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# Preface

## 1. Document Conventions

This manual uses several conventions to highlight certain words and phrases and draw attention to specific pieces of information.

In PDF and paper editions, this manual uses typefaces drawn from the [Liberation Fonts](https://fedorahosted.org/liberation-fonts/)<sup>1</sup> set. The Liberation Fonts set is also used in HTML editions if the set is installed on your system. If not, alternative but equivalent typefaces are displayed. Note: Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 and later includes the Liberation Fonts set by default.

### 1.1. Typographic Conventions

Four typographic conventions are used to call attention to specific words and phrases. These conventions, and the circumstances they apply to, are as follows.

#### **Mono-spaced Bold**

Used to highlight system input, including shell commands, file names and paths. Also used to highlight keycaps and key combinations. For example:

To see the contents of the file **my\_next\_bestselling\_novel** in your current working directory, enter the **cat my\_next\_bestselling\_novel** command at the shell prompt and press **Enter** to execute the command.

The above includes a file name, a shell command and a keycap, all presented in mono-spaced bold and all distinguishable thanks to context.

Key combinations can be distinguished from keycaps by the hyphen connecting each part of a key combination. For example:

Press **Enter** to execute the command.

Press **Ctrl+Alt+F1** to switch to the first virtual terminal. Press **Ctrl+Alt+F7** to return to your X-Windows session.

The first paragraph highlights the particular keycap to press. The second highlights two key combinations (each a set of three keycaps with each set pressed simultaneously).

If source code is discussed, class names, methods, functions, variable names and returned values mentioned within a paragraph will be presented as above, in **mono-spaced bold**. For example:

File-related classes include **filesystem** for file systems, **file** for files, and **dir** for directories. Each class has its own associated set of permissions.

#### **Proportional Bold**

This denotes words or phrases encountered on a system, including application names; dialog box text; labeled buttons; check-box and radio button labels; menu titles and sub-menu titles. For example:

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<sup>1</sup> <https://fedorahosted.org/liberation-fonts/>

Choose **System** → **Preferences** → **Mouse** from the main menu bar to launch **Mouse Preferences**. In the **Buttons** tab, click the **Left-handed mouse** check box and click **Close** to switch the primary mouse button from the left to the right (making the mouse suitable for use in the left hand).

To insert a special character into a **gedit** file, choose **Applications** → **Accessories** → **Character Map** from the main menu bar. Next, choose **Search** → **Find...** from the **Character Map** menu bar, type the name of the character in the **Search** field and click **Next**. The character you sought will be highlighted in the **Character Table**. Double-click this highlighted character to place it in the **Text to copy** field and then click the **Copy** button. Now switch back to your document and choose **Edit** → **Paste** from the **gedit** menu bar.

The above text includes application names; system-wide menu names and items; application-specific menu names; and buttons and text found within a GUI interface, all presented in proportional bold and all distinguishable by context.

### ***Mono-spaced Bold Italic*** or ***Proportional Bold Italic***

Whether mono-spaced bold or proportional bold, the addition of italics indicates replaceable or variable text. Italics denotes text you do not input literally or displayed text that changes depending on circumstance. For example:

To connect to a remote machine using ssh, type **ssh *username@domain.name*** at a shell prompt. If the remote machine is **example.com** and your username on that machine is john, type **ssh *john@example.com***.

The **mount -o remount *file-system*** command remounts the named file system. For example, to remount the **/home** file system, the command is **mount -o remount */home***.

To see the version of a currently installed package, use the **rpm -q *package*** command. It will return a result as follows: ***package-version-release***.

Note the words in bold italics above — username, domain.name, file-system, package, version and release. Each word is a placeholder, either for text you enter when issuing a command or for text displayed by the system.

Aside from standard usage for presenting the title of a work, italics denotes the first use of a new and important term. For example:

Publican is a *DocBook* publishing system.

## 1.2. Pull-quote Conventions

Terminal output and source code listings are set off visually from the surrounding text.

Output sent to a terminal is set in **mono-spaced roman** and presented thus:

```
books      Desktop  documentation  drafts  mss    photos  stuff  svn
books_tests Desktop1  downloads      images  notes  scripts svgs
```

Source-code listings are also set in **mono-spaced roman** but add syntax highlighting as follows:



```
package org.jboss.book.jca.ex1;

import javax.naming.InitialContext;

public class ExClient
{
    public static void main(String args[])
        throws Exception
    {
        InitialContext iniCtx = new InitialContext();
        Object          ref    = iniCtx.lookup("EchoBean");
        EchoHome        home   = (EchoHome) ref;
        Echo             echo   = home.create();

        System.out.println("Created Echo");

        System.out.println("Echo.echo('Hello') = " + echo.echo("Hello"));
    }
}
```

### 1.3. Notes and Warnings

Finally, we use three visual styles to draw attention to information that might otherwise be overlooked.



#### Note

Notes are tips, shortcuts or alternative approaches to the task at hand. Ignoring a note should have no negative consequences, but you might miss out on a trick that makes your life easier.



#### Important

Important boxes detail things that are easily missed: configuration changes that only apply to the current session, or services that need restarting before an update will apply. Ignoring a box labeled 'Important' won't cause data loss but may cause irritation and frustration.



#### Warning

Warnings should not be ignored. Ignoring warnings will most likely cause data loss.

## 2. We Need Feedback!

You should over ride this by creating your own local Feedback.xml file.

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## 1.1. The Scope of this Document

The purpose of this document is to definitively explain the concepts used to configure Pacemaker. To achieve this best, it will focus exclusively on the XML syntax used to configure the CIB.

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## 1.2. What Is Pacemaker?

Pacemaker is a cluster resource manager. It achieves maximum availability for your cluster services (aka. resources) by detecting and recovering from node and resource-level failures by making use of the messaging and membership capabilities provided by your preferred cluster infrastructure (either [Corosync](#)<sup>2</sup> or Heartbeat).

Pacemaker's key features include:

- Detection and recovery of node and service-level failures
- Storage agnostic, no requirement for shared storage
- Resource agnostic, anything that can be scripted can be clustered
- Supports [STONITH](#)<sup>3</sup> for ensuring data integrity
- Supports large and small clusters
- Supports both [quorate](#)<sup>4</sup> and [resource driven](#)<sup>5</sup> clusters
- Supports practically any [redundancy configuration](#)<sup>6</sup>
- Automatically replicated configuration that can be updated from any node
- Ability to specify cluster-wide service ordering, colocation and anti-colocation
- Support for advanced services type
  - Clones: for services which need to be active on multiple nodes
  - Multi-state: for services with multiple modes (eg. master/slave, primary/secondary)
- Unified, scriptable, cluster shell

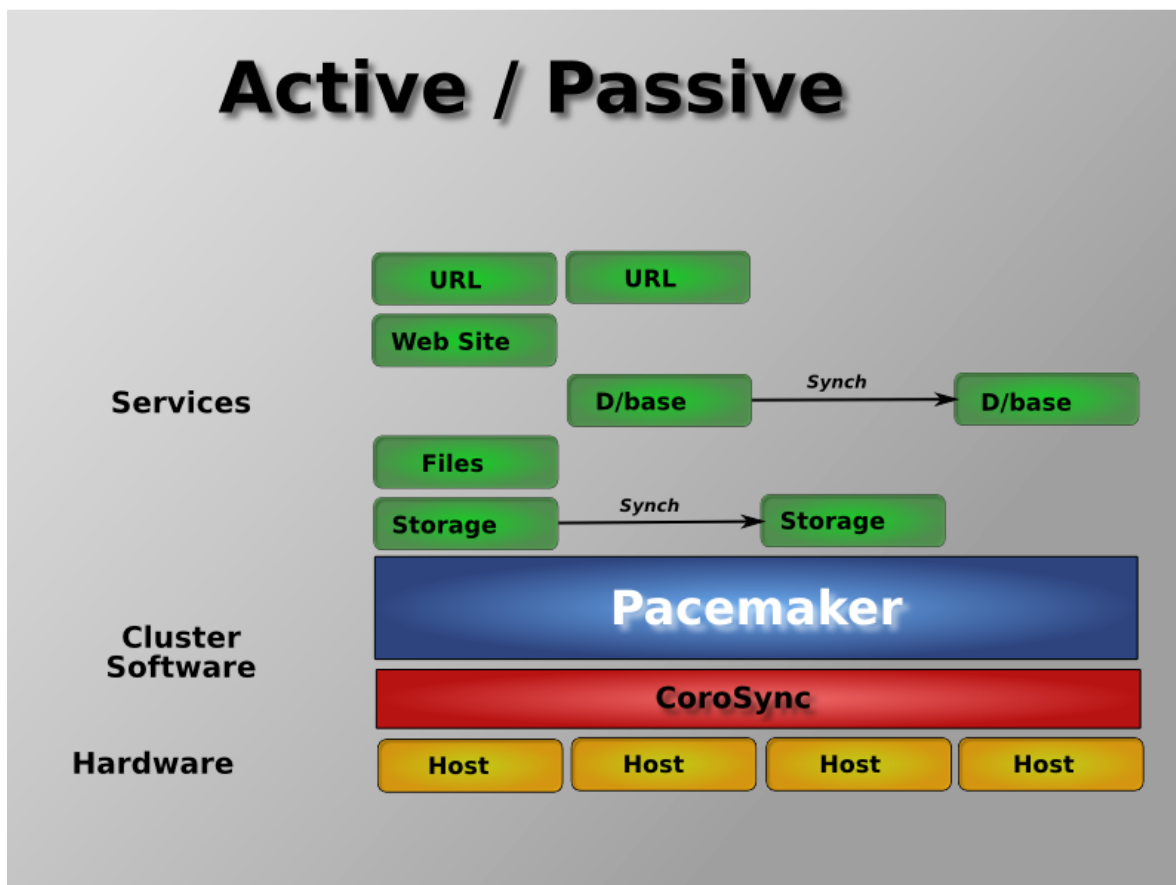
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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.corosync.org/>

### 1.3. Types of Pacemaker Clusters

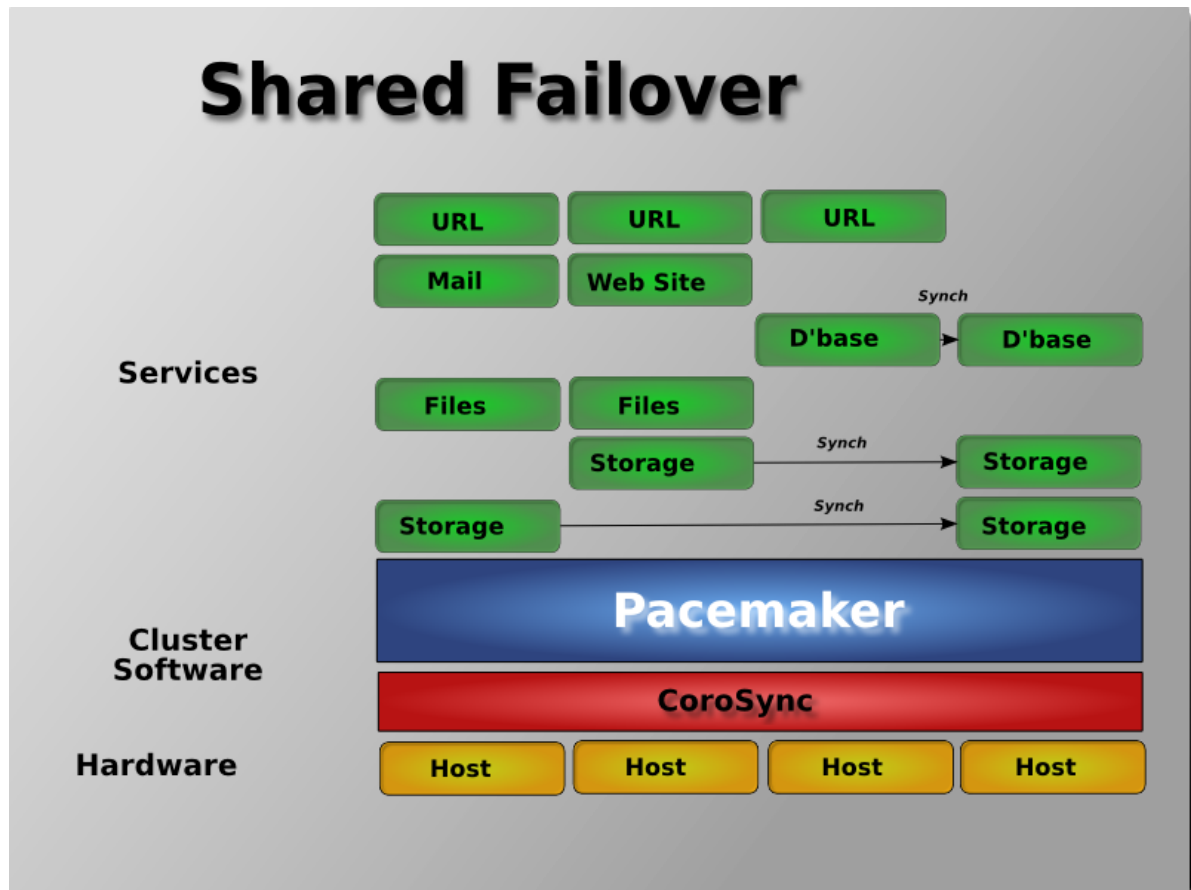
Pacemaker makes no assumptions about your environment, this allows it to support practically any *redundancy configuration*<sup>7</sup> including Active/Active, Active/Passive, N+1, N+M, N-to-1 and N-to-N.



Two-node Active/Passive clusters using Pacemaker and DRBD are a cost-effective solution for many High Availability situations.

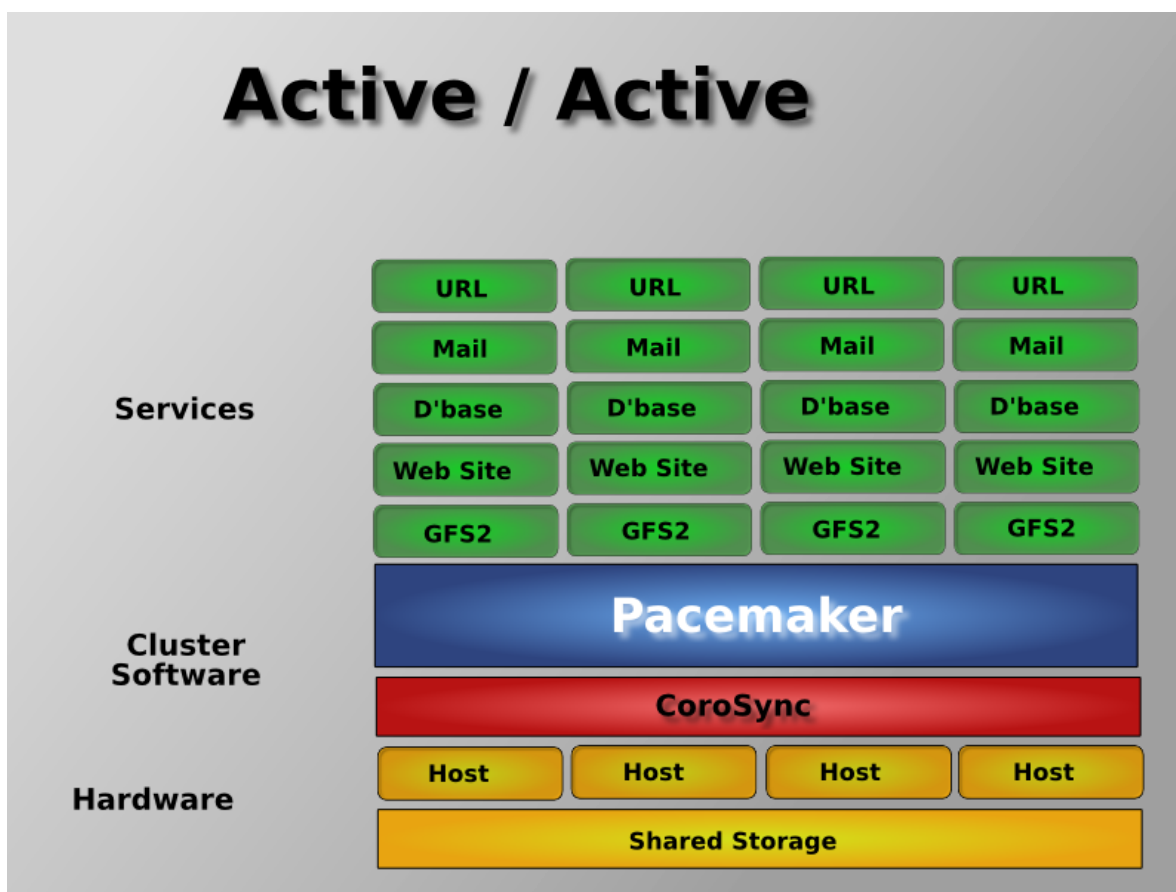
Figure 1.1. Active/Passive Redundancy

<sup>7</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High-availability\\_cluster#Node\\_configurations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High-availability_cluster#Node_configurations)



By supporting many nodes, Pacemaker can dramatically reduce hardware costs by allowing several active/passive clusters to be combined and share a common backup node

Figure 1.2. Shared Failover



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.

Figure 1.3. N to N Redundancy

## 1.4. Pacemaker Architecture

At the highest level, the cluster is made up of three pieces:

- Core cluster infrastructure providing messaging and membership functionality (illustrated in red)
- Non-cluster aware components (illustrated in blue). In a Pacemaker cluster, these pieces include not only the scripts that know how to start, stop and monitor resources, but also a local daemon that masks the differences between the different standards these scripts implement.
- A brain (illustrated in green) that processes and reacts to events from the cluster (nodes leaving or joining) and resources (eg. monitor failures) as well as configuration changes from the administrator. In response to all of these events, Pacemaker will compute the ideal state of the cluster and plot a path to achieve it. This may include moving resources, stopping nodes and even forcing them offline with remote power switches.



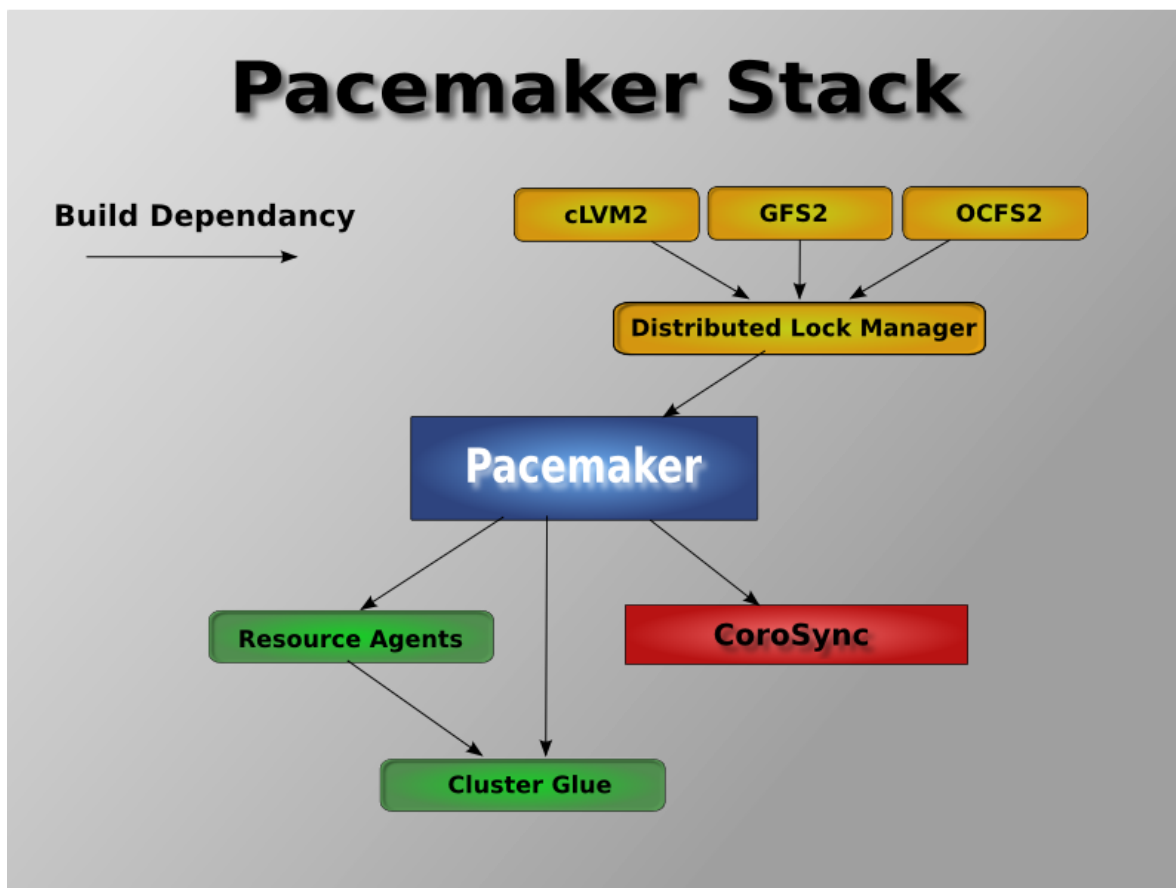
Conceptual overview of the cluster stack

Figure 1.4. Conceptual Stack Overview

When combined with Corosync, Pacemaker also supports popular open source cluster filesystems<sup>8</sup>. Due to recent standardization within the cluster filesystem community, they make use of a common distributed lock manager which makes use of Corosync for its messaging capabilities and Pacemaker for its membership (which nodes are up/down) and fencing services.

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Even though Pacemaker also supports Heartbeat, the filesystems need to use the stack for messaging and membership and Corosync seems to be what they're standardizing on. Technically it would be possible for them to support Heartbeat as well, however there seems little interest in this.



The Pacemaker stack when running on Corosync

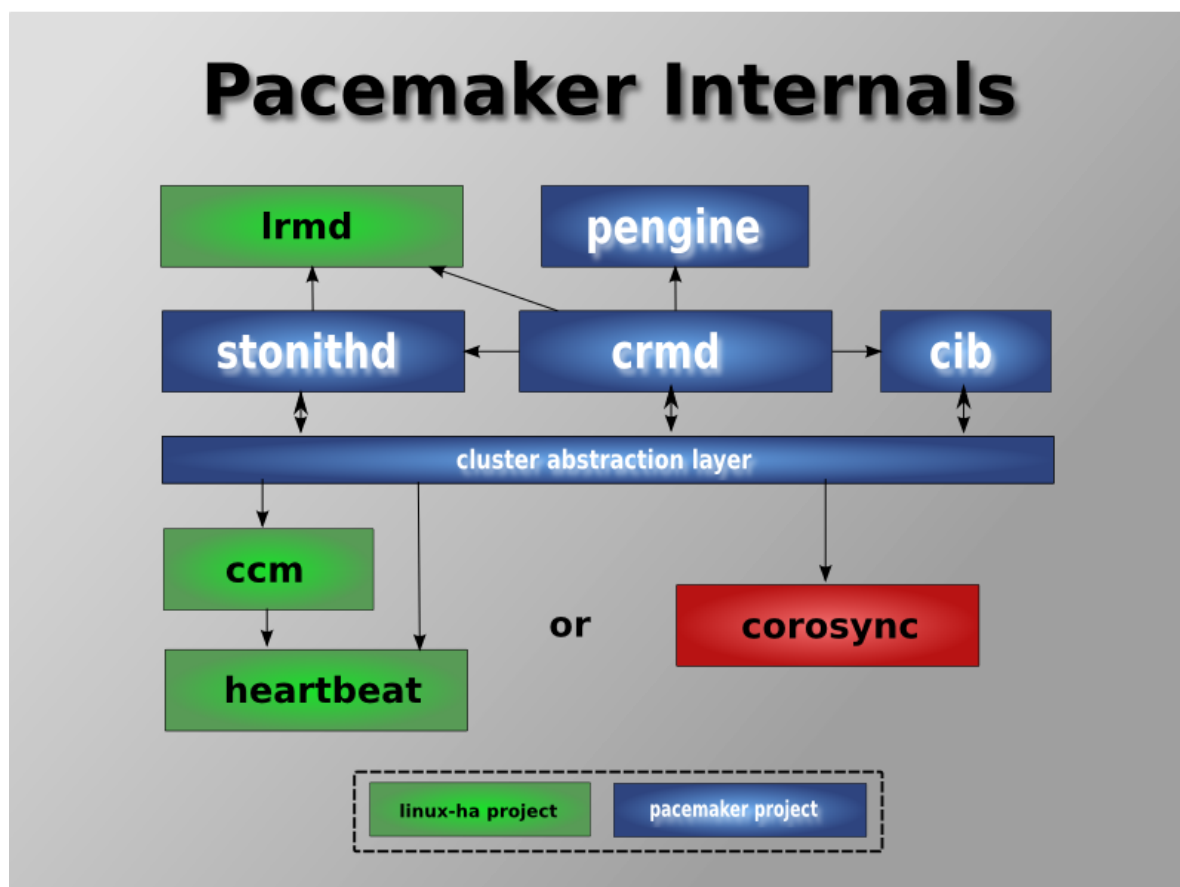
Figure 1.5. The Pacemaker Stack

### 1.4.1. Internal Components

Pacemaker itself is composed of four key components (illustrated below in the same color scheme as the previous diagram):

- CIB (aka. Cluster Information Base)
- CRMD (aka. Cluster Resource Management daemon)
- PEngine (aka. PE or Policy Engine)
- STONITHd





Subsystems of a Pacemaker cluster running on Corosync

Figure 1.6. Internal Components

The CIB uses XML to represent both the cluster's configuration and current state of all resources in the cluster. The contents of the CIB are automatically kept in sync across the entire cluster and are used by the PEngine to compute the ideal state of the cluster and how it should be achieved.

This list of instructions is then fed to the DC (Designated Co-ordinator). Pacemaker centralizes all cluster decision making by electing one of the CRMD instances to act as a master. Should the elected CRMD process, or the node it is on, fail... a new one is quickly established.

The DC carries out the PEngine's instructions in the required order by passing them to either the LRMd (Local Resource Management daemon) or CRMD peers on other nodes via the cluster messaging infrastructure (which in turn passes them on to their LRMd process).

The peer nodes all report the results of their operations back to the DC and based on the expected and actual results, will either execute any actions that needed to wait for the previous one to complete, or abort processing and ask the PEngine to recalculate the ideal cluster state based on the unexpected results.

In some cases, it may be necessary to power off nodes in order to protect shared data or complete resource recovery. For this Pacemaker comes with STONITHd. STONITH is an acronym for Shoot-The-Other-Node-In-The-Head and is usually implemented with a remote power switch. In Pacemaker, STONITH devices are modeled as resources (and configured in the CIB) to enable them to be easily monitored for failure, however STONITHd takes care of understanding the STONITH topology such that its clients simply request a node be fenced and it does the rest.



# Configuration Basics

## 2.1. Configuration Layout

The cluster is written using XML notation and divided into two main sections; configuration and status.

The status section contains the history of each resource on each node and based on this data, the cluster can construct the complete current state of the cluster. The authoritative source for the status section is the local resource manager (lrmd) process on each cluster node and the cluster will occasionally repopulate the entire section. For this reason it is never written to disk and admin's are advised against modifying it in any way.

The configuration section contains the more traditional information like cluster options, lists of resources and indications of where they should be placed. The configuration section is the primary focus of this document.

The configuration section itself is divided into four parts:

- Configuration options (called **crm\_config**)
- Nodes
- Resources
- Resource relationships (called **constraints**)

```
<cib generated="true" admin_epoch="0" epoch="0" num_updates="0" have-quorum="false">
  <configuration>
    <crm_config/>
    <nodes/>
    <resources/>
    <constraints/>
  </configuration>
  <status/>
</cib>
```

Example 2.1. An empty configuration

## 2.2. The Current State of the Cluster

Before one starts to configure a cluster, it is worth explaining how to view the finished product. For this purpose we have created the **crm\_mon** utility that will display the current state of an active cluster. It can show the cluster status by node or by resource and can be used in either single-shot or dynamically-updating mode. There are also modes for displaying a list of the operations performed (grouped by node and resource) as well as information about failures.

Using this tool, you can examine the state of the cluster for irregularities and see how it responds when you cause or simulate failures.

Details on all the available options can be obtained using the **crm\_mon --help** command.

```
# crm_mon
=====
Last updated: Fri Nov 23 15:26:13 2007
Current DC: sles-3 (2298606a-6a8c-499a-9d25-76242f7006ec)
3 Nodes configured.
5 Resources configured.
=====

Node: sles-1 (1186dc9a-324d-425a-966e-d757e693dc86): online
  192.168.100.181 (heartbeat::ocf:IPAddr): Started sles-1
  192.168.100.182 (heartbeat:IPAddr): Started sles-1
  192.168.100.183 (heartbeat::ocf:IPAddr): Started sles-1
  rsc_sles-1 (heartbeat::ocf:IPAddr): Started sles-1
  child_DoFencing:2 (stonith:external/vmware): Started sles-1
Node: sles-2 (02fb99a8-e30e-482f-b3ad-0fb3ce27d088): standby
Node: sles-3 (2298606a-6a8c-499a-9d25-76242f7006ec): online
  rsc_sles-2 (heartbeat::ocf:IPAddr): Started sles-3
  rsc_sles-3 (heartbeat::ocf:IPAddr): Started sles-3
  child_DoFencing:0 (stonith:external/vmware): Started sles-3
```

Figure 2.1. Sample output from `crm_mon`

```
# crm_mon -n
=====
Last updated: Fri Nov 23 15:26:13 2007
Current DC: sles-3 (2298606a-6a8c-499a-9d25-76242f7006ec)
3 Nodes configured.
5 Resources configured.
=====

Node: sles-1 (1186dc9a-324d-425a-966e-d757e693dc86): online
Node: sles-2 (02fb99a8-e30e-482f-b3ad-0fb3ce27d088): standby
Node: sles-3 (2298606a-6a8c-499a-9d25-76242f7006ec): online

Resource Group: group-1
  192.168.100.181 (heartbeat::ocf:IPAddr): Started sles-1
  192.168.100.182 (heartbeat:IPAddr): Started sles-1
  192.168.100.183 (heartbeat::ocf:IPAddr): Started sles-1
  rsc_sles-1 (heartbeat::ocf:IPAddr): Started sles-1
  rsc_sles-2 (heartbeat::ocf:IPAddr): Started sles-3
  rsc_sles-3 (heartbeat::ocf:IPAddr): Started sles-3
Clone Set: DoFencing
  child_DoFencing:0 (stonith:external/vmware): Started sles-3
  child_DoFencing:1 (stonith:external/vmware): Stopped
  child_DoFencing:2 (stonith:external/vmware): Started sles-1
```

Figure 2.2. Sample output from `crm_mon -n`

The DC (Designated Controller) node is where all the decisions are made and if the current DC fails a new one is elected from the remaining cluster nodes. The choice of DC is of no significance to an administrator beyond the fact that its logs will generally be more interesting.

## 2.3. How Should the Configuration be Updated?

There are three basic rules for updating the cluster configuration:

- Rule 1 - Never edit the `cib.xml` file manually. Ever. I'm not making this up.

- Rule 2 - Read Rule 1 again.
- Rule 3 - The cluster will notice if you ignored rules 1 & 2 and refuse to use the configuration.

Now that it is clear how NOT to update the configuration, we can begin to explain how you should.

The most powerful tool for modifying the configuration is the `cibadmin` command which talks to a running cluster. With `cibadmin`, the user can query, add, remove, update or replace any part of the configuration and all changes take effect immediately so there is no need to perform a reload-like operation.

The simplest way of using `cibadmin` is to use it to save the current configuration to a temporary file, edit that file with your favorite text or XML editor and then upload the revised configuration.

```
cibadmin --query > tmp.xml
vi tmp.xml
cibadmin --replace --xml-file tmp.xml
```

Figure 2.3. Safely using an editor to modify the cluster configuration

Some of the better XML editors can make use of a Relax NG schema to help make sure any changes you make are valid. The schema describing the configuration can normally be found in `/usr/lib/heartbeat/pacemaker.rng` on most systems.

If you only wanted to modify the resources section, you could instead do

```
cibadmin --query --obj_type resources > tmp.xml
vi tmp.xml
cibadmin --replace --obj_type resources --xml-file tmp.xml
```

Figure 2.4. Safely using an editor to modify a subsection of the cluster configuration

to avoid modifying any other part of the configuration.

## 2.4. Quickly Deleting Part of the Configuration

Identify the object you wish to delete. eg.

```
# cibadmin -Q | grep stonith

<nvpair id="cib-bootstrap-options-stonith-action" name="stonith-action" value="reboot"/>
<nvpair id="cib-bootstrap-options-stonith-enabled" name="stonith-enabled" value="1"/>
<primitive id="child_DoFencing" class="stonith" type="external/vmware">
  <lrn_resource id="child_DoFencing:0" type="external/vmware" class="stonith">
  <lrn_resource id="child_DoFencing:0" type="external/vmware" class="stonith">
  <lrn_resource id="child_DoFencing:1" type="external/vmware" class="stonith">
  <lrn_resource id="child_DoFencing:0" type="external/vmware" class="stonith">
  <lrn_resource id="child_DoFencing:2" type="external/vmware" class="stonith">
  <lrn_resource id="child_DoFencing:0" type="external/vmware" class="stonith">
  <lrn_resource id="child_DoFencing:3" type="external/vmware" class="stonith">
```

Figure 2.5. Searching for STONITH related configuration items

Next identify the resource's tag name and id (in this case we'll chose **primitive** and **child\_DoFencing**). Then simply execute:

```
cibadmin --delete --crm_xml '<primitive id="child_DoFencing"/>'
```

## 2.5. Updating the Configuration Without Using XML

Some common tasks can also be performed with one of the higher level tools that avoid the need to read or edit XML.

To enable stonith for example, one could run:

```
crm_attribute --attr-name stonith-enabled --attr-value true
```

Or to see if somenode is allowed to run resources, there is:

```
crm_standby --get-value --node-uname somenode
```

Or to find the current location of my-test-rsc one can use:

```
crm_resource --locate --resource my-test-rsc
```

## 2.6. Making Configuration Changes in a Sandbox

Often it is desirable to preview the effects of a series of changes before updating the configuration atomically. For this purpose we have created **crm\_shadow** which creates a "shadow" copy of the configuration and arranges for all the command line tools to use it.

To begin, simply invoke **crm\_shadow** and give it the name of a configuration to create <sup>1</sup> and be sure to follow the simple on-screen instructions.



### Warning

Read the above carefully, failure to do so could result in you destroying the cluster's active configuration

```
# crm_shadow --create test
Setting up shadow instance
Type Ctrl-D to exit the crm_shadow shell
shadow[test]:
shadow[test] # crm_shadow --which
test
```

Figure 2.6. Creating and displaying the active sandbox

From this point on, all cluster commands will automatically use the shadow copy instead of talking to the cluster's active configuration. Once you have finished experimenting, you can either commit the changes, or discard them as shown below. Again, be sure to follow the on-screen instructions carefully.

---

<sup>1</sup>Shadow copies are identified with a name, making it possible to have more than one

For a full list of **crm\_shadow** options and commands, invoke it with the **--help** option.

```
shadow[test] # crm_failcount -G -r rsc_c001n01
name=fail-count-rsc_c001n01 value=0
shadow[test] # crm_standby -v on -n c001n02
shadow[test] # crm_standby -G -n c001n02
name=c001n02 scope=nodes value=on
shadow[test] # cibadmin --erase --force
shadow[test] # cibadmin --query

<cib cib_feature_revision="1" validate-with="pacemaker-1.0" admin_epoch="0"
crm_feature_set="3.0" have-quorum="1" epoch="112"
  dc-uuid="c001n01" num_updates="1" cib-last-written="Fri Jun 27 12:17:10 2008">
  <configuration>
    <crm_config/>
    <nodes/>
    <resources/>
    <constraints/>
  </configuration>
  <status/>
</cib>

shadow[test] # crm_shadow --delete test --force
Now type Ctrl-D to exit the crm_shadow shell
shadow[test] # exit
# crm_shadow --which
No shadow instance provided
# cibadmin -Q

<cib cib_feature_revision="1" validate-with="pacemaker-1.0" admin_epoch="0"
crm_feature_set="3.0" have-quorum="1" epoch="110"
  dc-uuid="c001n01" num_updates="551">
  <configuration>
    <crm_config>
      <cluster_property_set id="cib-bootstrap-options">
        <nvpair id="cib-bootstrap-1" name="stonith-enabled" value="1"/>
        <nvpair id="cib-bootstrap-2" name="pe-input-series-max" value="30000"/>
      </cluster_property_set>
    </crm_config>
  </configuration>
</cib>
```

Making changes in a sandbox and verifying the real configuration is untouched

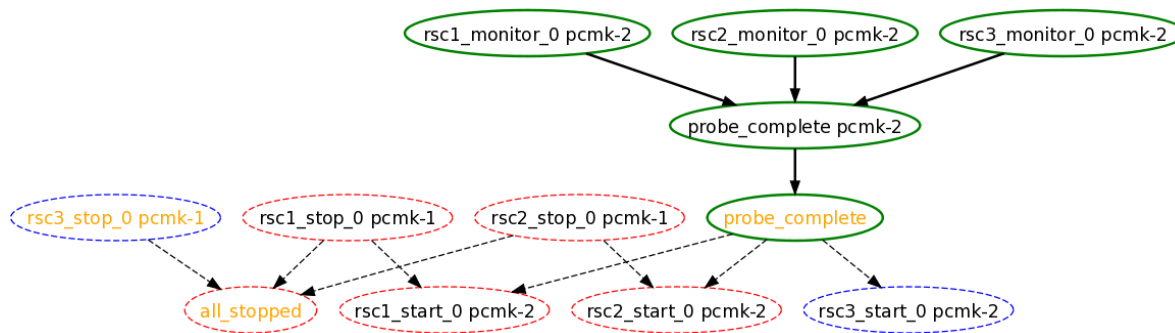
[Example 2.2. Using a sandbox to make multiple changes atomically](#)

## 2.7. Testing Your Configuration Changes

We saw previously how to make a series of changes to a "shadow" copy of the configuration. Before loading the changes back into the cluster (eg. **crm\_shadow --commit mytest --force**), it is often advisable to simulate the effect of the changes with **ptest**. Eg.

```
ptest --live-check -VVVV --save-graph tmp.graph --save-dotfile tmp.dot
```

The tool uses the same library as the live cluster to show what it would have done given the supplied input. It's output, in addition to a significant amount of logging, is stored in two files **tmp.graph** and **tmp.dot**, both are representations of the same thing -- the cluster's response to your changes. In the graph file is stored the complete transition, containing a list of all the actions, their parameters and their pre-requisites. Because the transition graph is not terribly easy to read, the tool also generates a Graphviz dot-file representing the same information.



An example transition graph as represented by Graphviz

Figure 2.7. Small Cluster Transition

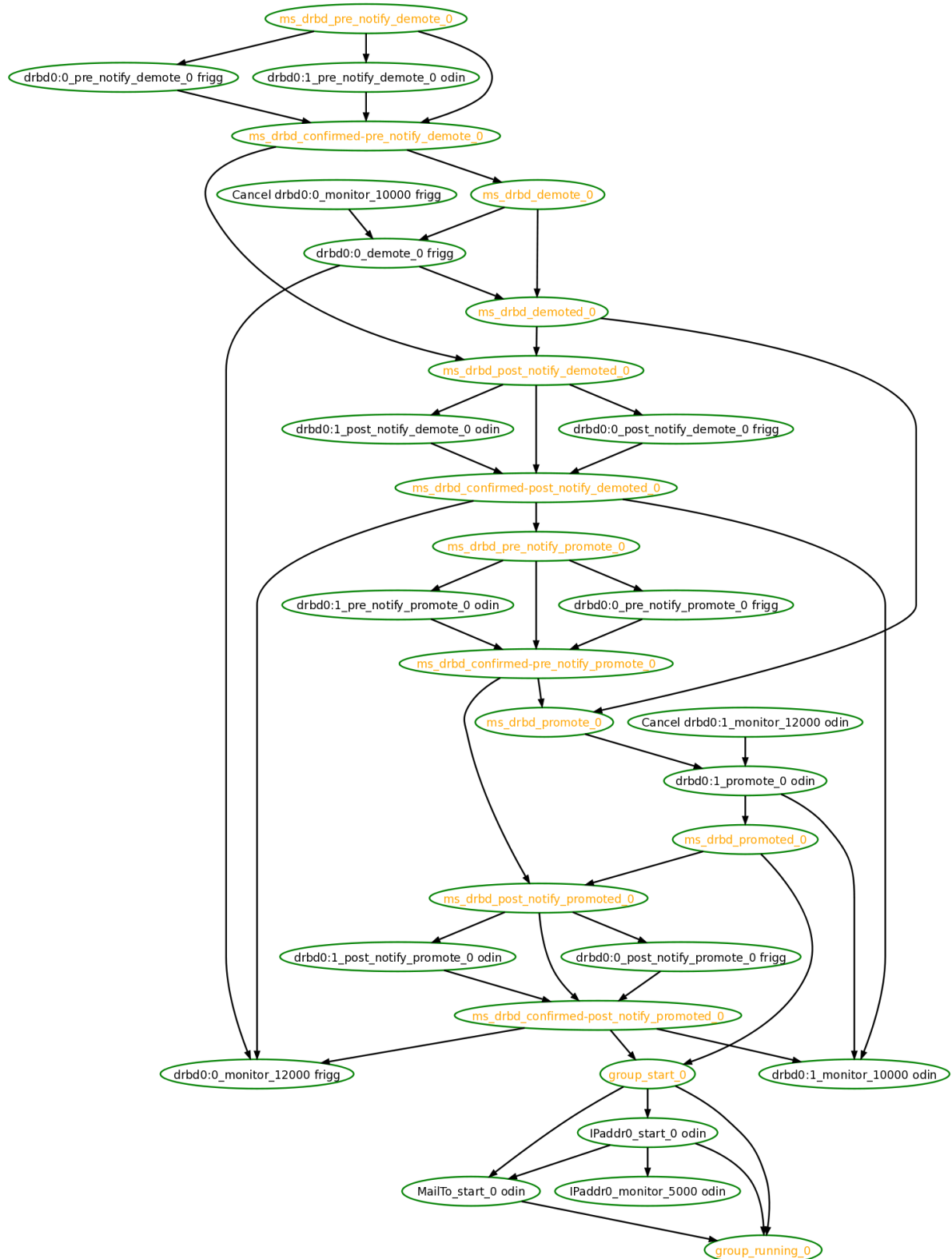
Interpreting the Graphviz output

- Arrows indicate ordering dependencies
- Dashed-arrows indicate dependencies that are not present in the transition graph
- Actions with a dashed border of any color do not form part of the transition graph
- Actions with a green border form part of the transition graph
- Actions with a red border are ones the cluster would like to execute but are unrunnable
- Actions with a blue border are ones the cluster does not feel need to be executed
- Actions with orange text are pseudo/pretend actions that the cluster uses to simplify the graph
- Actions with black text are sent to the LRM
- Resource actions have text of the form *rsc\_action\_interval node*
- Any action depending on an action with a red border will not be able to execute.
- Loops are *really* bad. Please report them to the development team.

In the above example, it appears that a new node, **node2**, has come online and that the cluster is checking to make sure **rsc1**, **rsc2** and **rsc3** are not already running there (Indicated by the **\*\_monitor\_0** entries). Once it did that, and assuming the resources were not active there, it would have liked to stop **rsc1** and **rsc2** on **node1** and move them to **node2**. However, there appears to be some problem and the cluster cannot or is not permitted to perform the stop actions which implies it also cannot perform the start actions. For some reason the cluster does not want to start **rsc3** anywhere.

For information on the options supported by ptest, use **ptest --help**





Another, slightly more complex, transition graph that you're not expected to be able to read  
 Figure 2.8. Complex Cluster Transition

## 2.8. Do I Need to Update the Configuration on all Cluster Nodes?

No. Any changes are immediately synchronized to the other active members of the cluster.

To reduce bandwidth, the cluster only broadcasts the incremental updates that result from your changes and uses MD5 sums to ensure that each copy is completely consistent.

# Cluster Options

## 3.1. Special Options

The reason for these fields to be placed at the top level instead of with the rest of cluster options 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.

### 3.1.1. Configuration Version

When a node joins the cluster, the cluster will perform a check to see who has the best configuration based on the fields below. It then asks the node with the highest (admin\_epoch, epoch, num\_updates) tuple to replace the configuration on all the nodes - which makes setting them and setting them correctly very important.

Field	Description
admin_epoch	Never modified by the cluster. Use this to make the configurations on any inactive nodes obsolete.  <i>Never set this value to zero</i> , in such cases the cluster cannot tell the difference between your configuration and the "empty" one used when nothing is found on disk.
epoch	Incremented every time the configuration is updated (usually by the admin)
num_updates	Incremented every time the configuration or status is updated (usually by the cluster)

Table 3.1. Configuration Version Properties

### 3.1.2. Other Fields

Field	Description
validate-with	Determines the type of validation being done on the configuration. If set to "none", the cluster will not verify that updates conform the the DTD (nor reject ones that don't). This option can be useful when operating a mixed version cluster during an upgrade.

Table 3.2. Properties Controlling Validation

### 3.1.3. Fields Maintained by the Cluster

Field	Description
crm-debug-origin	Indicates where the last update came from. Informational purposes only.

Field	Description
cib-last-written	Indicates when the configuration was last written to disk. Informational purposes only.
dc-uuid	Indicates which cluster node is the current leader. Used by the cluster when placing resources and determining the order of some events.
have-quorum	Indicates if the cluster has quorum. If false, this may mean that the cluster cannot start resources or fence other nodes. See no-quorum-policy below.

Table 3.3. Properties Maintained by the Cluster

Note that although these fields can be written to by the admin, in most cases the cluster will overwrite any values specified by the admin with the "correct" ones. To change the `admin_epoch`, for example, one would use:

```
cibadmin --modify --crm_xml '<cib admin_epoch="42"/>'
```

A complete set of fields will look something like this:

```
<cib have-quorum="true" validate-with="pacemaker-1.0" admin_epoch="1" epoch="12"
num_updates="65"
dc-uuid="ea7d39f4-3b94-4cfa-ba7a-952956daabee">
```

Example 3.1. An example of the fields set for a cib object

## 3.2. Cluster Options

Cluster options, as you'd expect, control how the cluster behaves when confronted with certain situations.

They are grouped into sets and, in advanced configurations, there may be more than one.<sup>1</sup> For now we will describe the simple case where each option is present at most once.

### 3.2.1. Available Cluster Options

Option	Default	Description
batch-limit	30	The number of jobs that the TE is allowed to execute in parallel. The "correct" value will depend on the speed and load of your network and cluster nodes.

This will be described later in the section on [Chapter 8, Rules](#) where we will show how to have the cluster use different sets of options during working hours (when downtime is usually to be avoided at all costs) than it does during the weekends (when resources can be moved to the their preferred hosts without bothering end users)

Option	Default	Description
no-quorum-policy	stop	<p>What to do when the cluster does not have quorum. Allowed values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>• suicide - fence all nodes in the affected cluster partition</li> </ul>
symmetric-cluster	TRUE	Can all resources run on any node by default?
stonith-enabled	TRUE	<p>Should failed nodes and nodes with resources that can't be stopped be shot? If you value your data, set up a STONITH device and enable this.</p> <p>If true, or unset, the cluster will refuse to start resources unless one or more STONITH resources have been configured also.</p>
stonith-action	reboot	Action to send to STONITH device. Allowed values: reboot, poweroff.
cluster-delay	60s	Round trip delay over the network (excluding action execution). The "correct" value will depend on the speed and load of your network and cluster nodes.
stop-orphan-resources	TRUE	Should deleted resources be stopped
stop-orphan-actions	TRUE	Should deleted actions be cancelled
start-failure-is-fatal	TRUE	When set to FALSE, the cluster will instead use the resource's failcount and value for resource-failure-stickiness

Option	Default	Description
pe-error-series-max	-1 (all)	The number of PE inputs resulting in ERRORS to save. Used when reporting problems.
pe-warn-series-max	-1 (all)	The number of PE inputs resulting in WARNINGS to save. Used when reporting problems.
pe-input-series-max	-1 (all)	The number of "normal" PE inputs to save. Used when reporting problems.

Table 3.4. Cluster Options

You can always obtain an up-to-date list of cluster options, including their default values by running the pengine metadata command.

### 3.2.2. Querying and Setting Cluster Options

Cluster options can be queried and modified using the `crm_attribute` tool. To get the current value of `cluster-delay`, simply use:

```
crm_attribute --attr-name cluster-delay --get-value
```

which is more simply written as

```
crm_attribute --get-value -n cluster-delay
```

If a value is found, the you'll see a result such as this

```
# crm_attribute --get-value -n cluster-delay
name=cluster-delay value=60s
```

However if no value is found, the tool will display an error:

```
# crm_attribute --get-value -n clusta-deway
name=clusta-deway value=(null)
Error performing operation: The object/attribute does not exist
```

To use a different value, eg. 30s, simply run:

```
crm_attribute --attr-name cluster-delay --attr-value 30s
```

To go back to the cluster's default value, you can then delete the value with:

```
crm_attribute --attr-name cluster-delay --delete-attr
```

### 3.2.3. When Options are Listed More Than Once

If you ever see something like the following, it means that the option you're modifying is present more than once.

```
# crm_attribute --attr-name batch-limit --delete-attr
Multiple attributes match name=batch-limit in crm_config:
Value: 50          (set=cib-bootstrap-options, id=cib-bootstrap-options-batch-limit)
Value: 100         (set=custom, id=custom-batch-limit)
Please choose from one of the matches above and supply the 'id' with --attr-id
```

### Example 3.2. Deleting an option that is listed twice

In such cases follow the on-screen instructions to perform the requested action. To determine which value is currently being used by the cluster, please refer to the the section on [Chapter 8, Rules](#).





# Cluster Nodes

## 4.1. Defining a Cluster Node

Each node in the cluster will have an entry in the nodes section containing its UUID, uname and type.

```
<node id="1186dc9a-324d-425a-966e-d757e693dc86" uname="pcmk-1" type="normal"/>
```

Example 4.1. Example cluster node entry

In normal circumstances, the admin should let the cluster populate this information automatically from the communications and membership data. However one can use the `crm_uuid` tool to read an existing UUID or define a value before the cluster starts.

## 4.2. Describing a Cluster Node

Beyond the basic definition of a node, the administrator can also describe the node's attributes, such as how much RAM, disk, what OS or kernel version it has, perhaps even its physical location. This information can then be used by the cluster when deciding where to place resources. For more information on the use of node attributes, see the section on [Chapter 8, Rules](#).

Node attributes can be specified ahead of time or populated later, when the cluster is running, using **crm\_attribute**.

Below is what the node's definition would look like if the admin ran the command:

```
crm_attribute --type nodes --node-uname pcmk-1 --attr-name kernel --attr-value `uname -r`

<node uname="pcmk-1" type="normal" id="1186dc9a-324d-425a-966e-d757e693dc86">
  <instance_attributes id="nodes-1186dc9a-324d-425a-966e-d757e693dc86">
    <nvpair id="kernel-1186dc9a-324d-425a-966e-d757e693dc86" name="kernel"
value="2.6.16.46-0.4-default"/>
  </instance_attributes>
</node>
```

Figure 4.1. The result of using `crm_attribute` to specify which kernel `pcmk-1` is running

A simpler way to determine the current value of an attribute is to use `crm_attribute` command again:

```
crm_attribute --type nodes --node-uname pcmk-1 --attr-name kernel --get-
value
```

By specifying `--type nodes` the admin tells the cluster that this attribute is persistent. There are also transient attributes which are kept in the status section which are "forgotten" whenever the node rejoins the cluster. The cluster uses this area to store a record of how many times a resource has failed on that node but administrators can also read and write to this section by specifying `--type status`.

### 4.3. Adding a New Cluster Node

#### 4.3.1. Corosync

Adding a new is as simple as installing Corosync and Pacemaker, and copying **/etc/corosync/corosync.conf** and **/etc/ais/authkey** (if it exists) from an existing node. You may need to modify the **mcastaddr** option to match the new node's IP address.

If a log message containing "Invalid digest" appears from Corosync, the keys are not consistent between the machines.

#### 4.3.2. Heartbeat

Provided you specified **autojoin** any in **ha.cf**, adding a new is as simple as installing heartbeat and copying **ha.cf** and **authkeys** from an existing node.

If not, then after setting up **ha.cf** and **authkeys**, you must use the **hb\_addnode** command before starting the new node.

### 4.4. Removing a Cluster Node

#### 4.4.1. Corosync

Because the messaging and membership layers are the authoritative source for cluster nodes, deleting them from the CIB is not a reliable solution. First one must arrange for heartbeat to forget about the node (*pcmk-1* in the example below).

On the host to be removed:

1. Find and record the node's Corosync id: **crm\_node -i**
2. Stop the cluster: **/etc/init.d/corosync stop**

Next, from one of the remaining active cluster nodes:

1. Tell the cluster to forget about the removed host: **crm\_node -R COROSYNC\_ID**
2. Only now is it safe to delete the node from the CIB with:

```
cibadmin --delete --obj_type nodes --crm_xml '<node uname="pcmk-1"/>'
```

```
cibadmin --delete --obj_type status --crm_xml '<node_state  
uname="pcmk-1"/>'
```

#### 4.4.2. Heartbeat

Because the messaging and membership layers are the authoritative source for cluster nodes, deleting them from the CIB is not a reliable solution. First one must arrange for heartbeat to forget about the node (*pcmk-1* in the example below). To do this, shut down heartbeat on the node and then, from one of the remaining active cluster nodes, run:

```
hb_delnode pcmk-1
```

Only then is it safe to delete the node from the CIB with:

```
cibadmin --delete --obj_type nodes --crm_xml '<node uname="pcmk-1"/>'
```

```
cibadmin --delete --obj_type status --crm_xml '<node_state uname="pcmk-1"/>'
```

## 4.5. Replacing a Cluster Node

### 4.5.1. Corosync

The five-step guide to replacing an existing cluster node:

1. Make sure the old node is completely stopped
2. Give the new machine the same hostname and IP address as the old one
3. Install the cluster software :-)
4. Copy **/etc/corosync/corosync.conf** and **/etc/ais/authkey** (if it exists) to the new node
5. Start the new cluster node

If a log message containing "Invalid digest" appears from Corosync, the keys are not consistent between the machines.

### 4.5.2. Heartbeat

The seven-step guide to replacing an existing cluster node:

1. Make sure the old node is completely stopped
2. Give the new machine the same hostname as the old one
3. Go to an active cluster node and look up the UUID for the old node in **/var/lib/heartbeat/hostcache**
4. Install the cluster software
5. Copy **ha.cf** and **authkeys** to the new node
6. On the new node, populate it's UUID using **crm\_uuid -w** and the UUID from step 2
7. Start the new cluster node



# Cluster Resources

## 5.1. What is a Cluster Resource

The role of a resource agent is to abstract the service it provides and present a consistent view to the cluster, which allows the cluster to be agnostic about the resources it manages. The cluster doesn't need to understand how the resource works because it relies on the resource agent to do the right thing when given a start, stop or monitor command.

For this reason it is crucial that resource agents are well tested.

Typically resource agents come in the form of shell scripts, however they can be written using any technology (such as C, Python or Perl) that the author is comfortable with.

## 5.2. Supported Resource Classes

There are three basic classes of agents supported by Pacemaker. In order of encouraged usage they are:

### 5.2.1. Open Cluster Framework

The OCF Spec (as it relates to resource agents can be found at: <http://www.opencf.org/cgi-bin/viewcvs.cgi/specs/ra/resource-agent-api.txt?rev=HEAD>)<sup>1</sup> and is basically an extension of the Linux Standard Base conventions for init scripts to

- support parameters
- make them self describing, and
- extensible

OCF specs have strict definitions of what exit codes actions must return<sup>2</sup> The cluster follows these specifications exactly, and exiting with the wrong exit code will cause the cluster to behave in ways you will likely find puzzling and annoying. In particular, the cluster needs to distinguish a completely stopped resource from one which is in some erroneous and indeterminate state.

Parameters are passed to the script as environment variables, with the special prefix `OCF_RESKEY_`. So, if you need to be given a parameter which the user thinks of as `ip` it will be passed to the script as `OCF_RESKEY_ip`. The number and purpose of the parameters is completely arbitrary, however your script should advertise any that it supports using the meta-data command.

For more information, see <http://wiki.linux-ha.org/OCFResourceAgent> and [Appendix B, More About OCF Resource Agents](#).

### 5.2.2. Linux Standard Base

LSB resource agents are those found in `/etc/init.d`. Generally they are provided by the OS/distribution and in order to be used with the cluster, must conform to the LSB Spec.

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Note: The Pacemaker implementation has been somewhat extended from the OCF Specs, but none of those changes are incompatible with the original OCF specification  
Included with the cluster is the `ocf-tester` script which can be useful in this regard.

The LSB Spec (as it relates to init scripts) can be found at: [http://refspecs.linux-foundation.org/LSB\\_3.0.0/LSB-Core-generic/LSB-Core-generic/inisrctact.html](http://refspecs.linux-foundation.org/LSB_3.0.0/LSB-Core-generic/LSB-Core-generic/inisrctact.html)

Many distributions claim LSB compliance but ship with broken init scripts. To see if your init script is LSB-compatible, see the FAQ entry [Appendix G, Is This init Script LSB Compatible?](#). The most common problems are:

- Not implementing the status operation at all
- Not observing the correct exit status codes for start/stop/status actions
- Starting a started resource returns an error (this violates the LSB spec)
- Stopping a stopped resource returns an error (this violates the LSB spec)

### 5.2.3. Legacy Heartbeat

Version 1 of Heartbeat came with its own style of resource agents and it is highly likely that many people have written their own agents based on its conventions. To enable administrators to continue to use these agents, they are supported by the new cluster manager.

For more information, see: <http://wiki.linux-ha.org/HeartbeatResourceAgent>

The OCF class is the most preferred one as it is an industry standard, highly flexible (allowing parameters to be passed to agents in a non-positional manner) and self-describing.

There is also an additional class, STONITH, which is used exclusively for fencing related resources. This is discussed later in [Chapter 11, Protecting Your Data - STONITH](#).

## 5.3. Properties

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

Field	Description
id	Your name for the resource
class	The standard the script conforms to. Allowed values: heartbeat, lsb, ocf, stonith
type	The name of the Resource Agent you wish to use. eg. IPaddr or Filesystem
provider	The OCF spec allows multiple vendors to supply the same ResourceAgent. To use the OCF resource agents supplied with Heartbeat, you should specify heartbeat here.

Table 5.1. Properties of a Primitive Resource

Resource definitions can be queried with the `crm_resource` tool. For example

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

might produce

```
<primitive id="Email" class="lsb" type="exim"/>
```

Example 5.1. An example LSB resource



### Note

One of the main drawbacks to LSB resources is that they do not allow any parameters

or, for an OCF resource:

```
<primitive id="Public-IP" class="ocf" type="IPAddr" provider="heartbeat">
  <instance_attributes id="params-public-ip">
    <nvpair id="public-ip-addr" name="ip" value="1.2.3.4"/>
  </instance_attributes>
</primitive>
```

Example 5.2. An example OCF resource

or, finally for the equivalent legacy Heartbeat resource:

```
<primitive id="Public-IP-legacy" class="heartbeat" type="IPAddr">
  <instance_attributes id="params-public-ip-legacy">
    <nvpair id="public-ip-addr-legacy" name="1" value="1.2.3.4"/>
  </instance_attributes>
</primitive>
```

Example 5.3. An example Heartbeat resource



### Note

Heartbeat resources take only ordered and unnamed parameters. The supplied name therefor indicates the order in which they are passed to the script. Only single digit values are allowed.

## 5.4. Resource Options

Options are used by the cluster to decide how your resource should behave and can be easily set using the `--meta` option of the `crm_resource` command.

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.

Field	Default	Description
target-role	Started	<p>What state should the cluster attempt to keep this resource in? Allowed values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stopped - Force the resource to</li> <li>Started - Allow the resource to be started (In the case of <i>multi-state</i> resources, they will not promoted to master)</li> <li>Master - Allow the resource to be started and, if appropriate, promoted</li> </ul>
is-managed	TRUE	Is the cluster allowed to start and stop the resource? Allowed values: true, false
resource-stickiness	Inherited	How much does the resource prefer to stay where it is? Defaults to the value of resource-stickiness in the rsc_defaults section
migration-threshold	0 (disabled)	How many failures should occur for this resource on a node before making the node ineligible to host this resource.
failure-timeout	0 (disabled)	How many seconds to wait before acting as if the failure had not occurred (and potentially allowing the resource back to the node on which it failed.
multiple-active	stop_start	<p>What should the cluster do if it ever finds the resource active on more than one node. Allowed values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>block - mark the resource as unmanaged</li> <li>stop_only - stop all active instances and leave them that way</li> <li>stop_start - stop all active instances and start the resource in one location only</li> </ul>

Table 5.2. Options for a Primitive Resource



If you performed the following commands on the previous LSB Email resource

```
crm_resource --meta --resource Email --set-parameter priority --property-value 100
crm_resource --meta --resource Email --set-parameter multiple-active --property-value block
```

the resulting resource definition would be

```
<primitive id="Email" class="lsb" type="exim">
  <meta_attributes id="meta-email">
    <nvpair id="email-priority" name="priority" value="100"/>
    <nvpair id="email-active" name="multiple-active" value="block"/>
  </meta_attributes>
</primitive>
```

Example 5.4. An LSB resource with cluster options

## 5.5. Setting Global Defaults for Resource Options

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

```
crm_attribute --type rsc_defaults --attr-name is-managed --attr-value 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 and had **is-managed** set to true).

## 5.6. Instance Attributes

The scripts of some resource classes (LSB not being one of 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 instance

```
crm_resource --resource Public-IP --set-parameter ip --property-value
1.2.3.4
```

would create an entry in the resource like this

```
<primitive id="Public-IP" class="ocf" type="IPaddr" provider="heartbeat">
  <instance_attributes id="params-public-ip">
    <nvpair id="public-ip-addr" name="ip" value="1.2.3.4"/>
  </instance_attributes>
</primitive>
```

Example 5.5. 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 1.2.3.4

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

```
export OCF_ROOT=/usr/lib/ocf; $OCF_ROOT/resource.d/pacemaker/Dummy meta-data

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE resource-agent SYSTEM "ra-api-1.dtd">
<resource-agent name="Dummy" version="0.9">
  <version>1.0</version>

  <longdesc lang="en-US">
    This is a Dummy Resource Agent. It does absolutely nothing except
    keep track of whether its running or not.
    Its purpose in life is for testing and to serve as a template for RA writers.
  </longdesc>
  <shortdesc lang="en-US">Dummy resource agent</shortdesc>

  <parameters>
    <parameter name="state" unique="1">
      <longdesc lang="en-US">
        Location to store the resource state in.
      </longdesc>
      <shortdesc lang="en-US">State file</shortdesc>
      <content type="string" default="/var/run//Dummy-{OCF_RESOURCE_INSTANCE}.state" />
    </parameter>

    <parameter name="dummy" unique="0">
      <longdesc lang="en-US">
        Dummy attribute that can be changed to cause a reload
      </longdesc>
      <shortdesc lang="en-US">Dummy attribute that can be changed to cause a reload</
shortdesc>
      <content type="string" default="blah" />
    </parameter>
  </parameters>

  <actions>
    <action name="start"          timeout="90" />
    <action name="stop"           timeout="100" />
    <action name="monitor"        timeout="20" interval="10" depth="0" start-delay="0" />
    <action name="reload"         timeout="90" />
    <action name="migrate_to"     timeout="100" />
    <action name="migrate_from"   timeout="90" />
    <action name="meta-data"      timeout="5" />
    <action name="validate-all"   timeout="30" />
  </actions>
</resource-agent>
```

Example 5.6. Displaying the metadata for the Dummy resource agent template

## 5.7. Resource Operations

### 5.7.1. Monitoring Resources for Failure

By default, the cluster will not ensure your resources are still healthy. To instruct the cluster to do this, you need to add a monitor operation to the resource's definition.

```
<primitive id="Public-IP" class="ocf" type="IPAddr" provider="heartbeat">
  <operations>
    <op id="public-ip-check" name="monitor" interval="60s"/>
  </operations>
  <instance_attributes id="params-public-ip">
    <nvpair id="public-ip-addr" name="ip" value="1.2.3.4"/>
  </instance_attributes>
</primitive>
```

Example 5.7. An OCF resource with a recurring health check

Field	Description
id	Your name for the action. Must be unique.
name	The action to perform. Common values: monitor, start, stop
interval	How frequently (in seconds) to perform the operation. Default value: 0
timeout	How long to wait before declaring the action has failed.
requires	<p>What conditions need to be satisfied before this action occurs. Allowed values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• nothing - The cluster may start this resource at any time</li> <li>• quorum - The cluster can only start this resource if a majority of the configured nodes are active</li> <li>• 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 powered off.</li> </ul> <p>STONITH resources default to nothing, and all others default to fencing if STONITH is enabled and quorum otherwise.</p>
on-fail	<p>The action to take if this action ever fails. Allowed values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ignore - Pretend the resource did not fail</li> <li>• block - Don't perform any further operations on the resource</li> <li>• stop - Stop the resource and do not start it elsewhere</li> <li>• restart - Stop the resource and start it again (possibly on a different node)</li> </ul>

Field	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fence - STONITH the node on which the resource failed</li> <li>standby - Move <i>all</i> resources away from the node on which the resource failed</li> </ul> <p>The default for the stop operation is fence when STONITH is enabled and block otherwise. All other operations default to stop.</p>
enabled	If false, the operation is treated as if it does not exist. Allowed values: <i>true</i> , <i>false</i>

Table 5.3. Properties of an Operation

## 5.8. Setting Global Defaults for Operations

To set a default value for a operation option, simply add it to the `op_defaults` section with `crm_attribute`. Thus,

```
crm_attribute --type op_defaults --attr-name timeout --attr-value 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 instead (for that operation only).

### 5.8.1. When Resources Take a Long Time to Start/Stop

There are a number of implicit operations that the cluster will always perform - start, stop and a non-recurring monitor operation (used at startup to check the resource isn't already active). If one of these is taking too long, then you can create an entry for them and simply specify a new value.

```
<primitive id="Public-IP" class="ocf" type="IPaddr" provider="heartbeat">
  <operations>
    <op id="public-ip-startup" name="monitor" interval="0" timeout="90s"/>
    <op id="public-ip-start" name="start" interval="0" timeout="180s"/>
    <op id="public-ip-stop" name="stop" interval="0" timeout="15min"/>
  </operations>
  <instance_attributes id="params-public-ip">
    <nvpair id="public-ip-addr" name="ip" value="1.2.3.4"/>
  </instance_attributes>
</primitive>
```

Example 5.8. An OCF resource with custom timeouts for its implicit actions

### 5.8.2. Multiple Monitor Operations

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. Note that it is up to each resource agent to look for the parameter and decide how to use it.

```
<primitive id="Public-IP" class="ocf" type="IPAddr" provider="heartbeat">
  <operations>
    <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>
  </operations>
  <instance_attributes id="params-public-ip">
    <nvpair id="public-ip-level" name="ip" value="1.2.3.4"/>
  </instance_attributes>
</primitive>
```

Example 5.9. An OCF resource with two recurring health checks performing different levels of checks

### 5.8.3. 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 **`disabled="true"`** to the operation's definition.

```
<primitive id="Public-IP" class="ocf" type="IPAddr" provider="heartbeat">
  <operations>
    <op id="public-ip-check" name="monitor" interval="60s" disabled="true"/>
  </operations>
  <instance_attributes id="params-public-ip">
    <nvpair id="public-ip-addr" name="ip" value="1.2.3.4"/>
  </instance_attributes>
</primitive>
```

Example 5.10. Example of an OCF resource with a disabled health check

This can be achieved from the command-line by executing

```
cibadmin -M -X '<op id="public-ip-check" disabled="true"/>'
```

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

```
cibadmin -M -X '<op id="public-ip-check" disabled="false"/>'
```



# Resource Constraints

## 6.1. Scores

Scores of all kinds are integral to how the cluster 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 on a per-resource basis and any node with a negative score for a resource can't run that resource. After calculating the scores for a resource, the cluster then chooses the node with the highest one.

### 6.1.1. Infinity Math

**INFINITY** is currently defined as 1,000,000 and addition/subtraction with it follows the following 3 basic rules:

- Any value + **INFINITY** = **INFINITY**
- Any value - **INFINITY** = -**INFINITY**
- **INFINITY** - **INFINITY** = -**INFINITY**

## 6.2. Deciding Which Nodes a Resource Can Run On

There are two alternative strategies for specifying which nodes a resources can run on. One way is to say that by default they can run anywhere and then create location constraints for nodes that are not allowed. The other option is to have nodes "opt-in"... to start with nothing able to run anywhere and selectively enable allowed nodes.

### 6.2.1. Options

Field	Description
id	A unique name for the constraint
rsc	A resource name
node	A node's uname
score	Positive values indicate the resource can run on this node. Negative values indicate the resource can not run on this node. Values of +/- <b>INFINITY</b> change "can" to "must".

Table 6.1. Options for Simple Location Constraints

### 6.2.2. Asymmetrical "Opt-In" Clusters

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

```
crm_attribute --attr-name symmetric-cluster --attr-value false
```

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

```
<constraints>
  <rsc_location id="loc-1" rsc="Webserver" node="sles-1" score="200"/>
  <rsc_location id="loc-2" rsc="Webserver" node="sles-3" score="0"/>
  <rsc_location id="loc-3" rsc="Database" node="sles-2" score="200"/>
  <rsc_location id="loc-4" rsc="Database" node="sles-3" score="0"/>
</constraints>
```

Example 6.1. Example set of opt-in location constraints

### 6.2.3. Symmetrical "Opt-Out" Clusters

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

```
crm_attribute --attr-name symmetric-cluster --attr-value true
```

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

```
<constraints>
  <rsc_location id="loc-1" rsc="Webserver" node="sles-1" score="200"/>
  <rsc_location id="loc-2-dont-run" rsc="Webserver" node="sles-2" score="-INFINITY"/>
  <rsc_location id="loc-3-dont-run" rsc="Database" node="sles-1" score="-INFINITY"/>
  <rsc_location id="loc-4" rsc="Database" node="sles-2" score="200"/>
</constraints>
```

Example 6.2. Example set of opt-out location constraints

Whether you should choose opt-in or opt-out depends both 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.

### 6.2.4. 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 what was intended.

```
<constraints>
  <rsc_location id="loc-1" rsc="Webserver" node="sles-1" score="INFINITY"/>
  <rsc_location id="loc-2" rsc="Webserver" node="sles-2" score="INFINITY"/>
  <rsc_location id="loc-3" rsc="Database" node="sles-1" score="500"/>
  <rsc_location id="loc-4" rsc="Database" node="sles-2" score="300"/>
  <rsc_location id="loc-5" rsc="Database" node="sles-2" score="200"/>
</constraints>
```



### Example 6.3. Example of two resources that prefer two nodes equally

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.

## 6.3. Specifying the Order Resources Should Start/Stop In

The way to specify the order in which resources should start is by creating **rsc\_order** constraints.

Field	Description
id	A unique name for the constraint
first	The name of a resource that must be started before the then resource is allowed to.
then	The name of a resource. This resource will start after the first resource.
score	If greater than zero, the constraint is mandatory. Otherwise it is only a suggestion. Default value: <i>INFINITY</i>
symmetrical	If true, which is the default, stop the resources in the reverse order. Default value: <i>true</i>

Table 6.2. Properties of an Ordering Constraint

### 6.3.1. Mandatory Ordering

When the then resource cannot run without the first resource being active, one should use mandatory constraints. To specify a constraint is mandatory, use a scores greater than zero. This will ensure that the then resource will react when the first resource changes state.

- If the first resource was running and is stopped, the then resource will also be stopped (if it is running)
- If the first resource was not running and cannot be started, the then resource will be stopped (if it is running)
- If the first resource is (re)started while the then resource is running, the then resource will be stopped and restarted

### 6.3.2. Advisory Ordering

On the other-hand, when **score="0"** is specified for a constraint, the constraint is considered optional and only has an effect when both resources are stopping and or starting. Any change in state by the first resource will have no effect on the then resource.

```
<constraints>
```

```
<rsc_order id="order-1" first="Database" then="Webserver" />
<rsc_order id="order-2" first="IP" then="Webserver" score="0"/>
</constraints>
```

Example 6.4. Example of an optional and mandatory ordering constraint

Some additional information on ordering constraints can be found in the document [Ordering Explained](#)<sup>1</sup>

## 6.4. Placing Resources Relative to other Resources

When the location of one resource depends on the location of another one, we call this colocation.

There is an important side-effect of creating a colocation constraint between two resources, that it affects the order in which resources are assigned to a node. If you think about it, its somewhat obvious. You can't place A relative to B unless you know where B is <sup>2</sup>. So when you are creating colocation constraints, it is important to consider whether you should colocate A with B or B with A.

Another thing to keep in mind is that, assuming A is colocated with B, the cluster will also take into account A's preferences when deciding which node to choose for B. For a detailed look at exactly how this occurs, see the [Colocation Explained](#)<sup>3</sup> document.

### 6.4.1. Options

Field	Description
id	A unique name for the constraint
rsc	The colocation source. If the constraint cannot be satisfied, the cluster may decide not to allow the resource to run at all.
with-rsc	The colocation target. The cluster will decide where to put this resource first and then decide where to put the resource in the rsc field
score	Positive values indicate the resource should run on the same node. Negative values indicate the resources should not run on the same node. Values of +/- <b>INFINITY</b> change "should" to "must".

Table 6.3. Properties of a Colocation Constraint

### 6.4.2. Mandatory Placement

Mandatory placement occurs any time 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.

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.clusterlabs.org/mediawiki/images/d/d6/Ordering\\_Explained.pdf](http://www.clusterlabs.org/mediawiki/images/d/d6/Ordering_Explained.pdf)

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.

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.clusterlabs.org/mediawiki/images/6/61/Colocation\\_Explained.pdf](http://www.clusterlabs.org/mediawiki/images/6/61/Colocation_Explained.pdf)

If you need resource1 to always run on the same machine as resource2, you would add the following constraint:

```
<rsc_colocation id="colocate" rsc="resource1" with-rsc="resource2" score="INFINITY"/>
```

#### Example 6.5. An example colocation constraint

Remember, because **INFINITY** was used, if resource2 can't run on any of the cluster nodes (for whatever reason) then resource1 will not be allowed to run.

Alternatively, you may want the opposite... that resource1 cannot run on the same machine as resource2. In this case use **score="-INFINITY"**

```
<rsc_colocation id="anti-colocate" rsc="resource1" with-rsc="resource2" score="-INFINITY"/>
```

#### Example 6.6. An example anti-colocation constraint

Again, by specifying **-INFINITY**, the constraint is binding. So if the only place left to run is where resource2 already is, then resource1 may not run anywhere.

### 6.4.3. Advisory Placement

If mandatory placement is about "must" and "must not", then advisory placement is the "I'd prefer if" alternative. For constraints with scores greater than **-INFINITY** and less than **INFINITY**, the cluster will try and accommodate your wishes but may ignore them if the alternative is to stop some of the cluster resources.

Like in life, where if enough people prefer something it effectively becomes mandatory, advisory colocation constraints can combine with other elements of the configuration to behave as if they were mandatory.

```
<rsc_colocation id="colocate-maybe" rsc="resource1" with-rsc="resource2" score="500"/>
```

#### Example 6.7. An example advisory-only colocation constraint

## 6.5. Ordering Sets of Resources

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

```
<constraints>
  <rsc_order id="order-1" first="A" then="B" />
  <rsc_order id="order-2" first="B" then="C" />
  <rsc_order id="order-3" first="C" then="D" />
</constraints>
```

#### Example 6.8. A chain of ordered resources



Visual representation of the four resources' start order for the above constraints

Figure 6.1. Ordered Set

To simplify this situation, there is an alternate format for ordering constraints

```

<constraints>
  <rsc_order id="order-1">
    <resource_set id="ordered-set-example" sequential="true">
      <resource_ref id="A"/>
      <resource_ref id="B"/>
      <resource_ref id="C"/>
      <resource_ref id="D"/>
    </resource_set>
  </rsc_order>
</constraints>

```

Example 6.9. A chain of ordered resources expressed as a set



### Note

Resource sets have the same ordering semantics as groups.

```

<group id="dummy">
  <primitive id="A" .../>
  <primitive id="B" .../>
  <primitive id="C" .../>
  <primitive id="D" .../>
</group>

```

Example 6.10. A group resource with the equivalent ordering rules

While the set-based format is not less verbose, it is significantly easier to get right and maintain. It can also be expanded to allow ordered sets of (un)ordered resources. In the example below, `rscA` and `rscB` can both start in parallel, as can `rscC` and `rscD`, however `rscC` and `rscD` can only start once *both* `rscA` and `rscB` are active.

```

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

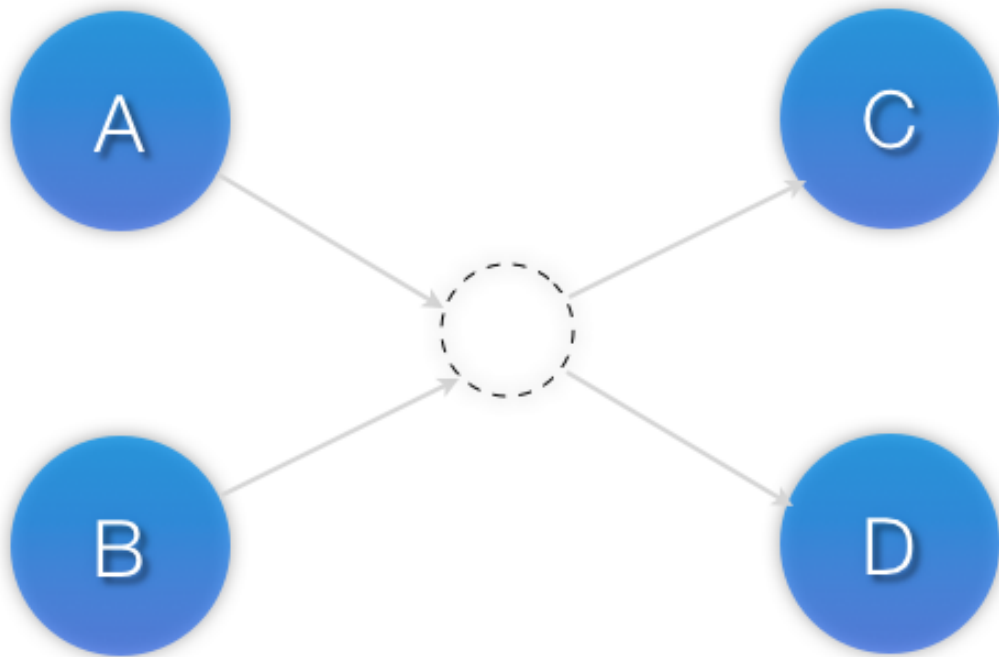
```

```

</resource_set>
<resource_set id="ordered-set-2" sequential="false">
  <resource_ref id="C"/>
  <resource_ref id="D"/>
</resource_set>
</rsc_order>
</constraints>

```

Example 6.11. Ordered sets of unordered resources



Visual representation of the start order for two ordered sets of unordered resources

Figure 6.2. Two Sets of Unordered Resources

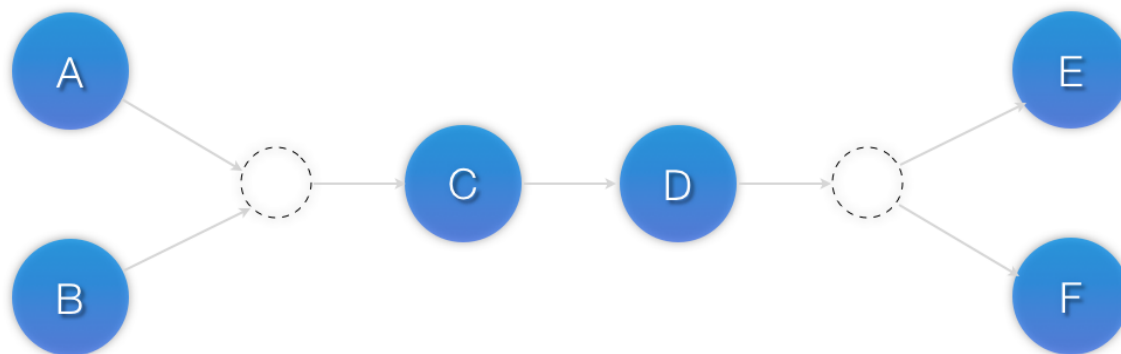
Of course either or both sets of resources can also be internally ordered (by setting **sequential="true"**) and there is no limit to the number of sets that can be specified.

```

<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>

```

Example 6.12. Advanced use of set ordering - Three ordered sets, two of which are internally unordered



Visual representation of the start order for the three sets defined above

Figure 6.3. Three Resources Sets

## 6.6. Collocating Sets of Resources

Another common situation is for an administrator to create a set of collocated resources. Previously this possible either by defining a resource group (See [Section 10.1, “Groups - A Syntactic Shortcut”](#)) which could not always accurately express the design; or by defining each relationship as an individual constraint, causing a constraint explosion as the number of resources and combinations grew.

```

<constraints>
  <rsc_colocation id="coloc-1" rsc="B" with-rsc="A" score="INFINITY"/>
  <rsc_colocation id="coloc-2" rsc="C" with-rsc="B" score="INFINITY"/>
  <rsc_colocation id="coloc-3" rsc="D" with-rsc="C" score="INFINITY"/>
</constraints>

```

Example 6.13. A chain of collocated resources

To make things easier, we allow an alternate form of colocation constraints using `resource_sets`. Just like the expanded version, a resource that can't be active also prevents any resource that must be collocated with it from being active. For example if B was not able to run, then both C (and by inference D) must also remain stopped.

```

<constraints>
  <rsc_colocation id="coloc-1" score="INFINITY" >
    <resource_set id="collocated-set-example" sequential="true">
      <resource_ref id="A"/>
      <resource_ref id="B"/>
      <resource_ref id="C"/>
      <resource_ref id="D"/>
    </resource_set>
  </rsc_colocation>
</constraints>

```

Example 6.14. The equivalent colocation chain expressed using `resource_sets`



### Note

Resource sets have the same colocation semantics as groups.

```
<group id="dummy">
  <primitive id="A" .../>
  <primitive id="B" .../>
  <primitive id="C" .../>
  <primitive id="D" .../>
</group>
```

Example 6.15. A group resource with the equivalent colocation rules

This notation can also be used in this context to tell the cluster that a set of resources must all be located with a common peer, but have no dependencies on each other. In this scenario, unlike the previous one, B would be allowed to remain active even if A or C (or both) were inactive.

```
<constraints>
  <rsc_colocation id="coloc-1" score="INFINITY" >
    <resource_set id="collocated-set-1" sequential="false">
      <resource_ref id="A"/>
      <resource_ref id="B"/>
      <resource_ref id="C"/>
    </resource_set>
    <resource_set id="collocated-set-2" sequential="true">
      <resource_ref id="D"/>
    </resource_set>
  </rsc_colocation>
</constraints>
```

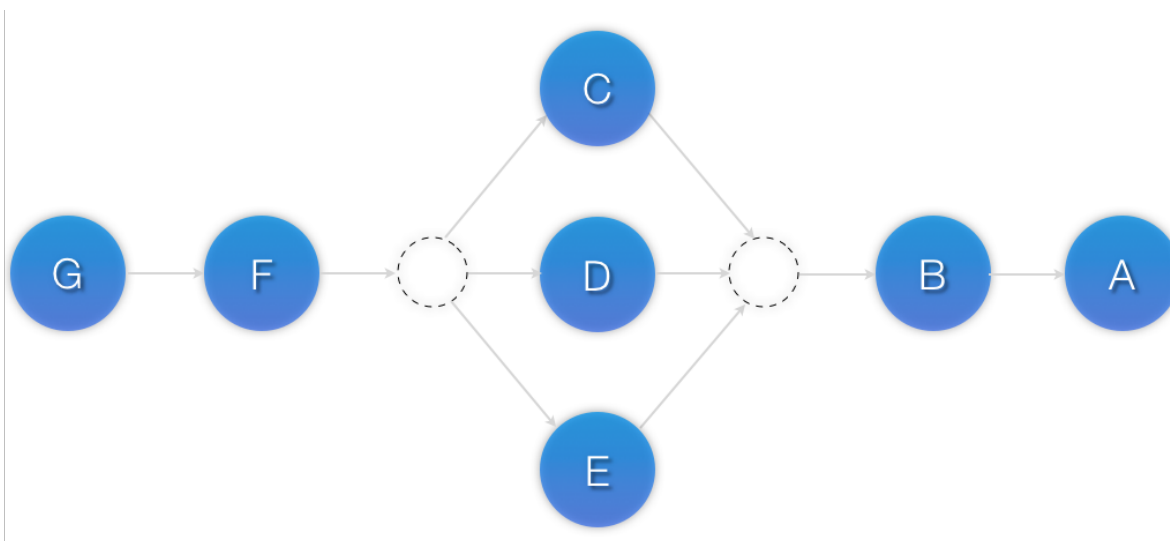
Example 6.16. Using colocation sets to specify a common peer.

Of course there is no limit to the number and size of the sets used. The only thing that matters is that in order for any member of set N to be active, all the members of set N+1 must also be active (and naturally on the same node), and that if a set has **`sequential="true"`**, then in order for member M to be active, member M+1 must also be active. You can even specify the role in which the members of a set must be in using the set's role attribute.

```
<constraints>
  <rsc_colocation id="coloc-1" score="INFINITY" >
    <resource_set id="collocated-set-1" sequential="true">
      <resource_ref id="A"/>
      <resource_ref id="B"/>
    </resource_set>
```

```
<resource_set id="collocated-set-2" sequential="false">
  <resource_ref id="C"/>
  <resource_ref id="D"/>
  <resource_ref id="E"/>
</resource_set>
<resource_set id="collocated-set-2" sequential="true" role="Master">
  <resource_ref id="F"/>
  <resource_ref id="G"/>
</resource_set>
</rsc_colocation>
</constraints>
```

Example 6.17. A colocation chain where the members of the middle set have no inter-dependencies and the last has master status.



Visual representation of a colocation chain where the members of the middle set have no inter-dependencies

Figure 6.4. Another Three Resources Sets



# Receiving Notification of Cluster Events

## 7.1. Configuring Email Notifications

## 7.2. Configuring SNMP Notifications



## Rules

Rules can be used to make your configuration more dynamic. One common example is to set one value for resource-stickiness during working hours, to prevent resources from being moved back to their most preferred location, and another on weekends when no-one is around to notice an outage.

Another use of rules might be to assign machines to different processing groups (using a node attribute) based on time and to then use that attribute when creating location constraints.

Each rule can contain a number of expressions, date-expressions and even other rules. The results of the expressions are combined based on the rule's boolean-op field to determine if the rule ultimately evaluates to true or false. What happens next depends on the context in which the rule is being used.

Field	Description
role	Limits the rule to only apply when the resource is in that role. Allowed values: <i>Started</i> , <i>Slave</i> , <i>Master</i> . NOTE: A rule with role="Master" can not determine the initial location of a clone instance. It will only affect which of the active instances will be promoted.
score	The score to apply if the rule evaluates to "true". Limited to use in rules that are part of location constraints.
score-attribute	The node attribute to look up and use as a score if the rule evaluates to "true". Limited to use in rules that are part of location constraints.
boolean-op	How to combine the result of multiple expression objects. Allowed values: <i>and</i> , or

Table 8.1. Properties of a Rule

### 8.1. Node Attribute Expressions

Expression objects are used to control a resource based on the attributes defined by a node or nodes. In addition to any attributes added by the administrator, each node has a built-in node attribute called **#uname** that can also be used.

Field	Description
value	User supplied value for comparison
attribute	The node attribute to test
type	Determines how the value(s) should be tested. Allowed values: <i>integer</i> , <i>string</i> , <i>version</i>
operation	The comparison to perform. Allowed values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>lt - True if the node attribute's value is less than value</li> <li>gt - True if the node attribute's value is greater than value</li> </ul>

Field	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>lte- True if the node attribute's value is less than or equal to value</li> <li>gte- True if the node attribute's value is greater than or equal to value</li> <li>eq- True if the node attribute's value is equal to value</li> <li>ne - True if the node attribute's value is not equal to value</li> <li>defined- True if the node has an the named attribute</li> <li>not_defined- True if the node does not have the named attribute</li> </ul>

Table 8.2. Properties of an Expression

## 8.2. Time/Date Based Expressions

As the name suggests, `date_expressions` are used to control a resource or cluster option based on the current date/time. They can contain an optional **date\_spec** and/or **duration** object depending on the context.

Field	Description
start	A date/time conforming to the ISO8601 specification.
end	A date/time conforming to the ISO8601 specification. Can be inferred by supplying a value for start and a duration.
operation	<p>Compares the current date/time with the start and/or end date, depending on the context. Allowed values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>gt - True if the current date/time is after start</li> <li>lt - True if the current date/time is before end</li> <li>in-range - True if the current date/time is after start and before end</li> <li>date-spec - performs a cron-like comparison between the contents of <code>date_spec</code> and now</li> </ul>

Table 8.3. Properties of a Date Expression



### Note

Because the comparisons (except for `date_spec`) include the time, the **eq**, **neq**, **gte** and **lte** operators have not been implemented.

### 8.2.1. Date Specifications

**date\_spec** objects are used to create cron-like expressions relating to time. Each field can contain a single number or a single range. Instead of defaulting to zero, any field not supplied is ignored.

For example, **monthdays="1"** matches the first day of every month and **hours="09-17"** matches the hours between 9am and 5pm inclusive). However at this time one cannot specify **weekdays="1, 2"** or **weekdays="1-2, 5-6"** since they contain multiple ranges. Depending on demand, this may be implemented in a future release.

Field	Description
id	A unique name for the date
hours	Allowed values: 0-23
monthdays	Allowed values: 0-31 (depending on current month and year)
weekdays	Allowed values: 1-7 (1=Monday, 7=Sunday)
yeardays	Allowed values: 1-366 (depending on the current year)
months	Allowed values: 1-12
weeks	Allowed values: 1-53 (depending on weekyear)
years	Year according the Gregorian calendar
weekyears	May differ from Gregorian years.  Eg. "2005-001 Ordinal" is also "2005-01-01 Gregorian" is also "2004-W53-6 Weekly"
moon	Allowed values: 0..7 (0 is new, 4 is full moon). Seriously, you can use this. This was implemented to demonstrate the ease with which new comparisons could be added.

Table 8.4. Properties of a Date Spec

### 8.2.2. Durations

Durations are used to calculate a value for end when one is not supplied to `in_range` operations. They contain the same fields as **date\_spec** objects but without the limitations (ie. you can have a duration of 19 days). Like **date\_specs**, any field not supplied is ignored.

#### 8.2.2.1. Sample Time Based Expressions

```
<rule id="rule1">
  <date_expression id="date_expr1" start="2005-001" operation="in_range">
    <duration years="1"/>
  </date_expression>
</rule>
```

Example 8.1. True if now is any time in the year 2005

```
<rule id="rule2">
  <date_expression id="date_expr2" operation="date_spec">
    <date_spec years="2005"/>
  </date_expression>
</rule>
```

### Example 8.2. Equivalent expression.

```
<rule id="rule3">
  <date_expression id="date_expr3" operation="date_spec">
    <date_spec hours="9-16" days="1-5"/>
  </date_expression>
</rule>
```

### Example 8.3. 9am-5pm, Mon-Friday

```
<rule id="rule4" boolean_op="or">
  <date_expression id="date_expr4-1" operation="date_spec">
    <date_spec hours="9-16" days="1-5"/>
  </date_expression>
  <date_expression id="date_expr4-2" operation="date_spec">
    <date_spec days="6"/>
  </date_expression>
</rule>
```

### Example 8.4. 9am-6pm, Mon-Friday, or all day saturday

```
<rule id="rule5" boolean_op="and">
  <rule id="rule5-nested1" boolean_op="or">
    <date_expression id="date_expr5-1" operation="date_spec">
      <date_spec hours="9-16"/>
    </date_expression>
    <date_expression id="date_expr5-2" operation="date_spec">
      <date_spec hours="21-23"/>
    </date_expression>
  </rule>
  <date_expression id="date_expr5-3" operation="date_spec">
    <date_spec days="1-5"/>
  </date_expression>
</rule>
```

### Example 8.5. 9am-5pm or 9pm-12pm, Mon-Friday

```
<rule id="rule6" boolean_op="and">
  <date_expression id="date_expr6-1" operation="date_spec">
    <date_spec weekdays="1"/>
```

```

</date_expression>
<date_expression id="date_expr6-2" operation="in_range" start="2005-03-01"
end="2005-04-01"/>
</rule>

```

#### Example 8.6. Mondays in March 2005

NOTE: Because no time is specified, 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="2005-03-31T23:59:59" to avoid confusion.

```

<rule id="rule7" boolean_op="and">
  <date_expression id="date_expr7" operation="date_spec">
    <date_spec weekdays="5" monthdays="13" moon="4"/>
  </date_expression>
</rule>

```

#### Example 8.7. A full moon on Friday the 13th

## 8.3. Using Rules to Determine Resource Location

If the constraint's outer-most rule evaluates to false, the cluster treats the constraint as if it was not there. When the rule evaluates to true, the node's preference for running the resource is updated with the score associated with the rule.

If this sounds familiar, its because you have been using a simplified syntax for location constraint rules already. Consider the following location constraint:

```

<rsc_location id="dont-run-apache-on-c001n03" rsc="myApacheRsc" score="-INFINITY"
node="c001n03"/>

```

#### Example 8.8. Prevent myApacheRsc from running on c001n03

This constraint can be more verbosely written as:

```

<rsc_location id="dont-run-apache-on-c001n03" rsc="myApacheRsc">
  <rule id="dont-run-apache-rule" score="-INFINITY">
    <expression id="dont-run-apache-expr" attribute="#uname" operation="eq" value="c00n03"/
  >
  </rule>
</rsc_location>

```

#### Example 8.9. Prevent myApacheRsc from running on c001n03 - expanded version

The advantage of using the expanded form is that one can then add extra clauses to the rule, such as limiting the rule such that it only applies during certain times of the day or days of the week (this is discussed in subsequent sections).

It also 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:

```
<nodes>
  <node id="uuid1" uname="c001n01" type="normal">
    <instance_attributes id="uuid1-custom_attrs">
      <nvpair id="uuid1-cpu_mips" name="cpu_mips" value="1234"/>
    </instance_attributes>
  </node>
  <node id="uuid2" uname="c001n02" type="normal">
    <instance_attributes id="uuid2-custom_attrs">
      <nvpair id="uuid2-cpu_mips" name="cpu_mips" value="5678"/>
    </instance_attributes>
  </node>
</nodes>
```

Example 8.10. A sample nodes section for use with score-attribute

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

```
<rule id="need-more-power-rule" score="-INFINITY">
  <expression id=" need-more-power-expr" attribute="cpu_mips" operation="lt"
value="3000"/>
</rule>
```

### 8.3.1. 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 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.

## 8.4. Using Rules to Control Resource Options

Often some cluster nodes will be different from their peers, sometimes these differences (the location of a binary or the names of network interfaces) require resources be configured differently depending on 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.

```
<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" 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" 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>

```

Example 8.11. Defining different resource options based on the node name

The order in which **instance\_attributes** objects are evaluated is determined by their score (highest to lowest). If not supplied, score defaults to zero and objects with an equal score are processed in listed order. If the **instance\_attributes** object does not have a **rule** or has 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** object.

## 8.5. 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 difference is that because they are cluster options, one cannot (or should not because they wont work) use attribute based expressions. The following example illustrates how to set a different **resource-stickiness** value during and outside of 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.

```

<rsc_defaults>
  <meta_attributes id="core-hours" score="2">
    <rule id="core-hour-rule" score="0">
      <date_expression id="nine-to-five-Mon-to-Fri" operation="date_spec">
        <date_spec id="nine-to-five-Mon-to-Fri-spec" hours="9-17" weekdays="1-5"/>
      </date_expression>
    </rule>
    <nvpair id="core-stickiness" name="resource-stickiness" value="INFINITY"/>
  </meta_attributes>
  <meta_attributes id="after-hours" score="1" >
    <nvpair id="after-stickiness" name="resource-stickiness" value="0"/>
  </meta_attributes>
</rsc_defaults>

```

Example 8.12. Set resource-stickiness=INFINITY Mon-Fri between 9am and 6pm, and resource-stickiness=0 all other times

### 8.6. Ensuring Time Based Rules Take Effect

A Pacemaker cluster is an event driven system. As such, it won't recalculate the best place for resources to run in unless something (like a resource failure or configuration change) happens. This can mean that a location constraint that only allows resource X to run between 9am and 5pm is not enforced.

If you rely on time based rules, it is essential that you set the **cluster-recheck-interval** option. This tells the cluster to periodically recalculate the ideal state of the cluster. For example, if you set **cluster-recheck-interval=5m**, then sometime between 9:00 and 9:05 the cluster would notice that it needs to start resource X, and between 17:00 and 17:05 it would realize it needed to be stopped.

Note that the timing of the actual start and stop actions depends on what else needs to be performed first.

# Advanced Configuration

## 9.1. Connecting to the Cluster Configuration from a Remote Machine

Provided Pacemaker is installed on a machine, it is possible to connect to the cluster even if the machine itself is not a part of it. To do this, one simply sets up a number of environment variables and runs the same commands as you would when working on a cluster node.

Environment Variable	Description
CIB_user	The user to connect as. Needs to be part of the hacluster group on the target host. Defaults to <i>\$USER</i>
CIB_passwd	The user's password. Read from the command line if unset
CIB_server	The host to contact. Defaults to <i>localhost</i> .
CIB_port	The port on which to contact the server. Required.
CIB_encrypted	Encrypt network traffic. Defaults to <i>true</i> .

Table 9.1. Environment Variables Used to Connect to Remote Instances of the CIB

So if c001n01 is an active cluster node and is listening on 1234 for connections, and someguy is a member of the hacluster group. Then the following would prompt for someguy's password and return the cluster's current configuration:

```
export CIB_port=1234; export CIB_server=c001n01; export CIB_user=someguy; cibadmin -Q
```

For security reasons, the cluster does not listen remote connections by default. If you wish to allow remote access, you need to set the **remote-tls-port** (encrypted) or **remote-clear-port** (unencrypted) top-level options (ie. those kept in the cib tag , like **num\_updates** and **epoch**).

Field	Description
remote-tls-port	Listen for encrypted remote connections on this port. Default: <i>none</i>
remote-clear-port	Listen for plaintext remote connections on this port. Default: <i>none</i>

Table 9.2. Extra top-level CIB options for remote access

## 9.2. Specifying When Recurring Actions are Performed

By default, recurring actions are scheduled relative to when the resource started. So if your resource was last started at 14:32 and you have a backup set to be performed every 24 hours, then the backup will always run at in the middle of the business day - hardly desirable.

To specify a date/time that the operation should be relative to, set the operation's **interval-origin**. The cluster uses this point to calculate the correct **start-delay** such that the operation will occur at  $\text{origin} + (\text{interval} * N)$ .

So if the operation's interval is 24h, it's interval-origin is set to 02:00 and it is currently 14:32, then the cluster would initiate the operation with a start delay of 11 hours and 28 minutes. If the resource is moved to another node before 2am, then the operation is of course cancelled.

The value specified for interval and **interval-origin** can be any date/time conforming to the [ISO8601 standard](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_8601)<sup>1</sup>. By way of example, to specify an operation that would run on the first Monday of 2009 and every Monday after that you would add:

```
<op id="my-weekly-action" name="custom-action" interval="P7D" interval-origin="2009-W01-1"/>
```

Example 9.1. Specifying a Base for Recurring Action Intervals

## 9.3. Moving Resources

### 9.3.1. Manual Intervention

There are primarily two occasions when you would want to move a resource from it's current location: when the whole node is under maintenance and when a single resource needs to be moved.

In the case where everything needs to move, since everything eventually comes down to a score, you could create constraints for every resource you have preventing it from running on that node. While the configuration can seem convoluted at times, not even we would require this of administrators.

Instead one can set a special node attribute which tells the cluster "don't let anything run here". There is even a helpful tool to help query and set it called **crm\_standby**. To check the standby status of the current machine, simply run:

```
crm_standby --get-value
```

A value of true indicates that the node is NOT able to host any resources and a value of false indicates that it CAN. You can also check the status of other nodes in the cluster by specifying the *--node-  
uname* option. Eg.

```
crm_standby --get-value --node-uname sles-2
```

To change the current node's standby status, use *--attr-value* instead of *--get-value*. Eg.

```
crm_standby --attr-value
```

Again, you can change another host's value by supplying a host name with *--node-uname*.

When only one resource is required to move, we do this by creating location constraints. However once again we provide a user friendly shortcut as part of the **crm\_resource** command which creates and modifies the extra constraints for you. If Email was running on sles-1 and you wanted it moved to a specific location, the command would look something like:

```
crm_resource -M -r Email -H sles-2
```

Behind the scenes, the tool will create the following location constraint:

---

<sup>1</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO\\_8601](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_8601)

```
<rsc_location rsc="Email" node="sles-2" score="INFINITY"/>
```

It is important to note that subsequent invocations of **crm\_resource -M** are not cumulative. So if you ran:

```
crm_resource -M -r Email -H sles-2
```

```
crm_resource -M -r Email -H sles-3
```

then it is as if you had never performed the first command.

To allow the resource to move back again, use:

```
crm_resource -U -r Email
```

Note the use of the word **allow**. The resource can move back to its original location but, depending on resource stickiness, it may stay where it is. To be absolutely certain that it moves back to sles-1, move it there before issuing the call to **crm\_resource -U**:

```
crm_resource -M -r Email -H sles-1
```

```
crm_resource -U -r Email
```

Alternatively, if you only care that the resource should be moved from its current location, try

```
crm_resource -M -r Email
```

Which will instead create a negative constraint. Eg.

```
<rsc_location rsc="Email" node="sles-1" score="-INFINITY"/>
```

This will achieve the desired effect but will also have long-term consequences. As the tool will warn you, the creation of a **-INFINITY** constraint will prevent the resource from running on that node until **crm\_resource -U** is used. This includes the situation where every other cluster node is no longer available.

In some cases, such as when resource stickiness is set to **INFINITY**, it is possible that you will end up with the problem described in [Section 6.2.4, "What if Two Nodes Have the Same Score"](#). The tool can detect some of these cases and deals with them by also creating both a positive and negative constraint. Eg.

Email prefers sles-1 with a score of **-INFINITY**

Email prefers sles-2 with a score of **INFINITY**

which has the same long-term consequences as discussed earlier.

### 9.3.2. Moving Resources Due to Failure

New in 1.0 is the concept of a migration threshold <sup>2</sup>. Simply define **migration-threshold=N** for a resource and it will migrate to a new node after N failures. There is no threshold defined by default. To determine the resource's current failure status and limits, use **crm\_mon --failcounts**

---

The naming of this option was unfortunate as it is easily confused with true 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.

By default, once the threshold has been reached, node will no longer be allowed to run the failed resource until the administrator manually resets the resource's failcount using `crm_failcount` (after hopefully first fixing the failure's cause). However it is possible to expire them by setting the resource's `failure-timeout` option.

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

There are two exceptions to the migration threshold concept and occur when a resource either fails to start or fails to stop. Start failures cause the failcount 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 STONITH is enabled, then the cluster will fence the node in order to be able to start the resource elsewhere. If STONITH is not enabled, 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 the failure timeout.



### Important

Please read *Section 8.6, "Ensuring Time Based Rules Take Effect"* before enabling this option.

### 9.3.3. Moving Resources Due to Connectivity Changes

Setting up the cluster to move resources when external connectivity is lost, is a two-step process.

#### 9.3.3.1. Tell Pacemaker to monitor connectivity

To do this, you need to add a ping resource to the cluster. The ping resource uses the system utility of the same name to test if list of machines (specified by DNS hostname or IPv4/ IPv6 address) are reachable and uses the results to maintain a node attribute normally called pingd.<sup>3</sup>



### Note

Older versions of Heartbeat required users to add ping nodes to `ha.cf` - this is no longer required.



### Important

Older versions of Pacemaker used a custom binary called `pingd` for this functionality, this is now deprecated in favor of `ping`. If your version of Pacemaker does not contain the ping agent, you can download the latest version from: <http://hg.clusterlabs.org/pacemaker/stable-1.0/raw-file/tip/extra/resources/ping>

Normally the resource will run on all cluster nodes, which means that you'll need to create a clone. A template for this can be found below along with a description of the most interesting parameters.

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<sup>3</sup>The attribute name is customizable which allows multiple ping groups to be defined

Field	Description
dampen	The time to wait (dampening) for further changes occur. Use this to prevent a resource from bouncing around the cluster when cluster nodes notice the loss of connectivity at slightly different times.
multiplier	The number by which to multiply the number of connected ping nodes by. Useful when there are multiple ping nodes configured.
host_list	The machines to contact in order to determine the current connectivity status. Allowed values include resolvable DNS hostnames, IPv4 and IPv6 addresses.

Table 9.3. Common Options for a 'ping' Resource

```
<clone id="Connected">
  <primitive id="ping" provider="pacemaker" class="ocf" type="ping">
    <instance_attributes id="ping-attrs">
      <nvpair id="pingd-dampen" name="dampen" value="5s"/>
      <nvpair id="pingd-multiplier" name="multiplier" value="1000"/>
      <nvpair id="pingd-hosts" name="host_list" value="my.gateway.com www.bigcorp.com"/>
    </instance_attributes>
    <operations>
      <op id="ping-monitor-60s" interval="60s" name="monitor"/>
    </operations>
  </primitive>
</clone>
```

Example 9.2. An example ping cluster resource, checks node connectivity once every minute

### 9.3.3.2. Tell Pacemaker how to interpret the connectivity data

NOTE: Before reading the following, please make sure you have read and understood [Chapter 8, Rules](#) above.

There are a number of ways to use the connectivity data provided by Heartbeat. The most common setup is for people to have a single ping node and want to prevent the cluster from running a resource on any unconnected node.

```
<rsc_location id="WebServer-no-connectivity" rsc="Webserver">
  <rule id="ping-exclude-rule" score="-INFINITY" >
    <expression id="ping-exclude" attribute="pingd" operation="not_defined"/>
  </rule>
</rsc_location>
```

Example 9.3. Don't run on unconnected nodes

A more complex setup is to have a number of ping nodes configured. You can require the cluster to only run resources on nodes that can connect to all (or a minimum subset) of them

```
<rsc_location id="WebServer-connectivity" rsc="Webserver">
  <rule id="ping-prefer-rule" score="-INFINITY" >
    <expression id="ping-prefer" attribute="pingd" operation="lt" value="3000"/>
  </rule>
</rsc_location>
```

**Example 9.4.** Run only on nodes connected to 3 or more ping nodes (assumes **multiplier** is set to 1000)

or instead you can tell the cluster only to prefer nodes with the most connectivity. Just be sure to set the multiplier to a value higher than that of **resource-stickiness** (and don't set either of them to **INFINITY**).

```
<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>
```

**Example 9.5.** Prefer the node with the most connected ping nodes

It is perhaps easier to think of this in terms of the simple constraints that the cluster translates it into. For example, if `sles-1` is connected to all 5 ping nodes but `sles-2` is only connected to 2, then it would be as if you instead had the following constraints in your configuration:

```
<rsc_location id="ping-1" rsc="Webserver" node="sles-1" score="5000"/>
<rsc_location id="ping-2" rsc="Webserver" node="sles-2" score="2000"/>
```

**Figure 9.1.** How the cluster translates the `pingd` constraint

The advantage being that you don't have to manually update them whenever your network connectivity changes.

You can also combine the concepts above into something even more complex. The example below shows how you can prefer the node with the most connected ping nodes provided they have connectivity to at least three (assuming multiplier is set to 1000).

```
<rsc_location id="WebServer-connectivity" rsc="Webserver">
  <rule id="ping-exclude-rule" score="-INFINITY" >
    <expression id="ping-exclude" attribute="pingd" operation="lt" value="3000"/>
  </rule>
  <rule id="ping-prefer-rule" score-attribute="pingd" >
    <expression id="ping-prefer" attribute="pingd" operation="defined"/>
  </rule>
</rsc_location>
```



Example 9.6. A more complex example of choosing a location based on connectivity

### 9.3.4. Resource Migration

Some resources, such as Xen virtual guests, are able to move to another location without loss of state. We call this resource migration and is different from the normal practice of stopping the resource on the first machine and starting it elsewhere.

Not all resources are able to migrate, see the Migration Checklist below, and 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
- 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 new 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 to the new location where it is 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 to implement migration for your service, as long as it works.

#### 9.3.4.1. Migration Checklist

- The resource may not be a clone.
- The resource must use an OCF style agent.
- The resource must not be in a failed or degraded state.
- The resource must not, directly or indirectly, depend on any primitive or group resources.
- The resources must support two new actions: **migrate\_to** and **migrate\_from** and advertise them in its metadata.
- The resource must have the **allow-migrate** meta-attribute set to true (not the default).

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 moved in the traditional manner. The Policy Engine is not yet able to model this situation correctly and so takes the safe (yet less optimal) path.

## 9.4. 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

```
<rsc_location id="WebDB-connectivity" rsc="WebDB">
  <rule id-ref="ping-prefer-rule"/>
</rsc_location>
```

Example 9.7. Referencing rules from other constraints



### 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

```
<primitive 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>
<primitive id="myOtherRsc" class="ocf" type="Other" provider="me">
  <instance_attributes id-ref="mySpecialRsc-attrs"/>
  <meta_attributes id-ref="mySpecialRsc-options"/>
  <operations id-ref="health-checks"/>
</primitive>
```

Example 9.8. Referencing attributes, options and operations from other resources

## 9.5. Reloading Services After a Definition Change

The cluster automatically detects changes to the definition of services it manages. However, the normal response is to stop the service (using the old definition) and start it again (with the new definition). This works well, but some services are smart and can be told to use a new set of options without restarting.

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

1. Accept the **reload** operation and perform any required actions.

The steps required here depend completely on your application

```
case $1 in
  start)
drbd_start
;;
  stop)
drbd_stop
;;
  reload)
drbd_reload
;;
  monitor)
drbd_monitor
;;
  *)
drbd_usage
exit $OCF_ERR_UNIMPLEMENTED
;;
esac
exit $?
```

Example 9.9. The DRBD Agent's Control logic for Supporting the **reload** Operation

2. Advertise the **reload** operation in the **actions** section of its metadata

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE resource-agent SYSTEM "ra-api-1.dtd">
<resource-agent name="drbd">
  <version>1.1</version>

  <longdesc lang="en">
    Master/Slave OCF Resource Agent for DRBD
  </longdesc>

  <shortdesc lang="en">
    This resource agent manages a DRBD resource as a master/slave
    resource. DRBD is a shared-nothing replicated storage device.
  </shortdesc>

  <parameters>
    <parameter name="drbd_resource" unique="1" required="1">
      <longdesc lang="en">The name of the drbd resource from the drbd.conf file.</
longdesc>
      <shortdesc lang="en">drbd resource name</shortdesc>
      <content type="string"/>
    </parameter>
  </parameters>
</resource-agent>
```

```
</parameter>

<parameter name="drbdconf" unique="0">
  <longdesc lang="en">Full path to the drbd.conf file.</longdesc>
  <shortdesc lang="en">Path to drbd.conf</shortdesc>
  <content type="string" default="{OCF_RESKEY_drbdconf_default}"/>
</parameter>

</parameters>

<actions>
  <action name="start"    timeout="240" />
  <action name="reload"   timeout="240" />
  <action name="promote"  timeout="90" />
  <action name="demote"   timeout="90" />
  <action name="notify"   timeout="90" />
  <action name="stop"     timeout="100" />
  <action name="meta-data" timeout="5" />
  <action name="validate-all" timeout="30" />
</actions>
</resource-agent>
```

Example 9.10. The DRBD Agent Advertising Support for the **reload** Operation

3. Advertise one or more parameters that can take effect using **reload**.

Any parameter with the **unique** set to 0 is eligible to be used in this way.

```
<parameter name="drbdconf" unique="0">
  <longdesc lang="en">Full path to the drbd.conf file.</longdesc>
  <shortdesc lang="en">Path to drbd.conf</shortdesc>
  <content type="string" default="{OCF_RESKEY_drbdconf_default}"/>
</parameter>
```

Example 9.11. Parameter that can be changed using reload

Once these requirements are satisfied, the cluster will automatically know to reload, instead of restarting, the resource when a non-unique fields changes.



### Note

The metadata is re-read when the resource is started. This may mean that the resource will be restarted the first time, even though you changed a parameter with **unique=0**



### Note

If both a unique and non-unique field is changed simultaneously, the resource will still be restarted.

# Advanced Resource Types

## 10.1. 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.

```
<group id="shortcut">
  <primitive id="Public-IP" class="ocf" type="IPAddr" provider="heartbeat">
    <instance_attributes id="params-public-ip">
      <nvpair id="public-ip-addr" name="ip" value="1.2.3.4"/>
    </instance_attributes>
  </primitive>
  <primitive id="Email" class="lsb" type="exim"/>
</group>
```

Example 10.1. An example group

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

The group above is logically equivalent to writing:

```
<configuration>
  <resources>
    <primitive id="Public-IP" class="ocf" type="IPAddr" provider="heartbeat">
      <instance_attributes id="params-public-ip">
        <nvpair id="public-ip-addr" name="ip" value="1.2.3.4"/>
      </instance_attributes>
    </primitive>
    <primitive id="Email" class="lsb" type="exim"/>
  </resources>
  <constraints>
    <rsc_colocation id="xxx" rsc="Email" with-rsc="Public-IP" score="INFINITY"/>
    <rsc_order id="yyy" first="Public-IP" then="Email"/>
  </constraints>
</configuration>
```

Example 10.2. How the cluster sees a group resource

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

### 10.1.1. Properties

Field	Description
id	Your name for the group

Table 10.1. Properties of a Group Resource

### 10.1.2. Options

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

### 10.1.3. Using Groups

#### 10.1.3.1. Instance Attributes

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

#### 10.1.3.2. Contents

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

#### 10.1.3.3. Constraints

Although it is possible to reference the group's children in constraints, it is usually preferable to use the group's name instead.

```
<constraints>
  <rsc_location id="group-prefers-node1" rsc="shortcut" node="node1" score="500"/>
  <rsc_colocation id="webserver-with-group" rsc="Webserver" with-rsc="shortcut"/>
  <rsc_order id="start-group-then-webserver" first="Webserver" then="shortcut"/>
</constraints>
```

Example 10.3. Example constraints involving groups

#### 10.1.3.4. Stickiness

Stickiness, the measure of how much a resource wants to stay where it is, is additive in groups. Every active member of the group will contribute its stickiness value to the group's total. So if the default **resource-stickiness** is 100 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.

## 10.2. Clones - Resources That Should be Active on Multiple Hosts

Clones were initially conceived as a convenient way to start N instances of an IP resource and have them distributed throughout the cluster for load balancing. They have turned out to quite useful for a number of purposes including integrating with Red Hat's DLM, the fencing subsystem and OCFS2.

You can clone any resource provided the resource agent supports it.

Three types of cloned resources exist.

- Anonymous
- Globally Unique
- Stateful

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

Globally unique clones are distinct entities. A copy of the clone running on one machine is not equivalent to another instance on another node. Nor would any two copies on the same node be equivalent.

Stateful clones are covered later in [Section 10.3, “Multi-state - Resources That Have Multiple Modes”](#).

```
<clone id="apache-clone">
  <meta_attributes id="apache-clone-meta">
    <nvpair id="apache-unique" name="globally-unique" value="false"/>
  </meta_attributes>
  <primitive id="apache" class="lsb" type="apache"/>
</clone>
```

Example 10.4. An example clone

### 10.2.1. Properties

Field	Description
id	Your name for the clone

Table 10.2. Properties of a Clone Resource

### 10.2.2. Options

Options inherited from [simple resources](#): **priority**, **target-role**, **is-managed**

Field	Description
clone-max	How many copies of the resource to start. Defaults to the number of nodes in the cluster.
clone-node-max	How many copies of the resource can be started on a single node. Defaults to 1.
notify	When stopping or starting a copy of the clone, tell all the other copies beforehand and when the action was successful. Allowed values: <i>true</i> , <i>false</i>

Field	Description
globally-unique	Does each copy of the clone perform a different function? Allowed values: <i>true</i> , <i>false</i>
ordered	Should the copies be started in series (instead of in parallel). Allowed values: <i>true</i> , <i>false</i>
interleave	Changes the behavior of ordering constraints (between clones/masters) so that instances can start/stop as soon as their peer instance has (rather than waiting for every instance of the other clone has). Allowed values: <i>true</i> , <i>false</i>

Table 10.3. Clone specific configuration options

### 10.2.3. Using Clones

#### 10.2.3.1. Instance Attributes

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

#### 10.2.3.2. Contents

Clones must contain exactly one group or one regular resource.



#### Warning

You should never reference the name of a clone's child. If you think you need to do this, you probably need to re-evaluate your design.

#### 10.2.3.3. Constraints

In most cases, a clone will have a single copy on each active cluster node. However 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 to those for regular resources except that the clone's id is used.

Ordering constraints behave slightly differently for clones. In the example below, `apache-stats` will wait until all copies of the 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 the clone.

Colocation of a regular (or group) resource with a clone means that the resource can run on any machine with an active copy of the clone. The cluster will choose a copy based on where the clone is running and the rsc resource's own location preferences.

Colocation between clones is also possible. In such cases, the set of allowed locations for the rsc clone is limited to nodes on which the with clone is (or will be) active. Allocation is then performed as-per-normal.



```
<constraints>
  <rsc_location id="clone-prefers-node1" rsc="apache-clone" node="node1" score="500"/>
  <rsc_colocation id="stats-with-clone" rsc="apache-stats" with="apache-clone"/>
  <rsc_order id="start-clone-then-stats" first="apache-clone" then="apache-stats"/>
</constraints>
```

Example 10.5. Example constraints involving clones

#### 10.2.3.4. Stickiness

To achieve a stable allocation pattern, 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 copies around the cluster.

#### 10.2.3.5. 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.

Globally unique clones do require some 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}`. Unless of course they are failed, in which case they should return one of the other OCF error codes.

Copies of a clone are identified by appending a colon and a numerical offset. Eg. `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 copy it is by examining `OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_clone`.

You should not make any assumptions (based on `OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_clone`) about which copies are active. In particular, the list of active copies will not always be an unbroken sequence, nor always start at 0.

#### 10.2.3.6. Notifications

Supporting notifications requires the **notify** action to be implemented. Once supported, the notify action will be passed 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.

Variable	Description
<code>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_type</code>	Allowed values: pre, post
<code>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_operation</code>	Allowed values: start, stop
<code>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_start_resource</code>	Resources to be started
<code>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_stop_resource</code>	Resources to be stopped
<code>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_active_resource</code>	Resources the that are running
<code>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_inactive_resource</code>	Resources the that are not running
<code>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_start_uname</code>	Nodes on which resources will be started

Variable	Description
OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_stop_uname	Nodes on which resources will be stopped
OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_active_uname	Nodes on which resources are running
OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_inactive_uname	Nodes on which resources are not running

Table 10.4. Environment variables supplied with Clone notify actions

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.

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

```
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"
```

Example notification variables

### 10.2.3.7. Proper Interpretation of Notification Environment 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: `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_start_resource`
- Resources to be stopped: `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_stop_resource`

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

- Active resources:

```
$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_active_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 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: \$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_stop\_resource

## 10.3. Multi-state - Resources That Have Multiple Modes

Multi-state resources are a specialization of Clones (please ensure you understand the section on clones before continuing) that allow the instances to be in one of two operating modes. These modes are called Master and Slave but can mean whatever you wish them to mean. The only limitation is that when an instance is started, it must come up in the Slave state.

### 10.3.1. Properties

Field	Description
id	Your name for the multi-state resource

Table 10.5. Properties of a Multi-State Resource

### 10.3.2. Options

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

Options inherited from *clone resources*: **clone-max**, **clone-node-max**, **notify**, **globally-unique**, **ordered**, **interleave**

Field	Description
master-max	How many copies of the resource can be promoted to master status. Defaults to 1.
master-node-max	How many copies of the resource can be promoted to master status on a single node. Defaults to 1.

Table 10.6. Multi-state specific resource configuration options

### 10.3.3. Using Multi-state Resources

#### 10.3.3.1. Instance Attributes

Multi-state resources have no instance attributes, however any that are set here will be inherited by the master's children.

### 10.3.3.2. Contents

Masters must contain exactly one group or one regular resource.



#### Warning

You should never reference the name of a master's child. If you think you need to do this, you probably need to re-evaluate your design.

### 10.3.3.3. Monitoring Multi-State Resources

The normal type of monitor actions you define are not sufficient to monitor a multi-state resource in the Master state. To detect failures of the master instance, you need to define an additional monitor action with **role="Master"**.



#### Important

It is crucial that every monitor operation has a different interval

```
<master id="myMasterRsc">
  <primitive id="myRsc" class="ocf" type="myApp" provider="myCorp">
    <operations>
      <op id="public-ip-slave-check" name="monitor" interval="60"/>
      <op id="public-ip-master-check" name="monitor" interval="61" role="Master"/>
    </operations>
  </primitive>
</master>
```

Example 10.6. Monitoring both states of a multi-state resource

### 10.3.3.4. Constraints

In most cases, a multi-state resources will have a single copy on each active cluster node. However if this is not the case, you can indicate which nodes the cluster should to preferentially assign copies to with resource location constraints. These constraints are written no differently to those for regular resources except that the master's id is used.

When considering multi-state resources in constraints, for most purposes it is sufficient to treat them as clones. The exception is when the **rsc-role** and/or **with-rsc-role** (for colocation constraints) and **first-action** and/or **then-action** (for ordering constraints) are used.

Field	Description
rsc-role	<p>An additional attribute of colocation constraints that specifies the role that rsc must be in.</p> <p>Allowed values: <i>Started</i>, Master, Slave</p>
with-rsc-role	<p>An additional attribute of colocation constraints that specifies the role that with-rsc must be in.</p>

Field	Description
	Allowed values: <i>Started</i> , Master, Slave
first-action	An additional attribute of ordering constraints that specifies the action that the first resource must complete before executing the specified action for the then resource.  Allowed values: <i>start</i> , stop, promote, demote
then-action	An additional attribute of ordering constraints that specifies the action that the then resource can only execute after the first-action on the first resource has completed.  Allowed values: start, stop, promote, demote. Defaults to the value (specified or implied) of first-action

Table 10.7. Additional constraint options relevant to multi-state resources

In the example below, myApp will wait until one of database copies has been started and promoted to master before being started itself. Only if no copies can be promoted will apache-stats be prevented from being active. Additionally, the database will wait for myApp to be stopped before it is demoted.

Colocation of a regular (or group) resource with a multi-state resource means that it can run on any machine with an active copy of the clone that is in the specified state (Master or Slave). In the example, the cluster will choose a location based on where database is running as a Master, and if there are multiple Master instances it will also factor in myApp's own location preferences when deciding which location to choose.

Colocation with regular clones and other multi-state 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** clone is (or will be) in the specified role. Allocation is then performed as-per-normal.

```
<constraints>
  <rsc_location id="db-prefers-node1" rsc="database" node="node1" score="500"/>
  <rsc_colocation id="backup-with-db-slave" rsc="backup" with-rsc="database" with-rsc-
role="Slave"/>
  <rsc_colocation id="myapp-with-db-master" rsc="myApp" with-rsc="database" with-rsc-
role="Master"/>
  <rsc_order id="start-db-before-backup" first="database" then="backup"/>
  <rsc_order id="promote-db-then-app" first="database" first-action="promote" then="myApp"
then-action="start"/>
</constraints>
```

Example 10.7. Example constraints involving multi-state resources

### 10.3.3.5. Stickiness

To achieve a stable allocation pattern, 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 copies around the cluster.

### 10.3.3.6. Which Resource Instance is Promoted

During the start operation, most Resource Agent scripts should call the **crm\_master** utility. This tool automatically detects both the resource and host and should be used to set a preference for being promoted. Based on this, **master-max**, and **master-node-max**, the instance(s) with the highest preference will be promoted.

The other alternative is to create a location constraint that indicates which nodes are most preferred as masters.

```
<rsc_location id="master-location" rsc="myMasterRsc">
  <rule id="master-rule" score="100" role="Master">
    <expression id="master-exp" attribute="#uname" operation="eq" value="node1"/>
  </rule>
</rsc_location>
```

Example 10.8. Manually specifying which node should be promoted

### 10.3.3.7. Resource Agent Requirements

Since multi-state resources are an extension of cloned resources, all the requirements of Clones are also requirements of multi-state resources. Additionally, multi-state resources require two extra actions demote and promote. These actions 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 mode called Slave. From there the cluster will then decide which instances to promote into a Master.

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 (Slave)
OCF_RUNNING_MASTER	Running (Master)
OCF_FAILED_MASTER	Failed (Master)
Other	Failed (Slave)

Table 10.8. Role implications of OCF return codes

### 10.3.3.8. Notifications

Like with clones, supporting notifications requires the **notify** action to be implemented. Once supported, the notify action will be passed 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.

Variable	Description
OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_type	Allowed values: pre, post

Variable	Description
<b>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_operation</b>	Allowed values: start, stop
<b>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_active_resource</b>	Resources the that are running
<b>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_inactive_resource</b>	Resources the that are not running
<b>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_master_resource</b>	Resources that are running in Master mode
<b>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_slave_resource</b>	Resources that are running in Slave mode
<b>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_start_resource</b>	Resources to be started
<b>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_stop_resource</b>	Resources to be stopped
<b>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_promote_resource</b>	Resources to be promoted
<b>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_demote_resource</b>	Resources to be demoted
<b>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_start_uname</b>	Nodes on which resources will be started
<b>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_stop_uname</b>	Nodes on which resources will be stopped
<b>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_promote_uname</b>	Nodes on which resources will be promoted
<b>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_demote_uname</b>	Nodes on which resources will be demoted
<b>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_active_uname</b>	Nodes on which resources are running
<b>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_inactive_uname</b>	Nodes on which resources are not running
<b>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_master_uname</b>	Nodes on which resources are running in Master mode
<b>OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_slave_uname</b>	Nodes on which resources are running in Slave mode

Variables in bold are specific to Master resources and all behave in the same manner as described for Clone resources.

Table 10.9. Environment variables supplied with Master notify actions <sup>1</sup>

### 10.3.3.9. Proper Interpretation of Notification Environment Variables

Pre-notification (demote)

- Active resources: **\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_active\_resource**
- Master resources: **\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_master\_resource**
- Slave resources: **\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_slave\_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: **\$OCF\_RESKEY\_CRM\_meta\_notify\_demote\_resource**
- 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**

- Master resources:

`$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_master_resource`

minus `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_demote_resource`

- Slave resources: `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_slave_resource`
- Inactive resources: `$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: `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_demote_resource`
- Resources to be stopped: `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_stop_resource`
- Resources that were demoted: `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_demote_resource`

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

- Active resources:

`$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_active_resource`

minus `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_stop_resource`

- Master resources:

`$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_master_resource`

minus `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_demote_resource`

- Slave resources:

`$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_slave_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: `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_start_resource`
- Resources to be promoted: `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_promote_resource`
- 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: `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_demote_resource`
- Resources that were stopped: `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_stop_resource`



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`

- Master resources:

`$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_master_resource`  
minus `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_demote_resource`

- Slave resources:

`$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_slave_resource`  
minus `$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 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: `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_demote_resource`
- Resources to be stopped: `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_stop_resource`
- Resources that were started: `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_start_resource`
- Resources that were demoted: `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_demote_resource`
- Resources that were stopped: `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_stop_resource`

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`

- Master resources:

`$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_master_resource`

minus `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_demote_resource`

plus `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_promote_resource`

- Slave resources:

`$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_slave_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 `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_start_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: `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_demote_resource`
- Resources to be stopped: `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_stop_resource`
- Resources that were started: `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_start_resource`
- Resources that were promoted: `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_promote_resource`
- Resources that were demoted: `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_demote_resource`
- Resources that were stopped: `$OCF_RESKEY_CRM_meta_notify_stop_resource`

# Protecting Your Data - STONITH

## 11.1. Why You Need STONITH

**STONITH**<sup>1</sup> is an acronym for Shoot-The-Other-Node-In-The-Head and it protects your data from being corrupted by rouge nodes or concurrent access.

Just because a node is unresponsive, this doesn't mean it isn't accessing your data. The only way to be 100% sure that your data is safe, is to use STONITH so we can be certain that the node is truly offline, before allowing the data to be accessed from another node.

STONITH also has a role to play in the event that a clustered service cannot be stopped. In this case, the cluster uses STONITH to force the whole node offline, thereby making it safe to start the service elsewhere.

## 11.2. What STONITH Device Should You Use

It is crucial that the STONITH device can allow the cluster to differentiate between a node failure and a network one.

The biggest mistake people make in choosing a STONITH device is to use remote power switch (such as many on-board IMPI controllers) that shares power with the node it controls. In such cases, the cluster cannot be sure if the node is really offline, or active and suffering from a network fault.

Likewise, any device that relies on the machine being active (such as SSH-based "devices" used during testing) are inappropriate.

## 11.3. Configuring STONITH

1. Find the correct driver: **stonith -L**
2. Since every device is different, the parameters needed to configure it will vary. To find out the parameters required by the device: **stonith -t type -n**

Hopefully the developers chose names that make sense, if not you can query for some additional information by finding an active cluster node and running:

```
lrmadmin -M stonith type pacemaker
```

The output should be XML formatted text containing additional parameter descriptions

3. Create a file called stonith.xml containing a primitive resource with a class of stonith, a type of *type* and a parameter for each of the values returned in step 2
4. Create a clone from the primitive resource if the device can shoot more than one node *and supports multiple simultaneous connections*.
5. Upload it into the CIB using cibadmin: **cibadmin -C -o resources --xml-file stonith.xml**

<sup>1</sup> <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/STONITH>

### 11.3.1. Example

Assuming we have an IBM BladeCenter consisting of four nodes and the management interface is active on 10.0.0.1, then we would chose the **external/ibmrsa** driver in step 2 and obtain the following list of parameters

```
stonith -t external/ibmrsa -n
hostname ipaddr userid passwd type
```

Figure 11.1. Obtaining a list of STONITH Parameters

from which we would create a STONITH resource fragment that might look like this

```
<clone id="Fencing">
  <meta_attributes id="fencing">
    <nvpair id="Fencing-unique" name="globally-unique" value="false"/>
  </meta_attributes>
  <primitive id="rsa" class="stonith" type="external/ibmrsa">
    <operations>
      <op id="rsa-mon-1" name="monitor" interval="120s"/>
    </operations>
    <instance_attributes id="rsa-parameters">
      <nvpair id="rsa-attr-1" name="hostname" value="node1 node2 node3 node4"/>
      <nvpair id="rsa-attr-1" name="ipaddr" value="10.0.0.1"/>
      <nvpair id="rsa-attr-1" name="userid" value="testuser"/>
      <nvpair id="rsa-attr-1" name="passwd" value="abc123"/>
      <nvpair id="rsa-attr-1" name="type" value="ibm"/>
    </instance_attributes>
  </primitive>
</clone>
```

Example 11.1. Sample STONITH Resource

# Status - Here be dragons

Most users never need understand the contents of the status section and can be content with the output from **crm\_mon**. However for those with a curious inclination, the following attempts to provide an overview of its contents.

## 12.1. 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.

```
<node_state id="cl-virt-1" uname="cl-virt-2" ha="active" in_ccm="true" crmd="online"
join="member" expected="member" crm-debug-origin="do_update_resource">
  <transient_attributes id="cl-virt-1"/>
  <lrm id="cl-virt-1"/>
</node_state>
```

Figure 12.1. A bare-bones status entry for a healthy node called cl-virt-1

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 with the tools for those subsystems.

Dataset	Authoritative Source
node_state fields	crmd
transient_attributes tag	attrd
lrm tag	lrm

Table 12.1. Authoritative Sources for State Information

The fields used in the **node\_state** objects are named as they are largely for historical reasons and are rooted in Pacemaker's origins as the Heartbeat resource manager. They have remained unchanged to preserve compatibility with older versions.

Field	Description
id	Unique identifier for the node. Corosync based clusters use the same value as uname, Heartbeat cluster use a human-readable (but annoying) UUID.
uname	The node's machine name (output from <code>uname -n</code> )
ha	Is the cluster software active on the node. Allowed values: active, dead
in_ccm	Is the node part of the cluster's membership. Allowed values: true, false
crmd	Is the crmd process active on the node. Allowed values: online, offline

Field	Description
join	Is the node participating in hosting resources. Allowed values: down, pending, member, banned
expected	Expected value for join
crm-debug-origin	Diagnostic indicator. The origin of the most recent change(s).

Table 12.2. Node Status Fields

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

## 12.2. Transient Node Attributes

Like regular [node attributes](#), the name/value pairs listed here also help describe the node. However they are forgotten by the cluster when the node goes offline. This can be useful, for instance, when you only want a node to be in standby mode (not able to run resources) until the next reboot.

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

```
<transient_attributes id="cl-virt-1">
  <instance_attributes id="status-cl-virt-1">
    <nvpair id="status-cl-virt-1-pingd" name="pingd" value="3"/>
    <nvpair id="status-cl-virt-1-probe_complete" name="probe_complete" value="true"/>
    <nvpair id="status-cl-virt-1-fail-count-pingd:0" name="fail-count-pingd:0" value="1"/>
    <nvpair id="status-cl-virt-1-last-failure-pingd:0" name="last-failure-pingd:0"
value="1239009742"/>
  </instance_attributes>
</transient_attributes>
```

Figure 12.2. Example set of transient node attributes for node "cl-virt-1"

In the above example, we can see that the pingd:0 resource has failed once, at **Mon Apr 6 11:22:22 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**).

## 12.3. Operation History

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

```
<lrm_resource id="apcstonith" type="apcmastersnmp" class="stonith">
```

Figure 12.3. A record of the apcstonith resource

You can use the following Perl one-liner to print a human readable of any seconds-since-epoch value:

```
perl -e 'print scalar(localtime($seconds))."\n"'
```

Additionally, we store the last job for every combination of **resource**, **action** and **interval**. The concatenation of the values in this tuple are used to create the id of the **lrm\_rsc\_op** object.

Field	Description
id	Identifier for the job constructed from the resource id, operation and interval.
call-id	The job's ticket number. Used as a sort key to determine the order in which the jobs were executed.
operation	The action the resource agent was invoked with.
interval	The frequency, in milliseconds, at which the operation will be repeated. 0 indicates a one-off job.
op-status	The job's status. Generally this will be either 0 (done) or -1 (pending). Rarely used in favor of rc-code.
rc-code	The job's result. Refer to <a href="#">Section B.3, "How Does the Cluster Interpret the OCF Return Codes?"</a> for details on what the values here mean and how they are interpreted.
last-run	Diagnostic indicator. Machine local date/time, in seconds since epoch, at which the job was executed.
last-rc-change	Diagnostic indicator. Machine local date/time, in seconds since epoch, at which the job first returned the current value of rc-code
exec-time	Diagnostic indicator. Time, in seconds, that the job was running for
queue-time	Diagnostic indicator. Time, in seconds, that the job was queued for in the LRMD
crm_feature_set	The version which this job description conforms to. Used when processing op-digest
transition-key	A concatenation of the job's graph action number, the graph number, the expected result and the UUID of the crmd instance that scheduled it. This is used to construct transition-magic (below).
transition-magic	A concatenation of the job's 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 crmd to correctly analyze and process the completed job. Most importantly, the decomposed elements tell the crmd if the job entry was expected and whether it failed.

Field	Description
op-digest	An MD5 sum representing the parameters passed to the job. Used to detect changes to the configuration and restart resources if necessary.
crm-debug-origin	Diagnostic indicator. The origin of the current values.

Table 12.3. Contents of an lrm\_rsc\_op job.

### 12.3.1. Simple Example

```
<lrm_resource id="apcstonith" type="apcmastersnmp" class="stonith">
  <lrm_rsc_op id="apcstonith_monitor_0" operation="monitor" call-id="2" rc-code="7" op-
status="0" interval="0"
  crm-debug-origin="do_update_resource" crm_feature_set="3.0.1"
  op-digest="2e3da9274d3550dc6526fb24bfcba0"
  transition-key="22:2:7:2668bbeb-06d5-40f9-936d-24cb7f87006a"
  transition-magic="0:7;22:2:7:2668bbeb-06d5-40f9-936d-24cb7f87006a"
  last-run="1239008085" last-rc-change="1239008085" exec-time="10" queue-time="0"/>
</lrm_resource>
```

Figure 12.4. A monitor operation performed by the cluster to determine the current state of the apcstonith resource

In the above example, the job is a non-recurring monitor often referred to as a "probe" for the apcstonith resource. The cluster schedules probes for every configured resource on when a new node starts, in order to determine the resource's current state before it takes further 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 crmd (2668bbeb-06d5-40f9-936d-24cb7f87006a). The third field of the **transition-key** contains a 7, this indicates that the job expects to find the resource inactive. By now looking at the rc-code property, we see that this was the case.

Evidently, the cluster started the resource elsewhere as that is the only job recorded for this node.



## 12.3.2. Complex Resource History Example

```
<lr_resource id="pingd:0" type="pingd" class="ocf" provider="pacemaker">
  <lr_rsc_op id="pingd:0_monitor_30000" operation="monitor" call-id="34" rc-code="0" op-
status="0" interval="30000"
  crm-debug-origin="do_update_resource" crm_feature_set="3.0.1"
  op-digest="a0f8398dac7ced82320fe99fd20fbd2f"
  transition-key="10:11:0:2668bbeb-06d5-40f9-936d-24cb7f87006a"
  transition-magic="0:0;10:11:0:2668bbeb-06d5-40f9-936d-24cb7f87006a"
  last-run="1239009741" last-rc-change="1239009741" exec-time="10" queue-time="0"/>
  <lr_rsc_op id="pingd:0_stop_0" operation="stop"
  crm-debug-origin="do_update_resource" crm_feature_set="3.0.1" call-id="32" rc-code="0" op-
status="0" interval="0"
  op-digest="313aee7c6aad26e290b9084427bbab60"
  transition-key="11:11:0:2668bbeb-06d5-40f9-936d-24cb7f87006a"
  transition-magic="0:0;11:11:0:2668bbeb-06d5-40f9-936d-24cb7f87006a"
  last-run="1239009741" last-rc-change="1239009741" exec-time="10" queue-time="0"/>
  <lr_rsc_op id="pingd:0_start_0" operation="start" call-id="33" rc-code="0" op-status="0"
interval="0"
  crm-debug-origin="do_update_resource" crm_feature_set="3.0.1"
  op-digest="313aee7c6aad26e290b9084427bbab60"
  transition-key="31:11:0:2668bbeb-06d5-40f9-936d-24cb7f87006a"
  transition-magic="0:0;31:11:0:2668bbeb-06d5-40f9-936d-24cb7f87006a"
  last-run="1239009741" last-rc-change="1239009741" exec-time="10" queue-time="0" />
  <lr_rsc_op id="pingd:0_monitor_0" operation="monitor" call-id="3" rc-code="0" op-
status="0" interval="0"
  crm-debug-origin="do_update_resource" crm_feature_set="3.0.1"
  op-digest="313aee7c6aad26e290b9084427bbab60"
  transition-key="23:2:7:2668bbeb-06d5-40f9-936d-24cb7f87006a"
  transition-magic="0:0;23:2:7:2668bbeb-06d5-40f9-936d-24cb7f87006a"
  last-run="1239008085" last-rc-change="1239008085" exec-time="20" queue-time="0"/>
</lr_resource>
```

Figure 12.5. Resource history of a pingd clone with multiple jobs

When more than one job record exists, it is important to first sort them by **call-id** before interpret 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 job record 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 crmd instance with the key **2668bbeb-06d5-40f9-936d-24cb7f87006a**. This information can be helpful for locating the relevant section of the logs when looking for the source of a failure.



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# Appendix A. FAQ

## A.1. History

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**Q:** Why is the Project Called Pacemaker?

**A:** First of all, the reason its not called the CRM is because of the abundance of [terms](#)<sup>1</sup> that are commonly abbreviated to those three letters.

The Pacemaker name came from [Kham](#)<sup>2</sup>, a good friend of mine, and was originally used by a Java GUI that I was prototyping in early 2007. Alas other commitments have prevented the GUI from progressing much and, when it came time to choose a name for this project, Lars suggested it was an even better fit for an independent CRM.

The idea stems from the analogy between the role of this software and that of the little device that keeps the human heart pumping. Pacemaker monitors the cluster and intervenes when necessary to ensure the smooth operation of the services it provides.

There were a number of other names (and acronyms) tossed around, but suffice to say "Pacemaker" was the best

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**Q:** Why was the Pacemaker Project Created?

**A:** The decision was made to spin-off the CRM into its own project after the 2.1.3 Heartbeat release in order to

- support both the Corosync and Heartbeat cluster stacks equally
- decouple the release cycles of two projects at very different stages of their life-cycles
- foster the clearer package boundaries, thus leading to
- better and more stable interfaces

## A.2. Setup

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**Q:** What Messaging Layers are Supported?

- A:**
- Corosync (<http://www.corosync.org/>)
  - Heartbeat (<http://linux-ha.org/>)
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**Q:** Can I Choose which Messaging Layer to use at Run Time?

**A:** Yes. The CRM will automatically detect who started it and behave accordingly.

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**Q:** Can I Have a Mixed Heartbeat-Corosync Cluster?

**A:** No.

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**Q:** Which Messaging Layer Should I Choose?

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**A:** This is discussed in [Appendix D, Installation](#).

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**Q:** Where Can I Get Pre-built Packages?

**A:** Official packages for most major .rpm and based distributions are available from:

<http://www.clusterlabs.org/rpm>

For Debian packages, building from source and details on using the above repositories, see our [installation page](#)<sup>3</sup>.

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**Q:** What Versions of Pacemaker Are Supported?

**A:** Please refer to the [Releases](#)<sup>4</sup> page for an up-to-date list of versions supported directly by the project.

When seeking assistance, please try to ensure you have one of these versions.

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# Appendix B. More About OCF Resource Agents

## B.1. Location of Custom Scripts

OCF Resource Agents are found in `/usr/lib/ocf/resource.d/provider`.

When creating your own agents, you are encouraged to create a new directory under `/usr/lib/ocf/resource.d/` so that they are not confused with (or overwritten by) the agents shipped with Heartbeat. So, for example, if you chose the provider name of `bigCorp` and wanted a new resource named `bigApp`, you would create a script called `/usr/lib/ocf/resource.d/bigCorp/bigApp` and define a resource:

```
<primitive id="custom-app" class="ocf" provider="bigCorp" type="bigApp"/>
```

## B.2. Actions

All OCF Resource Agents are required to implement the following actions

Action	Description	Instructions
start	Start the resource	Return 0 on success and an appropriate error code otherwise. Must not report success until the resource is fully active.
stop	Stop the resource	Return 0 on success and an appropriate error code otherwise. Must not report success until the resource is fully stopped.
monitor	Check the resource's state	Exit 0 if the resource is running, 7 if it is stopped and anything else if it is failed.  NOTE: The monitor script should test the state of the resource on the local machine only.
meta-data	Describe the resource	Provide information about this resource as an XML snippet. Exit with 0.  NOTE: This is <i>not</i> performed as root.

Action	Description	Instructions
validate-all	Verify the supplied parameters are correct	Exit with 0 if parameters are valid, 2 if not valid, 6 if resource is not configured.

Table B.1. Required Actions for OCF Agents

Additional requirements (not part of the OCF specs) are placed on agents that will be used for advanced concepts like *clones* and *multi-state* resources.

Action	Description	Instructions
promote	Promote the local instance of a multi-state resource to the master/primary state	Return 0 on success
demote	Demote the local instance of a multi-state resource to the slave/secondary state	Return 0 on success
notify	Used by the cluster to send the agent pre and post notification events telling the resource what is or did just take place	Must not fail. Must exit 0

Table B.2. Optional Actions for OCF Agents

Some actions specified in the OCF specs are not currently used by the cluster

- reload - reload the configuration of the resource instance without disrupting the service
- recover - a variant of the start action, this should try to recover a resource locally.

Remember to use ocf-tester to verify that your new agent complies with the OCF standard properly.

### B.3. How Does the Cluster Interpret the OCF Return Codes?

The first thing the cluster does is check the return code against the expected result. If the result does not match the expected value, then the operation is considered to have failed and recovery action is initiated.

There are three types of failure recovery:

Recovery Type	Description	Action Taken by the Cluster
soft	A transient error occurred	Restart the resource or move it to a new location
hard	A non-transient error that may be specific to the current node occurred	Move the resource elsewhere and prevent it from being retried on the current node
fatal	A non-transient error that will be common to all cluster nodes	Stop the resource and prevent it from being started on any cluster node

Recovery Type	Description	Action Taken by the Cluster
	(I.e. a bad configuration was specified)	

Table B.3. Types of recovery performed by the cluster

Assuming an action is considered to have failed, the following table outlines the different OCF return codes and the type of recovery the cluster will initiate when it is received.

OCF Return Code	OCF Alias	Description	Recovery Type
0	OCF_SUCCESS	Success. The command complete successfully. This is the expected result for all start, stop, promote and demote commands.	soft
1	OCF_ERR_GENERIC	Generic "there was a problem" error code.	soft
2	OCF_ERR_ARGS	The resource's configuration is not valid on this machine. Eg. Refers to a location/tool not found on the node.	hard
3	OCF_ERR_UNIMPLEMENTED	The requested action is not implemented.	hard
4	OCF_ERR_PERM	The resource agent does not have sufficient privileges to complete the task.	hard
5	OCF_ERR_INSTALLED	The tools required by the resource are not installed on this machine.	hard
6	OCF_ERR_CONFIGURED	The resource's configuration is invalid. Eg. A required parameters are missing.	fatal
7	OCF_NOT_RUNNING	The resource is safely stopped. The cluster will not attempt to stop a resource that returns this for any action.	N/A
8	OCF_RUNNING_MASTER	The resource is running in Master mode.	soft

OCF Return Code	OCF Alias	Description	Recovery Type
9	OCF_FAILED_MASTER	The resource is in Master mode but has failed. The resource will be demoted, stopped and then started (and possibly promoted) again.	soft
other	NA	Custom error code.	soft

Table B.4. OCF Return Codes and How They are Handled

Although counter intuitive, even actions that return 0 (aka. OCF\_SUCCESS) can be considered to have failed. This can happen when a resource that is expected to be in the Master state is found running as a Slave, or when a resource is found active on multiple machines..

### B.3.1. Exceptions

- Non-recurring monitor actions (probes) that find a resource active (or in Master mode) will not result in recovery action unless it is also found active elsewhere
- The recovery action taken when a resource is found active more than once is determined by the **multiple-active** property of the resource
- Recurring actions that return OCF\_ERR\_UNIMPLEMENTED do not cause any type of recovery



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# Appendix C. What Changed in 1.0

## C.1. New

- Failure timeouts. See [Section 9.3.2, “Moving Resources Due to Failure”](#)
- New section for resource and operation defaults. See [Section 5.5, “Setting Global Defaults for Resource Options”](#) and [Section 5.8, “Setting Global Defaults for Operations”](#)
- Tool for making offline configuration changes. See [Section 2.6, “Making Configuration Changes in a Sandbox”](#)
- **Rules**, **instance\_attributes**, **meta\_attributes** and sets of operations can be defined once and referenced in multiple places. See [Section 9.4, “Reusing Rules, Options and Sets of Operations”](#)
- The CIB now accepts XPath-based create/modify/delete operations. See the **cibadmin** help text.
- Multi-dimensional colocation and ordering constraints. See [Section 6.5, “Ordering Sets of Resources”](#) and [Section 6.6, “Collocating Sets of Resources”](#)
- The ability to connect to the CIB from non-cluster machines. See [Section 9.1, “Connecting to the Cluster Configuration from a Remote Machine”](#)
- Allow recurring actions to be triggered at known times. See [Section 9.2, “Specifying When Recurring Actions are Performed”](#)

## C.2. Changed

- Syntax
  - All resource and cluster options now use dashes (-) instead of underscores (\_)
  - **master\_slave** was renamed to **master**
  - The **attributes** container tag was removed
  - The operation field **pre-req** has been renamed **requires**
  - All operations must have an **interval**, start/stop must have it set to zero
- The **stonith-enabled** option now defaults to true.
- The cluster will refuse to start resources if **stonith-enabled** is true (or unset) and no STONITH resources have been defined
- The attributes of colocation and ordering constraints were renamed for clarity. See [Section 6.3, “Specifying the Order Resources Should Start/Stop In”](#) and [Section 6.4, “Placing Resources Relative to other Resources”](#)
- **resource-failure-stickiness** has been replaced by **migration-threshold**. See [Section 9.3.2, “Moving Resources Due to Failure”](#)
- The arguments for command-line tools has been made consistent

- Switched to RelaxNG schema validation and libxml2 parser.
- id fields are now XML IDs which have the following limitations
  - id's cannot contain colons (:)
  - id's cannot begin with a number
  - id's must be globally unique (not just unique for that tag)
- Some fields (such as those in constraints that refer to resources) are IDREFs. This means that they must reference existing resources or objects in order for the configuration to be valid. Removing an object which is referenced elsewhere will therefor fail.
- The CIB representation from which the MD5 digest used to verify CIBs has changed. This means that every CIB update will require a full refresh on any upgraded nodes until the cluster is fully upgraded to 1.0. This will result in significant performance degradation and it is therefor highly inadvisable to run a mixed 1.0/0.6 cluster for any longer than absolutely necessary.
- Ping node information no longer needs to be added to **ha.cf** Simply include the lists of hosts in your ping resource(s).

### C.3. Removed

- Syntax
  - It is no longer possible to set resource meta options as top-level attributes. Use meta attributes instead.
  - Resource and operation defaults are no longer read from **crm\_config**. See [Section 5.5, “Setting Global Defaults for Resource Options”](#) and [Section 5.8, “Setting Global Defaults for Operations”](#) instead.

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# Appendix D. Installation

## D.1. Choosing a Cluster Stack

Ultimately the choice of cluster stack is a personal decision that must be made in the context of you or your company's needs and strategic direction. Pacemaker currently functions equally well with both stacks.

Here are some factors that may influence the decision

- SUSE/Novell, Red Hat and Oracle are all putting their collective weight behind the Corosync cluster stack.
- Corosync is an OSI Certified implementation of an industry standard (the Service Availability Forum Application Interface Specification).
- Using Corosync gives your applications access to the following additional cluster services
  - checkpoint service
  - distributed locking service
  - extended virtual synchrony service
  - cluster closed process group service
- It is likely that Pacemaker, at some point in the future, will make use of some of these additional services not provided by Heartbeat
- To date, Pacemaker has received less real-world testing on Corosync than it has on Heartbeat.

## D.2. Enabling Pacemaker

### D.2.1. For Corosync

The Corosync configuration is normally located in **/etc/corosync/corosync.conf** and an example for a machine with an address of 1.2.3.4 in a cluster communicating on port 1234 (without peer authentication and message encryption) is shown below.

```
totem {
    version: 2
    secauth: off
    threads: 0
    interface {
        ringnumber: 0
        bindnetaddr: 1.2.3.4
        mcastaddr: 226.94.1.1
        mcastport: 1234
    }
}
logging {
    fileline: off
    to_syslog: yes
}
```

```
    syslog_facility: daemon
  }
  amf {
    mode: disabled
  }
}
```

### Example D.1. An example Corosync configuration file

The logging should be mostly obvious and the amf section refers to the Availability Management Framework and is not covered in this document.

The interesting part of the configuration is the totem section. This is where we define the how the node can communicate with the rest of the cluster and what protocol version and options (including encryption<sup>1</sup>) it should use. Beginners are encouraged to use the values shown and modify the interface section based on their network.

It is also possible to configure Corosync for an IPv6 based environment. Simply configure bindnetaddr and mcastaddr with their IPv6 equivalents. Eg

```
bindnetaddr: fec0::1:a800:4ff:fe00:20
mcastaddr: ff05::1
```

### Example D.2. Example options for an IPv6 environment

To tell Corosync to use the Pacemaker cluster manager, add the following fragment to a functional Corosync configuration and restart the cluster.

```
aisexec {
  user: root
  group: root
}
service {
  name: pacemaker
  ver: 0
}
```

### Example D.3. Configuration fragment for enabling Pacemaker under Corosync

The cluster needs to be run as root so that its child processes (the lrm in particular) have sufficient privileges to perform the actions requested of it. After-all, a cluster manager that can't add an IP address or start apache is of little use.

The second directive is the one that actually instructs the cluster to run Pacemaker.

## D.2.2. For Heartbeat

Add the following to a functional **ha.cf** configuration file and restart Heartbeat

```
crm respawn
```

### Example D.4. Configuration fragment for enabling Pacemaker under Heartbeat

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Please consult the [Corosync website](http://www.corosync.org/) [http://www.corosync.org/] and documentation for details on enabling encryption and peer authentication for the cluster.

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# Appendix E. Upgrading Cluster Software

## E.1. Version Compatibility

When releasing newer versions we take care to make sure we are backwardly compatible with older versions. While you will always be able to upgrade from version  $x$  to  $x+1$ , in order to continue to produce high quality software it may occasionally be necessary to drop compatibility with older versions.

There will always be an upgrade path from any series-2 release to any other series-2 release.

There are three approaches to upgrading your cluster software

- Complete Cluster Shutdown
- Rolling (node by node)
- Disconnect and Reattach

Each method has advantages and disadvantages, some of which are listed in the table below, and you should chose the one most appropriate to your needs.

Type	Available between all software versions	Service Outage During Upgrade	Service Recovery During Upgrade	Exercises Failover Logic/ Configuration	Allows change of cluster stack type <sup>1</sup>
Shutdown	yes	always	N/A	no	yes
Rolling	no	always	yes	yes	no
Reattach	yes	only due to failure	no	no	yes

For example, switching from Heartbeat to Corosync. Consult the Heartbeat or Corosync documentation to see if upgrading them to a newer version is also supported

Table E.1. Summary of Upgrade Methodologies

## E.2. Complete Cluster Shutdown

In this scenario one shuts down all cluster nodes and resources and upgrades all the nodes before restarting the cluster.

### E.2.1. Procedure

1. On each node:
  - a. Shutdown the cluster stack (Heartbeat or Corosync)
  - b. Upgrade the Pacemaker software. This may also include upgrading the cluster stack and/or the underlying operating system..

2. Check the configuration manually or with the **crm\_verify** tool if available.
3. On each node:
  - a. Start the cluster stack. This can be either Corosync or Heartbeat and does not need to be the same as the previous cluster stack.

### E.3. Rolling (node by node)

In this scenario each node is removed from the cluster, upgraded and then brought back online until all nodes are running the newest version.



#### Important

This method is currently broken between Pacemaker 0.6.x and 1.0.x

Measures have been put into place to ensure rolling upgrades always work for versions after 1.0.0. If there is sufficient demand, the work to repair 0.6 -> 1.0 compatibility will be carried out. Otherwise, please try one of the other upgrade strategies. Detach/Reattach is a particularly good option for most people.

#### E.3.1. Procedure

On each node:

1. Shutdown the cluster stack (Heartbeat or Corosync)
2. Upgrade the Pacemaker software. This may also include upgrading the cluster stack and/or the underlying operating system.
  - a. On the first node, check the configuration manually or with the **crm\_verify** tool if available.
3. Start the cluster stack. This must be the same type of cluster stack (Corosync or Heartbeat) that the rest of the cluster is using. Upgrading Corosync/Heartbeat may also be possible, please consult the documentation for those projects to see if the two versions will be compatible.

Repeat for each node in the cluster

#### E.3.2. Version Compatibility

Version being Installed	Oldest Compatible Version
Pacemaker 1.0.x	Pacemaker 1.0.0
Pacemaker 0.7.x	Pacemaker 0.6 or Heartbeat 2.1.3
Pacemaker 0.6.x	Heartbeat 2.0.8
Heartbeat 2.1.3 (or less)	Heartbeat 2.0.4
Heartbeat 2.0.4 (or less)	Heartbeat 2.0.0
Heartbeat 2.0.0	None. Use an alternate upgrade strategy.

Table E.2. Version Compatibility Table

### E.3.3. Crossing Compatibility Boundaries

Rolling upgrades that cross compatibility boundaries must be preformed in multiple steps. For example, to perform a rolling update from Heartbeat 2.0.1 to Pacemaker 0.6.6 one must:

1. Perform a rolling upgrade from Heartbeat 2.0.1 to Heartbeat 2.0.4
2. Perform a rolling upgrade from Heartbeat 2.0.4 to Heartbeat 2.1.3
3. Perform a rolling upgrade from Heartbeat 2.1.3 to Pacemaker 0.6.6

## E.4. Disconnect and Reattach

A variant of a complete cluster shutdown, but the resources are left active and re-detected when the cluster is restarted.

### E.4.1. Procedure

1. Tell the cluster to stop managing services. This is required to allow the services to remain active after the cluster shuts down.

```
crm_attribute -t crm_config -n is-managed-default -v false
```

2. For any resource that has a value for is-managed, make sure it is set to false (so that the cluster will not stop it)

```
crm_resource -t primitive -r <rsc_id> -p is-managed -v false
```

3. On each node:
  - a. Shutdown the cluster stack (Heartbeat or Corosync)
  - b. Upgrade the cluster stack program - This may also include upgrading the underlying operating system.
4. Check the configuration manually or with the **crm\_verify** tool if available.
5. On each node:
  - a. Start the cluster stack. This can be either Corosync or Heartbeat and does not need to be the same as the previous cluster stack.
6. Verify the cluster re-detected all resources correctly
7. Allow the cluster to resume managing resources again

```
crm_attribute -t crm_config -n is-managed-default -v true
```

8. For any resource that has a value for is-managed reset it to true (so the cluster can recover the service if it fails) if desired

```
crm_resource -t primitive -r <rsc_id> -p is-managed -v false
```

### E.4.2. Notes



#### Important

Always check your existing configuration is still compatible with the version you are installing before starting the cluster.



#### Note

The oldest version of the CRM to support this upgrade type was in Heartbeat 2.0.4



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# Appendix F. Upgrading the Configuration from 0.6

## F.1. Preparation

Download the latest DTD from <http://hg.clusterlabs.org/pacemaker/stable-1.0/file-raw/tip/xml/crm.dtd> and ensure your configuration validates.

## F.2. Perform the upgrade

### F.2.1. Upgrade the software

Refer to the appendix: [Appendix E, Upgrading Cluster Software](#)

### F.2.2. Upgrade the Configuration

As XML is not the friendliest of languages, it is common for cluster administrators to have scripted some of their activities. In such cases, it is likely that those scripts will not work with the new 1.0 syntax.

In order to support such environments, it is actually possible to continue using the old 0.6 syntax.

The downside however, is that not all the new features will be available and there is a performance impact since the cluster must do a non-persistent configuration upgrade before each transition. So while using the old syntax is possible, it is not advisable to continue using it indefinitely.

Even if you wish to continue using the old syntax, it is advisable to follow the upgrade procedure to ensure that the cluster is able to use your existing configuration (since it will perform much the same task internally).

1. Create a shadow copy to work with

```
crm_shadow --create upgrade06
```

2. Verify the configuration is valid

```
crm_verify --live-check
```

3. Fix any errors or warnings

4. Perform the upgrade

```
cibadmin --upgrade
```

If this step fails, there are three main possibilities

- a. The configuration was not valid to start with - go back to step 2
- b. The transformation failed - report a bug or email the project at [pacemaker@oss.clusterlabs.org](mailto:pacemaker@oss.clusterlabs.org)<sup>1</sup>

- c. The transformation was successful but produced an invalid result <sup>2</sup>

If the result of the transformation is invalid, you may see a number of errors from the validation library. If these are not helpful, visit [http://clusterlabs.org/wiki/Validation\\_FAQ](http://clusterlabs.org/wiki/Validation_FAQ) and/or try the following procedure described below under [Section F.2.3, “Manually Upgrading the Configuration”](#).

5. Check the changes

```
crm_shadow --diff
```

If at this point there is anything about the upgrade that you wish to fine-tune (for example, to change some of the automatic IDs) now is the time to do so. Since the shadow configuration is not in use by the cluster, it is safe to edit the file manually:

```
crm_shadow --edit
```

Will open the configuration in your favorite editor (or whichever one is specified by the standard EDITOR environment variable).

6. Preview how the cluster will react

Test what the cluster will do when you upload the new configuration

```
pctest -VVVV --live-check --save-dotfile upgrade06.dot
```

```
graphviz upgrade06.dot
```

Verify that either no resource actions will occur or that you are happy with any that are scheduled. If the output contains actions you do not expect (possibly due to changes to the score calculations), you may need to make further manual changes. See [Section 2.7, “Testing Your Configuration Changes”](#) for further details on how to interpret the output of ptest.

7. Upload the changes

```
crm_shadow --commit upgrade06 --force
```

If this step fails, something really strange has occurred. You should report a bug.

### F.2.3. Manually Upgrading the Configuration

It is also possible to perform the configuration upgrade steps manually. To do this

1. Locate the **upgrade06.xsl** conversion script or download the latest version from [version control](#) <sup>3</sup>
2. **xsltproc /path/tp/upgrade06.xsl config06.xml > config10.xml**
3. Locate the **pacemaker.rng** script.
4. **xmllint --relaxng /path/tp/pacemaker.rng config10.xml**

The advantage of this method is that it can be performed without the cluster running and any validation errors should be more informative (despite being generated by the same library!) since they include line numbers.

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# Appendix G. Is This init Script LSB Compatible?

The relevant part of LSB spec can be found at: [http://refspecs.freestdards.org/LSB\\_3.1.0/LSB-Core-generic/LSB-Core-generic/iniscrptact.html](http://refspecs.freestdards.org/LSB_3.1.0/LSB-Core-generic/LSB-Core-generic/iniscrptact.html). It includes a description of all the return codes listed here.

Assuming some\_service is configured correctly and currently not active, the following sequence will help you determine if it is LSB compatible:

1. Start (stopped):

```
/etc/init.d/some_service start ; echo "result: $?"
```

- a. Did the service start?
- b. Did the command print result: 0 (in addition to the regular output)?

2. Status (running):

```
/etc/init.d/some_service status ; echo "result: $?"
```

- a. Did the script accept the command?
- b. Did the script indicate the service was running?
- c. Did the command print result: 0 (in addition to the regular output)?

3. Start (running):

```
/etc/init.d/some_service start ; echo "result: $?"
```

- a. Is the service still running?
- b. Did the command print result: 0 (in addition to the regular output)?

4. Stop (running):

```
/etc/init.d/some_service stop ; echo "result: $?"
```

- a. Was the service stopped?
- b. Did the command print result: 0 (in addition to the regular output)?

5. Status (stopped):

```
/etc/init.d/some_service status ; echo "result: $?"
```

- a. Did the script accept the command?
- b. Did the script indicate the service was not running?
- c. Did the command print result: 3 (in addition to the regular output)?

6. Stop (stopped):

```
/etc/init.d/some_service stop ; echo "result: $?"
```

- a. Is the service still stopped?
- b. Did the command print result: 0 (in addition to the regular output)?

### 7. Status (failed):

This step is not readily testable and relies on manual inspection of the script.

The script can use one of the error codes (other than 3) listed in the LSB spec to indicate that it is active but failed.

This tells the cluster that before moving the resource to another node, it needs to stop it on the existing one first.

The script can use one of the error codes (other than 3) listed in the LSB spec to indicate that it is active but failed. This tells the cluster that before moving the resource to another node, it needs to stop it on the existing one first.

If the answer to any of the above questions is no, then the script is not LSB compliant. Your options are then to either fix the script or write an OCF agent based on the existing script.

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# Appendix H. Sample Configurations

## H.1. An Empty Configuration

```
<cib admin_epoch="0" epoch="0" num_updates="0" have-quorum="false">
  <configuration>
    <crm_config/>
    <nodes/>
    <resources/>
    <constraints/>
  </configuration>
  <status/>
</cib>
```

Example H.1. An empty configuration

## H.2. A Simple Configuration

```
<cib admin_epoch="0" epoch="1" num_updates="0" have-quorum="false" validate-
with="pacemaker-1.0">
  <configuration>
    <crm_config>
      <nvpair id="option-1" name="symmetric-cluster" value="true"/>
      <nvpair id="option-2" name="no-quorum-policy" value="stop"/>
    </crm_config>
    <op_defaults>
      <nvpair id="op-default-1" name="timeout" value="30s"/>
    </op_defaults>
    <rsc_defaults>
      <nvpair id="rsc-default-1" name="resource-stickiness" value="100"/>
      <nvpair id="rsc-default-2" name="migration-threshold" value="10"/>
    </rsc_defaults>
    <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">
        <operations>
          <op id="myAddr-monitor" name="monitor" interval="300s"/>
        </operations>
        <instance_attributes>
          <nvpair name="ip" value="10.0.200.30"/>
        </instance_attributes>
      </primitive>
    </resources>
    <constraints>
      <rsc_location id="myAddr-prefer" rsc="myAddr" node="c001n01" score="INFINITY"/>
    </constraints>
  </configuration>
  <status/>
</cib>
```

### Example H.2. 2 nodes, some cluster options and a resource

In this 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.

## H.3. An Advanced Configuration

```
<cib admin_epoch="0" epoch="1" num_updates="0" have-quorum="false" validate-  
with="pacemaker-1.0">  
  <configuration>  
    <crm_config>  
      <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"/>  
    </crm_config>  
    <op_defaults>  
      <nvpair id="op-default-1" name="timeout" value="30s"/>  
    </op_defaults>  
    <rsc_defaults>  
      <nvpair id="rsc-default-1" name="resource-stickiness" value="100"/>  
      <nvpair id="rsc-default-2" name="migration-threshold" value="10"/>  
    </rsc_defaults>  
    <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>  
          <nvpair name="ip" value="10.0.200.30"/>  
        </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>  
        <primitive 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" score="INFINITY"/>
  <rsc_colocation id="group-with-ip" rsc="myGroup" with-rsc="myAddr" score="INFINITY"/>
</constraints>
</configuration>
<status/>
</cib>
```

Example H.3. groups and clones with stonith

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# Appendix I. Further Reading

- Project Website: <http://www.clusterlabs.org/> and Documentation <http://www.clusterlabs.org/wiki/Documentation>

- Cluster Commands

A comprehensive guide to cluster commands has been written by Novell and can be found at:

[http://www.novell.com/documentation/sles11/book\\_sleha/index.html?page=/documentation/sles11/book\\_sleha/data/book\\_sleha.html](http://www.novell.com/documentation/sles11/book_sleha/index.html?page=/documentation/sles11/book_sleha/data/book_sleha.html)

- Heartbeat configuration: <http://www.linux-ha.org/>
- Corosync Configuration: <http://www.corosync.org/>

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