BOLT

Cluster Deployment Guide

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OVA Download

The latest Bolt OVA file is available as a secure download hosted on Amazon S3.

Your professional services representative will provide you with a secure link to download the file when it becomes available.

Deployment

Preparations

To set up Bolt, you must have:

- Bolt OVA
- Administrative access for the targeted device
- Nginx compatible SSL certificate and SSL certificate key, shared across the cluster or for specific hosts

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Network

Port Usage

Protocol	Port	Direction	Purpose
HTTPS	443	Inbound	API and file access
HTTP	80	Inbound	API and file access
TCP	4001	Inbound/Outbound	File sharing and publish-subscribe
SSH	22	Inbound	Cluster administration
RTP	32702 (UDP)	Inbound/Outbound	Multicast assist file sharing
RTCP	32703 (UDP)	Inbound/Outbound	Multicast assist file sharing (control)
RTMP	1935	Inbound	Video stream ingest
WebRTC	3478	Inbound	Traversal Using Relay NAT (TURN)

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System Requirements

Supported Platforms

VMware ESXI 5.5 and later are supported.

Virtual Machine Configuration

The minimum requirements for a Bolt node are:

> **CPU:** 3 GHz dual core or 4 virtual processors
> **RAM:** 8 GB
> **STORAGE:** 80GB

Deploying the OVA

Deploy the OVA on your platform as you would any other OVA. Refer to your platform's documentation for instructions on deploying OVA files.
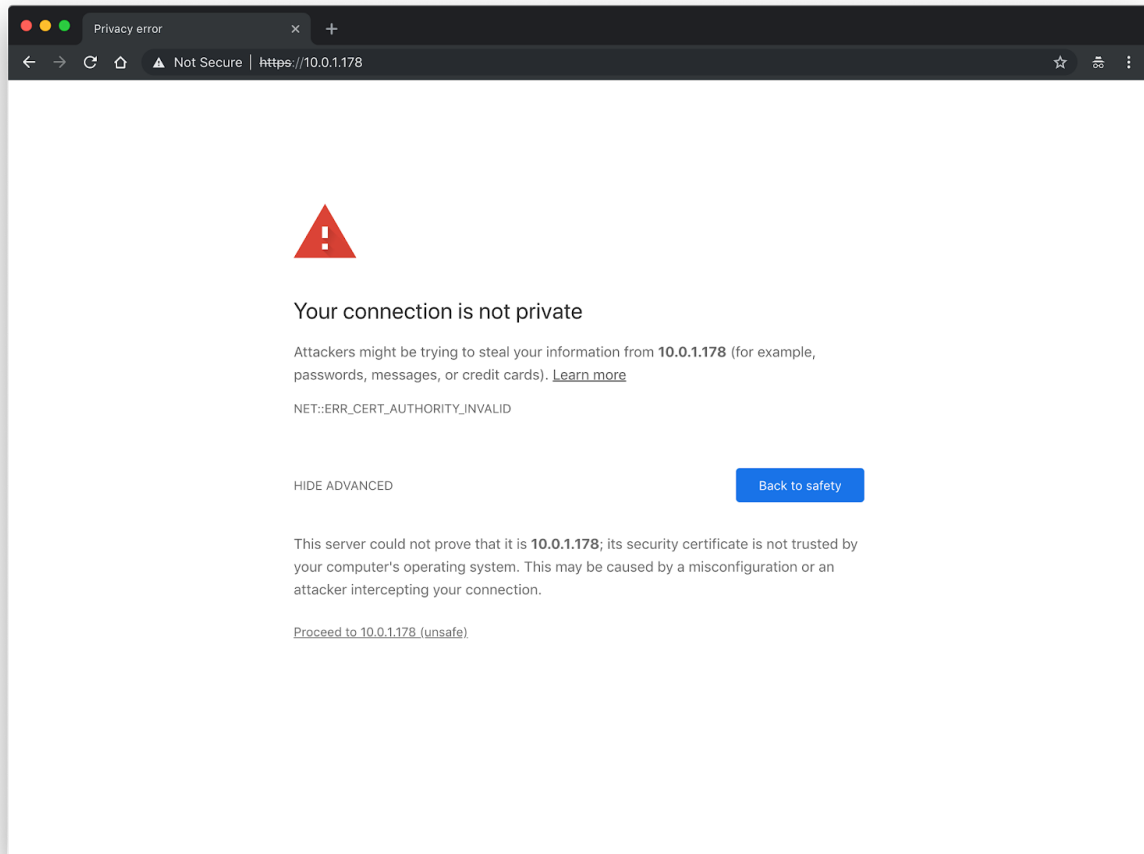
Cluster Setup

Clusters are headless and all nodes are functionally identical.
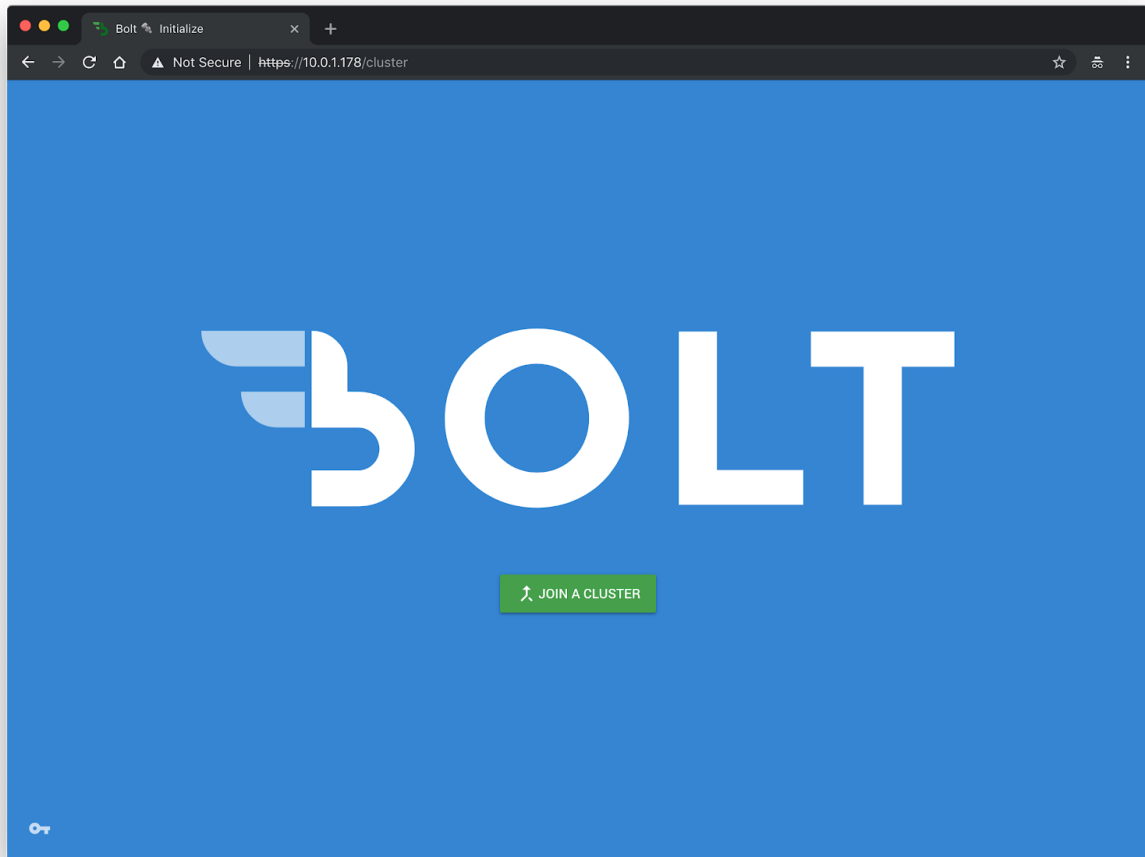
SSL Certificates

The SSL certificate and certificate key should be Nginx compatible. See - http://nginx.org/en/docs/http/configuring_https_servers.html - for more information.
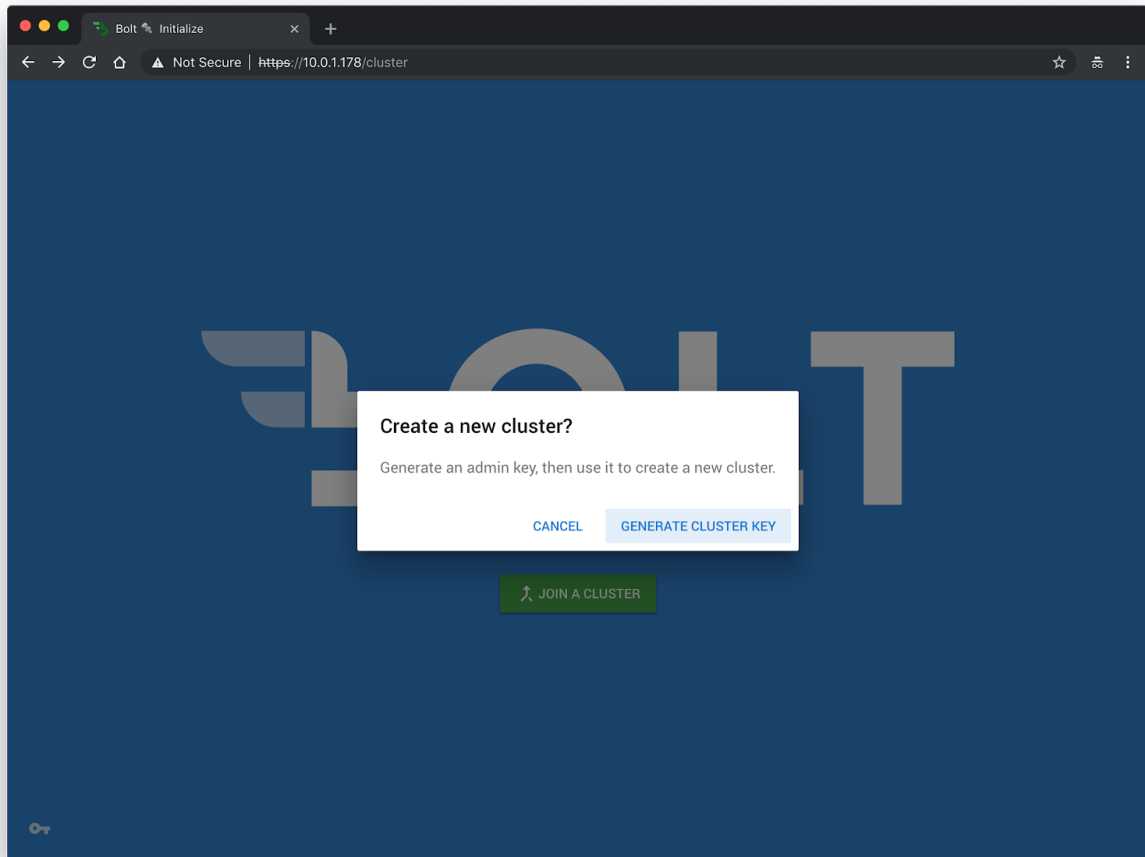
Initialize Cluster

Visit the https://IP_ADDRESS path of the first node. If the node IP were **10.0.1.178,** the address would be **https://10.0.1.178/**. Proceed through the SSL certificate warnings.

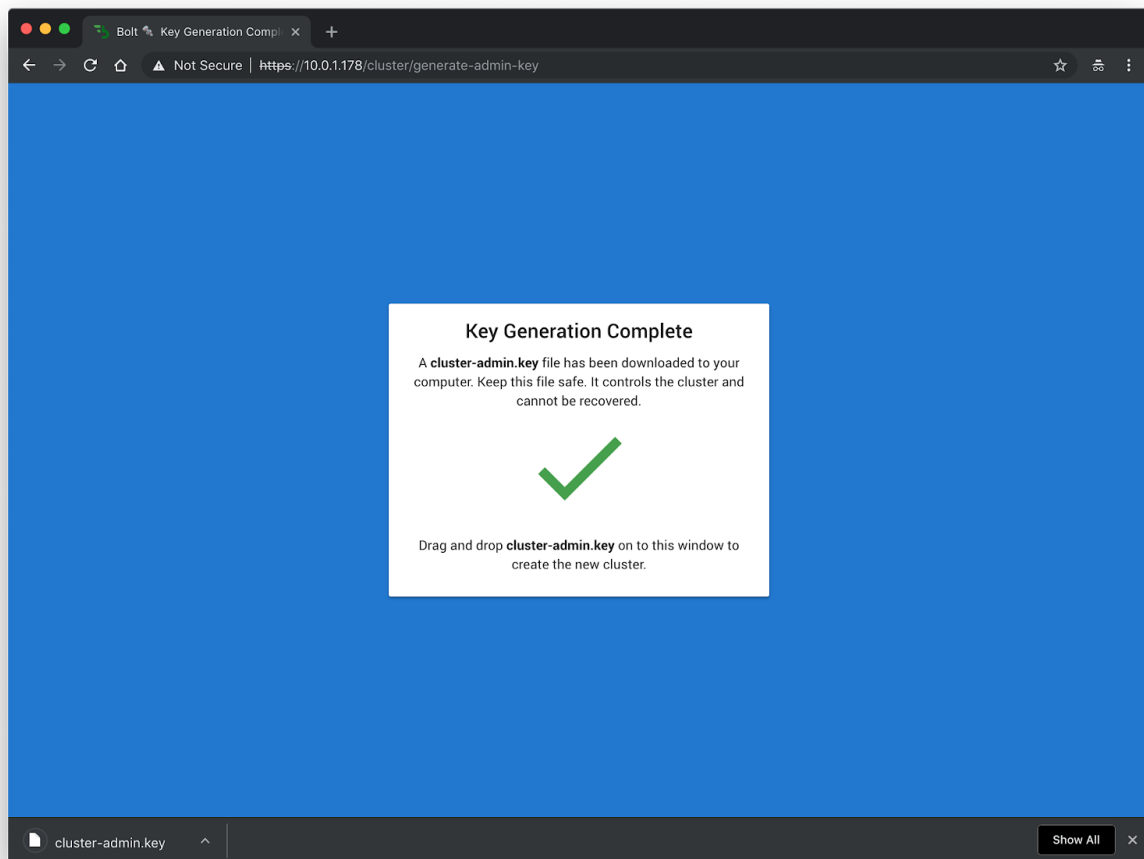Click on the **Key icon** on the bottom left corner of the page to open the dialog to create a new cluster.

Click on **Generate Cluster Key** button to initialize the cluster and generate the cluster administration key.
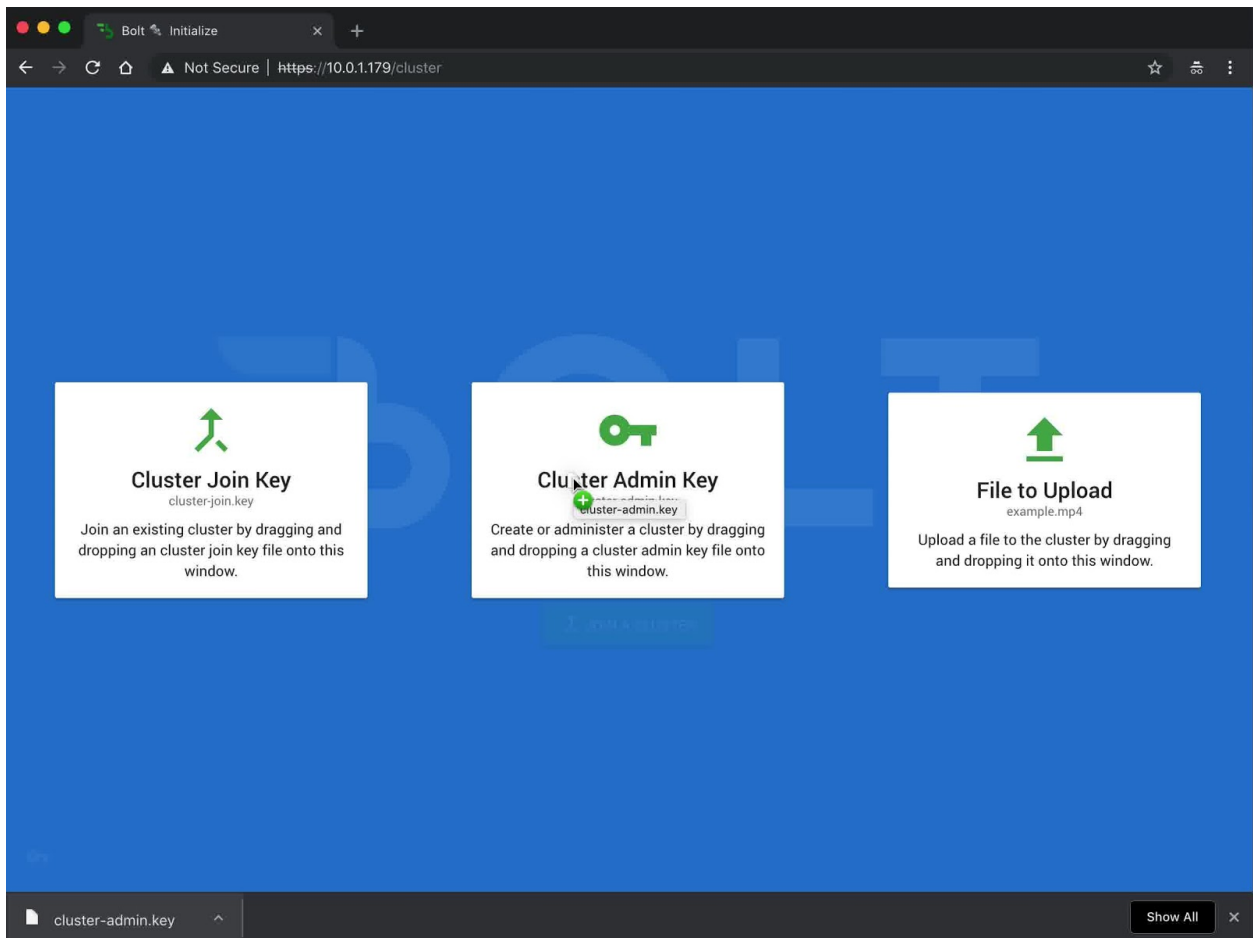
The cluster administration key will be downloaded as **cluster-admin.key** after the key generation process is complete.

Cluster administration key acts as the authorization mechanism for cluster management. Anyone who submits the key when requested will be treated as a cluster administrator and is allowed full access to bolt cluster.
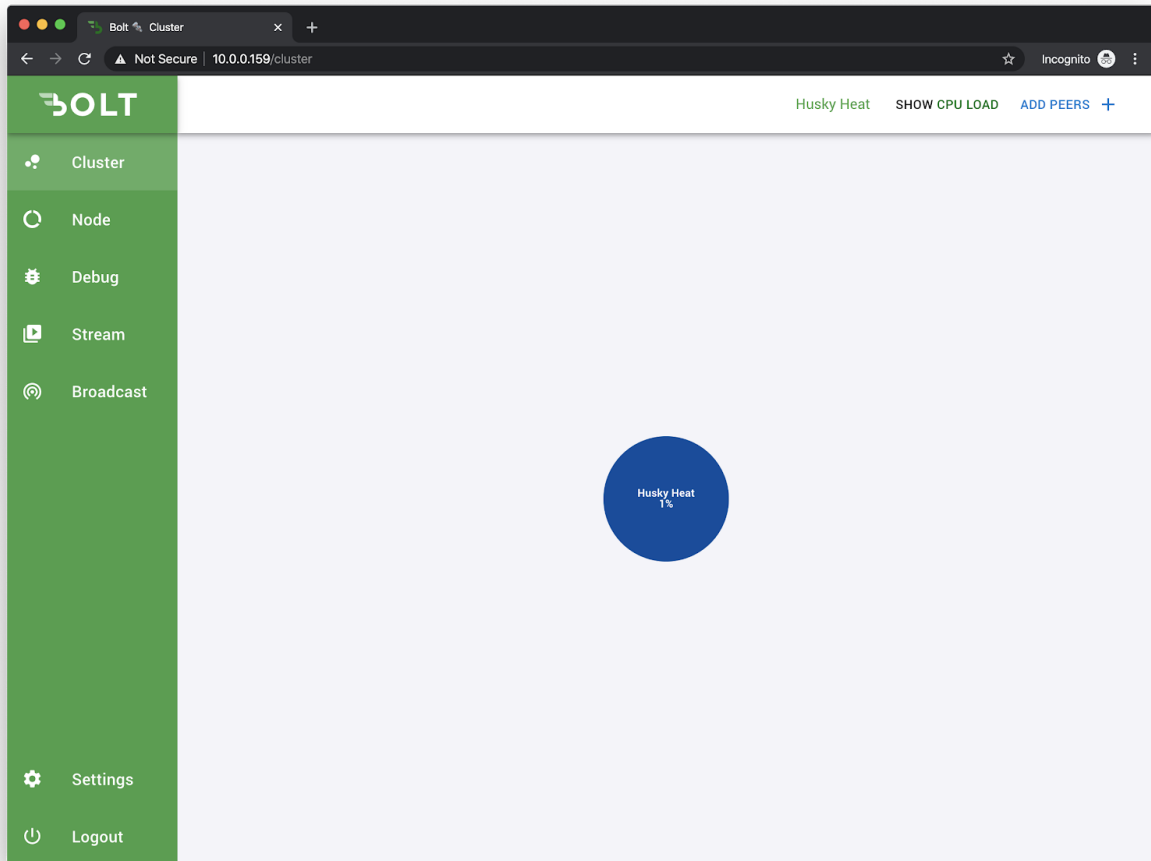
NOTE Cluster Administration key **cannot** be recovered at any point, please back it up to safe location.
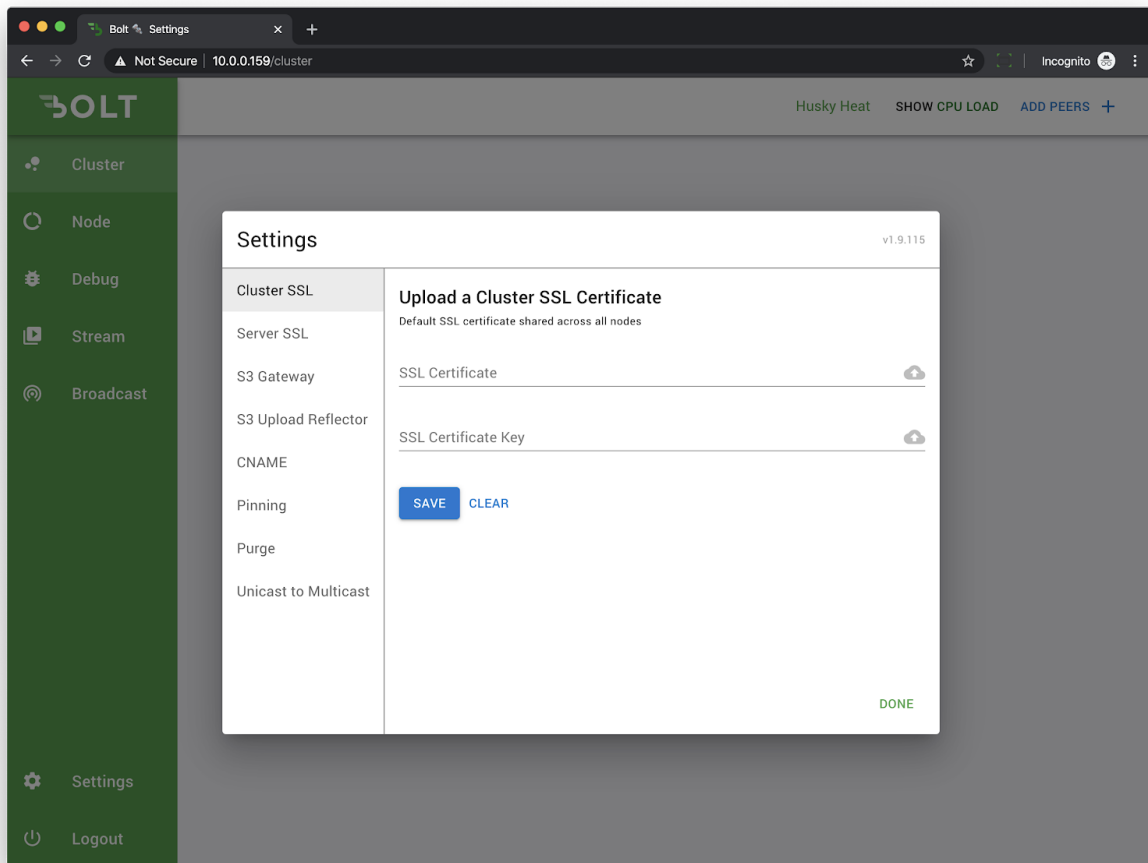
Drag and drop the downloaded **cluster-admin.key** file on to **Cluster Admin Key** box located at the center of the page.

Once the key is successfully authenticated, the user is assigned admin privileges and redirected to the cluster dashboard.
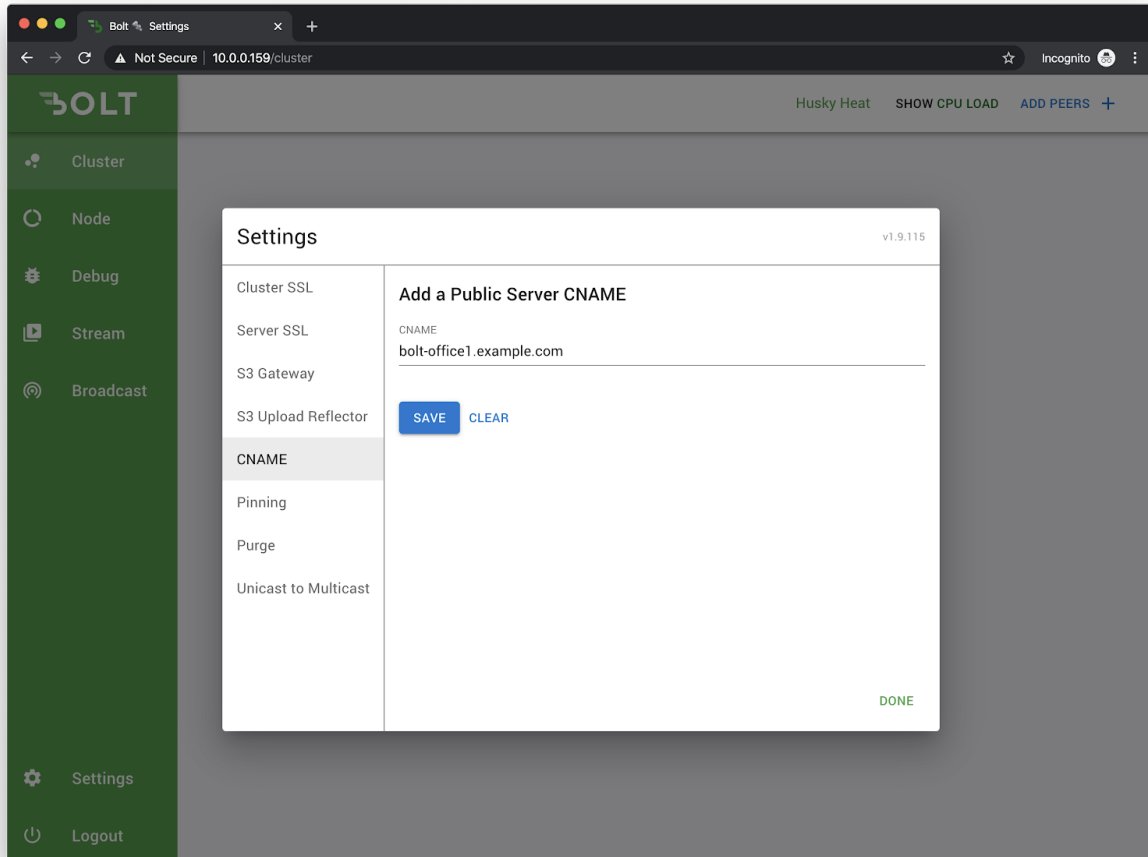
Click on the **Settings** button on the sidebar to access the cluster settings page.

Setup Server Name

Enter a [FQDN](#) name that matched with the SSL certificates and click on the **Save** button. For example, if the SSL certificates are generated and valid for **bolt-office1.example.com** then the server name would be **bolt-office1.example.com.**
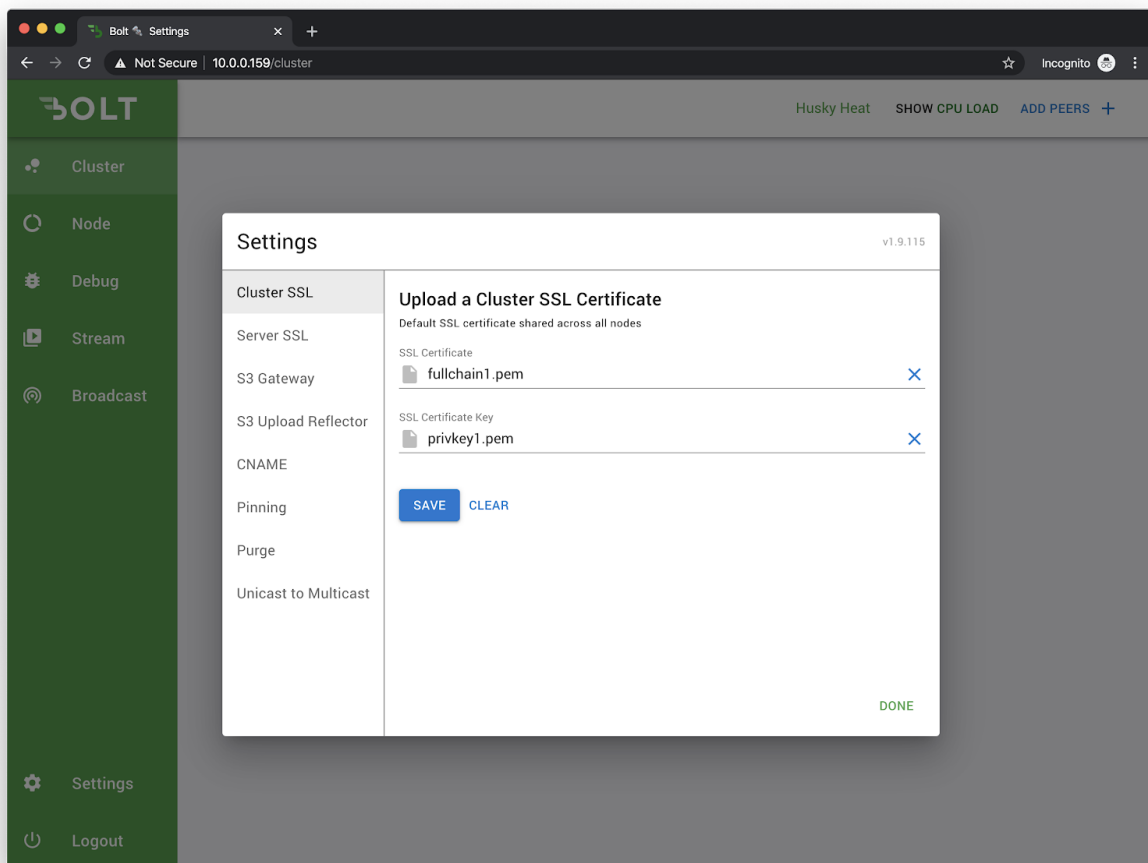
Setup SSL Certificate

Cluster SSL

Configure SSL certificate that's **shared between all the nodes** in the cluster by uploading SSL certificate and private key in PEM[1] encoded format on to the respective fields and click on **Save** button.
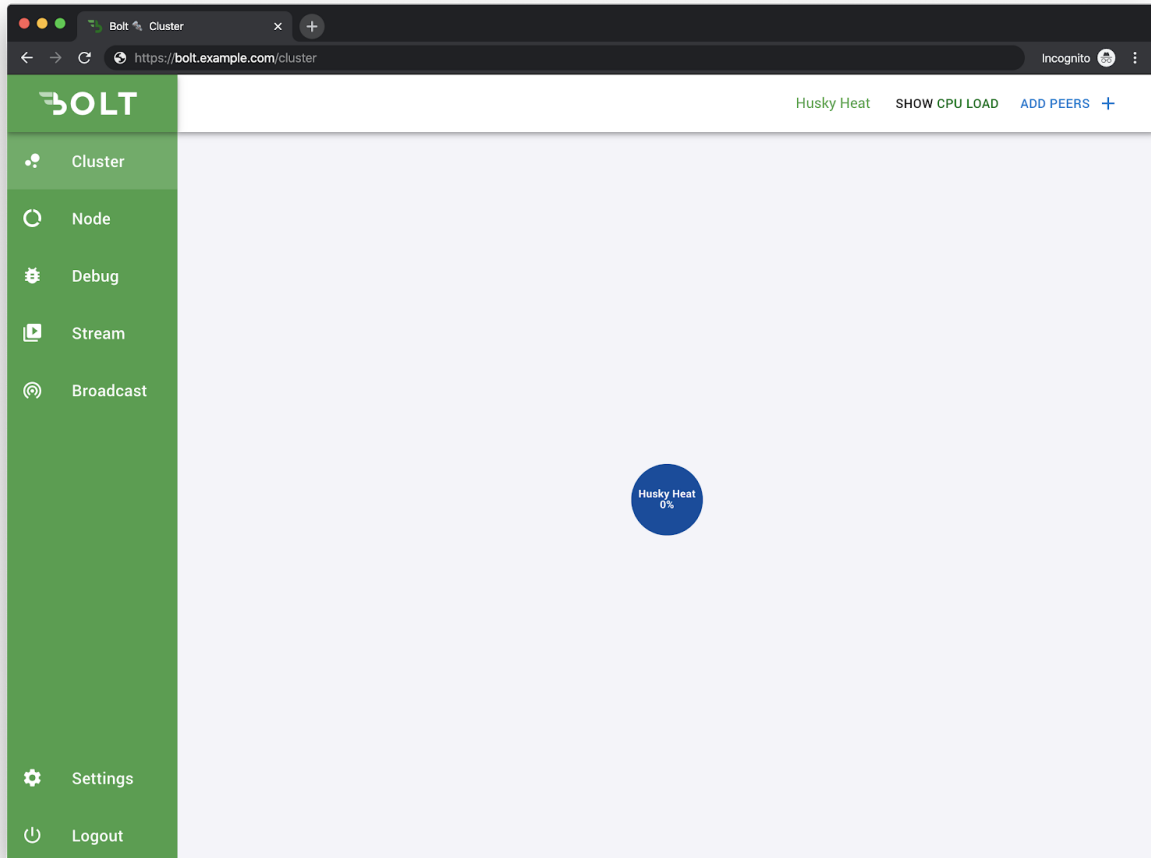
The Common Name of the SSL certificate becomes the hostname of the cluster.

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[1] http://nginx.org/en/docs/http/ngx_http_ssl_module.html#ssl_certificate

After successfully updating the Cluster SSL certificates, the page will be redirected to the common name specified in the SSL certificates.
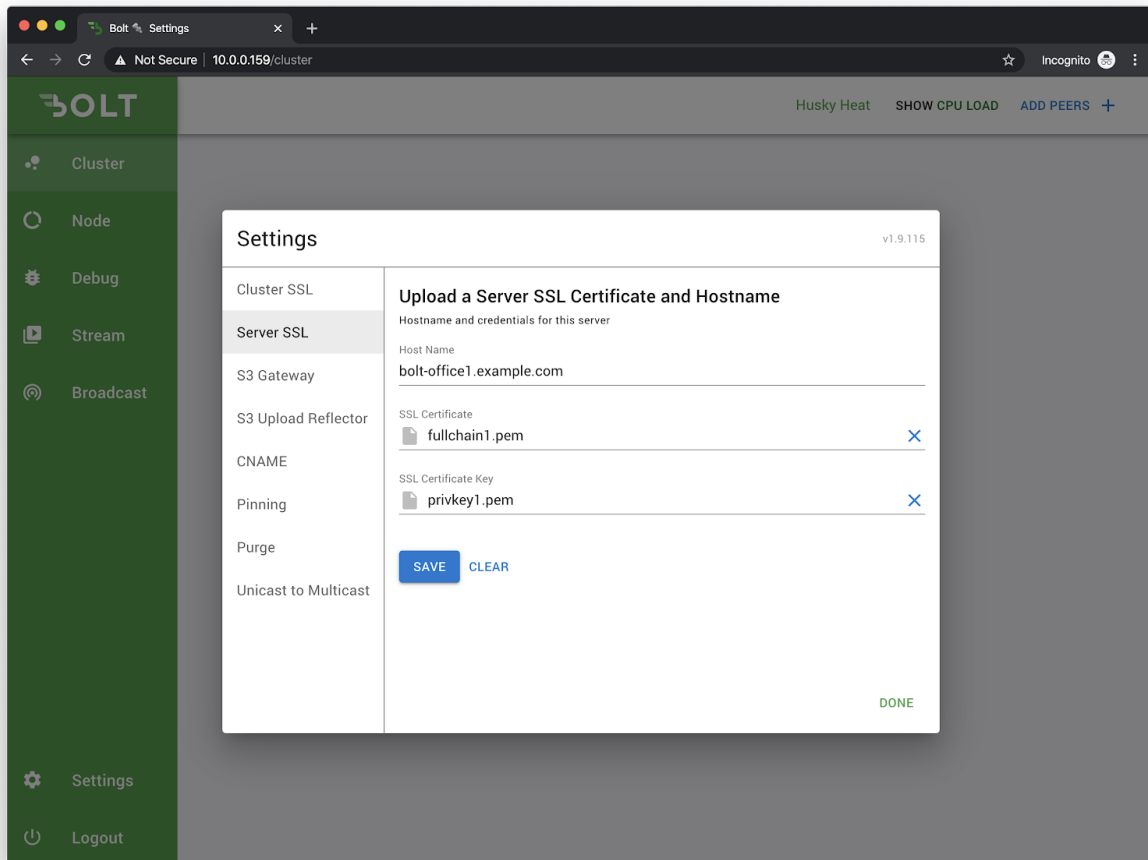
For example, If the SSL certificates are generated for **bolt.example.com**, then the cluster admin would be redirected to **https://bolt.example.com/cluster**.

Server SSL

Configure the hostname and SSL certificate for a **specific node** in the cluster by entering the hostname and uploading SSL certificate and private key in PEM[2] format to the respective fields and click on the Save button.
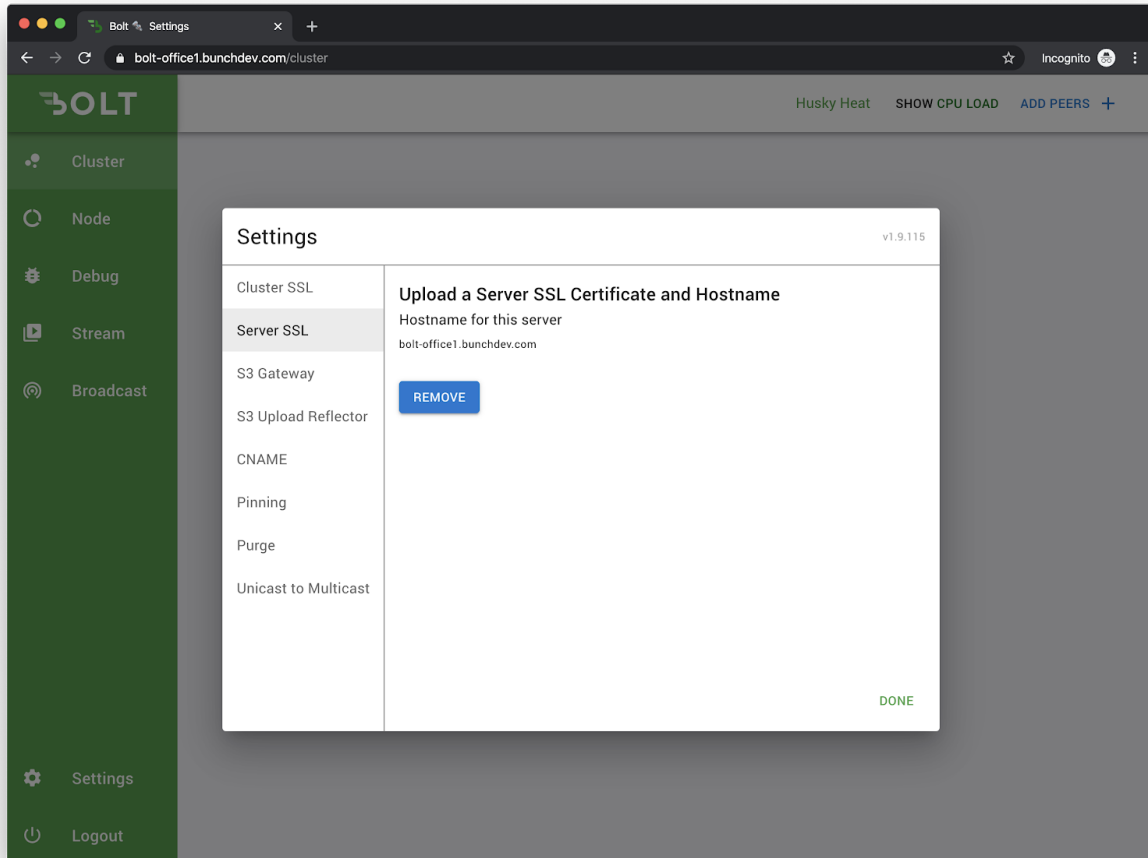
For example, If the SSL certificates are generated for the hostname **bolt-office1.bunchdev.com,**

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[2] http://nginx.org/en/docs/http/ngx_http_ssl_module.html#ssl_certificate

After successfully updating the Server SSL certificates, the Server SSL certificates would take priority over Cluster SSL certificates for the individual Bolt server.

Removing the individual Server SSL certificates would allow the Bolt server to use the Cluster SSL Certificates.
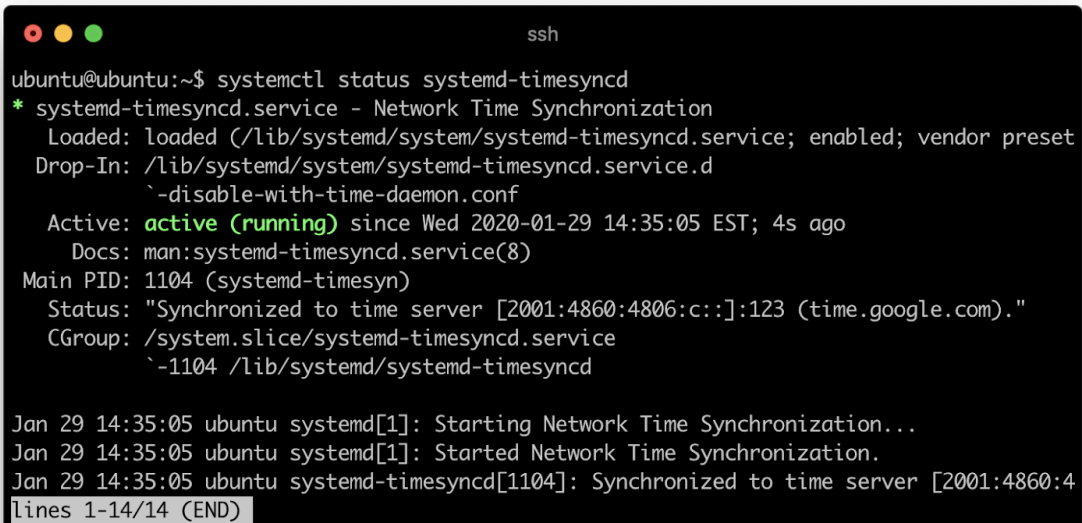
Set up Custom Timeserver (Optional)

Ubuntu 16.04 by default uses the time server at **ntp.ubuntu.com.**

To change the default server, paste the following command in the terminal to edit the configuration file in the VIM editor:

```
sudo vim /etc/systemd/timesyncd.conf
```


Uncomment the NTP line by removing the hash and enter the desired time server address. For example, if the NTP time server was **time.google.com**, the entry would be **NTP=time.google.com**

Quit the editor by hitting **ESC**, and type **:wq** to save and exit. Hit **Enter**. Restart the time server by running the following command in the terminal:

```
systemctl restart systemd-timesyncd
```

To check the status of the timeserver, run the following command in the terminal:

```
systemctl status systemd-timesyncd
```

Disable Cloud-Init (Optional)

Cloud-Init is a service that initializes the servers running in cloud platforms. However it's not required when running Bolt server on-premise. Disable the cloud-init service by creating an empty file at `/etc/cloud/cloud-init.disabled`.

```
sudo touch /etc/cloud/cloud-init.disabled
```

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo touch /etc/cloud/cloud-init.disabled
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$
```

Set up Static IP Address (Optional)

Bolt uses DHCP to acquire an IP Address from the network. Run through the following steps to set up a Static IP address on the Bolt server.

Access the Bolt virtual terminal and login with the following credentials
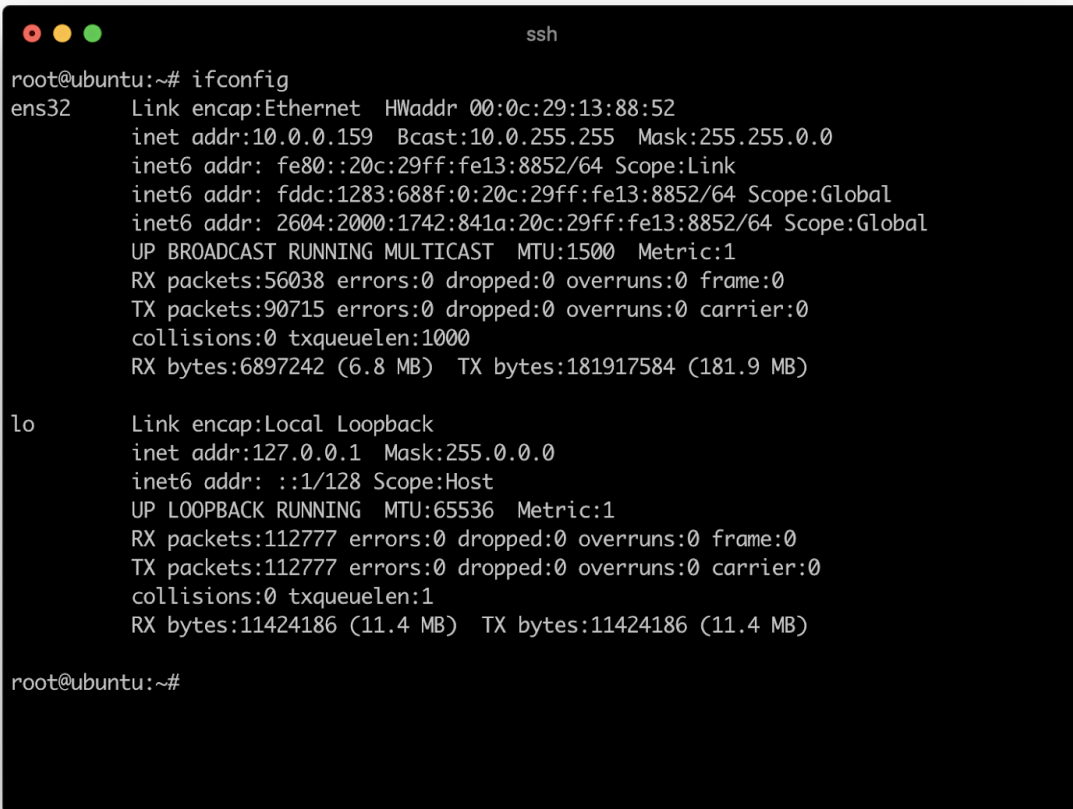Username: ubuntu
Password: ubuntu

Switch to root user by executing
```
sudo -s
```

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ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo -s
root@ubuntu:~#
root@ubuntu:~#
```

Identify the primary network interface by executing `ifconfig`. In this case, the primary network interface is **ens32**.
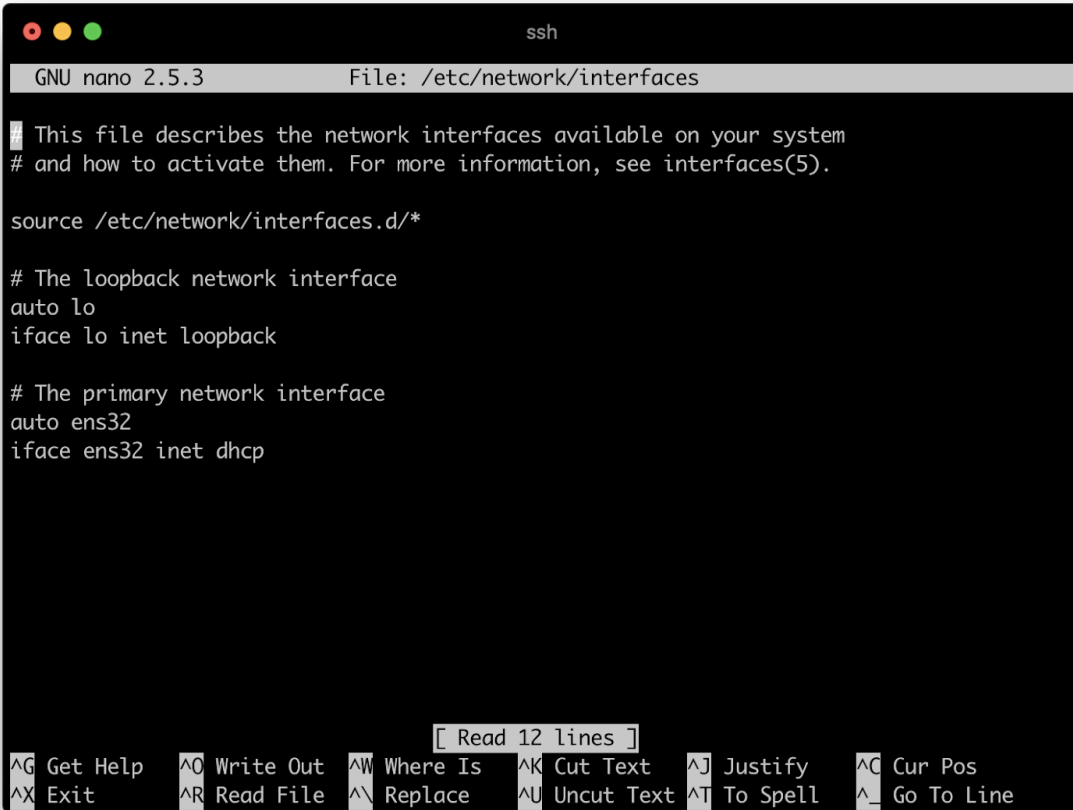
```
root@ubuntu:~# ifconfig
ens32     Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 00:0c:29:13:88:52
          inet addr:10.0.0.159  Bcast:10.0.255.255  Mask:255.255.0.0
          inet6 addr: fe80::20c:29ff:fe13:8852/64 Scope:Link
          inet6 addr: fddc:1283:688f:0:20c:29ff:fe13:8852/64 Scope:Global
          inet6 addr: 2604:2000:1742:841a:20c:29ff:fe13:8852/64 Scope:Global
          UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
          RX packets:56038 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:90715 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
          RX bytes:6897242 (6.8 MB)  TX bytes:181917584 (181.9 MB)

lo        Link encap:Local Loopback
          inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
          inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
          UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:65536  Metric:1
          RX packets:112777 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:112777 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:1
          RX bytes:11424186 (11.4 MB)  TX bytes:11424186 (11.4 MB)

root@ubuntu:~#
```

Open the network configuration file as a root user to setup a static network entry for the primary network interface.

```
sudo nano /etc/network/interfaces
```

If the primary network interface has a different name, the interfaces file might look different. For example, If the primary network interface is **ens32**, the **/etc/network/interfaces** file looks like,

```
# This file describes the network interfaces available on your system
# and how to activate them. For more information, see interfaces(5).

source /etc/network/interfaces.d/*

# The loopback network interface
auto lo
iface lo inet loopback

# The primary network interface
auto ens32
iface ens32 inet dhcp
```

Update the network configuration of primary network interface by replacing **iface ens32 inet dhcp** with the following,

```
iface ens32 inet static
        address 10.0.0.159
        netmask 255.255.0.0
        network 10.0.1.0
        broadcast 10.0.255.255
        gateway 10.0.1.1
        dns-nameservers 10.0.1.1
```

The updated network interfaces file will most likely look similar to,

```
# This file describes the network interfaces available on your system
# and how to activate them. For more information, see interfaces(5).

source /etc/network/interfaces.d/*

# The loopback network interface
auto lo
iface lo inet loopback

# The primary network interface
auto ens32
iface ens32 inet static
            address 10.0.0.159
            netmask 255.255.0.0
            network 10.0.1.0
            broadcast 10.0.255.255
            gateway 10.0.1.1
            dns-nameservers 10.0.1.1
```

When modifications are complete, press **CTRL + X** to exit out of the editor.

```
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  GNU nano 2.5.3            File: /etc/network/interfaces              Modified

# This file describes the network interfaces available on your system
# and how to activate them. For more information, see interfaces(5).

source /etc/network/interfaces.d/*

# The loopback network interface
auto lo
iface lo inet loopback

# The primary network interface
auto ens32
iface ens32 inet static
        address 10.0.0.159
        netmask 255.255.0.0
        network 10.0.1.0
        broadcast 10.0.255.255
        gateway 10.0.1.1
        dns-nameservers 10.0.1.1



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```
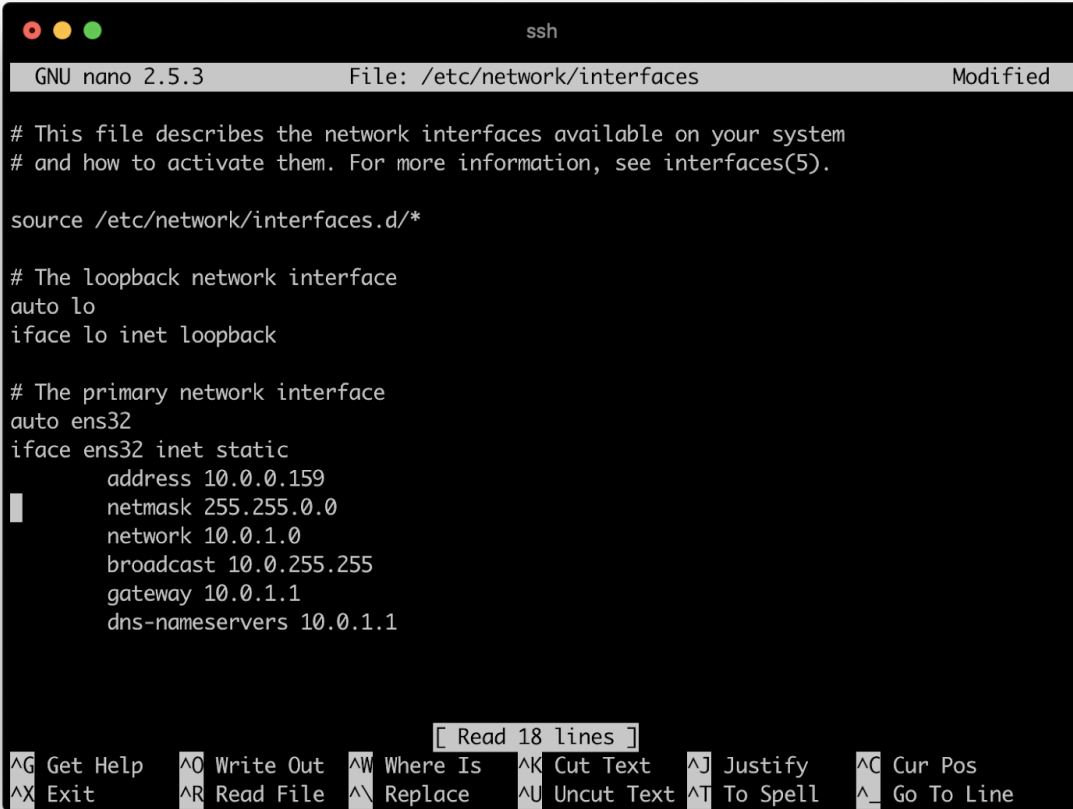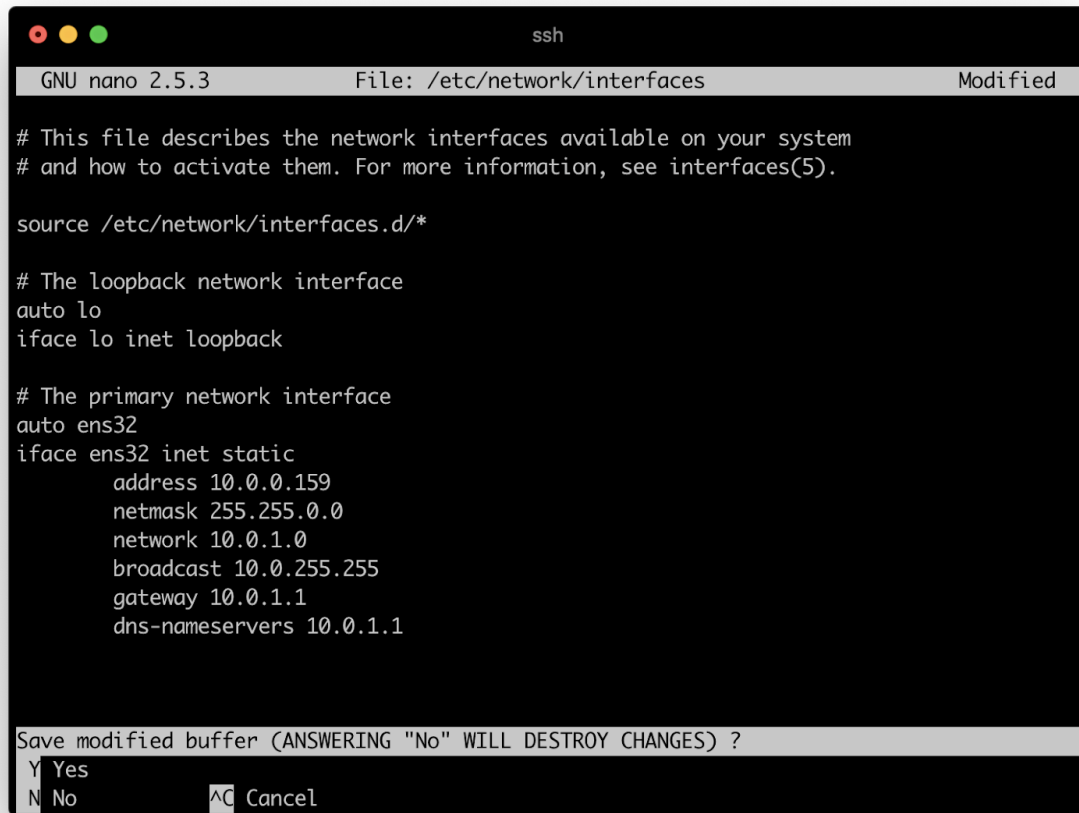
Press **Y** when asked to save changes and press **ENTER** to exit out of the editor.

```
●  ●  ●                          ssh

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 # This file describes the network interfaces available on your system
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 source /etc/network/interfaces.d/*

 # The loopback network interface
 auto lo
 iface lo inet loopback

 # The primary network interface
 auto ens32
 iface ens32 inet static
         address 10.0.0.159
         netmask 255.255.0.0
         network 10.0.1.0
         broadcast 10.0.255.255
         gateway 10.0.1.1
         dns-nameservers 10.0.1.1



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  Y  Yes
  N  No             ^C  Cancel
```
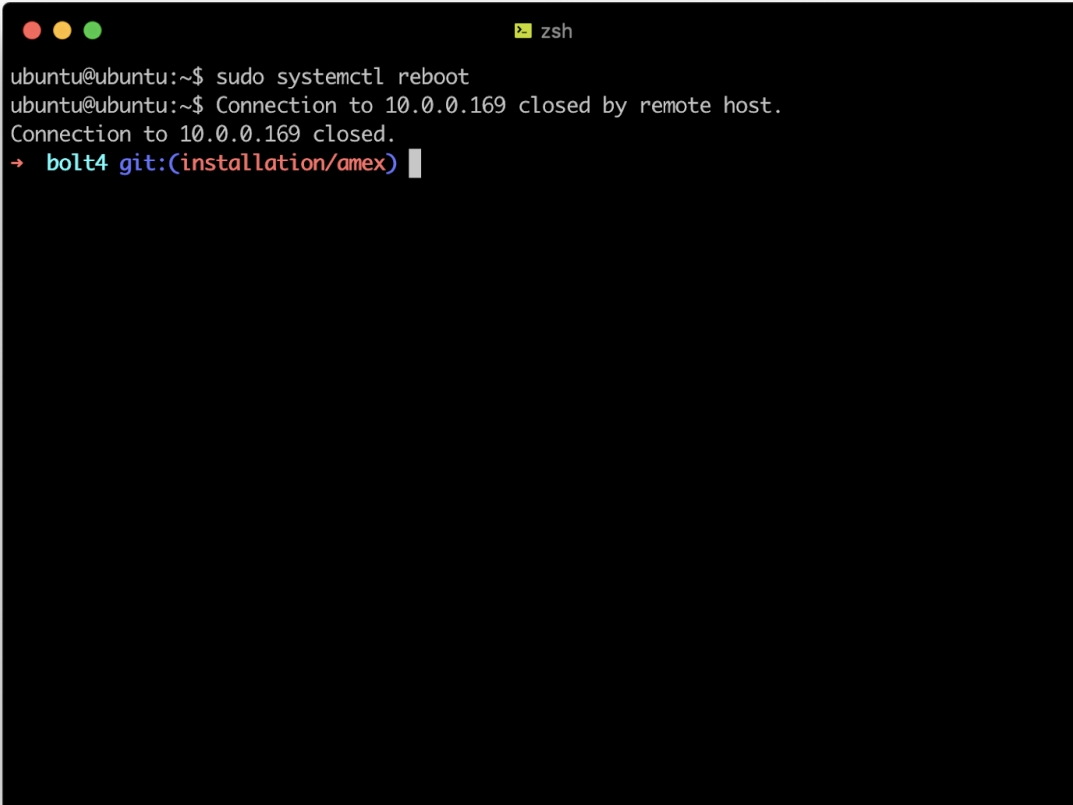
Remove the **cloud-init** network configuration file located at
/etc/network/interfaces.d/50-cloud-init.cfg.

```
sudo rm /etc/network/interfaces.d/50-cloud-init.cfg
```

Restart the bolt server to apply the updated network configuration,
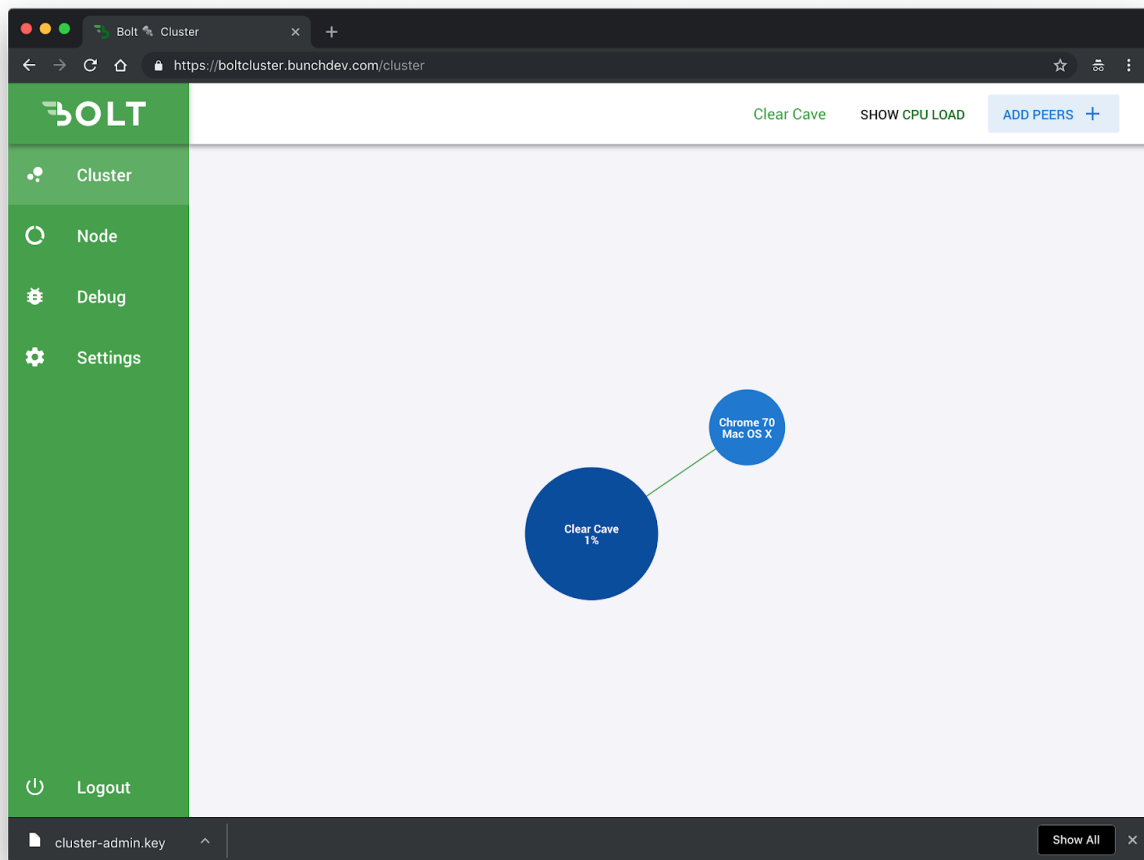
```
sudo systemctl reboot
```

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo systemctl reboot
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ Connection to 10.0.0.169 closed by remote host.
Connection to 10.0.0.169 closed.
→  bolt4 git:(installation/amex) 
```

Join Cluster

Add Peers

Click on the Cluster button on the left sidebar to navigate to the cluster page. Click on **Add Peers** + button at the top right corner of the page to add peers to the cluster.
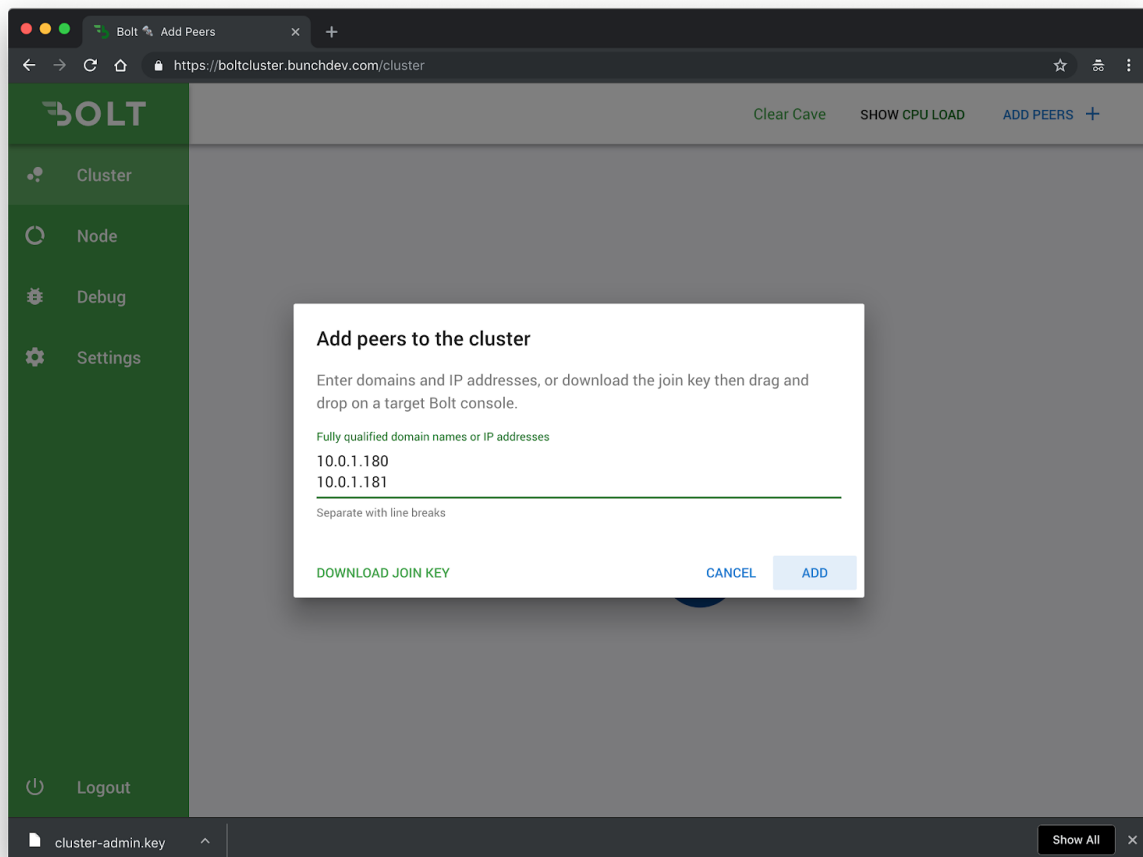
Enter the IP address or domain names of the peers in the form "Fully qualified domain names or IP addresses" and click on the **Add** button to add them to the cluster.

For example, if **10.0.1.180** and **10.0.1.181** are the IP address of the peers then add them to the form one by one on a new line.
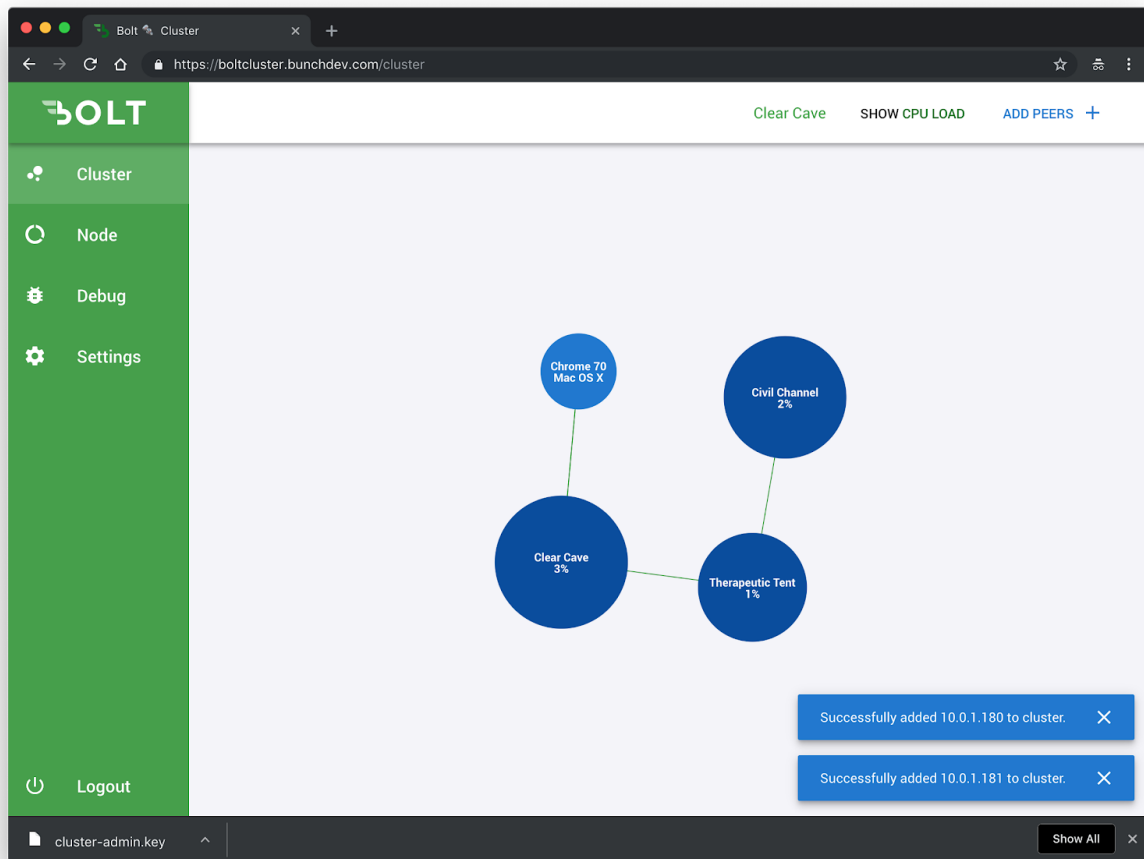
> **10.0.1.180**
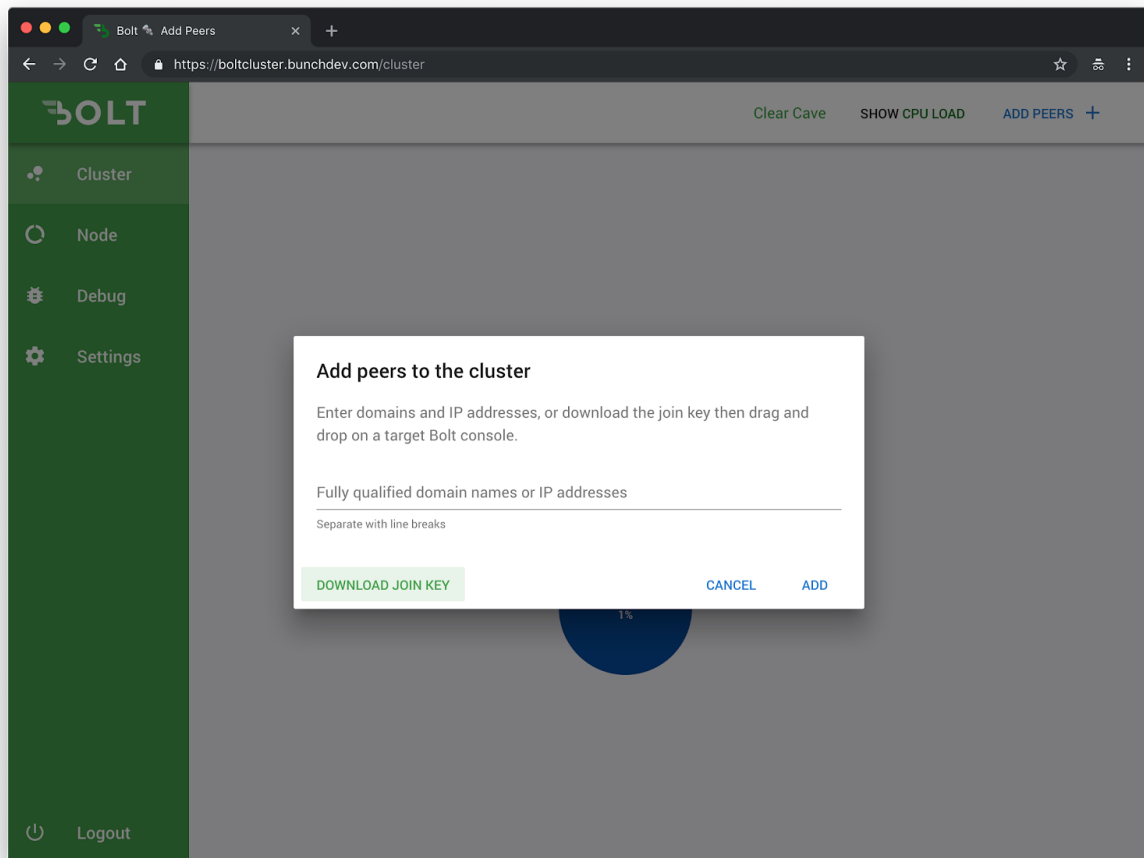> Press **<ENTER>**
> **10.0.1.181**

After the peers are successfully registered on the cluster, they pop up on the cluster page as dark blue circles directly connected to the first node.
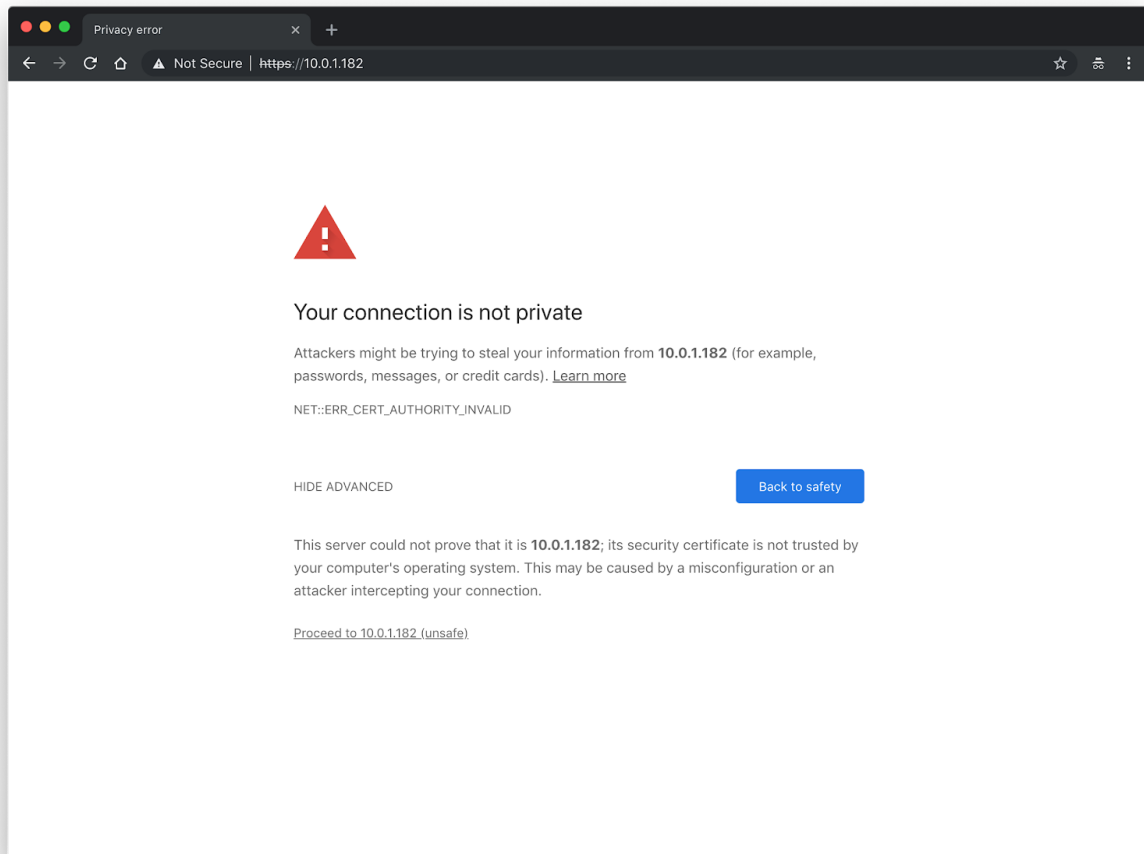
Cluster Join Key

Peers can be added to the cluster via cluster join key. Click on **Add Peers +** button to open the **Add peers to the cluster** dialog.

Click on **Download Join Key** button to download the cluster join key.

Open the **https://PEER_IP_ADDRESS** page on the browser. For example, if the peer IP address is **10.0.1.182** then the URL would be **https://10.0.1.182**.

Proceed through the SSL certificate warnings.

Drag and drop the **cluster-join.key** from the previous step on the **Cluster Join Key** box located at the center-left side of the page.