important:** An ordered set with **sequential=false** makes sense only if there is another set in the constraint. Otherwise, the constraint has no effect.

## Resource Set OR Logic

The unordered set logic discussed so far has all been "AND" logic. To illustrate this take the 3 resource set figure in the previous section. Those sets can be expressed, (A and B) then (C) then (D) then (E and F).

Say for example we want to change the first set, (A and B), to use "OR" logic so the sets look like this: (A or B) then (C) then (D) then (E and F). This functionality can be achieved through the use of the require-all option. This option defaults to TRUE which is why the "AND" logic is used by default. Setting require-all=false means only one resource in the set needs to be started before continuing on to the next set.

Resource Set "OR" logic: Three ordered sets, where the first set is internally unordered with "OR" logic

```
<constraints>
   <rsc_order id="order-1">
     <resource_set id="ordered-set-1" sequential="false" require-all="false">
        <resource_ref id="A"/>
        <resource_ref id="B"/>
      </resource_set>
      <resource_set id="ordered-set-2" sequential="true">
        <resource_ref id="C"/>
        <resource_ref id="D"/>
      </resource_set>
      <resource_set id="ordered-set-3" sequential="false">
        <resource_ref id="E"/>
        <resource_ref id="F"/>
      </resource_set>
    </rsc_order>
</constraints>
```

Important: An ordered set with require-all=false makes sense only in conjunction with sequential=false. Think of it like this: sequential=false modifies the set to be an unordered set using "AND" logic by default, and adding require-all=false flips the unordered set's "AND" logic to "OR" logic.

## 2.7.6 Colocating Sets of Resources

Another common situation is for an administrator to create a set of colocated resources.

The simplest way to do this is to define a resource group (see *Groups - A Syntactic Shortcut*), but that cannot always accurately express the desired relationships. For example, maybe the resources do not need to be ordered.

Another way would be to define each relationship as an individual constraint, but that causes a difficult-to-follow constraint explosion as the number of resources and combinations grow.

To express complicated relationships with a simplified syntax<sup>2</sup>, resource sets can be used within colocation constraints.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> which is not the same as saying easy to follow

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**Note:** Within a resource\_set, the resources are listed in the order they are *placed*, which is the reverse of the order in which they are *colocated*. In the above example, resource  $\mathbf{A}$  is placed before resource  $\mathbf{B}$ , which is the same as saying resource  $\mathbf{B}$  is colocated with resource  $\mathbf{A}$ .

As with individual constraints, a resource that can't be active prevents any resource that must be colocated with it from being active. In both of the two previous examples, if  $\bf B$  is unable to run, then both  $\bf C$  and by inference  $\bf D$  must remain stopped.

**Important:** If you use a higher-level tool, pay attention to how it exposes this functionality. Depending on the tool, creating a set **A B** may be equivalent to **A** with **B**, or **B** with **A**.

Resource sets can also be used to tell the cluster that entire *sets* of resources must be colocated relative to each other, while the individual members within any one set may or may not be colocated relative to each other (determined by the set's sequential property).

In the following example, resources **B**, **C**, and **D** will each be colocated with **A** (which will be placed first). **A** must be able to run in order for any of the resources to run, but any of **B**, **C**, or **D** may be stopped without affecting any of the others.

**Note:** Pay close attention to the order in which resources and sets are listed. While the members of any one sequential set are placed first to last (i.e., the colocation dependency is last with first), multiple sets are

placed last to first (i.e. the colocation dependency is first with last).

**Important:** A colocated set with **sequential="false"** makes sense only if there is another set in the constraint. Otherwise, the constraint has no effect.

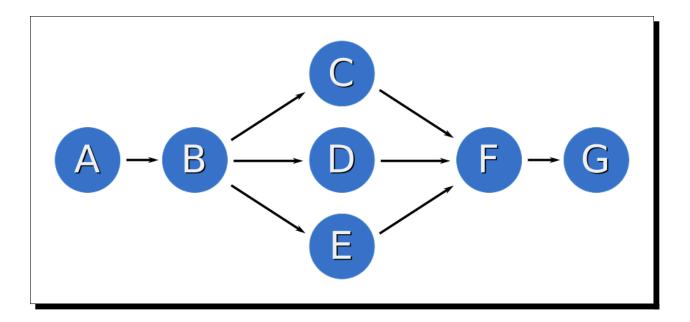
There is no inherent limit to the number and size of the sets used. The only thing that matters is that in order for any member of one set in the constraint to be active, all members of sets listed after it must also be active (and naturally on the same node); and if a set has sequential="true", then in order for one member of that set to be active, all members listed before it must also be active.

If desired, you can restrict the dependency to instances of promotable clone resources that are in a specific role, using the set's role property.

Colocation in which the members of the middle set have no interdependencies, and the last set listed applies only to promoted instances

```
<constraints>
   <rsc_colocation id="coloc-1" score="INFINITY" >
     <resource_set id="colocated-set-1" sequential="true">
        <resource_ref id="F"/>
        <resource_ref id="G"/>
      </resource set>
      <resource_set id="colocated-set-2" sequential="false">
        <resource_ref id="C"/>
        <resource_ref id="D"/>
        <resource_ref id="E"/>
      </resource_set>
      <resource_set id="colocated-set-3" sequential="true" role="Promoted">
        <resource_ref id="A"/>
        <resource_ref id="B"/>
      </resource_set>
    </rsc_colocation>
</constraints>
```

Visual representation of the above example (resources are placed from left to right)



Note: Unlike ordered sets, colocated sets do not use the require-all option.

### 2.7.7 External Resource Dependencies

Sometimes, a resource will depend on services that are not managed by the cluster. An example might be a resource that requires a file system that is not managed by the cluster but mounted by systemd at boot time.

To accommodate this, the pacemaker systemd service depends on a normally empty target called resource-agents-deps.target. The system administrator may create a unit drop-in for that target specifying the dependencies, to ensure that the services are started before Pacemaker starts and stopped after Pacemaker stops.

Typically, this is accomplished by placing a unit file in the /etc/systemd/system/resource-agents-deps.target.d directory, with directives such as Requires and After specifying the dependencies as needed.

# 2.8 Fencing

### 2.8.1 What Is Fencing?

Fencing is the ability to make a node unable to run resources, even when that node is unresponsive to cluster commands.

Fencing is also known as *STONITH*, an acronym for "Shoot The Other Node In The Head", since the most common fencing method is cutting power to the node. Another method is "fabric fencing", cutting the node's access to some capability required to run resources (such as network access or a shared disk).

## 2.8.2 Why Is Fencing Necessary?

Fencing protects your data from being corrupted by malfunctioning nodes or unintentional concurrent access to shared resources.

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Fencing protects against the "split brain" failure scenario, where cluster nodes have lost the ability to reliably communicate with each other but are still able to run resources. If the cluster just assumed that uncommunicative nodes were down, then multiple instances of a resource could be started on different nodes.

The effect of split brain depends on the resource type. For example, an IP address brought up on two hosts on a network will cause packets to randomly be sent to one or the other host, rendering the IP useless. For a database or clustered file system, the effect could be much more severe, causing data corruption or divergence.

Fencing is also used when a resource cannot otherwise be stopped. If a resource fails to stop on a node, it cannot be started on a different node without risking the same type of conflict as split-brain. Fencing the original node ensures the resource can be safely started elsewhere.

Users may also configure the on-fail property of *Resource Operations* or the loss-policy property of *ticket constraints* to fence, in which case the cluster will fence the resource's node if the operation fails or the ticket is lost.

#### 2.8.3 Fence Devices

A fence device or fencing device is a special type of resource that provides the means to fence a node.

Examples of fencing devices include intelligent power switches and IPMI devices that accept SNMP commands to cut power to a node, and iSCSI controllers that allow SCSI reservations to be used to cut a node's access to a shared disk.

Since fencing devices will be used to recover from loss of networking connectivity to other nodes, it is essential that they do not rely on the same network as the cluster itself, otherwise that network becomes a single point of failure.

Since loss of a node due to power outage is indistinguishable from loss of network connectivity to that node, it is also essential that at least one fence device for a node does not share power with that node. For example, an on-board IPMI controller that shares power with its host should not be used as the sole fencing device for that host.

Since fencing is used to isolate malfunctioning nodes, no fence device should rely on its target functioning properly. This includes, for example, devices that ssh into a node and issue a shutdown command (such devices might be suitable for testing, but never for production).

### 2.8.4 Fence Agents

A fence agent or fencing agent is a stonith-class resource agent.

The fence agent standard provides commands (such as off and reboot) that the cluster can use to fence nodes. As with other resource agent classes, this allows a layer of abstraction so that Pacemaker doesn't need any knowledge about specific fencing technologies – that knowledge is isolated in the agent.

Pacemaker supports two fence agent standards, both inherited from no-longer-active projects:

- Red Hat Cluster Suite (RHCS) style: These are typically installed in /usr/sbin with names starting with fence .
- Linux-HA style: These typically have names starting with external/. Pacemaker can support these
  agents using the fence\_legacy RHCS-style agent as a wrapper, if support was enabled when Pacemaker was built, which requires the cluster-glue library.

#### 2.8.5 When a Fence Device Can Be Used

Fencing devices do not actually "run" like most services. Typically, they just provide an interface for sending commands to an external device.

Additionally, fencing may be initiated by Pacemaker, by other cluster-aware software such as DRBD or DLM, or manually by an administrator, at any point in the cluster life cycle, including before any resources have been started.

To accommodate this, Pacemaker does not require the fence device resource to be "started" in order to be used. Whether a fence device is started or not determines whether a node runs any recurring monitor for the device, and gives the node a slight preference for being chosen to execute fencing using that device.

By default, any node can execute any fencing device. If a fence device is disabled by setting its target-role to Stopped, then no node can use that device. If a location constraint with a negative score prevents a specific node from "running" a fence device, then that node will never be chosen to execute fencing using the device. A node may fence itself, but the cluster will choose that only if no other nodes can do the fencing.

A common configuration scenario is to have one fence device per target node. In such a case, users often configure anti-location constraints so that the target node does not monitor its own device.

## 2.8.6 Limitations of Fencing Resources

Fencing resources have certain limitations that other resource classes don't:

- They may have only one set of meta-attributes and one set of instance attributes.
- If *Rules* are used to determine fencing resource options, these might be evaluated only when first read, meaning that later changes to the rules will have no effect. Therefore, it is better to avoid confusion and not use rules at all with fencing resources.

These limitations could be revisited if there is sufficient user demand.

#### 2.8.7 Special Meta-Attributes for Fencing Resources

The table below lists special resource meta-attributes that may be set for any fencing resource.

Field Type Default Description

provides string Any special capability provided by the fence device. Currently, only one such capability is meaningful: unfencing.

Table 15: Additional Properties of Fencing Resources

#### 2.8.8 Special Instance Attributes for Fencing Resources

The table below lists special instance attributes that may be set for any fencing resource (not meta-attributes, even though they are interpreted by Pacemaker rather than the fence agent). These are also listed in the man page for pacemaker-fenced.

Table 16: Additional Properties of Fencing Resources

Field	Туре	Default	Description
stonith-timeout	time		This is not used by Pacemaker (see the pcmk_reboot_timeout, pcmk_off_timeout, etc. properties instead), but it may be used by Linux-HA fence agents.
pcmk_host_map	string		A mapping of node names to ports for devices that do not understand the node names. Example: node1:1;node2:2,3 tells the cluster to use port 1 for node1 and ports 2 and 3 for node2. If pcmk_host_check is explicitly set to static-list, either this or pcmk_host_list must be set. The port portion of the map may contain special characters such as spaces if preceded by a backslash (since 2.1.2).
pcmk_host_list	string		A list of machines controlled by this device. If pcmk_host_check is explicitly set to static-list, either this or pcmk_host_map must be set.
pcmk_host_check	string	Value appropriate to other parameters (see "Default Check Type" below)	The method Pacemaker should use to determine which nodes can be targeted by this device. Allowed values:  • static-list: targets are listed in the pcmk_host_list or pcmk_host_map attribute  • dynamic-list: query the device via the agent's list action  • status: query the device via the agent's status action  • none: assume the device can fence any node
pcmk_delay_max	time	0s	Enable a delay of no more than the time specified before executing fencing actions. Pacemaker derives the overall delay by taking the value of pcmk_delay_base and adding a random delay value such that the sum is kept below this maximum. This is sometimes used in two-node clusters to ensure that the nodes don't fence each other at the same time.

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Field	Туре	Default	Description
pcmk_delay_base	time	0s	Enable a static delay before executing fencing actions. This can be used, for example, in two-node clusters to ensure that the nodes don't fence each other, by having sep-
			arate fencing resources with different values. The node that is fenced with the shorter delay will lose a fencing race. The overall delay introduced by pacemaker is derived from this value plus a random delay such that the
			sum is kept below the maximum delay. A single device can have different delays per node using a host map (since 2.1.2), for example node1:0s;node2:5s.
pcmk_action_limit	integer	1	The maximum number of actions that can be performed in parallel on this device. A value of -1 means unlimited. Node fencing actions initiated by the cluster (as opposed to an administrator running the stonith_admin tool or the fencer running recurring device monitors and status and list commands) are additionally subject to the concurrent-fencing cluster property.
pcmk_host_argument		port otherwise plug if supported accord- ing to the metadata of the fence agent	Advanced use only. Which parameter should be supplied to the fence agent to identify the node to be fenced. Some devices support neither the standard plug nor the deprecated port parameter, or may provide additional ones. Use this to specify an alternate, device-specific parameter. A value of none tells the cluster not to supply any additional parameters.
pcmk_reboot_action	string	reboot	Advanced use only. The command to send to the resource agent in order to reboot a node. Some devices do not support the standard commands or may provide additional ones. Use this to specify an alternate, device-specific command.
pcmk_reboot_timeou	t time	60s	Advanced use only. Specify an alternate time- out to use for reboot actions instead of the value of stonith-timeout. Some devices need much more or less time to complete than normal. Use this to specify an alternate, device-specific timeout.

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Field	Туре	able 16 – continued from Default	Description
		2	Advanced use only. The maximum number of
pcmk_reboot_retries i	nteger	<u>Z</u>	times to retry the reboot command within
			v
			the timeout period. Some devices do not
			support multiple connections, and operations
			may fail if the device is busy with another
			task, so Pacemaker will automatically retry
			the operation, if there is time remaining. Use
			this option to alter the number of times Pace-
			maker retries before giving up.
pcmk_off_action s	string	off	Advanced use only. The command to send to
			the resource agent in order to shut down a
			node. Some devices do not support the stan-
			dard commands or may provide additional
			ones. Use this to specify an alternate, device-
			specific command.
pcmk_off_timeout t	time	60s	Advanced use only. Specify an alternate time-
			out to use for off actions instead of the value
			of stonith-timeout. Some devices need
			much more or less time to complete than nor-
			mal. Use this to specify an alternate, device-
			specific timeout.
pcmk_off_retries i	nteger	2	Advanced use only. The maximum number of
	O		times to retry the off command within the
			timeout period. Some devices do not support
			multiple connections, and operations may fail
			if the device is busy with another task, so
			Pacemaker will automatically retry the oper-
			ation, if there is time remaining. Use this op-
			tion to alter the number of times Pacemaker
			retries before giving up.
pcmk_list_action s	string	list	Advanced use only. The command to send
penik_nst_action s	,,,,,,,,	1150	to the resource agent in order to list nodes.
			Some devices do not support the standard
			commands or may provide additional ones.
			Use this to specify an alternate, device-
			specific command.
nemk list timeout t	ime	60s	Advanced use only. Specify an alternate time-
pcmk_list_timeout t	лше	UUS	out to use for list actions instead of the
			value of stonith-timeout. Some devices
			need much more or less time to complete
			than normal. Use this to specify an alternate,
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	. ,	2	device-specific timeout.
pcmk_list_retries i	nteger	2	Advanced use only. The maximum number of
			times to retry the list command within the
			timeout period. Some devices do not support
			multiple connections, and operations may fail
			if the device is busy with another task, so
			Pacemaker will automatically retry the oper-
			ation, if there is time remaining. Use this op-
			tion to alter the number of times Pacemaker
			retries before giving up.

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Field Type	e Default	Description
pcmk_monitor_action strin		Advanced use only. The command to send
point_monvor_deviou sum	S momen	to the resource agent in order to report ex-
		tended status. Some devices do not support
		the standard commands or may provide addi-
		tional ones. Use this to specify an alternate,
		device-specific command.
nonel moniton timesouting	60a	Advanced use only. Specify an alternate time-
pcmk_monitor_timeoutime	e   60s	out to use for monitor actions instead of
		the value of stonith-timeout. Some de-
		vices need much more or less time to complete
		than normal. Use this to specify an alternate,
1		device-specific timeout.
pcmk_monitor_retries integ	ger 2	Advanced use only. The maximum number of
		times to retry the monitor command within
		the timeout period. Some devices do not
		support multiple connections, and operations
		may fail if the device is busy with another
		task, so Pacemaker will automatically retry
		the operation, if there is time remaining. Use
		this option to alter the number of times Pace-
		maker retries before giving up.
pcmk_status_action   strin	ng status	Advanced use only. The command to send
		to the resource agent in order to report sta-
		tus. Some devices do not support the stan-
		dard commands or may provide additional
		ones. Use this to specify an alternate, device-
		specific command.
pcmk_status_timeout time	e 60s	Advanced use only. Specify an alternate time-
		out to use for status actions instead of the
		value of stonith-timeout. Some devices
		need much more or less time to complete
		than normal. Use this to specify an alternate,
		device-specific timeout.
pcmk_status_retries integ	ger 2	Advanced use only. The maximum number of
		times to retry the status command within
		the timeout period. Some devices do not
		support multiple connections, and operations
		may fail if the device is busy with another
		task, so Pacemaker will automatically retry
		the operation, if there is time remaining. Use
		this option to alter the number of times Pace-
		maker retries before giving up.

# 2.8.9 Default Check Type

If the user does not explicitly configure <code>pcmk\_host\_check</code> for a fence device, a default value appropriate to other configured parameters will be used:

- If either pcmk\_host\_list or pcmk\_host\_map is configured, static-list will be used;
- otherwise, if the fence device supports the list action, and the first attempt at using list succeeds, dynamic-list will be used;

- otherwise, if the fence device supports the status action, status will be used;
- otherwise, none will be used.

## 2.8.10 Unfencing

With fabric fencing (such as cutting network or shared disk access rather than power), it is expected that the cluster will fence the node, and then a system administrator must manually investigate what went wrong, correct any issues found, then reboot (or restart the cluster services on) the node.

Once the node reboots and rejoins the cluster, some fabric fencing devices require an explicit command to restore the node's access. This capability is called *unfencing* and is typically implemented as the fence agent's on command.

If any cluster resource has requires set to unfencing, then that resource will not be probed or started on a node until that node has been unfenced.

## 2.8.11 Fencing and Quorum

In general, a cluster partition may execute fencing only if the partition has quorum, and the **stonith-enabled** cluster property is set to true. However, there are exceptions:

- The requirements apply only to fencing initiated by Pacemaker. If an administrator initiates fencing using the stonith\_admin command, or an external application such as DLM initiates fencing using Pacemaker's C API, the requirements do not apply.
- A cluster partition without quorum is allowed to fence any active member of that partition. As a corollary, this allows a no-quorum-policy of suicide to work.
- If the no-quorum-policy cluster property is set to ignore, then quorum is not required to execute fencing of any node.

#### 2.8.12 Fencing Timeouts

Fencing timeouts are complicated, since a single fencing operation can involve many steps, each of which may have a separate timeout.

Fencing may be initiated in one of several ways:

- An administrator may initiate fencing using the stonith\_admin tool, which has a --timeout option (defaulting to 2 minutes) that will be used as the fence operation timeout.
- An external application such as DLM may initiate fencing using the Pacemaker C API. The application
  will specify the fence operation timeout in this case, which might or might not be configurable by the
  user.
- The cluster may initiate fencing itself. In this case, the stonith-timeout cluster property (defaulting to 1 minute) will be used as the fence operation timeout.

However fencing is initiated, the initiator contacts Pacemaker's fencer (pacemaker-fenced) to request fencing. This connection and request has its own timeout, separate from the fencing operation timeout, but usually happens very quickly.

The fencer will contact all fencers in the cluster to ask what devices they have available to fence the target node. The fence operation timeout will be used as the timeout for each of these queries.

Once a fencing device has been selected, the fencer will check whether any action-specific timeout has been configured for the device, to use instead of the fence operation timeout. For example, if stonith-timeout

is 60 seconds, but the fencing device has pcmk\_reboot\_timeout configured as 90 seconds, then a timeout of 90 seconds will be used for reboot actions using that device.

A device may have retries configured, in which case the timeout applies across all attempts. For example, if a device has pcmk\_reboot\_retries configured as 2, and the first reboot attempt fails, the second attempt will only have whatever time is remaining in the action timeout after subtracting how much time the first attempt used. This means that if the first attempt fails due to using the entire timeout, no further attempts will be made. There is currently no way to configure a per-attempt timeout.

If more than one device is required to fence a target, whether due to failure of the first device or a fencing topology with multiple devices configured for the target, each device will have its own separate action timeout.

For all of the above timeouts, the fencer will generally multiply the configured value by 1.2 to get an actual value to use, to account for time needed by the fencer's own processing.

Separate from the fencer's timeouts, some fence agents have internal timeouts for individual steps of their fencing process. These agents often have parameters to configure these timeouts, such as login-timeout, shell-timeout, or power-timeout. Many such agents also have a disable-timeout parameter to ignore their internal timeouts and just let Pacemaker handle the timeout. This causes a difference in retry behavior. If disable-timeout is not set, and the agent hits one of its internal timeouts, it will report that as a failure to Pacemaker, which can then retry. If disable-timeout is set, and Pacemaker hits a timeout for the agent, then there will be no time remaining, and no retry will be done.

## 2.8.13 Fence Devices Dependent on Other Resources

In some cases, a fence device may require some other cluster resource (such as an IP address) to be active in order to function properly.

This is obviously undesirable in general: fencing may be required when the depended-on resource is not active, or fencing may be required because the node running the depended-on resource is no longer responding.

However, this may be acceptable under certain conditions:

- The dependent fence device should not be able to target any node that is allowed to run the dependedon resource.
- The depended-on resource should not be disabled during production operation.
- The concurrent-fencing cluster property should be set to true. Otherwise, if both the node running the depended-on resource and some node targeted by the dependent fence device need to be fenced, the fencing of the node running the depended-on resource might be ordered first, making the second fencing impossible and blocking further recovery. With concurrent fencing, the dependent fence device might fail at first due to the depended-on resource being unavailable, but it will be retried and eventually succeed once the resource is brought back up.

Even under those conditions, there is one unlikely problem scenario. The DC always schedules fencing of itself after any other fencing needed, to avoid unnecessary repeated DC elections. If the dependent fence device targets the DC, and both the DC and a different node running the depended-on resource need to be fenced, the DC fencing will always fail and block further recovery. Note, however, that losing a DC node entirely causes some other node to become DC and schedule the fencing, so this is only a risk when a stop or other operation with on-fail set to fencing fails on the DC.

## 2.8.14 Configuring Fencing

Higher-level tools can provide simpler interfaces to this process, but using Pacemaker command-line tools, this is how you could configure a fence device.

1. Find the correct driver:

```
# stonith_admin --list-installed
```

**Note:** You may have to install packages to make fence agents available on your host. Searching your available packages for fence- is usually helpful. Ensure the packages providing the fence agents you require are installed on every cluster node.

2. Find the required parameters associated with the device (replacing \$AGENT\_NAME with the name obtained from the previous step):

```
# stonith_admin --metadata --agent $AGENT_NAME
```

- 3. Create a file called stonith.xml containing a primitive resource with a class of stonith, a type equal to the agent name obtained earlier, and a parameter for each of the values returned in the previous step.
- 4. If the device does not know how to fence nodes based on their uname, you may also need to set the special pcmk\_host\_map parameter. See Special Meta-Attributes for Fencing Resources for details.
- 5. If the device does not support the list command, you may also need to set the special pcmk\_host\_list and/or pcmk\_host\_check parameters. See Special Meta-Attributes for Fencing Resources for details.
- 6. If the device does not expect the target to be specified with the port parameter, you may also need to set the special pcmk\_host\_argument parameter. See Special Meta-Attributes for Fencing Resources for details.
- 7. Upload it into the CIB using cibadmin:

```
# cibadmin --create --scope resources --xml-file stonith.xml
```

8. Set stonith-enabled to true:

```
# crm_attribute --type crm_config --name stonith-enabled --update true
```

9. Once the stonith resource is running, you can test it by executing the following, replacing \$NODE\_NAME with the name of the node to fence (although you might want to stop the cluster on that machine first):

```
# stonith_admin --reboot $NODE_NAME
```

#### **Example Fencing Configuration**

For this example, we assume we have a cluster node, pcmk-1, whose IPMI controller is reachable at the IP address 192.0.2.1. The IPMI controller uses the username testuser and the password abc123.

1. Looking at what's installed, we may see a variety of available agents:

```
# stonith_admin --list-installed
```

```
(... some output omitted ...)
fence_idrac
fence_ilo3
fence_ilo4
fence_ilo5
fence_imm
```

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```
fence_ipmilan
(... some output omitted ...)
```

Perhaps after some reading some man pages and doing some Internet searches, we might decide fence\_ipmilan is our best choice.

2. Next, we would check what parameters fence\_ipmilan provides:

```
# stonith_admin --metadata -a fence_ipmilan
```

```
<resource-agent name="fence_ipmilan" shortdesc="Fence agent for IPMI">
 <symlink name="fence_ilo3" shortdesc="Fence agent for HP iLO3"/>
 <symlink name="fence_ilo4" shortdesc="Fence agent for HP iLO4"/>
 <symlink name="fence_ilo5" shortdesc="Fence agent for HP iLO5"/>
 <symlink name="fence_imm" shortdesc="Fence agent for IBM Integrated Management Module"/>
 <symlink name="fence_idrac" shortdesc="Fence agent for Dell iDRAC"/>
 <longdesc>fence_ipmilan is an I/O Fencing agentwhich can be used with machines controlled_
→by IPMI. This agent calls support software ipmitool (http://ipmitool.sf.net/). WARNING! This
→fence agent might report success before the node is powered off. You should use -m/method_
→onoff if your fence device works correctly with that option.
 <vendor-url/>
 <parameters>
   <parameter name="action" unique="0" required="0">
     <getopt mixed="-o, --action=[action]"/>
     <content type="string" default="reboot"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Fencing action</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="auth" unique="0" required="0">
     <getopt mixed="-A, --auth=[auth]"/>
     <content type="select">
       <option value="md5"/>
       <option value="password"/>
       <option value="none"/>
     </content>
     <shortdesc lang="en">IPMI Lan Auth type.
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="cipher" unique="0" required="0">
     <getopt mixed="-C, --cipher=[cipher]"/>
     <content type="string"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Ciphersuite to use (same as ipmitool -C parameter)</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="hexadecimal_kg" unique="0" required="0">
     <getopt mixed="--hexadecimal-kg=[key]"/>
     <content type="string"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Hexadecimal-encoded Kg key for IPMIv2 authentication</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="ip" unique="0" required="0" obsoletes="ipaddr">
     <getopt mixed="-a, --ip=[ip]"/>
     <content type="string"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">IP address or hostname of fencing device</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="ipaddr" unique="0" required="0" deprecated="1">
     <getopt mixed="-a, --ip=[ip]"/>
     <content type="string"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">IP address or hostname of fencing device</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
```

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```
<parameter name="ipport" unique="0" required="0">
     <getopt mixed="-u, --ipport=[port]"/>
     <content type="integer" default="623"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">TCP/UDP port to use for connection with device</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="lanplus" unique="0" required="0">
     <getopt mixed="-P, --lanplus"/>
     <content type="boolean" default="0"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Use Lanplus to improve security of connection</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="login" unique="0" required="0" deprecated="1">
     <getopt mixed="-1, --username=[name]"/>
     <content type="string"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Login name</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="method" unique="0" required="0">
     <getopt mixed="-m, --method=[method]"/>
     <content type="select" default="onoff">
       <option value="onoff"/>
       <option value="cycle"/>
     </content>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Method to fence</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="passwd" unique="0" required="0" deprecated="1">
     <getopt mixed="-p, --password=[password]"/>
     <content type="string"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Login password or passphrase</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="passwd_script" unique="0" required="0" deprecated="1">
     <getopt mixed="-S, --password-script=[script]"/>
     <content type="string"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Script to run to retrieve password</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="password" unique="0" required="0" obsoletes="passwd">
     <getopt mixed="-p, --password=[password]"/>
     <content type="string"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Login password or passphrase</shortdesc>
   <parameter name="password_script" unique="0" required="0" obsoletes="passwd_script">
     <getopt mixed="-S, --password-script=[script]"/>
     <content type="string"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Script to run to retrieve password</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="plug" unique="0" required="0" obsoletes="port">
     <getopt mixed="-n, --plug=[ip]"/>
     <content type="string"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">IP address or hostname of fencing device (together with --port-as-
→ip)</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="port" unique="0" required="0" deprecated="1">
     <getopt mixed="-n, --plug=[ip]"/>
     <content type="string"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">IP address or hostname of fencing device (together with --port-as-
→ip)</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="privlvl" unique="0" required="0">
```

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```
<getopt mixed="-L, --privlvl=[level]"/>
     <content type="select" default="administrator">
       <option value="callback"/>
       <option value="user"/>
       <option value="operator"/>
       <option value="administrator"/>
     </content>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Privilege level on IPMI device</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="target" unique="0" required="0">
     <getopt mixed="--target=[targetaddress]"/>
     <content type="string"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Bridge IPMI requests to the remote target address</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="username" unique="0" required="0" obsoletes="login">
     <getopt mixed="-1, --username=[name]"/>
     <content type="string"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Login name</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="quiet" unique="0" required="0">
     <getopt mixed="-q, --quiet"/>
     <content type="boolean"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Disable logging to stderr. Does not affect --verbose or --debug-

→file or logging to syslog.
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="verbose" unique="0" required="0">
     <getopt mixed="-v, --verbose"/>
     <content type="boolean"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Verbose mode</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="debug" unique="0" required="0" deprecated="1">
     <getopt mixed="-D, --debug-file=[debugfile]"/>
     <content type="string"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Write debug information to given file</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="debug_file" unique="0" required="0" obsoletes="debug">
     <getopt mixed="-D, --debug-file=[debugfile]"/>
     <content type="string"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Write debug information to given file</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="version" unique="0" required="0">
     <getopt mixed="-V, --version"/>
     <content type="boolean"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Display version information and exit</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="help" unique="0" required="0">
     <getopt mixed="-h, --help"/>
     <content type="boolean"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Display help and exit</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="delay" unique="0" required="0">
     <getopt mixed="--delay=[seconds]"/>
     <content type="second" default="0"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Wait X seconds before fencing is started</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="ipmitool_path" unique="0" required="0">
```

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```
<getopt mixed="--ipmitool-path=[path]"/>
     <content type="string" default="/usr/bin/ipmitool"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Path to ipmitool binary</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
    <parameter name="login_timeout" unique="0" required="0">
     <getopt mixed="--login-timeout=[seconds]"/>
     <content type="second" default="5"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Wait X seconds for cmd prompt after login/shortdesc>
   </parameter>
    <parameter name="port_as_ip" unique="0" required="0">
     <getopt mixed="--port-as-ip"/>
     <content type="boolean"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Make "port/plug" to be an alias to IP address</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
    <parameter name="power_timeout" unique="0" required="0">
     <getopt mixed="--power-timeout=[seconds]"/>
     <content type="second" default="20"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Test X seconds for status change after ON/OFF</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
    <parameter name="power_wait" unique="0" required="0">
     <getopt mixed="--power-wait=[seconds]"/>
     <content type="second" default="2"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Wait X seconds after issuing ON/OFF</shortdesc>
    </parameter>
    <parameter name="shell_timeout" unique="0" required="0">
     <getopt mixed="--shell-timeout=[seconds]"/>
     <content type="second" default="3"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Wait X seconds for cmd prompt after issuing command</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
    <parameter name="retry_on" unique="0" required="0">
     <getopt mixed="--retry-on=[attempts]"/>
     <content type="integer" default="1"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Count of attempts to retry power on</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="sudo" unique="0" required="0" deprecated="1">
     <getopt mixed="--use-sudo"/>
     <content type="boolean"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Use sudo (without password) when calling 3rd party software/
⇒shortdesc>
   </parameter>
    <parameter name="use_sudo" unique="0" required="0" obsoletes="sudo">
     <getopt mixed="--use-sudo"/>
     <content type="boolean"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Use sudo (without password) when calling 3rd party software/
→shortdesc>
   </parameter>
   <parameter name="sudo_path" unique="0" required="0">
     <getopt mixed="--sudo-path=[path]"/>
     <content type="string" default="/usr/bin/sudo"/>
     <shortdesc lang="en">Path to sudo binary</shortdesc>
   </parameter>
 </parameters>
 <actions>
   <action name="on" automatic="0"/>
   <action name="off"/>
   <action name="reboot"/>
```

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```
<action name="status"/>
  <action name="monitor"/>
  <action name="metadata"/>
  <action name="manpage"/>
   <action name="validate-all"/>
   <action name="diag"/>
   <action name="stop" timeout="20s"/>
   <action name="start" timeout="20s"/>
  </actions>
</resource-agent>
```

Once we've decided what parameter values we think we need, it is a good idea to run the fence agent's status action manually, to verify that our values work correctly:

```
# fence_ipmilan --lanplus -a 192.0.2.1 -l testuser -p abc123 -o status
Chassis Power is on
```

3. Based on that, we might create a fencing resource configuration like this in stonith.xml (or any file name, just use the same name with cibadmin later):

**Note:** Even though the man page shows that the action parameter is supported, we do not provide that in the resource configuration. Pacemaker will supply an appropriate action whenever the fence device must be used.

- 4. In this case, we don't need to configure pcmk\_host\_map because fence\_ipmilan ignores the target node name and instead uses its ip parameter to know how to contact the IPMI controller.
- 5. We do need to let Pacemaker know which cluster node can be fenced by this device, since fence\_ipmilan doesn't support the list action. Add a line like this to the agent's instance attributes:

```
<nvpair id="Fencing-pcmk_host_list" name="pcmk_host_list" value="pcmk-1" />
```

- 6. We don't need to configure pcmk\_host\_argument since ip is all the fence agent needs (it ignores the target name).
- 7. Make the configuration active:

```
# cibadmin --create --scope resources --xml-file stonith.xml
```

8. Set stonith-enabled to true (this only has to be done once):

```
# crm_attribute --type crm_config --name stonith-enabled --update true
```

9. Since our cluster is still in testing, we can reboot pcmk-1 without bothering anyone, so we'll test our fencing configuration by running this from one of the other cluster nodes:

```
# stonith_admin --reboot pcmk-1
```

Then we will verify that the node did, in fact, reboot.

We can repeat that process to create a separate fencing resource for each node.

With some other fence device types, a single fencing resource is able to be used for all nodes. In fact, we could do that with fence\_ipmilan, using the port-as-ip parameter along with pcmk\_host\_map. Either approach is fine.

## 2.8.15 Fencing Topologies

Pacemaker supports fencing nodes with multiple devices through a feature called *fencing topologies*. Fencing topologies may be used to provide alternative devices in case one fails, or to require multiple devices to all be executed successfully in order to consider the node successfully fenced, or even a combination of the two.

Create the individual devices as you normally would, then define one or more fencing-level entries in the fencing-topology section of the configuration.

- Each fencing level is attempted in order of ascending index. Allowed values are 1 through 9.
- If a device fails, processing terminates for the current level. No further devices in that level are exercised, and the next level is attempted instead.
- If the operation succeeds for all the listed devices in a level, the level is deemed to have passed.
- The operation is finished when a level has passed (success), or all levels have been attempted (failed).
- If the operation failed, the next step is determined by the scheduler and/or the controller.

Some possible uses of topologies include:

- Try on-board IPMI, then an intelligent power switch if that fails
- Try fabric fencing of both disk and network, then fall back to power fencing if either fails
- Wait up to a certain time for a kernel dump to complete, then cut power to the node

Attribute	Description
id	A unique name for this element (required)
target	The name of a single node to which this level applies
target-pattern	An extended regular expression (as defined in POSIX) matching the names of nodes
	to which this level applies
target-attribute	The name of a node attribute that is set (to target-value) for nodes to which this
	level applies
target-value	The node attribute value (of target-attribute) that is set for nodes to which this
	level applies
index	The order in which to attempt the levels. Levels are attempted in ascending order
	until one succeeds. Valid values are 1 through 9.
devices	A comma-separated list of devices that must all be tried for this level

Table 17: Attributes of a fencing-level Element

#### Note: Fencing topology with different devices for different nodes

#### **Example Dual-Layer, Dual-Device Fencing Topologies**

The following example illustrates an advanced use of fencing-topology in a cluster with the following properties:

- 2 nodes (prod-mysql1 and prod-mysql2)
- the nodes have IPMI controllers reachable at 192.0.2.1 and 192.0.2.2
- the nodes each have two independent Power Supply Units (PSUs) connected to two independent Power Distribution Units (PDUs) reachable at 198.51.100.1 (port 10 and port 11) and 203.0.113.1 (port 10 and port 11)
- fencing via the IPMI controller uses the fence\_ipmilan agent (1 fence device per controller, with each device targeting a separate node)
- fencing via the PDUs uses the fence\_apc\_snmp agent (1 fence device per PDU, with both devices targeting both nodes)
- a random delay is used to lessen the chance of a "death match"
- fencing topology is set to try IPMI fencing first then dual PDU fencing if that fails

In a node failure scenario, Pacemaker will first select fence\_ipmilan to try to kill the faulty node. Using the fencing topology, if that method fails, it will then move on to selecting fence\_apc\_snmp twice (once for the first PDU, then again for the second PDU).

The fence action is considered successful only if both PDUs report the required status. If any of them fails, fencing loops back to the first fencing method, fence\_ipmilan, and so on, until the node is fenced or the fencing action is cancelled.

#### Note: First fencing method: single IPMI device per target

Each cluster node has it own dedicated IPMI controller that can be contacted for fencing using the following primitives:

```
<primitive class="stonith" id="fence_prod-mysql1_ipmi" type="fence_ipmilan">
 <instance_attributes id="fence_prod-mysql1_ipmi-instance_attributes">
    <nvpair id="fence_prod-mysql1_ipmi-instance_attributes-ipaddr" name="ipaddr" value="192.0.2.1"/</pre>
< ہے
   <nvpair id="fence_prod-mysql1_ipmi-instance_attributes-login" name="login" value="fencing"/>
   <nvpair id="fence_prod-mysql1_ipmi-instance_attributes-passwd" name="passwd" value="finishme"/>
   <nvpair id="fence_prod-mysql1_ipmi-instance_attributes-lanplus" name="lanplus" value="true"/>
   <nvpair id="fence_prod-mysql1_ipmi-instance_attributes-pcmk_host_list" name="pcmk_host_list"
</pre>
→value="prod-mysql1"/>
    <nvpair id="fence_prod-mysql1_ipmi-instance_attributes-pcmk_delay_max" name="pcmk_delay_max"u</pre>
→value="8s"/>
 </instance_attributes>
</primitive>
<primitive class="stonith" id="fence_prod-mysql2_ipmi" type="fence_ipmilan">
  <instance_attributes id="fence_prod-mysql2_ipmi-instance_attributes">
    <nvpair id="fence_prod-mysql2_ipmi-instance_attributes-ipaddr" name="ipaddr" value="192.0.2.2"/</pre>
< ہے
   <nvpair id="fence_prod-mysql2_ipmi-instance_attributes-login" name="login" value="fencing"/>
   <nvpair id="fence_prod-mysql2_ipmi-instance_attributes-passwd" name="passwd" value="finishme"/>
   <nvpair id="fence_prod-mysql2_ipmi-instance_attributes-lanplus" name="lanplus" value="true"/>
    <nvpair id="fence_prod-mysql2_ipmi-instance_attributes-pcmk_host_list" name="pcmk_host_list"__</pre>
→value="prod-mysq12"/>
    <nvpair id="fence_prod-mysql2_ipmi-instance_attributes-pcmk_delay_max" name="pcmk_delay_max"_u</pre>
→value="8s"/>
 </instance_attributes>
</primitive>
```

#### Note: Second fencing method: dual PDU devices

Each cluster node also has 2 distinct power supplies controlled by 2 distinct PDUs:

- Node 1: PDU 1 port 10 and PDU 2 port 10
- Node 2: PDU 1 port 11 and PDU 2 port 11

The matching fencing agents are configured as follows:

```
<primitive class="stonith" id="fence_apc1" type="fence_apc_snmp">
 <instance_attributes id="fence_apc1-instance_attributes">
    <nvpair id="fence_apc1-instance_attributes-ipaddr" name="ipaddr" value="198.51.100.1"/>
   <nvpair id="fence_apc1-instance_attributes-login" name="login" value="fencing"/>
   <nvpair id="fence_apc1-instance_attributes-passwd" name="passwd" value="fencing"/>
   <nvpair id="fence_apc1-instance_attributes-pcmk_host_list"</pre>
      name="pcmk_host_map" value="prod-mysql1:10;prod-mysql2:11"/>
    <nvpair id="fence_apc1-instance_attributes-pcmk_delay_max" name="pcmk_delay_max" value="8s"/>
 </instance_attributes>
</primitive>
<primitive class="stonith" id="fence_apc2" type="fence_apc_snmp">
 <instance_attributes id="fence_apc2-instance_attributes">
   <nvpair id="fence_apc2-instance_attributes-ipaddr" name="ipaddr" value="203.0.113.1"/>
   <nvpair id="fence_apc2-instance_attributes-login" name="login" value="fencing"/>
   <nvpair id="fence_apc2-instance_attributes-passwd" name="passwd" value="fencing"/>
   <nvpair id="fence apc2-instance attributes-pcmk host list"</pre>
      name="pcmk_host_map" value="prod-mysql1:10;prod-mysql2:11"/>
   <nvpair id="fence_apc2-instance_attributes-pcmk_delay_max" name="pcmk_delay_max" value="8s"/>
 </instance_attributes>
</primitive>
```

#### Note: Fencing topology

Now that all the fencing resources are defined, it's time to create the right topology. We want to first fence using IPMI and if that does not work, fence both PDUs to effectively and surely kill the node.

```
<fencing-topology>
  <fencing-level id="level-1-1" target="prod-mysql1" index="1" devices="fence_prod-mysql1_ipmi" />
  <fencing-level id="level-1-2" target="prod-mysql1" index="2" devices="fence_apc1,fence_apc2" />
  <fencing-level id="level-2-1" target="prod-mysql2" index="1" devices="fence_prod-mysql2_ipmi" />
  <fencing-level id="level-2-2" target="prod-mysql2" index="2" devices="fence_apc1,fence_apc2" />
  </fencing-topology>
```

In fencing-topology, the lowest index value for a target determines its first fencing method.

## 2.8.16 Remapping Reboots

When the cluster needs to reboot a node, whether because stonith-action is reboot or because a reboot was requested externally (such as by stonith\_admin --reboot), it will remap that to other commands in two cases:

- If the chosen fencing device does not support the reboot command, the cluster will ask it to perform
  off instead.
- If a fencing topology level with multiple devices must be executed, the cluster will ask all the devices to perform off, then ask the devices to perform on.

To understand the second case, consider the example of a node with redundant power supplies connected to intelligent power switches. Rebooting one switch and then the other would have no effect on the node. Turning both switches off, and then on, actually reboots the node.

In such a case, the fencing operation will be treated as successful as long as the off commands succeed, because then it is safe for the cluster to recover any resources that were on the node. Timeouts and errors in the on phase will be logged but ignored.

When a reboot operation is remapped, any action-specific timeout for the remapped action will be used (for example, pcmk\_off\_timeout will be used when executing the off command, not pcmk\_reboot\_timeout).

## 2.9 Alerts

Alerts may be configured to take some external action when a cluster event occurs (node failure, resource starting or stopping, etc.).

#### 2.9.1 Alert Agents

As with resource agents, the cluster calls an external program (an *alert agent*) to handle alerts. The cluster passes information about the event to the agent via environment variables. Agents can do anything desired with this information (send an e-mail, log to a file, update a monitoring system, etc.).

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In the example above, the cluster will call my-script.sh for each event.

Multiple alert agents may be configured; the cluster will call all of them for each event.

Alert agents will be called only on cluster nodes. They will be called for events involving Pacemaker Remote nodes, but they will never be called on those nodes.

For more information about sample alert agents provided by Pacemaker and about developing custom alert agents, see the *Pacemaker Administration* document.

#### 2.9.2 Alert Recipients

Usually, alerts are directed towards a recipient. Thus, each alert may be additionally configured with one or more recipients. The cluster will call the agent separately for each recipient.

In the above example, the cluster will call my-script.sh for each event, passing the recipient some-address as an environment variable.

The recipient may be anything the alert agent can recognize – an IP address, an e-mail address, a file name, whatever the particular agent supports.

#### 2.9.3 Alert Meta-Attributes

As with resources, meta-attributes can be configured for alerts to change whether and how Pacemaker calls them.

Meta-Attribute	Default	Description
enabled	true	If false for an alert, the alert will not be used. If true for
		an alert and false for a particular recipient of that alert, that
		recipient will not be used. (since 2.1.6)

Table 18: Meta-Attributes of an Alert

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Meta-Attribute	Default	Description
timestamp-format	%H:%M:%S.%06N	Format the cluster will use when sending the event's times-
		tamp to the agent. This is a string as used with the date(1)
		command.
timeout	30s	If the alert agent does not complete within this amount of
		time, it will be terminated.

Meta-attributes can be configured per alert and/or per recipient.

```
Alert configuration with meta-attributes
<configuration>
   <alerts>
      <alert id="my-alert" path="/path/to/my-script.sh">
         <meta_attributes id="my-alert-attributes">
            <nvpair id="my-alert-attributes-timeout" name="timeout"</pre>
                    value="15s"/>
         </meta_attributes>
         <recipient id="my-alert-recipient1" value="someuser@example.com">
            <meta_attributes id="my-alert-recipient1-attributes">
               <nvpair id="my-alert-recipient1-timestamp-format"</pre>
                       name="timestamp-format" value="%D %H:%M"/>
            </meta_attributes>
         </recipient>
         <recipient id="my-alert-recipient2" value="otheruser@example.com">
            <meta_attributes id="my-alert-recipient2-attributes">
               <nvpair id="my-alert-recipient2-timestamp-format"</pre>
                       name="timestamp-format" value="%c"/>
            </meta_attributes>
         </recipient>
      </alert>
   </alerts>
</configuration>
```

In the above example, the my-script.sh will get called twice for each event, with each call using a 15-second timeout. One call will be passed the recipient someuser@example.com and a timestamp in the format %D %H:%M, while the other call will be passed the recipient otheruser@example.com and a timestamp in the format %c.

#### 2.9.4 Alert Instance Attributes

As with resource agents, agent-specific configuration values may be configured as instance attributes. These will be passed to the agent as additional environment variables. The number, names and allowed values of these instance attributes are completely up to the particular agent.

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```
<configuration>
   <alerts>
      <alert id="my-alert" path="/path/to/my-script.sh">
         <meta_attributes id="my-alert-attributes">
            <nvpair id="my-alert-attributes-timeout" name="timeout"</pre>
                     value="15s"/>
         </meta_attributes>
         <instance_attributes id="my-alert-options">
             <nvpair id="my-alert-options-debug" name="debug"</pre>
                      value="false"/>
         </instance_attributes>
         <recipient id="my-alert-recipient1"</pre>
                     value="someuser@example.com"/>
      </alert>
   </alerts>
</configuration>
```

#### 2.9.5 Alert Filters

By default, an alert agent will be called for node events, fencing events, and resource events. An agent may choose to ignore certain types of events, but there is still the overhead of calling it for those events. To eliminate that overhead, you may select which types of events the agent should receive.

The possible options within <select> are <select\_nodes>, <select\_fencing>, <select\_resources>, and <select attributes>.

With <select\_attributes> (the only event type not enabled by default), the agent will receive alerts when a node attribute changes. If you wish the agent to be called only when certain attributes change, you can configure that as well.

Alert configuration to be called when certain node attributes change

Node attribute alerts are currently considered experimental. Alerts may be limited to attributes set via attrd\_updater, and agents may be called multiple times with the same attribute value.

## **2.10** Rules

Rules can be used to make your configuration more dynamic, allowing values to change depending on the time or the value of a node attribute. Examples of things rules are useful for:

- Set a higher value for resource-stickiness during working hours, to minimize downtime, and a lower
  value on weekends, to allow resources to move to their most preferred locations when people aren't
  around to notice.
- Automatically place the cluster into maintenance mode during a scheduled maintenance window.
- Assign certain nodes and resources to a particular department via custom node attributes and metaattributes, and add a single location constraint that restricts the department's resources to run only on those nodes.

Each constraint type or property set that supports rules may contain one or more rule elements specifying conditions under which the constraint or properties take effect. Examples later in this chapter will make this clearer.

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## 2.10.1 Rule Properties

Table 19: Attributes of a rule Element

Attribute	Default	Description
id		A unique name for this element (required)
role	Started	The rule is in effect only when the resource is in the specified role. Allowed values are Started, Unpromoted, and Promoted. A rule with a role of Promoted cannot determine the initial location of a clone instance and will only affect which of the active instances will be promoted.
score		If this rule is used in a location constraint and evaluates to true, apply this score to the constraint. Only one of score and score-attribute may be used.
score-attribute		If this rule is used in a location constraint and evaluates to true, use the value of this node attribute as the score to apply to the constraint. Only one of score and score-attribute may be used.
boolean-op	and	If this rule contains more than one condition, a value of and specifies that the rule evaluates to true only if all conditions are true, and a value of or specifies that the rule evaluates to true if any condition is true.

A rule element must contain one or more conditions. A condition may be an expression element, a date\_expression element, or another rule element.

## 2.10.2 Node Attribute Expressions

Expressions are rule conditions based on the values of node attributes.

Table 20: Attributes of an expression Element

Attribute	Default	Description
id		A unique name for this element (required)
attribute		The node attribute to test (required)
type	The default type for lt, gt, lte,	How the node attributes should be compared. Al-
	and gte operations is number if	lowed values are string, integer (since 2.0.5),
	either value contains a decimal	number, and version. integer truncates floating-
	point character, or integer oth-	point values if necessary before performing a 64-
	erwise. The default type for all	bit integer comparison. number performs a double-
	other operations is string. If	precision floating-point comparison (32-bit integer
	a numeric parse fails for either	before 2.0.5).
	value, then the values are com-	
	pared as type string.	

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Attribute	Default	Description	
operation		The comparison to perform (required). Allowed values:  • It: True if the node attribute value is less than the comparison value  • gt: True if the node attribute value is greater than the comparison value  • Ite: True if the node attribute value is less than or equal to the comparison value  • gte: True if the node attribute value is greater than or equal to the comparison value  • eq: True if the node attribute value is equal to the comparison value  • ne: True if the node attribute value is not equal to the comparison value  • ne: True if the node attribute value is not equal to the comparison value  • defined: True if the node has the named attribute  • not_defined: True if the node does not have the named attribute	
value		User-supplied value for comparison (required for operations other than defined and not_defined)	
value-source	literal	How the value is derived. Allowed values:  • literal: value is a literal string to compare against  • param: value is the name of a resource parameter to compare against (only valid in location constraints)  • meta: value is the name of a resource metaattribute to compare against (only valid in location constraints)	

In addition to custom node attributes defined by the administrator, the cluster defines special, built-in node attributes for each node that can also be used in rule expressions.

Table 21: Built-in Node Attributes

Name	Value
#uname	Node name
#id	Node ID
#kind	Node type. Possible values are cluster, remote, and container. Kind is remote
	for Pacemaker Remote nodes created with the ocf:pacemaker:remote resource,
	and container for Pacemaker Remote guest nodes and bundle nodes
#is_dc	true if this node is the cluster's Designated Controller (DC), false otherwise
#cluster-name	The value of the cluster-name cluster property, if set
#site-name	The value of the site-name node attribute, if set, otherwise identical to
	#cluster-name
#role	The role the relevant promotable clone resource has on this node. Valid only within
	a rule for a location constraint for a promotable clone resource.

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# 2.10.3 Date/Time Expressions

Date/time expressions are rule conditions based (as the name suggests) on the current date and time.

A date\_expression element may optionally contain a date\_spec or duration element depending on the context.

Table 22: Attributes of a date\_expression Element

Attribute	Description
id	A unique name for this element (required)
start	A date/time conforming to the ISO8601 specification. May be used when operation is in_range (in which case at least one of start or end must be specified) or gt (in which case start is required).
end	A date/time conforming to the ISO8601 specification. May be used when operation is in_range (in which case at least one of start or end must be specified) or lt (in which case end is required).
operation	Compares the current date/time with the start and/or end date, depending on the context. Allowed values:  • gt: True if the current date/time is after start  • lt: True if the current date/time is before end  • in_range: True if the current date/time is after start (if specified) and before either end (if specified) or start plus the value of the duration element (if one is contained in the date_expression). If both end and duration are specified, duration is ignored.  • date_spec: True if the current date/time matches the specification given in the contained date_spec element (described below)

Note: There is no eq, neq, gte, or lte operation, since they would be valid only for a single second.

## **Date Specifications**

A date\_spec element is used to create a cron-like expression relating to time. Each field can contain a single number or range. Any field not supplied is ignored.

Table 23: Attributes of a date\_spec Element

Attribute	Description
id	A unique name for this element (required)
seconds	Allowed values: 0-59
minutes	Allowed values: 0-59
hours	Allowed values: 0-23 (where 0 is midnight and 23 is 11 p.m.)
monthdays	Allowed values: 1-31 (depending on month and year)
weekdays	Allowed values: 1-7 (where 1 is Monday and 7 is Sunday)
yeardays	Allowed values: 1-366 (depending on the year)
months	Allowed values: 1-12
weeks	Allowed values: 1-53 (depending on weekyear)
years	Year according to the Gregorian calendar
weekyears	Year in which the week started; for example, 1 January 2005 can be specified in ISO 8601 as "2005-001 Ordinal", "2005-01-01 Gregorian" or "2004-W53-6 Weekly" and thus would match years="2005" or weekyears="2004"
moon	Allowed values are 0-7 (where 0 is the new moon and 4 is full moon). (deprecated since 2.1.6)

For example, monthdays="1" matches the first day of every month, and hours="09-17" matches the hours between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (inclusive).

At this time, multiple ranges (e.g. weekdays="1,2" or weekdays="1-2,5-6") are not supported.

Note: Pacemaker can calculate when evaluation of a date\_expression with an operation of gt, lt, or in\_range will next change, and schedule a cluster re-check for that time. However, it does not do this for date\_spec. Instead, it evaluates the date\_spec whenever a cluster re-check naturally happens via a cluster event or the cluster-recheck-interval cluster option.

For example, if you have a date\_spec enabling a resource from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and cluster-recheck-interval has been set to 5 minutes, then sometime between 9 a.m. and 9:05 a.m. the cluster would notice that it needs to start the resource, and sometime between 5 p.m. and 5:05 p.m. it would realize that it needs to stop the resource. The timing of the actual start and stop actions will further depend on factors such as any other actions the cluster may need to perform first, and the load of the machine.

#### **Durations**

A duration is used to calculate a value for end when one is not supplied to in\_range operations. It contains one or more attributes each containing a single number. Any attribute not supplied is ignored.

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Table 24: Attributes of a duration Element

Attribute	Description
id	A unique name for this element (required)
seconds	This many seconds will be added to the total duration
minutes	This many minutes will be added to the total duration
hours	This many hours will be added to the total duration
days	This many days will be added to the total duration
weeks	This many weeks will be added to the total duration
months	This many months will be added to the total duration
years	This many years will be added to the total duration

#### **Example Time-Based Expressions**

A small sample of how time-based expressions can be used:

Note that the 16 matches all the way through 16:59:59, because the numeric value of the hour still matches.

# 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday or anytime Saturday | Crule id="rule4" score="INFINITY" boolean-op="or"> | Cate\_expression id="date\_expr4-1" operation="date\_spec"> | Cate\_spec id="date\_spec4-1" hours="9-16" weekdays="1-5"/> | Cate\_expression id="date\_expr4-2" operation="date\_spec"> | Cate\_expression id="date\_expr4-2" operation="date\_spec"> | Cate\_expression id="date\_spec4-2" weekdays="6"/> | Cate\_expression id="date\_spec4-2" weekdays="6"/>

```
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. Monday through Friday

| Crule id="rule5" score="INFINITY" boolean-op="and">
| Crule id="rule5-nested1" score="INFINITY" boolean-op="or">
| Cate_expression id="date_expr5-1" operation="date_spec">
| Cate_spec id="date_spec5-1" hours="9-16"/>
| Cate_expression id="date_expr5-2" operation="date_spec">
| Cate_expression id="date_expr5-2" operation="date_spec">
| Cate_expression id="date_spec5-2" hours="21-23"/>
| Cate_expression id="date_expr5-3" operation="date_spec">
| Cate_expression id="date_expr5-3" operation="date_spec">
| Cate_expression id="date_spec5-3" weekdays="1-5"/>
```

**Note:** Because no time is specified with the above dates, 00:00:00 is implied. This means that the range includes all of 2005-03-01 but none of 2005-04-01. You may wish to write end as "2005-03-31T23:59:59" to avoid confusion.

## 2.10.4 Resource Expressions

</rule>

An rsc\_expression (since 2.0.5) is a rule condition based on a resource agent's properties. This rule is only valid within an rsc\_defaults or op\_defaults context. None of the matching attributes of class, provider, and type are required. If one is omitted, all values of that attribute will match. For instance, omitting type means every type will match.

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Table 25: Attributes of a rsc\_expression Element

Attribute	Description
id	A unique name for this element (required)
class	The standard name to be matched against resource agents
provider	If given, the vendor to be matched against resource agents (only relevant when class is ocf)
type	The name of the resource agent to be matched

## **Example Resource-Based Expressions**

A small sample of how resource-based expressions can be used:

## 2.10.5 Operation Expressions

An op\_expression (since 2.0.5) is a rule condition based on an action of some resource agent. This rule is only valid within an op\_defaults context.

Table 26: Attributes of an op\_expression Element

Attribute	Description
id	A unique name for this element (required)
name	The action name to match against. This can be any action supported by the resource agent; common values include monitor, start, and stop (required).
interval	The interval of the action to match against. If not given, only the name attribute will be used to match.

### **Example Operation-Based Expressions**

A small sample of how operation-based expressions can be used:

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## 2.10.6 Using Rules to Determine Resource Location

A location constraint may contain one or more top-level rules. The cluster will act as if there is a separate location constraint for each rule that evaluates as true.

Consider the following simple location constraint:

The same constraint can be more verbosely written using a rule:

The advantage of using the expanded form is that one could add more expressions (for example, limiting the constraint to certain days of the week), or activate the constraint by some node attribute other than node name.

#### Location Rules Based on Other Node Properties

The expanded form allows us to match on node properties other than its name. If we rated each machine's CPU power such that the cluster had the following nodes section:

```
Sample node section with node attributes
```

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then we could prevent resources from running on underpowered machines with this rule:

#### Using score-attribute Instead of score

When using score-attribute instead of score, each node matched by the rule has its score adjusted differently, according to its value for the named node attribute. Thus, in the previous example, if a rule inside a location constraint for a resource used score-attribute="cpu\_mips", c001n01 would have its preference to run the resource increased by 1234 whereas c001n02 would have its preference increased by 5678.

#### Specifying location scores using pattern submatches

Location constraints may use rsc-pattern to apply the constraint to all resources whose IDs match the given pattern (see *Specifying locations using pattern matching*). The pattern may contain up to 9 submatches in parentheses, whose values may be used as %1 through %9 in a rule's score-attribute or a rule expression's attribute.

As an example, the following configuration (only relevant parts are shown) gives the resources **server-httpd** and **ip-httpd** a preference of 100 on **node1** and 50 on **node2**, and **ip-gateway** a preference of -100 on **node1** and 200 on **node2**.

Location constraint using submatches

```
<nodes>
  <node id="1" uname="node1">
     <instance_attributes id="node1-attrs">
        <nvpair id="node1-prefer-httpd" name="prefer-httpd" value="100"/>
         <nvpair id="node1-prefer-gateway" name="prefer-gateway" value="-100"/>
      </instance_attributes>
  </node>
  <node id="2" uname="node2">
     <instance_attributes id="node2-attrs">
         <nvpair id="node2-prefer-httpd" name="prefer-httpd" value="50"/>
         <nvpair id="node2-prefer-gateway" name="prefer-gateway" value="200"/>
      </instance attributes>
   </node>
</nodes>
<resources>
  <primitive id="server-httpd" class="ocf" provider="heartbeat" type="apache"/>
   <primitive id="ip-httpd" class="ocf" provider="heartbeat" type="IPaddr2"/>
   <primitive id="ip-gateway" class="ocf" provider="heartbeat" type="IPaddr2"/>
</resources>
<constraints>
  <!-- The following constraint says that for any resource whose name
       starts with "server-" or "ip-", that resource's preference for a
       node is the value of the node attribute named "prefer-" followed
       by the part of the resource name after "server-" or "ip-",
       wherever such a node attribute is defined.
  <rsc_location id="location1" rsc-pattern="(server|ip)-(.*)">
     <rule id="location1-rule1" score-attribute="prefer-%2">
         <expression id="location1-rule1-expression1" attribute="prefer-%2" operation="defined"/>
      </rule>
   </rsc location>
</constraints>
```

#### 2.10.7 Using Rules to Define Options

Rules may be used to control a variety of options:

- Cluster options (cluster\_property\_set elements)
- Node attributes (instance\_attributes or utilization elements inside a node element)
- Resource options (utilization, meta\_attributes, or instance\_attributes elements inside a resource definition element or op , rsc\_defaults, op\_defaults, or template element)
- Operation properties (meta\_attributes elements inside an op or op\_defaults element)

**Note:** Attribute-based expressions for meta-attributes can only be used within operations and op\_defaults. They will not work with resource configuration or rsc\_defaults. Additionally, attribute-based expressions cannot be used with cluster options.

#### Using Rules to Control Resource Options

Often some cluster nodes will be different from their peers. Sometimes, these differences – e.g. the location of a binary or the names of network interfaces – require resources to be configured differently depending on

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the machine they're hosted on.

By defining multiple instance\_attributes objects for the resource and adding a rule to each, we can easily handle these special cases.

In the example below, mySpecialRsc will use eth1 and port 9999 when run on node1, eth2 and port 8888 on node2 and default to eth0 and port 9999 for all other nodes.

## Defining different resource options based on the node name <primitive id="mySpecialRsc" class="ocf" type="Special" provider="me"> <instance\_attributes id="special-node1" score="3"> <rule id="node1-special-case" score="INFINITY" > <expression id="node1-special-case-expr" attribute="#uname"</pre> operation="eq" value="node1"/> </rule> <nvpair id="node1-interface" name="interface" value="eth1"/> </instance\_attributes> <instance\_attributes id="special-node2" score="2" > <rule id="node2-special-case" score="INFINITY"> <expression id="node2-special-case-expr" attribute="#uname"</pre> operation="eq" value="node2"/> </rule> <nvpair id="node2-interface" name="interface" value="eth2"/> <nvpair id="node2-port" name="port" value="8888"/> </instance\_attributes> <instance\_attributes id="defaults" score="1" > <nvpair id="default-interface" name="interface" value="eth0"/> <nvpair id="default-port" name="port" value="9999"/> </instance\_attributes> </primitive>

The order in which instance\_attributes objects are evaluated is determined by their score (highest to lowest). If not supplied, the score defaults to zero. Objects with an equal score are processed in their listed order. If the instance\_attributes object has no rule, or a rule that evaluates to true, then for any parameter the resource does not yet have a value for, the resource will use the parameter values defined by the instance\_attributes.

For example, given the configuration above, if the resource is placed on node1:

- special-node1 has the highest score (3) and so is evaluated first; its rule evaluates to true, so interface is set to eth1.
- special-node2 is evaluated next with score 2, but its rule evaluates to false, so it is ignored.
- defaults is evaluated last with score 1, and has no rule, so its values are examined; interface is already defined, so the value here is not used, but port is not yet defined, so port is set to 9999.

#### Using Rules to Control Resource Defaults

Rules can be used for resource and operation defaults. The following example illustrates how to set a different resource-stickiness value during and outside work hours. This allows resources to automatically move back to their most preferred hosts, but at a time that (in theory) does not interfere with business activities.

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Rules may be used similarly in instance\_attributes or utilization blocks.

Any single block may directly contain only a single rule, but that rule may itself contain any number of rules.

rsc\_expression and op\_expression blocks may additionally be used to set defaults on either a single resource or across an entire class of resources with a single rule. rsc\_expression may be used to select resource agents within both rsc\_defaults and op\_defaults, while op\_expression may only be used within op\_defaults. If multiple rules succeed for a given resource agent, the last one specified will be the one that takes effect. As with any other rule, boolean operations may be used to make more complicated expressions.

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Default the timeout on all 10-second-interval monitor actions on IPaddr2 resources to 8 seconds

#### Using Rules to Control Cluster Options

Controlling cluster options is achieved in much the same manner as specifying different resource options on different nodes.

The following example illustrates how to set maintenance\_mode during a scheduled maintenance window. This will keep the cluster running but not monitor, start, or stop resources during this time.

```
Schedule a maintenance window for 9 to 11 p.m. CDT Sept. 20, 2019
<crm_config>
  <cluster_property_set id="cib-bootstrap-options">
    <nvpair id="bootstrap-stonith-enabled" name="stonith-enabled" value="1"/>
  </cluster_property_set>
  <cluster_property_set id="normal-set" score="10">
    <nvpair id="normal-maintenance-mode" name="maintenance-mode" value="false"/>
  </cluster_property_set>
   <cluster_property_set id="maintenance-window-set" score="1000">
    <nvpair id="maintenance-nvpair1" name="maintenance-mode" value="true"/>
    <rule id="maintenance-rule1" score="INFINITY">
       <date_expression id="maintenance-date1" operation="in_range"</pre>
         start="2019-09-20 21:00:00 -05:00" end="2019-09-20 23:00:00 -05:00"/>
    </rule>
   </cluster_property_set>
</crm_config>
```

**Important:** The cluster\_property\_set with an id set to "cib-bootstrap-options" will *always* have the highest priority, regardless of any scores. Therefore, rules in another cluster\_property\_set can never take effect for any properties listed in the bootstrap set.

## 2.11 Collective Resources

Pacemaker supports several types of *collective* resources, which consist of multiple, related resource instances.

## 2.11.1 Groups - A Syntactic Shortcut

One of the most common elements of a cluster is a set of resources that need to be located together, start sequentially, and stop in the reverse order. To simplify this configuration, we support the concept of groups.

Although the example above contains only two resources, there is no limit to the number of resources a group can contain. The example is also sufficient to explain the fundamental properties of a group:

- Resources are started in the order they appear in (Public-IP first, then Email)
- Resources are stopped in the reverse order to which they appear in (Email first, then Public-IP)

If a resource in the group can't run anywhere, then nothing after that is allowed to run, too.

- If Public-IP can't run anywhere, neither can Email;
- but if Email can't run anywhere, this does not affect Public-IP in any way

The group above is logically equivalent to writing:

Obviously as the group grows bigger, the reduced configuration effort can become significant.

Another (typical) example of a group is a DRBD volume, the filesystem mount, an IP address, and an application that uses them.

#### **Group Properties**

Table 27: Properties of a Group Resource

Field	Description
id	A unique name for the group
description	An optional description of the group, for the user's own purposes. E.g. resources needed for website

#### **Group Options**

Groups inherit the priority, target-role, and is-managed properties from primitive resources. See *Resource Options* for information about those properties.

#### **Group Instance Attributes**

Groups have no instance attributes. However, any that are set for the group object will be inherited by the group's children.

#### **Group Contents**

Groups may only contain a collection of cluster resources (see *Resource Properties*). To refer to a child of a group resource, just use the child's id instead of the group's.

#### **Group Constraints**

Although it is possible to reference a group's children in constraints, it is usually preferable to reference the group itself.

#### **Group Stickiness**

Stickiness, the measure of how much a resource wants to stay where it is, is additive in groups. Every active resource of the group will contribute its stickiness value to the group's total. So if the default resource-stickiness is 100, and a group has seven members, five of which are active, then the group as a whole will prefer its current location with a score of 500.

# 2.11.2 Clones - Resources That Can Have Multiple Active Instances

Clone resources are resources that can have more than one copy active at the same time. This allows you, for example, to run a copy of a daemon on every node. You can clone any primitive or group resource<sup>1</sup>.

## **Anonymous versus Unique Clones**

A clone resource is configured to be either anonymous or globally unique.

Anonymous clones are the simplest. These behave completely identically everywhere they are running. Because of this, there can be only one instance of an anonymous clone active per node.

The instances of globally unique clones are distinct entities. All instances are launched identically, but one instance of the clone is not identical to any other instance, whether running on the same node or a different node. As an example, a cloned IP address can use special kernel functionality such that each instance handles a subset of requests for the same IP address.

### **Promotable clones**

If a clone is *promotable*, its instances can perform a special role that Pacemaker will manage via the **promote** and **demote** actions of the resource agent.

Services that support such a special role have various terms for the special role and the default role: primary and secondary, master and replica, controller and worker, etc. Pacemaker uses the terms *promoted* and *unpromoted* to be agnostic to what the service calls them or what they do.

All that Pacemaker cares about is that an instance comes up in the unpromoted role when started, and the resource agent supports the promote and demote actions to manage entering and exiting the promoted role.

## **Clone Properties**

Table 28: Properties of a Clone Resource

Field	Description
id	A unique name for the clone
description	An optional description of the clone, for the user's own purposes. E.g. IP address for website

## **Clone Options**

Options inherited from primitive resources: priority, target-role, is-managed

Table 29: Clone-specific configuration options

Field	Default	Description
globally-unique	false	
		If <b>true</b> , each clone instance performs a distinct function

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Of course, the service must support running multiple instances.

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Field	Default	Description
clone-max	0	The maximum number of clone instances that can be started
		across the entire cluster. If 0, the number of nodes in the
		cluster will be used.
clone-node-max	1	If globally-unique is true, the maximum number of clone
		instances that can be started on a single node
clone-min	0	Require at least this number of clone instances to be runnable
		before allowing resources depending on the clone to be
		runnable. A value of 0 means require all clone instances to
		be runnable.
notify	false	Call the resource agent's <b>notify</b> action for all active instances,
		before and after starting or stopping any clone instance. The
		resource agent must support this action. Allowed values:
		false, true
ordered	false	If <b>true</b> , clone instances must be started sequentially instead
		of in parallel. Allowed values: false, true
interleave	false	When this clone is ordered relative to another clone, if this
		option is <b>false</b> (the default), the ordering is relative to all
		instances of the other clone, whereas if this option is <b>true</b> ,
		the ordering is relative only to instances on the same node.
		Allowed values: false, true
promotable	false	If <b>true</b> , clone instances can perform a special role that Pace-
		maker will manage via the resource agent's <b>promote</b> and <b>de-</b>
		<b>mote</b> actions. The resource agent must support these actions.
		Allowed values: false, true
promoted-max	1	If promotable is <b>true</b> , the number of instances that can be
		promoted at one time across the entire cluster
promoted-node-	1	If promotable is true and globally-unique is false, the
max		number of clone instances can be promoted at one time on
		a single node

## Note: Deprecated Terminology

In older documentation and online examples, you may see promotable clones referred to as *multi-state*, *stateful*, or *master/slave*; these mean the same thing as *promotable*. Certain syntax is supported for backward compatibility, but is deprecated and will be removed in a future version:

- Using a master tag, instead of a clone tag with the promotable meta-attribute set to true
- Using the master-max meta-attribute instead of promoted-max
- Using the master-node-max meta-attribute instead of promoted-node-max
- Using Master as a role name instead of Promoted
- Using Slave as a role name instead of Unpromoted

## **Clone Contents**

Clones must contain exactly one primitive or group resource.

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Warning: You should never reference the name of a clone's child (the primitive or group resource being cloned). If you think you need to do this, you probably need to re-evaluate your design.

### **Clone Instance Attribute**

Clones have no instance attributes; however, any that are set here will be inherited by the clone's child.

## **Clone Constraints**

In most cases, a clone will have a single instance on each active cluster node. If this is not the case, you can indicate which nodes the cluster should preferentially assign copies to with resource location constraints. These constraints are written no differently from those for primitive resources except that the clone's **id** is used.

Ordering constraints behave slightly differently for clones. In the example above, apache-stats will wait until all copies of apache-clone that need to be started have done so before being started itself. Only if no copies can be started will apache-stats be prevented from being active. Additionally, the clone will wait for apache-stats to be stopped before stopping itself.

Colocation of a primitive or group resource with a clone means that the resource can run on any node with an active instance of the clone. The cluster will choose an instance based on where the clone is running and the resource's own location preferences.

Colocation between clones is also possible. If one clone A is colocated with another clone B, the set of allowed locations for A is limited to nodes on which B is (or will be) active. Placement is then performed normally.

#### **Promotable Clone Constraints**

For promotable clone resources, the first-action and/or then-action fields for ordering constraints may be set to promote or demote to constrain the promoted role, and colocation constraints may contain rsc-role

and/or with-rsc-role fields.

In the example above, **myApp** will wait until one of the database copies has been started and promoted before being started itself on the same node. Only if no copies can be promoted will **myApp** be prevented from being active. Additionally, the cluster will wait for **myApp** to be stopped before demoting the database.

Colocation of a primitive or group resource with a promotable clone resource means that it can run on any node with an active instance of the promotable clone resource that has the specified role (Promoted or Unpromoted). In the example above, the cluster will choose a location based on where database is running in the promoted role, and if there are multiple promoted instances it will also factor in **myApp**'s own location preferences when deciding which location to choose.

Colocation with regular clones and other promotable clone resources is also possible. In such cases, the set of allowed locations for the **rsc** clone is (after role filtering) limited to nodes on which the **with-rsc** promotable clone resource is (or will be) in the specified role. Placement is then performed as normal.

## Using Promotable Clone Resources in Colocation Sets

When a promotable clone is used in a *resource set* inside a colocation constraint, the resource set may take a role attribute.

In the following example, an instance of **B** may be promoted only on a node where **A** is in the promoted role. Additionally, resources **C** and **D** must be located on a node where both **A** and **B** are promoted.

## Using Promotable Clone Resources in Ordered Sets

When a promotable clone is used in a *resource set* inside an ordering constraint, the resource set may take an action attribute.

In the above example, **B** cannot be promoted until **A** has been promoted. Additionally, resources **C** and **D** must wait until **A** and **B** have been promoted before they can start.

### Clone Stickiness

To achieve stable assignments, clones are slightly sticky by default. If no value for resource-stickiness is provided, the clone will use a value of 1. Being a small value, it causes minimal disturbance to the score calculations of other resources but is enough to prevent Pacemaker from needlessly moving instances around the cluster.

**Note:** For globally unique clones, this may result in multiple instances of the clone staying on a single node, even after another eligible node becomes active (for example, after being put into standby mode then made active again). If you do not want this behavior, specify a resource-stickiness of 0 for the clone temporarily and let the cluster adjust, then set it back to 1 if you want the default behavior to apply again.

Important: If resource-stickiness is set in the rsc\_defaults section, it will apply to clone instances as well. This means an explicit resource-stickiness of 0 in rsc\_defaults works differently from the implicit default used when resource-stickiness is not specified.

## Clone Resource Agent Requirements

Any resource can be used as an anonymous clone, as it requires no additional support from the resource agent. Whether it makes sense to do so depends on your resource and its resource agent.

## Resource Agent Requirements for Globally Unique Clones

Globally unique clones require additional support in the resource agent. In particular, it must only respond with \${OCF\_SUCCESS} if the node has that exact instance active. All other probes for instances of the clone

should result in \${OCF\_NOT\_RUNNING} (or one of the other OCF error codes if they are failed).

Individual instances of a clone are identified by appending a colon and a numerical offset, e.g. apache:2.

Resource agents can find out how many copies there are by examining the OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_clone\_max environment variable and which instance it is by examining OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_clone.

The resource agent must not make any assumptions (based on OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_clone) about which numerical instances are active. In particular, the list of active copies will not always be an unbroken sequence, nor always start at 0.

## Resource Agent Requirements for Promotable Clones

Promotable clone resources require two extra actions, demote and promote, which are responsible for changing the state of the resource. Like **start** and **stop**, they should return \${OCF\_SUCCESS} if they completed successfully or a relevant error code if they did not.

The states can mean whatever you wish, but when the resource is started, it must come up in the unpromoted role. From there, the cluster will decide which instances to promote.

In addition to the clone requirements for monitor actions, agents must also *accurately* report which state they are in. The cluster relies on the agent to report its status (including role) accurately and does not indicate to the agent what role it currently believes it to be in.

Monitor Return Code	Description
OCF NOT RUNNING	
	Stopped
OCF_SUCCESS	
	Running (Unpromoted)
OCF_RUNNING_PROM	OTED Running (Promoted)
OCF FAILED PROMO	TED
	Failed (Promoted)
Other	
	Failed (Unpromoted)

Table 30: Role implications of OCF return codes

## **Clone Notifications**

If the clone has the notify meta-attribute set to **true**, and the resource agent supports the notify action, Pacemaker will call the action when appropriate, passing a number of extra variables which, when combined with additional context, can be used to calculate the current state of the cluster and what is about to happen to it.

Table 31: Environment variables supplied with Clone notify actions

Variable	Description
OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_type	Allowed values: pre, post
OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_operation	Allowed values: start, stop
OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_start_resource	ce Resources to be started
OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_stop_resource	e Resources to be stopped
OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_active_resou	rce Resources that are running
OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_inactive_reso	ource Resources that are not running
OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_start_uname	Nodes on which resources will be started
OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_stop_uname	Nodes on which resources will be stopped
OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_active_unam	e Nodes on which resources are running

The variables come in pairs, such as OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_start\_resource and OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_start\_uname, and should be treated as an array of whitespace-separated elements.

OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_inactive\_resource is an exception, as the matching uname variable does not exist since inactive resources are not running on any node.

Thus, in order to indicate that **clone:0** will be started on **sles-1**, **clone:2** will be started on **sles-3**, and **clone:3** will be started on **sles-2**, the cluster would set:

## Notification variables

OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_start\_resource="clone:0 clone:2 clone:3"
OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_start\_uname="sles-1 sles-3 sles-2"

**Note:** Pacemaker will log but otherwise ignore failures of notify actions.

## Interpretation of Notification Variables

### Pre-notification (stop):

- Active resources: \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_active\_resource
- Inactive resources: \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_inactive\_resource
- Resources to be started: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_start\_resource</code>
- Resources to be stopped: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource</code>

# Post-notification (stop) / Pre-notification (start):

- Active resources
  - \$0CF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_active\_resource

- minus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource
- Inactive resources
  - \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_inactive\_resource
  - $-\ \mathrm{plus}\ \$\mathtt{OCF}_\mathtt{RESKEY}_\mathtt{CRM}_\mathtt{meta}_\mathtt{notify}_\mathtt{stop}_\mathtt{resource}$
- Resources that were started: \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_start\_resource
- Resources that were stopped: \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource

# Post-notification (start):

- Active resources:
  - \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_active\_resource
  - minus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource
  - plus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_start\_resource
- Inactive resources:
  - \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_inactive\_resource
  - plus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource
  - minus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_start\_resource
- Resources that were started: \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_start\_resource
- Resources that were stopped: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource</code>

## **Extra Notifications for Promotable Clones**

Table 32: Extra environment variables supplied for promotable clones

Variable	Description
OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_promoted_re	source Resources that are running in the promoted role
OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_unpromoted_	resource Resources that are running in the unpromoted role
OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_promote_res	ource Resources to be promoted
OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_demote_reso	urce Resources to be demoted
OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_promote_un	ame Nodes on which resources will be promoted
OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_demote_una	me Nodes on which resources will be demoted
OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_promoted_u	Nodes on which resources are running in the pro-
OCE DECITEM CENT	moted role
OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_unpromoted_	uname Nodes on which resources are running in the unpromoted role

# Interpretation of Promotable Notification Variables

# Pre-notification (demote):

- Active resources: \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_active\_resource
- Promoted resources: \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_promoted\_resource
- $\bullet \ \ Unpromoted\ resources:\ \verb§OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_unpromoted_resource\\$
- Inactive resources: \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_inactive\_resource
- Resources to be started: \$OCF RESKEY CRM meta notify start resource
- Resources to be promoted: \$OCF RESKEY CRM meta notify promote resource
- Resources to be demoted: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_demote\_resource</code>
- Resources to be stopped: **\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource**

# Post-notification (demote) / Pre-notification (stop):

- Active resources: \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_active\_resource
- Promoted resources:
  - \$0CF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_promoted\_resource
  - minus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_demote\_resource
- Unpromoted resources: \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_unpromoted\_resource
- Inactive resources: \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_inactive\_resource
- Resources to be started: **\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_start\_resource**
- Resources to be promoted: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_promote\_resource</code>
- Resources to be demoted: \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_demote\_resource
- Resources to be stopped: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource</code>
- Resources that were demoted: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_demote\_resource</code>

## Post-notification (stop) / Pre-notification (start)

- Active resources:
  - \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_active\_resource
  - minus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource
- Promoted resources:
  - \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_promoted\_resource
  - minus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_demote\_resource
- Unpromoted resources:
  - \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_unpromoted\_resource
  - minus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource
- Inactive resources:
  - \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_inactive\_resource
  - plus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource
- Resources to be started: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_start\_resource</code>
- Resources to be promoted: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_promote\_resource</code>
- Resources to be demoted: \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_demote\_resource

- Resources to be stopped: \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource
- Resources that were demoted: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_demote\_resource</code>
- Resources that were stopped: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource</code>

# Post-notification (start) / Pre-notification (promote)

- Active resources:
  - \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_active\_resource
  - minus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource
  - plus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_start\_resource
- Promoted resources:
  - \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_promoted\_resource
  - minus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_demote\_resource
- Unpromoted resources:
  - \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_unpromoted\_resource
  - minus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource
  - plus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_start\_resource
- Inactive resources:
  - \$OCF RESKEY CRM meta notify inactive resource
  - $-~{
    m plus}$  \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource
  - minus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_start\_resource
- Resources to be started: **\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_start\_resource**
- Resources to be promoted: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_promote\_resource</code>
- Resources to be demoted: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_demote\_resource</code>
- Resources to be stopped: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource</code>
- Resources that were started: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_start\_resource</code>
- Resources that were demoted: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_demote\_resource</code>
- Resources that were stopped: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource</code>

## Post-notification (promote)

- Active resources:
  - \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_active\_resource
  - minus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource
  - plus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_start\_resource
- Promoted resources:
  - \$0CF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_promoted\_resource
  - minus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_demote\_resource
  - plus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_promote\_resource
- Unpromoted resources:

- \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_unpromoted\_resource
- minus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource
- plus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_start\_resource
- minus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_promote\_resource
- Inactive resources:
  - \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_inactive\_resource
  - plus \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource
  - minus \$0CF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_start\_resource
- Resources to be started: **\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_start\_resource**
- Resources to be promoted: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_promote\_resource</code>
- Resources to be demoted: \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_demote\_resource
- Resources to be stopped: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource</code>
- Resources that were started: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_start\_resource</code>
- Resources that were promoted: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_promote\_resource</code>
- Resources that were demoted: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_demote\_resource</code>
- Resources that were stopped: <code>\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource</code>

## **Monitoring Promotable Clone Resources**

The usual monitor actions are insufficient to monitor a promotable clone resource, because Pacemaker needs to verify not only that the resource is active, but also that its actual role matches its intended one.

Define two monitoring actions: the usual one will cover the unpromoted role, and an additional one with role="Promoted" will cover the promoted role.

**Important:** It is crucial that *every* monitor operation has a different interval! Pacemaker currently differentiates between operations only by resource and interval; so if (for example) a promotable clone resource had the same monitor interval for both roles, Pacemaker would ignore the role when checking the status – which would cause unexpected return codes, and therefore unnecessary complications.

## **Determining Which Instance is Promoted**

Pacemaker can choose a promotable clone instance to be promoted in one of two ways:

- Promotion scores: These are node attributes set via the crm\_attribute command using the --promotion option, which generally would be called by the resource agent's start action if it supports promotable clones. This tool automatically detects both the resource and host, and should be used to set a preference for being promoted. Based on this, promoted-max, and promoted-node-max, the instance(s) with the highest preference will be promoted.
- Constraints: Location constraints can indicate which nodes are most preferred to be promoted.

## 2.11.3 Bundles - Containerized Resources

Pacemaker supports a special syntax for launching a service inside a container with any infrastructure it requires: the bundle.

Pacemaker bundles support Docker, podman (since 2.0.1), and rkt container technologies.<sup>2</sup>

```
A bundle for a containerized web server
<bundle id="httpd-bundle">
   <podman image="pcmk:http" replicas="3"/>
   <network ip-range-start="192.168.122.131"</pre>
            host-netmask="24"
            host-interface="eth0">
      <port-mapping id="httpd-port" port="80"/>
      </network>
   <storage>
      <storage-mapping id="httpd-syslog"</pre>
                        source-dir="/dev/log"
                        target-dir="/dev/log"
                        options="rw"/>
      <storage-mapping id="httpd-root"</pre>
                        source-dir="/srv/html"
                        target-dir="/var/www/html"
                        options="rw,Z"/>
      <storage-mapping id="httpd-logs"</pre>
                        source-dir-root="/var/log/pacemaker/bundles"
                        target-dir="/etc/httpd/logs"
                        options="rw,Z"/>
   </storage>
   <primitive class="ocf" id="httpd" provider="heartbeat" type="apache"/>
</bundle>
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Docker is a trademark of Docker, Inc. No endorsement by or association with Docker, Inc. is implied.

## **Bundle Prerequisites**

Before configuring a bundle in Pacemaker, the user must install the appropriate container launch technology (Docker, podman, or rkt), and supply a fully configured container image, on every node allowed to run the bundle.

Pacemaker will create an implicit resource of type **ocf:heartbeat:docker**, **ocf:heartbeat:podman**, or **ocf:heartbeat:rkt** to manage a bundle's container. The user must ensure that the appropriate resource agent is installed on every node allowed to run the bundle.

# **Bundle Properties**

Table 33: XML Attributes of a bundle Element

Field	Description
id	A unique name for the bundle (required)
description	An optional description of the group, for the user's own purposes. E.g. manages the container that runs the service

A bundle must contain exactly one docker, podman, or rkt element.

## **Bundle Container Properties**

Table 34: XML attributes of a docker, podman, or rkt Element

Attribute	Default	Description
image		Container image tag (required)
replicas	Value of promoted-max if that is	A positive integer specifying the number of
	positive, else 1	container instances to launch
replicas-per-host	1	A positive integer specifying the number of
		container instances allowed to run on a single
		node
promoted-max	0	A non-negative integer that, if positive, in-
		dicates that the containerized service should
		be treated as a promotable service, with this
		many replicas allowed to run the service in
		the promoted role
network		If specified, this will be passed to the docker
		run, podman run, or rkt run command as
		the network setting for the container.
run-command	/usr/sbin/pacemaker-remoted	This command will be run inside the con-
	if bundle contains a <b>primitive</b> ,	tainer when launching it ("PID 1"). If the
	otherwise none	bundle contains a <b>primitive</b> , this command
		must start pacemaker-remoted (but could,
		for example, be a script that does other stuff,
		too).
options		Extra command-line options to pass to the
		docker run, podman run, or rkt run com-
		mand

**Note:** Considerations when using cluster configurations or container images from Pacemaker 1.1:

- If the container image has a pre-2.0.0 version of Pacemaker, set run-command to /usr/sbin/pacemaker\_remoted (note the underbar instead of dash).
- masters is accepted as an alias for promoted-max, but is deprecated since 2.0.0, and support for it will be removed in a future version.

## **Bundle Network Properties**

A bundle may optionally contain one <network> element.

Table 35: XML attributes of a network Element

Attribute	Default	Description
add-host	TRUE	If TRUE, and ip-range-start is used, Pacemaker will automatically ensure that /etc/hosts inside the containers has entries for each <i>replica name</i> and its assigned IP.
ip-range-start		If specified, Pacemaker will create an implicit ocf:heartbeat:IPaddr2 resource for each container instance, starting with this IP address, using up to replicas sequential addresses. These addresses can be used from the host's network to reach the service inside the container, though it is not visible within the container itself. Only IPv4 addresses are currently supported.
host-netmask	32	If ip-range-start is specified, the IP addresses are created with this CIDR netmask (as a number of bits).
host-interface		If ip-range-start is specified, the IP addresses are created on this host interface (by default, it will be determined from the IP address).
control-port	3121	If the bundle contains a primitive, the cluster will use this integer TCP port for communication with Pacemaker Remote inside the container. Changing this is useful when the container is unable to listen on the default port, for example, when the container uses the host's network rather than ip-range-start (in which case replicas-per-host must be 1), or when the bundle may run on a Pacemaker Remote node that is already listening on the default port. Any PCMK_remote_port environment variable set on the host or in the container is ignored for bundle connections.

**Note:** Replicas are named by the bundle id plus a dash and an integer counter starting with zero. For example, if a bundle named **httpd-bundle** has **replicas=2**, its containers will be named **httpd-bundle-0** and **httpd-bundle-1**.

Additionally, a network element may optionally contain one or more port-mapping elements.

Table 36: Attributes of a port-mapping Element

Attribute	Default	Description
id		A unique name for the port mapping (required)
port		If this is specified, connections to this TCP port number on the host network (on the container's assigned IP address, if ip-range-start is specified) will be forwarded to the container network. Exactly one of port or range must be specified in a port-mapping.
internal-port	value of port	If port and this are specified, connections to port on the host's network will be forwarded to this port on the container network.
range		If this is specified, connections to these TCP port numbers (expressed as first_port-last_port) on the host network (on the container's assigned IP address, if ip-range-start is specified) will be forwarded to the same ports in the container network. Exactly one of port or range must be specified in a port-mapping.

**Note:** If the bundle contains a primitive, Pacemaker will automatically map the control-port, so it is not necessary to specify that port in a port-mapping.

# **Bundle Storage Properties**

A bundle may optionally contain one storage element. A storage element has no properties of its own, but may contain one or more storage-mapping elements.

Table 37: Attributes of a storage-mapping Element

Attribute	Default	Description
id		A unique name for the storage mapping (required)
source-dir		The absolute path on the host's filesystem that will be mapped into the container. Exactly one of source-dir and source-dir-root must be specified in a storage-mapping.
source-dir-root		The start of a path on the host's filesystem that will be mapped into the container, using a different subdirectory on the host for each container instance. The subdirectory will be named the same as the <i>replica name</i> . Exactly one of source-dir and source-dir-root must be specified in a storage-mapping.
target-dir		The path name within the container where the host storage will be mapped (required)
options		A comma-separated list of file system mount options to use when mapping the storage

**Note:** Pacemaker does not define the behavior if the source directory does not already exist on the host. However, it is expected that the container technology and/or its resource agent will create the source

directory in that case.

Note: If the bundle contains a primitive, Pacemaker will automatically map the equivalent of source-dir=/etc/pacemaker/authkey target-dir=/etc/pacemaker/authkey and source-dir-root=/var/log/pacemaker/bundles target-dir=/var/log into the container, so it is not necessary to specify those paths in a storage-mapping.

Important: The PCMK\_authkey\_location environment variable must not be set to anything other than the default of /etc/pacemaker/authkey on any node in the cluster.

**Important:** If SELinux is used in enforcing mode on the host, you must ensure the container is allowed to use any storage you mount into it. For Docker and podman bundles, adding "Z" to the mount options will create a container-specific label for the mount that allows the container access.

### **Bundle Primitive**

A bundle may optionally contain one *primitive* resource. The primitive may have operations, instance attributes, and meta-attributes defined, as usual.

If a bundle contains a primitive resource, the container image must include the Pacemaker Remote daemon, and at least one of <code>ip-range-start</code> or <code>control-port</code> must be configured in the bundle. Pacemaker will create an implicit <code>ocf:pacemaker:remote</code> resource for the connection, launch Pacemaker Remote within the container, and monitor and manage the primitive resource via Pacemaker Remote.

If the bundle has more than one container instance (replica), the primitive resource will function as an implicit *clone* – a *promotable clone* if the bundle has **promoted-max** greater than zero.

**Note:** If you want to pass environment variables to a bundle's Pacemaker Remote connection or primitive, you have two options:

- Environment variables whose value is the same regardless of the underlying host may be set using the container element's options attribute.
- If you want variables to have host-specific values, you can use the *storage-mapping* element to map a file on the host as /etc/pacemaker/pcmk-init.env in the container (since 2.0.3). Pacemaker Remote will parse this file as a shell-like format, with variables set as NAME=VALUE, ignoring blank lines and comments starting with "#".

**Important:** When a bundle has a **primitive**, Pacemaker on all cluster nodes must be able to contact Pacemaker Remote inside the bundle's containers.

- The containers must have an accessible network (for example, network should not be set to "none" with a primitive).
- The default, using a distinct network space inside the container, works in combination with ip-range-start. Any firewall must allow access from all cluster nodes to the control-port on the container IPs.

• If the container shares the host's network space (for example, by setting network to "host"), a unique control-port should be specified for each bundle. Any firewall must allow access from all cluster nodes to the control-port on all cluster and remote node IPs.

## **Bundle Node Attributes**

If the bundle has a **primitive**, the primitive's resource agent may want to set node attributes such as *promotion scores*. However, with containers, it is not apparent which node should get the attribute.

If the container uses shared storage that is the same no matter which node the container is hosted on, then it is appropriate to use the promotion score on the bundle node itself.

On the other hand, if the container uses storage exported from the underlying host, then it may be more appropriate to use the promotion score on the underlying host.

Since this depends on the particular situation, the container-attribute-target resource meta-attribute allows the user to specify which approach to use. If it is set to host, then user-defined node attributes will be checked on the underlying host. If it is anything else, the local node (in this case the bundle node) is used as usual.

This only applies to user-defined attributes; the cluster will always check the local node for cluster-defined attributes such as #uname.

If container-attribute-target is host, the cluster will pass additional environment variables to the primitive's resource agent that allow it to set node attributes appropriately: CRM\_meta\_container\_attribute\_target (identical to the meta-attribute value) and CRM\_meta\_physical\_host (the name of the underlying host).

**Note:** When called by a resource agent, the attrd\_updater and crm\_attribute commands will automatically check those environment variables and set attributes appropriately.

### **Bundle Meta-Attributes**

Any meta-attribute set on a bundle will be inherited by the bundle's primitive and any resources implicitly created by Pacemaker for the bundle.

This includes options such as priority, target-role, and is-managed. See *Resource Options* for more information.

Bundles support clone meta-attributes including notify, ordered, and interleave.

## **Limitations of Bundles**

Restarting pacemaker while a bundle is unmanaged or the cluster is in maintenance mode may cause the bundle to fail.

Bundles may not be explicitly cloned or included in groups. This includes the bundle's primitive and any resources implicitly created by Pacemaker for the bundle. (If replicas is greater than 1, the bundle will behave like a clone implicitly.)

Bundles do not have instance attributes, utilization attributes, or operations, though a bundle's primitive may have them.

A bundle with a primitive can run on a Pacemaker Remote node only if the bundle uses a distinct control-port.

# 2.12 Reusing Parts of the Configuration

Pacemaker provides multiple ways to simplify the configuration XML by reusing parts of it in multiple places.

Besides simplifying the XML, this also allows you to manipulate multiple configuration elements with a single reference.

# 2.12.1 Reusing Resource Definitions

If you want to create lots of resources with similar configurations, defining a *resource template* simplifies the task. Once defined, it can be referenced in primitives or in certain types of constraints.

## **Configuring Resources with Templates**

The primitives referencing the template will inherit all meta-attributes, instance attributes, utilization attributes and operations defined in the template. And you can define specific attributes and operations for any of the primitives. If any of these are defined in both the template and the primitive, the values defined in the primitive will take precedence over the ones defined in the template.

Hence, resource templates help to reduce the amount of configuration work. If any changes are needed, they can be done to the template definition and will take effect globally in all resource definitions referencing that template.

Resource templates have a syntax similar to that of primitives.

Once you define a resource template, you can use it in primitives by specifying the template property.

In the example above, the new primitive vm1 will inherit everything from vm-template. For example, the equivalent of the above two examples would be:

# Equivalent Xen primitive resource not using a resource template <primitive id="vm1" class="ocf" provider="heartbeat" type="Xen"> <meta\_attributes id="vm-template-meta\_attributes"> <nvpair id="vm-template-meta\_attributes-allow-migrate" name="allow-migrate" value="true"/> </meta attributes> <utilization id="vm-template-utilization"> <nvpair id="vm-template-utilization-memory" name="memory" value="512"/> </utilization> <operations> <op id="vm-template-monitor-15s" interval="15s" name="monitor" timeout="60s"/> <op id="vm-template-start-0" interval="0" name="start" timeout="60s"/> </operations> <instance\_attributes id="vm1-instance\_attributes"> <nvpair id="vm1-instance\_attributes-name" name="name" value="vm1"/> <nvpair id="vm1-instance\_attributes-xmfile" name="xmfile" value="/etc/xen/shared-vm/vm1"/> </instance\_attributes> </primitive>

If you want to overwrite some attributes or operations, add them to the particular primitive's definition.

```
Xen resource overriding template values
id="vm2" template="vm-template">
 <meta_attributes id="vm2-meta_attributes">
   <nvpair id="vm2-meta_attributes-allow-migrate" name="allow-migrate" value="false"/>
 </meta_attributes>
 <utilization id="vm2-utilization">
   <nvpair id="vm2-utilization-memory" name="memory" value="1024"/>
 </utilization>
 <instance_attributes id="vm2-instance_attributes">
   <nvpair id="vm2-instance_attributes-name" name="name" value="vm2"/>
   <nvpair id="vm2-instance_attributes-xmfile" name="xmfile" value="/etc/xen/shared-vm/vm2"/>
 </instance_attributes>
 <operations>
   <op id="vm2-monitor-30s" interval="30s" name="monitor" timeout="120s"/>
   <op id="vm2-stop-0" interval="0" name="stop" timeout="60s"/>
 </operations>
</primitive>
```

In the example above, the new primitive vm2 has special attribute values. Its monitor operation has a longer timeout and interval, and the primitive has an additional stop operation.

To see the resulting definition of a resource, run:

```
# crm_resource --query-xml --resource vm2
```

To see the raw definition of a resource in the CIB, run:

```
# crm_resource --query-xml-raw --resource vm2
```

## **Using Templates in Constraints**

A resource template can be referenced in the following types of constraints:

- order constraints (see Specifying the Order in which Resources Should Start/Stop)
- colocation constraints (see *Placing Resources Relative to other Resources*)
- rsc\_ticket constraints (for multi-site clusters as described in Configuring Ticket Dependencies)

Resource templates referenced in constraints stand for all primitives which are derived from that template. This means, the constraint applies to all primitive resources referencing the resource template. Referencing resource templates in constraints is an alternative to resource sets and can simplify the cluster configuration considerably.

For example, given the example templates earlier in this chapter:

would colocate all VMs with base-rsc and is the equivalent of the following constraint configuration:

```
<rsc_colocation id="vm-colo-base-rsc" score="INFINITY">
    <resource_set id="vm-colo-base-rsc-0" sequential="false" role="Started">
        <resource_ref id="vm1"/>
        <resource_ref id="vm2"/>
        </resource_set>
        <resource_set id="vm-colo-base-rsc-1">
              <resource_ref id="base-rsc"/>
              </resource_set>
        </resource_set>
        </resource_set>
        </resource_set></rsc_colocation>
```

**Note:** In a colocation constraint, only one template may be referenced from either rsc or with-rsc; the other reference must be a regular resource.

# Using Templates in Resource Sets

Resource templates can also be referenced in resource sets.

For example, given the example templates earlier in this section, then:

```
<rsc_order id="order1" score="INFINITY">
    <resource_set id="order1-0">
        <resource_ref id="base-rsc"/>
        <resource_ref id="vm-template"/>
        <resource_ref id="top-rsc"/>
        </resource_set>
        </rsc_order>
```

is the equivalent of the following constraint using a sequential resource set:

```
<rsc_order id="order1" score="INFINITY">
  <resource_set id="order1-0">
    <resource_ref id="base-rsc"/>
    <resource_ref id="vm1"/>
    <resource_ref id="vm2"/>
    <resource_ref id="top-rsc"/>
    </resource_set>
</rsc_order>
```

Or, if the resources referencing the template can run in parallel, then:

is the equivalent of the following constraint configuration:

# 2.12.2 Reusing Rules, Options and Sets of Operations

Sometimes a number of constraints need to use the same set of rules, and resources need to set the same options and parameters. To simplify this situation, you can refer to an existing object using an id-ref instead of an id.

So if for one resource you have

```
<rsc_location id="WebServer-connectivity" rsc="Webserver">
  <rule id="ping-prefer-rule" score-attribute="pingd" >
        <expression id="ping-prefer" attribute="pingd" operation="defined"/>
        </rule>
</rsc_location>
```

Then instead of duplicating the rule for all your other resources, you can instead specify:

**Important:** The cluster will insist that the rule exists somewhere. Attempting to add a reference to a non-existing rule will cause a validation failure, as will attempting to remove a rule that is referenced elsewhere.

The same principle applies for meta\_attributes and instance\_attributes as illustrated in the example below:

```
Referencing attributes, options, and operations from other resources
cprimitive id="mySpecialRsc" class="ocf" type="Special" provider="me">
  <instance_attributes id="mySpecialRsc-attrs" score="1" >
    <nvpair id="default-interface" name="interface" value="eth0"/>
    <nvpair id="default-port" name="port" value="9999"/>
   </instance_attributes>
   <meta_attributes id="mySpecialRsc-options">
    <nvpair id="failure-timeout" name="failure-timeout" value="5m"/>
    <nvpair id="migration-threshold" name="migration-threshold" value="1"/>
    <nvpair id="stickiness" name="resource-stickiness" value="0"/>
   </meta_attributes>
   <operations id="health-checks">
    <op id="health-check" name="monitor" interval="60s"/>
    <op id="health-check" name="monitor" interval="30min"/>
   </operations>
</primitive>
cprimitive id="myOtherlRsc" class="ocf" type="Other" provider="me">
  <instance_attributes id-ref="mySpecialRsc-attrs"/>
   <meta_attributes id-ref="mySpecialRsc-options"/>
   <operations id-ref="health-checks"/>
</primitive>
```

id-ref can similarly be used with resource\_set (in any constraint type), nvpair, and operations.

# 2.12.3 Tagging Configuration Elements

Pacemaker allows you to taq any configuration element that has an XML ID.

The main purpose of tagging is to support higher-level user interface tools; Pacemaker itself only uses tags within constraints. Therefore, what you can do with tags mostly depends on the tools you use.

## **Configuring Tags**

A tag is simply a named list of XML IDs.

What you can do with this new tag depends on what your higher-level tools support. For example, a tool might allow you to enable or disable all of the tagged resources at once, or show the status of just the tagged resources.

A single configuration element can be listed in any number of tags.

**Important:** If listing nodes in a tag, you must list the node's id, not name.

## Using Tags in Constraints and Resource Sets

Pacemaker itself only uses tags in constraints. If you supply a tag name instead of a resource name in any constraint, the constraint will apply to all resources listed in that tag.

In the example above, assuming the all-vms tag is defined as in the previous example, the constraint will behave the same as:

A tag may be used directly in the constraint, or indirectly by being listed in a *resource set* used in the constraint. When used in a resource set, an expanded tag will honor the set's **sequential** property.

# Filtering With Tags

The crm\_mon tool can be used to display lots of information about the state of the cluster. On large or complicated clusters, this can include a lot of information, which makes it difficult to find the one thing you are interested in. The --resource= and --node= command line options can be used to filter results. In their most basic usage, these options take a single resource or node name. However, they can also be supplied with a tag name to display several objects at once.

For instance, given the following CIB section:

```
<resources>
  <primitive class="stonith" id="Fencing" type="fence_xvm"/>
  <primitive class="ocf" id="dummy" provider="pacemaker" type="Dummy"/>
  <group id="inactive-group">
   <primitive class="ocf" id="inactive-dummy-1" provider="pacemaker" type="Dummy"/>
   <primitive class="ocf" id="inactive-dummy-2" provider="pacemaker" type="Dummy"/>
  </group>
  <clone id="inactive-clone">
    <primitive id="inactive-dhcpd" class="lsb" type="dhcpd"/>
  </clone>
</resources>
<tags>
 <tag id="inactive-rscs">
   <obj_ref id="inactive-group"/>
    <obj_ref id="inactive-clone"/>
  </tag>
</tags>
```

The following would be output for crm\_mon --resource=inactive-rscs -r:

```
Cluster Summary:

* Stack: corosync

* Current DC: cluster02 (version 2.0.4-1.e97f9675f.git.e17-e97f9675f) - partition with quorum

* Last updated: Tue Oct 20 16:09:01 2020

* Last change: Tue May 5 12:04:36 2020 by hacluster via crmd on cluster01

* 5 nodes configured

* 27 resource instances configured (4 DISABLED)

Node List:

* Online: [ cluster01 cluster02 ]

Full List of Resources:

* Clone Set: inactive-clone [inactive-dhcpd] (disabled):

* Stopped (disabled): [ cluster01 cluster02 ]

* Resource Group: inactive-group (disabled):

* inactive-dummy-1 (ocf::pacemaker:Dummy): Stopped (disabled)

* inactive-dummy-2 (ocf::pacemaker:Dummy): Stopped (disabled)
```

# 2.13 Utilization and Placement Strategy

Pacemaker decides where to place a resource according to the resource assignment scores on every node. The resource will be assigned to the node where the resource has the highest score.

If the resource assignment scores on all the nodes are equal, by the default placement strategy, Pacemaker will choose a node with the least number of assigned resources for balancing the load. If the number of resources on each node is equal, the first eligible node listed in the CIB will be chosen to run the resource.

Often, in real-world situations, different resources use significantly different proportions of a node's capacities (memory, I/O, etc.). We cannot balance the load ideally just according to the number of resources assigned to a node. Besides, if resources are placed such that their combined requirements exceed the provided capacity, they may fail to start completely or run with degraded performance.

To take these factors into account, Pacemaker allows you to configure:

- 1. The capacity a certain node provides.
- 2. The capacity a certain resource requires.

3. An overall strategy for placement of resources.

## 2.13.1 Utilization attributes

To configure the capacity that a node provides or a resource requires, you can use *utilization attributes* in node and resource objects. You can name utilization attributes according to your preferences and define as many name/value pairs as your configuration needs. However, the attributes' values must be integers.

```
Specifying CPU and RAM consumed by several resources
<primitive id="rsc-small" class="ocf" provider="pacemaker" type="Dummy">
 <utilization id="rsc-small-utilization">
    <nvpair id="rsc-small-utilization-cpu" name="cpu" value="1"/>
    <nvpair id="rsc-small-utilization-memory" name="memory" value="1024"/>
 </utilization>
</primitive>
<primitive id="rsc-medium" class="ocf" provider="pacemaker" type="Dummy">
 <utilization id="rsc-medium-utilization">
    <nvpair id="rsc-medium-utilization-cpu" name="cpu" value="2"/>
    <nvpair id="rsc-medium-utilization-memory" name="memory" value="2048"/>
 </utilization>
</primitive>
<primitive id="rsc-large" class="ocf" provider="pacemaker" type="Dummy">
 <utilization id="rsc-large-utilization">
    <nvpair id="rsc-large-utilization-cpu" name="cpu" value="3"/>
    <nvpair id="rsc-large-utilization-memory" name="memory" value="3072"/>
 </utilization>
</primitive>
```

A node is considered eligible for a resource if it has sufficient free capacity to satisfy the resource's requirements. The nature of the required or provided capacities is completely irrelevant to Pacemaker – it just makes sure that all capacity requirements of a resource are satisfied before placing a resource to a node.

Utilization attributes used on a node object can also be *transient* (since 2.1.6). These attributes are added to a transient\_attributes section for the node and are forgotten by the cluster when the node goes offline. The attrd\_updater tool can be used to set these attributes.

# Transient utilization attribute for node cluster-1 <transient\_attributes id="cluster-1"> <utilization id="status-cluster-1"> <nvpair id="status-cluster-1-cpu" name="cpu" value="1"/> </utilization> </transient\_attributes>

**Note:** Utilization is supported for bundles (since 2.1.3), but only for bundles with an inner primitive. Any resource utilization values should be specified for the inner primitive, but any priority meta-attribute should be specified for the outer bundle.

# 2.13.2 Placement Strategy

After you have configured the capacities your nodes provide and the capacities your resources require, you need to set the placement-strategy in the global cluster options, otherwise the capacity configurations have no effect.

Four values are available for the placement-strategy:

### · default

Utilization values are not taken into account at all. Resources are assigned according to assignment scores. If scores are equal, resources are evenly distributed across nodes.

#### utilization

Utilization values are taken into account *only* when deciding whether a node is considered eligible (i.e. whether it has sufficient free capacity to satisfy the resource's requirements). Load-balancing is still done based on the number of resources assigned to a node.

## balanced

Utilization values are taken into account when deciding whether a node is eligible to serve a resource *and* when load-balancing, so an attempt is made to spread the resources in a way that optimizes resource performance.

# • minimal

Utilization values are taken into account *only* when deciding whether a node is eligible to serve a resource. For load-balancing, an attempt is made to concentrate the resources on as few nodes as possible, thereby enabling possible power savings on the remaining nodes.

Set placement-strategy with crm\_attribute:

```
# crm_attribute --name placement-strategy --update balanced
```

Now Pacemaker will ensure the load from your resources will be distributed evenly throughout the cluster, without the need for convoluted sets of colocation constraints.

## 2.13.3 Assignment Details

## Which node is preferred to get consumed first when assigning resources?

- The node with the highest node weight gets consumed first. Node weight is a score maintained by the cluster to represent node health.
- If multiple nodes have the same node weight:
- If placement-strategy is default or utilization, the node that has the least number of assigned resources gets consumed first.
  - If their numbers of assigned resources are equal, the first eligible node listed in the CIB gets consumed first.
- If placement-strategy is balanced, the node that has the most free capacity gets consumed first.
  - If the free capacities of the nodes are equal, the node that has the least number of assigned resources gets consumed first.
    - \* If their numbers of assigned resources are equal, the first eligible node listed in the CIB gets consumed first.
- If placement-strategy is minimal, the first eligible node listed in the CIB gets consumed first.

## Which node has more free capacity?

If only one type of utilization attribute has been defined, free capacity is a simple numeric comparison.

If multiple types of utilization attributes have been defined, then the node that is numerically highest in the the most attribute types has the most free capacity. For example:

- If nodeA has more free cpus, and nodeB has more free memory, then their free capacities are equal.
- If nodeA has more free cpus, while nodeB has more free memory and storage, then nodeB has more free capacity.

## Which resource is preferred to be assigned first?

- The resource that has the highest priority (see Resource Options) gets assigned first.
- If their priorities are equal, check whether they are already running. The resource that has the highest score on the node where it's running gets assigned first, to prevent resource shuffling.
- If the scores above are equal or the resources are not running, the resource has the highest score on the preferred node gets assigned first.
- If the scores above are equal, the first runnable resource listed in the CIB gets assigned first.

## 2.13.4 Limitations and Workarounds

The type of problem Pacemaker is dealing with here is known as the knapsack problem and falls into the NP-complete category of computer science problems – a fancy way of saying "it takes a really long time to solve".

Clearly in a HA cluster, it's not acceptable to spend minutes, let alone hours or days, finding an optimal solution while services remain unavailable.

So instead of trying to solve the problem completely, Pacemaker uses a *best effort* algorithm for determining which node should host a particular service. This means it arrives at a solution much faster than traditional linear programming algorithms, but by doing so at the price of leaving some services stopped.

In the contrived example at the start of this chapter:

- rsc-small would be assigned to node1
- rsc-medium would be assigned to node2
- rsc-large would remain inactive

Which is not ideal.

There are various approaches to dealing with the limitations of pacemaker's placement strategy:

• Ensure you have sufficient physical capacity.

It might sound obvious, but if the physical capacity of your nodes is (close to) maxed out by the cluster under normal conditions, then failover isn't going to go well. Even without the utilization feature, you'll start hitting timeouts and getting secondary failures.

• Build some buffer into the capabilities advertised by the nodes.

Advertise slightly more resources than we physically have, on the (usually valid) assumption that a resource will not use 100% of the configured amount of CPU, memory and so forth all the time. This practice is sometimes called overcommit.

• Specify resource priorities.

If the cluster is going to sacrifice services, it should be the ones you care about (comparatively) the least. Ensure that resource priorities are properly set so that your most important resources are scheduled first.

# 2.14 Access Control Lists (ACLs)

By default, the root user or any user in the haclient group can modify Pacemaker's CIB without restriction. Pacemaker offers access control lists (ACLs) to provide more fine-grained authorization.

**Important:** Being able to modify the CIB's resource section allows a user to run any executable file as root, by configuring it as an LSB resource with a full path.

## 2.14.1 ACL Prerequisites

In order to use ACLs:

- The enable-acl *cluster option* must be set to true.
- Desired users must have user accounts in the haclient group on all cluster nodes in the cluster.
- If your CIB was created before Pacemaker 1.1.12, it might need to be updated to the current schema (using cibadmin --upgrade or a higher-level tool equivalent) in order to use the syntax documented here.
- Prior to the 2.1.0 release, the Pacemaker software had to have been built with ACL support. If you are using an older release, your installation supports ACLs only if the output of the command pacemakerd --features contains acls. In newer versions, ACLs are always enabled.

# 2.14.2 ACL Configuration

ACLs are specified within an acls element of the CIB. The acls element may contain any number of acl\_role, acl\_target, and acl\_group elements.

# 2.14.3 ACL Roles

An ACL *role* is a collection of permissions allowing or denying access to particular portions of the CIB. A role is configured with an acl\_role element in the CIB acls section.

Table 38: Properties of an acl\_role element

Attribute	Description
id	A unique name for the role (required)
description	Arbitrary text (not used by Pacemaker)

An acl\_role element may contain any number of acl\_permission elements.

Table 39: Properties of an acl\_permission element

Attribute	Description
id	A unique name for the permission (required)
description	Arbitrary text (not used by Pacemaker)
kind	The access being granted. Allowed values are read, write, and deny. A value of write grants both read and write access.
object-type	The name of an XML element in the CIB to which the permission applies. (Exactly one of object-type, xpath, and reference must be specified for a permission.)
attribute	If specified, the permission applies only to object-type elements that have this attribute set (to any value). If not specified, the permission applies to all object-type elements. May only be used with object-type.
reference	The ID of an XML element in the CIB to which the permission applies. (Exactly one of object-type, xpath, and reference must be specified for a permission.)
xpath	An XPath specification selecting an XML element in the CIB to which the permission applies. Attributes may be specified in the XPath to select particular elements, but the permissions apply to the entire element. (Exactly one of object-type, xpath, and reference must be specified for a permission.)

## Important:

- Permissions are applied to the selected XML element's entire XML subtree (all elements enclosed within it).
- Write permission grants the ability to create, modify, or remove the element and its subtree, and also the ability to create any "scaffolding" elements (enclosing elements that do not have attributes other than an ID).

- Permissions for more specific matches (more deeply nested elements) take precedence over more general
  ones.
- If multiple permissions are configured for the same match (for example, in different roles applied to the same user), any deny permission takes precedence, then write, then lastly read.

# 2.14.4 ACL Targets and Groups

ACL targets correspond to user accounts on the system.

Table 40: Properties of an acl\_target element

Attribute	Description
id	A unique identifier for the target (if name is not specified, this must be the name of the user account) (required)
name	If specified, the user account name (this allows you to specify a user name that is already used as the id for some other configuration element) (since 2.1.5)

ACL groups correspond to groups on the system. Any role configured for these groups apply to all users in that group  $(since\ 2.1.5)$ .

Table 41: Properties of an acl\_group element

Attribute	Description
id	A unique identifier for the group (if name is not specified, this must be the group name) (required)
name	If specified, the group name (this allows you to specify a group name that is already used as the id for some other configuration element)

Each acl\_target and acl\_group element may contain any number of role elements.

**Note:** If the system users and groups are defined by some network service (such as LDAP), the cluster itself will be unaffected by outages in the service, but affected users and groups will not be able to make changes to the CIB.

Table 42: Properties of a role element

Attribute	Description
id	The id of an acl_role element that specifies permissions granted to the en-
	closing target or group.

**Important:** The root and hacluster user accounts always have full access to the CIB, regardless of ACLs. For all other user accounts, when enable-acl is true, permission to all parts of the CIB is denied by default (permissions must be explicitly granted).

# 2.14.5 ACL Examples

```
<acls>
   <acl_role id="read_all">
       <acl_permission id="read_all-cib" kind="read" xpath="/cib" />
   </acl_role>
   <acl_role id="operator">
       <acl_permission id="operator-maintenance-mode" kind="write"</pre>
           xpath="//crm_config//nvpair[@name='maintenance-mode']" />
       <acl_permission id="operator-maintenance-attr" kind="write"</pre>
           xpath="//nvpair[@name='maintenance']" />
       <acl_permission id="operator-target-role" kind="write"</pre>
           xpath="//resources//meta_attributes/nvpair[@name='target-role']" />
       <acl_permission id="operator-is-managed" kind="write"</pre>
           xpath="//resources//nvpair[@name='is-managed']" />
       <acl_permission id="operator-rsc_location" kind="write"</pre>
           object-type="rsc_location" />
   </acl_role>
   <acl_role id="administrator">
       <acl_permission id="administrator-cib" kind="write" xpath="/cib" />
   </acl_role>
   <acl_role id="minimal">
       <acl_permission id="minimal-standby" kind="read"</pre>
           description="allow reading standby node attribute (permanent or transient)"
           xpath="//instance_attributes/nvpair[@name='standby']"/>
       <acl_permission id="minimal-maintenance" kind="read"</pre>
           description="allow reading maintenance node attribute (permanent or transient)"
           xpath="//nvpair[@name='maintenance']"/>
       <acl_permission id="minimal-target-role" kind="read"</pre>
           description="allow reading resource target roles"
           xpath="//resources//meta_attributes/nvpair[@name='target-role']"/>
       <acl_permission id="minimal-is-managed" kind="read"</pre>
           description="allow reading resource managed status"
           xpath="//resources//meta_attributes/nvpair[@name='is-managed']"/>
       <acl_permission id="minimal-deny-instance-attributes" kind="deny"</pre>
           xpath="//instance_attributes"/>
       <acl_permission id="minimal-deny-meta-attributes" kind="deny"</pre>
           xpath="//meta_attributes"/>
       <acl_permission id="minimal-deny-operations" kind="deny"</pre>
           xpath="//operations"/>
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```
<acl_permission id="minimal-deny-utilization" kind="deny"</pre>
           xpath="//utilization"/>
       <acl_permission id="minimal-nodes" kind="read"</pre>
           description="allow reading node names/IDs (attributes are denied separately)"
           xpath="/cib/configuration/nodes"/>
       <acl_permission id="minimal-resources" kind="read"</pre>
           description="allow reading resource names/agents (parameters are denied separately)"
           xpath="/cib/configuration/resources"/>
       <acl_permission id="minimal-deny-constraints" kind="deny"</pre>
           xpath="/cib/configuration/constraints"/>
       <acl_permission id="minimal-deny-topology" kind="deny"</pre>
           xpath="/cib/configuration/fencing-topology"/>
       <acl_permission id="minimal-deny-op_defaults" kind="deny"</pre>
           xpath="/cib/configuration/op_defaults"/>
       <acl_permission id="minimal-deny-rsc_defaults" kind="deny"</pre>
           xpath="/cib/configuration/rsc_defaults"/>
       <acl_permission id="minimal-deny-alerts" kind="deny"</pre>
           xpath="/cib/configuration/alerts"/>
       <acl_permission id="minimal-deny-acls" kind="deny"</pre>
           xpath="/cib/configuration/acls"/>
       <acl_permission id="minimal-cib" kind="read"</pre>
           description="allow reading cib element and crm_config/status sections"
           xpath="/cib"/>
   </acl_role>
   <acl_target id="alice">
      <role id="minimal"/>
   </acl_target>
   <acl_target id="bob">
      <role id="read_all"/>
   </acl_target>
   <acl_target id="carol">
      <role id="read_all"/>
      <role id="operator"/>
   </acl_target>
   <acl_target id="dave">
      <role id="administrator"/>
   </acl_target>
</acls>
```

In the above example, the user alice has the minimal permissions necessary to run basic Pacemaker CLI tools, including using crm\_mon to view the cluster status, without being able to modify anything. The user

bob can view the entire configuration and status of the cluster, but not make any changes. The user carol can read everything, and change selected cluster properties as well as resource roles and location constraints. Finally, dave has full read and write access to the entire CIB.

Looking at the minimal role in more depth, it is designed to allow read access to the cib tag itself, while denying access to particular portions of its subtree (which is the entire CIB).

This is because the DC node is indicated in the cib tag, so crm\_mon will not be able to report the DC otherwise. However, this does change the security model to allow by default, since any portions of the CIB not explicitly denied will be readable. The cib read access could be removed and replaced with read access to just the crm\_config and status sections, for a safer approach at the cost of not seeing the DC in status output.

For a simpler configuration, the minimal role allows read access to the entire crm\_config section, which contains cluster properties. It would be possible to allow read access to specific properties instead (such as stonith-enabled, dc-uuid, have-quorum, and cluster-name) to restrict access further while still allowing status output, but cluster properties are unlikely to be considered sensitive.

## 2.14.6 ACL Limitations

## Actions performed via IPC rather than the CIB

ACLs apply only to the CIB.

That means ACLs apply to command-line tools that operate by reading or writing the CIB, such as crm\_attribute when managing permanent node attributes, crm\_mon, and cibadmin.

However, command-line tools that communicate directly with Pacemaker daemons via IPC are not affected by ACLs. For example, users in the haclient group may still do the following, regardless of ACLs:

- Query transient node attribute values using crm\_attribute and attrd\_updater.
- Query basic node information using crm\_node.
- Erase resource operation history using crm\_resource.
- Query fencing configuration information, and execute fencing against nodes, using stonith\_admin.

## **ACLs and Pacemaker Remote**

ACLs apply to commands run on Pacemaker Remote nodes using the Pacemaker Remote node's name as the ACL user name.

The idea is that Pacemaker Remote nodes (especially virtual machines and containers) are likely to be purpose-built and have different user accounts from full cluster nodes.

# 2.15 Status - Here be dragons

Most users never need to understand the contents of the status section and can be happy with the output from crm\_mon.

However for those with a curious inclination, this section attempts to provide an overview of its contents.

# 2.15.1 Node Status

In addition to the cluster's configuration, the CIB holds an up-to-date representation of each cluster node in the status section.

Users are highly recommended *not* to modify any part of a node's state *directly*. The cluster will periodically regenerate the entire section from authoritative sources, so any changes should be done with the tools appropriate to those sources.

Table 43: Authoritative Sources for State Information

CIB Object	Authoritative Source
node_state	pacemaker-controld
transient_attributes	pacemaker-attrd
lrm	pacemaker-execd

The fields used in the node\_state objects are named as they are largely for historical reasons, to maintain compatibility with older versions.

Table 44: Node Status Fields

Field	Description
id	Unique identifier for the node. Corosync-based clusters use a numeric counter.
uname	The node's name as known by the cluster
in_ccm	Is the node a member at the cluster communication later? Allowed values: true, false.
crmd	Is the node a member at the pacemaker layer? Allowed values: online, offline.
crm-debug-origin	The name of the source function that made the most recent change (for debugging purposes).
join	Does the node participate in hosting resources? Allowed values: down, pending, member. banned.
expected	Expected value for join.

The cluster uses these fields to determine whether, at the node level, the node is healthy or is in a failed state and needs to be fenced.

# 2.15.2 Transient Node Attributes

Like regular *Node Attributes*, the name/value pairs listed in the transient\_attributes section help to describe the node. However they are forgotten by the cluster when the node goes offline. This can be useful, for instance, when you want a node to be in standby mode (not able to run resources) just until the next reboot.

In addition to any values the administrator sets, the cluster will also store information about failed resources here.

In the above example, we can see that a monitor on the pingd:0 resource has failed once, at 09:22:22 UTC 6 April 2009.<sup>1</sup>.

We also see that the node is connected to three **pingd** peers and that all known resources have been checked for on this machine (probe\_complete).

# 2.15.3 Operation History

A node's resource history is held in the lrm\_resources element (a child of the lrm element). The information stored here includes enough information for the cluster to stop the resource safely if it is removed from the configuration section. Specifically, the resource's id, class, type and provider are stored.

Additionally, we store history entries for certain actions.

Table 45: Attributes of an lrm\_rsc\_op element

Field	Description
id	Identifier for the history entry constructed from the resource ID, action name,
	and operation interval.
call-id	A node-specific counter used to determine the order in which actions were
	executed.
operation	The action name the resource agent was invoked with.

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 $<sup>^1</sup>$  You can use the standard  ${\tt date}$  command to print a human-readable version of any seconds-since-epoch value, for example  ${\tt date}\ {\tt -d}\ {\tt @1239009742}.$ 

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Field	Description
interval	The frequency, in milliseconds, at which the operation will be repeated. One-
	time execution is indicated by 0.
op-status	The execution status of this action. The meanings of these codes are internal
	to Pacemaker.
rc-code	The resource agent's exit status for this action. Refer to the Resource Agents
	chapter of <i>Pacemaker Administration</i> for how these values are interpreted.
last-rc-change	Machine-local date/time, in seconds since epoch, at which the action first
	returned the current value of rc-code. For diagnostic purposes.
exec-time	Time, in milliseconds, that the action was running for. For diagnostic purposes.
queue-time	Time, in seconds, that the action was queued for in the local executor. For
	diagnostic purposes.
crm_feature_set	The Pacemaker feature set used to record this entry.
transition-key	A concatenation of the action's graph action number, the graph number, the
	expected result and the UUID of the controller instance that scheduled it. This
	is used to construct transition-magic (below).
transition-magic	A concatenation of op-status, rc-code and transition-key. Guaranteed
	to be unique for the life of the cluster (which ensures it is part of CIB update
	notifications) and contains all the information needed for the controller to
	correctly analyze and process the completed action. Most importantly, the
	decomposed elements tell the controller if the history entry was expected and
	whether it failed.
op-digest	An MD5 sum representing the parameters passed to the action. Used to detect
	changes to the configuration, to restart resources if necessary.
crm-debug-origin	The origin of the current values. For diagnostic purposes.

## **Simple Operation History Example**

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In the above example, the action is a non-recurring monitor operation often referred to as a "probe" for the apcstonith resource.

The cluster schedules probes for every configured resource on a node when the node first starts, in order to determine the resource's current state before it takes any further action.

From the transition-key, we can see that this was the 22nd action of the 2nd graph produced by this instance of the controller (2668bbeb-06d5-40f9-936d-24cb7f87006a).

The third field of the transition-key contains a 7, which indicates that the cluster expects to find the resource inactive. By looking at the rc-code property, we see that this was the case.

As that is the only action recorded for this node, we can conclude that the cluster started the resource elsewhere.

## **Complex Operation History Example**

```
Resource history of a pingd clone with multiple entries
<lrm_resource id="pingd:0" type="pingd" class="ocf" provider="pacemaker">
 <lrm_rsc_op id="pingd:0_monitor_30000" operation="monitor" call-id="34"</pre>
   rc-code="0" op-status="0" interval="30000"
    crm-debug-origin="do_update_resource" crm_feature_set="3.0.1"
    transition-key="10:11:0:2668bbeb-06d5-40f9-936d-24cb7f87006a"
   last-rc-change="1239009741" exec-time="10" queue-time="0"/>
 <lrm_rsc_op id="pingd:0_stop_0" operation="stop"</pre>
    crm-debug-origin="do_update_resource" crm_feature_set="3.0.1" call-id="32"
   rc-code="0" op-status="0" interval="0"
   transition-key="11:11:0:2668bbeb-06d5-40f9-936d-24cb7f87006a"
   last-rc-change="1239009741" exec-time="10" queue-time="0"/>
 <lrm_rsc_op id="pingd:0_start_0" operation="start" call-id="33"</pre>
   rc-code="0" op-status="0" interval="0"
   crm-debug-origin="do_update_resource" crm_feature_set="3.0.1"
   transition-key="31:11:0:2668bbeb-06d5-40f9-936d-24cb7f87006a"
   last-rc-change="1239009741" exec-time="10" queue-time="0" />
 <lrm_rsc_op id="pingd:0_monitor_0" operation="monitor" call-id="3"</pre>
   rc-code="0" op-status="0" interval="0"
    crm-debug-origin="do_update_resource" crm_feature_set="3.0.1"
    transition-key="23:2:7:2668bbeb-06d5-40f9-936d-24cb7f87006a"
    last-rc-change="1239008085" exec-time="20" queue-time="0"/>
  </lrm_resource>
```

When more than one history entry exists, it is important to first sort them by call-id before interpreting them.

Once sorted, the above example can be summarized as:

- 1. A non-recurring monitor operation returning 7 (not running), with a call-id of 3
- 2. A stop operation returning 0 (success), with a call-id of 32
- 3. A start operation returning 0 (success), with a call-id of 33
- 4. A recurring monitor returning 0 (success), with a call-id of 34

The cluster processes each history entry to build up a picture of the resource's state. After the first and second entries, it is considered stopped, and after the third it considered active.

Based on the last operation, we can tell that the resource is currently active.

Additionally, from the presence of a stop operation with a lower call-id than that of the start operation, we can conclude that the resource has been restarted. Specifically this occurred as part of actions 11 and 31 of transition 11 from the controller instance with the key 2668bbeb.... This information can be helpful for locating the relevant section of the logs when looking for the source of a failure.

# 2.16 Multi-Site Clusters and Tickets

Apart from local clusters, Pacemaker also supports multi-site clusters. That means you can have multiple, geographically dispersed sites, each with a local cluster. Failover between these clusters can be coordinated manually by the administrator, or automatically by a higher-level entity called a *Cluster Ticket Registry* (CTR).

# 2.16.1 Challenges for Multi-Site Clusters

Typically, multi-site environments are too far apart to support synchronous communication and data replication between the sites. That leads to significant challenges:

- How do we make sure that a cluster site is up and running?
- How do we make sure that resources are only started once?
- How do we make sure that quorum can be reached between the different sites and a split-brain scenario avoided?
- How do we manage failover between sites?
- How do we deal with high latency in case of resources that need to be stopped?

In the following sections, learn how to meet these challenges.

## 2.16.2 Conceptual Overview

Multi-site clusters can be considered as "overlay" clusters where each cluster site corresponds to a cluster node in a traditional cluster. The overlay cluster can be managed by a CTR in order to guarantee that any cluster resource will be active on no more than one cluster site. This is achieved by using *tickets* that are treated as failover domain between cluster sites, in case a site should be down.

The following sections explain the individual components and mechanisms that were introduced for multi-site clusters in more detail.

#### **Ticket**

Tickets are, essentially, cluster-wide attributes. A ticket grants the right to run certain resources on a specific cluster site. Resources can be bound to a certain ticket by rsc\_ticket constraints. Only if the ticket is available at a site can the respective resources be started there. Vice versa, if the ticket is revoked, the resources depending on that ticket must be stopped.

The ticket thus is similar to a *site quorum*, i.e. the permission to manage/own resources associated with that site. (One can also think of the current have-quorum flag as a special, cluster-wide ticket that is granted in case of node majority.)

Tickets can be granted and revoked either manually by administrators (which could be the default for classic enterprise clusters), or via the automated CTR mechanism described below.

A ticket can only be owned by one site at a time. Initially, none of the sites has a ticket. Each ticket must be granted once by the cluster administrator.

The presence or absence of tickets for a site is stored in the CIB as a cluster status. With regards to a certain ticket, there are only two states for a site: true (the site has the ticket) or false (the site does not have the ticket). The absence of a certain ticket (during the initial state of the multi-site cluster) is the same as the value false.

### **Dead Man Dependency**

A site can only activate resources safely if it can be sure that the other site has deactivated them. However after a ticket is revoked, it can take a long time until all resources depending on that ticket are stopped "cleanly", especially in case of cascaded resources. To cut that process short, the concept of a *Dead Man Dependency* was introduced.

If a dead man dependency is in force, if a ticket is revoked from a site, the nodes that are hosting dependent resources are fenced. This considerably speeds up the recovery process of the cluster and makes sure that resources can be migrated more quickly.

This can be configured by specifying a loss-policy="fence" in rsc\_ticket constraints.

### **Cluster Ticket Registry**

A CTR is a coordinated group of network daemons that automatically handles granting, revoking, and timing out tickets (instead of the administrator revoking the ticket somewhere, waiting for everything to stop, and then granting it on the desired site).

Pacemaker does not implement its own CTR, but interoperates with external software designed for that purpose (similar to how resource and fencing agents are not directly part of pacemaker).

Participating clusters run the CTR daemons, which connect to each other, exchange information about their connectivity, and vote on which sites gets which tickets.

A ticket is granted to a site only once the CTR is sure that the ticket has been relinquished by the previous owner, implemented via a timer in most scenarios. If a site loses connection to its peers, its tickets time out and recovery occurs. After the connection timeout plus the recovery timeout has passed, the other sites are allowed to re-acquire the ticket and start the resources again.

This can also be thought of as a "quorum server", except that it is not a single quorum ticket, but several.

#### **Configuration Replication**

As usual, the CIB is synchronized within each cluster, but it is *not* synchronized across cluster sites of a multi-site cluster. You have to configure the resources that will be highly available across the multi-site cluster for every site accordingly.

## 2.16.3 Configuring Ticket Dependencies

The **rsc\_ticket** constraint lets you specify the resources depending on a certain ticket. Together with the constraint, you can set a **loss-policy** that defines what should happen to the respective resources if the ticket is revoked.

The attribute **loss-policy** can have the following values:

- fence: Fence the nodes that are running the relevant resources.
- stop: Stop the relevant resources.
- freeze: Do nothing to the relevant resources.
- demote: Demote relevant resources that are running in the promoted role.

Constraint that fences node if ticketA is revoked

```
<rsc_ticket id="rsc1-req-ticketA" rsc="rsc1" ticket="ticketA" loss-policy="fence"/>
```

The example above creates a constraint with the ID rsc1-req-ticketA. It defines that the resource rsc1 depends on ticketA and that the node running the resource should be fenced if ticketA is revoked.

If resource rsc1 were a promotable resource, you might want to configure that only being in the promoted role depends on ticketA. With the following configuration, rsc1 will be demoted if ticketA is revoked:

You can create multiple **rsc\_ticket** constraints to let multiple resources depend on the same ticket. However, **rsc\_ticket** also supports resource sets (see *Resource Sets*), so one can easily list all the resources in one **rsc\_ticket** constraint instead.

In the example above, there are two resource sets, so we can list resources with different roles in a single rsc\_ticket constraint. There's no dependency between the two resource sets, and there's no dependency among the resources within a resource set. Each of the resources just depends on ticketA.

Referencing resource templates in rsc\_ticket constraints, and even referencing them within resource sets, is also supported.

If you want other resources to depend on further tickets, create as many constraints as necessary with rsc\_ticket.

## 2.16.4 Managing Multi-Site Clusters

# **Granting and Revoking Tickets Manually**

You can grant tickets to sites or revoke them from sites manually. If you want to re-distribute a ticket, you should wait for the dependent resources to stop cleanly at the previous site before you grant the ticket to the new site.

Use the **crm\_ticket** command line tool to grant and revoke tickets.

To grant a ticket to this site:

```
# crm_ticket --ticket ticketA --grant
```

To revoke a ticket from this site:

```
# crm_ticket --ticket ticketA --revoke
```

**Important:** If you are managing tickets manually, use the **crm\_ticket** command with great care, because it cannot check whether the same ticket is already granted elsewhere.

### Granting and Revoking Tickets via a Cluster Ticket Registry

We will use Booth here as an example of software that can be used with pacemaker as a Cluster Ticket Registry. Booth implements the Raft algorithm to guarantee the distributed consensus among different cluster sites, and manages the ticket distribution (and thus the failover process between sites).

Each of the participating clusters and arbitrators runs the Booth daemon boothd.

An *arbitrator* is the multi-site equivalent of a quorum-only node in a local cluster. If you have a setup with an even number of sites, you need an additional instance to reach consensus about decisions such as failover of resources across sites. In this case, add one or more arbitrators running at additional sites. Arbitrators are single machines that run a booth instance in a special mode. An arbitrator is especially important for a two-site scenario, otherwise there is no way for one site to distinguish between a network failure between it and the other site, and a failure of the other site.

The most common multi-site scenario is probably a multi-site cluster with two sites and a single arbitrator on a third site. However, technically, there are no limitations with regards to the number of sites and the number of arbitrators involved.

Boothd at each site connects to its peers running at the other sites and exchanges connectivity details. Once a ticket is granted to a site, the booth mechanism will manage the ticket automatically: If the site which holds the ticket is out of service, the booth daemons will vote which of the other sites will get the ticket. To protect against brief connection failures, sites that lose the vote (either explicitly or implicitly by being disconnected from the voting body) need to relinquish the ticket after a time-out. Thus, it is made sure that a ticket will only be re-distributed after it has been relinquished by the previous site. The resources that depend on that ticket will fail over to the new site holding the ticket. The nodes that have run the resources before will be treated according to the loss-policy you set within the rsc\_ticket constraint.

Before the booth can manage a certain ticket within the multi-site cluster, you initially need to grant it to a site manually via the **booth** command-line tool. After you have initially granted a ticket to a site, **boothd** will take over and manage the ticket automatically.

**Important:** The **booth** command-line tool can be used to grant, list, or revoke tickets and can be run on any machine where **boothd** is running. If you are managing tickets via Booth, use only **booth** for manual intervention, not **crm\_ticket**. That ensures the same ticket will only be owned by one cluster site at a time.

#### **Booth Requirements**

- All clusters that will be part of the multi-site cluster must be based on Pacemaker.
- Booth must be installed on all cluster nodes and on all arbitrators that will be part of the multi-site cluster.

• Nodes belonging to the same cluster site should be synchronized via NTP. However, time synchronization is not required between the individual cluster sites.

## **General Management of Tickets**

Display the information of tickets:

```
# crm_ticket --info
```

Or you can monitor them with:

```
# crm_mon --tickets
```

Display the rsc\_ticket constraints that apply to a ticket:

```
# crm_ticket --ticket ticketA --constraints
```

When you want to do maintenance or manual switch-over of a ticket, revoking the ticket would trigger the loss policies. If loss-policy="fence", the dependent resources could not be gracefully stopped/demoted, and other unrelated resources could even be affected.

The proper way is making the ticket *standby* first with:

```
# crm_ticket --ticket ticketA --standby
```

Then the dependent resources will be stopped or demoted gracefully without triggering the loss policies.

If you have finished the maintenance and want to activate the ticket again, you can run:

```
# crm_ticket --ticket ticketA --activate
```

## 2.16.5 For more information

- SUSE's Geo Clustering quick start
- Booth

# 2.17 Sample Configurations

# 2.17.1 Empty

# 2.17.2 Simple

```
A simple configuration with two nodes, some cluster options and a resource
<cib crm_feature_set="3.0.7" validate-with="pacemaker-1.2" admin_epoch="1" epoch="0" num_updates=</pre>
"0">
 <configuration>
    <crm_config>
     <cluster_property_set id="cib-bootstrap-options">
       <nvpair id="option-1" name="symmetric-cluster" value="true"/>
        <nvpair id="option-2" name="no-quorum-policy" value="stop"/>
        <nvpair id="option-3" name="stonith-enabled" value="0"/>
      </cluster_property_set>
    </crm_config>
    <nodes>
      <node id="xxx" uname="c001n01" type="normal"/>
      <node id="yyy" uname="c001n02" type="normal"/>
    </nodes>
    <resources>
      <primitive id="myAddr" class="ocf" provider="heartbeat" type="IPaddr">
          <op id="myAddr-monitor" name="monitor" interval="300s"/>
        </operations>
        <instance_attributes id="myAddr-params">
          <nvpair id="myAddr-ip" name="ip" value="192.0.2.10"/>
        </instance_attributes>
      </primitive>
    </resources>
    <constraints>
      <rsc_location id="myAddr-prefer" rsc="myAddr" node="c001n01" score="INFINITY"/>
    </constraints>
    <rsc_defaults>
      <meta_attributes id="rsc_defaults-options">
       <nvpair id="rsc-default-1" name="resource-stickiness" value="100"/>
        <nvpair id="rsc-default-2" name="migration-threshold" value="10"/>
      </meta_attributes>
    </rsc_defaults>
    <op_defaults>
      <meta_attributes id="op_defaults-options">
        <nvpair id="op-default-1" name="timeout" value="30s"/>
      </meta_attributes>
    </op_defaults>
 </configuration>
 <status/>
</cib>
```

In the above example, we have one resource (an IP address) that we check every five minutes and will run on host c001n01 until either the resource fails 10 times or the host shuts down.

# 2.17.3 Advanced Configuration

```
An advanced configuration with groups, clones and STONITH
<cib crm_feature_set="3.0.7" validate-with="pacemaker-1.2" admin_epoch="1" epoch="0" num_updates=</pre>
<"0">
 <configuration>
    <crm_config>
     <cluster_property_set id="cib-bootstrap-options">
        <nvpair id="option-1" name="symmetric-cluster" value="true"/>
        <nvpair id="option-2" name="no-quorum-policy" value="stop"/>
        <nvpair id="option-3" name="stonith-enabled" value="true"/>
      </cluster_property_set>
    </crm_config>
    <nodes>
      <node id="xxx" uname="c001n01" type="normal"/>
      <node id="yyy" uname="c001n02" type="normal"/>
      <node id="zzz" uname="c001n03" type="normal"/>
    </nodes>
    <resources>
      <primitive id="myAddr" class="ocf" provider="heartbeat" type="IPaddr">
        <operations>
          <op id="myAddr-monitor" name="monitor" interval="300s"/>
        </operations>
       <instance_attributes id="myAddr-attrs">
          <nvpair id="myAddr-attr-1" name="ip" value="192.0.2.10"/>
        </instance_attributes>
      </primitive>
      <group id="myGroup">
        <primitive id="database" class="lsb" type="oracle">
          <operations>
            <op id="database-monitor" name="monitor" interval="300s"/>
          </operations>
        </primitive>
        <primitive id="webserver" class="lsb" type="apache">
          <operations>
            <op id="webserver-monitor" name="monitor" interval="300s"/>
          </operations>
       </primitive>
      </group>
      <clone id="STONITH">
        <meta attributes id="stonith-options">
          <nvpair id="stonith-option-1" name="globally-unique" value="false"/>
        </meta_attributes>
        rimitive id="stonithclone" class="stonith" type="external/ssh">
          <operations>
            <op id="stonith-op-mon" name="monitor" interval="5s"/>
          </operations>
          <instance_attributes id="stonith-attrs">
            <nvpair id="stonith-attr-1" name="hostlist" value="c001n01,c001n02"/>
          </instance_attributes>
        </primitive>
      </clone>
    </resources>
    <constraints>
      <rsc_location id="myAddr-prefer" rsc="myAddr" node="c001n01"</pre>
       score="INFINITY"/>
       score="INFINITY"/>
```

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