



**DBDS Utilities Version 8.0**  
Installation Instructions, User Guide, and  
Release Note



## Please Read

### Important

Read this entire guide. If this guide provides installation or operation instructions, give particular attention to all safety statements included in this guide.

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## About This Guide

### Purpose

The EC Utilities packages contain utility programs that you can use to manage and troubleshoot Cisco's Digital Broadband Delivery System (DBDS). This guide contains instructions to install and operate the various software utilities contained in the EC Utilities packages.

### Scope

The utilities described in this guide pertain to systems running the SA resident application (SARA), as well as other resident applications.

### Audience

This document is written for system operators of the DBDS. Support engineers, who help system operators manage and troubleshoot their system, may also find this document useful.

### Document Version

This is the first formal release of this document.

## Read These Important Recommendations About the EC Utilities

The EC Utilities are designed to improve the performance of the DBDS. Our engineers want you to be aware of the following important recommendations about some of the utilities described in this guide:

- Many of the utilities described in this guide interact with the Explorer Controller (EC) database. Make sure that you have a current database backup before running any of the utilities described in this guide. Refer to the *Backup and Restore user guide* for this system release for instructions on how to back up the database.
- We strongly recommend that you run the Doctor Report at least once a day. Instructions for running the Doctor Report are in *Analyze System Configuration With the Doctor Report*.
- We strongly recommend that you run the checkDB script at least once a month. Instructions for running the checkDB script are in *Identify and Correct Database Problems With the checkDB Script* (on page 31).

## Accessing the root and dncs User Accounts

**Important:**

- Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) is no longer supported. Please follow the steps below to switch between different user accounts.
- The **ecadmin/dtacsadmin** user is used in examples for all Cisco DBDS documents pertaining to EC 8.0 and DTACS 5.0.
- Commands run as **root** user are shown with a # symbol.

**Example:**

```
[root@berlin3 ~]#
```

- Commands run as a **admin, dncs**, or any **Administrator** user are shown with a \$ symbol.

**Example:**

```
[admin@berlin3 ~]$  
[ecadmin@berlin3 ~]$  
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$
```

Once the EC/DTACS application installation is complete, you can only log in with the **admin** user account. The admin account is created by default during the installation, and is granted privileges to access the root user account, as root login is not permitted. These privileges allow the admin user to execute root commands by preceding the command with "sudo". For example, if you want to modify a network configuration file, the command will resemble the following:

**Example:** Executing a root command as admin user:

```
[admin@berlin3 ~]$ sudo vi  
/etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/ifcfg-eth0
```

As **admin** user, you can also change to the root user account by entering the following command.

**Important:** For any procedure in this guide that states "As root user", you must be logged into a terminal window as admin user and switch to the root user.

**Command Syntax:** Changing to root user:

```
[admin@berlin3 ~]$ sudo -i
```

Any **Administrator** account that you create using the useradmin script (see the next section) has privileges to log into the EC/DTACS from a terminal window. Administrator accounts do not have privileges to access the root user account, but should be used to access the dncs user account.

**Important:** Do not access the dncs user account using the root user account.

To switch to the **dncs** user, type the following command from the terminal window where you are logged in as an Administrative user.

**Important:** For any procedure that states "As dncs user", you need to execute this command from the terminal window where you are logged in with your Administrator account.

**Command Syntax:** Changing to the dncs user:

```
[ecadmin@berlin3 ~]$ sudo su - dncs
```

**Note:** Throughout all Cisco DBDS documentation, the **ecadmin/dtacsadmin** user is used as an example.

**Overview:**

Terminal Window Logged in as:	Use Account to change to:	Command to execute:
admin	root	sudo -i
[Administrator] <b>Example:</b> ecadmin	dncs	sudo su - dncs



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## Release Note

### Introduction

The EC Utilities include a series of utility programs that you can use to manage and troubleshoot the Digital Broadband Delivery System (DBDS).

This document lists and describes the implemented bug reports (BRs) associated with this version of the EC Utilities.

See the *Overview of EC Utilities* (on page 2) for a brief description of the utilities that comprise this version of the EC Utilities.

This release note is written for system operators of the DBDS who deploy EC Utilities on the sites that they manage. Field service and support engineers who help system operators manage their sites may also find the information in this document useful.

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## Introducing Explorer Controller Utilities

This section includes a list of the system releases with which the EC Utilities is compatible, and provides a short description of the utilities that make up EC Utilities.

### System Release Compatibility

This version of the EC Utilities is compatible with the following system releases (SRs):

- SR 8.0 (Explorer Controller [EC])

The EC Utilities consists of these software packages:

- CSCOec-utilities
- CSCOecutils

### Overview of EC Utilities

The following list contains the utility programs that comprise this version of the EC Utilities. See the details of each utility later in this document for a detailed description of each utility, as well as instructions on how to run each utility.

- *bfsInfo.ksh* – Generates the BFS summary report that details the files and file sizes in each BFS carousel.
- *chanlineupinfo* – Generates a list of channel lineups.
- *checkDB.sh* – Identifies and corrects DHCT records in the database that do not contain serial numbers, required corresponding records in other tables, or that have Entitlement Management Messages (EMMs) ready to expire.
- *checkdbinfo.sh* – Allows you to find the type of database (primary, secondary, or standard), and if database replication is on or off.
- *chkSamUrl* – Deletes unused SAM URLs from the EC, thereby reducing the size of the bulk.tbl file.
- *convertIP* – Converts an IP address from dotted-decimal notation to decimal format and vice versa.
- *cvtChecker* – Logs into all the specified devices and reports back the CVT version found on the devices.
- *dhctStatus* – Monitors two-way communications between DHCTs and the headend.
- *doctor* – Compiles a report on system configuration.

- *getCCdata.ksh* – Reports on CableCARD™-related errors and data.
- *getEASdata.ksh* – Troubleshoots the DBDS Emergency Alert System (EAS).
- *listTftpConfigs.ksh* – Lists configuration data for DBDS devices.
- *mvsruid.sh* – Converts EC source IDs to TV Guide source IDs.  
**Note:** You must run *mvsruid.sh* as **root** user.
- *ncdsGen* – Helps synchronize channel maps, service groups, and VOD data.
- *nonsaradupqha.sh* – Replicates an existing SARA QAM ports-to-Hub association to a NEW association between the same SARA QAM ports and a NEW NON-SARA hub.  
**Note:** You must run *nonsaradupqha.sh* as **root** user.
- *podDataChk* – Allows for the examination of the *podData* file
- *qtail*– Uses the Linux *tail* utility to monitor log files of EC processes in real time. When the limit of a specific log file is reached, the *qtail* utility automatically starts monitoring the new log file.
- *runCVTGroup* – Provides a mechanism for managing download groups.
- *sesstail* – Similar to *qtail*, but monitors the *dsm* process log files video-on-demand (VOD) session-related activities).
- *setDbOptCron* – Allows you to configure the *dbOptimizer* utility to delete old EMMs based upon selectable options.
- *setuptail* – Tracks session setup successes, failures, and error types.
- *signonCount* – Monitors DHCT sign-on activity.

## Bug Search Tool

The Bug Search Tool is an online tool that allows registered users to search for bugs by release or by a bug number.

To log on to the Bug Search Tool, go to <https://tools.cisco.com/bugsearch> and log on with your user name and password. The Bug Search Tool page opens.

**Note:** If you have not set up an account on [www.cisco.com](http://www.cisco.com), click **Register Now** and follow the on-screen instructions to register.

### Search for Bugs in This Release

- 1 From the **Product** dropdown list box, select **Series/Model**.
- 2 In the adjacent text box, type **DBDS Utilities**. Then choose **DBDS Utilities** from the list that appears. (Do *not* press **Enter**.)
- 3 In the **Releases** field, type the value for the release, (for example, 8.0) and press **Enter**. The Bug Search Tool displays the list of bugs for this release. You can use the filters to restrict the bugs that you want to view.
- 4 If you want to view a specific bug, enter the ID of the bug that you want to view in the **Search For** field and press **Enter**.

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## EC Utilities Overview

### Introduction

This chapter provides an overview of the EC utilities. It also includes procedures that show you how to check the crontab file on the EC for the presence of the dbOptimizer program, a program that is used for deleting unneeded Entitlement Management Messages (EMMs).

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## EC Utilities Installation Instructions

The EC utilities are installed as a part of the EC system release installation. No separate installation is required for the EC utilities.

## DBDS Utilities Installation

The EC Utilities installation removes the old version of the Doctor utility (commonly known as the Doctor Report), and installs the new version of the utility in the `/dvs/dncs/Utilities/doctor` directory.

Be aware, however, that the installation process removes only the old executable Doctor Report scripts. Any old Doctor Report text files that you might have saved to the EC are not removed during installation.

Inspect the crontab file to verify that the file contains an entry for the `dbOptimizer` program, and that it contains no entry for the `camEmmDeleter` program.

**Note:** Your system executes the `dbOptimizer` program in the crontab file each Saturday at 4:00 am.

- 1 If necessary, open a terminal window on the EC.
- 2 As an **admin** user, type the following command to list the entries in the **crontab** file.

```
[admin@dncs ~]$ sudo cat /etc/cron.d/dbOptimizer
```

### Example Output:

```
#!/bin/bash
#
# This cron job runs dbOptimizer
#
MAILTO=dncs
0 4 * * 6 dnscs [ -r /dvs/dncs/bin/dnscsSetup ] && [ -x /dvs/dncs/bin/dbOptimizer ] && { . /dvs/dncs/bin/dnscsSetup; /dvs/dncs/bin/dbOptimizer -d `cat /dvs/dncs/bin/CED.in`; } >>/dvs/dncs/tmp/dbOptimizer.cron.log 2>&1
```

- 3 Does the crontab file include an entry for the **dbOptimizer** program?
  - If **yes**, go to the next chapter.
  - If **no**, call Cisco Services for assistance in adding an entry for the `dbOptimizer` program.



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## Analyze System Configuration with the Doctor Report

### Introduction

The Doctor utility (commonly referred to as the Doctor Report) is one of the most important tools you can use to evaluate the configuration and operation of the EC.

Output from the Doctor Report appears on the screen of the EC and is written to an output file for later analysis.

The Doctor Report was developed to generate a snapshot of system configuration. The following list contains some of the system configuration information reported by the Doctor Report:

- Installed software versions
- EC disk partition utilization
- Status of EC and Application Server processes
- Summary of supported DHCT types
- Summary of sources, source definitions, segments, and sessions
- Summary of PPV services and events
- Data carousel/pump status and rates
- Common configuration errors that may lead to problems later

**Important:** We strongly recommend that you run the Doctor Report at least once a day.

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## Specify the Output Directory

### Specify the DOC\_OUTPUT\_DIR Parameter

**Note:** When the `DOC_OUTPUT_DIR` environment variable is not defined, the Doctor Report output is written to the default path, `/dvs/dnscs/Utilities/doctor`. To customize the Doctor Report path, the ENV `DOC_OUTPUT_DIR` variable needs to be defined in the `.profile` file for command line execution, as well as in the `dnscsSetup` file for crontab execution.

**Important:** You will need to complete this procedure once. There is no need to perform this procedure each time you run the Doctor Report. However, you will need to repeat this procedure should you ever change the output directory of the Doctor Report.

The examples that follow describe how to direct Doctor Report output to the `/home/dnscs` directory.

#### The `.profile` File

- 1 As the **dnscs** user, open the dnscs user's **.profile** file with a text editor.
- 2 Add the following entry to the **.profile** file:

```
export DOC_OUTPUT_DIR=/home/dnscs
```

- 3 Save and close the file.
- 4 Activate the change by bouncing the **.profile** file.

```
[dnscs@berlin3 ~]$ . .profile
```

#### The `dnscsSetup` File

- 1 Open the `/dvs/dnscs/bin/dnscsSetup` file in a text editor.
- 2 Add the following entry to the **dnscsSetup** file:

```
export DOC_OUTPUT_DIR=/home/dnscs
```

- 3 Save and close the file.
- 4 Activate the change by sourcing the **dnscsSetup** file.

```
[dnscs@berlin3 ~]$ . /dvs/dnscs/bin/dnscsSetup
```

## Run the Doctor Report

### Running the Doctor Report

Use the following procedure to run the Doctor Report on the EC.

- 1 As **dncs** user, type the following command and press **Enter**. The system generates a list of parameters that you can use to run the Doctor Report.

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ doctor
```

**Note:** Each parameter causes the Doctor Report to generate output with specific configuration information.

```
Doctor package version = 8.0.10
usage -agesupbingherx [ vd ] or
usage [-c<number>]

a - (almost) All options (except q and x)
g - General Info: info, installed software info, and
App Server disk utilization, and App Server swap space,
database utilization, database extents, load average,
and App Server debug flags, tracing levels, and App
Server processes, and App Server corefiles, DNS, check
force tune for valid service, dncs license check, large log file check
install options
e - Element Info: DHCT state summary, DHCT type summary, active
elements, mod slot tolerance, source, source definitions,
segments, sessions, subscription packages, EMMs expiring soon,
Stranded segments.
s - SI Info: SI_INSERT_RATE, system time message, distinguished
SI QAM, SI out of band interval, Netcrypt Info.
o - POC - Post upgrade checks.
t - Time Info: Timezone, DST.
p - PNV Info: PPV services and events, PPV and PNV service
```

- 2 To generate a complete Doctor Report, type the following command and press **Enter**.

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ doctor -av
```

#### Results:

- The system generates the Doctor Report listing all system configuration information and directs the output of the report to the screen.
- The system also saves the output of the Doctor Report to a file based upon an environment variable (DOC\_OUTPUT\_DIR =) set in the .profile file.

**Example:** The system saves the report with a name similar to report\_25281.130902\_0923.doc, where 25281 refers to the PID.

#### Notes:

- Depending upon the size of your system and/or the pingable states of various network elements, it may take a few minutes for the report to generate.
- The final line of the report generated to the screen lists the file to which the output was saved.
- The report is a plain text file. You can view the report in a text editor of your choice.

## Understand the Data in the Doctor Report Fields

The information in this section provides an explanation of the data produced by generating the Doctor Report. Some of the data is only for informational purposes. Other data is accompanied by the words **OK**, **Error**, or **Warning**.

- Data in the report preceded by the word **OK** indicates that the data meets our recommendations regarding the field to which the data applies.
- Data in the report preceded by the word **Error** may indicate that some system process or function is not operating as it should. Where appropriate, this section includes troubleshooting tips so you can investigate and correct a situation producing an error in a data field.
- A **Warning** indicates that a potentially serious condition, such as a disk partition nearing capacity, or that certain data does not meet our recommendations, has been detected.

### **Important:**

- Contact Cisco Services whenever an unexpected or new error appears in the Doctor Report output or if defined thresholds are about to be reached.
- The Doctor report uses the term "DHCT," which is an acronym for *Digital Home Communications Terminal*. DHCT. DHCT is a specialized name for a digital set-top box.

## Important Note Regarding Non-Cisco Application Server Sites

Due to their unique implementation, sites that use a non-Cisco Application Server may see application server-related errors in their Doctor Report.

Ignore these errors; these errors are normal for these sites. The fields in the Doctor Report that are affected by non-Cisco Application Servers are noted in this section by the words **No Cisco application server**.

## System Name

The System Name field appears at the top of the Doctor Report. This field identifies the system by its hostname and displays the operational mode of the system.

## All CSCO Installed Package Information

The data in the **All CSCO Installed Package Information** field contains the following information about the software packages installed on your system:

- The name of the package
- The version number of the package
- The date the package was installed
- The platform on which the package was installed

**No Cisco application server:** Ignore any application server-related errors at these sites.

## EC Info

Data fields included under EC Info contain information that pertains to the hardware configuration of your EC.

### EC Uptime

The EC Uptime field shows how long the EC processes have been running without interruption.

**Note:** To determine how long the EC processes have been running without interruption, the Doctor Report examines the **bootpd** process and determines how long the bootpd process has been running without interruption. The bootpd process is usually only restarted when the EC processes are reset.

### Linux Uptime

The Linux Uptime field shows how long the Linux operating system processes have been running without interruption.

### Swap Space

The EC Swap Space field lists the configured swap partitions in the EC and how large they are.

**Note:** You may sometimes hear the swap partition referred to as extended, virtual memory.

## Processor Sockets

The data in the Processor Sockets field contains the model and version for each CPU processor, including its location within the virtual server.

## Disk Info

The Disk Info field displays configuration information for the server from a virtual disk point of reference.

## EC Disk Partition Utilization

The data in the EC Disk Partition Utilization field lists all the disk partitions on the EC and displays the “in-use” percentage of each partition.

**Important:** We recommend that no partition exceed 85 percent utilization.

**Note:** To decrease partition utilization, you can delete files that are no longer needed and core files that do not require analysis.

## EC Swap Space

The data in the EC Swap Space field lists the amount of available swap space on the EC.

**No Cisco application server:** Ignore any application server-related errors at these sites.

**Important:** We recommend that the EC swap space be greater than 200 MB.

Completing the following tasks may increase your swap space:

- Close windows that do not need to be open.
- Stop and restart the EC.
- Run the **top** utility. After running **top**, type **o**, then **p**, then press **Enter**. This sorts processes by the swap space they use. Look for processes that use more than 50 MB of swap space. Use the **dnscControl** utility to stop and restart those processes.
- Look for large files in the **/tmp** directory. You can delete them or move them to another file system.

## Basic System Performance Stats

There are five sets of performance statistics reported under the Basic System Performance Stats header. An explanation of each set follows.

### CPU Performance

The CPU Performance field uses the `top` utility to examine the top 30 active processes on the system.

As used in the Doctor Report (`top -b -n1 | head -n 30`), the `prstat` utility sorts output according to CPU and the `head` utility prints the top 30 entries.

### Memory Usage

The Memory Usage field uses the `top` utility to examine the top 30 active processes on the system and reports on memory usage of the processes.

As used in the Doctor Report (`top -ab -n1 | head -n 30`), the `top` utility sorts output according to the size of the process memory, and the `head` utility prints the top 30 entries.

### Per-Processor Stats

The Per-Processor Stats field uses the `mpstat` utility to report processor statistics in tabular form. Each row in the tabular output represents the activity of one processor.

All values in the output are rates listed as percentages, unless specifically noted.

As used in the Doctor Report (`mpstat -P ALL 5 5`), the `mpstat` utility collects processor statistics in five-second intervals and produces five reports.

### Virtual Memory Stats

The Virtual Memory Stats field uses the `vmstat` utility to report information about processes, memory, paging, block IO, traps, and CPU activity.

As used in the Doctor Report (`vmstat 5 5`), the `vmstat` utility collects virtual memory statistics every five seconds and issues five separate reports.

### Disk Stats

The Disk Stats field uses the `iostat` utility to iteratively examine statistics and input/output statistics for devices, partitions, and network file systems.

The first line of output pertains to the time since the last reboot. Subsequent lines pertain to the specified prior interval, only.

For the Doctor Report (`-xmz -p 5 5`), the utility produces extended statistics and displays names in per-partition format and in per-device format. Data is displayed in MB/second terms. The utility collects statistics every five seconds and issues five separate reports.

## Database Tablespace Report

The data in the Database Tablespace Report field is divided into two sections and provides the following information about the database:

- **Database Summary** – Provides information and usage per database installed in Informix.
- **Dbospace Summary** – Provides usage information for each database space installed in Informix.

### Notes:

- This data appears only if there are database tables or indexes with 10 percent or less of free allocated space.
- Call Cisco Services if the Recalculated future free database space section produces a warning.
- **Extent Summary** – provides information on database tables that have more than 30 extents, and of those that it reports on, only shows those with a next extent size larger than 500MB.

**Important:** This data should be interpreted only by those individuals knowledgeable in database management.

## Database Spaces and Chunks

The Database Spaces and Chunks field reports on the contents and structure of the database shared memory by running the Informix **onstat -d** command.

**Important:** This data should be interpreted only by those individuals knowledgeable in database management.

## Database Backup Check

This field reports on the presence of a backup that was initialized by a cron job to automatically back up the EC databases. If a cron job is present, this field reports whether the previous database backup was successful or if it failed.

### Notes:

- A cron job is a program that runs automatically, without user intervention.
- The program that backs up the database and keyfiles is a shell script called DBKF.cron.sh. It is located in the /opt/cisco/backup directory. If desired, you can set up a cronjob to configure your system for automated database and key files backups.

## Check for clearDbSessions Activity

The Doctor Report checks to ensure that the clearDbSessions entry in the crontab file of the EC is active, and has not been converted into a comment.

## EC Load Average

The data in the EC Load Average field shows the average number of EC processes simultaneously waiting for CPU time on the previous day.

**Important:** We recommend that your EC load average remain under 2.0.

**Note:** The Doctor Report can determine the EC Load Average only if the Linux **sar** utility is running. Refer to the Linux man pages if you need to enable the sar utility.

## AppServ Logging Levels at DEBUG or higher

The Application Server allows you to configure the level of detail reported by various system processes. The data in the Appserv Logging Levels at DEBUG or higher field lists all Application Server logging levels that are loglevel debug or higher.

**Important:** Unless you are using tracing for a specific reason, we recommend that you set all of your Application Server tracing levels to 0 (zero). Call Cisco Services if you need help setting your Application Server tracing levels.

## EC Logging Levels at DEBUG or higher

The EC Logging Levels at Debug or higher field lists all EC processes and the level of logging activity that is associated with each process, at logging levels of DEBUG or higher.

System operators can set logging levels for the EC processes by clicking the **Navigation** icon, , and then selecting **Utilities > Logging** from the Explorer Controller Administrative Console.

## EC Processes

The data in the EC Processes field lists all the EC processes and reports whether those processes are running or not.

- Processes that are running are listed as **OK**
- Processes that are not running are listed as **Info**

**Important:** Note the following recommendations regarding other processes that may not be running:

- Check the EC for core files.

**Note:** The *Recent EC Corefiles (last 2 days)* (on page 15) field lists recent EC core files.

- If the EC has a core file, contact Cisco Services.

**Note:** Cisco Services may request that you send them the core file for analysis.

Use the **dnscsControl** utility to restart the stopped process(s).

## App Server Processes

The data in the App Server Processes field lists all the Application Server processes and reports whether those processes are running, or not.

**No Cisco application server:** Ignore any application server-related errors at these sites.

**Important:** Note the following recommendations regarding other processes that may not be running:

- Check the Application Server for core files.
- If the Application Server has a core file, contact Cisco Services.

**Note:** Cisco Services may request that you send the core file to them for analysis.

Use the **appControl** utility to restart the stopped process(s).

## Recent EC Corefiles (last 2 days)

The data in the Recent EC Corefiles (last 2 days) field lists any core files saved to the EC within the last 48 hours.

**Note:** A core file indicates that a process on the EC failed unexpectedly.

**Important:** Call Cisco Services if the Recent EC Corefiles (last 2 days) section lists any core files. Cisco Services may request that you send the core file to them for analysis.

## Recent App Server Corefiles (last 2 days)

The data in the Recent App Server Corefiles (last 2 days) field lists any core files saved to the Application Server within the last 48 hours.

**No Cisco application server:** Ignore any application server-related errors at these sites.

**Note:** A core file indicates that a process on the Application Server failed unexpectedly.

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**Important:** Call Cisco Services if the Recent App Server Corefiles (last 2 days) section lists any core files. Cisco Services may request that you send the core file to them for analysis.

### DNS Check

The data in the DNS Check field reports whether the Domain Name Service (DNS) is running on the EC.

- The system lists **OK** when the DNS is not running
- The system lists **Info** when the DNS is running

### Force Tune / Valid Service Check

The data in the Force Tune/Valid Service Check field lists all force-tune service IDs in the system that do not correspond to a valid SAM service. If the Doctor Report lists a service ID that is not associated with a valid service, reconfigure the service ID so that it is associated with a valid service.

- If a SARA Application Server exists on the system and has a valid SAM service ID, the message **OK: All force tune service ids are valid SAM services** displays. Otherwise, an error message displays.
- If a SARA Application Server does not exist on the system and if a non-SAM service EAS force-tune is not enabled, the **CISCO App Server not installed or not available** message displays.
- If a SARA Application Server does not exist on the system and if a non-SAM service EAS force-tune is enabled, then the force-tune source ID is validated. If it is valid, the message **OK: All force tune ids are valid** displays. Otherwise, an error message displays.

### EC License Check

The data in the EC License Check field reveals whether the following EC optional features are licensed or unlicensed:

- EAS FIPS Code Filtering
- DOCSIS DHCT Support
- Enhanced VOD Session Throughput
- VOD Session Encryption
- Distributed DNCS
- Open Cable Applications Platform (OCAP)

**Note:** Contact Cisco Services to obtain licensing for a feature.

## Unused SAM URL Check

The Unused SAM URL Check field provides a warning and a recommendation to run the `chkSamUrl` utility when the size of the `bulk.tbl` file is in danger of growing too large.

If the `bulk.tbl` file grows too large, DHCTs may reboot and display a black screen.

## EC File Size Check

The EC File Size Check field lists files 50 MB or larger in the `/dvs/dnacs/tmp`, `/var/log`, and `/tmp` directories on the EC.

If all files are under 50 MB, the following message appears:

```
OK: All files under 50M.
```

## Last Logging Time Stamp for Selected Processes

The Last Logging Time Stamp for Selected Processes field reports the current time and the timestamp associated with the last time the `emmDistributor` and `camAuditor` processes wrote to their respective logfiles.

You can compare the timestamps with the current time to determine whether the `emmDistributor` and `camAuditor` processes are running properly.

**Note:** The timestamp should not be more than a few minutes behind the current time. If you notice that the timestamp associated with the logfiles is more than 15 minutes behind the current time, contact Cisco Services.

## DHCT Status Summary

The data in the DHCT Status Summary field provides a status summary of all DHCTs in the database.

## DHCT Type Summary

The data in the DHCT Type Summary field summarizes the number of DHCTs in the database, using each unique combination of DHCT type, revision, OUI, and software table of contents file (if any).

The system also reports the number of DHCTs in the database of type NULL.

**Note:** A DHCT of type NULL represents a DHCT that has no record in the database, but has attempted to sign onto the system.

**Important:** Call Cisco Services if you have a large number of DHCTs with a type of NULL, relative to system size.

## DHCTs with EMMs Expiring in 15 days

The data in the DHCTs with EMMs Expiring in 15 days field lists the MAC addresses of up to 50 DHCTs in the database that have EMMs set to expire within 15 days.

### Notes:

- If the number of DHCTs with EMMs set to expire within 15 days exceeds 50, the system creates a file containing a complete list of those DHCTs.
- The file is called `emms.expiring.soon` and is found in the `/dvs/dncs/Utilities/doctor` directory.

**Important:** Call Cisco Services if you have any DHCTs with EMMs set to expire within 15 days.

## EMM Distributor Cycle Summary

The EMM Distributor Cycle Summary field shows data from the `emmDistributor` process at two moments in time:

- Just before the start of a cycle
- At end of a cycle

Data pertaining to the start of a cycle (which is actually shown in the second block of output), **EMM Distributor Cycle Start**, lists the parameters that the `emmDistributor` process uses to calculate the expected cycle duration. Additionally, a summary of the allocation of bridges (and associated DHCT population numbers) to `emmDistributor` threads also displays.

The second snapshot, **EMM Distributor Cycle Complete**, displays data that was captured as the cycle completes. This data contrasts the expected cycle completion time to the actual cycle completion time.

## Localization (Zip +4) Info

This field lists all the localization groups and the bridges they contain. The Group Key is the Zip+4 code for the group.

Localization groups are required to distribute EMMs efficiently, especially for one-way STBs. Mapping is done from the Web UI and the Doctor Report reports the present configuration.

### **CPE Localization Groups and Devices information**

The CPE Localization Groups and Devices information section presents the following totals:

- Number of localization groups defined in the system
- Number of localization groups that have no out-of-band bridge (OOBB) members associated with the group
- Number of devices associated with groups that contain members
- Number of devices associated with localization codes that are not defined in the system
- Number of all In-Service One-Way devices that are unassigned
- Number of all In-Service Two-Way boxes that are unassigned
- Number of all In-Service Two-Way boxes that are assigned
- Number of localization groups associated with each OOBB

### **VER, OS and ResApp files**

The data in the VER, OS and ResApp files field lists all software table of contents (VER), operating system (OS), and resident application (RES APP) files loaded on to the EC.

### **CVT Configuration Check**

The data in the CVT Configuration Check field includes the names and sizes of all of the DHCT image files loaded onto the system. In addition, the CVT Configuration Check field lists all of the DHCT groups that currently have DHCT download assignments.

### **Active Elements**

The data in the Active Elements field reports the number of active QAMs (for example, MQAM, GQAM, GQIQAM), QPSK modulators and demodulators, netcrypts, hubs, headends, channel maps, service groups, PCGs and CMTSs on the EC.

## DHCT counts per QPSK/CMTS Bridge

The data in the DHCT counts per QPSK/CMTS Bridge field lists the number of DHCTs that communicate with each QPSK modulator and demodulator and CMTS bridge in the system.

In addition, under the Node Set Name/HCT Count subheading, the field lists all of the defined node sets on the system and the number of DHCTs assigned to each node set.

## Offline QAMs

The data in the Offline QAMs field lists any QAM modulator listed in the database as offline.

## Offline PCGs

The data in the Offline PCGs field lists any PCG listed in the database as offline.

## Online QAMs with null keycertificates Check

This field identifies those QAM modulators that have an Admin status of Online, but do not have key certificates.

## Mod Slot Tolerance

The data in the Mod Slot Tolerance field confirms that the slot tolerances of all QPSK modulators is 2.2 microseconds.

**Important:** If the system reports a QPSK modulator with a slot tolerance that is not 2.2 microseconds, change the slot tolerance for that modulator and reset the modulator.

## Sources, Source Definitions, Segments and Sessions

The data in the Sources, Source Definition, Segments and Sessions field lists the number of the following items configured on the EC:

In addition, the Sources, Source Definition, Segments and Sessions section flags as an error source IDs that have multiple segments.

**Note:** Unless your system is configured for analog descrambling, you should have no encrypted analog sources or segments.

## Source Definitions for Active CF Sessions

The data in the Source Definitions for Active CF Sessions field verifies that a source definition exists for each active digital session configured on the EC.

The system records an error for each session that does not have a source definition.

**Important:** If a source definition does not exist for an active session, use the EC user interface to create one.

## Maximum Session Oid Created

Use this field to verify the session OID in the session table. A warning message displays if it reaches 1,879,048,192, which is 87 percent of the maximum allowable value (2,147,483,647).

If the maximum allowable value is reached, no more session setups can occur.

## Active Subscription Packages

The data in the Active Subscriber Packages field lists the number of active subscriber packages and the maximum session OID configured on the EC.

## List of Stranded Segments

The data in the List of Stranded Segments field lists the segments that exist in the database but are not present in the EC Web UI.

## In-Band SI\_INSERT\_RATE Check

The data in the SI\_INSERT\_RATE field lists the calculated and the current value of the SI\_INSERT\_RATE variable.

**Notes:**

- The SI\_INSERT\_RATE variable represents how long it takes for a DHCT to get system information (SI).
- The calculated value is based on the number of hubs and virtual channel table (VCT) entries.
- The Doctor Report verifies that the current value of the SI\_INSERT\_RATE variable is 100 percent of the calculated value. A rate of 0 (zero) indicates that SI is only being sent out-of-band.
- The Doctor Report also verifies that the SI\_INSERT\_RATE variable is spelled correctly and is shown with all capital letters in the EC .profile file.

**Important:** Note these important points about the SI\_INSERT\_RATE variable:

- If the system reports that the current SI\_INSERT\_RATE variable is less than 100 percent of the calculated variable, contact Cisco Services for assistance.
- If the system reports that the SI\_INSERT\_RATE variable is misspelled in the .profile file, use a text editor to correct the spelling.

## SI Out-of-band Interval

The SI Out-of-band Interval lists how often out-of-band data is sent to DHCTs.

## System Time Message Delivery

If the logLvl flag **+DE** is set for the siManager process, the data in the System Time Message Delivery field confirms whether the system time message (STM) has been sent to DHCTs within the past 12 seconds.

**Important:** If the Doctor Report reports that STMs are not being delivered every 12 seconds, use the dnscsControl utility to restart the siManager process.

## Distinguished SI QAM

The data in the Distinguished SI QAM field identifies the QAM modulator that is used by DHCTs for SI retrieval and the IP address of that QAM modulator.

**Notes:**

- A candidate for the Distinguished QAM is any QAM that is not associated with a hub.
- If the qamManager logs are not available, the QAM frequency, the QAM IP address, and the QAM name display as UNKNOWN.
- This field is not applicable if the SI\_INSERT\_RATE=0 (when SI is being transmitted out-of-band).

## QAMs Not Associated With either a Hub or Service Group

The data in the QAMs Not Associated with either a Hub or Service Group field lists those QAM modulators that are not associated with a hub or a service group.

Unless a QAM is configured to deliver SI, it should be associated with a hub.

## Duplicate QAM Frequencies Within Service Groups

The data in the Duplicate QAM Frequencies within service groups field lists any QAM modulator configured with a frequency used by another QAM modulator in the same service group.

## Duplicate QAM Frequencies Within Hubs

The data in the Duplicate QAM Frequencies within hubs field lists any QAM modulator configured with a frequency used by another QAM modulator within the same hub.

## Netcrypt Information

The Netcrypt Information field provides data concerning the Netcrypt Bulk Encryptor.

## Timezone and Daylight Savings Time Check

The data in the Timezone and Daylight Savings Time Check field summarizes the time zone and daylight savings time (DST) settings for hubs and DHCTs.

**Note:** The DHCT Summary section should show **Follow hub** in the columns **Timezone Offset** and **DST Observed**.

**Important:** If the DHCT Summary section shows **Yes** or **No** in the **DST Observed** column, contact Cisco Services for assistance in configuring all DHCTs to follow the time of the hub to which they belong.

## PPV Services and Events

The data in the PPV Services and Events field reports the number of active PPV services and the total number of PPV events defined on the system. In addition, this section reports the number of PPV events inside the various Marketing, Advertising, Buy (GBAM), and Event windows.

**No Cisco application server:** Ignore any application server-related errors at these sites.

## PPV and SAM Service Discrepancies Found

The data in the PPV and SAM Service Discrepancies field verifies that the PPV service data for active PPV services matches the associated SAM service data.

**No Cisco application server:** Ignore any application server-related errors at these sites.

**Important:** Resolve discrepancies by using the EC user interface to modify the incorrect PPV services. Call Cisco Services if you need assistance.

## PPV Event Use Service Information

The data in the PPV Event Use Service Information field verifies that the event use service (EUS) for each active PPV service is an active, encrypted digital service.

**No Cisco application server:** Ignore any application server-related errors at these sites.

**Important:** If the EUS for each active PPV service is not an active, encrypted digital service, call Cisco Services for assistance in making the necessary corrections.

## PPV File Check

The data in the PPV File Check field verifies the following two conditions:

- The files (**advance0**, **immediate**, **index**, and **services0**) in the /dvs/appFiles directory have been updated within the last hour.

**Note:** On a live system, this is a general health indicator of PPV service because it confirms that the **ppvServer** and **ppvFileserver** processes are regularly updating PPV files.

- All events in the **immediate** file are also in the **advance0** file.

**No Cisco application server:** Ignore any application server-related errors at these sites.

**Important:** If the Doctor Report indicates an error, call Cisco Services for assistance in making any necessary corrections.

## PPV Events phoneactivetime Check

The data in the PPV Events phoneactivetime Check field verifies that the **phoneactivetime** parameter for all PPV events is a meaningful value and that the base time in the PPV files is appropriate.

Infrequently, a problem in defining PPV events from a billing system results in a **phoneactivetime** of zero, which leads to a false PPV base time.

**No Cisco application server:** Ignore any application server-related errors at these sites.

**Important:** If the Doctor Report indicates an error, call Cisco Services for assistance in making any necessary corrections.

## EUT Update Check

The data in the EUT Update Check field verifies that the entitlement unit table (EUT) has been updated.

EUT updates should occur when the EC has IPPV events that are beginning and ending. EUT updates indicate that the camPsm process on the EC is functioning properly. If there are no IPPV events, it is normal for there to be no EUT update.

The EUT file updates when subscription packages change.

## EUT Package EIDs and ECMs Check

The data in this field verifies that each source is receiving the proper number of entitlement control messages (ECMs).

## GBAM Delivery

Assuming that logLvl **camPsm.cam + DE** has been executed, the data in the GBAM Delivery field verifies that time of day (TOD) and purchase GBAMs are delivered.

### Notes:

- Purchase GBAMs can be verified only if there are PPV events with an open Buy window.
- Ideally, purchase GBAMs are delivered every 20 seconds and TOD GBAMs every 15 seconds. However, the Doctor Report verifies that these GBAMs have been delivered within the previous 60 seconds.

**Important:** If the Doctor Report indicates that GBAMs are not being delivered in a timely manner, call Cisco Services.

## BFS Carousel and OSM Sessions Status

The data in the BFS Carousel and OSM Sessions Status field reports on the status of the BFS carousels and the OSM sessions.

The output identifies whether carousels are inband (IB) or out-of-band (OOB), the source ID, the operational status of the carousels, the data rate, the amount of data carried, the indication interval of each carousel, the enabled state, and the total time required for each carousel to transmit all its data in one cycle (ACCT).

Additionally, the output lists the aggregate data rate for the inband and out-of-band carousels, which does not include data rates for disabled sources. This field reports for site EC as well as any remote site, if applicable.

## BFS Session Status

The data in the BFS Session Status field verifies the following conditions:

- All BFS sources have an active session
- All sessions have a defined source

**Important:** If a BFS source does not have an active session, or if all sessions do not have a defined source, you have to create them. Call Cisco Services if you need help in creating a session or a source.

**No Cisco Application Server:** Sites that do not use the Cisco Application Server are likely to see SARA- or Vantage-related BFS sessions disabled. This is normal.

## BFS Database Metadata and File System Check

The BFS Database Metadata and File System Check field shows available BFS cabinets (also known as, BFS carousels), their links, files, directories, and subdirectories for all available sites.

## Miscellaneous BFS Check

The data in the Miscellaneous BFS Check field verifies the following conditions:

- No more than one data Carousel process is running for a given BFS source.
- All BFS source definitions are present and are not duplicated.  
**Note:** If a BFS source definition is not present, the source definition is not in SI and the DHCT is unable to tune to that carousel.
- No BFS source is encrypted.

**Important:** Note these important points about errors in the Miscellaneous BFS Check field:

- Refer to *Recommendations for Data Carousel Rate Management Technical Bulletin* (part number 700-716377-01), or your appropriate upgrade installation instructions, for assistance in setting data rates.
- Rovi sites, or sites running interactive applications (VOD, games, and so on), may generate data rate errors. Refer to the previously mentioned document for assistance in setting data rates.

## IPG Collector Report

The data in the IPG Collector Report field reports on the success or failure of the last running of the IPG Collector process.

**Important:** If your data reveals that the IPG Collector failed to run, verify that you can log onto the site of your content provider. You may have network issues preventing the IPG Collector from running.

**No Cisco Application Server:** Ignore any application server-related errors at these sites.

## IPG Data Files

The data in the IPG Data Files field verifies that the number of days of IPG data files on the system matches the number specified in the `ipgcollectconfig` table in the database. Additionally, the data in the IPG Data Files field reports the size of the IPG data files.

**No Cisco application server:** Ignore any application server-related errors at these sites.

**Important:** Note these important points about errors in the IPG Data Files field:

- You may not have your IPG services mapped correctly.
- Your content provider may not be providing you with data for the channels you need.
- The content provider may be posting files after your IPG Collector runs. You may need to reschedule the time you run the IPG Collector.
- If IPG data files are smaller than expected, your IPG provider probably did not create or post your files correctly. Contact your IPG provider.
- Finally, run the `ipgCollector` manually. Use the `appControl` utility to stop and restart the `ipgServer` process on the Application Server.

**Note:** IPG data files typically are large files (100 KB). Small files are therefore flagged as errors.

## CVT Multicast

There are four sections of the Doctor report for monitoring the multicast CVT feature:

- CVT status
- QAM CVT Mode - Lists the QAMs in InsertPacket and PID Route mode
- Multicast CVT Bandwidth Config - Shows the bandwidth allowed for multicast CVT
- Multicast CVT PID Route Information and Status - Shows:
  - QAM Names used in multicast CVT
  - QAM Types
  - Route Types
  - Output Ports
  - Multicast IP
  - PID used
  - Bandwidth
  - Status

## Ping All Active Elements

The data in the Ping All Active Elements field reports whether the communication path between the EC and the following system devices is active:

- All active QAM-family modulators
- All active QPSK modulators (Ethernet and RF)
- TED device
- Netcrypt server
- Interactive session server
- All active PCGs

**Important:** If the Doctor Report reports an error, complete the following tasks to troubleshoot the error:

- Visually check that the device is powered on and that the cabling is secure.
- Use a network analyzer to confirm that IP traffic is reaching the device.
- Reboot the device.

## Special Use Cases for the Doctor Report

### One-to-One Relationship Between DHCTs and Serial Numbers

The Doctor Report includes the `-x` option (`doctor -x`). Through the `-x` option, you can confirm that each DHCT is in the system with a single serial number. If errors are found, they are listed.

If you detect errors, work with Cisco Services to address them.

### Check for Quarantined Modulators

The Doctor Report includes the `-q` option (`doctor -q`). Through the `-q` option, you can ping the QAM, MQAM, GQAM, and GoQAM modulators and test the remote procedure call (RPC) connection between the modulators and the EC.

Sites using VOD and SDV should run this check daily. Modulators that are quarantined or listed as offline should be investigated and the problems that caused them to be quarantined should be addressed.

### Clean Up Old Doctor Reports

The Doctor Report includes the `-c` option (`doctor -c`). The system generates and stores a new Doctor Report each time the utility is run. Over time, these stored reports can fill the hard drive. Running the Doctor Report with the `-c` option, followed by the number of files you want to keep, removes old reports.

**Example:** Keeps 100 existing report.

```
[dncs@berlin3 doctor]$ doctor -c100
```



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## Identify and Correct Database Problems with the checkDB Script

### Introduction

The checkDB script identifies and corrects various potential problems in the EC database. This chapter describes some of the potential database problems identified by the checkDB script and provides instructions for running the script.

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## Overview of the checkDB Script

### Types of Database Problems

The following list identifies some of the potential problems that the checkDB script identifies:

- DHCT records in the EC database that do not have serial numbers.

**Notes:**

- DHCTs are required to have serial numbers. DHCT serial numbers are now used mainly with third-party applications such as the video-on-demand application.
- If the output of the checkDB script shows that you have DHCTs in your database without serial numbers, you can contact Cisco Services to assign serial numbers to those DHCTs.

- Records in various tables in the EC database that do not have required corresponding records in other tables.

**Notes:**

- Records that do not have required corresponding records in other tables are known as *orphaned* records.
- You can configure the checkDB script to automatically remove orphaned records from the EC database.

- DHCTs with a status of in-service that have EMMs ready to expire.

**Note:** The checkDB.sh script prompts you to either restage or delete DHCTs with EMMs ready to expire.

- Sites are likely to experience a problem due to the EC generating duplicate subscription EMMs. (This is a very rare condition and is included in the checkDB utility as a precaution.)

**Notes:**

- The checkDB script identifies this condition through the Highest eu\_eid used for subscription pkgs field.
- Sites where this value exceeds 220 should report this condition to Cisco Services.

## Prerequisite

Make sure that you have a current backup of your EC database before running the checkDB script with the **-f** or **-F** options.

Refer to the appropriate copy of the backup and restore procedures for detailed instructions on how to back up the EC database.

**Note:** The checkDB script makes no database changes when run with no options or with the **-v** option. The script may change the database when run with the **-f** or **-F** options. Refer to *Run the checkDB Script* (on page 34) for additional information concerning the options associated with the checkDB script.

## The deleteDhct Utility

When used with the **-f** or **-F** options, the checkDB script calls the deleteDhct utility to delete DHCT, CableCARD modules, and CableCARD host records from the database.

The logic of the checkDB script is such that all references to the deleteDhct utility occur automatically; no user intervention is required.

The deleteDhct utility completely deletes these device records from the EC database. It deletes a single record or all records in a list containing MAC addresses in a text file.

The logic in the deleteDhct utility is very good at finding all database rows in all the different tables that contain or used to contain records for the specified device(s).

The deleteDhct utility deletes orphaned records. While orphaned DHCT records are less common now than they have been in the past, at one time duplicate database rows were generated for RMA DHCTs when they were returned from repair with a changed secure\_micro address.

## Run the checkDB Script

The checkDB script examines the following tables in your EC database for possible error conditions:

- emm
- pdkeycertificate
- secure\_micro
- sm\_pkg\_auth
- hct\_profile
- pdsernummap
- sm\_auth\_profile

You can run the checkDB script in three possible modes:

- **Default mode (with no options)** – Generate a detailed report listing possible error conditions in the database. In default mode, the script does not correct any error conditions it finds. The script merely generates a report listing potential error conditions.
- **Fix mode** – Automatically delete certain orphaned records from the database. In "fix" mode (with the *-f* or *-F* option), the script generates a report listing potential error conditions and lists any changes it made to the database as a result of running the script in "fix" mode.  
**Important:** We recommend that you run the script with no options before running the script with one of the "fix" mode options.
- **-v option** – Display only the version number of the checkDB script.

### Running the checkDB Script with No Options

Running the checkDB script with no options generates a detailed report that lists possible error conditions in the database.

- 1 As **dncs** user, type the following command to check the tables in the database.  

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ checkDB.sh
```

**Note:** This command creates output files in the `/dvs/dncs/Utilities` directory.

**Output at end of script:**

```
The complete output file is checkDB.180322_1649.txt
The output for check1 is found in checkDB.check1.mac.180322_1649.txt
The output for check2 is found in checkDB.check2.SN.180322_1649.txt
The output for check3 is found in checkDB.check3.KEY.180322_1649.txt
The output for check4 is found in checkDB.check4.SM.180322_1649.txt
The output for check5 is found in checkDB.check5.S_sn.180322_1649.txt
The output for check6 is found in checkDB.check6.SAP.180322_1649.txt
The output for check7 is found in checkDB.check7.SPA.180322_1649.txt
The output for check8 is found in checkDB.check8.CERT.180322_1649.txt
The output for check9 is found in checkDB.check9.emm.180322_1649.txt
The output for check11 is found in checkDB.check11.OLD.180322_1649.txt
The output for check12 is found in checkDB.check12.expEMM.180322_1649.txt
The output for check14 is found in checkDB.check14.sSN.180322_1649.txt
```

- 2 Type the following command to view the complete output.

**Command Syntax:**

```
less checkDB.[DATE_TIME].txt
```

**Example:**

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ less checkDB.180108_1142.txt
```

- 3 Refer to *Sample Logfile* (next in this section) and *Analysis of Logfile* (on page 38) as you examine the logfile created by the checkDB script.

**Notes:**

- Press the **spacebar** to page through the output file.
- Press **Q** to close the output file when you are finished.

**Sample Logfile**

The following example of the logfile contains line numbers. Line numbers do not actually appear in the logfile, but are included here to facilitate an explanation of some of the items contained in the logfile.

```
1  checkDB.sh script starts
   -----
2  # The total number of rows in hct_profile =    290.
3  # The total number of rows in secure_micro =    68.
4  # Highest eu_eid used for subscription pkgs=    12.
5  # DHCT Registration is set to 'Administrative Gateway'.
6  # Check 1: Boxes with no Serial Number (missing rows in pdsernummap)
7  # There are 15 MAC addresses with No DHCT Serial Number
8  # Rows defining SN/MAC should be added for these boxes in 'pdsernummap'
9  00:1B:D7:4E:26:D1
   00:21:BE:A8:F1:7D
   00:21:BE:94:4D:48
   00:21:BE:91:3C:70
   00:1B:D7:4E:26:0E
   00:21:BE:38:3D:AF
   00:21:BE:2E:26:B6
   00:01:A6:4F:DC:4E
   00:1B:D7:7D:2F:90
```

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```
00:21:BE:1D:97:B3
00:21:BE:2E:5E:9E
00:21:BE:D9:A8:89
54:D4:6F:96:01:76
00:21:BE:07:C0:20
00:21:BE:20:4E:EB
#####
10 # Check 2: list of SN/MACs that should NOT be in pdsernummap
11 #
12 # There are 0 SN/MAC matches that should be deleted from 'pdsernummap'
#####
13 # Check 3: Boxes with no KeyCertificate (missing rows in pdkeycertificate)#
14 # There are 15 boxes with no 'pdkeycertificate'
15 # These boxes are essentially 'dead'
16 # They can not be activated because they have no certificate
17 # (Verify and use the 'deleteDhct' utility to delete these.)
18 00:1B:D7:4E:26:D1
00:21:BE:A8:F1:7D
00:21:BE:94:4D:48
00:21:BE:91:3C:70
00:1B:D7:4E:26:0E
00:21:BE:38:3D:AF
00:21:BE:2E:26:B6
00:01:A6:4F:DC:4E
00:1B:D7:7D:2F:90
00:21:BE:1D:97:B3
00:21:BE:2E:5E:9E
00:21:BE:D9:A8:89
54:D4:6F:96:01:76
00:21:BE:07:C0:20
00:21:BE:20:4E:EB
#####
19 # Check 4: List of secure_micro rows orphaned by macaddr
20 #
21 # There are 0 secure_micro rows with mac_addr not in 'hct_profile'
#####
22 # Check 5: List of secure_micro rows with SMSN not in hct_profile
23 #
24 # There are 0 secure_micro MACs with sm_serial_num not in 'hct_profile'
#####
25 # Check 6: List of sm_auth_profile rows with no secure_micro parent
26 #
```

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```
27 # There are 0 sm_auth_profile rows with no secure_micro parent
#####
28 # Check 7: List of SMSNs from sm_pkg_auth with no sm_auth_profile
29 #
30 # There are 0 sm_pkg_auth SMSNs with no sm_auth_profile counterpart.
#####
31 # Check 8: Count of KeyCertificates with no parent DHCT or QAM
32 # There are 2 pdkeycertificates having no parent DHCT or QAM.
33 # These rows should be deleted from 'pdkeycertificate'
34 # ... Use caution not to delete the seven starter keys!
35 # ... Do not delete certs for QAMs with encrypted sessions!
36 # (Delete rows with oidval in checkDB.check8.CERT.180322_1649.txt)
#####
37 # Check 9: List of EMMs with no parent hct_profile row
38 #
39 # There are 0 boxes having EMMs with MAC address not in 'hct_profile'
#####
40 # Check 10: Check for orphaned authorizations
41 #
42 # No orphaned authorizations exist...
#####
43 # Check 11: List of 90-day old Boxes still not fully staged
44 #
45 # There are 0 boxes with no 'secure_micro', but with very-old EMMs.
#####
46 # Check 12: List of Boxes with expiring EMMs today or within 4 days from
today
47 #
48 # There are 0 'In-Service' boxes with 'almost-expired' EMMs.
#####
49 # Check 13: Check for hctt 'oui', 'id', and 'revision' parameters
50 #
51 # 2 boxes have NULL in the hctt_oiu, _id, or _revision parameters!
52 # (Number of NULLs is less than 1%)
#####
53 # Check 14: List of MAC addresses with null hct_se_serial_num
54 #
55 # There are 15 boxes with no secure serial number
```

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```

56 # All STBs having these MAC addresses should be deleted
00:1B:D7:4E:26:D1
00:21:BE:A8:F1:7D
00:21:BE:94:4D:48
00:21:BE:91:3C:70
00:1B:D7:4E:26:0E
00:21:BE:38:3D:AF
00:21:BE:2E:26:B6
00:01:A6:4F:DC:4E
00:1B:D7:7D:2F:90
00:21:BE:1D:97:B3
00:21:BE:2E:5E:9E
00:21:BE:D9:A8:89
54:D4:6F:96:01:76
00:21:BE:07:C0:20
00:21:BE:20:4E:EB

```

### Analysis of File

Refer to the preceding logfile as you read through this analysis. Your logfiles are likely to contain similar points of interest.

Analysis of checkDB Logfile	
Line Numbers	Explanation
Lines 2 and 3	Lines 2 and 3 indicate how many records exist in the hct_profile and secure_micro tables in the database.
Line 4	Line 4 indicates the maximum value for subscription packages in the eu_eid column in the package table.  <b>Important:</b> Sites where this value exceeds 220 should report this condition to Cisco Services.
Line 5	Line 5 reports registration configuration. Options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Open Registration</li> <li>■ Administrative Gateway</li> </ul> We recommend using Administrative Gateway to prevent DHCTs from being added to your system without your knowledge.
Lines 6 - 9	These lines identify DHCTs that are in the database without serial numbers. Line 7 indicates that there are 15 DHCTs in the database without a serial number. Line 9 lists them.  Contact Cisco Services if your logfile indicates that you have DHCTs in the database without serial numbers. Cisco Services will retrieve the list from your EC and insert the correct serial numbers into your database.

Analysis of checkDB Logfile	
Line Numbers	Explanation
Lines 10 - 12	These lines identify 0 DHCTs with serial number and MAC address entries in the pdsernummap table, but without a required corresponding entry in the hct_profile table. If there were, the checkDB script concludes that these are orphaned records and recommends that they be deleted.
Lines 13 - 18	These lines report if there are DHCTs without a key certificate. Line 14 indicates that 15 DHCTs do not have a key certificate and cannot be activated. It is recommended that you delete these DHCTs using the deleteDhct utility. Line 18 lists the DHCTs.
Line 19 - 21	These lines report that there are no orphaned records in the secure_micro table with respect to the MAC address.
Lines 22 - 24	These lines report that there are no entries in the secure_micro table of set-tops that have no SMSN (secure micro serial number) entries in the hct_profile table. If there were, the checkDB script concludes that these are orphaned records and recommends that they be deleted.
Lines 25 - 27	These lines indicate that there are no orphaned records in the sm_auth_profile and the sm_pkg_auth tables with respect to the secure_micro table.
Lines 28-30	These lines indicate that there are no orphaned records in the sm_auth_profile and the sm_pkg_auth tables with respect to the secure_micro table.
Lines 31 - 36	<p>These lines indicate that two pdkeycertificates have no parent DHCT or QAM and should be deleted from the pdkeycertificate table. Delete the records listed by oidval in the checkDB.check8.CERT.180322_1649.txt file.</p> <p><b>Important:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Use caution not to delete the seven starter keys.</li> <li>■ Do not delete certificates for QAMs with encrypted sessions.</li> </ul>
Lines 37 - 39	These lines report that there are no set-tops having EMMs with a MAC address that are not in the hct_profile table.
Lines 40 - 42	These lines indicate that there are no orphaned authorization records in the database.
Lines 43 - 45	These line report that there are no 90-day old set-tops with very old EMMs in the secure_micro table.
Lines 46 - 48	These lines report that there are 0 'In-Service' boxes with 'almost-expired' EMMs.

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Analysis of checkDB Logfile	
Line Numbers	Explanation
Lines 49 - 52	<p>These lines indicate that there are 2 set-top entries in the <code>hct_profile</code> table with NULL values in the <code>hctt_oui</code>, <code>hctt_id</code>, or <code>hctt_revision</code> fields. These NULL values result from running a script for handling mismatched hardware type errors.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> When the quantity of set-tops with NULL values in the previously mentioned fields exceeds 1 percent of the set-tops in the <code>hct_profile</code> table, the checkDB script notifies you.</p>
Lines 53 - 56	<p>These lines list the number of DHCTs that have a MAC address but do not have an <code>hct_se_serial_num</code> entry. Line 55 indicates that there are 15 DHCTs. Line 56 lists the DHCTs by MAC address. These NULL values result from running a script for handling mismatched hardware type errors.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> When the quantity of set-tops with NULL values in the previously mentioned fields exceeds 1 percent of the set-tops in the <code>hct_profile</code> table, the checkDB script notifies you.</p>

### Running the checkDB Script in "Fix" Mode

Use options `-f` or `-F` to run the checkDB script in "fix" mode. When run in "fix" mode, the script removes certain orphaned records from the database and generates a report that lists potential error conditions.

**Important:** Before running the checkDB script with the `-f` or `-F` options, make sure that you have a current database backup.

- 1 As **root** user, type the following command to change to the `/dvs/dnscs/Utilities` directory:

```
[root@berlin3 ~]# cd /dvs/dnscs/Utilities
```

- 2 Enter the following command to source the environment.

```
[root@berlin3 ~]# . /dvs/dnscs/bin/dnscsSetup
```

- 3 Choose one of the following options:

- Type the following command to run the checkDB script with the `-f` option.

```
[dnscs@berlin3 ~]$ checkDB.sh -f
```

- Type the following command to run the checkDB script with the `-F` option.

```
[dnscs@berlin3 ~]$ checkDB.sh -F
```

- 4 Review the log files created by the script.

### Summary of Conditions Addressed by "Fix" Mode

The following conditions are addressed by running the checkDB script in "fix" mode, using either the *-f* or the *-F* option:

- DHCT serial numbers with missing parent (extra rows in pdsernummap table).
- Records in hct\_profile table with no corresponding record in the pdkeycertificate table.
- Records in secure-micro table (with MAC address or serial number) with no corresponding record in the hct\_profile table.
- Records in sm\_pkg\_auth table with no corresponding record in sm\_auth\_profile table.
- Records in emm table with no corresponding record in hct\_profile table.
- Orphaned authorization packages.

In addition, you can use the *-F* option to remove records in the sm\_auth\_profile table when there is no corresponding record in secure\_micro table.

## Running the checkDB Script to Display the Version

- 1 Open a terminal window on the EC.
- 2 Type the following command to display the version number of the checkDB script installed on your system. The system displays the version number of the checkDB script installed on your system.

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]S checkDB.sh -v
```

### Example Output:

```
checkDB.sh script starts
-----
This is 'checkDB.sh', version : 8.0.10
```



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## Delete Unused SAM URLs with the `chkSamUrl` Utility

### Introduction

Each time a cable service provider registers a service with the Service Application Manager (SAM), the EC assigns the service a unique service ID and, in some cases, a new URL.

These URLs are stored in the `bulk.tbl` file, which is located in the `/dvs/dvsFiles/SAM` directory of the EC.

One of the conditions of the EC that the Doctor Report monitors is the size of the `bulk.tbl` file. If the `bulk.tbl` file grows too large, the SAM server may be unable to generate valid SAM files. DHCTs may then reboot and display a black screen.

The `bulk.tbl` file has a maximum file size limit of 65 KB. The Doctor Report displays a warning when the file size exceeds 45 KB and displays an error message when the file size exceeds 55 KB.

When the Doctor Report displays a warning or an error message about the `bulk.tbl` file growing too large, you should run the `chkSamUrl` utility. The `chkSamUrl` utility allows you to delete unused SAM URLs from the EC, reducing the size of the `bulk.tbl` file.

The instructions in this chapter guide you through the steps of running the `chkSamUrl` utility.

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## Run the chkSamUrl Utility

If the **Unused SAM URL Check** field of the Doctor Report displays a warning or an error message about the size of the bulk.tbl file being too large, you need to run the chkSamUrl utility to delete unused SAM URLs. The instructions in this section guide you through the steps of running the chkSamUrl utility.

**Example:** The following example illustrates a typical warning message from a system where the bulk.tbl file is too large:

```
Unused SAM URL Check
=====
Used URL Entries:      57
Unused Entries:       261

Warning: SIZE of bulk.tbl above threshold

*****
* Reduce file size and unused SAM URLs, run "chkSamUrl -r" *
*****
```

## To Learn More About the chkSamUrl Utility

Follow these instructions to access the help screen:

- 1 As **dncs** user, type the following command to display the help screen for the **chkSamUrl** utility.

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ chkSamUrl -h
```

- 2 Press the **spacebar** to page through the output.

## Running the chkSamUrl Utility

Complete the following instructions to run the chkSamUrl utility in order to delete unused SAM URLs from the system:

- 1 As **dncs** user, type the following command to run the chkSamUrl utility.

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ chkSamUrl -r
```

**Results:**

- The chkSamUrl script runs and the current database statistics appear.
- A confirmation message appears and asks you to confirm the removal of unused SAM URLs.

**Example Output:**

```

%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
Removing unused SAM URLs from the database
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

```

- List current database stats:

```

SAM URL bulk table:      /dvs/dvsFiles/SAM/bulk.tbl
Last Updated:           Jan 19 19:26
Size:                   1661
Used URL Entries:       14
Unused URL Entries:     1

```

Do you wish to continue with removal of unused SAM URLs? [y/n]:

- 2 When prompted to continue, type **y**. The chkSamUrl script runs to completion.

**Note:** If unused URLs were removed from the EC, the bulk.tbl file size will not change at this point in the procedure.

**Example Output:**

- First, backup affected database tables:

DATABASE Table	DATABASE Backup file location
applicationurl	-> /tmp/applicationurl.unl
samservices	-> /tmp/samservices.unl
displaychannels.unl	-> /tmp/displaychannels.unl

- Backups created:

```

-rw-r----- . 1 dncs dncs 1726 Jan 19 19:27 /tmp/applicationurl.unl
-rw-r----- . 1 dncs dncs 40125 Jan 19 19:27 /tmp/displaychannels.unl
-rw-r----- . 1 dncs dncs 85469 Jan 19 19:27 /tmp/samservices.unl

```

- Now removing unused SAM URL entries from the database

```

Database selected.
1 row(s) deleted.
Database closed.

```

- List updated database stats:

```

SAM URL bulk table:      /dvs/dvsFiles/SAM/bulk.tbl
Last Updated:           Jan 19 19:26
Size:                   1661
Used URL Entries:       14
Unused URL Entries:     0

```

```

#####

```

Although the unused SAM URLs have been removed from the database, a SAM services save will need to be performed in order to get the saManager to acknowledge the changes made to the database.

```

#####

```

- 3 Review the updated database statistics, locate the **Size** field, and record the bulk.tbl file size in the following space: \_\_\_\_\_ KB

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- 4 Locate the **Unused URL Entries** field. Were unused URL entries identified and removed from the database?
  - If **yes**, go to the next step.
  - If **no** and the **bulk.tbl** file size is greater than 45 KB, contact Cisco Services.
  - If **no** and the **bulk.tbl** file size is less than 45 KB, go to the next section.
- 5 From the EC Web UI, click the **Navigation** menu and then click **App Interface Modules > SAM Service**. The SAM Service List window appears.
- 6 Use the filter to display SAM services.
- 7 Select a SAM Service and click **Edit**.
- 8 Click **Save**. The SAM service is updated and within 20 minutes the saManager process will update all files with the current system configuration.
- 9 Wait at least 20 minutes and, as **dncs** user in the terminal window, type the following command. The output lists the updates of the current file size and available space in the **bulk.tbl** file.

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ chkSamUrl -l
```

**Note:** The "l" is a lower case L.
- 10 Verify that the new **bulk.tbl** file size is smaller than the file size recorded in Step 3.

**Important:** If the new **bulk.tbl** file size is not smaller than the file size recorded in Step 3, call Cisco Services
- 11 Go to the next section.

### Minimizing the bulk.tbl File Size

- 1 From the EC Web UI, click the **Navigation** menu and then click **App Interface Modules > SAM Service**. The SAM Service List window appears.
- 2 Select the service you want to update and click **Edit**. The Edit SAM Service window opens.
- 3 Record the URL that you are about to edit \_\_\_\_\_, and edit the URL as needed (for example, to change the application version number in the URL).
- 4 Click **Save**. You are returned to the SAM Service List window.
- 5 Is the SAM URL that you modified used by multiple services?
  - If **yes**, repeat Steps 2 through 4 for each of those services and then go to the next step.
  - If **no**, you have completed this procedure.

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## Retrieve CableCARD Data with the getCCdata Utility

### Introduction

The getCCdata utility reports errors and retrieves data that pertains to CableCARD modules.

Examples of the errors reported and the data retrieved include whether the servers that support the CableCARD modules are running and configured correctly, whether the mmi and gfc files are present and configured correctly on the BFS server, and whether CableCARD data is properly represented in the database.

This chapter provides instructions and recommendations on running the getCCdata utility and offers a description of the type of errors and data reported by the utility.

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## More About the getCCdata Utility

### Output From the getCCdata Utility

The getCCdata utility generates output to the screen of the EC, and to two files that are stored in the /tmp directory of the EC.

Output generated to the screen tends to roll quickly off the screen; output recorded in files stored on the EC can be examined at the your convenience.

Output from the getCCdata utility is divided into two parts.

- 1 The first part lists any errors uncovered during examination of the CableCARD-related components of the network.
- 2 The second part provides supporting data for the first part.

Errors uncovered by the getCCdata utility are clearly marked. If the report reveals the presence of an error, you can obtain additional information by examining the supporting data.

The final line of each part of output provides the name (including path) of the files that are written to the EC.

- For the error part, the entry is similar to **The location of the output file is /tmp/CableCardErrors.out.050510\_1424.doc.**
- For the data part, the entry is similar to **The location of the output file is /tmp/CableCardData.out.050510\_1423.doc.**

### When to Run the getCCdata Utility

The getCCdata utility is a troubleshooting tool. We encourage you to run the getCCdata utility daily (similar to the Doctor Report) and focus on data that has changed from day to day.

Cisco Services can help you troubleshoot or interpret the data revealed by the getCCdata utility.

## Run the getCCdata Utility

- 1 As **root** user, enter the following command to set the environment variable.

```
[root@berlin3 ~]# . /dvs/dnccs/bin/dnccsSetup
```

- 2 Type the following command and press **Enter**:

```
[root@berlin3 ~]# getCCdata.ksh
```

The utility runs (this takes a couple of minutes on most systems) and the following menu appears:

```
-----
getCCdata
-----
1 - Report CableCard Errors
2 - Show CableCard Data
3 - Both 1 & 2
-----
Select an Action or
enter q to quit.
-----
```

- 3 Enter one of the following menu options and press **Enter**:
  - **1 - Report CableCard Errors** – the utility performs a check for system errors related to CableCARDS.
  - **2 - Show CableCard Data** – the utility returns data related to CableCARDS.
  - **3 - Both 1 & 2** – the utility performs a check for system errors related to CableCARDS and returns data related to CableCARDS.

### Example Output:

```
CableCardData.out.180323_1015.doc
getCCdata.ksh v8.0.10
EC Version: 8.0.20

Enter a MAC address, using capital letters with colons, or hit enter to
continue.
```

- 4 Perform one of the following tasks:
  - Press **Enter** to perform checks on all CableCARDS.
  - Type the **MAC address** for a specific CableCARD using upper-case letters and colons.

### Example:

```
00:01:5E:0D:FE:D8
```

**Result:** The data is retrieved and saved to a file in the /tmp directory.

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- 5 When prompted, enter another value to run a report against another CableCARD(s) or enter **q** to exit the script.

**Example:**

```
00:01:5E:0D:FE:D8
```

- 6 When prompted, enter another value to run a report against another DHCT with a CableCARD or enter **q** to exit the script.

## Sample Output from the getCCdata Utility

### Sample Logfile

The following example of the logfile contains line numbers. Line numbers do not actually appear in the logfile, but are included here to facilitate an explanation of some of the items contained in the logfile.

#### Example Output:

```

CableCardErrors.out.180323_1035.doc
getCCdata.ksh v8.0.10
EC Version: 8.0.20

****Check 1: CCardServer running:****
#####
dncs      6951  3185  0 Mar20 ?          00:00:00 Logger -g -n
/dvs/dnscs/tmp/CCardServer
dncs      6961  3185  0 Mar20 ?          00:00:18 /dvs/dnscs/bin/CCardServer

****Check 2: CCardServer log files:****
=====
-rw-r-----. 1 dnscs dnscs 1647 Mar 20 12:39 /dvs/dnscs/tmp/CCardServer.000

****Check 3: logLvl setting for applicable processes ****
=====
bfsServer      +EM +AL +CR +ER +WA -NO -IN -DE -PE -PI -ZIP
CCardServer    +EM +AL +CR +ER +WA -NO -IN -DE -PE -PI -ZIP
hctmConfig     +EM +AL +CR +ER +WA -NO -IN -DE -PE -PI -ZIP
hctmInd        +EM +AL +CR +ER +WA -NO -IN -DE -PE -PI -ZIP
hctmMac        +EM +AL +CR +ER +WA -NO -IN -DE -PE -PI -ZIP
hctmProvision  +EM +AL +CR +ER +WA -NO -IN -DE -PE -PI -ZIP
osm            +EM +AL +CR +ER +WA -NO -IN -DE -PE -PI -ZIP
PassThru       +EM +AL +CR +ER +WA -NO -IN -DE -PE -PI -ZIP

****Check 5: apache running:****
=====
dncs      2699      1  1 Mar20 ?          01:03:14 /usr/lib/jvm/jre-1.8.0/bin/java -
Djava.library.path=/dvs/dnscs/lib:/usr/lib64 -
Dorg.apache.tomcat.util.http.Parameters.MAX_COUNT=10000 -DDNCSDB=dnscsdb -
Djava.library.path=/dvs/dnscs/lib:/usr/lib64 -
Dorg.apache.tomcat.util.http.Parameters.MAX_COUNT=10000 -DDNCSDB=dnscsdb -
classpath :/usr/share/tomcat/bin/bootstrap.jar:/usr/share/tomcat/bin/tomcat-
juli.jar:/usr/share/java/commons-daemon.jar -Dcatalina.base=/usr/share/tomcat-
dnscs -Dcatalina.home=/usr/share/tomcat -Djava.endorsed.dirs= -
Djava.io.tmpdir=/var/cache/tomcat-dnscs/temp -
Djava.util.logging.config.file=/usr/share/tomcat-dnscs/conf/logging.properties -
Djava.util.logging.manager=org.apache.juli.ClassLoaderLogManager
org.apache.catalina.startup.Bootstrap start

****Check 6: dbUIServer running:****
=====
dncs      8193  7076  0 Mar20 ?          00:00:04 Logger -g -
n/dvs/dnscs/tmp/dbUIServer
dncs      8194  7076  0 Mar20 ?          00:00:09 dbUIServer 5051 127.0.0.1 196614
1

****Check 8: loghost in /etc/hosts File****
=====

```

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```
*****Check 9: Open Cable Compliant:*****
=====
Scientific-Atlanta|openCableCompliant|0|

*****Check 10: Server Defined on BFS:*****
=====
7d0b800359ed0056bf720930|POD_Data|1|0|
7d0b800395550056bf720930|podServer|1|0|

*****Check 11: CableCard Data on Carousel:*****
=====
/DNCS/POD_Data
/DNCS/POD_Data/8
/DNCS/POD_Data/8/podchan.tblo
/DNCS/POD_Data/gfc.txt
/DNCS/POD_Data/mmi.txt
/DNCS/camPsm/eut
/DNCS/podServer
/DNCS/podServer/podData

*****Check 12: mmi File on BFS:*****
=====
/DNCS/P/DNCS/POD_Data/mmi.txt

*****Check 13: mmi File Contents:*****
=====

*****Check 14: gfc File on BFS:*****
=====
/DNCS/POD_Data/gfc.txt

*****Check 15: gfc File Contents:*****
=====

*****Check 16: Cable Card on Type List:*****
=====
805|10|734|Explorer 0805 version 1.0|Scientific Atlanta|
802|11|734|Explorer 0802 version 1.1|Scientific Atlanta|
802|12|6851|Explorer 802 version 1.2|Scientific Atlanta|
802|12|734|Explorer 0802 version 1.2|Scientific Atlanta|
803|10|734|Explorer 803 version 1.0|Scientific Atlanta|
802|12|8638|Explorer 802 version 1.2|Scientific Atlanta|
802|12|7127|Explorer 802 version 1.2|Scientific Atlanta|
908|10|734|Explorer 908 version 1.0|Scientific Atlanta|
800|12|734|Explorer 0800 version 1.2|Scientific Atlanta|

*****Check 17: Number of Type 600, 800, 801, 802, 803, 805, 908, 928 DHCTs in
hct_profile:*****
=====
802|19.0|
803|89.0|
908|6.0|

*****Check 18: CableCARD Data Summary Count:*****
=====
91.0

*****Check 19: podhostpair table:*****
=====
The podhostpair table data has been redirected to the file podhostpair_table.tmp
in /tmp.

*****Check 20: podcrlhost table:*****
=====
```



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```
sm_pkg_auth data:
1.pkgauth_type|2.pkg_name|3.emm_id|4.sm_serial_num|5.authmap_id|6.auth_id|7.grp_a
uth_id|8.ea_id|9.eu_eid|10.pkgauth_expire_tm|11.pkgauth_evstrt_tm|12.pkgauth_evnt
_dur|13.pkgauth_adm_state

Silver_Pkg|02:08:00:02:5E:EB|4|0|0|2|0|1|2|1997-01-01 00:00:00|1997-01-01
00:00:00|0|0|
Brick|02:08:00:02:5E:EB|4|0|0|1|0|1|1|1997-01-01 00:00:00|1997-01-01
00:00:00|0|0|

*****Check 27: CC Check-Alert Remaining Time(ART) Parameter Not Zero:*****
=====
Event   ART   Config Name
EAT     0     Default
NIC     0     Default
NPT     0     Default
RMT     0     Default
RWT     0     Default
TOA     0     Default
TOR     0     Default
SVA     0     Default

*****Check 28: OSM AutoMux Data:*****
=====
osmAutoMux Environment Variables in .profile:

osmAutoMux.cfg file contents:
/dvs/dvsFiles/OSM/osmAutoMux.cfg: No such file or directory

*****Check 29: NOTE:*****
=====
The location of the output file is /tmp/CableCardData.out.180323_1039.doc.

If you see no issues with the data in this report, then proceed with general EC
troubleshooting, i.e. run doctor etc.

                CableCardErrors.out.180323_1039.doc
                getCCdata.ksh v8.0.10
                EC Version: 8.0.20

*****Check 1: CCardServer running:*****
=====
Yes

*****Check 2: CCardServer log files:*****
=====
Yes:  There are multiple CCardServer log files.

*****Check 3: logLvl setting for applicable processes *****
=====
bfsServer          +EM +AL +CR +ER +WA -NO -IN -DE -PE -PI -ZIP
CCardServer        +EM +AL +CR +ER +WA -NO -IN -DE -PE -PI -ZIP
hctmConfig         +EM +AL +CR +ER +WA -NO -IN +DE -PE -PI -ZIP
hctmInd            +EM +AL +CR +ER +WA -NO -IN -DE -PE -PI -ZIP
hctmMac            +EM +AL +CR +ER +WA -NO -IN -DE -PE -PI -ZIP
hctmProvision      +EM +AL +CR +ER +WA +NO +IN +DE -PE -PI -ZIP
osm                +EM +AL +CR +ER +WA +NO +IN +DE -PE +PI -ZIP
PassThru           +EM +AL +CR +ER +WA +NO +IN +DE -PE +PI -ZIP

*****Check 5: apache running:*****
=====
Yes

*****Check 6: dbUIServer running:*****
=====
Yes
```

## Sample Output from the getCCdata Utility

```
*****Check 8: loghost in /etc/hosts File*****
=====
Error:  There is no entry for loghost in the hosts file.
       This entry depends on network design.

*****Check 9: Open Cable Compliant:*****
=====
Error:  Not Open Cable Compliant

*****Check 10: Server Defined on BFS:*****
=====
Yes

*****Check 11: CableCard Data on Carousel:*****
=====
Yes

*****Check 12: mmi File on BFS:*****
=====
Yes

*****Check 13: mmi File Contents:*****
=====
Error:  mmi.txt does not exist.
wc: /tmp/cbcdmmicontents3: No such file or directory
rm: cannot remove `/tmp/cbcdmmicontents2': No such file or directory
rm: cannot remove `/tmp/cbcdmmicontents3': No such file or directory

*****Check 14: gfc File on BFS:*****
=====
Yes

*****Check 15: gfc File Contents:*****
=====
Error:  gfc.txt does not exist.
diff: /tmp/cbcdgfccontents3: No such file or directory
diff: /tmp/cbcdgfccontents3: No such file or directory

*****Check 16: Cable Card on Type List:*****
=====
Yes:  There is more than one revision of Type 600, 800, 801, 802, 803, 805, 908,
928 DHCT on the Type List.

*****Check 17: Number of Type 600, 800, 801, 802, 803, 805, 908, 928 DHCTs in
hct_profile:*****
=====
802|19.0|
803|89.0|
908|6.0|

*****Check 18: CableCARD Data Summary Count:*****
=====

*****Check 19: podhostpair table:*****
=====
The podhostpair table data has been redirected to the file podhostpair_table.tmp
in /tmp.

*****Check 20: podcrlhost table:*****
=====
0.0

*****Check 21: podcrlpackage table:*****
=====
0.0
```

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```
*****Check 22: podserverconfig table:*****
=====
Error: IP

*****Check 23: pod/CC in msgserverclass table:*****
=====
Yes

*****Check 24: Files in podServer:*****
=====
Yes

*****Check 25: CVT Data:*****
=====
Yes

*****Check 26: DHCT MAC=00:1B:D7:4E:25:FE Provisionsing Data:*****
=====
03/23/2018
10:39:26.035|6654/6654/0xf773d700|SYSLOG|libloggingApi:LogService.C(214)|Program
started tellDhct

# MACaddress      SM_serial_num  admin op OUI Model Rev mod dmod      IP
IPV6
00:1B:D7:4E:25:FE 02:08:00:02:5E:EB IS_2W 1 2DE 803 10 -- -- --
--

03/23/2018
10:39:26.060|6654/6654/0xf773d700|SYSLOG|libloggingApi:LogService.C(808)|Process
6654 exiting.

*****Check 27: CC Check-Alert Remaining Time(ART) Parameter Not Zero:*****
=====
Error

*****Check 28: OSM AutoMux Data:*****
=====
N/A

*****Check 29: NOTE:*****
=====
The location of the output file is /tmp/CableCardErrors.out.180323_1039.doc.

If you see no issues with the data in this report, then proceed with general EC
troubleshooting, i.e. run doctor etc.
```

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## Troubleshoot the EAS with the getEASdata Utility

### Introduction

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) established the Emergency Alert System (EAS) in 1994 as a tool for government officials to quickly transmit important emergency information that is targeted to specific geographical areas. Digital cable system operators need a reliable EAS at their headend to make sure that their subscribers receive national, state, and local warning messages about emergency conditions.

The getEASdata utility ensures the reliability of your EAS. The utility helps you troubleshoot your EAS by reporting EAS-related errors and retrieving data associated with system components that pertain to the EAS.

Some of the EAS-related data retrieved by the getEASdata utility are:

- Emergency Alert Controller (EAC) network configuration
- Emergency Alert Receiver (EAR) and Multi-Media Message (MMM) Server processes  
**Note:** The EAR server monitors and receives EAS-related messages and then passes the messages to the MMM server for formatting and processing.
- Files in the /home/easftp directory
- Files converted to audio interchange file format (AIFF) and loaded onto the broadcast file server (BFS) carousel  
**Note:** Files in AIFF are high-quality sound files.
- EAS timing data

**Important:** The use of the getEASdata utility is only intended for those sites that use the EC for EAS messages.

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## When to Use the getEASdata Utility

The getEASdata utility is a troubleshooting tool. Use the getEASdata utility if you discover that EAS messages are not displaying on test DHCTs in the headend within five minutes of transmitting the EAS message.

**Note:** Refer to *Before Running the getEASdata Utility* (on page 60) for additional system requirements for the getEASdata utility to be useful.

## Before Running the getEASdata Utility

### These Conditions Must Exist on Your System

Before you run the getEASdata utility, the following system conditions must be true:

- The EC is used for EAS functionality.
- The MMMServer debug flag must be checked in the logging Web UI on the EC.

Select	Program Name	ALL	Emergency	Alert	Critical	Error	Warning	Notice	Info	Debug
<input type="radio"/>	MMMServer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								

**Note:** Refer to the online help for your system release for assistance in setting tracing levels.

- You have successfully sent EAS messages in the past. The getEASdata utility is a troubleshooting tool. Use the getEASdata utility only if you know that the EAS has worked successfully in the past.
- It has been at least five minutes and less than 15 minutes since you transmitted an EAS message. It sometimes takes up to five minutes for EAS data to reach the necessary system components. EAS data typically remains in the system for up to 15 minutes.
- You know the MAC or IP address of a test DHCT in the headend that should have received the EAS message.
- You know which DHCT diagnostic screen displays EAS-related data.

## Run the getEASdata Utility

The getEASdata utility generates the following two reports:

- **EAS Error Report** – highlights errors that the utility discovers in its examination of the EAS configuration.
- **EAS Data Report** – displays EAS configuration data that you can examine to identify the source of the error.

Our engineers recommend that system operators generate each report whenever you run the getEASdata utility, even if the EAS Error Report shows no errors. Examining the EAS configuration data may be useful in preventing errors before they develop.

The remainder of this section provides procedures for generating the EAS Error Report and the EAS Data Report.

### Running the getEASdata Utility

- 1 As **dncs** user, enter the following command to run the **getEASdata** utility. The utility displays a menu instructing you to select 1 to generate an EAS Error Report or to select 2 to generate an EAS Data Report.

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ getEASdata.ksh
-----
      getEASdata
-----
1 - Report EAS Errors
2 - Show EAS Data
-----
Select an Action or
enter q to quit.
-----
```

- 2 Type **1** (for Report EAS Errors) and press **Enter**. The utility displays a confirmation message about several conditions that must be true before you should run the report.

```
-----
Execute this selection if:
(a) The debug flag L is set in .profile on the EC.
(b) You have successfully sent EAS messages in the past.
(c) An EAS message was sent from the EAC more than 5 minutes ago.
(d) It is more than 5 minutes and less than 15 minutes
    since the message was sent.
(e) The message has not displayed on the DHCTs.
(f) The DHCT IP is pingable and cmd2000 is enabled in the DHCT.
-----
Would you like to continue? y/n
```

- 3 Type **y** and press **Enter**. You are prompted to enter an IP address of a DHCT that should have received the EAS message or hit.

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- 4 Type the IP address of a DHCT and press **Enter**.

**Note:** If you fail to provide an IP address, the utility still runs but it will not provide data in the EAS data on a DHCT section of the EAS Error Report.

**Results:**

- The system runs the EAS Error Report and displays the output to the screen of the EC.
  - The system displays a message that states that the EAS Error Report can also be found in the /tmp directory.
  - The system redisplay the menu of the getEASdata utility.
- 5 Type **2** (for Show EAS Data) and press **Enter**.
  - 6 Type the IP address of a test DHCT that did not receive the EAS message and press **Enter** or simply press **Enter** to continue. The following message appears

**Results:**

- The system runs the EAS Data Report and displays the output to the screen of the EC.
  - The system displays a message that states that the EAS Data Report can also be found in the /tmp directory.
  - The system redisplay the menu of the getEASdata utility
- 7 Type **q** (for quit) and press **Enter**. The getEASdata utility closes.
  - 8 Go to the next section.

## Open and Examine the getEASdata Utility Reports

This section provides instructions on opening the two reports generated and saved by the getEASdata utility, provides some guidance on examining the data, and shows a few examples of EAS-related errors that you might find.

### Opening the getEASdata Utility Reports

Follow these instructions to open the two reports generated and saved by the getEASdata utility. The instructions direct you to open the reports side-by-side in two terminal windows. By examining the two reports simultaneously, you can better understand the relationship of the reports.

- 1 As an Administrative user (for example, eadmin), open two terminal windows.
- 2 Type the following command in each windows to change to the **/tmp** directory.  

```
[eadmin@berlin3 ~]$ cd /tmp
```
- 3 In one window, type the following command and press **Enter**. The system lists all files in the **/tmp** directory that begin with EASerrors.  

```
[eadmin@berlin3 tmp]$ ls EASerrors*
```

#### Notes:

- The system stores EAS Error Report files in EASerrors.out.[date].doc format, where the date is expressed in terms of YYMMDD\_HHMM.
  - By listing all EAS Error Report files, you can easily identify which one pertains to the most recent report you generated.
- 4 In the same window, type the following command and press **Enter**. The selected EAS Error Report opens in the window using the Linux *less* utility.

#### Command Syntax:

```
less [EAS Error Report name]
```

#### Example:

```
[eadmin@berlin3 tmp]$ less EASerrors.out.180323_1207.doc
```

- 5 In the other window, type the following command and press **Enter**. The system lists all files in the **/tmp** directory that begin with EASdata.

```
[eadmin@berlin3 tmp]$ ls EASdata*
```

#### Notes:

- The system stores EAS Data Report files in EASdata.out.[date].doc format, where the date is expressed in terms of YYMMDD\_HHMM.
- By listing all EAS Data Report files, you can easily identify which one pertains to the most recent report you generated.

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- 6 Type the following command to open the EASdata file. The selected EAS Data Report opens in the window.

### Command Syntax:

```
less [EAS Data Report name]
```

### Example:

```
[ecadmin@berlin3 tmp]$ less EASdata.out.180323_1210.doc
```

- 7 Go to the next section for help in understanding the reports.

## Examining the getEASdata Utility Reports

Refer to these instructions for general guidance in reviewing the two reports generated by the getEASdata utility. These instructions provide an example of one error that you might find. Refer to the next section for additional examples.

- 1 Scroll through the EAS Error Report. As you scroll through the various headings contained in the report, look for errors. Errors are clearly marked in the report by the word **Error**.

**Example:** The **\*\*\*\*\* eac in /etc/hosts.equiv \*\*\*\*\*** heading in the EAS Error Report might include an error message similar to the following:

```
Error: There is no entry for eac in the hosts.equiv file.
```

**Note:** The eac needs to have one entry in the /etc/hosts.equiv file.

- 2 After locating an error in the EAS Error Report, look for the corresponding data in the EAS Data Report.

**Example:** Using the example in Step 1, the **\*\*\*\*\* eac in /etc/hosts.equiv \*\*\*\*\*** heading in the EAS Data Report might show that there is no line in the /etc/hosts/equiv file that contains **eac**.

- 3 Troubleshoot each error you find to the best of your ability.

**Note:** If needed, call Cisco Services for assistance.

- 4 After correcting errors, transmit another EAS message and run the getEASdata utility again.

## Sample EAS-Related Errors

Refer to the following list for a discussion of a few additional EAS-related errors:

- The EAS Error Report may list the word **Error** under the **\*\*\*\* Orbix.hosts on the DNCS configuration \*\*\*\*** heading. The corresponding **\*\*\*\* Orbix.hosts on the DNCS configuration \*\*\*\*** heading in the EAS Data Report may then list a blank line.

**Solution:** An entry for **NS:dncsatm:**, using the full path, is required in the Orbix.hosts file.

- The EAS Error Report may include an error under the **\*\*\*\* VASP data for the MMM Server in the database \*\*\*\*** heading. The error may be similar to **Error: VASP IP**. Meanwhile, the corresponding **\*\*\*\* VASP data for the MMM Server in the database \*\*\*\*** heading in the EAS Data Report may indicate that the asynchronous transfer mode (ATM) address of the EC or the Application Server is incorrect.

**Solution:** Correct the IP address for the MMM server on the EC.

- The EAS Error Report may include the following error under the **\*\*\*\* Timing Analysis \*\*\*\*** heading: **Error: The message Origination Time and Appserver time are out of sync**. Under the **\*\*\*\* EAS messages sent \*\*\*\*** heading of the EAS Data Report, the data may show that too much time expired between when an EAS message was transmitted and then received.

**Solution:** Call Cisco Services. Resolving timing issues requires the help of engineers from Cisco Services.

- The EAS Error Report may include the following error under the **\*\*\*\* atm\_addr in .profile \*\*\*\*** heading: **Error: atm\_addr=dncseth** is no longer required for EAS in SR 2.1 and higher. Meanwhile, an entry for **atm\_addr=dncseth** may be listed under the **\*\*\*\* atm\_addr in .profile \*\*\*\*** heading in the EAS Data Report.

**Solution:** Remove the **atm\_addr=dncseth** entry in the `/home/dnsc/.profile` file.



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## Examine TFTP Information with the listTftpConfigs Utility

### Introduction

Each device on the DBDS network has configuration data for that device stored in a specific file on the EC.

Through the listTftpConfigs file, you can examine this data at a glance, without having to access the Web UI for each device.

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## Supported Options for the listTftpConfigs Utility

### The listTftpConfigs Utility Options

The following options are available for use by the listTftpConfigs utility:

- *-a* – The utility examines all network element configuration files in the EC database for the EC and remote sites. When complete, the utility lists those files to the screen of the EC. Displayed information includes the name and path of the configuration file, the site ID, the name of the network element, and the IP address and MAC address of the network element.

Additionally, the output concludes by listing what are known as drop point values ("droppoint" in the output). Drop point values include the current version of code for each component of the network element, and the IP address that the network element uses to communicate with the various processes associated with the network element.

- *-f* – The utility uses cached data to increase speed of reporting. Use of the *-f* option forces the utility to remove cached data and to reload data from the database.
- *-v* – Verbose mode. This option forces the utility to increase the detail in the data it reports.
- *-V* – The utility displays its version number.
- *-c CFGFILE* – Display configuration data and drop point values for the specified configuration file.
- *-n NENAME* – Display configuration data and drop point values for the specified network element.

**Example: QAM1**

- *-s SITE* – Display configuration data and drop point values for the specified site.

**Example: EC(1)**

## Examine All Configuration Files

When run with the *-a* option, the `listTftpConfigs` utility displays configuration data and drop point values for all devices on the network. Output from the `listTftpConfigs` utility with this option includes the following:

- Name of the configuration file
- Site (local EC or remote server), plus ID
- Name of the network device
- IP address
- MAC address

Complete these steps to run the `listTftpConfigs` utility with the *-a* option:

- 1 As **dncs** user, type the following command to change to the **/dvs/dncs/Utilities** directory.

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ cd /dvs/dncs/Utilities
```

- 2 Enter the following command to run the **listTftpConfigs** script with the *-a* option.

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ listTftpConfigs.ksh -a
```

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### Example Output:

```
Tftp Config DB Report for ALL sites from DB=dncsdb for vodwater8 on Fri Mar 23 14:55:40 EDT 2018
=====
Config File           Site (ID)  NE Name/Oid  IP Addr      Mac Addr
-----
/var/lib/tftpboot/qpsk.config  DNCS (1)  QPSK425007001  142.7.70.1  00:02:DE:83:93:2C
/var/lib/tftpboot/qpsk.config  DNCS (1)  QPSK425099001  142.99.70.1  00:02:00:00:00:01
/var/lib/tftpboot/qpsk.config  DNCS (1)  QPSK425014001  142.14.70.1  00:02:DE:83:A2:5A
/var/lib/tftpboot/qam.config   DNCS (1)  CAQAMB425007001  142.7.0.1    00:00:00:00:00:02
/var/lib/tftpboot/qam.config   DNCS (1)  CAQAMB425014001  142.14.0.1   00:02:DE:81:F5:23
/var/lib/tftpboot/mqam.config  DNCS (1)  MQAMB425007001  142.7.10.1   00:00:00:00:00:03
/var/lib/tftpboot/mqam.config  DNCS (1)  MQAMB425014001  142.14.10.1  00:02:DE:83:9A:E4
/var/lib/tftpboot/gqam.config  DNCS (1)  GQAMB425007001  142.7.20.1   00:02:DE:82:3C:2F
/var/lib/tftpboot/gqam.config  DNCS (1)  GQAMB425007002  142.7.20.2   00:02:DE:82:90:FF
/var/lib/tftpboot/gqam.config  DNCS (1)  GQAMB425099001  142.99.20.1  00:1A:C3:D2:B0:EC
/var/lib/tftpboot/gqam.config  DNCS (1)  GQAMB425099002  142.99.20.2  00:02:DE:82:3C:61
/var/lib/tftpboot/gqam.config  DNCS (1)  GQAMB425099003  142.99.20.3  00:02:DE:82:81:8A
/var/lib/tftpboot/gqam.config  DNCS (1)  GQAMB425099004  142.99.20.4  00:02:DE:82:81:99
/var/lib/tftpboot/gqam.config  DNCS (1)  GQAMB425014001  142.14.20.1  00:02:DE:82:5A:4E
/var/lib/tftpboot/gqam.config  DNCS (1)  GQAMB425014002  142.14.20.2  00:1A:C3:D2:AD:B5
/var/lib/tftpboot/nc.config    DNCS (1)  NETCR425007001  142.7.60.1   00:00:00:00:00:0F
=====
Tftp Config File Report for ALL files for vodwater8 on Fri Mar 23 14:55:41 EDT 2018
=====
DNCS:/var/lib/tftpboot/gqam.config droppoints:
    BootCodePath  gqam_host_boot_4_6_4.bin
    ApplCodePath  gqam_host_app_4_6_4.bin
    RFCodePath    gqam_rf_26.bin
    InputNPBootCodePath  gqam_input_boot_4_6_4.bin
    InputNPAppCodePath  gqam_input_app_4_6_4.bin
    OutputNPBootCodePath  gqam_output_boot_4_6_4.bin
    OutputNPAppCodePath  gqam_output_app_4_6_4.bin
    RpcServerIpAddr  204.3.1.97
    AlarmServerIpAddr  204.3.1.97
    TrapServerIpAddr  127.0.0.1
DNCS:/var/lib/tftpboot/mqam.config droppoints:
    BootCodePath  mqam_boot_1_2_3.bin
    ApplCodePath  mqam_app_2_8_1.bin
    RFCodePath    mqam_rf_23.bin
    RpcServerIpAddr  204.3.1.97
    AlarmServerIpAddr  204.3.1.97
DNCS:/var/lib/tftpboot/nc.config droppoints:
    BootCodePath  nc_host_boot_1_4_3.bin
    ApplCodePath  nc_host_app_1_4_3.bin
    InputNPBootCodePath  nc_input_boot_1_4_3.bin
    InputNPAppCodePath  nc_input_app_1_4_3.bin
    OutputNPBootCodePath  nc_output_boot_1_4_3.bin
    OutputNPAppCodePath  nc_output_app_1_4_3.bin
    FpgaCodePath  nc_fpga_16_8.bin
    RpcServerIpAddr  204.3.1.97
    RpcInitialProgNum  805306370
    AlarmServerIpAddr  204.3.1.97
    TrapServerIpAddr  127.0.0.1
DNCS:/var/lib/tftpboot/qam.config droppoints:
    BootCodePath  caqam_boot212.bin
    ApplCodePath  caqam_app271.bin
    RpcServerIpAddr  204.3.1.97
    AlarmServerIpAddr  204.3.1.97
DNCS:/var/lib/tftpboot/qpsk.config droppoints:
    qpsk_man_ip  204.3.1.97
    hct_man_ip   204.3.1.97
    nms_man_ip   204.3.1.97
    stat_mgr_ip  204.3.1.97
    appver       app_A62
```

## Examine a Specific Configuration File

When run with the **-c [CFGFILE]** option, the `listTftpConfigs` utility displays configuration data and drop point values for the specific configuration file.

- 1 As **dncs** user, type the following command and press **Enter**.

### Command Syntax:

```
listTftpConfigs.ksh -c [CFGFILE]
```

**Note:** Substitute the name of the specific configuration file for [CFGFILE].

### Example:

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ listTftpConfigs.ksh -c
/var/lib/tftpboot/qpsk.config
```

### Example Output:

```
Tftp Config DB Report for ALL sites from DB=dncsdb for vodwater8 on Fri Mar 23 15:10:12 EDT 2018
=====
Config File           Site(ID)   NE Name/Oid  IP Addr     Mac Addr
-----
/var/lib/tftpboot/qpsk.config  DNCS(1)   QPSK425007001  142.7.70.1  00:02:DE:83:93:2C
/var/lib/tftpboot/qpsk.config  DNCS(1)   QPSK425099001  142.99.70.1 00:02:00:00:00:01
/var/lib/tftpboot/qpsk.config  DNCS(1)   QPSK425014001  142.14.70.1 00:02:DE:83:A2:5A

Tftp Config File Report for CFGFILE='qpsk.config' for vodwater8 on Fri Mar 23 15:10:13 EDT 2018
=====
DNCS:/var/lib/tftpboot/qpsk.config droppoints:
      qpsk_man_ip 204.3.1.97
      hot_man_ip  204.3.1.97
      nms_man_ip  204.3.1.97
      stat_mgr_ip 204.3.1.97
      appver app_A62
```

## Examine the Configuration Files for a Specific Network Element

When run with the **-n [NENAME]** option, the listTftpConfigs utility displays configuration data and drop point values for the specific network element.

- 1 As **dncs** user, type the following command and press **Enter**.

### Command Syntax:

```
listTftpConfigs.ksh -n [NENAME]
```

**Note:** Substitute the name of the specific network element for [NENAME].

### Example:

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ listTftpConfigs.ksh -n QPSK425007001
```

### Example Output:

```
Tftp Config DB Report for ALL sites from DB=dncsdb for vodwater8 on Fri Mar 23 15:16:35 EDT 2018
=====
Config File           Site (ID)   NE Name/Oid   IP Addr      Mac Addr
=====
/var/lib/tftpboot/gpsk.config  DNCS (1)   QPSK425007001  142.7.70.1   00:02:DE:83:93:2C

Tftp Config File Report for NENAME='QPSK425007001' for vodwater8 on Fri Mar 23 15:16:37 EDT 2018
=====
DNCS:/var/lib/tftpboot/gpsk.config droppoints:
      gpsk_man_ip 204.3.1.97
      hct_man_ip  204.3.1.97
      nms_man_ip  204.3.1.97
      stat_mgr_ip 204.3.1.97
      appver app_A62
```

## Examine the Configuration Files for a Specific Site

When run with the `-s [SITE]` option, the `listTftpConfigs` utility displays configuration data and drop point values for the specified site.

- 1 As `dncs` user, type the following command and press **Enter**:

### Command Syntax:

```
listTftpConfigs.ksh -s [SITE]
```

**Note:** Substitute the name of the specific site for `[SITE]`.

### Example:

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ listTftpConfigs.ksh -s DNCS
```

### Example Output:

```
Tftp Config DB Report for Site=DNCS from DB=dncsdb for vodwater8 on Fri Mar 23 15:20:45 EDT 2018
-----
Config File                Site (ID)    NE Name/Oid    IP Addr        Mac Addr
-----
/var/lib/tftpboot/qpsk.config  DNCS (1)    QPSK425007001  142.7.70.1     00:02:DE:83:93:2C
/var/lib/tftpboot/qpsk.config  DNCS (1)    QPSK425099001  142.99.70.1    00:02:00:00:00:01
/var/lib/tftpboot/qpsk.config  DNCS (1)    QPSK425014001  142.14.70.1    00:02:DE:83:A2:5A
/var/lib/tftpboot/qam.config   DNCS (1)    CAQAMB425007001 142.7.0.1      00:00:00:00:00:02
/var/lib/tftpboot/qam.config   DNCS (1)    CAQAMB425014001 142.14.0.1     00:02:DE:81:F5:23
/var/lib/tftpboot/mqam.config  DNCS (1)    MQAMB425007001  142.7.10.1     00:00:00:00:00:03
/var/lib/tftpboot/mqam.config  DNCS (1)    MQAMB425014001  142.14.10.1    00:02:DE:83:3A:E4
/var/lib/tftpboot/gqam.config  DNCS (1)    GQAMB425007001  142.7.20.1     00:02:DE:82:3C:2F
/var/lib/tftpboot/gqam.config  DNCS (1)    GQAMB425007002  142.7.20.2     00:02:DE:82:90:FF
/var/lib/tftpboot/gqam.config  DNCS (1)    GQAMB425099001  142.99.20.1    00:1A:C3:D2:B0:EC
/var/lib/tftpboot/gqam.config  DNCS (1)    GQAMB425099002  142.99.20.2    00:02:DE:82:3C:61
/var/lib/tftpboot/gqam.config  DNCS (1)    GQAMB425099003  142.99.20.3    00:02:DE:82:81:8A
/var/lib/tftpboot/gqam.config  DNCS (1)    GQAMB425099004  142.99.20.4    00:02:DE:82:81:99
/var/lib/tftpboot/gqam.config  DNCS (1)    GQAMB425014001  142.14.20.1    00:02:DE:82:5A:4E
/var/lib/tftpboot/gqam.config  DNCS (1)    GQAMB425014002  142.14.20.2    00:1A:C3:D2:AD:B5
/var/lib/tftpboot/nc.config    DNCS (1)    NETCR425007001  142.7.60.1     00:00:00:00:00:0F

Tftp Config File Report for SITE='DNCS' for vodwater8 on Fri Mar 23 15:20:46 EDT 2018
-----
DNCS:/var/lib/tftpboot/gqam.config droppoints:
  BootCodePath gqam_host_boot_4_6_4.bin
  ApplCodePath gqam_host_app_4_6_4.bin
  RFCodePath gqam_rf_26.bin
  BootCodePath gqam_input_b...
```

## Display the Version Number of the listTftpConfigs Utility

Use the `-V` option to display the version number of the listTftpConfigs utility that is currently loaded on the EC.

- 1 As **dncs** user, type the following command to view the version number of the listTftpConfigs utility.

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ listTftpConfigs.ksh -V
```

**Example Output:**

```
listTftpConfigs.ksh: Version : 8.0.10
```

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## Monitor DHCTs with the DHCT Status Reporting Utility

### Introduction

The DHCT Status Reporting Utility lets you monitor two-way communications between DHCTs and the headend.

DHCTs without two-way communications are said to be *non-responding*. Subscribers with non-responding DHCTs are unable to participate fully in the interactive features of the DHCT, while you are unable to maximize the revenue potential associated with a DHCT that can establish and maintain two-way communication.

The first section of this chapter, *Defining Non-Responding DHCTs* (on page 76), develops the definition of non-responding DHCTs from the point of view of our support engineers, and from your point of view.

Later sections of this chapter describe the interface of the utility, provide instructions on how to use the utility to poll DHCTs, and explain how to run and interpret the various lists and reports generated by the utility.

### Linux Restriction

Note that the DHCT Status Reporting Utility is not compatible with set-tops that use the Linux operating system. These include the following models: 85xx/45xx, 86xx/46xx, 87xx/47xx, and 9865.

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## Defining Non-Responding DHCTs

The DHCT Status reporting utility helps you minimize the system impact caused by non-responding DHCTs.

We will provide two definitions of non-responding DHCTs, explore some of the reasons DHCTs cannot respond, and describe some of the utilities that are available for you to use when managing non-responding DHCTs.

### What is a Non-Responding DHCT?

#### Definition of Non-Responding DHCTs

A non-responding DHCT is a DHCT that is installed in the home of a subscriber and configured by the billing vendor to be capable of two-way communication. However, for some reason, the DHCT is unable to maintain or establish a two-way connection.

**Note:** Two-way communication (or connection) means that a working communication path exists between the headend and the DHCT, and between the DHCT and the headend.

### What Causes DHCTs to Become Non-Responders?

This section lists some of the conditions that may contribute to DHCTs becoming non-responders.

#### Conditions in the Subscriber's Home

Subscribers themselves may be responsible for causing some DHCTs to become non-responders.

Some examples of conditions that might exist in a subscriber's home that could cause the subscriber's DHCT to be a non-responder are:

- **Subscriber installs a one-way power amplifier** – A one-way power amplifier blocks return transmissions.
- **Subscriber installs a signal splitter** – A signal splitter may reduce the strength of return transmissions or completely block the return transmission.
- **Subscriber connects the DHCT to a light switch or a power strip** – The DHCT receives no power when the light switch or power strip is turned off.

### Return-Path Network Conditions

Some return-path network conditions that might cause a DHCT to become a non-responder are:

- **Laser clipping** – Lasers that assist in return path communications may be calibrated incorrectly, resulting in a distortion of the signal.
- **Excessive splitting of reverse path** – Installation technicians may have installed more signal splitters on the network than designed.
- **Signal interference** – The quality of the return transmission may be poor due to ingress or intermodulation.

#### Notes:

- **Ingress** refers to noise from an external source.
- **Intermodulation** refers to noise generated from within the network.

### Hardware Failures on the DBDS Network

Some network components that could cause DHCTs to become non-responders should the network components fail are:

- **QPSK Modulator/Demodulator**
  - **Buffers full** – Available memory for the standard operation of a modulator is limited. Abnormal activity through the modulator may exhaust the available memory and cause the modulator to reboot.
  - **DHCT chattering** – Numerous DHCTs trying to simultaneously sign onto the network may interfere with return path transmissions and cause modulators to reboot.
  - **Excessive numbers of DHCTs assigned to modulator** – Too many DHCTs assigned to a single modulator may overwhelm the modulator.
- **Router/switch**
  - The router or switch is improperly configured.
  - The router or switch lacks sufficient processing capability. The router or switch can act as a choke point in the communication path. In extreme cases, the QPSK modulator may reboot.

### Configuration and Management Issues

Some conditions that might exist in the configuration of the that may cause a DHCT to become a non-responder are:

- **Improper demodulator attenuation management** – To maintain a communication link with the QPSK demodulator, DHCTs should transmit at a level between (and including) 25 to 55 dBmV (decibels with respect to 1 millivolt). Over time, DHCT transmission levels may shift too high or too low. The shifting levels may cause significant numbers of DHCTs assigned to a demodulator to become non-responders.
- **Improper DHCT inventory management** – The EC database may fall out of synchronization with the database of the billing vendor. This loss of synchronization may cause the EC to try to poll DHCTs that are not actually in subscribers' homes.
- **Failure to run the updateOUI utility** – DHCTs that attempt to sign onto the network using an incorrect organizationally unique identifier (OUI) are unsuccessful.
- **Changes in RF plant performance** – Over time, changes in RF plant performance or customer wiring may require the DHCT to increase or decrease its transmit level. Failing to design the return path such that the DHCT has the ability to accommodate these changes (by adjusting the transmit level up or down) can lead to non-responding DHCTs.

## What Activities Can Minimize the Non-Responding Condition?

This section summarizes some actions that you can take to reduce the non-responding condition on your network.

### Review Network Configuration

Often, an examination of your basic network configuration can eliminate some conditions that cause DHCTs to become non-responders. Consider these points as you examine your network:

- Review your existing network topology:
  - Verify that you have separately partitioned each hub.
  - You do not want noise or interference on one hub to affect another hub.
- Review the concentration of DHCTs assigned to your system's QPSK modulators:
  - Verify that DHCTs are assigned as evenly as possible to your system's modulators.
  - Make sure that you never have more than 16,000 DHCTs assigned to any one modulator.

- Verify the integrity of all network elements:
  - Examine your routers and switches for proper throughput.
  - Examine your power supplies, amplifiers, nodes, and taps - elements that are frequently overlooked during an examination of a network.
- Examine and correct any laser calibration issues present on your network:
  - A incorrectly calibrated laser may produce a distorted signal.

### Run the signonCount Utility When Downloading DHCT Software

DHCTs lose the contents of their volatile memory when they reboot. After they reboot, DHCTs sign back onto the network and their network configuration data is then reloaded. Too many sign-on attempts by DHCTs contribute to network congestion and could cause DHCTs to become non-responders.

The signonCount utility can help you monitor the following DHCT network sign-on activities:

- DAVIC connections and UN-Config requests on a minute-by-minute basis
- Excessive DHCT sign-on requests
- QPSK modulator reboots
- DHCTs signing on with an incorrect type, revision, or OUI
- Successful sign-on statistics

### Regularly Run the DHCT Status Reporting Utility

Run the DHCT Status reporting utility regularly.

The DHCT Status reporting utility tests and analyzes two-way communications between the DHCT and the headend. The DHCT Status Reporting Utility provides you with the following data:

- A current summary of the status of a system's DHCT population
- IP address data:
  - DHCT transmit levels
  - DHCT delay values
  - Currently loaded resident application and operating system

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### ■ Reports:

- DHCT non-responders by QPSK modulator and demodulator
- DHCT transmit levels by QPSK modulator and demodulator
- DHCT delay values by QPSK modulator and demodulator
- Operating system and resident application by DHCT type and revision
- General DHCT summary

### **Inventory Handling**

Only DHCTs in homes of subscribers, labs, or ready to be immediately re-issued should have a status of in-service, two-way in the EC.

DHCTs that have been returned from subscribers and are being processed in anticipation of being re-issued should have a status of out-of-service.

## Interface of the DHCT Status Reporting Utility

Two-way communication between DHCTs and the headend is vital if subscribers are to take full advantage of the interactive features of the . The DHCT Status Reporting Utility tests and analyzes two-way communications between the DHCT and the headend.

The information in this section tells you how to access the user interface of the DHCT Status reporting utility and how to interpret the data it displays. Later sections provide instructions for running the various features included as part of the DHCT Status reporting utility.

### DHCT Status Reporting Utility Interface

#### Accessing the Interface

- 1 As **dncs** user, change to the **/dvs/dncs/Utilities** directory.

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ cd /dvs/dncs/Utilities
```

- 2 Type the following command to initiate the **dhctStatus** utility. The **dhctStatus** Main Menu displays.

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ dhctStatus
```

```

-- DHCT Status Reporting Utility --          Fri Mar 23 |
          Version : CSCOecutils 8.0.10      16:00:54 |
-----
--- STATUS AS OF LAST POLLING: [Mar-23-2018 15:47:03] ---
#DHCTs      Gen. DHCT Distrib.  #DHCTs  %DHCTs
Total # of Settops      DHCTs OutOfServ.:      0  0.00%
Loaded in Database:     DHCTs InServ1way:      0  0.00%
                       DHCTs InServ2way:      0  0.00%
                       DHCTs Deployed:       0  0.00%

--- SETTOP InService 2 Way Poll Analysis ---
#DHCTs      DHCT RDC Analysis  #DHCTs  %POLLED
DHCTs InServ2Way:      0      RDC Btwn 25-55 dBmV:      0  0.00%
                       Not Resp. to Poll:      0  0.00%
2Way w/IP Adtrs:      0  0.00%  RDC Below 25 dBmV:      0  0.00%
2Way w/oIP Adtrs:     0  0.00%  RDC Above 55 dBmV:      0  0.00%

Total # of InService 2 Way Non-Responders:      0 DHCTs  34.33%
Non-Responders = (w/oIP + wIP Not Resp. to Poll) / (All InServ 2Way)

-----
* MAIN MENU OPTIONS *
Options
DHCT Polling Menu - - - - - P
Generate Listings of DHCT's Menu - - - - - L
Report Options Menu - - - - - R
Help - - - - - H
To Quit Program - - - - - Q

-----
Enter Option :

```

- 3 Go to the next section in this document for help in interpreting the information displayed on the initial window of the DHCT Status reporting utility.

## Understanding the Interface

### Introduction

An example of the initial screen of the DHCT Status Reporting Utility is shown here for reference. The major sections of the initial screen are referenced by section numbers 1 through 4. Refer to this illustration as you read the remainder of this section.

**Note:** Data referenced by the numbers will not appear the first time you run the utility because there is no data to report. After the system is polled for the first time, the utility populates the fields referenced by these numbers with data from the entire DHCT population.

```

-- DHCT Status Reporting Utility --                               Fri Mar 23
Version : CSCOcutils 8.0.10                                     16:00:54

-----
-- STATUS AS OF LAST POLLING: [Mar-23-2018 15:47:03] -----
#DHCTs      Gen. DHCT Distrib.      #DHCTs  %DHCTs
Total # of Settops      DHCTs OutOfServ.1      0  0.00%
Loaded in Database:     DHCTs InServ1way:      0  0.00%
                       DHCTs InServ2way:      0  0.00%
                       DHCTs Deployed:       0  0.00%

-----
-- SETIOP InService 2 Way Poll Analysis -----
#DHCTs      DHCT RDC Analysis      #DHCTs  %POLLED
DHCTs InServ2Way:      0      RDC Btwn 25-55 dBmV:      0  0.00%
                       Not Resp. to Poll:      0  0.00%
2Way w/IP Adrs:       0  0.00%      RDC Below 25 dBmV:      0  0.00%
2Way w/oIP Adrs:      0  0.00%      RDC Above 55 dBmV:      0  0.00%

Total # of InService 2 Way Non-Responders:      0 DHCTs  0.00%
Non-Responders = (w/oIP + wIP Not Resp. to Poll) / (All InServ 2Way)

-----
* MAIN MENU OPTIONS *
Options
DHCT Polling Menu - - - - - P
Generate Listings of DHCT's Menu - - - - - L
Report Options Menu - - - - - R
Help - - - - - H
To Quit Program - - - - - Q

Enter Option :
    
```

As you progress through this document and run the various options offered by the DHCT Status reporting utility, you will see that the data displayed at numbers 1 and 2 appears at the top of many DHCT Status reporting utility screens. By displaying this data on many DHCT Status reporting utility windows, you can readily compare new data with old.

### Section 1 - Status As Of Last Polling

The **Status As Of Last Polling** section appears near the top of the initial screen and is referenced by the number 1.

This area of the screen lists the total number of set-tops (DHCTs) in the EC database and summarizes, by total and percentage, the number of DHCTs with the following statuses:

- Out-of-service (**DHCTs OutOfServ**) – DHCTs that are new or not yet be staged or installed into subscribers' homes.

- In-service, two-way (**DHCTs InServ2way**) – DHCTs that support communication between the headend and the DHCT, and return communication. DHCTs need two-way communication capability to take full advantage of interactive services.  
**Example:** Interactive services include IPPV, VOD, and PPV.
- In-service, one-way (**DHCTs InServ1way**) – DHCTs that support communications between the headend and the DHCT only. These DHCTs are considered to be in broadcast-only mode and have no two-way services assigned to them. These DHCTs have probably been staged and may have been installed in subscribers' homes.  
**Note:** Systems designed to have 100 percent of DHCTs with in-service, two-way status should not have any DHCTs with this configuration.
- Deployed (**DHCTs Deployed**) – DHCTs that are usually in transit. These DHCTs are not technically out-of-service, but not quite in-service, either. These DHCTs have been staged and will soon be installed in the homes of subscribers. These DHCTs can sign on to the network.  
**Note:** Most billing vendors do not yet support the Deployed status.

For the DHCT Status Reporting Utility to retrieve and analyze non-responder data from DHCTs, the DHCTs must have a status of in-service, two-way. DHCTs that have a status of in-service, two-way can generate revenue for you. Ultimately, your billing system dictates which DHCTs will generate revenue.

## Section 2 - SETTOP InService 2 Way Poll Analysis

The **SETTOP InService 2 Way Poll Analysis** section is referenced by the number 2.

This area of the interface of the DHCT Status reporting utility presents a detailed analysis of those DHCTs listed in the database that are capable of two-way communication. The **SETTOP InServ 2 Way Poll Analysis** section includes:

- The number of DHCTs with two-way capability *with* an IP address (**2Way w/IP Addr**s) and the number of DHCTs with two-way capability *without* an IP address (**2Way w/oIP Addr**s).
- For DHCTs *with* an IP address, the totals and percentages that transmit at the following transmit levels:
  - Between and including 25 and 55 dBmV (decibels referenced to 1 millivolt) (**RDC Btwn 25-55 dBmV**) – DHCTs communicate with the headend between and including 25 and 55 dBmV.
  - No response (**Not Resp. to Poll**) – The EC is unable to get a response after polling these DHCTs.
  - Below 25 dBmV (**RDC Below 25 dBmV**) – DHCTs respond to the poll, but respond at a transmit level below the optimum level.

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- Higher than 55 dBmV (**RDC Above 55 dBmV**) – DHCTs respond to the poll, but respond at a transmit level higher than the optimum level.

### DHCT Analysis

The **SETTOP InService 2 Way Poll Analysis** section is referenced by the number **2**.

This area of the interface of the DHCT Status reporting utility presents a detailed analysis of those DHCTs listed in the database that are capable of two-way communication. The **SETTOP InServ 2 Way Poll Analysis** section includes:

- The number of DHCTs with two-way capability *with* an IP address (**2Way w/IP Addrs**) and the number of DHCTs with two-way capability *without* an IP address (**2Way w/oIP Addrs**).
- For DHCTs *with* an IP address, the totals and percentages that transmit at the following transmit levels:
  - Between and including 25 and 55 dBmV (decibels referenced to 1 millivolt) (**RDC Btwn 25-55 dBmV**) – DHCTs communicate with the headend between and including 25 and 55 dBmV.
  - No response (**Not Resp. to Poll**) – The EC is unable to get a response after polling these DHCTs.
  - Below 25 dBmV (**RDC Below 25 dBmV**) – DHCTs respond to the poll, but respond at a transmit level below the optimum level.
  - Higher than 55 dBmV (**RDC Above 55 dBmV**) – DHCTs respond to the poll, but respond at a transmit level higher than the optimum level.

### High or Low Transmit Levels

Even though DHCTs can transmit successfully at levels higher than 55 dBmV or lower than 25 dBmV, the fact that these DHCTs exist on a system may indicate a serious configuration problem.

Occasionally, the entire population of DHCTs assigned to a QPSK modulator or demodulator may transmit at levels that are too high or too low. The system can support two-way communications with a portion of these DHCTs; other DHCTs assigned to this modulator or demodulator may transmit at levels that are too high or too low to even be recognized.

Consider this rule of thumb: if 3 percent or more of successfully responding DHCTs respond at levels higher than 55 dBmV or lower than 25 dBmV, you can assume that there are other DHCTs responding with signals too high or too low to be recognized.

**Note:** You can see an illustration of this concept in the graph under **Examples of Systems Needing Recalibration**, under *DHCT Transmit Level Report* (on page 98).

You can use the information provided by the DHCT Status Reporting Utility to identify modulators or demodulators associated with non-responding DHCTs. You can then take measures to adjust transmit levels so that they conform with our recommendations. This issue is discussed in more detail in *DHCT Delay Value Report* (on page 104).

### Section 3 - Total # of InService 2 Way Non-Responders

The **Total # of InService 2 Way Non-Responders** section is referenced by number 3. This short section summarizes the total number and percentage of DHCTs that have two-way communication capability, but these DHCTs do not respond to poll requests from the DHCT Status reporting utility.

### Section 4 - Main Menu Options

The **Main Menu Options** section is referenced by number 4. This area lists the various options you can use when you run the DHCT Status Reporting Utility. Later sections in this section provide detailed instructions for running each option.

**Note:** The **Help** option of the DHCT Status Reporting Utility briefly describes each of the options included in the utility. Go to *The DHCT Status Reporting Utility Help Option* (next in this document) for more information.

## DHCT Status Reporting Utility Help Option

### Displaying the Help Screen for the DHCT Status Reporting Utility

- 1 From the DHCT Status reporting utility screen, type **H** and then press **Enter**. The Main Menu Help Screen, which lists information that explains the options on the main menu, displays.

```

-----
-- DHCT Status Reporting Utility --          Fri Mar 23
-- * Main Menu Options *                    15:37:05
-----

MAIN MENU Help Screen:

Option  Description
-----
(P)    DHCT Polling Menu
       The Polling Menu provides options for polling the current
       settop population by QPSK Modulator, QPSK DeModulator, or
       polling of the whole system.

(L)    Generate Listings of DHCT's Menu
       This menu will generate listings of set tops for DHCT's
       in-service 1way, in-service 2way, and out-of-service.
       Output files are in the format "MAC_ADDRESS | Serial Number".

(R)    Report Options Menu
       The Reports Options Menu provides several reports which will
       assist in the non-resp Identif. Reports provided are non-resp.
       by QPSK Mod/DeMod, DHCT Type/Revision, DHCT transmit levels,
       DHCT Delay value, and Settop OS/ResApp dist rpt by type/rev.

(H)    This help text
(Q)    To exit the dhctStatus utility

-----
* - All reports generated by this utility can be found at: /dvs/dnccs/tmp/dhctStatus2
<ENTER> to Continue:

```

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- 2 Read the description of the **P**, **L**, and **R** options and press **Enter** to return to the DHCT Status reporting utility window.
- 3 Press **Q** to exit the utility.

**Note:** Refer to later sections of this chapter for detailed information (including examples) regarding these menu options.

## DHCT Polling Option

The DHCT Status reporting utility polls DHCTs to assess how well they are performing in the field, and provides the mechanism for identifying and correcting non-responding issues.

By examining polling data, you can make changes to your system configuration that improve DHCT performance and reduce the number of non-responding DHCTs on a specific QPSK modulator or demodulator.

### Poll DHCTs

**Note:** All procedures in this section assume that the DHCT Status reporting utility screen is open on the EC.

If the interface is not open, go to [Accessing the Interface](#).

#### Polling DHCTs

- 1 From the DHCT Status reporting utility screen, type **P** and press **Enter**. The DHCT Polling Menu screen opens.

```

-- DHCT Status Reporting Utility --          Fri Mar 23
Version : CSC0ecutils 8.0.10                16:00:54

--- STATUS AS OF LAST POLLING: [Mar-23-2018 15:47:03] ---
#DHCTs      Gen. DHCT Distrib.  #DHCTs  %DHCTs
Total # of Settops      DHCTs OutOfServ.:      0  0.00%
Loaded in Database:    DHCTs InServ1way:      0  0.00%
                      DHCTs InServ2way:      0  0.00%
                      DHCTs Deployed:        0  0.00%

--- SETTOP InService 2 Way Poll Analysis ---
#DHCTs      DHCT RDC Analysis  #DHCTs  %POLLED
DHCTs InServ2Way:      0  RDC Btwn 25-55 dBmV:    0  0.00%
2Way w/IP Addr:       0  Not Resp. to Poll:      0  0.00%
2Way w/oIP Addr:      0  RDC Below 25 dBmV:     0  0.00%
                      0  RDC Above 55 dBmV:     0  0.00%

Total # of InService 2 Way Non-Responders:      0 DHCTs  3.00%
Non-Responders = (w/oIP + wIP Not Resp. to Poll) / (All InServ 2Way)

* MAIN MENU OPTIONS *
Options
DHCT Polling Menu - - - - - P
Generate Listings of DHCT's Menu - - - - - L
Report Options Menu - - - - - R
Help - - - - - H
To Quit Program - - - - - Q

Enter Option :

```

- 2 Choose one of the following options:
  - To poll all active DHCTs on the network, go to *Polling All Active DHCTs*, next in this document.
  - To poll DHCTs associated with a specific QPSK modulator or demodulator, go to *Polling DHCTs per QPSK Modulator or Demodulator*.

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**Important:** The first time you run the DHCT Status Reporting Utility, you must poll all active DHCTs.

### Polling All Active DHCTs

- 1 From the DHCT Polling Menu screen, type **1** and press **Enter**. The DHCT Polling Menu screen updates to briefly display a **Querying Database** message in the **To Poll** area of the screen.

**Note:** The Querying Database message means that the system is collecting information on the DHCTs so that the DHCTs can be efficiently polled.

```
-- DHCT Status Reporting Utility --          Fri Mar 23
* DHCT Polling Menu *                       15:46:53

TO POLL:                                     Select
All Active DHCTs: *** QUERYING DATABASE ***
DHCT per QPSK Modulator/DeModulator ----- 2
Help ----- H
Return to Main Menu ----- <ENTER>

Enter Selection Number: █
```

- 2 Type **U** (for update) and press **Enter**. The Status of Last Polling area of the window updates.
- 3 Type **all** and press **Enter**. The DHCT Polling Menu screen updates to display the polling data collected so far.

### Notes:

- The screen continues to display data from the previously completed polling operation, so you can compare the new data with data from the previous polling operation.
- The screen also displays the estimated poll completion time.

- The estimated completion time does not remain constant as the poll progresses. Type **all** and press **Enter** again to obtain the latest estimate.

```

-- DHCT Status Reporting Utility --                               Fri Mar 23
* DHCT Polling Menu *                                         15:48:36

--- STATUS AS OF LAST POLLING: [Mar-23-2018 15:47:03] ---
#DHCTs      Gen. DHCT Distrib.  #DHCTs  %DHCTs
Total # of Setups      0      DHCTs OutOfServ.:      0      0.00%
Loaded in Database:    0      DHCTs InServ1way:      0      0.00%
                                DHCTs InServ2way:      0      0.00%
                                DHCTs Deployed:        0      0.00%

--- SETTOP InService 2 Way Poll Analysis ---
#DHCTs      DHCT RDC Analysis  #DHCTs  %POLLED
DHCTs InServ2Way:    0      RDC Btwn 25-55 dBmV:    0      0.00%
                                Not Resp. to Poll:      0      0.00%
2Way w/IP Adrrs:    0 0.00%  RDC Below 25 dBmV:      0      0.00%
2Way w/oIP Adrrs:   0 0.00%  RDC Above 55 dBmV:      0      0.00%

Total # of InService 2 Way Non-Responders:    0 DHCTs  0.00%
Non-Responders = (w/oIP + wIP Not Resp. to Poll) / (All InServ 2Way)

TO POLL:                                                    Select
All Active DHCTs - - - - -                               1
DHCT per QPSK Modulator/DeModulator - - - - -           2
Help - - - - -                                           H
Return to Main Menu - - - - -                             <ENTER>
  
```

Polling DHCTs per QPSK Modulator or Demodulator

- To poll DHCTs associated with a specific QPSK modulator or demodulator, type **2** and press **Enter**.

**Results:**

- The DHCT Polling Menu By QPSK Mod/DeMod window opens.
- The screen lists the QPSK modulators on the system.
- The **Enter QPSK Modulator Name** table appears.

```

QPSK Modulator Names:
QPSK425007001      QPSK425014001      QPSK425099001

TO POLL:                                                    Select
DHCT per QPSK Modulator & DeModulator - - - - -  "QPSK MOD NAME"
Help - - - - -                                           H
Return to Polling Menu - - - - -                             <ENTER>

Enter QPSK Modulator Name: █
  
```

- Type the name of a QPSK modulator and press **Enter**.

**Important:** The modulator name is case-sensitive; make sure to type it exactly as it appears.

**Results:**

- The DHCT Polling Menu By QPSK Mod/DeMod screen updates to list the QPSK demodulators associated with the selected modulator, and the number of DHCTs assigned to the modulator and demodulator(s).
- The **Enter DeMod ID or <ENTER> to poll for Mod ID** prompt appears.

```
Enter QPSK Modulator Name: QPSK425014001
Current QPSK DeMod Id's in DB:
-----
1
Enter DeMod ID or <ENTER> to poll for Mod ID [QPSK425014001]:
```

- 3 Choose one of the following options:
  - Press **Enter** to poll all of the DHCTs associated with the selected modulator.
  - Type the demodulator ID and press **Enter** to poll DHCTs associated with a specific demodulator.

**Note:** The next two steps develop an example based upon polling DHCTs by demodulator ID.

**Result:** The utility displays polling data after the entire polling operation has completed.

**Important:** Do not interrupt the polling operation while it is in progress. If you interrupt the polling operation before it has completed, you will not be able to poll this modulator or demodulator again until you remove a specific file from the /tmp directory of the EC that tells the EC that a polling operation is in progress. The file in the /tmp directory is in the form of dhctStatus.[mod ID or demod ID].

- 4 Open a terminal window on the EC, type the following command and press **Enter**. The selected directory becomes the working directory.

**Command Syntax:**

```
cd /dvs/dncs/tmp/dhctStatus2/[DATE]/ALL/GR_REPORTS
```

**Note:** Substitute the current date (or the date you ran the poll) in YYYYMMDD format for [DATE].

**Example:** For a poll conducted on January 29, 2018, type and press **Enter**.

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ cd
/dvs/dncs/tmp/dhctStatus2/20180323/ALL/GR_REPORTS
```

- 5 To see the non-responder report associated with the poll you just completed, type the following command and press **Enter**. The system displays the data associated with the poll you just completed.

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ strings NR_M* less
```

**Note:** Refer to *Explanation of Output From Non-Responder Report*, next in this document, for an explanation of some of the findings revealed in this non-responder report.

### Explanation of Output From Non-Responder Report

The **Current Issues** section of the report output lists those modulators and demodulators where non-responding DHCTs make up a significant percentage of the total number of DHCTs assigned to the modulator or demodulator.

Using the example in Step 5, three demodulators have 100 percent of their DHCTs in a non-responding state. This constitutes 42 DHCTs, or 0.03 percent of the total number of DHCTs supported by the system.

Using another example from Step 6, fourteen demodulators have 50 percent of their assigned DHCTs in a non-responding state. This constitutes 4,823 DHCTs, or 4.21 percent of the entire DHCT population.

The lower, unlabeled section of the report output displays all the modulators and demodulators running on the system. This section lists the number of non-responding DHCTs assigned to each modulator or demodulator, the total number of DHCTs supported by the modulator or demodulator, and the percentage of assigned DHCTs that are non-responders. The report highlights the percentage of non-responding DHCTs whenever that percentage exceeds 20 percent.

**Note:** You may want to examine the following conditions to troubleshoot the significant percentage of non-responding DHCTs revealed in the data from Step 5:

- The system may lack proper attenuation
- The modulator may just have rebooted
- The cabling for the modulator or demodulator may have become loose
- The system may have just experienced a power outage

### Data Files Resulting From Polling Operations

The following list contains the data files that are generated by the polling operation, and a description of the type of data contained in the file.

**Note:** Type the following command and press **Enter** from the `/dvs/dncs/tmp/dhctStatus2/[DATE]/ALL` directory to view the output.

## List DHCTs

The DHCT Status reporting utility lets you query the database for a listing of MAC addresses and serial numbers of DHCTs with a specific status. The utility can generate a list for DHCTs with the following statuses:

- **DHCTs with a one-way status** – DHCTs that support communication between the headend and the DHCT.
- **DHCTs with a two-way status** – DHCTs that support communication between the headend and the DHCT, and return communication between the DHCT and the headend.
- **DHCTs with an out-of-service status** – DHCTs that have yet to be installed in a subscriber's home or have been returned by subscribers. These DHCTs will eventually be redeployed to other subscribers.
- **DHCTs with a deployed status** – DHCTs in a transition period. They have been staged and are waiting to be placed in a subscriber's home. Most systems do not currently use the deployed status.

The lists of DHCTs that the DHCT Status reporting utility generates can become quite lengthy. For this reason, the utility does not display the lists on the screen of the EC. Instead, output is written to a file in the `/dvs/dncs/tmp/dhctStatus2/[DATE]/ALL` directory of the EC, where you can view it at your convenience.

### Generate a Listing of DHCTs

- 1 From the DHCT Status reporting utility screen, type **L** and press **Enter**. The Generate Listings of DHCTs screen appears.

```

-- DHCT Status Reporting Utility --                               Fri Mar 23
* Generate Listings of DHCT's *                               17:25:26
-----
--- STATUS AS OF LAST POLLING: [Mar-23-2018 15:47:06] ---
#DHCTs      Gen. DHCT Distrib.      #DHCTs  %DHCTs
Total # of Setups      DHCTs OutOfServ.:      10 100.00%
Loaded in Database:    10      DHCTs InServ1way:      0  0.00%
                       DHCTs InServ2way:      0  0.00%
                       DHCTs Deployed:        0  0.00%

--- SETTOP InService 2 Way Poll Analysis ---
#DHCTs      DHCT RDC Analysis      #DHCTs  %POLLED
DHCTs InServ2Way:      0      RDC Btwn 25-55 dBmV:    0  0.00%
                       Not Resp. to Poll:      0  0.00%
2Way w/IP Addr:        0  0.00%    RDC Below 25 dBmV:     0  0.00%
2Way w/oIP Addr:      0  0.00%    RDC Above 55 dBmV:    0  0.00%

Total # of InService 2 Way Non-Responders:      0 DHCTs  0.00%
Non-Responders = (w/oIP + wIP Not Resp. to Poll) / (All InServ 2Way)

-----
TO GET A LISTING OF:                                           Select
-----
| MacAddress and SerialNumber of DHCTs in 1 way - - - - - 1
| MacAddress and SerialNumber of DHCTs in 2 way - - - - - 2
| MacAddress and SerialNumber of DHCTs Out of Service - - - 3
| MacAddress and SerialNumber of DHCTs in Deployed Status - - 4
|
| Help - - - - - H
| Return to Main Menu - - - - - <ENTER>
-----
Enter selection number:

```

- 2 Choose one of the following options:
  - To generate a listing of DHCTs with a one-way status, go to the next step.
  - To generate a listing of DHCTs with a two-way status, go to Step 6.
  - To generate a listing of DHCTs with a status of out-of-service, go to Step 9.
  - To generate a listing of DHCTs with a status of deployed, go to Step 12.
- 3 Type **1** and press **Enter** to generate a listing of DHCTs with a one-way status. The system displays a message that indicates the directory location of the output file.

```

Enter selection number: 1
Generating a Listing of All DHCT's currently in "1 Way" status...
-----
THE OUTPUT FILE IS LOCATED IN: /dvs/dncs/tmp/dhctStatus2/20180323/mac1way
-----

```

- 4 Go to the next section for instructions on how to view the contents of the output file generated by the DHCT Status Reporting Utility.
- 5 Press **Enter** to continue.
- 6 Type **2** and press **Enter** to generate a listing of DHCTs with a two-way status. The system displays a message that indicates the directory location of the output file.
- 7 Go to the next section for instructions on how to view the contents of the output file generated by the DHCT Status Reporting Utility.
- 8 Press **Enter** to continue.
- 9 Type **3** and press **Enter** to generate a listing of DHCTs with a status of out-of-service. The system displays a message that indicates the directory location of the output file.

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- 10 Go to the next section for instructions on how to view the contents of the output file generated by the DHCT Status Reporting Utility.
- 11 Press **Enter** to continue.
- 12 Type **4** and press **Enter** to generate a listing of DHCTs with a status of deployed. The system displays a message that indicates the directory location of the output file.
- 13 Go to the next section for instructions on how to view the contents of the output file generated by the DHCT Status Reporting Utility.

### View the Output Files

**Note:** The list contains DHCT MAC addresses and serial numbers.

- 1 As **dncs** user, enter the following command to go to the directory where the output files are saved.

**Command Syntax:**

```
cd /dvs/dncs/tmp/dhctStatus2/[DATE]/ALL
```

**Example:**

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ cd  
/dvs/dncs/tmp/dhctStatus2/20180323/ALL
```

- 2 Type the following command and press **Enter** to view a list of DHCTs, by MAC address, in one of the output files.

**Command Syntax:**

```
less [filename]
```

**Example:**

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ less mac2way
```

**Notes:**

- Use **mac1way** for DHCTs with a one-way status.
- Use **mac2way** for DHCTs with a two-way status.
- Use **macOutofSvc** for DHCTs with a status of out-of-service.
- Use **macDeployed** for DHCTs with a status of deployed.

## The Reporting Option

The DHCT Status reporting utility includes several reports that summarize various types of DHCT polling data.

You can run the reports and examine the data in order to assess network conditions of the system.

This section contains a description of each report offered by the DHCT Status reporting utility and detailed instructions on running the reports.

### Description of Reports

#### DHCT Status Reporting Utility Reports

The DHCT Status reporting utility includes the following reports that you can generate to summarize various DHCT polling data:

- **Non-Responder Reports** – DHCTs with an IP address that fail to respond to poll requests from the EC are commonly known as non-responders. The utility generates two types of DHCT non-responder reports:

- DHCT non-responders identified by QPSK modulator and demodulator
- DHCT non-responders identified by DHCT type and revision

By analyzing the report, you can spot trends that may indicate that a disproportionate share of non-responding DHCTs are associated with a specific QPSK, or are DHCTs of a specific type or revision.

- **Transmit Level Report** – When a DHCT signs on to the network, the QPSK modulator informs the DHCT of the signal needed to maintain a communication link between the DHCT and the modulator. The DHCT transmit level saturation report summarizes the transmit levels of DHCTs associated with each QPSK modulator and demodulator in the system. By analyzing the transmit levels, you can quickly spot when network conditions are preventing effective communication between the headend and the DHCTs.
- **DHCT Delay Value Report** – When a DHCT signs on to the network, the QPSK modulator performs a test that evaluates the distance from the DHCT to the modulator. Based upon this distance, the modulator assigns a "delay value," which indicates how often a DHCT checks in with the QPSK modulator. The closer the DHCT is to the modulator, the greater the delay value; the farther the DHCT is from the modulator, the shorter the delay value.

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The DHCT Delay Value Saturation Report summarizes the delay values of DHCTs associated with each QPSK modulator and demodulator in the system. By analyzing the delay values, you can spot conditions under which it may be advantageous to configure a QPSK modulator for the QPSK Range Extension Feature.

**Note:** The QPSK Range Extension Feature allows DHCTs to sign on to the system and operate properly at extended distances from the QPSK modulator.

- **DHCT OS/ResApp Report** – The DHCT Status reporting utility generates a report that lists the version of operating system (OS) and resident application code running on each DHCT type and revision supported by the system.

## Reports Menu

### Accessing the Reports Menu

- 1 From the main menu of the DHCT Status reporting utility, type **R** and press **Enter**. The Report Options Menu screen appears.

```

-- DHCT Status Reporting Utility --          Fri Mar 23
** Report Options Menu **                  17:31:38

--- STATUS AS OF LAST POLLING: [Mar-23-2018 17:06:20] ---
#DHCTs      Gen. DHCT Distrib.  #DHCTs  %DHCTs
Total # of Settops      DHCTs OutOfServ.:      0  0.00%
Loaded in Database:    DHCTs InServ1way:     0  0.00%
                      DHCTs InServ2way:    0  0.00%
                      DHCTs Deployed:     0  0.00%

--- SETTOP InService 2 Way Poll Analysis ---
#DHCTs      DHCT RDC Analysis  #DHCTs  %POLLED
DHCTs InServ2Way:    0          RDC Btwn 25-55 dBmV:  0  0.00%
                      Not Resp. to Poll:         0  0.00%
2Way w/oIP Adrs:    0  0.00%    RDC Below 25 dBmV:    0  0.00%
2Way w/oIP Adrs:    0  0.00%    RDC Above 55 dBmV:   0  0.00%

Total # of InService 2 Way Non-Responders:  0 DHCTs  3.33%
Non-Responders = (w/oIP + wIP Not Resp. to Poll) / (All InServ 2Way)

TO CHECK REPORTS GENERATED FROM POLLING:  SELECT  #of Issues
                                           Hi Med Low
Non-Responder Report Submenu - - - - - NR
Transmit Level Report Submenu - - - - - TL
DHCT Delay Value Report Submenu - - - - - DL
DHCT OS/ResApp Report Submenu - - - - - OS

Help - - - - - H
To Return To Main Menu - - - - - <ENTER>

Enter selection :
  
```

- 2 Type **H** and press **Enter** to display the DHCT Status Reporting Utility help screen.

**Note:** The help screen summarizes the purpose of each report included in the DHCT Status Reporting Utility.

- 3 Press **Enter** to return to the Report Options Menu screen.

- 4 Choose one of the following options:
  - To generate DHCT non-responder reports, go to the next section in this document.
  - To generate a DHCT transmit level report, go to *DHCT Transmit Level Report* (on page 98).
  - To generate a DHCT delay value report, go to *DHCT Delay Value Report* (on page 104).
  - To generate a report that lists the operating system and resident application software running on each DHCT type and revision on your system, go to *DHCT OS and ResApp Evaluation by Set Top Type and Rev Report* (on page 107).

## Non-Responder Reports

### Generating Non-Responder Reports

**Note:** A non-responding DHCT refers to a DHCT that does not respond to poll requests from the EC.

- 1 From the main menu of the DHCT Status Reporting Utility, type **NR** and press **Enter**. The Non-Responder Report Sub-Menu screen appears.

**Note:** The Non-Responder Report Sub-Menu screen shows that you can generate the following two types of DHCT non-responder reports:

- Non-Responders by QPSK Mod and DeMod ID
- Non-Responders by DHCT Type/Rev

```

| 2Way w/IP Addr: 0 0.00% RDC Below 25 dBmV: 0 0.00%
| 2Way w/oIP Addr: 0 0.00% RDC Above 55 dBmV: 0 0.00%
|-----|
| Total # of InService 2 Way Non-Responders: 0 DHCTs 0.00%
| Non-Responders = (w/oIP + w/IP Not Resp. to Poll) / (All InServ 2Way)
|-----|
| TO CHECK REPORTS GENERATED FROM POLLING:  SELECT  #of Issues
|                                         Hi  Med  Low
|-----|
| -Non-Responder Reports-
| Non-Responders by QPSK Mod & DeMod ID  - - - - - (1)
| Non-Responders by DHCT Type/Rev  - - - - - (2)
|-----|
| Help - - - - - H
| To Return To Main Menu - - - - - <CR>
|-----|
    
```

- 2 Choose one of the following options:
  - To generate a Non-Responder Report for DHCTs based upon QPSK modulator and demodulator ID, go to the next step.
  - To generate a Non-Responder Report for DHCTs based upon DHCT type and revision, go to Step 5.

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- 3 To generate a Non-Responder Report for DHCTs based upon QPSK modulator and demodulator ID, type **1** (for Non-Responders by QPSK Mod & DeMod ID) and press **Enter**.

**Result:** The Non-Responder Report Sub-Menu screen updates to display the following information:

- QPSK modulator(s) name, ID, and demodulator ID
- The number of DHCTs associated with each modulator and demodulator
- The total number and percentage of DHCTs assigned to each modulator and demodulator that are classified as non-responders

**Note:** The report automatically highlights the data when more than 20 percent of DHCTs associated with a specific modulator or demodulator are non-responders.

- 4 Press **Enter** to return to the Non-Responder Report Sub-Menu screen.
- 5 To generate a Non-Responder Report for DHCTs based upon DHCT type and revision, type **2** (for Non-Responders by DHCT Type/Rev) and press **Enter**.

**Result:** The Non-Responder Report Sub-Menu screen updates to display the following information:

- Each DHCT type and revision supported by the system
- The number and percentage of DHCTs of each type and revision that are non-responders
- The total number of DHCTs of each type and revision

**Note:** The report automatically highlights the data when 100 percent of a specific DHCT type and revision are non-responders.

- 6 Press **Enter** to return to the Non-Responder Report Sub-Menu screen.
- 7 Press **Enter** again to return to the Report Options Menu screen.

## DHCT Transmit Level Report

The DHCT sign-on process includes establishing the transmission level to use when communicating with QPSK modulators and demodulators.

DHCTs transmit at various levels and the QPSK demodulator then measures the quality of the signal. Based on these measurements, the QPSK modulator sends a transaction to the DHCT that provides the DHCT with a target transmit level. The DHCT then attempts to communicate with the modulator by using the target transmit level. The DHCT may make several attempts to communicate by increasing the transmit level until the DHCT is able to maintain a communication lock with the modulator.

Over time with the addition of other DHCTs to the network, signal-to-noise ratio issues are likely to affect the performance of the network. Likewise, attenuation issues are likely to surface as network configuration changes. DHCT transmission levels that were first established when the DHCT was added to the network may no longer be valid and the system may require adjustment.

You can use the DHCT Transmit Level Saturation Report to view data pertaining to the transmission levels of DHCTs on the network and use the data to adjust their system, if necessary.

### Notes:

- DHCT transmit levels are expressed in terms of dBmV. The translation of dBmV is *decibels with respect to 1 millivolt over a characteristic impedance of 75 ohms*.
- Attenuation refers to the decrease in intensity between transmitted and received signals. The loss in intensity is usually a natural consequence of signal transmission over long distances.
- A signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) is a measurement of signal strength relative to background noise. Competing transmissions from other DHCTs on the network tend to increase the background noise, decreasing the SNR.
- All demodulators assigned to a specific modulator should be configured to expect approximately the same transmit level from DHCTs. Compensate for variations in DHCT transmit levels by padding and combining. Do not configure transmit levels manually from the front panel of the demodulator.

### Generating a DHCT Transmit Level Report

- 1 Maximize the window.

**Note:** The data in the DHCT Transmit Level Saturation Report displays best if the window is maximized.

- 2 From the main menu of the DHCT Status Reporting Utility, type **TL** and press **Enter**. The system generates the DHCT Transmit Level Saturation Report.
- 3 Go to *Understanding the DHCT Transmit Level Saturation Report* (next in this document) for help in interpreting the data displayed in the report.

### Understanding the DHCT Transmit Level Report

There are two parts to the DHCT Transmit Level Report:

- A graphical representation of the distribution of the various transmission levels of DHCTs assigned to each QPSK modulator on the system.  
**Note:** See *Graphical Distribution of DHCT Transmission Levels* (next in this document) for information on interpreting the graphical representation.



Transmit Level Analysis

The second part of the DHCT Transmit Level Report provides a chart showing the detailed breakdown of the graphical data displayed in the previous topic.

This part of the report contains the following data:

- Total number of DHCTs assigned to the modulator and each demodulator that transmit at each transmit level.

**Note:** In the following example, the QPSKMOD1 modulator is configured with one demodulator.

- The average and the median transmit level for the modulator and each demodulator.

QPSK Mod Name	ID	Avg.	Md	Transmit Level Breakdown						
				20db	25db	30db	50db	55db	60db	
QPSKMOD1	8	41.99	42	9	43	219	5865	490	225	0
DMod: 1		40.98	41	2	5	26	755	46	18	0
DMod: 2		43.47	44	0	0	8	633	84	42	0
DMod: 3		39.42	40	7	23	64	713	36	16	0
DMod: 4		40.56	41	0	9	46	718	35	20	0
DMod: 5		43.51	44	0	2	14	828	94	34	0
DMod: 6		41.96	42	0	3	38	1029	84	45	0
DMod: 7		43.12	43	0	1	15	853	74	37	0
DMod: 8		43.33	44	0	0	8	336	37	13	0

The data confirms that the system is healthy. The average and median transmit levels (marked **Avg.** and **Md** respectively in the heading of the chart) for the modulator and each demodulator are reasonably close to the midpoint (40 dBmV) of our recommended range of 25 to 55 dBmV.

Examples of Systems Needing Recalibration

To further illustrate the value of the information contained in the DHCT Transmit Level Saturation Report, consider these two cases.

- The first case, *Case 1* (next in this document) depicts a system where DHCTs transmit at levels higher than our recommended range of 25 to 55 dBmV. The graph clearly shows the excessively high transmit levels.
- The second case, *Case 2* (on page 103) illustrates a more subtle example of a system needing recalibration. The graph looks fine but the chart depicts one demodulator transmitting too low and another transmitting too high.





## DHCT Delay Value Report

The DHCT Delay Value Report is used to determine whether the Range Extension feature needs to be enabled on a system.

### Generating the DHCT Delay Value Report

- 1 Maximize the window.

**Note:** The data in the DHCT Delay Value Saturation Report displays best if the window is maximized.

- 2 From the main menu of the DHCT Status utility, type **DL** and press **Enter**. The system generates the DHCT Delay Value Saturation Report.
- 3 Go to *Understanding the DHCT Delay Value Saturation Report* (next in this document) for information on interpreting the data displayed in the report.

### Understanding the DHCT Delay Value Saturation Report

There are two parts to the DHCT Delay Value Report:

- A graphical representation of the distribution of the various delay values of DHCTs assigned to each QPSK modulator on the system

**Note:** See *Graphical Distribution of DHCT Delay Values* (next in this document) for information on interpreting the graphical representation.

- A numerical analysis of the graphical representation of the various delay values of DHCTs assigned to each QPSK modulator on the system

**Note:** See *Delay Value Analysis* (on page 105) for information on interpreting the numerical analysis.

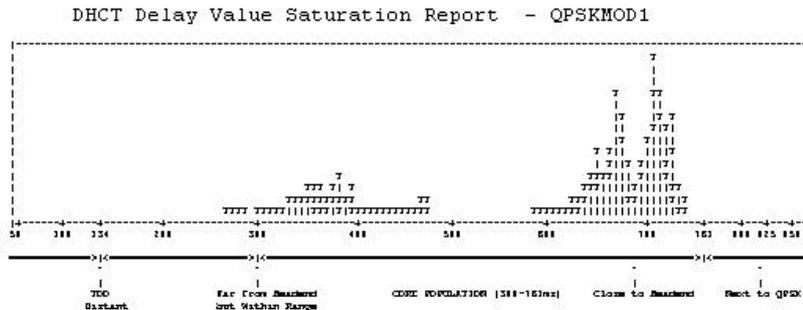
#### Graphical Distribution of DHCT Delay Values

The first part of the DHCT Delay Value Report contains a graph that shows the distribution of the various delay values of DHCTs assigned to a specific QPSK modulator.

In the following example, the modulator is **QPSKMOD1**.

- The horizontal axis of the graph plots units of time in microseconds (ms).

- The vertical axis (not marked on the report) plots the relative number of DHCTs with each delay value.



The data in this graph shows that the QPSK called **QPSKMOD1** supports two distinct clusters of DHCTs. The first cluster of DHCTs is located close to the headend, as confirmed by the **Close to Headend** label along the x-axis. These DHCTs have a delay value centered around 700 ms.

The second cluster of DHCTs is located farther from the headend, as confirmed by the **Far from Headend but Within Range** label along the x-axis. These DHCTs have a delay value centered around 400 ms.

Having multiple clusters of DHCTs, as illustrated in this example, is normally not a problem. Non-responding DHCTs begin to appear only when delay values fall below the 134 microsecond range, as designated by the **Too Distant** label along the x-axis.

#### Delay Value Analysis

The second part of the DHCT Delay Value Report provides a detailed breakdown of the graphical data displayed in Graphical Distribution of DHCT Delay Values, earlier in this section.

This part of the report contains the following data:

- A listing of the QPSK modulator and associated demodulators.
  - Note:** In the following example, Modulator QPSKMOD1 is configured with eight demodulators.
- The average and the median delay values for the modulator and each demodulator.

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- A detailed listing showing the number of DHCTs with each delay value.

QPSK Mod Name	ID	Avg.	Med	DHCT Delay Value Breakdown						
				90ms	134ms	300ms	745ms	761ms	800ms	
QPSKMOD1	2	618.38	671	0	0	24	7150	0	0	0
DMod: 1		686.80	686	0	0	0	1086	0	0	0
DMod: 2		694.62	705	0	0	0	813	0	0	0
DMod: 3		695.50	708	0	0	0	792	0	0	0
DMod: 4		691.04	709	0	0	0	782	0	0	0
DMod: 5		681.21	669	0	0	0	1079	0	0	0
DMod: 6		664.94	660	0	0	0	1067	0	0	0
DMod: 7		367.46	369	0	0	24	752	0	0	0
DMod: 8		390.88	381	0	0	0	777	0	0	0

The data confirms the existence of two distinct clusters of DHCTs, with each cluster located a distinct radius away from the modulator.

- 7,150 DHCTs have a delay value of approximately 745 ms.  
**Note:** These DHCTs correspond to the cluster situated over the Close to Headend label along the x-axis of the graph shown under the Graphical Distribution of DHCT Delay Values heading, earlier in this section.
- 24 DHCTs have a delay value of approximately 300 ms.  
**Note:** These DHCTs correspond to the cluster located over the Far from Headend but Within Range label along the x-axis of the graph shown under the Graphical Distribution of DHCT Delay Values heading, earlier in this section.

### QPSK Range Extension Feature

The Model D9482 QPSK Modulator is capable of successfully connecting to and operating DHCTs within a distance of approximately 128 km round trip (64 km each way when forward and reverse paths are equal). This distance limitation is mainly due to the width of the ranging slots defined in the Digital Audio-Visual Council (DAVIC) standard for operation over the hybrid fiber coax (HFC) plant.

Some cable service providers prefer to physically locate the QPSK hardware in the headend and extend coverage to DHCTs that are farther from the QPSK modulator than the currently allowable maximum distance. This optional feature, known as the QPSK Range Extension Feature for the Model D9482 QPSK Modulator, allows DHCTs to sign onto the system and operate properly at extended distances from the QPSK modulator.

## DHCT OS and ResApp Evaluation by Set Top Type and Rev Report

A typical supports DHCTs of many types and revisions. The DHCT Status utility includes an option that generates a report that lists the following data:

- The number and percentage of each DHCT type and revision supported by the system.
- The version of operating system and resident application software running on each DHCT type and revision.

### Generating the DHCT OS and ResApp Evaluation by Set Top Type and Rev Report

- 1 Maximize the window.  
**Note:** The data in the DHCT OS and ResApp Evaluation by Set Top Type and Rev Report displays best if the window is maximized.
- 2 From the main menu of the DHCT Status utility, type **OS** and press **Enter**. The system generates the DHCT OS and ResApp Evaluation by Set Top Type and Rev Report.
- 3 Press **Enter** as often as required to scroll through the entire report.



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## Convert EC Source IDs to TV Guide Source IDs with the mvsruid Utility

### Introduction

The mvsruid utility allows you to convert existing EC source IDs to TV Guide source IDs, or to update existing TV Guide source IDs.

Using this utility, you can present subscribers with the most current Electronic Program Guide (EPG) information.

**Important:** Non-Cisco source IDs are not supported by the mvsruid utility.

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## Display the Help Window and Version Number of the mvsruid Utility

### Displaying the Help Window of the mvsruid Utility

- 1 As **root** user, type the following command to source the environment.  
`[root@berlin3 ~]# . /dvs/dncs/bin/dncsSetup`
- 2 Type the following command to display the help window for the **mvsruid** utility.  
`[root@berlin3 Utilities# ./mvsruid.sh -h`

#### Output:

```
-----  
Tue Jan 23 16:24:34 EST 2018  
-----  
  
/mvsruid.sh Version 8.0.10  
NAME  
    mvsruid.sh - allows the ROOT operator to convert existing sourceIDs on  
    the EC to TVGuide sourceIDs, or to update existing TVGuide  
    sourceIDs. This will allow the cable user to be presented  
    with the proper EPG information.  
SYNOPSIS  
    mvsruid.sh [-bgiruhv ]  
DESCRIPTION  
    mvsruid.sh primary responsibility is to convert sa sources ids  
    to provided TVGuide sources ids. The process starts by generating  
    the list of sa sources ids by using the -g (generate) option. The  
    generated file, will be given to TVGuide so they can fill in the  
    corresponding TVguide sourceIDs at the end of the file. The name  
    and content of the generated file is:  
        sasourceids_mmddyyhhmmss.list:  
        SA-shortdescription, SA-longdescription, SA-appid, SA-sourceId,  
Once TVguide has added their sources ids at the end of the file  
then you can use the -i (info) option to process the file without  
updating the database, or the -u (update) option to update the  
database with the requested changes.  
The script will provide a list of successful conversions, a list  
of failed conversions, a list of source IDs that did not needed  
conversion (SA sourceID not available in the EC), and a list of  
bad sources IDs (either SA source IDs in the range of 0-200, or  
incomplete source ids provided).  
A log file will be generated in the current directory containing  
the status of each source conversion. The file will have the  
following format/name:  
    sourceconversion_mmddyyhhmmss.log  
OPTIONS  
The following options are supported:  
-g      Generates the list of sa sources ids that need to be  
        converted.  
-i source file name  
        INFO MODE: process a user provided comma separated file  
        name with the list of SA-sources to be converted and the  
        corresponding TVGuide sourceID to convert to without  
        performing any database updates.
```

## Display the Help Window and Version Number of the mvsruid Utility

```
-u source file name
    UPDATE MODE: process a user provided comma separated file
    name with the list of SA-sources to be converted and the
    corresponding TVGuide sourceID to convert to updating the
    database.
-b    Backups the database tables involved in the conversion before
    they are converted. The backup files are located in the
    /dvs/backups directory and the name of the backup files have
    the following format srcidbackup_mmddyyyy.tar.
-r    Restores a backup of the tables prior to the conversion
    the backup files are located in the /dvs/backups directory.
-H|h  Help.
-V|v  Print current version of this command.
-----
Tue Jan 23 16:24:34 EST 2018
-----
```

## Displaying the Version Number of the mvsruid Utility

- 1 As **root** user, type the following command to display the version number of the mvsruid utility.

```
[root@berlin3 Utilities]# ./mvsruid.sh -v
```

### Example Output:

```
-----
Tue Jan 23 21:28:31 UTC 2018
-----
./mvsruid.sh Version 8.0.10
-----
Tue Jan 23 21:28:31 UTC 2018
-----
```

## Back Up the Database Tables

The **-b** option of the mvsrcid utility allows you to back up those database tables that are affected by the mvsrcid utility, before the utility generates source IDs that need to be converted to TV Guide source IDs.

While you do not have to back up the database tables before you update the tables with TV Guide source IDs, we recommend that you do so. Should something go wrong when you update your database tables with TV Guide source IDs, your backed-up database tables will let you restore your system.

**Important:** Back up the database tables each time you use the mvsrcid utility to update your system with TV Guide source IDs.

- 1 As **root** user, type the following command to execute the **mvsrcid** utility with the **-b** option.

```
[root@berlin3 Utilities]# mvsrcid.sh -b
```

### Example Output:

```
-----
Tue Jan 23 21:34:07 UTC 2018
-----

Database selected.
41 row(s) unloaded.
58 row(s) unloaded.
89 row(s) unloaded.
70 row(s) unloaded.
28 row(s) unloaded.
17 row(s) unloaded.
29 row(s) unloaded.
33 row(s) unloaded.
0 row(s) unloaded.
0 row(s) unloaded.

Database closed.

tar: Removing leading `/' from member names
/dvs/backups/samservices.unl
/dvs/backups/pdsourcident.unl
/dvs/backups/pdsources.unl
/dvs/backups/pdsrcinfo.unl
/dvs/backups/pdsourcesecurity.unl
/dvs/backups/applicationurl.unl
/dvs/backups/pdsegment.unl
/dvs/backups/displaychannels.unl
/dvs/backups/sdv_source.unl
/dvs/backups/pdnonsasources.unl

You just requested the -b option to be executed, which backups all tables
related to converting the existing sources to new sources before the
conversion
takes place. The backup file will be located in the /dvs/backup directory
The format of the name of the backup file is:
    srcidbackup_mmdyyyhhmss.list:

*** The file /dvs/backups/srcidbackup_01232018213407.tar contains a backup of
the tables that
will be changed prior to the conversion ***

-----
Tue Jan 23 21:34:07 UTC 2018
-----
```

**Important:** Note these important points about the backup of your database tables:

- The naming convention of the backup file is **srcidbackup\_mmddyyyyhhmmss.list** (for example, srcidbackup\_01232018213407.tar) and it is saved to the **/dvs/backups/** directory.
- Do not modify this backup file. Should you ever need to restore these database tables, you need this backup file to perform the restoration.
- The **-r** option of the mvsruid utility restores the database tables to their original form.

**Important:** Do NOT use the **-r** option without calling Cisco Services first. Cisco Services will help you assess your restoration needs and will guide you through the process.

## Generate a List of Source IDs

After backing up the database tables that are affected by the mvsruid utility, you are now ready to generate a file that contains the source IDs that need to be converted to TV Guide source IDs. Complete the following steps to generate this file.

- 1 As **root** user, type the following command to generate a file that contains source IDs that need to be converted to TV Guide source IDs.

```
[root@berlin3 Utilities]# ./mvsruid.sh -g
```

### Example Output:

```
-----
Tue Jan 23 21:49:57 UTC 2018
-----

Database selected.
866 row(s) unloaded.

Database closed.

You just requested the -g option to be executed, which creates a file
with the list of SA-sources that need to be converted. This file
will then be given to TVGuide so they can fill in the corresponding
matching TVguide sourceIDs at the end of the file. The name and content
of the generated file is:

    sasourceids_mmdyyyhhmss.list:
        SA-shortdescription,SA-longdescription,SA-appid,SA-sourceId,
*** The file sasourceids_01232018214957.list contains the list of sources
that
need to be mapped to TVGuide sources ***

-----
Tue Jan 23 21:49:57 UTC 2018
-----
```

### Notes:

- The naming convention of the generated file is **sasourceids\_mmdyyyhhmss.list**.
  - The file is stored in the directory from which you ran the mvsruid utility (for example, /dvs/dnscs/Utilities).
  - The file contains the short description, the long description, the application ID, and the current source ID, all separated by commas.
- 2 Transmit the file to TV Guide. Engineers at TV Guide will append their own source ID to each line of the file.

**Note:** As an alternative to sending the file to TV Guide, someone on-site, who is familiar with TV Guide source IDs, can edit the file directly.

## Generate a List of Source IDs

- 3 After the `sasourceids_mmdyyyyhhmmss.list` has been edited by appending TV Guide source IDs to the file, rename the file.

**Note:** By renaming the file, the edited file can be easily differentiated from the original file.

**Example:** Consider something like  
`sasourceids_implemented_mmdyyyyhhmmss.list`.

## Modify the List of Source IDs

At this point, the generated file is ready to be modified by appending the corresponding TV Guide source ID to the end of each line of the file. The file can be modified in one of the following manners:

- Send the file to TV Guide, where TV Guide will modify the file and return it to you
- Have someone on-site at the headend, who is familiar with TV Guide source IDs, modify the file directly

**Important:** Rename the file after TV Guide source IDs have been appended to the file. This way, you can readily differentiate between a file that has already been modified and one that has yet to be modified. Consider a name like `sasourceids_implemented_mmddyyyhhmmss.list` for a file that has already been modified.

**Example:** The contents of the `sasourceids_mmddyyyhhmmss.list` file, renamed to `sasourceids_implemented_mmddyyyhhmmss.list`, will look similar to this example after it has been modified:

```
ENCAW,Ence Action West,1,1062,
ENCBW,Encore Black West,1,1064,
ENCCW,Encore Classic West,1,1063,
ENCWW,Encore Westerns West,1,1065,
ESPN,ESPN,1,1071,
FOXMV,FOX MOVIES,1,1074,
FOXSP,FOX SPORTS,1,1072,
FoxAt,Fox Atlanta DTACS,1,6846,
HBO,HBO,1,1073,
STZBE,Starz Black EastP5,1,1070,
STZEP,Startz East P1,1,1066,      <<<< New Source ID
STZK,Starz Kids_FamilyP4,1,1069,
STZP2,Startz West P2,1,1067,
STZp3,Starz Edge EastP3,1,1068,
Style,Style,1,1061,
TNT,TNT,1,1075,
USA1,USA1,1,1076,
U SA2,USA2,1,1077,
USA3,USA3,1,1078,
USA4,USA4,1,1079,
USA5,USA5,1,1080,
fuse,fuse,1,1057,
```

## Update the Database Tables

By this time, the `sasourceids_mmddyyyyhhmmss.list` file has been edited, either by TV Guide engineers or someone on-site who is familiar with TV Guide source IDs, and returned to the headend. In addition, you have renamed the edited `sasourceids_mmddyyyyhhmmss.list` file to easily differentiate it from the original `sasourceids_mmddyyyyhhmmss.list` file.

This section provides procedures to update the database tables.

**Note:** For purposes of an example in this procedure, assume that the edited and renamed file is called `sasourceids_implemented_01232018214957.list`.

### Inspecting the TV Guide Source IDs

The output from the `-i` option will allow you to inspect the edited `sasourceids` file for the addition of TV Guide source IDs. Should a TV Guide source ID be missing, or if you see a duplicate TV Guide source ID or suspect an invalid TV Guide source ID, you can halt the process before the database is erroneously updated.

**Note:** Running the `mvsruid` utility with the `-i` option *does not* update the database.

- 1 As **root** user, type the following command to display the data with which the database tables will be updated.

**Command Syntax:**

```
./mvsruid.sh -i [name of edited file]
```

**Note:** Substitute the name of the edited `sasourceids_mmddyyyyhhmmss.list` file for `[name of edited file]`.

**Example:**

```
[root@berlin3 Utilities]# ./mvsruid.sh -i
sasourceids_implemented_01232018214957.list
```

**Example Output:**

```
-----  
Tue Jan 23 16:34:34 EST 2018  
-----  
  
Database selected.  
Temporary table created.  
Index created.  
Index created.  
3 row(s) loaded.  
  
shortd  longd                appid  sa_sourceid  tvg_sourceid  
BET     BET                        20     4103         1066  
CSPAN   CSPAN                      27     4105         1999  
CNN     Cable News Network        24     4110         1955  
  
3 row(s) retrieved.  
  
Routine created.  
Routine executed.  
Routine dropped.  
Database closed  
  
*** Please check file sourceconversion_01232018214957.log for results ***
```

- 2 Inspect the output.

### Stopping the cron Jobs on the EC

- 1 As **admin** user, type the following command to stop the **crond** service.  
[admin@berlin3 ~]\$ sudo service crond stop
- 2 Confirm that the cron jobs have stopped by typing the following command. The output should resemble the following:  
[admin@berlin3 ~]\$ service crond status

**Example Output:**

```
crond is stopped
```

### Stopping the EC

- 1 Close all Web UIs.
- 2 As **dncs** user, type the following command to stop the EC processes.  
[dncs@berlin3 ~]\$ dncsStop
- 3 Type the following command shut down the Initd process.  
[dncs@berlin3 ~]\$ dncsKill
- 4 Type the following command to determine if the processes have stopped. The processes are stopped when there are no EC processes listed in the output.  
[dncs@berlin3 ~]\$ pgrep -fl dvs

- 5 If the output from the command in the previous step shows that processes are running, do the following:

- a As **admin** user, type the following command to stop the running processes.

**Command Syntax:**

```
sudo kill [PID1] [PID2] [PID3]...[PIDn]
```

**Note:** PID is the process ID of a running process(es).

**Example:**

```
[admin@berlin3 ~]$ sudo kill 7069 7287
```

**Note:** If the kill command is unsuccessful, contact Cisco Services for assistance.

## Ensuring No Database Sessions are Active on the EC

- 1 Close all windows and Web UIs that are open except for a terminal window where you are logged in as the **admin** user.

- 2 Type the following command and press **Enter**. The system lists running processes that use the tomcat server.

```
[admin@berlin3 ~]$ ps -ef | grep tomcat
```

- 3 Is the tomcat server running?

- If **yes**, type the following command and press **Enter** to stop the tomcat service.

```
[ecadmin@berlin3 ~]$ sudo service tomcat stop
```

- If **no**, go to Step 5.

- 4 Type the following command and press **Enter** to confirm that the tomcat server has stopped:

```
[admin@berlin3 ~]$ sudo service tomcat status
```

- 5 Type the following command and press **Enter**. The system lists running UI processes.

```
[admin@berlin3 ~]$ ps -ef | grep UI
```

- 6 Are any UI processes running (**dbUIServer** and **podUIServer**)?

- If **yes**, as **dncs** user, type the following command and press **Enter**:

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ /dvs/dncs/bin/stopSOAPServers
```

- If **no**, go to Step 9.

- 7 Type the following command and press **Enter** to confirm that UI processes have stopped:

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ ps -ef | grep UI
```

**Note:** If any Web UI processes are still running, repeat the previous step.

- 8 Are any **ui** processes running?
  - If **yes**, as **admin** user, type the following command and press **Enter** for any console **ui** process that is still running:

```
[admin@berlin3 ~]$ sudo kill [PID]
```

**Notes:**

    - The PID to kill is in the second column in the output from Step 7.
    - If the kill command is unsuccessful, contact Cisco Services.
  - If **no**, go to the next step.
- 9 As **root** user, enter the following command to source the environment.

```
[root@berlin3 ~]#. /dvs/dncs/bin/dncsSetup
```
- 10 Type the following command and press **Enter**:

```
[root@berlin3 ~]# showActiveSessions
```

**Result:** One of the following messages appears:

  - A message indicating that the **INFORMIXSERVER** is **idle**
  - A message listing active database sessions
- 11 Did the message in the previous step indicate that there are active database sessions?
  - If **yes**, follow these instructions:
    - a Type the following message and press **Enter**. The system removes all active sessions from the database.

```
[root@berlin3 ~]# killActiveSessions
```
    - b Type the following command again and press **Enter**:

```
[root@berlin3 ~]# showActiveSessions
```
    - c Did a message appear indicating that there are active database sessions?
      - If **yes**, call Cisco Services.
      - If **no**, go to the next step.
  - If **no**, go to the next step.
- 12 As **dncs** user, type the following command and press **Enter**. The system terminates the **dncsInitd** process if it is still running.

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ dncsKill
```
- 13 Wait a few moments, type the following command and press **Enter**. The system reports whether the **dncsInitd** process is still running.

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ ps -ef | grep dncsInitd
```

**Note:** If the **dncsInitd** process is still running, repeat Step 12.

## Terminating the dhctStatus Polling Operation

- 1 As **dncs** user, type the following command and press **Enter**. The system reveals whether there are any instances of the dhctStatus process running.

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ ps -ef |grep dhctStatus
```

- 2 Did your results from the previous step show that the dhctStatus process was running?

- If **yes**, go to the next step to shut down the polling operations.
- If **no**, skip the rest of this procedure and go to the next section.

- 3 Type the following command and press **Enter** to change to the **/dvs/dncs/Utilities** directory.

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ cd /dvs/dncs/Utilities
```

- 4 Enter the following command to display the **dhctStatus** menu.

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ dhctStatus
```

- 5 To terminate the polling operation, follow these instructions:

- a Type **P** and press **Enter**. The system displays a polling menu.
- b Type **T** and press **Enter**. The system terminates the polling operation.
- c Press **Enter** to return to the main menu.
- d Type **q** and press **Enter** to exit the menu.

- 6 Type the following command and press **Enter** to determine whether all of the processes have been terminated:

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ ps -ef | grep dhctStatus
```

- 7 Type the following command and press **Enter** for any process ID displayed in the results from Step 6:

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ kill [process ID]
```

### Notes:

- The process ID(s) to kill is/are located starting with the second column of the output from Step 6.
  - If the kill command is unsuccessful, contact Cisco Services.
- 8 Repeat Steps 6 and 7 for any process that is still active.

## Removing the signonCount Utility from System Memory

- 1 Type the following command and press **Enter**. A list of EC processes and process IDs display on the screen.

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ ps -ef | grep signonCount
```

- 2 Do the results from Step 1 show that the signonCount utility is running?
  - If **yes**, continue with the next step.
  - If **no**, skip the rest of this procedure and go to the next section.

- 3 As **dncs** user, type the following command and press **Enter**:

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ ./signonCount uninstall
```

**Note:** The utility is *not* permanently uninstalled; it is placed back into system memory the next time you run the signonCount utility.

- 4 Type the following command and press **Enter**. A list of EC processes and process IDs display on the screen.

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ ps -ef | grep signonCount
```

- 5 To kill any remaining processes, type the following command and press **Enter**:

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ pkill signonCount
```

- 6 Type the following command and press **Enter** to ensure all the processes are terminated.

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ ps -ef | grep signonCount
```

- 7 Repeat Steps 5 and 6 for any process that continues to be displayed.

**Note:** The system should only display the grep process.

## Stopping the dncstail Utility

Some sites may also have the third-party dncstail utility running. Stop the dncstail utility before updating your database with TV Guide source IDs.

## Updating the Database With TV Guide Source IDs

Now that you have inspected the TV Guide source IDs and have stopped the EC, you can now update the database.

- 1 As **root** user, type the following command to change to the **/dvs/dnscs/Utilities** directory.

```
[root@berlin3 ~]# cd /dvs/dnscs/Utilities
```

- 2 Type the following command and press **Enter**. The system loads the relevant database tables with TV Guide source IDs.

### Command Syntax:

```
mvsruid.sh -u [name of edited file]
```

### Example:

```
[root@berlin3 Utilities]# mvsruid.sh -u  
sasourceids_implemented_01032018161728.list
```

**Example Output:**

```

-----
Thursday, January 3, 2018  2:16:08 PM EDT
-----

Database selected.
Temporary table created.
Index created.
Index created.
3 row(s) loaded.

shortd  longd                appid  sa_sourceid  tvg_sourceid
BET     BET                    20     4103         1066
CSPAN   CSPAN                 27     4105         1999
CNN     Cable News Network    24     4110         1955

3 row(s) retrieved.

Routine created.
Routine executed.
Routine dropped.
Database closed

*** Please check file sourceconversion_01032018163158.log for results ***

```

**Restarting the cron Jobs on the EC**

- 1 Type the following command to check the current status of the **crond** service.  
[root@berlin3 Utilities]# service crond status
- 2 Have the cron jobs restarted on their own?
  - If **yes**, skip the rest of this procedure and go to the next procedure in this section.
  - If **no**, continue with the next step.
- 3 Type the following command to start the **crond** service.  
[root@berlin3 Utilities]# service crond start
- 4 Repeat Step 1 to verify that the **crond** service is running.  
[root@berlin3 Utilities]# service crond status

## Restarting the EC

- 1 As **dncs** user, type the following commands to restart the Informix database, the SOAPServers, and the EC processes.  
[dncs@berlin3 ~]\$ dncsStart  
[dncs@berlin3 ~]\$ appStart
- 2 From a supported Web browser, log into the EC Web UI. The Administrative Console opens.
- 3 Verify that the processes are all green.
- 4 If any processes continue to display yellow or red after several minutes, try to restart each individually by selecting the process and clicking **Start**.
- 5 Do all processes display green indicators?
  - If **yes**, you are finished with this procedure.
  - If **no**, contact Cisco Services.

## A Workaround for Sites Experiencing Lost Video

Some sites that run the mvsrcid utility may experience black screens or lost video. Completing the following workaround may reduce the length of time that video is lost.

- 1 From the EC Administrative Console, click the **Navigation** icon, , and select **App Interface Modules > SAM Config**. The SAM Configuration window appears.
- 2 In the space provided, record the current setting for the **Update Timer**.  
Update Timer: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Change the **Update Timer** to **60** seconds. This change forces the SAM to update faster.
- 4 Click **Save** and close the SAM Configuration window.
- 5 Click the **Navigation** icon, , again and select **App Interface Modules > SAM Service**. The SAM Service List window appears.
- 6 Using the **Filter** feature, display SAM services.
- 7 Select one of the SAM services and click **Edit**. The Edit SAM Service window opens.
- 8 Click **Save**. You are returned to the SAM Service List window.  
**Result:** Normal video should now return within 2 or 3 minutes.
- 9 Close the SAM Service List window.
- 10 Click the **Navigation** icon, , and select **App Interface Modules > SAM Config**. The SAM Configuration window appears.
- 11 Using the setting you recorded in Step 2, set the Update Timer setting back to its original value.
- 12 Click **Save**.



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## Examine the podData File with the podDataChk Utility

### Introduction

Using the podDataChk utility, you can examine the contents of the podData file that is stored in the /dvs/dvsFiles/BFS/<site name>/podServer directory.

The podData file contains data that is communicated to CableCARD modules through the BFS carousel, such as CableCARD configuration data, and data that pertains to the authorization and deauthorization of copy protection for CableCARD modules.

The podDataChk utility helps you determine what CableCARD/host (Pod/Host) pairs are included in the podData file, and are transmitted using the BFS carousel.

Because the podData file is limited to 1,500 records, the podDataChk utility helps you monitor the growth of the file. If the podData file grows larger than 1,500 records, data in the file might not be transmitted on the BFS carousel in a timely fashion.

The podData file contains only active records – records for CableCARD/host pairs that are currently authorized or deauthorized. It does not include records that were authorized or deauthorized previously.

Each time the podDataChk utility runs, it generates the /dvs/dvsFiles/BFS/<site name>/podServer/podData.txt file, which contains a complete summary of the data in the podData file. You can then use the LINUX *less* utility to examine the podData.txt file.

However, only data that pertains to the option you used when you ran the podDataChk utility is displayed on the screen of the EC. Read through this chapter for a description of all the options that are supported by the podDataChk utility.

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## Display the Help Window for the podDataChk Utility

- 1 As **dncs** user, type one of the following commands to display the help window for the **podDataChk** utility.

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ podDataChk -?  
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ poddataChk -h
```

### Example Output:

```
usage: podDataChk [options]  
No options: Read <podData> file from the current location and  
              write output <podData.txt> file to the current location.  
Standard options:  
-c              display the count of records for each section  
-?              show this message  
-h              show this message  
-s              display CCardServer data  
-f <FILE>       use FILE instead of podData file  
-m <POD mac>    display the HOST id for this POD, if found  
-H <host id>    display the POD mac for this Host, if found
```

## Count the Records in the podData File

The podDataChk utility sorts the data in the podData file into various categories, or sections:

- **Forced Key Refresh** section – Contains the MAC addresses of CableCARD modules that need to initiate a new key exchange with its bound host for the purpose of obtaining secure transmission of data.
- **Pod/Host Pairs Auth** section – Contains the MAC addresses of CableCARD modules that have active copy protection authorization.
- **Pod/Host Pairs Deauth** section – Contains the MAC addresses of CableCARD modules that have active copy protection deauthorization.

When run with the **-c** option, the podDataChk utility provides a count of the number of records in each section, and displays that data to the screen of the EC.

The podDataChk utility also generates a detailed summary of the podData file and writes that summary to the /dvs/dvsFiles/BFS/<site name>/podServer/podData.txt file.

- 1 As **dncs** user, type the following command to make the /dvs/dvsFiles/BFS/<site name>/podServer directory the working directory.

**Command Syntax:**

```
cd /dvs/dvsFiles/BFS/<site name>/podServer
```

**Example:**

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ cd /dvs/dvsFiles/BFS/DNCS/podServer
```

- 2 Type the following command to display the recorded count from all three sections of the **podData** file.

```
[dncs@berlin3 podServer]$ podDataChk -c
```

**Example Output:**

```
processing file <podData> ...
*****
Forced key refresh count = 0
Auth count                = 0
Deauth count              = 1
Note: Output file <podData.txt> created. Review for more info.
```

- 3 Type the following command to view the complete contents of the **podData.txt** file:

```
[dncs@berlin3 podServer]$ less podData.txt
```

**Example Output:**

```
***** TIMESTAMP SECTION *****
Time stamp   = 1514992538 (01/03/2018 10:15:38)
File version = 805
***** GLOBAL DATA SECTION *****
Max key session period = 10
Server IP             = 204.25.1.1
Server Port          = 13830
***** POD/HOST PAIRS AUTH SECTION *****
Num of records = 0
***** POD/HOST PAIRS DEAUTH SECTION *****
Num of records = 1
          POD MAC           Host Id
          -----           -
00:21:BE:2E:25:C5, 0-380-169-302-854
***** CRC32 SECTION *****
CRC32 = 402937769
```

## Display Configuration Data for the CableCARD Server

When run with the **-s** option, the podDataChk utility displays configuration data for the CableCARD server. The system directs output to the screen of the EC and to the /dvs/dvsFiles/BFS/<site name>/podServer/podData.txt file.

- 1 As **dncs** user, type the following command to display configuration data for the CableCARD server.

```
[dncs@berlin3 podServer]$ podDataChk -s
```

### Example Output:

```
processing file <podData> ...
*****
Server IP      = 204.54.1.1
Server Port    = 13830
Note: Output file <podData.txt> created. Review for more info.
```

- 2 Type the following command to view the complete contents of the **podData.txt** file:

```
[dncs@berlin3 podServer]$ less podData.txt
```

## Display the Host ID for a Specific Module

When run with the **-m** option, the podDataChk utility displays the host ID for the specified CableCARD module. The system directs the output to the screen of the EC, and to the /dvs/dvsFiles/BFS/<site name>/podServer/podData.txt file.

- 1 As **dncs** user, type the following command to display the host ID for the specified CableCARD module, provided the CableCARD module/host pair is contained in the podData file.

**Command Syntax:**

```
podDataChk -m [MAC Address of CableCARD module]
```

**Example:**

```
[dncs@berlin3 podServer]$ podDataChk -m 00:21:BE:2E:25:C5
```

**Example Output:**

```
processing file <podData> ...
```

```
Cable card with MAC <00:21:BE:2E:25:C5> deauthorized to Host = 0-380-169-302-854
```

```
Note: Output file <podData.txt> created. Review for more info.
```

- 2 Type the following command and press **Enter** to view the complete contents of the podData.txt file:

```
[dncs@berlin3 podServer]$ less podData.txt
```

## Display the CableCARD MAC Address for a Specific Host

When run with the *-H* option, the podDataChk utility displays the CableCARD MAC address for the specified host. The system directs the output to the screen of the EC, and to the `/dvs/dvsFiles/BFS/<site name>/podServer/podData.txt` file.

- 1 As **dncs** user, type the following command to display the CableCARD MAC address for the specified host, provided the CableCARD/host pair is contained in the podData file.

**Command Syntax:**

```
podDataChk -H [Host ID]
```

**Example:**

```
[dncs@berlin3 podServer]$ podDataChk -H 0-380-169-302-854
```

**Example Output:**

```
Host with ID <0-380-169-302-854> is deauthorized with Cable card =  
00:21:BE:2E:25:C5
```

Note: Output file <podData.txt> created. Review for more info.

- 2 Type the following command to view the complete contents of the **podData.txt** file:

```
[dncs@berlin3 podServer]$ less podData.txt
```

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## Monitor the Logfiles of EC Processes with the `qtail` and `sesstail` Utilities

### Introduction

The logfiles in the `/dvs/dnsc/tmp` directory contain important information about how the EC processes are operating.

As the processes run, they typically write entries into their associated logfiles that provide valuable debugging information. A typical entry into a logfile contains a time-stamp and the current values of the software parameters and variables coded into the processes.

The `qtail` and `sesstail` utilities help you monitor the EC logfiles.

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## Design of the `qtail` and `sesstail` Utilities and the System Logfiles

### Design of the `qtail` and `sesstail` Utilities

The LINUX operating system includes a utility called **tail**. The tail utility allows you to monitor a file in real time: as a new line is written to a file, that line is instantly displayed by the tail utility.

**Note:** To learn more about the tail utility, from a terminal window on the EC, type **man tail** and press **Enter**.

You can use the tail utility to monitor the logfile of a EC process in real time. The problem comes when that logfile reaches its 50,000 line limit. The tail utility has no way of knowing that a limit has been reached and that a new logfile has been created. No new data can be observed in the logfile monitored by the tail utility.

The `qtail` utility uses the LINUX tail utility to monitor logfiles of EC processes in real time. When the limit of a specific logfile is reached, however, the `qtail` utility automatically starts monitoring the newly created file.

The `sesstail` utility is very similar to the `qtail` utility but is specifically designed to monitor the dsm process logfiles video-on-demand (VOD) session-related activities.

### Design of the System Logfiles

A limit is placed on how large the logfiles in the `/dvs/dnsc/tmp` directory can grow. If the logfiles were designed to grow without limit, the logfiles might eventually grow so large that they would slow down the performance of the EC.

By default, we place a 50,000 line limit on individual logfiles. Each EC process supports up to 10 logfiles; the first logfile has a `.000` extension, the second logfile has a `.001` extension, and so on.

**Example:**

- `camPsm.000`
- `camPsm.001`
- `camPsm.002`

When a process reaches its 10-logfile limit, the system overwrites the first logfile with new data. By supporting 10 logfiles, the EC allows you plenty of time to save a specific logfile for later examination.

## The `qtail` Utility

The `qtail` utility lets you monitor log activity and automatically switch to the next logfile when the 50,000 line limit has been reached.

The `qtail` utility monitors an entire logfile, or you can configure it to display only those lines that contain a particular pattern. When you configure the `qtail` utility to display lines in a logfile that contain a particular pattern, the utility uses the LINUX `grep` utility to search for that pattern.

### Running the `qtail` Utility

- 1 As **dncs** user, type the following command to change to the `/dvs/dncs/tmp` directory.  

```
[dncs@berlin3 podServer]$ cd /dvs/dncs/tmp
```
- 2 Choose one of the following options:
  - To use the `qtail` utility to monitor an entire logfile, go to the next step.
  - To use the `qtail` utility to display only those lines that contain a particular pattern, go to Step 5.
- 3 To monitor an entire logfile, type the following command and press **Enter**. The `qtail` utility begins monitoring the logfile of the selected process.

#### Command Syntax:

```
qtail [process_name]
```

**Example:** `qtail siMan`

#### Notes:

- Substitute the process name whose logfile you want to monitor for `[process_name]`.
- You do not have to type the complete process name; you can type just enough to uniquely identify the process name from other processes.
  - Type **qamM** for `qamManager`
  - Type **siM** for `siManager`
  - Type **camAu** for `camAuditor`

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### Example Output:

```
Wed Jan 31 16:14:33 EST 2018
*****
Tailing /dvs/dnscs/tmp/camAuditor.033 ...
01/31/2018
10:53:58.489|2355/2355/0xf4faf840|DEBUG|camAuditor:CamuAuditMgr.C(1047)|No
entries to process : assesing look ahead
01/31/2018
10:53:58.489|2355/2355/0xf4faf840|DEBUG|camAuditor:CamuAuditMgr.C(1052)|Curre
nt last jump process restriction window is 1522102252
01/31/2018
10:53:58.489|2355/2355/0xf4faf840|DEBUG|camAuditor:CamuAuditMgr.C(1053)|Compa
iring with 1522076038
.
.
```

- 4 Press **Ctrl + c** to exit from the qtail utility.
- 5 To use the qtail utility to monitor a specific logfile and display only those lines that contain a particular pattern, type the following command and press **Enter**:

### Command Syntax:

```
qtail [process_name] <pattern>
```

The qtail utility begins monitoring the logfile of the selected process.

### Notes:

- Substitute the process name whose logfile you want to monitor for [process\_name].
- You do not have to type the complete process name; you can type just enough to uniquely identify the process name from other processes. Examples include:
  - Type **qamM** for qamManager
  - Type **siM** for siManager
  - Type **camAu** for camAuditor
- Substitute the pattern you want to find for <pattern>.

### Example:

```
[dnscs@berlin3 tmp]$ qtail camAu timeout
```

### Example Output:

```
Wed Jan 31 16:14:55 EST 2018
*****
Tailing /dvs/dnscs/tmp/camAuditor.033 ...
01/31/2018
10:52:58.186|2355/2355/0xf4faf840|DEBUG|camAuditor:CamuAuditMgr.C(485)|_compl
eteAudit setting timeout
01/31/2018
10:52:58.186|2355/2355/0xf4faf840|DEBUG|camAuditor:CamuAuditMgr.C(493)|_compl
eteAudit after setting timeout
```

- 6 Press **Ctrl + c** to exit from the qtail utility.

## The sesstail Utility

The sesstail utility is similar to the qtail utility, except that it monitors the logfiles of the dsm process for session-related information. Examples of session-related information include session setup and tear-down activity.

You can use the sesstail utility to monitor the logfiles of the dsm process for session-related activity in real time or to search for session-related activity in existing dsm logfiles.

### Notes :

- To run the sesstail utility, the dsm log level must be enabled.
- By searching for session-related activity in existing dsm logfiles, you can troubleshoot VOD problems that have already occurred.

## Running the sesstail Utility

- 1 As **dncs** user, choose one of the following options:
  - To monitor the dsm logfiles in real time for session-related activity, go to the next step.
  - To review existing dsm logfiles for session-related activity, go to Step 4.
- 2 To monitor the dsm logfiles for session-related activity in real time, type **sesstail** and press **Enter**. The sesstail utility begins monitoring the dsm logfiles for session-related activity.

**Example:** Sample output from the sesstail utility is displayed in the following example.

```
[dncs@berlin3 tmp]$ sesstail
```

### Example Output:

```
++++ 00:40:7B:D6:B5:B3/515 ++++
ClientSessReq:      Jan 03 07:23:50.008
ServerSessInd:      Jan 03 07:23:50.016
ServerAddRsrReq:    Jan 03 07:23:50.207
ServerAddRsrCnf:    Jan 03 07:23:50.270 (response=0)
ServerSessRsp:      Jan 03 07:23:50.335 (response=0)
ClientSessCnf:      Jan 03 07:23:50.346 (response=0)
++++ 00:40:7B:D6:B5:B3/515 ++++
ClientRelReq:       Jan 03 07:23:58.683
ServerRelInd:       Jan 03 07:23:58.687
ServerRelRsp:       Jan 03 07:23:58.709 (Response=0)
ClientRelCnf:       Jan 03 07:23:58.713 (Response=0)
```

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- 3 Press **Ctrl + c** to exit from the `sesstail` utility.
- 4 To review an existing `dsm` logfile for session-related activity, type the following command and press **Enter**. The selected file opens for review.

### Command Syntax:

```
sesstail [filename]
```

### Example:

```
[dncs@berlin3 tmp]$ sesstail /dvs/dncs/tmp/dsm.000
```

- 5 Press **Ctrl + c** to exit from the `qtail` utility.

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## Assign DHCTs to Download Groups with the runCvtGroup Utility

### Introduction

When you use the CVT method to download DHCT code, you might want to restrict the download to DHCTs that belong to a specific download group.

Before the release of the runCvtGroup utility, you had to use the EC user interface to assign DHCTs to the download group. The process of assigning DHCTs to the download group was often quite lengthy; you had to type one MAC address at a time.

The runCvtGroup utility expedites the process by which DHCTs are assigned to download groups. You can now prepare a text file that contains one DHCT MAC address per line. The runCvtGroup utility reads that text file and quickly assigns the DHCTs associated with those MAC addresses to the specified download group.

**Note:** The download group must already exist.

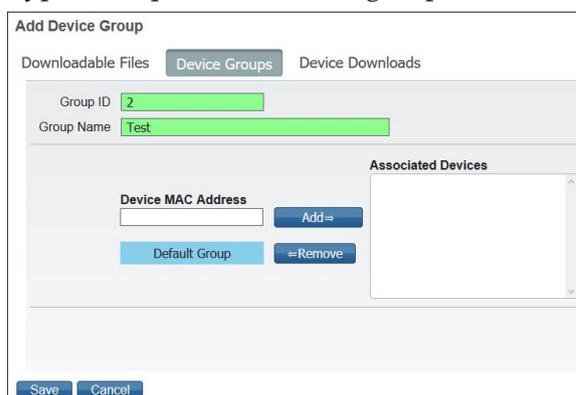
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## Run the runCvtGroup Utility

Use these instructions to run the runCvtGroup utility:

- 1 Do you need to create a download group?
  - If **yes**, go to next step.
  - If **no**, go to Step 6.
- 2 From the Administrative Console, click the **Navigation** icon, , and then click **Home Element Provisioning > Image**. The Downloadable Files window opens.
- 3 Click the **Device Groups** tab.
- 4 Click **Add**. The Add Device Group window opens.
- 5 Follow these instructions to configure the device group.
  - a Type an unused ID value in the **Group ID** field.
  - b Type a unique name for the group in the **Group Name** field.



- c Click **Save**. A Group Save Successful message appears.
- 6 As **dncs** user in a terminal window, type the following command and press **Enter**. The system assigns the DHCTs in the text file to the specified download group.

**Notes:**

- See **Guidelines for Preparing the Text File** (next in this document) for instructions on creating the text file to be used with the runCvtGroup utility.
- Substitute the ID of the download group for [group ID].
- Substitute the name of the text file for [filename].
- Separate the filename and the group ID with a comma.

**Command Syntax:**

```
runCvtGroup -f [filename],[group ID]
```

**Example:**

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ runCvtGroup -f /tmp/runCvtGroup_03262018,2
```

**Example Output:**

```
OK : Successfully assigned 00:1A:C3:20:86:0E to CVT GroupId: 2.
OK : Successfully assigned 00:21:BE:1D:97:1C to CVT GroupId: 2.
OK : Successfully assigned 00:0F:21:A6:60:34 to CVT GroupId: 2
```

- 7 Return to the EC Web UI Device Groups page and select the group you added.
- 8 Click **Edit**. The MAC addresses you assigned to the group ID in Step 6 are now listed in the Associated Devices area.

**Guidelines for Preparing the Text File**

- Prepare the file using a standard text editor (for example, vi).
- Prepare the file with one MAC address per line.

**Examples:**

```
00:1A:C3:20:86:0E
00:1A:C3:20:86:0E
00:21:BE:1D:97:1C
00:0F:21:A6:60:34
```

- Each MAC address must be left-justified on each line of text.
- Save the file using a name that is relevant to the contents of the file. Append the current date to the end of the file name.

**Examples:**

- **tellDhct-in\_010218** for a file that was created on January 2, 2018
- **tellDhctInfo-in\_021318** for a file that was created on February 13, 2018

- **For files that you will only use once**, we recommend that you save the file to the /tmp directory on the EC.
- **For files that you may re-use**, we recommend that you create a directory for the file under /export/home.



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## Synchronize Channel Map, Service Group, and VOD Data with the ncdsGen Utility

### Introduction

The Network Configuration Discovery Service (NCDS) server provides a storage location for channel map, service group, and VOD information for your video system.

The ncdsGen utility provides a mechanism for synchronizing this data between the NCDS server and the EC.

You can configure the ncdsGen utility to either post its collected data to the NCDS, or the NCDS can query the ncdsGen script for the necessary data. The ncdsGen script formats the required data in an XML format.

Running this utility keeps the channel map, service group, and VOD QAM information in sync between the NCDS and the EC.

### When to Run the ncdsGen Utility

You should run the ncdsGen utility whenever you make a change to a channel map or whenever you update VOD information. The ncdsGen utility propagates and uploads the EC changes to the NCDS server.

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## About the ncdsGen Utility

The ncdsGen utility uploads the EC channel maps and VOD information to the NCDS server.

You can use the following methods to run the utility:

- Push the information from the EC to the NCDS server.

**Note:** The ncdsPush utility, a utility within ncdsGen, triggers the ncdsGen utility to generate the xml files. The ncdsPush utility then transfers those xml files to the appropriate server.

- Poll the EC for the information for the NCDS server to fetch.

**Note:** The ncdsPoll utility, a web interface within ncdsGen, is responsible for the polling action.

## The ncdsGen Help File

**Note:** The ncdsPoll utility, a web interface, does not have a help file.

### The ncdsGen Utility Help File

- 1 As **dncs** user, type the following command to change to the **/dvs/dncs/Utilities/ncdsGen** directory.  

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ cd /dvs/dncs/Utilities/ncdsGen
```
- 2 Type the following command to generate the help file for the ncdsGen utility.  

```
[dncs@berlin3 ncdsGen]$ ncdsGen -h
```

#### Output:

```
Usage: ncdsGen [-v] [-V] [ -d OUTDIR ] [ -B BASEURL ] [ -i ControllerID ] [-s] [-h help]
```

Generate NCDS Input Documents for posting to the NCDS Server, or for placing in a web server's directory so the NCDS Server can periodically poll for the data.

ncdsGen can pull in the /home/dncs/SGFrequencies.dat file to create a more efficient method of VOD AutoDiscovery. The ncdsGen-Input-VOD.xml file is created with the sort criteria based on the frequencies (in MHz) specified in the SGFrequencies.dat.

In the SGFrequencies.dat, the frequencies should be format as follow:  
888  
555  
777.25

```
-v          increase verbosity
-V          print version and exit
-d OUTDIR  generate files in the given OUTDIR (default is ".")
-B BASEURL generate files for subsequent "poll", such that the
           Input Manifest contains URLs based on the BASEURL

-i ControllerID (optional) This is the ID value of the controller
               that making the information available to the NCDS
-n ControllerName (optional) This is the Name of the controller
               that making the information available to the NCDS
-s          (optional) Include the source ID to be used for
           auto-discovery to the ncdsGen-Input-VOD.xml file.
           The SourceID will have been associated to the
           TSID/QAM/Freq in the DNCS via the Source Definition
           and Session creation.
```

## The ncdsPush Utility Help File

- 1 Type the following command to generate the help file for the ncdsPush utility.

```
[dncs@berlin3 ncdsGen]$ ncdsPush -h
```

### Output:

```
Usage: ncdsPush [-v] [-V] [ -d OUTDIR ] [ -i ControllerID ] [ -n
ControllerName ] [-s] PUSHURL
```

```
Generate NCDS Input Documents for posting to the NCDS Server, or
for placing in a web server's directory so the NCDS Server can
periodically poll for the data.
```

```
-v          increase verbosity
-V          print version and exit
-d OUTDIR   generate files in the given OUTDIR (default is ".")
-B BASEURL  generate files for subsequent "poll", such that the
            Input Manifest contains URLs based on the BASEURL
-i ControllerID (optional) This is the ID value of the controller
               that making the information available to the NCDS
-n ControllerName (optional) This is the Name of the controller
               that making the information available to the NCDS
-s          (optional) Include the source ID to be used for
            auto-discovery to the ncdsGen-Input-VOD.xml file.
            The SourceID will have been associated to the
            TSID/QAM/Freq in the DNCS via the Source Definition
            and Session creation.
```

## The -i and -s Options

The ncdsGen and ncdsPush utilities both support the **-i** and **-s** options.

- The **-i** option allows you to specify an optional controller ID to be embedded in the ControllerID attribute of the InputManifest.xml file. The controller ID represents the ID of the controller that synchronizes data between the NCDS and the EC, and is linked to all of the configuration information gathered from the input manifest file.

**Example:** The following example illustrates the use of the **-i** option with the ncdsGen utility.

```
ncdsPush -i 112 -v http://<ipaddress:port>
```

**Note:** Use the IP address and port of the NCDS server.

- The **-s** option allows you to specify an optional source ID that is associated with the Transport Stream ID (TSID) to be used for auto-discovery in the ncdsGen-Input-VOD.xml file. The source ID must previously have been associated with the TSID, as well as the QAM modulator frequency during source definition and session creation.

**Example:** The following example illustrates the use of the **-s** option with the ncdsGen utility.

```
ncdsPush -i 112 -s -v http://<ipaddress:port>
```

## Pushing the Information to the NCDS Server

- 1 Type the following command to push the information to the NCDS server.

**Note:** Use the IP address and port for the NCDS server.

**Command Syntax:**

```
./ncdsPush -v http://<ipaddress:port>
```

**Example:**

```
[dncs@berlin3 ncdsGen]$ ./ncdsPush -v
http://209.165.200.224:7091
```

- 2 To verify that the script has run, look for output similar to the following:

```
Success for file /dvs/dnscs/bin/ncdsGen/ncdsGen-ControllerAdd.xml
Success for file /dvs/dnscs/bin/ncdsGen/ncdsGen-InputManifest.xml
Success for file /dvs/dnscs/bin/ncdsGen/ncdsGen-Input-CHM.xml
Success for file /dvs/dnscs/bin/ncdsGen/ncdsGen-Input-DSG.xml
Success for file /dvs/dnscs/bin/ncdsGen/ncdsGen-Input-OOB.xml
Success for file /dvs/dnscs/bin/ncdsGen/ncdsGen-Input-VOD.xml
```

## Example of ncdsPush in a crontab File

The following instructions show how to use ncdsPush in the crontab file on the EC. In this example, ncdsPush is configured to run every weekday at 1:00 am.

- 1 As **dncs** user, type the following command to edit the **crontab** file.

```
[dncs@berlin3 ncdsGen]$ crontab -e
```

- 2 Add an entry (on one line), similar to the following, to the **crontab** file.

**cron Job Syntax:**

```
0 1 * * 1,2,3,4,5 [ -f /dvs/dnscs/bin/dnscsSetup ] && (
./dvs/dnscs/bin/dnscsSetup ; /dvs/dnscs/Utilities/ncdsGen/ncdsPush
-v "[URL]" ) > /dev/null
```

**Example:**

```
0 1 * * 1,2,3,4,5 [ -f /dvs/dnscs/bin/dnscsSetup ] &&
( ./dvs/dnscs/bin/dnscsSetup ; /dvs/dnscs/Utilities/ncdsGen/ncdsPush -v
"http://10.252.194.37:7091" ) > /dev/null
```

**Note:** These commands are each one continuous line.

- 3 Save and close the **crontab** file.

## Polling for the Information

- 1 Type the following command to poll the EC.

```
[BERLIN3-dnscs] ./ncdsPoll.cgi
```

- 2 To verify that the script has run, look for output similar to the following:

```
/dvs/dnscs/bin/ncdsGen/htdocs/ncdsPoll
-rw-r--r--  1 dnscs  dnscs           0 Oct 25 14:09 ncdsGen.out
-rw-r--r--  1 dnscs  dnscs           0 Oct 25 14:09 ncdsGen.err
-rw-r--r--  1 dnscs  dnscs       6083 Oct 25 14:09 ncdsGen-Input-CHM.xml
-rw-r--r--  1 dnscs  dnscs       600 Oct 25 14:09 ncdsGen-Input-DSG.xml
-rw-r--r--  1 dnscs  dnscs       684 Oct 25 14:09 ncdsGen-Input-OOB.xml
-rw-r--r--  1 dnscs  dnscs      4245 Oct 25 14:09 ncdsGen-Input-VOD.xml
-rw-r--r--  1 dnscs  dnscs       714 Oct 25 14:09
ncdsGen-InputManifest.xml
```

- 3 For instruction on transferring the xml files to the NCDS server, contact TVWorks, the vendor supplying the NCDS server.

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## Monitor DHCT Sign-on Activity with the signonCount Utility

### Introduction

When DHCTs download new software for the operating system and resident application, they lose the contents of their volatile memory.

After the download, DHCTs sign back onto the network and their network configuration data is reloaded. The signonCount utility is useful in monitoring the rate at which DHCTs sign onto the network.

Because some DHCTs make repeated attempts to sign onto the network before they are successful, too many sign-on attempts by DHCTs contribute to network congestion.

The signonCount utility can help you quickly identify those DHCTs that are having trouble signing on, and you can use the utility to facilitate the DHCT sign-on process.

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## When to Use the signonCount Utility

The signonCount utility allows you to monitor the rate at which DHCTs sign on to the network. This monitoring is required in the following circumstances:

- **When DHCTs download new software** – DHCTs lose the contents of their volatile memory when the DHCT downloads new software for the operating system and resident application. DHCTs reconnect to the network after the download, and the memory that contained information about the DHCT network connection (IP address, transmit timing and level) is re-loaded. For systems that are forced to rapidly load DHCT software, the signonCount utility is useful in determining when to trigger the next group of DHCTs to load code.
- **When the QPSK modulator and demodulator software is upgraded** – In this case, the signonCount utility is used in the following two situations:
  - To determine if the system is healthy enough to be upgraded. If it is not, the signonCount utility also provides a secondary mode of operation that can dramatically improve the health of the system prior to moving forward with the upgrade.
  - To provide more meaningful guidance regarding when you can move forward with upgrading the next QPSK modulator. Previous upgrade guides instructed you either to wait a little while between upgrading units or to monitor the log file, but they offered no real tools to help in this effort.

## Two Modes of Operation

You can run the signonCount utility in two modes: **Fix Mode Off** and **Fix Mode On**.

Both modes help you monitor the rate at which DHCTs are trying to sign on to the network.

- **Fix Mode Off** – The utility takes no corrective action regarding DHCTs that are having difficulty signing on.
- **Fix Mode On** – The utility reboots those DHCTs that have tried to sign on more than three times during a 10-minute period.

**Note:** By forcing DHCTs that are having trouble signing on to reboot, the memory in the DHCT is refreshed and the sign-on process is made easier.

**Important:** By default, the utility runs in **Fix Mode Off** mode. Because the utility interacts with the database when run in **Fix Mode On** mode, we recommend that you contact Cisco Services before switching modes.

## Review the signonCount Utility Help Window

Before you use the signonCount utility on your system, we recommend that you review the information on the utility's help window. The information on the help window may supplement the information and procedures in this chapter.

### Reviewing the signonCount Utility Help Window

- 1 As **dncs** user, enter the following command to view the help window for the **signonCount** utility.

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ signonCount -h
```

- 2 Press the **spacebar** to page through the help window.

## Set EC Logging Levels

### Set EC Logging Levels

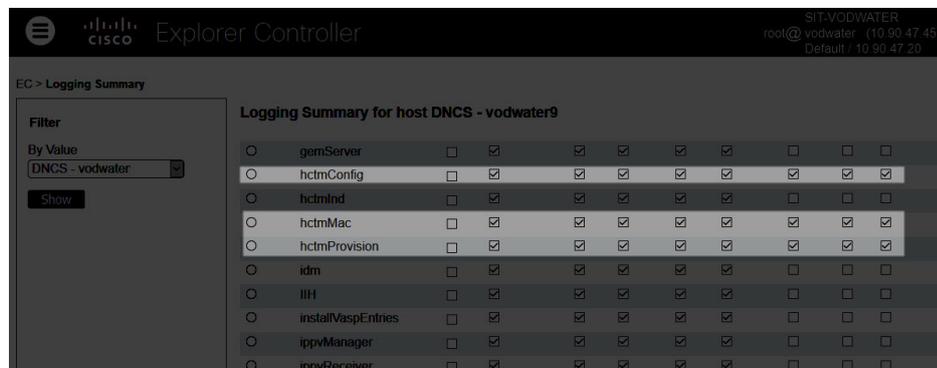
Before you can begin using the signonCount utility, you need to set the logging levels of three EC processes. By setting the logging levels for these processes, you make sure that the EC captures the maximum level of detail for these processes.

**Note:** The processes are:

- hctmConfig
- hctmMac
- hctmProvision

### Setting the EC Logging Levels

- 1 From the EC Administrative Console, click the **Navigation** icon, , and then click **Utilities > Logging**. The Logging Summary DNCS window opens.
- 2 Scroll down until the **hctmConfig**, **hctmMac**, and **hctmProvision** processes come into view.
- 3 Click to place a check mark in the **Notice**, **Info**, and **Debug** checkboxes for the **hctmConfig**, **hctmMac**, and **hctmProvision** processes.



- 4 Click **Save**.

## The signonCount Utility Interface

### Displaying the signonCount Interface

- 1 Maximize your terminal window as the signonCount utility fills the entire screen.
- 2 As **dncs** user, type **signonCount** and press **Enter**. The signonCount utility interface opens.

Example Output:

TIME	FIX Mode	Verified Rcvd	Sent Made	Rcvd Sent	DAVC Lost	Not in DB	ISI OOS	Way	type mis- match	no IP	typ unk	Total In-Svc 2-Way	Total NonResponding w/o IP	Total DDCTEs w/IP	Total DAVIC 2-Way	NUM of CHANGE	TOTAL PERCENT SIGN-ON	QPSK Reboots
Jan 5 14:32	OFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	212	193	193	9	10	4.72%	
Jan 5 14:32	OFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	212	193	193	9	10	4.72%	

## The signonCount Utility Data Fields

### Data Fields

The following tables list the fields included on the interface of the signonCount utility and provides an explanation of the meaning associated with each field.

Header	Column Name	Description
	TIME	The system polls the communication link between the QPSK modulators and the EC every minute and records the date and time.
	Fix Mode	This field reveals whether the signonCount utility is configured to automatically correct DHCT sign-on problems ( <i>Fix Mode On</i> ) or whether the utility is running in information-only mode ( <i>Fix Mode Off</i> ). <b>Note:</b> By default, the utility runs in Fix Mode off mode. <b>Important:</b> Do not change modes unless you have been instructed to do so by Cisco Services.
SUCCESSFUL SIGNON DAVIC	Verified Rcvd	The QPSK modulator reports the number of DHCTs that have made sign-on requests.
	Verified Sent	The EC has allocated this number of DHCT IP addresses based upon the sign-on requests.
	Made	The QPSK modulator reports the number of DHCTs that have connected to the QPSK modulator and are waiting for UN-Config information.
SUCCESSFUL SIGNON UNCFg	Rcvd	This number of DHCTs are requesting a UN-Config message from the EC. <b>Note:</b> The UN-Config message contains information, like an IP address, that allows DHCTs to sign on to the network.
	Sent	The EC has sent this number of UN-Config messages to DHCTs, allowing the DHCTs to sign on to the network. <b>Note:</b> At this point, the DHCTs are physically in two-way mode and have completed the sign-on process.

## The signonCount Utility Data Fields

Header	Column Name	Description
FAILURE to SIGNON DAVIC	DAVC Lost	This field indicates the number of DHCTs that have lost the communication link with the QPSK modulator.  <b>Note:</b> The QPSK modulator then sends a message to DHCTs that have lost the communication link. The message requests that the DHCTs recalibrate themselves with the modulator so the entire sign-on process can begin again.
	Not in DB	The number of DHCTs in the database with the wrong type, revision, or OUI.
	OOS	The number of DHCTs in the database that are out of service (OOS).
	IS1 WAY	The number of DHCTs in the database that are operating in 1-Way mode.
FAILURE to SIGNON UN-Config	type mis-mtch	The number of DHCTs in the database that have incorrect data.
	no IP	The number of DHCTs in the database that do not have an IP address.
	typ unk	The number of DHCTs in the database that have an unknown data in their database record.
DATABASE 2way Signon Status	Total In-Srvc 2-Way	The number of DHCTs listed in the database with a status of In-Service 2-Way.  <b>Note:</b> These DHCTs should be capable of two-way communication.
	Total DHCTs Non responding w/o IP	The number of DHCTs in the database that should be capable of two-way communication, but they are listed as non-responding DHCTs not having an IP address.
	Total DHCTs Non responding w/ IP	The number of DHCTs in the database that should be capable of two-way communication, but they are listed as non-responding DHCTs and having an IP address.
	Total DAVIC 2-Way	The number of DHCTs that have physically signed on to the network with two-way communication ability.

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Header	Column Name	Description
	NUM of DHCT CHANGE	The number of DHCTs with two-way capability that have been added to or removed from the database during the last minute. <b>Note:</b> Substantial numbers in the column usually indicate staging activity.
	TOTAL PERCENT SIGN-ON	The percentage of DHCTs with two-way capability that are signed on to your network.
	QPSK Reboots	In the event that a QPSK modulator reboots, the name and ID of the modulator is listed in this column.

## What to Look For in the signonCount Data

### Concentrate on Three Fields

Allow the system to gather signonCount data for several minutes and then examine the numbers in the following fields:

- **Verified Rcvd (Verified Received)**
- **Verified Sent**
- **Made**

These fields track the number of sign-on requests made by DHCTs (Verified Rcvd and Verified Sent), and the number of sign-on requests that were successful (Made). Ideally, the numbers in the three fields should be equal.

If you notice that the numbers in the Made column regularly fall more than two or three below the numbers in the Verified Rcvd and Verified Sent columns, your DHCTs may be having trouble signing on and may be contributing to network congestion.

### Call Cisco Services

If you notice that the numbers in the Made column regularly fall more than two or three below the numbers in the Verified Rcvd and Verified Sent columns, call Cisco Services. Engineers at Cisco Services may log into your system and examine the logfiles associated with the hctmConfig, hctmMac, and hctmProvision processes. Additionally, they may instruct you to run the signonCount utility in *Fix Mode On* mode.

**Important:** Do not run the utility in *Fix Mode On* mode unless you have been instructed to do so by Cisco Services.



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## Replicate SARA QAM-to-Hub Associations with the nonsaradupqha Utility

### Introduction

The purpose of the nonsaradupqha utility is to duplicate an existing SARA QAM port-to-hub association to new, non-SARA hub association. between the same SARA QAM ports and new non-SARA hubs. The utility prompts the operator for the existing SARA hub ID and then duplicates any records associated with that hub ID to a new, operator-supplied, non-SARA hub ID.

The nonsaradupqha.sh script includes options to run in Info Mode (-i option) without performing database updates, as well as in Update Mode (-u option), which makes permanent database updates. After running the script, a list of successful duplicated records, as well as a list of failed duplications are displayed.

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## Run the nonsaradupqha Utility

### Overview of the nonsaradupqha Utility

The nonsaradupqha utility prompts you for the existing SARA hub ID and duplicates any records associated with that hub ID to a new, non-SARA hub ID.

After running the script, a list of successful duplicated records and a list of failed duplications are provided.

The script generates a log file in the directory in which the script is run that contains the status of each hub-to-port duplication. The log file has the following format:  
**phdup\_01192018053926\_forSaraHub\_1\_ToNONSara\_255.log**

### To Learn More About the nonsaradupqha Utility

Follow these instructions to access the help screen for the nonsaradupqha utility:

- 1 As **root** user, enter the following command to source the environment.  
`[root@berlin3 ~]# . /dvs/dncs/bin/dncsSetup`
- 2 Type the following command to display the help screen for the **nonsaradupqha** utility.

```
[root@berlin3 ~]# nonsaradupqha.sh -h
```

#### Output:

```
-----  
Thu Jan 11 11:04:40 EST 2018  
-----  
  
/dvs/dncs/Utilities/nonsaradupqha.sh Version 8.0.10  
NAME  
    nonsaradupqha.sh - allows the ROOT operator to replicate existing  
SARA Qam  
    ports to Hub associations to a NEW association between the same SARA  
    Qam ports and a NEW NON-SARA hub.  
SYNOPSIS  
    nonsaradupqha.sh [-biruhv ]  
DESCRIPTION  
    nonsaradupqha.sh primary responsibility is to duplicate a given SARA  
    Qam ports to hub association by prompting the operator for the  
existing  
    SARA hub id, and duplicating any records associated with the given  
SARA  
    hub id with an operator given NEW NON-SARA hub ID.  
any  
    The script has the option to run under INFO MODE without performing  
updates to the database by using the -i option, or under UPDATE MODE  
making changes to the database permanent by using the -u option.  
    The script will provide a list of successful duplications, and a list  
of failed duplications.  
    A log file will be generated in the current directory containing  
the status of each port to hub duplication. The file will have the  
following format/name:
```

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```
porthublistduplication_mmdyyyhhmmss.log
OPTIONS
The following options are supported:
-i      INFO MODE: prompts the user to enter the SARA hub, and the
        NEW NON-SARA hub ids, and proceed to replicate the existing
        SARA-HUB to port associations with the given NEW-NON-SARA
hubs,
        WITHOUT updating the database.
-u      UPDATE MODE: prompts the user to enter the SARA hub, and the
        NEW NON-SARA hub ids, and proceed to replicate the existing
        SARA-HUB to port associations with the given NEW-NON-SARA
hubs,
        UPDATING the database.
-b      Backups the database tables involved in the duplication
before
        they are duplicated. The backup files are located in the
        /dvs/backups directory and the name of the backup files have
        the following format "pdporthublist_mmdyyy.tar".
-r      Restores a backup of the tables prior to the duplication
        the backup files are located in the /dvs/backups directory.
-H|h    Help.
-V|v    Print current version of this command.
-----
Thu Jan 11 11:04:40 EST 2018
-----
```

## procd Running the nonsaradupqha Utility

### Running nonsaradupqha Without Updating the Database

Complete the following steps to execute the nonsaradupqha utility in INFO mode. This results in the replication of the existing SARA-HUB to port associations with the NEW-NON-SARA hubs, *without* updating the database.

- 1 As **root** user, enter the following command to run the **nonsaradupqha** utility in INFO mode. You are prompted to enter a valid hub ID from the list provided in the output.

```
[root@berlin3 ~]# nonsaradupqha.sh -i
```

#### Example Output:

```
-----
Wed Jan 17 21:30:24 UTC 2018
-----
Please enter a valid SARA hub id from the list.
      hub_id hub_name
      _18 HUB60_Condor
      _20 Test_Hub1
Please enter the SARA hub Id from the list shown above :
```

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- 2 Enter the hub ID for the existing SARA-HUB to port associations and press **Enter**. You are prompted to enter a valid NON-SARA hub ID from the list provided in the output.

Please enter a valid NON-SARA hub id from the list.

hub_id	hub_name	mylugid	lub_name
18	HUB60_Condor	1	Condor_Map
20	Test_Hubl	2	Rick_ChMap

Please enter the NON-SARA hub Id from the list shown above :

- 3 Enter a valid NON-SARA hub ID and press **Enter**. The script completes and provides the location for the log file.

### Example Output:

```
Will duplicate SARA hub id [18] with NON-SARA hub id [20]
*** Please check file phdup_01172018213024_forSaraHub_18_ToNONSara_20.log for
results ***
```

```
-----
Wed Jan 17 21:34:36 UTC 2018
-----
```

- 4 Review the log file displayed in the output from Step 3.

## Backing Up the Database Tables Before Duplicating Them

Complete the following steps to backup the database tables *before* executing the nonsaradupqha script with the -u (update) option.

- 1 As **root** user, enter the following command to backup the appropriate database tables.

```
[root@berlin3 ~]# nonsaradupqha.sh -b
```

### Example Output:

```
-----
Wed Jan 17 21:17:45 UTC 2018
-----

tar: Removing leading `/' from member names
/dvs/backups/pdporthublist.unl

You just requested the -b option to be executed, which backups all tables
related to duplicating the existing porthublists to new porthublists before
the
duplication takes place. The backup file will be located in the /dvs/backup
directory. The format of the name of the backup file is:
pdporthublist_mmdyyhhmmss.tar:

*** The file /dvs/backups/pdporthublist_01172018211745.tar contains a backup
of the tables that will be changed prior to the duplication ***

-----
Wed Jan 17 21:17:46 UTC 2018
-----
```

- 2 Enter the following command to change of the **/dvs/backups** directory.
- 3 Enter the following command to verify that the tar file displayed in the output of Step 1 is present in the **/dvs/backups** directory.

```
[root@berlin3 Utilities]# ls -ltr /dvs/backups | grep tar
```

### Example Output:

```
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 10240 Jan 17 21:17 pdporthublist_01172018211745.tar
```

## Running nonsaradupqha and Updating the Database

Complete the following steps to execute the nonsaradupqha utility in UPDATE mode. This results in the replication of the existing SARA-HUB to port associations with the NEW-NON-SARA hubs, *while* updating the database.

- 1 As **root** user, enter the following command to run the **nonsaradupqha** utility in UPDATE mode. You are prompted to enter a valid hub ID from the list provided in the output.

```
[root@berlin3 ~]# nonsaradupqha.sh -u
```

### Example Output:

```
-----
Wed Jan 17 21:39:10 UTC 2018
-----
Please enter a valid SARA hub id from the list.

  hub_id hub_name
    18 HUB60_Condor
    20 Test_Hub1

Please enter the SARA hub Id from the list shown above :
```

- 2 Enter the hub ID for the existing SARA-HUB to port associations and press **Enter**. You are prompted to enter a valid NON-SARA hub ID from the list provided in the output.

```
Please enter a valid NON-SARA hub id from the list.

  hub_id hub_name          mylugid lub_name
    18 HUB60_Condor          1 Condor_Map
    20 Test_Hub1             2 Rick_ChMap

Please enter the NON-SARA hub Id from the list shown above :
```

- 3 Enter a valid NON-SARA hub ID and press **Enter**. You are prompted to continue with the update.
- 4 Type **y** and press **Enter**. The script performs a backup of the database and then updates the database.

### Example Output:

```
tar: Removing leading `/' from member names
/dvs/backups/pdporthublist.unl

You just requested the -b option to be executed, which backups all tables
related to duplicating the existing porthublists to new porthublists before
the duplication takes place. The backup file will be located in the
/dvs/backup/directory. The format of the name of the backup file is:
  pdporthublist_mmdyyyhmmss.tar:

*** The file /dvs/backups/pdporthublist_01172018213910.tar contains a backup
of the tables that will be changed prior to the duplication ***

*** Please check file phdup_01172018213910_forSaraHub_18_ToNONSara_20.log for
results ***

-----
Wed Jan 17 21:42:02 UTC 2018
-----
```

- 5 Review the log file displayed in the output from Step 4.

### Restoring the Database Tables

Complete the following steps to restore a backup of the database tables. The backup files are located in the /dvs/backups directory.

- 1 As **root** user, enter the following command to run the **nonsaradupqha** utility in RESTORE mode. A list of the backup files is displayed.

```
[root@berlin3 ~]# nonsaradupqha.sh -r
```

#### Example Output:

```
-----
Thu Jan 18 15:13:17 UTC 2018
-----

List of backup files. Please enter just the name of the file (do not include
the path) as in the example below:
    pdporthublist_mmddyyhhmmss.tar
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 10240 Jan 17 21:17
/dvs/backups/pdporthublist_01172018211745.tar
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 10240 Jan 17 21:42
/dvs/backups/pdporthublist_01172018213910.tar
```

- 2 When prompted, enter the file name for the backup you want to restore.

**Important:** Only enter the file name. The absolute path is not required.

#### Example:

```
Please enter the name: pdporthublist_01172018213910.tar
```

- 3 When prompted to continue, type **y** and press **Enter**. The tables are restored to the database.

#### Example Output:

```
dvs/backups/pdporthublist.unl
Database selected.
    BEGIN WORK;
Started transaction.
DELETE FROM pdporthublist;
    LOAD FROM '/dvs/backups/pdporthublist.unl' INSERT INTO pdporthublist;
    COMMIT WORK;
Data committed.
Database closed.

You just executed -r option. All tables were restored from the backup
specified by the file pdporthublist_01172018213910.tar.

-----
Thu Jan 18 15:20:46 UTC 2018
-----
```

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## Convert IP Addresses with the convertIP Utility

### Introduction

The database stores DHCT IP addresses in decimal format, our normal base-10 numbering system. IP addresses, however, are usually displayed in dotted-decimal notation, a format consisting of four 8-bit numbers separated by a dot.

**Example:** An example of an IP address in dotted-decimal notation is **209.165.201.0**. That very same IP address is stored in the database in decimal format as **3517303040**.

The convertIP utility enables a quick conversion between the two formats. The utility converts an IP address in one format to an IP address in the other format.

### Available Options When Running the convertIP Utility

The convertIP utility accepts as an argument as either a single IP address, or from the name of a file containing a list of IP addresses.

In general, use the single IP address when you have only one or two IP addresses to convert. When you have many IP addresses to convert, consider creating a text file that contains the IP addresses that you want to convert.

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## Prepare the Text File

### Guidelines for Preparing the Text File

Use the following guidelines when preparing the text file:

- Prepare the file using a standard text editor (for example, vi).
- Prepare the file with one IP address per line.
- Use either format (decimal or dotted-decimal notation) when preparing the text file. The convertIP utility automatically recognizes the input format and converts the IP address to the other format.

**Note:** You can mix formats in the text file.

- We recommend that you save the file in the `/dvs/dnscs/tmp` directory.

### Preparing the Text File

**Important:** These instructions use the vi text editor as an example. The vi text editor is not intuitive. These instructions are not a substitute for a good working knowledge of the vi text editor.

- 1 As **dnscs** user, type the following command to change to the `/dvs/dnscs/tmp` directory.

```
[dnscs@berlin3 ~]$ cd /dvs/dnscs/tmp
```

**Note:** We recommend that you save the file in the `/dvs/dnscs/tmp` directory of the EC.

- 2 Open a new file in a text editor (for example, `ipec9.txt`). The file opens for editing.

```
[dnscs@berlin3 ~]$ vi ipec9.txt
```

- 3 Insert your list of IP addresses into the file you have just opened.

**Note:** Use the guidelines in *Guidelines for Preparing the Text File* from the previous topic in this document.

**Example:**

```
209.165.201.0
209.165.201.0
3517303040
127.255.255.255
3221424141
172.16.16.4
```

- 4 Save the file and close the text editor.

## Run the convertIP Utility

To run the convertIP utility, choose one of the following options:

- To convert a single IP address, follow the instructions in *Converting a Single IP Address* (on page 169).
- To convert IP addresses listed in a file of IP addresses, follow the instructions in *Converting a File of IP Addresses* (on page 169).

**Note:** The convertIP utility should be run as the **dncs** user.

### Converting a Single IP Address

- 1 As **dncs** user, type the following command to convert a single IP address. The **Enter IP address to convert** message appears.

```
[dncs@berlin3 tmp]$ convertIP
```

- 2 Type the IP address you want to convert to decimal format and press **Enter**. The convertIP utility converts the IP address and displays both the original value and the converted value on the screen of the EC.

**Note:** You can type the IP address in either format, decimal or dotted-decimal notation.

**Examples:**

- Decimal - **3517303040**
- Dotted-decimal notation - **127.255.255.255**

### Converting a File of IP Addresses

When the convertIP utility runs, it displays each original and converted IP address on the screen of the EC and writes the output to a user-specified file.

**Important:** You should already have prepared a text file containing IP addresses using the guidelines and directions in *Preparing the Text File* (on page 168).

- 1 As **dncs** user, type the following command to initiate the convertIP script. The **Enter the file name (full path) containing IP addresses to convert** message appears.

```
[dncs@berlin3 tmp]$ convertIP -f
```

- 2 Type the name of the file you prepared (including the full directory path) and press **Enter**. The **Enter the file name (full path) in which to store the converted IP addresses** message appears.

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- 3 Type the name of the file (including the full directory path) where you want to store the file containing the output.

### Example:

```
[dncs@berlin3 tmp]$ /dvs/dnscs/tmp/IP_input_file.txt
```

### Results:

- The convertIP utility converts the IP addresses and displays both the original value and the converted value on the screen of the EC.
- The convertIP utility displays the number of IP addresses that were converted and suggests that you review the converted IP addresses by examining the output file.

### Example Output:

```
209.165.201.0  
3517303040  
  
209.165.201.0  
3517303040  
  
3517303040  
127.255.255.255  
127.255.255.255  
2147483647  
3221424141  
127.255.255.25  
  
172.16.16.4  
2886733828
```

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## Monitor Session Setup with the `setuptail` Utility

### Introduction

This chapter describes the `setuptail` utility, which is used to monitor session setup.

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## The `setuptail` Utility

The `setuptail` utility tracks session setup successes, failures, and error types. The `setuptail` utility runs every minute and displays the following information:

- Session setup and failures for each minute
- Total number of successes since the script was started
- Total number of failures since the script was started
- Cumulative errors by type

Output for the `setuptail` utility can be directed (piped) to a file, so the output can be examined whenever you want to monitor session setups over a period of time to analyze trends of usage and error rates.

### Output Format:

```
<Time> <Success for the minute> <Failures for the minute> <Total
successes> <Total failures> ( <Error type 1 cumulative> <Error
type 2 cumulative> ...)
```

### Example Output:

```
14:35 succ=164 fail=0 totalsucc=46076 totalfail=3342 ( resp18=3342 )
14:36 succ=170 fail=0 totalsucc=46246 totalfail=3342 ( resp18=3342 )
14:37 succ=84 fail=52 totalsucc=46330 totalfail=3394 ( resp6=52 resp18=3342 )
14:38 succ=154 fail=0 totalsucc=46484 totalfail=3394 ( resp6=52 resp18=3342 )
```

## Running the `setuptail` Utility

Complete the following steps to run the `setuptail` utility.

- 1 As `dncs` user, type the following command to run the `setuptail` script.

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ setuptail
```

**Example:** The following command directs the output to the `setuptail.log` file.

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ setuptail >
/home/ecadmin/setuptail.log
```

- 2 To stop the script, press **Ctrl+C**. You are returned to a command prompt.

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## Generate a BFS Summary Report with the bfsInfo Utility

### Overview

The bfsInfo.ksh script generates a BFS summary report that details the files within each BFS carousel and the file sizes of each BFS carousel.

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## Run the bfsInfo Utility

### Overview of the bfsInfo Utility

The bfsInfo utility does not prompt you for any information. When executed, the following information is retrieved from the database and displayed on the screen.

- BFS Cancel Packet Settings
- Data Pump Summary Information
- Element Summary Information
- Location of the BFS Summary Report

The script generates a BFS Summary Report in the **/tmp** directory. This log file has the following format: `/tmp/bfsinfo.out.[YYMMDD]_[HHMM].doc`

### To Learn More About the bfsInfo Utility

- 1 As **dncs** user, enter to view the help file for the **bfsInfo.ksh** utility.

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ bfsInfo.ksh -h
```

#### Output:

```
Usage: bfsInfo.ksh [-v] [-h] [-?]
```

The bfsInfo script generates BFS summary report which is useful for isolating files and file sizes on each BFS carousel

```
v = print script name, version and exit
h = Display the usage and exit
? = Display the usage and exit
with no arguments generates the BFS summary report
```

### Generating a BFS Summary Report

Complete the following steps to generate a BFS Summary Report.

- 1 As **dncs** user, enter the following command to run the **bfsInfo.ksh** utility. The output is generated to the screen and saved to a log file displayed at the end of the output.

```
[dncs@berlin3 dncs]$ bfsInfo.ksh
```

- 2 From the output, open the BFS Summary Report.

#### Example:

```
[dncs@berlin3 dncs]$ less /tmp/bfsinfo.out.180118_1644.doc
```

- 3 Review the report.

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## Check Database Information with the checkdbinfo Utility

### Overview

The checkdbinfo.sh script allows you to find the type of database (primary, secondary, or standard) and whether database replication is on or off.

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## Run the checkdbinfo Utility

### Overview of the checkdbinfo Utility

The script shows if the database type is standard, primary or secondary, and it also shows whether the database replication is ON or OFF.

- When you run the script without any options, it displays the type and the state of the database.
- When you use the **-t** option, the type is displayed: standard, primary, or secondary.
- When you use the **-r** option, the script displays if the database replication is ON or OFF.

### To Learn More About the checkdbinfo.sh Utility

Complete the following steps to view the help file for the checkdbinfo.sh utility.

- 1 As **dncs** user, enter the following command to display the help file for the **checkdbinfo.sh** utility.

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ checkdbinfo.sh -h
```

#### Output:

```
NAME
    checkdbinfo.sh - allows an operator to find the type of database
    (primary, secondary, or standard), and if database replication is
    on or off.

SYNOPSIS
    checkdbinfo.sh [-TtRrHhVv]

DESCRIPTION
    The script shows if the database type is standard, primary or
    secondary, and it also shows if the database replication is ON or
    OFF.

    When the script is run without any options it will display the type,
    and the state of the database.

    When the -t option is used the type will be display: standard,
    primary, or secondary.

    When the -r option is used then the script will display if the
    database replication is ON or OFF.

OPTIONS
    The following options are supported:
    -T|t    Shows if the database type is standard, primary or secondary.
    -R|r    Shows if the datbase replication is ON or OFF.
    -H|h    Help.
    -V|v    Print current version of this command.
```

- 2 Press the **spacebar** to page through the help content.

## Checking the Version of the checkdbinfo.sh Utility

- 1 As **dncs** user, type the following command to view the version of the cvtChecker utility.

```
dncs@berlin3 ~]$ checkdbinfo.sh -v
```

**Example Output:**

```
/dvs/dnscs/Utilities/checkdbinfo.sh Version 8.0.10
```

**Note:** This example shows that version 8.0.10 is loaded onto the EC.

## Checking the Type and State of the Database

- 1 As **dncs** user, enter the following step to determine the current type and state of the database.

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ checkdbinfo.sh
```

**Example Output:**

```
DB Type: Primary  
DB State: Replication is enabled (On).
```

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## Retrieve the system CVT version with the cvtChecker Utility

### Introduction

The cvtChecker utility logs into all the specified devices and reports back the CVT version found on the devices.

The utility (cvtChecker.py) prompts you for authentication and lists the CVT version installed on both the GQAMs (-g option) and the GQI-based QAMs (-r option).

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## Important Notes about the cvtChecker Utility

You can check the `/tmp/cvtChecker.log` utility file for detailed information on execution and errors of the utility.

**Notes:**

- The `-g` option checks for the cvt version on GQAMs
- The `-r` utility lists Cisco GQI-based QAMs (RFGWs) where packet insert is enabled
- The utility assumes that telnet-capable devices are loaded

## Display the Help Window and Version Number of the cvtChecker Utility

### Displaying the Help Window of the cvtChecker Utility

The cvtChecker script includes a help window that lets you examine the various options supported by the utility.

- 1 As **dncs** user, type the following command to view the help file for the **cvtChecker.py** utility. The system displays the help window.

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ cvtChecker.py -h
```

#### Output:

```
NAME
    cvtChecker.py - Checks the cvt version on RFGW or GQAM.
SYNOPSIS
    cvtChecker.py - [-h] [-gr] [-v]
DESCRIPTION
    This script will log into all the specified devices and
    report back the CVT version found on the device. It assumes
    that telnet capable GQAM code is loaded.
    ***NOTE*** - This will not check MQAM's or CAQAM's.
OPTIONS
    The following options are supported.
    -h      Help page.
    -g      Will only check CVT's on GQAM's.
    -r      Will only check CVT's on RFGW's.
    -v      Prints script version and exits.
```

- 2 Review the information.

### Displaying the Version Number of the cvtChecker Utility

- 1 As **dncs** user, type the following command to view the version of the cvtChecker utility.

```
[dncs@berlin3 ~]$ cvtChecker.py -v
```

#### Example Output:

```
8.0.10
```

**Note:** This example shows that version 8.0.10 is loaded onto the EC.

## Retrieving the CVT from GQAMs

The **-g** option of the cvtChecker script provides the CVTs on GQAMs.

- 1 As **dncs** user, enter the following command to run the **cvtChecker** with the **-g** option. The number of GQAMS found is displayed and you are prompted for the username for the GQAM.

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ cvtChecker.py -g
```

**Example Output:**

```
Found GQAMS: 2
Username for GQAM:
```

- 2 Enter a valid username for the GQAM and press **Enter**. You are prompted for the password for the GQAM.

**Example Output:**

```
Password for GQAM:
```

- 3 Enter the password and press **Enter**. The following output displays:

- System CVT version
- CVT CreationTime
- Device Name
- Device Type
- Device Model Name
- IP address
- Memory Address
- Hex Version
- Dec Version
- Ping status
- Telnet status

**Example Output:**

```
System CVT version: 203
CVT create time: 2018-03-26 13:14:37
Device Name      Type      ModelName      Ipaddr      Memory Addr      HexVer      DecVer      Pingable      Telnet
-----
GQAM425060001    3         GQAM           142.60.20.1  0x0092da88      8b         139        YES          Pass
GQAM425060002    3         GQAM           142.60.20.2  0x0092da88      8b         139        YES          Pass
Please see /tmp/cvtChecker.log for errors
```

- 4 Review the **/tmp/cvtChecker.log** for any errors.

## Retrieve the CVT from GQI-Based QAMs

The **-r** option of the `cvtChecker` script provides the CVTs on RFGWs.

- 1 As **dncs** user, enter the following command to run the **cvtChecker** with the **-r** option. The number of RFGWs found is displayed and you are prompted for the username for the RFGW.

```
[dncs@berlin3 Utilities]$ cvtChecker.py -r
```

### Example Output:

```
Found possible RFGW'S: 1
```

```
Username for RFGW:
```

- 2 Enter a valid username for the RFGW and press **Enter**. You are prompted for the password for the RFGW.

### Example Output:

```
Password for RFGW:
```

- 3 Enter the password for the RFGW and press **Enter**. The following output displays:

- System CVT version
- CVT Creation Time
- Device Name
- Device Type
- Device Model Name
- IP address
- Memory Address
- Hex Version
- Dec Version
- Ping status
- Telnet status

### Example Output:

```
System CVT version: 203
CVT create time: 2018-09-26 13:14:37

Device Name      Type      ModelName      Ipaddr      Memory Addr      HexVer      DecVer      Pingable      Telnet
-----
RFGW1           32769    RFGW1         172.16.4.220  0x00001840      28         40         YES          Pass

Please see /tmp/cvtChecker.log for errors
```

- 4 Review the `/tmp/cvtChecker.log` for any errors.

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