

Project Calico Training

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About Course

Project Calico Training by Multisoft Systems is designed to equip IT professionals, cloud engineers, DevOps specialists, and Kubernetes administrators with in-depth expertise in modern, scalable, and secure container networking. Calico is one of the most widely used networking and network security solutions for Kubernetes environments, offering high performance, flexible routing options, and advanced micro-segmentation capabilities.



Module 1: Introduction to Project Calico

- ✓ Overview of Project Calico
- ✓ Key features and architecture
- ✓ Role of Calico in Kubernetes, OpenStack, and Docker
- ✓ Calico vs. Flannel / Weave / Cilium comparative understanding
- ✓ Understanding Calico components: Felix, BGP, Typha, Calicoctl

Module 2: Networking Fundamentals for Calico

- ✓ Basics of container networking
- ✓ Overlay vs. Layer-3 networking
- ✓ IP routing and CIDRs review
- ✓ Understanding BGP protocol and its importance
- ✓ Network policies: ingress and egress traffic

Module 3: Calico Architecture Deep Dive

- ✓ Calico data plane and control plane
- ✓ Calico node architecture and workflow
- ✓ Understanding IP-in-IP, VXLAN, WireGuard
- ✓ Routing and distribution of workloads
- ✓ Datastore options: etcd vs. Kubernetes API

Module 4: Installing and Configuring Calico

- ✓ Deployment prerequisites
- ✓ Installing Calico on Kubernetes clusters
- ✓ Installing Calico on Docker and Linux hosts
- ✓ Verifying installation and health checks
- ✓ Configuring Calicoctl for cluster administration



Module 5: Calico Network Policies

- ✓ Introduction to Calico policies and GlobalNetworkPolicy
- ✓ Difference between Kubernetes NetworkPolicy & Calico NetworkPolicy
- ✓ Creating ingress and egress rules
- ✓ Layer 3, 4, and 7 policy filtering
- ✓ Policy enforcement for namespaces and workloads

Module 6: IP Address Management (IPAM)

- ✓ Calico IPAM architecture
- ✓ Configuring IP pools
- ✓ Creating, editing, and deleting IPPOOL
- ✓ Multiple IP pools and subnet allocation strategies
- ✓ Troubleshooting IPAM issues

Module 7: Calico BGP Configuration & Routing

- ✓ Introduction to BGP Peering
- ✓ Full mesh vs. route reflectors
- ✓ Configuring BGP on Calico nodes
- ✓ External BGP peering with routers
- ✓ Route advertisements and optimizations

Module 8: Calico for Kubernetes

- ✓ Calico with Kubernetes CNI
- ✓ Understanding calico-kube-controllers
- $\checkmark\,$ Using Calico with AWS EKS, Azure AKS, and GKE
- ✓ Network security for Kubernetes workloads
- ✓ Troubleshooting cluster-wide network issues



Module 9: Calico with OpenStack & Bare Metal

- ✓ Overview of Calico in OpenStack
- ✓ Network and tenant isolation
- ✓ Bare-metal workload connectivity
- ✓ Scalable networking strategies in hybrid environments

Module 10: Calico Security Features

- ✓ Zero-trust micro-segmentation
- ✓ Role-based security enforcement
- ✓ Advanced network policies & threat mitigation
- ✓ WireGuard encryption setup
- ✓ Compliance & auditing with Calico Enterprise

Module 11: Calico Monitoring & Troubleshooting

- ✓ Logs, metrics, and tracing
- ✓ Using calicoctl for diagnostics
- ✓ Debugging connectivity issues
- ✓ Packet capture & flow logging
- ✓ Common Calico errors and resolutions