Pods and Services Reference

Feature Summary and Revision History

Summary Data

Table 1: Summary Data

Applicable Product(s) or Functional Area	cnBNG
Applicable Platform(s)	SMI
Feature Default Setting	Disabled - Configuration Required
Related Changes in this Release	Subscriber Manager
Related Documentation	Not Applicable

Revision History

Table 2: Revision History

Revision Details	Release
Enhancement Introduced: cnBNG supports the pod layout configuration and event tracing configuration.	2022.03.0

Revision Details	Release
Enhancement Introduced: The Subscriber Manager pod supports the charging functionality, that is, subscriber access and subscriber management.	2021.03.0
First introduced.	2021.01.0

Feature Description

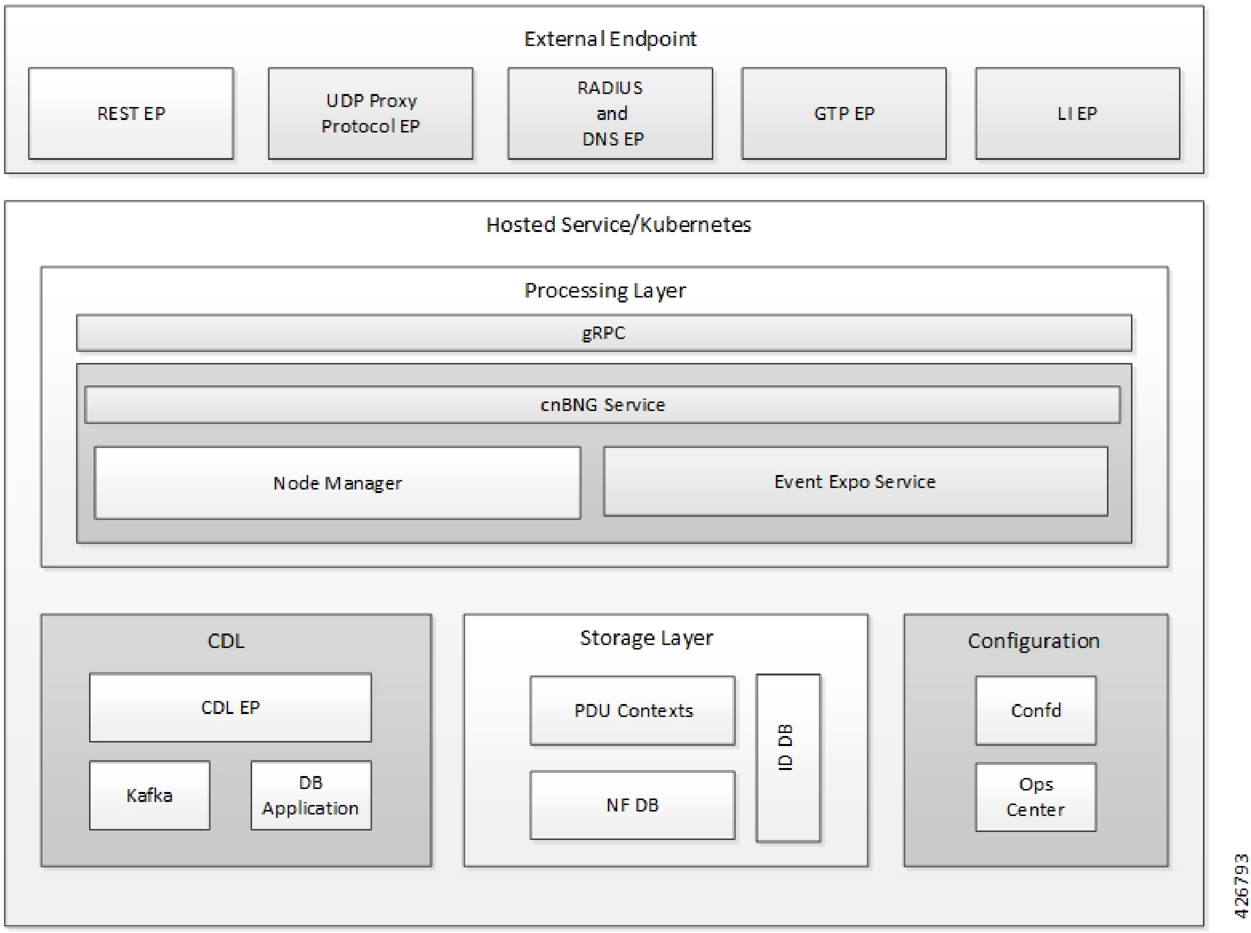
The SMI Ops Center is the platform to deploy cnBNG cluster with the offline or online repository. It is mandatory to deploy the SMI Ops Center to install the BNG Ops Center.

The cnBNG is built on the Kubernetes cluster strategy, which implies that it has adopted the native concepts of containerization, high availability, scalability, modularity, and ease of deployment. To achieve the benefits offered by Kubernetes, cnBNG uses the construct that includes the components such as pods and services.

Depending on the deployment environment, the cnBNG deploys the pods on the virtual machines that you have configured. Pods operate through the services that are responsible for the intra-pod communications. If the machine hosting the pods fail or experiences network disruption, the pods are terminated or deleted. However, this situation is transient and BNG spins new pods to replace the invalid pods.

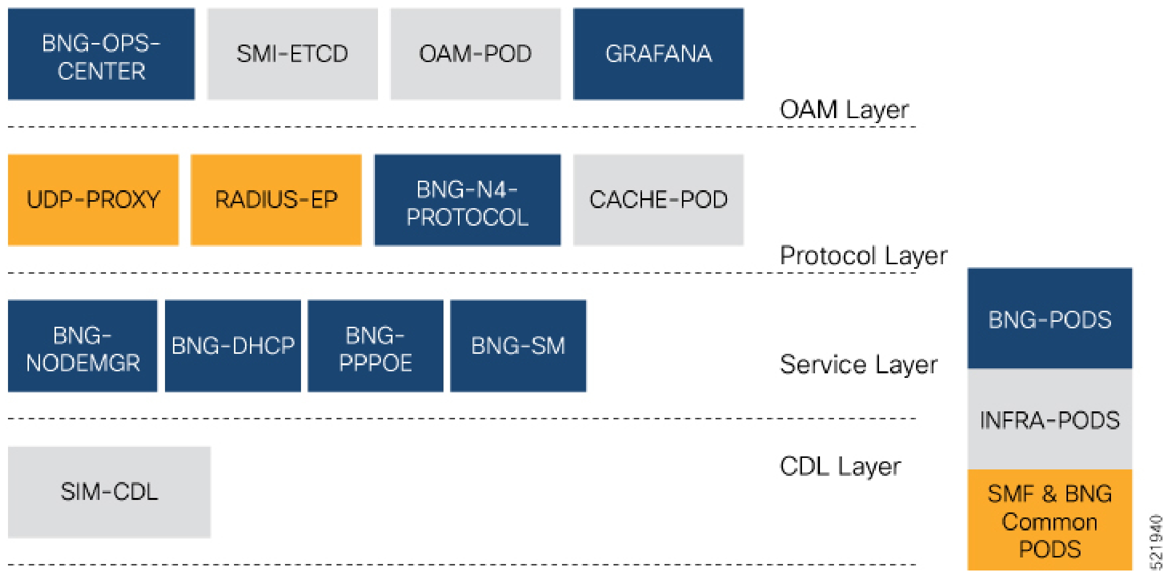
The following workflow provides a high-level visibility into the host machines, and the associated pods and services. It also represents how the pods interact with each other. The representation might defer based on your deployment infrastructure.

Figure 1: Communication Workflow of Pods



The following figure shows the cnBNG cluster pod layout.

Figure 2: cnBNG Cluster Pod Layout



Kubernetes deployment includes the **kubectl** command-line tool to manage the Kubernetes resources in the cluster. You can manage the pods, nodes, and services.

For generic information on the Kubernetes concepts, see the Kubernetes documentation.

The following sections provide more information on the Kubernetes components in cnBNG.

Pods

A pod is a process that runs on your Kubernetes cluster. It encapsulates a granular unit known as a container. A pod contains one or multiple containers.

Kubernetes deploys one or multiple pods on a single node which can be a physical or virtual machine. Each pod has a discrete identity with an internal IP address and port space. However, the containers within a pod can share the storage and network resources.

The following tables list the cnBNG and Common Execution Environment (CEE) pod names and the hosts on which they are deployed depending on the labels that you assign. For information on how to assign the labels, see Associating Pods to the Nodes, on page 8.

Table 3: cnBNG Pods

Pod Name	Description	Host Name
api-bng-bng-ops-center	Functions as the *confD* API pod for the BNG Ops Center.	OAM
bng-dhcp-n0	Operates as the DHCP server and handles all DHCP related control messages.	Service
bng-n4-protocol-n0	Operates as encoder and decoder of application protocols (PFCP, GTP, RADIUS, and so on) whose underlying transport protocol is UDP.	Protocol

Pod Name	Description	Host Name
bng-nodemgr-n0	Performs node level interactions Service such as N4 link establishment, management (heart-beat), and so on.	Service
bng-pppoe-n0	Runs the combined Control Plane (CP) for PPPoE and PPP.	Service
bng-sm-n0	Manages subscriber access and subscriber management functions such as Authentication, Authorization, Accounting, and policy management..	Service
cache-pod-0	Operates as the pod to cache any sort of system information that will be used by other pods as applicable.	Protocol
cdl-ep-session-c1-d0	Provides an interface to the CDL.	Session
cdl-index-session-c1-m1-0	Preserves the mapping of keys to the session pods.	Session
cdl-slot-session-c1-m1-0	Operates as the CDL Session pod Session to store the session data.	Session
documentation	Contains the documentation.	OAM
etcd-bng-bng-etcd-cluster-0	Hosts the etcd for the BNG application to store information such as pod instances, leader information, NF-UUID, endpoints, and so on.	OAM
grafana-dashboard-app-infra	Contains the default dashboard of app-infra metrics in Grafana.	OAM
grafana-dashboard-bng	Contains the default dashboard of the cnBNG-service metrics in Grafana.	OAM
grafana-dashboard-cdl	Contains the default dashboard of CDL metrics in Grafana.	OAM
kafka	Hosts theKafka details for the CDL replication.	Protocol
oam-pod	Operates as the pod to facilitate Ops Center actions like show commands, configuration commands, monitor protocol monitor subscriber, and so on.	OAM
ops-center-bng-bng-ops-center	Acts as the BNG Ops Center.	OAM
prometheus-rules-cdl	Contains the default alerting rules and recording rules for Prometheus CDL.	OAM
radius-ep-n0-0	Operates as RADIUS endpoint of cnBNG.	
smart-agent-bng-bng-ops-center	Operates as the utility pod for the BNG Ops Center.	OAM
bng-udp-proxy-0	Operates as proxy for all UDP messages. Owns UDP client and server functionalities.	Protocol
swift-bng-bng-ops-center	Operates as the utility pod for the BNG Ops Center.	OAM

Pod Name	Description	Host Name
zookeeper	Assists Kafka for topology management.	OAM

Table 4: CEE Pods

Pod Name	Description	Host Name
alert-logger	Stores the history of active and resolved alerts.	OAM
alertmanager	Duplicates alerts and sends out resolution of alerts when they are resolved in Prometheus.	OAM
api-cee-global-ops-center	Functions as the confD API pod for the CEE Ops Center.	OAM
bulk-stats	Assists to retrieve bulkstats saved by Prometheus containers.	OAM
cee-global-product-documentation	Contains the product documentation (API, CLI, and so on).	OAM
core-retriever	Assists in retrieving the core dumps.	All the nodes except ETCD nodes.
documentation	Contains the documentation (metrics and usage).	OAM
grafana-dashboard-metrics	Assists in collating Grafana metrics on the dashboard.	OAM
grafana	Contains the Grafana metrics for CEE.	OAM
kube-state-metrics	Assists in generating metrics about the state of Kubernetes objects: node status, node capacity (CPU and memory), and so on.	OAM
logs-retriever	Assists in retrieving Kernel, Kubelet, and Container level logs through output to JournalD driver.	All the nodes except ETCD nodes.
node-exporter	Exports the node metrics.	All the nodes.
ops-center-cee-global-ops-center	Provides NETCONF and CLI interface to the application.	OAM
path-provisioner	Provisions the local storage volume.	All the nodes except ETCD nodes.
pgpool	*Pgpool* is a middleware that works between *PostgreSQL* servers and a *PostgreSQL* database.	OAM
postgres	Storage of alerts and Grafana dashboards.	OAM

Pod Name	Description	Host Name
prometheus-hi-res	Stores all metrics and generates alerts by alerting rules.	OAM
prometheus-rules	Contains the default alerting rules and recording rules for Prometheus.	OAM
prometheus-scrapeconfigs-synch	Synchronizes the Prometheus scrape configuration.	OAM
pv-manager	Provisions the local storage volume.	OAM
pv-provisioner	Provisions the local storage volume.	OAM
show-tac-manager	Assists in creating and deleting debug package.	OAM
smart-agent-cee-global-ops-center	Operates as the utility pod for the CEE Ops Center.	OAM
snmp-trapper	Sends the SNMP traps based on triggered alerts.	OAM
swift-cee-global-ops-center	Operates as the utility pod for the CEE Ops Center.	OAM
thanos-query-hi-res	Implements the Thanos query for Prometheus HA.	OAM
fluentbit	Assists in log forwarding to the external logs collector.	All the nodes except ETCD nodes.

Services

The cnBNG configuration is composed of several microservices that run on a set of discrete pods. Microservices are deployed during the cnBNG deployment. The cnBNG uses these services to enable communication between the pods. When interacting with another pod, the service identifies the IP address of the pod to initiate the transaction and acts as an endpoint for the pod.

The following table describes the BNG services and the pod on which they run.

Table 5: BNG Services and Pods

Service Name	Pod Name	Description
bng-nodemgr	bng-nodemgr-n0	Responsible for node level interactions Serv such as N4 link establishment, management (heart-beat), and so on.
bng-dhcp	bng-dhcp-n0	Functions as the DHCP server and handles a DHCP related control messages.
bng-pppoe	bng-pppoe-n0	Functions as the combined Control Plane (C PPPoE and PPP.

Service Name	Pod Name	Description
bng-sm	bng-sm-n0	Manages subscriber access and subscriber management functions such as Authentication, Authorization, Accounting, and policy management..

Open Ports and Services

cnBNG uses different ports for communication purposes. The following table describes the default open ports and the associated services in an SMI based cnBNG system.

Application Infrastructure (App-infra)

Port	Service
8850	Golang net/HTTP server TCP Golang net/HTTP server
8879	Golang net/HTTP server TCP Golang net/HTTP server
8850	DefaultPProfPort
8879	DefaultAdminEndPointPort

UDP

Port	Service	CP to UP Interfaces
2152	GTPU	CPRi
8805	PFCP	SCi

Associating Pods to the Nodes

This section describes how to associate a pod to the node based on their labels.

After you have configured a cluster, you can associate pods to the nodes through labels. This association enables the pods to get deployed on the appropriate node based on the key-value pair.

Labels are required for the pods to identify the nodes where they must get deployed and to run the services. For example, when you configure the protocol-layer label with the required key-value pair, the pods are deployed on the nodes that match the key-value pair.

To associate pods to the nodes through the labels, use the following configuration:

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```
config
k8 label protocol-layer key key_value vm-type value protocol
exit
k8 label service-layer key key_value vm-type value service
exit
```

```
k8 label cdl-layer key key_value vm-type value cdl
exit
k8 label oam-layer key key_value vm-type value oam
exit
```

NOTES:

- If you opt not to configure the labels, then BNG assumes the labels with the default key-value pair.
  - **k8 label protocol-layer key** *key_value* **vm-type** *value* **protocol**: Configures the key value pair for protocol layer.
  - **k8 label service-layer key** *key_value* **vm-type** *value* **service**: Configures the key value pair for the service layer.
  - **k8 label cdl-layer key** *key_value* **vm-type** *value* **cdl**: Configures the key value pair for CDL.
  - **k8 label oam-layer key** *key_value* **vm-type** *value* **oam**: Configures the key value pair for OAM layer.

Viewing the Pod Details and Status

If the service requires additional pods, BNG creates and deploys the pods. You can view the list of pods that are participating in your deployment through the BNG Ops Center.

You can run the **kubectl** command from the master node to manage the Kubernetes resources.

1. To view the comprehensive pod details, use the following command.

   ```
   kubectl get pods -n bng_namespace pod_name -o yaml
   ```

   The pod details are available in YAML format. The output of this command results in the following information:

   - The IP address of the host where the pod is deployed.
   - The service and application that is running on the pod.
   - The ID and name of the container within the pod.
   - The IP address of the pod.
   - The current state and phase in which the pod is.
   - The start time from which pod is in the current state.

2. Use the following command to view the summary of the pod details.

   ```
   kubectl get pods -n bng_namespace -o wide
   ```

States

Understanding the pod's state lets you determine the current health and prevent the potential risks. The following table describes the pod's states.

Table 6: Pod States

State	Description
Running	The pod is healthy and deployed on a node. It contains one or more containers.
Pending	The application is in the process of creating the container images for the pod.
Succeeded	Indicates that all the containers in the pod are successfully terminated. These pods cannot be restarted.
Failed	One ore more containers in the pod have failed the termination process. The failure occurred as the container either exited with non zero status or the system terminated the container.
Unknown	The state of the pod could not be determined. Typically, this could be observed because the node where the pod resides was not reachable.

Configuring Pod Layout

To configure the cnBNG pod layout when the virtual machine is short of CPU and memory resources, use the following sample configuration:

```
config
  instance instance-id instance_id
    endpoint sm
      cpu { max-process max_os_threads | request cpu_resource_request }
      memory { limit max_memory_resource | request memory_resource_request }
      end
```

NOTES:

- **cpu { max-process** *max_os_threads* **| request** *cpu_resource_request* **}**: Enable the K8s pod CPU configuration.
    - **max-process** *max_os_threads*: Specify the maximum number of parallel OS threads to use. *max_os_threads* must be an integer in the range of 1 to 32.
    - **request** *cpu_resource_request*: Specify the CPU resource request in millicores. *cpu_resource_request* must be an integer in the range of 100 to 1000000.
- **memory { limit** *max_memory_resource* **| request** *memory_resource_request* **}**: Enable the K8s pod memory configuration.
    - **limit** *max_memory_resource*: Specify the maximum number of used memory resources in megabytes. *max_memory_resource* must be an integer in the range of 100 to 200000.
    - **request** *memory_resource_request*: Specify the memory resource request in megabytes. *memory_resource_request* must be an integer in the range of 100 to 200000.

Configuring Event Trace

To configure event tracing, use the following sample configuration:

```
config
  subscriber [ event-trace-disable | event-trace-max-count event_trace_count
 ]
   end
```

NOTES:

- **event-trace-disable**: Disable subscriber event tracing. cnBNG uses event traces for session level event history in CDL records.
- **event-trace-max-count** *event_trace*: Specify the number of entries in event tracing.

  event_trace must be an integer in the range of 1 to 8192. Default value: 100.