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Introduction

Starting from NSO version 5.4, the Restful API was removed. After evaluating the various options, the best, fastest and most reliable solution was to develop a Java based service pack to service DLM needs with NSO. This document describes how to install the DLM Service Pack and how to configure the NSO Sync Policy in DLM.

Overview of NSO Service Pack

NSOs DLM Service Pack

Using Restconf, DLM creates an entry with an AES256 key in the DLM SP Service Model.

The key is stored encrypted in the CDB.

DLM Service Pack gets a RFS (callback) call and decrypt the key from CDB.

DLM Generates an arbitrary string, initiate a connection and sends that string to DLM Service Pack.

DLM then encrypts that string using the AES256 key and sends it over to the DLM Service Pack.

DLM Service Pack decrypts the string, if there is no match, close the session.

DLM Service Pack replies and a session is established.

Communication is done using protocols, encrypted with the AES256 key.

NSO Pre-Requisite Configurations

In NSO ncs.conf configuration file (usually located at /etc/ncs/ directory), please make sure you have the following config. This is for DLM to be able to do the Netconf reachability test to NSO.

```xml
<ssh>
  <algorithms>
    <kex>diffie-hellman-group14-sha1</kex>
    <mac>hmac-sha2-512,hmac-sha2-256,hmac-sha1</mac>
    <encryption>aes128-ctr,aes192-ctr,aes256-ctr</encryption>
  </algorithms>
</ssh>
```

Make sure the sshpass utility is installed on your Laptop/NSO machine, depending on to where you downloaded the service pack files. On Ubuntu distribution, for example, the command is “sudo apt-get install sshpass”.

Login to your NSO admin user on the NSO machine and do the following:
ncs_cli -u admin -C
config terminal
nacm groups group ncsadmin
user-name <your nso machine ssh user>
end

Manual Install

1. Copy the dlm service pack (.tar.gz) file to /var/opt/ncs/packages on the NSO VM.
2. As the admin user, issue the following commands within the NSO CLI console:
   ncs_cli -u admin -C
   machine request packages reload

DLM Service Pack APIs

DLM is exposing the below APIs to allow the user to invoke some actions on NSO.

Request Sync

Request DLM to perform a sync with NSO per the NSO policy.

  Method: POST
  Endpoint: /crosswork/inventory/v1/nso/sync
  Payload: empty object, e.g. "{}"

Fetch-Ssh-Keys

Request DLM to schedule a fetch-ssh-keys for the node per its association to the NSO Device.

  Method: POST
  Endpoint: /crosswork/inventory/v1/nso/fetch-ssh-keys
  Payload: A RobotNodeGetReq proto, similar to the GetNodes API.

Connect

Request DLM to schedule a connect for the node per its association to the NSO Device.

  Method: POST
  Endpoint: /crosswork/inventory/v1/nso/connect
  Payload: A RobotNodeGetReq proto, similar to the GetNodes API.

Sync-From

Request DLM to schedule a sync-from for the node per its association to the NSO Device.
Method: POST
Endpoint: /crosswork/inventory/v1/nso/sync-from
Payload: A RobotNodeGetReq proto, similar to the GetNodes API.

Sync-To
Request DLM to schedule a sync-to for the node per its association to the NSO Device.

Method: POST
Endpoint: /crosswork/inventory/v1/nso/sync-to
Payload: A RobotNodeGetReq proto, similar to the GetNodes API.

Check-Sync
Request DLM to schedule a check-sync for the node per its association to the NSO Device.

Method: POST
Endpoint: /crosswork/inventory/v1/nso/check-sync
Payload: A RobotNodeGetReq proto, similar to the GetNodes API.

Service Pack Sync Policy
Update the NSO Sync Policy, containing guidance & rules for the DLM sync procedure of various actions it can take.

Method: PUT
Endpoint: /crosswork/inventory/v1/nso/policy
Payload: A NSOPolicy proto. Please see the next section for explanation.

NSO Sync Policy
The DLM to/from NSO Sync policy allows the user, in runtime, to filter & set the scope of the providers, devices & direction of the sync process.

Here is the out-of-the-box default policy:

```
{
    "name": "default",
    "providers_criteria": "*",
    "provider_policy": {
        "<your provider name>": {
            "match": true,
            "matchRule": "*",
            "onboardTo": true,
            "onboardToRule": "*",
            "onboardFrom": false,
```
"onboardFromRule": "*",
"syncFrom": true,
"syncFromRule": "*",
"checkSync": true,
"checkSyncRule": "*",
"neds": [
]
}
}
}

Name
Always be default, DLM will overwrite with “default” any name given during update.

Providers_criteria
Allows the user to decide which NSO providers, defined in CW, should be considered for the sync process. For future use, in CW 4.0 should always be “*” as there is only one NSO provider.

Provider_policy[]
Per provider, identified by the provider name, you can decide of the different actions that DLM should take when matching/synching with NSO.

provider_policy[]/match
Should DLM match devices in CW to the devices in NSO, cross referencing the IP.

provider_policy[]/matchRule
If not all, e.g. “*”, an expression defining the subset of devices via the different nodes attributes. Please refer to the Writing Expression section.

provider_policy[]/onboardTo
Should DLM onboard devices to NSO when those devices are missing on NSO.

provider_policy[]/onboardToRule
If not all, e.g. “*”, an expression defining the subset of devices via the different nodes attributes. Please refer to the Writing Expression section.

provider_policy[]/onboardFrom
Should DLM onboard devices from NSO when those devices are missing on CW.
**Writing Expression**

All the node attributes as described by the Swagger documents can be used for scoping and filtering. The following example shows how to refer to different attributes of the node:

```
productinfo.softwaretype='IOS XR' and productinfo.softwareversion>='6.13' and profile='devices'
```

The above expression scope those nodes that have a software type of IOS XR and their software version is equal or greater than 6.13 and their credentials profile is set to devices.