



# Installing Cisco VIM

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## Cisco VIM Installation Overview

Before you can install Cisco Virtual Infrastructure Manager, complete the procedures in *Preparing for Cisco NFVI Installation*. If your management node does not have Internet access, complete the *Preparing to Install Cisco NFVI on Management Nodes Without Internet Access* procedure. The Cisco VIM installation procedure provides two methods for downloading and installing the Cisco VIM installation files, from USB stick prepared for installation, or from the Internet.

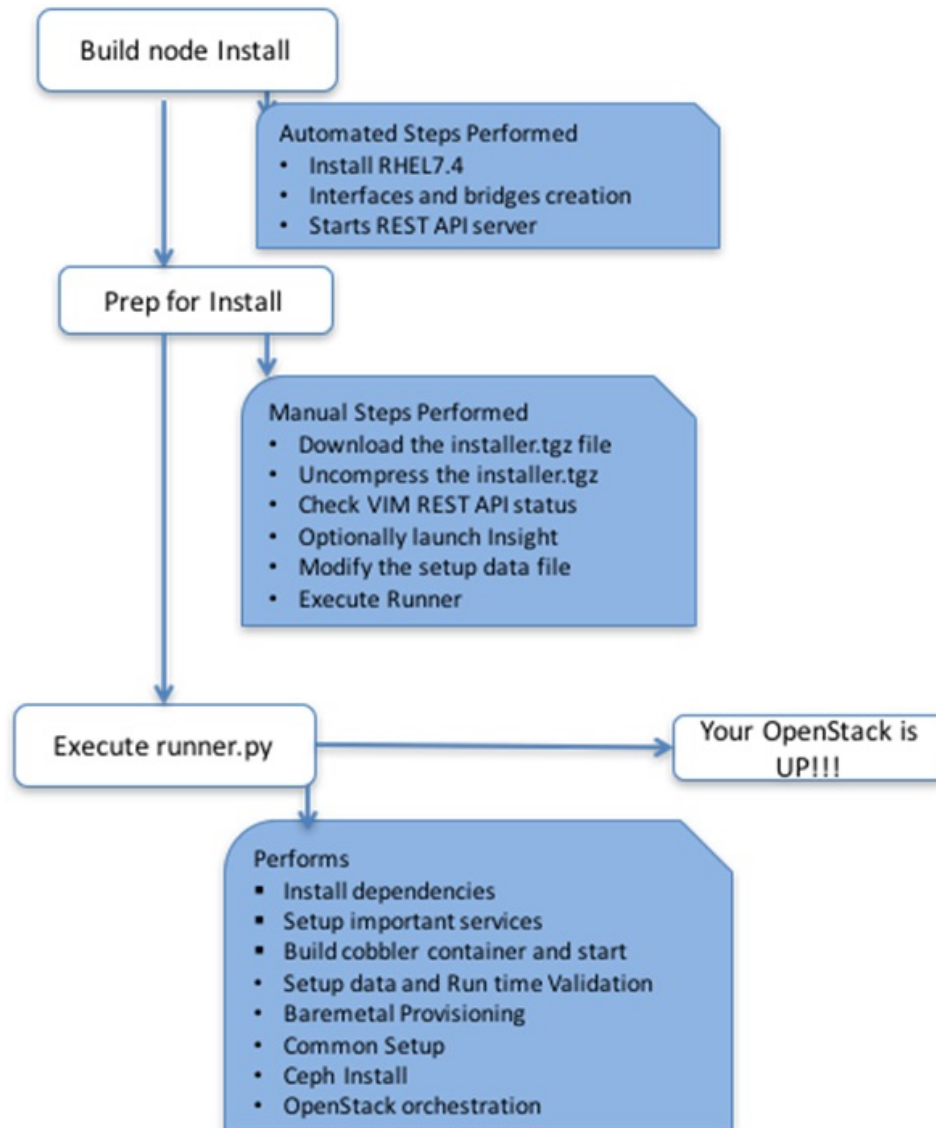
Completing these procedures ensures the Cisco NFVI network infrastructure is set up before the Cisco VIM installation. The bootstrap script is then kicked off, which downloads installer repository, installs Docker and dependencies and starts installer web service,

The Cisco VIM installer can then be launched. It validates the testbed configuration file (`setup_data.yaml`), creates new vNICs on the controller, compute, and dedicated storage nodes based on the configuration provided in the `setup_data.yaml` file. This is followed by the Preboot Execution Environment (PXE) boot of RHEL7.2 onto the target nodes (control, compute and storage) through the Cobbler server set up on the management node. After the installation, the Cisco VIM installer performs common steps across all the Cisco NFVI nodes.

Next, Ceph related packages required for managing the cluster and creating OSD and monitor nodes are installed on the control and storage nodes. By default, the minimum three Ceph monitor nodes are installed at the host level on the control nodes. These serve as management nodes and have the administration keyring. Ceph configurations, such as `ceph.conf` and Ceph client keyrings files, are stored under `/etc/ceph` on each controller. Each Ceph storage node associates an Object Storage Daemon (OSD) to a physical hard drive with a write journal on a separate SSD to support small block random I/O.

The following illustration provides an overview to the Cisco VIM installation.

Figure 1: Cisco VIM Installation Flow



If you have Cisco Unified Management, complete only part of the Cisco VIM installation procedure and proceed to the [Installing Cisco VIM Insight](#) on page procedure followed by [Installing Cisco VIM through Cisco VIM Unified Management](#) to complete the configuration and setup of Cisco VIM using the Cisco VIM Insight. If you do not have Cisco VIM UM, configure Cisco VIM by editing the `data_setup.yaml` as described in the Cisco VIM installation.

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This procedure allows you to install the Cisco VIM on a Cisco NFVI management node:

### Before you begin

- You need Cisco NFVI installation files download site credentials from your Cisco account representative.
- For Management nodes with NO Internet access, you need USB stick containing the Cisco NFVI installation files. To prepare the USB stick, see the *Preparing to Install Cisco NFVI on Management Nodes Without Internet Access*.

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**Step 1** If your management node does not have Internet access and you prepared a USB stick in *Preparing to Install Cisco NFVI on Management Nodes Without Internet Access*., complete the following steps:

- Insert the USB stick into the management node drive.
- Run the `import_artifacts.sh` script to copy all artifacts onto the management node, for example:

```
cd ~/installer-<tag_id>/tools
```

```
./import_artifacts.sh
```

All the installation artifacts are copied to `/var/cisco/artifacts/` on the management node

**Step 2** If you are installing Cisco VIM Insight, navigate to [Installing Cisco VIM Unified Management](#) and complete the Cisco VIM Insight installation.

If you are not installing Cisco VIM Insight, complete the following steps.

**Step 3** Change to the installer directory by running the following command:

```
cd ~/installer-<tag_id>
```

**Step 4** Create a dir (for example, `~/Save/`) to contain a copy of the `setup_data.yaml` file, the file that configures the Cisco NFVI for your particular implementation.

**Step 5** Change to the `openstack-configs` directory and copy the example Cisco VIM `setup_data.yaml` file into the directory you just created:

```
cd openstack-configs/
cp setup_data.yaml.<C_or_B>_Series_EXAMPLE setup_data.yaml
~/Save/setup_data.yaml
```

**Note** Only the CPU and MEM allocation ratio needs to be changed for the target pod. Update the following to your target value:

```
NOVA_RAM_ALLOCATION_RATIO: 1.5 # range of 1.0 to 4.0
```

```
NOVA_CPU_ALLOCATION_RATIO: 16.0 # range of 1.0 to 16.0
```

**Step 6** With a yaml editor, modify the copied example `setup_data.yaml` file as the data setup file for your implementation. This includes both Cisco NFVI data and OpenStack parameters.

**Step 7** Run the installation:

```
ciscovim --setupfile ~/Save/setup_data.yaml run
```

After the installation is complete, you can view the installation logs at `/var/log/mercury`.

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# Cisco VIM Client Details

Cisco VIM combines the CLI and API so that you can use the CLI or API installer transparently.



**Note** For a complete list of Cisco VIM REST API commands, see the *Cisco NFVI Administrator Guide*.

Before you use the Cisco VIM CLI, check that the API server is up and pointing to the right installer directory. You can execute the following command to validate the state of the API server and the installer directory it is referencing:

```
# cd installer-<tagid>/tools
#./restapi.py -a status
Status of the REST API Server:  active (running) since Thu 2016-08-18 09:15:39 UTC; 9h ago
REST API launch directory: /root/installer-<tagid>/
```

Verify the server status is active and the restapi launch directory is the same the directory from where the installation is launched. If the installer directory, or the REST API state is not correct, go to the target installer directory and execute the following:

```
# cd new-installer-<tagid>/tools
#./restapi.py -a setup
```

```
Check if the REST API server is running from the correct target directory
#./restapi.py -a status
Status of the REST API Server:  active (running) since Thu 2016-08-18 09:15:39 UTC; 9h ago
REST API launch directory: /root/new-installer-<tagid>/
```

The REST API tool also provides the options to restart, tear down and reset password for the REST API server as listed:

```
# ./restapi.py --h

usage: restapi.py [-h] --action ACTION [--yes] [--verbose]

REST API setup helper

optional arguments:
  -h, --help            show this help message and exit
  --action ACTION, -a ACTION
                        setup - Install and Start the REST API server.
                        teardown - Stop and Uninstall the REST API server.
                        restart - Restart the REST API server.
                        regenerate-password - Regenerate the password for REST API server.
                        reconfigure-tls - Reconfigure SSL certificates and key.
                        upgrade - Upgrade to new workspace.
                        reset-password - Reset the REST API password with user given
password.
                        status - Check the status of the REST API server.
  --yes, -y            Skip the dialog. Yes to the action.
  --verbose, -v        Perform the action in verbose mode.
```

If the REST API server is not running, executing **ciscovim** shows the following error message:

```
# ciscovim -setupfile ~/Save/<setup_data.yaml> run
```

If the installer directory, or the REST API state is not correct or it is pointing to an incorrect REST API launch directory, go to the installer-<tagid>/tools dir and execute:

```
# ./restapi.py --action setup
```

To confirm that the Rest API server state and launch directory is correct, execute:

```
# ./restapi.py --action status
```

If you ran the REST API recovery step on an existing pod, run the following command to ensure that the REST API server continues to manage the existing pod:

```
# ciscovim --setup_file <setup_data_file_path> --perform 7 -y
```

For an overview to the commands you can execute from the CLI, enter the following command:

```
ciscovim --help
usage: ciscovim [--setupfile <setupdata_file>] <subcommand> ...

Command-line interface to the Cisco Virtualized manager

Positional arguments:
  <subcommand>
    run                                Perform/terminate an install operation
    install-status                     Status of installation of the Openstack cloud
    list-steps                         List steps
    add-computes                       Add compute-nodes to the Openstack cloud
    add-storage                        Add a storage-node to the Openstack cloud
    list-nodes                         List the nodes in the Openstack cloud
    remove-computes                    Remove compute-nodes from the Openstack cloud
    remove-storage                     Remove a storage-node from the Openstack cloud
    replace-controller                 Replace a controller in the Openstack cloud
    list-openstack-configs             List of Openstack configs that can be changed
                                       using reconfigure
    list-password-keys                List of password keys that can be changed
                                       using reconfigure
    reconfigure                       Reconfigure the Openstack cloud
    cluster-recovery                   Recover the Openstack cluster after a network
                                       partition or power outage
    mgmtnode-health                   Show health of the Management node
    commit                             Commit an update
    rollback                           Rollback an update
    update                             Update the Openstack cloud
    update-status                      Status of the update operation
    upgrade                           Upgrade the Openstack cloud
    check-fernet-keys                 Check whether the fernet keys are successfully
                                       synchronized across keystone nodes
    nfvench                           Launch NFVBench Flows
    nfvimon                           NFVI Monitoring / Zenoss management operations
    period-rotate-fernet-keys          Set the frequency of fernet keys rotation on
                                       keystone
    resync-fernet-keys                 Resynchronize the fernet keys across all the
                                       keystone nodes
    rotate-fernet-keys                 Trigger rotation of the fernet keys on
                                       keystone
    client-version                     Show Virtualized Infrastructure Manager
                                       Version
    version                           Show Virtualized Infrastructure Manager
                                       Version
    help                              Display help about this program or one of its
                                       subcommands.
```

Optional arguments:  
 --setupfile <setupdata\_file>

See "ciscovim help COMMAND" for help on a specific command.

To look at the help for a sub-command (e.g. run) execute the following:

```
# ciscovim help run
usage: ciscovim run [--join] [--perform <perform>] [--skip <skip>] [-y] Perform a install
operation
Optional arguments:
--join Join the installation process
--perform <perform> Perform the following steps.
--skip <skip> Skip the following steps.
-y, --yes Yes option to skip steps without prompt [root@MercRegTB1 installer]#
You can also run the installer in multiple smaller steps. To understand the steps involved
during installation
execute the following command:
# ciscovim list-steps
Virtualized Infrastructure Manager:
=====
```

Operations	Operation ID
INPUT_VALIDATION	1
MGMTNODE_ORCHESTRATION	2
VALIDATION	3
BAREMETAL	4
COMMONSETUP	5
CEPH	6
ORCHESTRATION	7
VMTP	8

To execute the installer in steps, include specific steps from above. For example:

```
$ ciscovim run --perform 1,3 -y
```

Similarly, you can execute the installation using the skip option, where you explicitly indicate which options to skip. For example

```
$ ciscovim run --skip 1,3 -y
```



#### Note

When using the step-by-step installation, keep a track of what steps are already completed, or unpredictable results might occur.

While the install time varies from pod to pod, typical installation times through the Internet for a UCS C-series with three controller, nine compute, and three storage are listed in the following table.

**Table 1:**

Operation ID	Operation	Estimated Time
1	Input validation	6 minutes
2	Management node orchestration	40 minutes
3	Run time Validation	30 seconds

Operation ID	Operation	Estimated Time
4	Bare metal	60 minutes
5	Host setup	10 minutes
6	Ceph	5 minutes
7	Orchestration	25 minutes
8	VMTP (external and provider networks)	14 minutes

## Cisco VIM Configuration Overview

The following topics provide a list of Cisco NFVI configurations you must enter in `setup_data.yaml` with a yaml editor. These configurations has to be performed prior to running the Cisco VIM installation. If you are installing Cisco Insight, you have to complete the Cisco VIM data and OpenStack configurations using VIM Insight as described in [Installing Cisco VIM through Cisco VIM Unified Management](#) .

### Configuring ToR Automatically

Cisco VIM, provides a complete automation of the cloud deployment. Cisco VIM, of this feature is to automate day-0 configuration of N9xxx series Top of Rack(ToR) switches. The feature is optional and only applies to Pods that are running without ACI. For ToR switch details related to ACI, refer to the section, *Enabling ACI in Cisco VIM* . Purpose is to automate Power-On Auto Provisioning (post-POAP) configuration on ToR offering of Cisco VIM, constitutes of one or more pair of identical Cisco N9300 series switches. The day-0 ToR automation configures the interfaces that are connected to the management (br\_mgmt), control, compute, and storage nodes of the pod. In addition, it configures the VPC peer link interfaces for ToR pairs. The automation handles both B and C-series pods. The automation includes configuration of the edge ports in the leaf switches off which the hosts hang-out and the VPC peer link between the switches. Auto-Configuration feature does not include the configuration of the spine switches, and the connectivity between the leaf and the spine; that is the upstream link of the spine switches that carry the external VLAN connectivity.

As the feature is a post-POAP automation provisioning, the management interface, vrf, and admin user have to be pre-provisioned on each of the ToR switch. Also, ssh has to be enabled in each ToRs. The recommended N9K switch software versions are 7.0(3)I4(6) and 7.0(3)I6(1). Bootstrapping the ToR image is still a manual process. Installer API interface (br\_api) on the management node have to be up and running, and the ssh to the management node through SSH must be working. You can access each of the ToRs through its management interface from the Cisco VIM management node using SSH.

### Setting Up the Cisco VIM Data Configurations

The Cisco VIM configuration file, `setup_data.yaml`, installs and configures the VIM deployment. When creating this file, take extreme care. Any change to this configuration after deployment, with the exception (example: NFVIMON, of adding and removing nodes and so on) causes a stack redeployment. Pay particular attention to the pod networking layout plan configured in `setup_data.yaml` because any future changes to it requires the pod to be reinstalled.

If your configurations are correct, the installation goes smoothly. Cisco recommends using a YAML editor on Linux (PyCharm, Komodo or vi/vim with YAML plugin) to edit this file. Items shown in brown must be changed to your specific testbed. Do not copy the examples shown below into your YAML file, because your browser might render the characters differently. If you are using the Cisco VIM installer, you cannot update the OpenStack config files (for example, ml2\_conf.ini, and other files) directly. All OpenStack configurations must be in the setup\_data.yaml file. This ensures that the installer has a view of the OpenStack deployment, so that it can reliably perform later software updates and upgrades. This ensures a consistent and repeatable installation, which is important. Key setup file parts are shown in the following sections.

## Setting Up the ToR Configurations for B-series and C-series

The ToR configuration is driven through the mercury setup\_data.yaml configuration. The information for automated TOR configuration is provided in two parts in the setup\_data.yaml file. The common information is in the TORSWITCHINFO section, whereas the information on individual switch ports connected to specific nodes are under SERVERS section for C-series, and UCSM-COMMON section for B-series. If the TORSWITCHINFO section is not provided or CONFIGURE\_TORS attribute under TORSWITCHINFO then all the ToR provisioning related steps are skipped. The ToR section contains attributes related to ToR connection, configuration for the management interface for the management node, and vPC peer details in case of ToR pairs.



### Note

The port-channel number for the vPC peer link interfaces, is derived from the Vpc domain. The ToRs are paired with each other based on their corresponding vpc\_peer\_link addresses.

```
TORSWITCHINFO:
  CONFIGURE_TORS: True
  SWITCHDETAILS:
    -
      hostname: K09-n9k-a # mandatory for NFVbench
      username: admin # mandatory for NFVbench
      password: <redacted> # mandatory for NFVbench
      ssh_ip: <a.b.c.d> # mandatory for NFVbench
      ssn_num: <xyz>
      vpc_peer_keepalive: <f.g.h.i>
      vpc_domain: <int>
      vpc_peer_port_info: <'eth1/45,eth1/46,eth1/47'>
      vpc_peer_vlan_info: <'NNNN,NNNN-NNNN'>
      br_mgmt_port_info: 'eth1/19'
      br_mgmt_po_info: <'NN'>
    -
      hostname: K09-n9k-b # mandatory for NFVbench
      username: admin # mandatory for NFVbench
      password: <redacted> # mandatory for NFVbench
      ssh_ip: <f.g.h.i> # mandatory for NFVbench
      ssn_num: < xyz>
      vpc_peer_keepalive: < a.b.c.d>
      vpc_domain: <int>
      vpc_peer_port_info: <'eth1/45,eth1/46,eth1/47'>
      vpc_peer_vlan_info: <'NNNN,NNNN-NNNN'>
      br_mgmt_port_info: 'eth1/19'
      br_mgmt_po_info: <'NN'>
```

The attributes for vpc peer vlan info, vpc domain and br\_mgmt\_po\_info have to match across the ToRs, and should only be defined in only two of the TORs, where the management node is hanging off. The attribute for vpc\_peer\_vlan\_info is optional. If it is not specified, it derives a list of VLAN ids from the host/FI facing



interfaces and `br_mgmt` interface. Also, the attribute for `ssn_num` which represents the chassis serial number is optional.

The chassis serial number can be obtained by executing the following command on each of the ToRs:

```
show license host-id
```

In the case of B-series, Cisco VIM configures the UCSMCOMMON section to declare the interface configuration under `tor_info_fi` and `tor_info_fi_redundant` for the FI.



**Note** ToR names need to match with names provided in the TORSWITCHINFO section.

```
UCSMCOMMON:
  ENABLE_QOS_FOR_PORT_PROFILE: true,
  ENABLE_QOS_POLICY: true,
  ENABLE_UCSM_PLUGIN: true,
  ucsd_ip: <p.q.r.s>,
  ucsd_password: <redacted>,
  ucsd_resource_prefix: c43b,
  ucsd_username: admin,
  tor_info_fi: {po: 18, K09-n9k-a: eth1/17, K09-n9k-b: eth1/17}
  tor_info_fi_redundant: {po: 19, K09-n9k-a: eth1/19, K09-n9k-b: eth1/19}
```

In this example of B-Series, `tor_info` is not declared in the SERVERES section as all connectivity is through the FI (controller, compute, and storage) declared in the UCSMCOMMON section. VLANs for the FI facing interfaces are derived from the NETWORK segment ROLES for controller, compute, and storage nodes.

The SERVERS section declares the interface configurations for each of the controller, compute, and storage nodes under `tor_info`.

```
SERVERS:
  controller-1:
    rack_info: {rack_id: rack43X}
    cimc_info: {cimc_ip: <ip_addr>}
    tor_info: {po: 5, B9-TOR-9K-1: eth1/5, B9-TOR-9K-2: eth1/5}
  controller-2:
    rack_info: {rack_id: rack43Y}
    cimc_info: {cimc_ip: <ip_addr>}
    tor_info: {po: 7, B9-TOR-9K-1: eth1/7, B9-TOR-9K-2: eth1/7}
  controller-3:
    rack_info: {rack_id: rack43Z}
    cimc_info: {cimc_ip: <ip_addr>}
    tor_info: {po: 9, B9-TOR-9K-1: eth1/9, B9-TOR-9K-2: eth1/9}
  compute-1:
    rack_info: {rack_id: rack43}
    cimc_info: {cimc_ip: <ip_addr>}
    tor_info: {po: 11, B9-TOR-9K-1: eth1/11, B9-TOR-9K-2: eth1/11}
  compute-2:
    rack_info: {rack_id: rack43}
    cimc_info: {cimc_ip: <ip_addr>}
    tor_info: {po: 13, B9-TOR-9K-1: eth1/13, B9-TOR-9K-2: eth1/13}
  storage-1:
    rack_info: {rack_id: rack43}
    cimc_info: {cimc_ip: <ip_addr>}
    tor_info: {po: 14, B9-TOR-9K-1: eth1/14, B9-TOR-9K-2: eth1/14}
  storage-2:
    rack_info: {rack_id: rack43}
    cimc_info: {cimc_ip: <ip_addr>}
    tor_info: {po: 15, B9-TOR-9K-1: eth1/15, B9-TOR-9K-2: eth1/15}
  storage-3:
    rack_info: {rack_id: rack43}
```

```
cimc_info: {cimc_ip: <ip_addr>}
tor_info: {po: 16, B9-TOR-9K-1: eth1/16, B9-TOR-9K-2: eth1/16}
```

VLANs for host facing interfaces are derived from NETWORK section based on the server ROLES definition of each of the servers and their corresponding network profile roles assigned for each of the segments.

### Server Level Setup\_data info for C-series with Intel NIC

When the C-series pod is configured to run in a complete Intel NIC environment, the ToR have an additional configuration that is dp\_tor\_info section. Control plane and data plane traffic are broken out into two separate interfaces with VLAN limiting applied on each of the interfaces facing the controller and compute nodes.

```
c43b-control-1:
  rack_info: {rack_id: rack43}
  cimc_info: {cimc_ip: <ip_addr>}
  tor_info: {po: 9, K09-n9k-a: 'eth1/9, eth1/12'}
  dp_tor_info: {po: 12, K09-n9k-a: 'eth1/12, eth1/12'}
c43b-compute-1:
  rack_info: {rack_id: rack43}
  cimc_info: {cimc_ip: <ip_addr>}
  tor_info: {po: 10, K09-n9k-a: 'eth1/10, eth1/13'}
  dp_tor_info: {po: 13, K09-n9k-a: 'eth1/13, eth1/13'}
```

### Server Level Setup\_data info for C-series with Intel NIC with SRIOV

When the C-series pod is configured to support SRIOV with Intel NIC, a third interface is configured to allow SRIOV traffic for the compute nodes. Switchports configured for SRIOV are not placed in a port-channel. VLAN limiting is applied to this interface for all the data plane related VLAN IDs.

```
c43b-compute-1:
  rack_info: {rack_id: rack43}
  cimc_info: {cimc_ip: <ip_addr>}
  tor_info: {po: 10, K09-n9k-a: 'eth1/10, eth1/13'}
  dp_tor_info: {po: 13, K09-n9k-a: 'eth1/13, eth1/13'}
  sriov_tor_info: { K09-n9k-a: eth1/33, K09-n9k-b: eth1/33}
```

## Support for Custom Configuration

Custom Configuration is an optional procedure. The setup\_data.yaml file has a section called CUSTOM\_CONFIG to support custom configuration. Under the CUSTOM\_CONFIG section, raw CLI commands can be provided at the global, port channel, and switchport level. CUSTOM\_CONFIG is applied at the time of bootstrap and add-interfaces workflow steps.

For example: setup\_data.yaml

```
TORSWITCHINFO:
  CONFIGURE_TORS: true
  CUSTOM_CONFIG:
    GLOBAL:
      [<'cli line 1'>,
       <'cli line 2'>,<']
    PORTCHANNEL:
      [<'cli line 1'>]
    SWITCHPORT:
      [<'cli line 1'>,
       <'cli line 2'>,<']
```

## Setting Up ToR Configurations for NCS-5500



**Note** In Cisco VIM 2.4, the following caveats apply to a Cisco VIM deployment with NCS:

- **BGP:** For a fresh install of Cisco VIM, assure no BGP configuration is present on the NCS, otherwise the peering between the two NCS does not come up properly. Un-configure any existing BGP configuration. If additional BGP complimentary configuration is needed, add it after a successful Cisco VIM install.
- **Segment-Routing:** The global block of Segment Routing IDs have to be pre-defined by the admin. Make sure that the prefix defined within the setup\_data.yaml is within the Segment Routing global block range.
- **NCS Interface Naming:** There are a set of different Interface naming variations. We support the following: [Te0/0/0/0, TenGigE0/0/0/0, Gi0/0/0/0, Hu0/0/1/0, HundredGigE 0/0/1/0, FortyGigE0/0/0/0].
- Any manual adjustments to the ISIS, L2VPN sections (on top of the configuration provided by the CVIM automation) causes subsequent Cisco VIM installs to fail.

For a Cisco VIM with NCS-5500 Auto-ToR is a must-have. You can use the Auto-ToR configuration feature to setup NCS-5500. The mercury Cisco VIM setup\_data.yaml configuration file is used as an input file for the configuration.

The setup\_data.yaml file contains the following three sections:

- **TORSWITCHINFO:** This section provides the general information.
- **SERVERS section for C-series:** This section provides the information on the switch ports that are connected to the specific nodes. When the micro pod is configured to run in a complete Intel NIC environment with NCS-5500 as the ToR, the SERVER level configurations include tor\_info (for control plane) and dp\_tor\_info (data plane) section. Control plane and data plane traffic are broken out into two separate interfaces with bridge domains applied on each of the control and data interfaces facing each for the controller and compute nodes.
- **MULTI\_SEGMENT\_ROUTING\_INFO:** This section provides the information related to routing.

NCS-5500 supports a micro-pod with additional computes running on Intel 710 NICs with no SR-IOV with mechanism driver of VPP.



**Note** The current release supports the use of two NCS-5500 within a single pod.

The following snippet shows an example of the mercury setup\_data.yaml configuration file for NCS-5500

```
TORSWITCHINFO:
CONFIGURE_TORS: true # Mandatory
TOR_TYPE: NCS-5500 # Mandatory

SWITCHDETAILS:
-
  hostname: <NCS-5500-1> # hostname of NCS-5500-1
  username: admin
  password: <ssh_password of NCS-5500-1>
  ssh_ip: <ssh_ip_address of NCS-5500-1>
  vpc_peer_keepalive: <ssh IP address of the peer NCS-5500-2>
```

```

    br_mgmt_port_info: <interface of which br_mgmt of management node is hanging of
NCS-5500-1>
    br_mgmt_po_info: <int; bundle Ethernet interface to pxe the management node>
    vpc_peer_port_info: <local interface to which peer NCS-5500 is connected, "," separated,
max of 2 entries>' >
    vpc_peer_port_address: <local address with mask for vpc_peer_port_info, "," separated,
max of 2 entries>' >
    isis_loopback_addr: <local isis loopback interface address without mask> # assumes
/32
    isis_net_entity_title: <isis network_entity_title>
    isis_prefix_sid: <int between 16000-1048575> # has to be unique in the ISIS domain
and depends on the
global segment routing block define by the admin
-
    hostname: <NCS-5500-2> # hostname of NCS-5500-2
    username: admin
    password: <ssh_password of NCS-5500-2>
    ssh_ip: <ssh_ip_address of NCS-5500-2>
    vpc_peer_keepalive: <ssh IP address of the peer NCS-5500-1>
    br_mgmt_port_info: <interface of which br_mgmt of management node is hanging of
NCS-5500-2>
    br_mgmt_po_info: <int; bundle Ethernet interface to pxe the management node>
    vpc_peer_port_info: <local interface to which peer NCS-5500 is connected>,"" seperated,
max of two entries
    vpc_peer_port_address: <local address with mask for vpc_peer_port_info>,"" seperated,
max of two entries
    isis_loopback_addr: <local isis loopback interface address without mask> # assumes
/32
    isis_net_entity_title: <isis network_entity_title>
    isis_prefix_sid: <int between 16000-1048575> has to be unique in the ISIS domain and
depends on the global segment routing block define by the admin. # has to be unique in the
ISIS domain

SERVER SECTION FOR C SERIES:
    a27-fretta-micro-1:
    cimc_info: {cimc_ip: 172.28.121.172}
    dp_tor_info: {NCS-5500-1: TenGigE0/0/0/1, NCS-5500-2: TenGigE0/0/0/1, po: 1}
    hardware_info: {VIC_slot: MLOM}
    rack_info: {rack_id: RackA}
    tor_info: {NCS-5500-1: TenGigE0/0/0/0, NCS-5500-2: TenGigE0/0/0/0, po: 2}
# Optional
    sriov_tor_info: {NCS-5500-1: TenGigE0/0/0/6, NCS-5500-2: TenGigE0/0/0/6} or
    sriov_tor_info: {NCS-5500-1: 'TenGigE0/0/0/6, TenGigE0/0/0/7', NCS-5500-2: 'TenGigE0/0/0/6,
TenGigE0/0/0/7'}

    a27-fretta-micro-2:
    cimc_info: {cimc_ip: 172.28.121.174}
    dp_tor_info: {NCS-5500-1: TenGigE0/0/0/3, NCS-5500-2: TenGigE0/0/0/3, po: 3}
    hardware_info: {VIC_slot: MLOM}
    rack_info: {rack_id: RackB}
    tor_info: {NCS-5500-1: TenGigE0/0/0/2, NCS-5500-2: TenGigE0/0/0/2, po: 4}

    a27-fretta-micro-3:
    cimc_info: {cimc_ip: 172.28.121.175}
    dp_tor_info: {NCS-5500-1: TenGigE0/0/0/5, NCS-5500-2: TenGigE0/0/0/5, po: 5}
    hardware_info: {VIC_slot: MLOM}
    rack_info: {rack_id: RackC}
# optional
    sriov_tor_info: {NCS-5500-1: 'TenGigE0/0/0/8, TenGigE0/0/0/9', NCS-5500-2: 'TenGigE0/0/0/8,
TenGigE0/0/0/9'}

#Note: if sriov is defined, it need not be present on all servers; However, when present
on a given server, the number of SRIOV port need to be 4 and consistent across the servers;

```

Also, please set the INTEL\_SRIOV\_PHYS\_PORTS to 4, when using SRIOV with NCS-5500 as ToR. Please set the value of INTEL\_SRIOV\_VFS as per the settings of your VNF (see details later for the default values, etc)

```
tor_info: {NCS-5500-1: TenGigE0/0/0/4, NCS-5500-2: TenGigE0/0/0/4, po: 6}
```

```
MULTI_SEGMENT_ROUTING_INFO:
  bgp_as_num: <1 to 65535>
  isis_area_tag: <string>
  loopback_name: <loopback<0-2147483647>>
  api_bundle_id: <1 to 65535>
  api_bridge_domain: <string> #Optional, only needed when br_api of mgmt node is also
going via NCS-5500; #this item and api_bundle_id are mutually exclusive
  ext_bridge_domain: <string> # user pre-provisions physical, bundle interface,
subinterface and external BD" for external uplink and provides
external BD info in the setup_data
```

## NCS Day-0 Configuration (Prior to starting Cisco VIM install)

The following snippets have to be defined on the NCS before starting Cisco VIM installation:

```
SSH:
ssh server v2
ssh server vrf default
ssh server netconf port 831
ssh server netconf vrf default
ssh timeout 60
ssh server rate-limit 600
```

```
USERNAME:
username admin
group root-lr
group cisco-support
secret 0 <password>
```



**Note** For SSH to work generate a key using *crypto key generate rsa*.

## Pre-requisites for Segment Routing Global Block and ISIS Prefix

The segment routing configuration has to be predefined by the admin.

The following snippet provides an example:

```
segment-routing
global-block 16000 20000
```

The prefix within the ISIS setup\_data.yaml configuration has to be within the global-block IDs. Example:

```
TORSWITCHINFO:
  CONFIGURE_TORS: true
  SWITCHDETAILS:
  - {br_mgmt_po_info: 1, br_mgmt_port_info: TenGigE0/0/0/10, hostname: a25-ncs5500-1-ru30,
    isis_loopback_addr: 10.10.10.10, isis_net_entity_title: 49.0001.1720.1625.5011.00,
    isis_prefix_sid: 16001, password: CT0l234!, ssh_ip: 172.28.123.176, username: admin,
    vpc_peer_keepalive: 172.28.123.177, vpc_peer_port_address:
'100.100.100.2/29,100.100.101.2/29',
    vpc_peer_port_info: 'HundredGigE0/0/1/4,HundredGigE0/0/1/5'}
  - {br_mgmt_po_info: 1, br_mgmt_port_info: TenGigE0/0/0/10, hostname: a25-ncs5500-2-ru29,
    isis_loopback_addr: 20.20.20.20, isis_net_entity_title: 49.0001.1720.1625.4022.00,
```

```
isis_prefix_sid: 16002, password: CT01234!, ssh_ip: 172.28.123.177, username: admin,
vpc_peer_keepalive: 172.28.123.176, vpc_peer_port_address:
'100.100.100.3/29,100.100.101.3/29',
vpc_peer_port_info: 'HundredGigE0/0/1/2,HundredGigE0/0/1/3'}
TOR_TYPE: NCS-5500
```

## Pre-requisites for API and External Network Segments with NCS-5500 as TOR

Pre- Provision the NCS-5500 with the Bridge domains for API and External network segments. The configured bridge domain names for api and external need to be the same as those defined in setup\_data.yaml (api\_bridge\_domain and ext\_bridge\_domain) under the MULTI\_SEGMENT\_ROUTING\_INFO section defined above.

A check on each of the NCS-5500 should show the following:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:NCS-5500-2#sh run l2vpn bridge group cvim
l2vpn
bridge group cvim
    bridge-domain api
l2vpn
    bridge group cvim
        bridge-domain external
```

During the deployment of NCS-5500 as TOR, we also support the workloads off the provider network along with the tenant network.

Listed below are some of the assumptions under which this combination works.

- Provider network segment has to be in scope from day-0. Few of the PROVIDER\_VLAN\_RANGES has to be defined.
- You can always expand the PROVIDER\_VLAN\_RANGES with additional VLAN range (minimum starting VLAN range is 2)
- The maximum number of PROVIDER\_VLAN\_RANGES and TENANT\_VLAN\_RANGES should add up to 200.
- Bridge domain for provider starts with prefix: provider VLANId. They are created manually on the NCS-5500, before the VIM deployment begins; and upstream interfaces are stitched in.

## Support and pre-requisites for Provider Network with NCS-Concept

In a deployment of NCS-5500 as TOR, along with the tenant network, we also support provider networks. The following points are key to use provider\_networks with a NCS TOR:

- Provider network segment has to be defined on day-0; also, a handful of PROVIDER\_VLAN\_RANGES has to be defined in the setup\_data.yaml.




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**Note** You cannot add it after a Cisco VIM deployment!

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- The PROVIDER\_VLAN\_RANGES can be extended after a Cisco VIM install by running reconfigure with a updated setup\_data.yaml (min starting VLAN range is 2, for example PROVIDER\_VLAN\_RANGES: 3200:3202 (existing range),3204:3206 (newly added range))
- The maximum number of PROVIDER\_VLAN\_RANGES and TENANT\_VLAN\_RANGES should not exceed 200.

- Bridge domain for provider starts with prefix: provider<VLANid> and are created manually on the NCS-5500 before VIM deployment begins with necessary upstream interfaces configured accordingly.

## Pre-requisites for Provider Network with NCS-5500 as TOR

Provider network support requires the following pre-requisites:

**Step 1** Define the network and provider vlan ranges sections in setup\_data.yaml.

```
NETWORKING:
- segments: [provider]
  vlan_id: None
PROVIDER_VLAN_RANGES: 127,3406:3409
```

**Step 2** Pre-provisioning the NCS with bridge-domains for corresponding VLANs and plumbing the uplink configuration into these bridge-domains.

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:NCS-5500-2#sh run l2vpn bridge group cvim
l2vpn
  bridge group cvim
    bridge-domain provider127

l2vpn
  bridge group cvim
    bridge-domain provider3406

l2vpn
  bridge group cvim
    bridge-domain provider3407
```

**Note** The Cisco VIM Automation will then configure all the host facing subinterfaces for these provider vlans, EVIs and plumb them into each of the pre-provisioned provider bridge-domains.

**Note** When pre-provisioning bridge-domain, ensure that the BD names follow the naming convention of "provider<vlan-id>".

## Installing Cisco VIM with NCS-5500 as TOR



**Note** Cisco VIM does not support Jumbo Frame with NCS-5500; so plan your deployment without it in place.



**Note** Currently there is an Intel X710 issue with the i40e driver version 1.6.27-k shipped with RHEL7.4, intermittent traffic drop/not forward on one of the bonding member interface. This problem becomes more apparent when the same traffic flow conversation is asymmetrically forwarded, that is the same traffic flow conversation transmitting on bond member 1 and receiving back on bond member 2. It goes away when the driver is upgraded to the latest official Intel driver version 2.3.6:

<https://downloadmirror.intel.com/24411/eng/i40e-2.3.6.tar.gz>

The official Intel i40e version 2.3.6 is compiled at the time of the mercury's hotfix repo build. This takes care of the step 4 baremetal install of all the Controller, Storage, and Compute nodes except Management node. So we recommend you to do step wise installation to incorporate the changes made into the management node.

Following are the steps to install Cisco VIM:

**Step 1** Deploy the Management node with the corresponding matching 2.2.x ISO

**Step 2** Execute the step1 and step 2

```
ciscovim --setupfile <setup_data_path> run --perform step 1,2
```

**Step 3** After step 2, install the updated i40e driver.

```
yum install i40e
```

**Step 4** After installing, activate the new i40e driver.

```
modprobe -r i40e && modprobe i40e
```

**Step 5** Check if driver is correctly loaded.

```
ethtool -i <enp10s0f0>
```

```
driver: i40e7 □ Look for "i40e"
version: 2.3.67 □ Look for "2.3.6"
firmware-version: 5.04 0x80002542 0.385.7
expansion-rom-version:
bus-info: 0000:0a:00.0
supports-statistics: yes
supports-test: yes
supports-eeprom-access: yes
supports-register-dump: yes
supports-priv-flags: yes
```

**Step 6** Bring the MGMT interfaces back up

```
ifup bond0
```

**Step 7** Resume the install from step 3 onwards

```
ciscovim --setupfile <setup_data_path> run --perform 3,4,5...
```

## Intel NIC Support

Cisco VIM supports C-series pod running with either all Intel 710X NICs or Cisco VICs for control and data plane. In the Intel NIC setup, M4 and M5 (micropod) based pods need to have 2-4 port and 1-4 port 710X



respectively, for control and data plane connectivity. The orchestrator identifies the NIC support based on the following INTEL\_NIC\_SUPPORT values:

- False-This is the default value. The orchestrator assumes that all the servers have Cisco VIC
- True-The orchestrator assumes that all the servers have Intel NIC.

To define the value, run the following command

```
# INTEL_NIC_SUPPORT: <True or False>
```

A C-series pod, running Intel NIC, also supports SRIOV as an option when defined in a setup\_data. To enable SRIOV as an option, define a value in the range 1-32 (32 is maximum number of INTEL\_SRIOV\_VFS: <integer>).

By default in the M4 C-series pod running with 4 port Intel 710 card, 1 port (port #c) from each of the Intel NICs are used for SRIOV. However some VNFs needs additional SRIOV ports to function. To meet the requirement in VIM 2.2 and higher releases, an additional variable has been introduced in setup\_data.yaml by which you can include a 2<sup>nd</sup> port (port d) of the Intel NIC for SRIOV.

To adjust the number of SRIOV ports, set the following option in the setup\_data.yaml

```
#INTEL_SRIOV_PHYS_PORTS: <2 or 4>
```

The parameter, INTEL\_SRIOV\_PHYS\_PORTS is optional, and if nothing is defined a value of 2 is used. The only values the parameter takes is 2 or 4. For NCS-5500, the only value supported for INTEL\_SRIOV\_PHYS\_PORTS is 4, and has to be defined for SRIOV support on NCS-5500. As the M5 micropod environment is based on X710 for control and data plane and an additional XL710 or 2 port X710 for SRIOV only INTEL\_SRIOV\_PHYS\_PORTS of 2 is supported.

### SRIOV support on a Cisco VIC POD

Cisco VIM supports M4 based C-series pod running with 1 2-port Cisco VIC for control plane and 2 2-port Intel 520s or 2 2-port XL710 for SRIOV (called VIC/NIC deployment). We also support M5 based C-series pod running with 1 2-port Cisco VIC for control plane and 2 2-port XL710 for SRIOV.

The orchestrator identifies the VIC/NIC support based on the following CISCO\_VIC\_INTEL\_SRIOV values:

- False-This is the default value. The orchestrator assumes that all the servers have Cisco VIC.
- True-The orchestrator assumes that all the servers have Intel NIC.

To define the value, run the following command:

```
# CISCO_VIC_INTEL_SRIOV: <True or False>
```

A C-series M4 pod, running Cisco VIC/Intel NIC (2x520 or 2xXL710), also supports SRIOV on the Intel NIC. To enable,SRIOV define a value in the range 1-63 (63 is maximum) (for X520) or 1-32 (32 is maximum for XL710) number of INTEL\_SRIOV\_VFS: <integer>

By default in the C-series M4 pod running with Cisco VIC and Intel 520/XL710, the control plane runs on the Cisco VIC ports, and all the 4 ports from the 2 Intel 520 NICs or 2 intel XL710 are used for SRIOV. C-Series M5 pods, runs with Cisco VIC and Intel XL710, the control plane runs on the Cisco VIC ports, and all the 4 ports from the 2 intel XL710 are used for SRIOV. In the pods running with CISCO\_VIC\_INTEL\_SRIOV option, some computes can run only with Cisco VIC without SRIOV option present on it if they do not have Intel NIC cards in them.

Define the following parameter in the setup\_data yaml to setup the card type, in SRIOV (only for M4 based pod).

```
#SRIOV_CARD_TYPE: <X520 or XL710>
```



**Note** There are different card types present in the compute. If `SRIOV_CARD_TYPE` is not provided, CVIM chooses the first 2 slots from all SRIOV compute nodes, and ensures that they are consistent in card type across the cluster. If they are found to be different, the installation fails. If `SRIOV_CARD_TYPE` is provided, CVIM chooses the first 2 slots matching the target card type, from each of the SRIOV compute nodes, and ensures there is a match between intent and reality.

### Support of Third Party Compute in Hybrid Mode (HP DL360 Gen9)

Cisco VIM 2.4.x introduces the first third-party compute. The first SKU chosen is HPE ProLiant DL360 Gen9. With this support we were able to clearly demonstrate that the CVIM software is flexible enough to be enhanced to accommodate for other SKUs. In CVIM 2.4, the supported deployment is a full-on pod, with OVS as the mechanism driver, where the management, control, and storage nodes are based on existing Cisco UCS c220/240M4 BOM, and the compute nodes are on HPE ProLiant DL360 Gen9 hardware.

To minimize the changes to the existing orchestration workflow and Insight UI, we adopted to reuse the existing Cisco VIC+NIC combo deployment scenario which minimize the changes needed for the hardware topology and the "setup\_data.yaml" configuration file. Refer to the above section "Intel NIC Support for SRIOV only", on the NIC settings that need to be passed, to enable HPE ProLiant DL360 Gen9 third-party compute.

The following table shows the port type mapping between Cisco UCS C-Series compute and HPE ProLiant DL360 compute:

Port Type	Cisco UCS c220/c240M4 Compute	HPE ProLiant DL360 Gen9 Compute
Control and Data Plane	MLOM - Cisco UCS VIC 1227	FlexLOM - HP Ethernet 10Gb 2-port 560FLR-SFP+ Adapter
SRIOV	PCIe - Intel X520-DA2 10 Gbps 2 port NIC	PCIe - HP Ethernet 10Gb 2-port 560SFP+ Adapter
SRIOV	PCIe - Intel X520-DA2 10 Gbps 2 port NIC	PCIe - HP Ethernet 10Gb 2-port 560SFP+ Adapter

As this deployment do not support Auto-ToR configuration, the TOR switch needs to have Trunk configuration with native VLAN, jumbo MTU, and no LACP suspend-individual on the control and data plane switch ports.

Sample Nexus 9k port-channel configuration is as follows:

```
interface port-channel30
  description compute-server-hp-1 control and data plane
  switchport mode trunk
  switchport trunk native vlan 201
  spanning-tree port type edge trunk
  mtu 9216
  no lacp suspend-individual
  vpc 30
!
interface Ethernet1/30
  description compute-server-hp-1 flexlom port 1
  switchport mode trunk
  switchport trunk native vlan 201
  mtu 9216
  channel-group 30 mode active
```

Once the physical connection to the top-of-rack switches and the switch ports' configuration have been completed, enable/add the following additional variables in the VIM's "setup\_data.yaml" configuration file:

```
CISCO_VIC_INTEL_SRIOV: True
INTEL_SRIOV_VFS: 63
```

### Remote Registry Credentials

```
REGISTRY_USERNAME: '<username>'
REGISTRY_PASSWORD: '<password>'
REGISTRY_EMAIL: '<email@address.com>'
```

### Common CIMC Access Information for C-series POD

```
CIMC-COMMON:
cimc_username: "admin"
cimc_password: <"cisco123">
```

### UCSM Common Access Information for B-series POD

```
UCSMCOMMON:
ucsm_username: "admin"
ucsm_password: <"cisco123">
ucsm_ip: <"a.b.c.d">
ucsm_resource_prefix: <"skull"> # max of 6 chars
ENABLE_UCSM_PLUGIN: <True> #optional; if True, Cisco-UCSM is used, if not defined, default
is False
MRAID_CARD: <True or False>
ENABLE_QOS_POLICY: True or False # only allowed if ENABLE_UCSM_PLUGIN is True
ENABLE_QOS_FOR_PORT_PROFILE: <True or False>
```



**Note** When you use Cisco UCS Manager to enable QOS Policy, remember that in certain NFV solutions guest VM (SRIOV) traffic must have heartbeat messages moving across the VMs at a higher priority. In this case the UCS Manager plugin uses a predefined QOS policy name, created by the installer, to attach to the port profile. Cisco VIM does not change the QOS flags that UCS Manager provides by default. You can configure two types of QOS profiles: nfvi (default) or media. For NFV, VM heartbeat messages have a higher priority. For media, multicast traffic is prioritized on the tenant/provider network over other types of traffic such as SSH and HTTP. The QOS policy with UCS Manager is an optional feature. By default this feature is not enabled.

### Configure Cobbler

```
## Cobbler specific information.
## kickstart: static values as listed below
## cobbler_username: cobbler #username to access cobbler server; static value of Cobbler;
not user configurable
## admin_username: root # static value of root; not user configurable
## admin_ssh_keys: This is a generated key which is put on the hosts.
## This is needed for the next install step, using Ansible.
COBBLER:
  pxe_timeout: 45 # Optional parameter (in minutes); min of 30
and max of 120, defaults to 45 mins
  cobbler_username: cobbler # cobbler UI user; currently statically mapped to cobbler;
not user configurable
  admin_username: root # cobbler admin user; currently statically mapped to root;
not user configurable
  #admin_password_hash has be the output from:
  # python -c "import crypt; print crypt.crypt('<plaintext password>')"
```

```
  admin_password_hash: <Please generate the admin pwd hash using the step above; verify the
output starts with $6>
```

```

admin_ssh_keys:                                     # Optional parameter
- ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABIwAAAQEAoMrVHLwpDJX8j2DiE55WtJ5NWdiryP5+FjvPEZcjLdtdWaWA7W
dP6EBAeskmYU9B8ZJrluClIN/sT6yD3gw6IkQ73Y6b1lkZxu/ZlcUUSNY4RVjsAz52/oLKs6n3wqKnn
7rQuLGEZDvXnyLbqMoxHdc4PDFWiGXdlg5DIVGigO9KUncPK cisco@cisco-server
kickstart:                                          # not user configurable
control: ucs-b-and-c-series.ks
compute: ucs-b-and-c-series.ks
block_storage: ucs-b-and-c-series.ks

```

## Configure Network

```

NETWORKING:
domain_name: domain.example.com
#max of 4 NTP servers
ntp_servers:
- <1.ntp.example.com>
- <2.ntp.example2.com >
or
ntp_servers: ['2001:c5c0:1234:5678:1002::1', 15.0.0.254]    <== support for IPv6 address
#max of 3 DNS servers
domain_name_servers:
- <a.b.c.d>
or
domain_name_servers: ['2001:c5c0:1234:5678:1002::5', 15.0.0.1]    <== support for IPv6
address
http_proxy_server: <a.b.c.d:port> # optional, needed if install is through internet, and
the pod is behind a proxy
https_proxy_server: <a.b.c.d:port> # optional, needed if install is through internet, and
the pod is behind a proxy
admin_source_networks: # optional, host based firewall to white list admin's source IP
- 10.0.0.0/8
- 172.16.0.0/12

```



### Note

External access to the management node is made through the IP address configured on the `br_api` interface. To provide additional security for this connection, the optional **admin\_source\_networks** parameter is provided. When specified, access to administrator services is only allowed from the IP addresses specified on this list. Use this setting with care, since a misconfiguration can lock out an administrator from accessing the management node through the network. Recovery can be made by logging in through the console and reconfiguring this setting.

## Define Network Segments

```

networks:
- # CIMC network section is applicable only for B-series
  vlan_id: <107>
  subnet: <10.30.115.192/28> # true routable network
  gateway: <10.30.115.193>
  pool:
    - 10.30.115.194 to 10.30.115.206
  segments:
    - cimc
vlan_id: <108>
  subnet: <10.30.116.192/28> # true routable network
  gateway: <10.30.116.193>

ipv6_gateway: 2001:c5c0:1234:5678:1003::1    <== require if IPv6 OpenStack public API is
enabled
ipv6_subnet: 2001:c5c0:1234:5678:1003::/80
  segments:
    - api

```

```

-
  vlan_id: 3000
  subnet: 13.13.1.0/24
  gateway: 13.13.1.1
  pool:
    # specify the pool range in form of <start_ip> to <end_ip>, IPs without the "to"
    # is treated as an individual IP and is used for configuring
    - 13.13.1.11 to 13.13.1.200

# optional, required if managemen_ipv6 is defined at server level
ipv6_gateway: 2001:c5c0:1234:5678:1002::1
ipv6_subnet: 2001:c5c0:1234:5678:1002::/80
ipv6_pool: ['2001:c5c0:1234:5678:1002::11 to 2001:c5c0:1234:5678:1002::20']

  segments: #management and provisioning is always be the same
    - management
    - provision

# OVS-VLAN requires VLAN-id as "None"
# LinuxBridge-VXLAN requires valid VLAN-id
-
  vlan_id: <vlan_id or None>
  subnet: 14.13.1.0/24
  gateway: 14.13.1.1
  pool:
    - 14.13.1.11 to 14.13.1.254
  segments:
    - tenant
-
  vlan_id: 3005
  subnet: 15.13.1.0/24
  gateway: 15.13.1.1
  pool:
    - 15.13.1.11 to 15.13.1.254
  segments:
    - storage

# optional network "external"
-
  vlan_id: <108>
  segments:
    - external

# optional network "provider"; None for C-series, vlan range for B-series
-
  vlan_id: "<None or 3200-3210>"
  segments:
    - provider

```

## Define Server Roles

In the Roles section, add the hostname of the servers and their corresponding roles. In the case of micro-pod, specify the same server names under control, compute, and ceph. Also, the number of servers under each role has to be three for micro-pod. One can optionally expand the micro-pod, to include additional computes. In the case of HC (Hyperconverged deployment), all storage nodes acts as compute nodes, but not vice-versa.

```

ROLES:    -> for PODTYPE: fullon
control:
  - Your-Controller-Server-1-HostName
  - Your-Controller-Server-2-HostName
  - Your-Controller-Server-3-HostName
compute:
  - Your-Compute-Server-1-HostName

```

```

- Your-Compute-Server-2-HostName
- .....
- Your-Compute-Server-n-HostName
block_storage:
- Your-Ceph-Server-1-HostName
- Your-Ceph-Server-2-HostName
- Your-Ceph-Server-3-HostName
object_storage:
networker:
ROLES: -> for PODTYPE: micro
control:
- Your-Server-1-HostName
- Your-Server-2-HostName
- Your-Server-3-HostName
compute:
- Your-Server-1-HostName
- Your-Server-2-HostName
- Your-Server-3-HostName
- Your-Server-4-HostName (optional expansion of computes)
- Your-Server-5-HostName (optional expansion of computes)

block_storage:
- Your-Server-1-HostName
- Your-Server-2-HostName
- Your-Server-3-HostName
object_storage:
networker:

ROLES: -> for PODTYPE: UMHC
control:
- Your-Controller-Server-1-HostName
- Your-Controller-Server-2-HostName
- Your-Controller-Server-3-HostName
compute:
- Your-Compute-Server-1-HostName
- Your-Compute-Server-2-HostName
- Your_HC_Server-1_HostName
- Your_HC_Server-2_HostName
- Your_HC_Server-3_HostName
block_storage:
- Your_HC_Server-1_HostName
- Your_HC_Server-2_HostName
- Your_HC_Server-3_HostName
object_storage:
networker:

# Server common
# Provide the username (default: root)
SERVER_COMMON:
server_username: root

```

**Note**

The maximum length of non-FQDN hostname is 32 characters. In this example, the length of Your-Controller-Server-1-HostName hostname is 33 characters. So, change the hostname length to 32 or less characters in both the ROLES and SERVERS section. The maximum length including the FQDN is 64 characters, where the hostname can only have characters that are in any combination of “A-Za-z0-9-.”, and the TLD is not all numeric. CVIM does not allow “\_” in the hostnames.

Cisco VIM introduces a new topology type called micro-pod to address solutions that have requirements of high availability, but with limited compute and storage needs. In this deployment model, the control, compute, and storage services reside on each of the three nodes that constitute the pod. Starting Cisco VIM 2.2, we support the expansion of the micro-pod to accommodate more number of compute nodes. Each cloud application can decide the type of pod needed based on their resource (mem, storage consumption) requirements. In Cisco VIM Release 2.4, the micro-pod option supports only OVS/VLAN or VPP/VLAN with Cisco-VIC or Intel 710 NIC on a specific BOM. Also, ACI/VLAN is supported on micro-pod with Cisco-VIC.

To enable the micro-pod option, update the `setup_data` as follows:

```
PODTYPE: micro
```

Cisco VIM supports the hyper-convergence (UMHC) option of UMHC and NGENAHC. The UMHC option supports only OVS/VLAN with a combination of Cisco-VIC and Intel 520 NIC on a specific BOM, while the NGENAHC option supports only VPP/VLAN with control plane over Cisco-VIC and data plane over 2-port Intel X-710.

To enable the hyper convergence with (UMHC) option, update the `setup_data` as follows:

```
PODTYPE: UMHC
```

To enable the hyper convergence with NGENAHC option, update the `setup_data` as follows: `PODTYPE: NGENAHC`

### Define Servers - C-Series Pod Example



**Note** The UCS C-Series maximum host name length is 32 characters.

```
SERVERS:
Your_Controller_Server-1_HostName:
cimc_info: {'cimc_ip': '172.22.191.36'}
rack_info: {'rack_id': 'RackA'}
#hardware_info: {'VIC_slot': '7'} # optional; only needed if vNICs need to be created on a
    specific slot, e.g. slot 7
#management_ip: <static_ip from management pool> #optional, if defined for one server, has
    to be defined for all nodes
#management_ipv6: 2001:c5c0:1234:5678:1002::12          <== optional, allow manual static
    IPv6 addressing
#cimc username, password at a server level is only needed if it is different from the one
    defined in the CIMC-COMMON section
Your_Controller_Server-2_HostName:
cimc_info: {'cimc_ip': '172.22.191.37', 'cimc_username': 'admin', 'cimc_password': 'abc123'}
rack_info: {'rack_id': 'RackB'}

Your_Controller_Server-3_HostName:
cimc_info: {'cimc_ip': '172.22.191.38'}
rack_info: {'rack_id': 'RackC'}
hardware_info: {'VIC_slot': '7'} # optional only if the user wants a specific VNIC to be
    chosen

Your_Storage_or_Compute-1_HostName:
cimc_info: {'cimc_ip': '172.22.191.40'}
rack_info: {'rack_id': 'RackA'}
hardware_info: {'VIC_slot': '3'} # optional only if the user wants a specific VNIC to be
    chosen
    VM_HUGHPAGE_PERCENTAGE: <0 - 100> # optional only for compute nodes and when NFV_HOSTS:
    ALL and
MECHANISM_DRIVER: openvswitch or ACI
.. .. similarly add more computes and 3 storage info
```



**Note** Cisco VIM installation requires that controller node Rack IDs be unique. The intent it to indicates the physical rack location so that physical redundancy is provided within the controllers. If controller nodes are installed all in the same rack, you must assign a unique rack ID to prepare for future Cisco NFVI releases that include rack redundancy. However, compute and storage nodes does not have rack ID restrictions.

### Define Servers - B-Series Pod Example



**Note** For UCS B-Series servers, the maximum host name length is 16 characters.

```
SERVERS:
Your_Controller_Server-1_HostName:
rack_info: {'rack_id': 'rack2'}
ucsm_info: {'server_type': 'blade',
'chassis_id': 1,
'blade_id' : 1}
Your_Controller_Server-2_HostName:
rack_info: {'rack_id': 'rack3'}
ucsm_info: {'server_type': 'blade',
'chassis_id': 2,
'blade_id' : 1}
Your_Controller_Server-3_HostName:
rack_info: {'rack_id': 'rack4'}
ucsm_info: {'server_type': 'blade',
'chassis_id': 2,
'blade_id' : 4}
#management_ip: <static_ip from management pool> #optional, if defined for one server,
has to be defined for all nodes
Your_Compute-1_HostName:
rack_info: {'rack_id': 'rack2'}
ucsm_info: {'server_type': 'blade',
'chassis_id': 2,
'blade_id' : 2}
.. add more computes as needed

Your_Storage-1_HostName:
rack_info: {'rack_id': 'rack2'}
ucsm_info: {'server_type': 'rack',
'rack-unit_id': 1}
Your_Storage-2_HostName:
rack_info: {'rack_id': 'rack3'}
ucsm_info: {'server_type': 'rack',
'rack-unit_id': 2}
Your_Storage-3_HostName:
rack_info: {'rack_id': 'rack4'}
ucsm_info: {'server_type': 'rack',
'rack-unit_id': 3}

# max # of chassis id: 24
# max # of blade id: 8
#max # of rack-unit_id: 96
```





**Note** Cisco VIM requires that controller Rack IDs be unique to indicate the physical rack location and provide physical redundancy for controllers. If your controllers are all in the same rack, you must still assign a unique rack ID to controllers to provide for future rack redundancy. Compute and storage nodes have no Rack ID restrictions.

### Multiple VLAN Trunking with SRIOV using UCSM for UCS B-Series Pods

Some NFV solutions require the guest VM single root I/O virtualization (SRIOV) to send and receive VLAN tagged packets. Because the UCSM plugin in Cisco VIM creates the SR-IOV ports and attaches them to the guest VM, the port must be brought up in trunk mode. To support this, special network names are provided to the UCSM plugin at initialization. Each network supports a different set of application VLANs, which are included in the Cisco VIM configuration. When the port profile is created in UCSM, it checks to see if the port is created on one of the special neutron networks. If so, it adds the VLANs provided in the `setup_data.yaml` to the UCSM port profile. In effect, this allows the VM-FEX port to trunk all of the VLANs. A typical configuration example in `setup_data` is shown below. This is an optional feature which, by default, is not enabled. If it is not enabled, the section shown below is absent. SRIOV with Multi-VLAN trunking is only available in the UCS B-Series pod enabled with UCSM plugin.

```
SRIOV_MULTIVLAN_TRUNK:
  - network_name1: 124, 2:3,9:13
  - network_name2: 4, 5:7, 8
#all the vlans listed are unique in the entire setup_data.yaml
```

## Setting Up Cisco VIM OpenStack Configurations

The following sections provide examples of Cisco VIM OpenStack configurations in the `setup_data.yaml` file.

### OpenStack Admin Credentials

```
ADMIN_USER: <admin>
ADMIN_TENANT_NAME: <admin tenant>
```

### OpenStack HAProxy and Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol Configuration

```
external_lb_vip_address: An externally routable ip address in API network
VIRTUAL_ROUTER_ID: vrrp_router_id #eg: 49 (range of 1-255)
internal_lb_vip_address: <Internal IP address on mgmt network>
```

### OpenStack DNS Name Configuration

For web and REST interfaces, names are commonly used instead of IP addresses. You can set the optional `external_lb_vip_fqdn` parameter to assign a name that resolves to the `external_lb_vip_address`. You must configure the services to ensure the name and address match. Resolution can be made through DNS and the Linux `/etc/hosts` files, or through other options supported on your hosts. The Cisco VIM installer adds an entry to `/etc/hosts` on the management and other Cisco NFVI nodes to ensure that this resolution can be made from within the pod. You must ensure the resolution can be made from any desired host outside the pod.

```
external_lb_vip_fqdn: host or DNS name matching external_lb_vip_address
```

### OpenStack TLS and HTTPS Configuration

Enabling TLS is important to ensure the Cisco VIM network is secure. TLS encrypts and authenticates communication to the cloud endpoints. When TLS is enabled, two additional pieces of information must be provided to the installer: `haproxy.pem` and `haproxy-ca-crt`. These must be placed in the `~/installer-xxxx/openstack-configs` directory.

haproxy.pem is the server side certificate file in PEM format. It must include the server certificate, any intermediate certificates, and the private key for the server. The common name of the certificate must match the external\_lb\_vip\_address and/or the external\_lb\_vip\_fqdn as configured in the setup\_data.yaml file. haproxy-ca.crt is the certificate of the trusted certificate authority that signed the server side.

For production clouds, these certificates is be provided by a trusted third party CA according to your company IT policy. For test or evaluation clouds, self-signed certificates can be used quickly enable TLS. For convenience, the installer includes a script that creates and install self-signed certificates



**Note** Do not use the certificates generated by this tool for production. They are for test purposes only.

To use this tool, make the following changes to the setup data file, then run the tool:

```
external_lb_vip_address: <IP address on external network>
external_lb_vip_tls: True
external_lb_vip_fqdn: host or DNS name matching external_lb_vip_address (if FQDN is needed)
```

To run the tool, from the /working\_dir/ directory, execute **./tools/tls\_cert\_gen.sh -f openstack-configs/setup\_data.yaml**.

### OpenStack Glance Configuration with Dedicated Ceph/Netapp

For OpenStack Glance, the OpenStack image service, the dedicated Ceph object storage configuration is show below. Do not change it. The Ceph and Glance keys are generated during the Ceph installation step, so you do not need to specify the keys in setup\_data.yaml file.

```
STORE_BACKEND: ceph/netapp #supported as 'ceph' for ceph backend store;and netapp for netapp
backend
```

### CEPH Placement Group Info (Optional)

If you need to change the default percentages for placement group calculation use this section they indicate amount of data you expect in cinder/glance/nova. For NOVA\_BOOT\_FROM local give values for cinder and glance. For NOVA\_BOOT\_FROM ceph also fill nova\_percentage\_data for ephemeral data. All Percentages need to add up to 100. If no information is provided, the code defaults to 60% cinder and 40% glance for NOVA\_BOOT\_FROM local. Similarly, if no information is provided the code defaults to 40% cinder, 30% glance and 30% nova ephemeral for NOVA\_BOOT\_FROM ceph. One cannot be changed these values after deployment via update or reconfigure.

```
# For NOVA_BOOT_FROM local
# CEPH_PG_INFO: {cinder_percentage_data: x, glance_percentage_data: y}
# where x and y are integers and must add up to 100

# For NOVA_BOOT_FROM Ceph
# CEPH_PG_INFO: {cinder_percentage_data: x, glance_percentage_data: y,
nova_percentage_data: z}
# where x, y and z are integers and must add up to 100
```

### OpenStack Glance Configuration

```
STORE_BACKEND: <set to 'file' for local filesystem store>
```

### OpenStack Cinder Configuration with Dedicated Ceph/Netapp

For OpenStack Cinder, the OpenStack storage service, the dedicated Ceph object storage configuration is show below. Do not change it. The Ceph and Cinder keys are generated during the Ceph installation step, so you do not need to specify the keys in setup\_data.yaml file. Use the **vgs** command to check your volume groups available on your controller nodes. The controller nodes run the Cinder volume containers and hold

the volume groups for use by Cinder. If you have available disks and want to create a new volume group for Cinder use the **vgcreate** command.

```
VOLUME_DRIVER: ceph/netapp
```

### OpenStack Nova Configuration

To reduce the boot time, the NOVA\_BOOT\_FROM parameter is set to local for Cisco VIM in the OpenStack Newton release. While this reduces the boot time, it does not provide Ceph back end redundancy. To overwrite it, you can set NOVA\_BOOT\_FROM to **ceph**. This only applies to when the backend is ceph. For Netapp, no entry for this parameter is allowed..

```
# Nova boot from CEPH
NOVA_BOOT_FROM: <ceph> #optional
```

### OpenStack Neutron Configuration

OpenStack Neutron configuration is shown below.

```
# ML2 Conf - choose from either option 1 or option 2
# option 1: LinuxBridge-VXLAN
MECHANISM_DRIVERS: linuxbridge
TENANT_NETWORK_TYPES: "VXLAN"
Or
## option 2: OVS VLAN
MECHANISM_DRIVERS: openvswitch
TENANT_NETWORK_TYPES: "VLAN"
# VLAN ranges can be one continuous range or comma separated discontinuous ranges
TENANT_VLAN_RANGES: 3001:3100,3350:3400
# Jumbo MTU functionality. Only in B series, OVS-VLAN
# more info here [Mercury] Jumbo MTU feature in Mercury (B Series)
# ENABLE_JUMBO_FRAMES: True

# for Provider networks, just specifying the provider in the segments under
# the NETWORKING section is enough.
# Note : use phys_prov as physical_network name when creating a provider network
```



**Note** When creating an external or provider network, use `physical_network=phys_ext` (need to be specified) or `physical_network=phys_prov` (need to be specified), respectively.

The JUMBO\_MTU functionality is available only for OVS over VLAN in a UCS B-Series pod. In a VLAN setup, by default the MTU size is set to 1500 (1450 for VXLAN) and 8972 bytes. When JUMBO\_MTU is enabled (with 28 bytes left for the header), the VLAN MTU is 9000 and VXLAN is 8950.

Cisco VIM also supports the installation of a handful of optional services, namely, Keystone v3 and Heat. OpenStack Heat, an orchestration service that allows you to spin up multiple instances, logical networks, and other cloud services in an automated fashion. To enable Heat, add the following in the `setup_data.yaml`.

```
# Optional Services:
OPTIONAL_SERVICE_LIST:
- heat
```

To disable Heat, remove the Optional Services section from the `setup_data.yaml` file. The Optional Services support provides an infrastructure to support additional services in the future.



**Note** Auto-scaling is not supported in Cisco VIM, release 2.2 and later releases.

To continue enhancing the security portfolio, and multi-tenancy with the use of domains, Keystone v3 support has been added in Cisco VIM from an authentication end-point. It is be noted that Keystone v2 and Keystone v3 are mutually exclusive; that is the administrator has to decide during installation: the authentication end-point version is be Keystone v2 or Keystone v3 . By default, VIM orchestrator picks keystone v2 as the authentication end-point.

To enable Keystone v3, you need to define the following under the optional services section.

```
# Optional Services:
OPTIONAL_SERVICE_LIST:
- keystonev3
```

### LDAP support with Keystone v3

With the introduction of Keystone v3, the OpenStack service authentication can now be delegated to an external LDAP server. In Cisco VIM, this feature has been introduced optionally if the authorization is done by Keystone v3.

An important pre-requisite for enabling LDAP integration is that the LDAP endpoint has to be reachable from all the Controller nodes that run OpenStack Keystone Identity Service.

To benefit LDAP support with Keystone v3 feature, the setup\_data needs to be augmented with the following information during the installation of the pod.

```
LDAP:
  domain: <Domain specific name>
  user_objectclass: <objectClass for Users> # e.g organizationalPerson
  group_objectclass: <objectClass for Groups> # e.g. groupOfNames
  user_tree_dn: '<DN tree for Users>' # e.g. 'ou=Users,dc=cisco,dc=com'
  group_tree_dn: '<DN tree for Groups>' # e.g. 'ou=Groups,dc=cisco,dc=com'
  suffix: '<suffix for DN>' # e.g. 'dc=cisco,dc=com'
  url: '<ldap:// host:port>' # e.g. 'ldap://172.26.233.104:389'
  user: '<DN of bind user>' # e.g. 'dc=admin,dc=cisco,dc=com'
  password: <password> # e.g. password of bind user
```



#### Note

The values for the parameters may differ based on the Directory Service provider. For Example: OpenLDAP or Microsoft Active Directory.

**Integrating identity with LDAP over TLS:** The automation supports keystone integration with LDAP over TLS. In order to enable TLS, the CA root certificate must be presented as part of the /root/openstack-configs/haproxy-ca.crt file. The url parameter within the LDAP stanza must be set to *ldaps*.

url parameter supports the following formats

```
url: '<ldaps | ldap>://<FQDN | IP-Address>:[port]'
```

The protocol can be ldap for non-ssl OR ldaps if TLS is to be enabled

The ldap host can be a fully-qualified domain name (FQDN) or an IP Address depending on how the SSL certificates are generated.

The port number is optional and if it is not provided it is assumed that the ldap services are running on the default ports For Example:389 for non-ssl and 636 for ssl. However, if these ports are not the default ports, then the non-standard port numbers must be provided.

### OpenStack Object Storage integration with Cisco VIM

Cisco VIM supports automated integration with a customer-managed object storage solution. The integration points reside primarily in the OpenStack Identity (Keystone) component of Cisco VIM. In the current release, this integration is restricted to Keystone v2 only. It currently integrates with SwiftStack as the choice of object storage solution. The deployment assumes a customer-managed SwiftStack solution. Installation of the SwiftStack Controller/PACO cluster is out of scope of this document and customer has to reach out to the SwiftStack team for license and installation details. While OpenStack can support multiple endpoints for a given object-store service, the current setup in the context of automation supports a single Keystone object-store service per SwiftStack PACO cluster endpoint.

The current automation uses the admin role for authentication and authorization of SwiftStack users between the Keystone SwiftStack tenant and SwiftStack account.

### Pre-requisites

Since it is a customer-managed deployment model, the minimum pre-requisite is to have a SwiftStack controller, Cluster deployed with appropriate PAC (Proxy/Account/Container) and Object configured ahead of time. The swift endpoint of the PAC outward facing ip address, the corresponding admin user, password and service tenant information is known at the time of configuring Keystone integration. The networking has to be configured in such a way that the PAC outward facing ip address and the POD API network can talk to each other. Also the Keystone Auth and Keystone Auth Token middleware are pre-configure in SwiftStack (see the steps in subsequent section).

In order for Horizon and Cinder Backup Service to talk to the SwiftStack endpoints, it is necessary for the OpenStack controllers to have network reachability to the SwiftStack API endpoints.

### Keystone Configuration Requirements in SwiftStack

**Configuring Keystone Authorization:** From the SwiftStack controller, select the **Cluster > Manage > Middleware > Keystone Auth** option.



**Note** reseller\_prefix enables the Keystone Auth middleware invocation at the time of authentication.

**Figure 2: Configuring Keystone**

Home / Clusters / Manage mercury-dev / Manage Middleware / Keystone Auth

### Keystone Auth

#### Configuring Keystone Authorization

This middleware is required for Keystone Authentication/Authorization (along with the "Keystone Auth Token Support" middleware).  
 The "reseller\_prefix" must match the value used in your Keystone endpoint's publicurl and privateurl and must not be `AUTH_` because that is used by SwiftStack's Authentication Middleware.  
 For example, if your Keystone endpoint's publicurl was `http://192.168.22.100:80/v1/KEY_$(tenant_id)s` then you would set reseller\_prefix to `KEY_` here.

**Settings**

☒ Enabled

operator\_roles

reseller\_prefix

reseller\_admin\_role

**Configuring Keystone Auth Token Support:** From the SwiftStack controller, select the **Cluster > Manage > Middleware > Keystone Auth Token Support** option.



**Note** auth\_uri is deprecated

**Figure 3: Keystone Auth**

Home / Clusters / Manage mercury-dev / Manage Middleware / Keystone Auth Token Support

### Keystone Auth Token Support

Configuring Keystone Auth Token Support  
This middleware is required for Keystone Authentication/Authorization (along with the "Keystone Auth" middleware).

**Settings**

☒ Enabled

**identity\_uri**   
Complete admin Identity API endpoint.

**auth\_uri**   
Complete public Identity API endpoint.

**admin\_user**   
Service username.

**admin\_password**   
Service user password.

**admin\_tenant\_name**   
Service tenant name.

## Usage in Cisco VIM

In order to support SwiftStack endpoint configuration, the following section needs to be configured in setup\_data.yaml.

```
#####
# Optional Swift configuration section
#####
# SWIFTSTACK: # Identifies the objectstore provider by name
#   cluster_api_endpoint: <IP address of PAC (proxy-account-container) endpoint>
#   reseller_prefix: <Reseller_prefix configured in Swiftstack Keystone middleware E.g KEY_>
#   admin_user: <admin user for swift to authenticate in keystone>
#   admin_password: <swiftstack_admin_password>
#   admin_tenant: <The service tenant corresponding to the Account-Container used by
Swiftstack>
#   protocol: <http or https> # protocol that swiftstack is running on top
```

The automation supports two modes of Integration with SwiftStack- Integration during fresh install of the pod and a reconfigure option to add a SwiftStack endpoint to an existing Pod running CiscoVIM 2.0.

In the Fresh Install mode, adding the setup\_data.yaml is automatically provision the following in Keystone.

- Keystone service for Object Store.
- Keystone endpoints for the Object Store service.
- A SwiftStack admin user with admin role in a SwiftStack tenant.

**Integration Testing:** In order to test if the Keystone integration has been successful, request a token for the configured swift user, tenant

Output must contain a properly generated endpoint for the object-store service that points to the SwiftStack PAC cluster endpoint with the expected "reseller\_prefix" For example: KEY\_



Binary	Host	Zone	Status	State	Updated_at
Disabled Reason					
cinder-backup	c43b-control-1	nova	enabled	up	2017-03-27T18:42:29.000000
-					
cinder-backup	c43b-control-2	nova	enabled	up	2017-03-27T18:42:35.000000
-					
cinder-backup	c43b-control-3	nova	enabled	up	2017-03-27T18:42:33.000000
-					
cinder-scheduler	c43b-control-1	nova	enabled	up	2017-03-27T18:42:32.000000
-					
cinder-scheduler	c43b-control-2	nova	enabled	up	2017-03-27T18:42:32.000000
-					
cinder-scheduler	c43b-control-3	nova	enabled	up	2017-03-27T18:42:31.000000
-					
cinder-volume	c43b-control-1	nova	enabled	up	2017-03-27T18:42:35.000000
-					
cinder-volume	c43b-control-2	nova	enabled	up	2017-03-27T18:42:30.000000
-					
cinder-volume	c43b-control-3	nova	enabled	up	2017-03-27T18:42:32.000000
-					

Backing up of an existing cinder volume is as follows

```
openstack volume list
```

ID	Display Name	Status	Size	Attached to
f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d	ss-vol-1	available	1	

```
openstack volume backup create f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d
```

Field	Value
id	42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc
name	None

```
openstack container show volumebackups
```

Field	Value
account	KEY_9d00fa19a8864db1a5e609772a008e94
bytes_used	3443944
container	volumebackups
object_count	23

```
swift list volumebackups
```

```
volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc-00001
volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc-00002
volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc-00003
volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc-00004
volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc-00005
volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc-00006
volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc-00007
volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc-00008
volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc-00009
volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc-00010
volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc-00011
volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc-00012
volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc-00013
```



```

volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc-00014
volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc-00015
volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc-00016
volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc-00017
volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc-00018
volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc-00019
volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc-00020
volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc-00021
volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc_metadata
volume_f046ed43-7f5e-49df-bc5d-66de6822d48d/20170327185518/az_nova_backup_42a20bd1-4019-4571-a2c0-06b0cd6a56fc_sha256file

```

## Cisco VIM Configurations for VPP/VLAN Installation

If you are installing Cisco VIM with VPP/VLAN, the mechanism driver in the setup\_yaml file should reflect the same.

### Cisco VPP/VLAN Mechanism Driver Configuration

```

MECHANISM_DRIVERS: vpp
TENANT_NETWORK_TYPES: "VLAN"
TENANT_VLAN_RANGES: <START>:<END>          # arbitrary VLAN range***
NFV_HOSTS: ALL
NR_RESERVED_VSWITCH_PCORES: <int> # Optional, defaults to 2; takes values between 2 and 4
to increase performance by
allocating more cores to VPP

```

## Cisco VIM Configurations for Cisco VTS Installation

If you are installing Cisco VIM with Cisco Virtual Topology Systems, you must enter the Cisco VTS parameters in Cisco VIM setup\_yaml file.

### Cisco VTS Mechanism Driver Configuration

```

MECHANISM_DRIVERS: vts
TENANT_NETWORK_TYPES: "VLAN"
TENANT_VLAN_RANGES: <START>:<END> # arbitrary VLAN range***
ENABLE_JUMBO_FRAMES: True

```



#### Note

VLAN range overlap on the physical network could occur if a hardware VTEP is configured on a top of rack (ToR) switch. (VTEPs are Virtual Extensible Local Area Network (VXLAN) tunnel end points.)

### NFV Parameters

```

NFV_HOSTS: ALL
# Only enabled when NFV_HOSTS has an info
#####
## Only 2 Values allowed is: 2M or 1G (defaults to 2M)
#VM_HUGEPAGE_SIZE: 2M or 1G

## Percentagae of huge pages assigned to VM
## On NFV_HOSTS enabled hosts, VM memory can be a mix of regular pages and huge
## pages. This setting sets the ratio. By default, all VM memories (100%)
## has huge pages.
## Only input of type integer is allowed, in the range of 0-100 (including 0 and 100)
# values < 100 is only supported for mechanism driver of openvswitch or ACI
#VM_HUGEPAGE_PERCENTAGE: 100

```

## Networking Parameters

```
NETWORKING:
...
networks:
...
vlan_id: <VLAN to carry VTS tenant traffic>    # required for VTS
subnet: <subnet IP cidr>
gateway: <tenant GW IP>
pool:
- "<begin tenant IP> to <end tenant IP>"      # ***
segments:
- tenant
```



### Note

The tenant network pool size has to take into account the IP addresses that are statically assigned through the VTS VTSR VM bootstrap configuration. For more information, see the [Installing Cisco VTS](#)

## Cisco VTS Parameters

```
VTS_PARAMETERS:
VTS_USERNAME: 'admin'                # Required to be 'admin'
VTS_PASSWORD: <VTC UI password>
VTS_NCS_IP: <VTC mx-net IP>          # VTC mx-net VIP for VTC HA (cannot be in mx-net pool
range)
VTC_SSH_USERNAME: '<vtc_ssh_username>' # Required parameter when VTS Day0 is enabled or
running NFVbench and/or VMTP
VTC_SSH_PASSWORD: '<vtc_ssh_password>' # Required parameter when VTS Day0 is enabled or
running NFVbench and/or VMTP

VTS_Day0_PARAMETERS:
VTS_2.5 mandates the VTC inventory generation and day0 configuration for VTF's tp register.
without VTS_DAY0 the cloud is not operational as VTF does not register to VTC. Hence all
cloud operations fail
This is a boolean variable set as True or False. If set True, VTC day0 can be configured
by the CiscoVIM Installer
By default values is 'False', i.e. if VTS_DAY0 is not set, the orchestrator sets it to
internall to 'False'
VTS_DAY0: '<True|False>'

## Optional, BGP_ASN:
BGP_ASN: int # Optional, min=1, max=65535; if it is not defined, the default to 23
```



### Note

The mx-net IP pool configuration must take into account the IP addresses that are allocated to the VTC (VTS\_NCS\_IP). For more information, see the [Installing Cisco VTS](#)

## Enabling ACI in Cisco VIM

Cisco VIM integrates the Opflex ML2 plugin (in Unified mode) to manage the tenant VLANs dynamically, as VMs come and go in the cloud. In addition, Cisco VIM supports the administrator driven automated workflow to provision the provider networks. In Cisco VIM, this is supported on a C-series based Fullon or micropod running with Cisco VIC 1227.

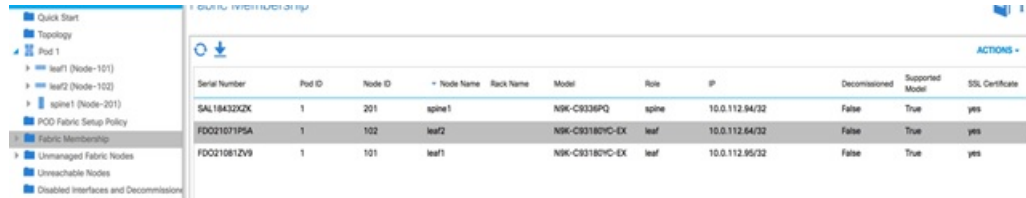
VIM orchestrator configures the day-0 aspects of the ACI fabric, along with the Opflex ML2 plugin integration. The only exception is the manual configuration of L3 out.

## Before you begin

As Cisco VIM does the day-0 configuration of the ACI, following are the assumptions that VIM makes for the integration to happen.

- Before the VIM installation the APIC 3.0 controllers running in a cluster of three should be installed and active.
- All spine and leaf switches are booted in ACI mode and discovered under Fabric Inventory. The number of leaf switches cannot be changed after the initial install.

The IP address should be assigned to each device from the TEP\_ADDRESS\_POOL.



Serial Number	Pod ID	Node ID	Node Name	Rack Name	Model	Role	IP	Decommissioned	Supported Model	SSL Certificate
SAL18432X2K	1	201	spine1		N9K-C9336PQ	spine	10.0.112.94/32	False	True	yes
FDQ21071PSA	1	102	leaf2		N9K-C93180YC-EX	leaf	10.0.112.64/32	False	True	yes
FDQ21081ZV9	1	101	leaf1		N9K-C93180YC-EX	leaf	10.0.112.95/32	False	True	yes

- Network should be designed such that the management node and controllers are reachable to APIC controllers.
- ACIINFRA a new networking segment is introduced for ACI policy management; ACIINFRA segment should not overlap with the VLANID across the infrastructure
- Tunnel end point address pool (TEP\_ADDRESS\_POOL) is set to ACI default at 10.0.0.0/16; care should be taken not to assign this address space anywhere else in the cloud.
- Multicast address pool is set to ACI default at 225.0.0.0/15; care should be taken not to assign this address space anywhere else in the cloud.
- ACIINFRA VLANID, the TEP\_ADDRESS\_POOL, and the multicast address pool are immutable for the lifecycle of the infrastructure.
- Pre-provision of L3 out API network is done before the VIM install as listed:
  - Create installer tenant and VRF and provide the name of it in setup\_data
  - Create L3out routed outside object and provide its name in the setup\_data
  - Ensure, that this api-l3out must be associated to the tenant VRF.



**Note** The L3-out object for OpenStack API network needs to be consistently named that is Name of the L3 Outside object must be the same as the name provided for its corresponding External Network Instance Profile. Example: if you provide api\_l3out\_network: api-l3out in setup\_data, then your dn for the api network should resolve to something like the following:  
cvim-installer-tenant/uni/tn-cvim-installer-tenant/out-api-l3out/instP-api-l3out.



**Note** By default optimised DHCP and optimised metadata services are deployed with ACI integration.



**Note** The plugin automation configures DHCP and Metadata agents in optimized mode. There is no option provided in `setup_data` to change that setting in the current implementation.

Run the following `setup_data` in the VIM to add a new APICINFO:

```
APICINFO:
  apic_hosts: '<ip1|host1>:[port], <ip2|host2>:[port], <ip3|host3>:[port]\' # max of 3, min of 1,
not 2; reconfigurable
  apic_username: # common across the 3;
  apic_password: # common across the 3;
  apic_system_id: # string max length of 8
  apic_resource_prefix: string e.g. cvim-1 # max length of 6
  apic_tep_address_pool: 10.0.0.0/16 # static today
  multicast_address_pool: 225.0.0.0/15 # static, today
  apic_pod_id: <int> #All(int, Range(min=1, max=65535)),
  apic_installer_tenant: # String, max length 32
  apic_installer_vrf: # string (max length32) this is the VRF which is associated with the
pre-provisioned API L3out
  api_l3out_network: # String, max length 32
# mgmt_l3out_network: # String, max length 32 (optional)
NOTE: mgmt_l3out_network and mgmt_l3out_vrf MUST coexist together if defined
# mgmt_l3out_vrf: # String, max length 32 (optional)
NOTE: mgmt_l3out_network and mgmt_l3out_vrf MUST coexist together if defined
```

As the APIC manages the Leaf switches, its mandatory to define the Leaf switches in the following format:

TORSWITCHINFO: (mandatory)

```
SWITCHDETAILS:
-
  hostname: <leaf-hostname-1>
  vpc_peer_keepalive: <leaf-hostname-2>
  vpc_domain: 1 # Must be unique across pairs
  br_mgmt_port_info: 'eth1/27' # br_mgmt_* attributes must exist on at least one pair
  br_mgmt_vlan_info: '3401'
  node_id: <int> # unique across switches

-
  hostname: <leaf-hostname-2>
  vpc_peer_keepalive: <leaf-hostname-1>
  vpc_domain: 1
  br_mgmt_port_info: 'eth1/27' # br_mgmt_* attributes must exist on at least one pair
  br_mgmt_vlan_info: '3401'
  node_id: <int> # unique across switches

-
  hostname: <leaf-hostname-3>
  vpc_peer_keepalive: <leaf-hostname-4>
  vpc_domain: 2 # Must be unique across pairs
  node_id: <int> # unique across switches

-
  hostname: <leaf-hostname-4>
  vpc_peer_keepalive: <leaf-hostname-3>
  vpc_domain: 2
  node_id: <int> # unique across switches

-
  hostname: <leaf-hostname-5>
  node_id: <int> # unique across switches
  br_mgmt_port_info: 'eth1/27, eth1/30' # br_mgmt_* attributes must exist on at least one pair,
only if info is not in peer
```

```
br_mgmt_vlan_info: '3401'
```

CVIM orchestrator does the day-0 configuration of the ACI. The SERVERS section of the setup\_data needs to be augmented to include the server and the switch port associations as shown in the following steps:

```
c32-control-1.cisco.com:
  cimc_info: {cimc_ip: 172.26.229.67}
  management_ip: 192.168.37.17
  rack_info: {rack_id: RackC}
  tor_info: {<leaf-hostname-1>: eth1/15, <leaf-hostname-2>: eth1/15}
c32-control-2.cisco.com:
  cimc_info: {cimc_ip: 172.26.229.68}
  management_ip: 192.168.37.18
  rack_info: {rack_id: RackC}
  tor_info: {<leaf-hostname-1>: eth1/16, <leaf-hostname-2>: eth1/16}
c32-control-3.cisco.com:
  cimc_info: {cimc_ip: 172.26.229.69}
  management_ip: 192.168.37.19
  rack_info: {rack_id: RackC}
  tor_info: {<leaf-hostname-1>: eth1/17, <leaf-hostname-2>: eth1/17}
c32-compute-1.cisco.com:
  cimc_info: {cimc_ip: 172.26.229.70}
  management_ip: 192.168.37.20
  rack_info: {rack_id: RackC}
  tor_info: {<leaf-hostname-3>: eth1/18, <leaf-hostname-4>: eth1/18}
In the case of Intel 710 Based full on BOM the corresponding configuration looks as follows:
INTEL_NIC_SUPPORT: True
INTEL_SRIOV_VFS: 32 -7 Only for SRIOV
....
c32-control-1.cisco.com: cimc_info: {cimc_ip: 172.26.229.67}
management_ip: 192.168.37.17 rack_info: {rack_id: RackC} tor_info: {<leaf-hostname-1>: eth1/15,
<leaf-hostname-2>: eth1/15}
dp_tor_info: {<leaf-hostname-1>: eth1/19, <leaf-hostname-2>: eth1/19}
....
c32-compute-1.cisco.com: cimc_info: {cimc_ip: 172.26.229.70}
management_ip: 192.168.37.20 rack_info: {rack_id: RackC} tor_info: {<leaf-hostname-3>: eth1/15,
<leaf-hostname-4>: eth1/15}
dp_tor_info: {<leaf-hostname-3>: eth1/16, <leaf-hostname-4>: eth1/16}
sriov_tor_info: {<leaf-hostname-3>: eth1/17, <leaf-hostname-4>: eth1/17} 7 Assuming SRIOV is turned
on
....
c32-storage-1.cisco.com: cimc_info: {cimc_ip: 172.26.229.70}
management_ip: 192.168.37.20 rack_info: {rack_id: RackC} tor_info: {<leaf-hostname-3>: eth1/25,
<leaf-hostname-4>: eth1/25}
```

Additionally the mechanism\_driver needs to be "aci" and ACINFRA section needs to be defined in the networks section.

Note that SRIOV is not supported for ACI based installs.

```
MECHANISM_DRIVERS: aci TENANT_NETWORK_TYPES: "VLAN"
```

```
TENANT_VLAN_RANGES: <START>:<END> # arbitrary VLAN range*** NFV
```

## Networking Parameters

```
NETWORKING:
  networks:
    - segments: [aciinfra]
      vlan_id: user_defined_unique_vlan_id. This vlan should not overlap with any of the vlans defined
in setup data; new item
other segments same as OVS/VLAN.
```

**Note** Refer to the ACI documentation for usage of L3out external network that is consumed by VMTP below. Also, ensure that the L3 out routed configuration is provisioned in the ACI "common" tenant.

We support execution of VMTP for external network with ACI in place. For the VMTP the NET\_NAME key for EXT\_NET needs to match the name of the L3out for external network

```
VMTP_VALIDATION:
EXT_NET:
NET_NAME: <name of L3out for the external network>
```

**Support for Provider Networks in ACI** OpFlex plugin integration (3.0) does not currently support a fully automated workflow to provision Provider Networks in neutron. CVIM has provided a utility that will support provisioning neutron provider networks.

- After the installer has completed deployment, ensure that Fabric Access policies for the external link from the border leaf switches have been created manually. This is the link that will carry the L2 traffic between the external ToRs and the border leaf switches. These may be configured as desired (direct PC, PC or VPC). This is typically a one-time admin setup.
- Create a neutron network and subnet in the OpenStack tenant as usual. This is the provider subnet that will be carried through L2 into the fabric. Do not provide segmentation\_id. Enable DHCP.
- Run the following command to provision the provider network in ACI:

```
cd installer-<tagid>/tools
./apic_create_provider_net.py -netid <neutron-provider-net-id> --staticpath
<path-to-external-interface-on-borderleaf>
--segmentationid <vlan-id> --tenantid <openstack-tenant-id>
```

## Setting of Memory Oversubscription Usage

Cloud allows you for over-subscription of resources (CPU, Memory, storage). The memory oversubscription value that is set to is 1.5. Cisco VIM gives the flexibility to change the default values at the start of the install. In Cisco VIM, you can adjust the memory oversubscription value between 1.0 to 4.0.

Following are the steps to set the NOVA\_RAM\_ALLOCATION\_RATIO on fresh install.

Run the following command to set the NOVA\_RAM\_ALLOCATION\_RATIO:

```
# cd installer-<tagid>/openstack-configs/
# update NOVA_RAM_ALLOCATION_RATIO value in openstack_config.yaml
```

### What to do next

Once the NOVA\_RAM\_ALLOCATION\_RATIO is done continue with the rest of the steps as planned for installation

## Enabling NFVBench on Cisco VIM

This section describes how to setup and use NFVBench with Cisco VIM.

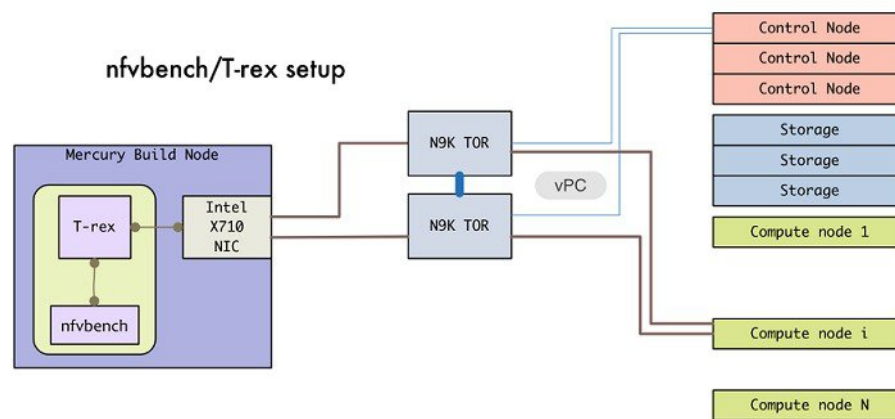
Once the pre-requisites for the management node hardware (Intel NIC) are met, add the NFVBench configurations in the setup\_data.yaml. By default, NFVBench configuration is not enabled in Cisco VIM 2.0.

### Before you begin

- NFVBench offering in Cisco VIM, requires an extra Intel NIC (Intel X710 NIC (4 x 10G) or Intel XL710 (2x40G)) to be installed on the management node.
- To interact with Intel NIC, TRex traffic generator uses DPDK interface, and makes use of hardware instead of just software to generate packets. This approach is more scalable and enables NFVBench to perform tests without software limitations.

If your NIC has more than two ports, use the first two ports only. Connect the first port to the first ToR switch (order is given by setup\_data.yaml) and the second port to the second TOR switch. In case of only one ToR switch connect the first two ports to it as shown in the NFVBench Topology figure.

**Figure 4: NFVBench topology setup**



### Step 1

To enable the NFVBench, set the following command:

```
NFVBENCH:
  enabled: True      # True or False
  tor_info: {switch_a_hostname: ethx/y, switch_b_hostname: ethx/y} # mandatory
# tor_info: {switch_c_hostname: 'etha/b,ethx/y'} # use if there is only one TOR switch
  vtep_vlans: vlan_id1,vlan_id2 # mandatory only when mechanism driver is VTS, or tenant type is
VXLAN
# nic_ports: int1,int2          # Optional input, indicates which 2 of the 4 ports in the 10 G
intel NIC ports on the on the management node is the NFVBENCH tool using to send and receive
traffic. If nothing is specified, the tool assumes its Port 1,2 i.e. the first 2 ports that will be
used

# nic_slot: <int> # Optional, defaults to 1st set of unbonded pair of NIC ports in an Intel 710 or
520
card the code finds; Via this option, one can choose to run NFVBench via XL710, 520 or X710 card

# Note: if nic_ports are defined, then nic_slot has to be defined and vice-versa
# Please refer to the VTS_PARAMETERS and TORSWITCHINFO if NFVBench is enabled
# Required when mechanism driver is VTS
VTS_PARAMETERS:
  ...
  VTS_NCS_IP: '<vtc_ssh_username>' # Required parameter when VTS enabled
  VTC_SSH_USERNAME: '<vtc_ssh_username>' # mandatory for NFVBench
  VTC_SSH_PASSWORD: '<vtc_ssh_password>' # mandatory for NFVBench
# Minimal settings always required with NFVBench
TORSWITCHINFO:
  CONFIGURE_TORS: True
```

```
...
SWITCHDETAILS:
- hostname: <switch_a_hostname>
  username: admin
  password: <password>
  ssh_ip: <ssh access to the switch a>

- hostname: <switch_b_hostname>
  username: admin
  password: <password>
  ssh_ip: <ssh access to the switch b>
```

The `tor_info` provides the information to configure the TOR switches. Two ports specified by interfaces will be configured in trunk mode in the same port-channel `po`. NFVBench needs the login details to access ToR details and retrieve TX/RX counters. Manual configuration is required if the 'CONFIGURE\_TORS' is set to 'True'.

With VTS as mechanism driver additional settings are needed. NFVBench needs access to VTS NCS to perform cleanup after it detaches traffic generator port from VTS. Also a pair of VTEP VLANs is required for VLAN to VxLAN mapping. Value can be any random VLAN ID. Note that `vtep_vlans` field is required if VxLAN is used as encapsulation without VTS.

**Step 2** To do manual configuration on the ToRs, we recommend you to perform the following configurations:

```
interface <port-channela>
  switchport mode trunk
  switchport trunk allowed vlan <3000-3049>
interface Ethernetx/y
  switchport mode trunk
  switchport trunk allowed vlan <3000-3049>
channel-group <a>
```

## NFV Host Configuration

NFV Host configuration describes how to configure NFV hosts and Cisco VIM monitoring.

Cisco VIM supports CPU pinning and huge page on the compute nodes. To enable non-uniform memory access (NUMA), you can use ALL (case insensitive) to configure all compute nodes. For VTS and VPP/VLAN, only the value of ALL is allowed. For OVS/VLAN, alternatively, you can list the compute nodes where NUMA must be enabled.

```
# For VPP and VTS, only NFV_HOSTS: ALL is allowed
NFV_HOSTS: ALL
or
NFV_HOSTS: ['compute-server-1']
```

By default, hyper-threading is enabled across compute nodes in Cisco VIM. Based on certain VNF characteristics, Cisco VIM offers user the capability to disable hyper-threading across the pod on day-0. You can also disable it on a single compute node on day-n, updating the `setup_data` and doing remove or add of compute nodes (see Utilizing NUMA features in Cisco NFV Infrastructure section in the Cisco VIM Admin Guide for details on day-n operation). To disable hyper-threading, update the `setup_data` with the following name or value pair before starting the installation.

```
DISABLE_HYPERTHREADING: True or False; this is optional and default value is false.
```



**Note** NFV Host configuration does not support micro-pod.



## Install Mode

Cisco VIM can be deployed on the setup in one of the following install modes:

1. **Connected**—In this mode, the setup must be connected to Internet to fetch artifacts and docker images.
2. **Dis-connected**: In this mode, Cisco VIM is not connected to Internet. The artifacts and docker images are loaded from USB device.

Based on the deployment type, select the install mode as connected or disconnected.

```
# Install Mode: connected/disconnected
INSTALL_MODE: connected
```

## Enabling NFVIMON on Cisco VIM

The Cisco VIM solution uses Cisco NFVI Monitor (NFVIMON) to monitor the health and performance of the NFVI. This includes monitoring both the physical and logical components of one or multiple NFVI pods. The NFVIMON feature enables extensive monitoring and collection of performance data for various components of the cloud infrastructure including Cisco UCS blade and rack servers, service profiles, Nexus top of rack switches, fabric connections, and also the OpenStack instances. The monitoring system is designed such that it can monitor single or multiple pods from a single management system. NFVIMON is enabled by extending the `setup_data.yaml` file with relevant information. Also, NFVIMON can be enabled on an existing pod, through the reconfigure option. Then, the pod is added as a VIM resource to be monitored in a Control Center.

NFVIMON consists of four components: dispatcher, collector, resource manager (RM), and control-center with Cisco Zenpacks (CZ). Integration of NFVIMON into VIM is loosely coupled and the VIM automation only deals with installing the minimal software piece (dispatcher) needed to monitor the pod. The installing of the other NFVIMON components (collector, resource manager (RM) and control-center with Cisco Zenpacks (CZ), are outside the scope of the current install guide.

### Before you Begin

Ensure that you have engaged with the account team for services engagement on the planning and installation of the NFVIMON accessories along with its network requirements. The image information of collector, Resource Manager (RM) and control-center with Cisco Zenpacks (CZ) is available only through Cisco Advance Services. At a high level, have a node designated to host a pair of collector VM for each pod, and a common node to host CC and RM VMs, which can aggregate and display monitoring information from multiple pods.

In terms of networking, the collectors VMs need to have two interfaces: an interface in `br_mgmt` of the VIM, and another interface that is routable, which can reach the VIM Installer REST API and the RM VMs. As the collector VM is in an independent node, four IPs from the management network of the pod should be pre-planned and reserved. Install steps of the collector, resource manager (RM) and control-center with Cisco Zenpacks (CZ) are Cisco advance services activities.

## Installation of NFVIMON Dispatcher

The dispatcher is the only component in NFVIMON that is managed by VIM orchestrator. While the dispatcher acts as a conduit to pass OpenStack information of the pod to the collectors, it is the Cisco Zenpack sitting in the controller node, that gathers the node level information.

To enable dispatcher as part of the VIM Install, update the `setup_data` with the following information:

```
#Define the PODNAME
PODNAME: <PODNAME with no space>; ensure that this is unique across all the pods
NFVIMON:
  MASTER:                                # Master Section
    admin_ip: <IP address of Control Centre VM>
  COLLECTOR:                             # Collector Section
```

```

management_vip: <VIP for ceilometer/dispatcher to use> #Should be unique across the VIM
Pod; Should be part of br_mgmt network
Collector_VM_Info:
-
  hostname: <hostname of Collector VM 1>
  password: <password_for_collector_vm1> # max length of 32
  ccuser_password: <password from master for 'ccuser' (to be used for self monitoring)>
# max length of 32
  admin_ip: <ssh_ip_collector_vm1> # Should be reachable from br_api network
  management_ip: <mgmt_ip_collector_vm1> # Should be part of br_mgmt network
-
  hostname: <hostname of Collector VM 2>
  password: <password_for_collector_vm2> # max length of 32
  ccuser_password: <password from master for 'ccuser' (to be used for self monitoring)>
# max length of 32
  admin_ip: <ssh_ip_collector_vm2> # Should be reachable from br_api network
  management_ip: <mgmt_ip_collector_vm2> # Should be part of br_mgmt network
DISPATCHER:
  rabbitmq_username: admin # Pod specific user for dispatcher module in
ceilometer-collector

```

To monitor ToR, ensure that the following **TORSWITCHINFO** sections are defined in the `setup_data.yaml` file.

```

TORSWITCHINFO:
  SWITCHDETAILS:
  -
    hostname: <switch_a_hostname>: # Mandatory for NFVIMON if switch monitoring is
needed
    username: <TOR switch username> # Mandatory for NFVIMON if switch monitoring is
needed
    password: <TOR switch password> # Mandatory for NFVBENCH; Mandatory for NFVIMON
if switch monitoring is needed
    ssh_ip: <TOR switch ssh ip> # Mandatory for NFVIMON if switch monitoring is
needed
    ....
  -
    hostname: <switch_b_hostname>: # Mandatory for NFVIMON if switch monitoring is
needed
    username: <TOR switch username> # Mandatory for NFVIMON if switch monitoring is
needed
    password: <TOR switch password> # Mandatory for NFVIMON if switch monitoring is
needed
    ssh_ip: <TOR switch ssh ip> # Mandatory for NFVIMON if switch monitoring is
needed
    ....

```

**Note**

TORSWITCH monitoring is disabled when running Cisco VIM with ACI plugin enabled.

## Enabling or Disabling Autobackup of Management Node

Cisco VIM supports the backup and recovery of the management node. By default, the feature is enabled. Auto-snapshots of the management node happens during pod management operation. You can disable the autobackup of the management node.

To enable or disable the management node, update the `setup_data.yaml` file as follows:

```
# AutoBackup Configuration
# Default is True
#autobackup: <True or False>
```

## Enabling Custom Policy for VNF Manager

Some of the VNF managers operates, using specific OpenStack features that require the admin role. Cisco VIM introduces a feature to enable non-admin role for VNF managers (such as Cisco ESC). VNF manager is used to operate and manage tenant VMs in the OpenStack cloud, with minimally enhanced privileges.

To enable this option, the administrator needs to add the following line in the setup\_data.yaml:

```
ENABLE_ESC_PRIV: True # optional; default is false
```

## Forwarding ELK logs to External Syslog Server

Cisco VIM supports backup and recovery of the management node, to keep the process predictable and avoid loss of logs. The software supports the capability of forwarding the ELK logs to multiple external syslog server. It supports Minimum of 1 and maximum of 3 external syslog servers.

Before launching the installation, update the setup\_data.yaml file with the following information:

```
#####
## SYSLOG EXPORT SETTINGS
#####
SYSLOG_EXPORT_SETTINGS:
-
  remote_host: <Syslog_ipv4_or_v6_addr> # required IP address of the remote syslog
  server protocol : udp # defaults to udp
  facility : <string> # required; possible values local[0-7] or user
  severity : <string; suggested value: debug>
  port : <int>; # defaults, port number to 514
  clients : 'ELK' # defaults and restricted to ELK;

  remote_host: <Syslog_ipv4_or_v6_addr> # IP address of the remote syslog #2 (optional)
  server protocol : udp # defaults to udp
  facility : <string> # required; possible values local[0-7] or user
  severity : <string; suggested value: debug>
  port : <int>; # defaults, port number to 514
  clients : 'ELK' # defaults and restricted to ELK;

# Please note other than the remote host info, most of the other info is not needed; Also
the client list is restricted to ELK only
```

With this configuration, the ELK logs are exported to an external syslog server. You can add this configuration to a pod that is already up and running. For more details, refer to Forwarding ELK logs to External Syslog Server section in the admin guide.

## Support of NFS for ELK Snapshot

Cisco VIM optionally supports NFS for ELK snapshots. In this configuration, the remote location specified in the configuration has to allow user elasticsearch (2020) and group mercury (500) to read/write into the path specified in remote\_path of the remote\_host server.

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Before launching the installation, update the setup\_data.yaml file with the following information:

```
#####
## ES_REMOTE_BACKUP
#####
ES_REMOTE_BACKUP:          # Set if Elasticsearch backups will use a remote host
```

```
# service: 'NFS'           # Only value supported is NFS
# remote_host: <ip_addr>   # IP of the NFS server
# remote_path: </root/es_remote> # Path to location of the backups in the remote server
```

With this configuration, the ELK snapshots are hosted at the remote NFS location, thereby ensuring that the management node does not run out of disk space. You can add this configuration to a pod that is already up and running. For more details, refer to Support of NFS for ELK Snapshot section in the admin guide.

## Configuring Additional VIM Administrators

Cisco VIM supports management of VIM Administrators. VIM administrator has the permissions to login to the management through SSH or the console using the configured password. Administrators have their own accounts.

Before launching the installation, update the `setup_data.yaml` file with the following information:

```
vim_admins:
- vim_admin_username: <username>
  vim_admin_password_hash: <sha512-password-hash>#
- vim_admin_username: <username>
  vim_admin_password_hash: <sha512-password-hash>
- vim_admin_username: <username>
  vim_admin_password_hash: <sha512-password-hash>
```

The value of password hash must be in the standard sha512 format.

With the preceding configuration, administrators will have access to a shell with system privileges on the management node.

## Updating Cisco NFVI Software

The Cisco VIM installer provides a mechanism to update all OpenStack services and some infrastructure services such as RabbitMQ, MariaDB, HAProxy, and VMTP. Updating host-level packages and management node ELK and Cobbler containers are not supported. Updating Cisco NFVI software has minimal service impact because the update runs serially, component-by-component, one node at a time. If errors occur during an update, an automatic rollback will bring the cloud back to its previous state. After an update is completed, check for any functional cloud impacts. If everything is fine, you can then commit the update which clears the old containers from the system. Cisco recommends that you commit the update before you perform any other pod management functions. Skipping the commit option might lead to double faults. If you see any functional impact on the cloud, perform a manual rollback to start the old containers again.



### Note

Cisco NFVI software updates are not supported for registry related containers and `authorized_keys`. Also, after the management node repo containers are updated, they cannot be rolled back to the older versions because this requires node packages to be deleted, which might destabilize the cloud.

To prevent double faults, a cloud sanity check is done before the update is started, and another cloud sanity check is performed at the end of the update.

To complete the software update, perform the Installing Cisco VIM [m\\_Install\\_VIM.ditamap#id\\_33373](#). If your management node does not have Internet, complete the [m\\_Preparing\\_USB\\_Stick.ditamap#id\\_38540](#) procedure first, then follow the Cisco VIM installation instructions. Differences between a software update and regular Cisco VIM installation:

- You do not need to modify `setup_data.yaml` like you did during the first installation. In most cases, no modifications are needed.
- You do not need to repeat the Cisco VIM Insight installation.
- Minor differences between NFVI software installation and updates are listed in the installation procedure.

**Note**

After you complete the software update, you must commit it before you can perform any pod management operations. During software updates the following operations are locked: add/remove compute/storage node, replace controllers, and rotate fernet key. Before you commit, you can roll back the update to return the node to its previous software version.

For information about updating the Cisco NFVI software, see *Managing Cisco NFVI* chapter in the Cisco NFV Infrastructure Administrator Guide, Release 2.4

## Upgrading Cisco NFVI Software

Cisco VIM's design allows the graceful upgrade of a cloud from version 1.0 (liberty based) to 2.2 (newton based). The seamless process upgrades both OpenStack and infrastructure services to the newer version. As the upgrade involves moving the kernel version (from RHEL 7.2 to 7.4), proper down-time should be planned to upgrade the VIM cloud. The upgrade cause limited service impact, critical components such as controller and storage nodes are upgrade serially, whereas compute nodes are upgraded in a bulk-and-batch manner.

As the OpenStack does not support the skipping of major releases during upgrade from liberty to newton, the VIM upgrade orchestrator internally moves the stack to mitaka as an intermediate step. As part of the upgrade, the REST API server managing the VIM orchestrator also gets upgraded. A script called `vim_upgrade_orchestrator.py` is used to upgrade the cloud. Also, as part of the upgrade, automatic translation (from Liberty to Newton) of the `setup_data.yaml` happens so that it is compatible to the target release version.

**Note**

After you complete the software upgrade you will not be able to roll back to the prior release. During software upgrade all pod management operations are blocked.

For information about upgrading the Cisco NFVI software, see the *"Managing Cisco NFVI" chapter in the Cisco NFV Infrastructure Administrator Guide, Release 2.4*.

