Bash

About Bash

In addition to the Cisco NX-OS CLI, Cisco Nexus 3000 Series switches support access to the Bourne-Again SHell (Bash). Bash interprets commands that you enter or commands that are read from a shell script. Using Bash enables access to the underlying Linux system on the device and to manage the system.

Guidelines and Limitations

The Bash shell has the following guidelines and limitations:

- When importing Cisco Python modules, do not use Python from the Bash shell. Instead use the more recent Python in NX-OS VSH.

Accessing Bash

In Cisco NX-OS, Bash is accessible from user accounts that are associated with the Cisco NX-OS dev-ops role or the Cisco NX-OS network-admin role.

The following example shows the authority of the dev-ops role and the network-admin role:

```
switch# show role name dev-ops

Role: dev-ops
  Description: Predefined system role for devops access. This role
  cannot be modified.
  Vlan policy: permit (default)
  Interface policy: permit (default)
  Vrf policy: permit (default)
  -------------------------------------------------------------------
  Rule    Perm    Type        Scope               Entity
  -------------------------------------------------------------------
  4       permit  command                         conf t ; username *
  3       permit  command                         bcm module *
  2       permit  command                         run bash *
  1       permit  command                         python *

switch# show role name network-admin

Role: network-admin
  Description: Predefined network admin role has access to all commands
  on the switch
  -------------------------------------------------------------------
  Rule    Perm    Type        Scope               Entity
  -------------------------------------------------------------------
  1       permit  read-write
switch#
```

Bash is enabled by running the **feature bash-shell** command.

The **run bash** command loads Bash and begins at the home directory for the user.

The following examples show how to enable the Bash shell feature and how to run Bash.

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)# feature bash-shell

switch# run bash
Linux# whoami
admin
Linux# pwd
/bootflash/home/admin
Linux#
```

Note You can also execute Bash commands with the **run bash** <*command*> command.

The following is an example of the **run bash** <*command*> command.

```
run bash whoami
```

Escalate Privileges to Root

The privileges of an admin user can escalate their privileges for root access. Root access is required to pass configuration commands to the NX-OS VSH.

The following are guidelines for escalating privileges:

- admin privilege user (network-admin / vdc-admin) is equivalent of Linux root privilege user in NX-OS
- Only an authenticated admin user can escalate privileges to root, and password is not required for an authenticated admin privilege user *

- SSH to the switch using `root` username through a non-management interface will default to Linux Bash shell-type access for the root user. Type **vsh** to return to NX-OS shell access.

* From Cisco NX-OS Release 9.2(3) onward, if password prompting is required for some use case even for admin (user with role network-admin) privilege user, enter the system security hardening sudo prompt-password command.

The following example shows how to escalate privileges to root and how to verify the escalation:

```
switch# run bash
Linux# sudo su root

We trust you have received the usual lecture from the local System
Administrator. It usually boils down to these three things:

    #1) Respect the privacy of others.
    #2) Think before you type.
    #3) With great power comes great responsibility.

Password:

Linux# whoami
root
Linux# exit
exit
```

Note A user account with network administrator privileges that is configured to login with shell-type Bash must still escalate privileges to root when passing configuration commands to VSH.

Run **sudo su 'vsh -c "<configuration commands>"'** or **sudo bash -c 'vsh -c "<configuration commands>"'**.

The example below demonstrates with network administrator user MyUser with a default shelltype Bash using **sudo** to pass configuration commands to the NX-OS:

```
ssh -l MyUser 1.2.3.4
-bash-4.2$ sudo vsh -c "configure terminal ; interface eth1/2 ; shutdown ; sleep 2 ; show
interface eth1/2 brief"

--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Ethernet      VLAN    Type Mode   Status  Reason                   Speed     Port
Interface                                                                    Ch #
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Eth1/2        --      eth  routed down    Administratively down      auto(D) --
```

The example below demonstrates with network administrator user MyUser with default shelltype Bash entering the NX-OS and then running Bash on the NX-OS:

```
ssh -l MyUser 1.2.3.4
-bash-4.2$ vsh -h
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switch# run bash
bash-4.2$ vsh -c "configure terminal ; interface eth1/2 ; shutdown ; sleep 2 ; show interface
 eth1/2 brief"

--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Ethernet      VLAN    Type Mode   Status  Reason                   Speed     Port
Interface                                                                    Ch #
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Eth1/2        --      eth  routed down    Administratively down      auto(D) --
```

Do not use **sudo su -** or the system will hang.

Examples of Bash Commands

This section contains examples of Bash commands and output.

Displaying System Statistics

The following example shows how to display system statistics:

```
switch# run bash
Linux# cat /proc/meminfo
MemTotal:      3795100 kB
MemFree:       1472680 kB
Buffers:           136 kB
Cached:        1100116 kB
ShmFS:         1100116 kB
Allowed:        948775 Pages
Free:           368170 Pages
Available:      371677 Pages
SwapCached:          0 kB
Active:        1198872 kB
Inactive:       789764 kB
SwapTotal:           0 kB
SwapFree:            0 kB
Dirty:               0 kB
Writeback:           0 kB
AnonPages:      888272 kB
Mapped:         144044 kB
Slab:           148836 kB
SReclaimable:    13892 kB
SUnreclaim:     134944 kB
PageTables:      28724 kB
NFS_Unstable:        0 kB
Bounce:              0 kB
WritebackTmp:        0 kB
CommitLimit:   1897548 kB
Committed_AS: 19984932 kB
VmallocTotal: 34359738367 kB
VmallocUsed:    215620 kB
VmallocChunk: 34359522555 kB
HugePages_Total:     0
HugePages_Free:      0
HugePages_Rsvd:      0
HugePages_Surp:      0
Hugepagesize:     2048 kB
DirectMap4k:     40960 kB
DirectMap2M:   4190208 kB
Linux#
```

Running Bash from CLI

The following example shows how to run a bash command from the CLI with the **run bash** <*command*> command:

```
switch# run bash ps -el
F S   UID   PID  PPID  C PRI  NI ADDR SZ WCHAN  TTY          TIME CMD
4 S     0     1     0  0  80   0 -   497 select ?        00:00:08 init
5 S     0     2     0  0  75  -5 -     0 kthrea ?        00:00:00 kthreadd
1 S     0     3     2  0 -40   - -     0 migrat ?        00:00:00 migration/0
```

```
1 S     0     4     2  0  75  -5 -     0 ksofti ?        00:00:01 ksoftirqd/0
5 S     0     5     2  0  58   - -     0 watchd ?        00:00:00 watchdog/0
1 S     0     6     2  0 -40   - -     0 migrat ?        00:00:00 migration/1
1 S     0     7     2  0  75  -5 -     0 ksofti ?        00:00:00 ksoftirqd/1
5 S     0     8     2  0  58   - -     0 watchd ?        00:00:00 watchdog/1
1 S     0     9     2  0 -40   - -     0 migrat ?        00:00:00 migration/2
1 S     0    10     2  0  75  -5 -     0 ksofti ?        00:00:00 ksoftirqd/2
5 S     0    11     2  0  58   - -     0 watchd ?        00:00:00 watchdog/2
1 S     0    12     2  0 -40   - -     0 migrat ?        00:00:00 migration/3
1 S     0    13     2  0  75  -5 -     0 ksofti ?        00:00:00 ksoftirqd/3
5 S     0    14     2  0  58   - -     0 watchd ?        00:00:00 watchdog/3

...

4 S     0  8864     1  0  80   0 -  2249 wait   ttyS0    00:00:00 login
4 S  2002 28073  8864  0  80   0 - 69158 select ttyS0    00:00:00 vsh
4 R     0 28264  3782  0  80   0 - 54790 select ?        00:00:00 in.dcos-telnet
4 S     0 28265 28264  0  80   0 -  2247 wait   pts/0    00:00:00 login
4 S  2002 28266 28265  0  80   0 - 69175 wait   pts/0    00:00:00 vsh
1 S  2002 28413 28266  0  80   0 - 69175 wait   pts/0    00:00:00 vsh
0 R  2002 28414 28413  0  80   0 -   887 -      pts/0    00:00:00 ps
switch#
```

Managing RPMs

Installing RPMs from Bash

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**sudo yum installed | grep** *platform*	Displays a list of the NX-OS feature RPMs installed on the switch.
Step 2	**sudo yum list available**	Displays a list of the available RPMs.
Step 3	**sudo yum -y install** *rpm*	Installs an available RPM.

Example

The following is an example of installing the **bfd** RPM:

```
bash-4.2$ sudo yum list installed | grep n9000
base-files.n9000                        3.0.14-r74.2                installed
bfd.lib32_n9000                         1.0.0-r0                    installed
core.lib32_n9000                        1.0.0-r0                    installed
eigrp.lib32_n9000                       1.0.0-r0                    installed
eth.lib32_n9000                         1.0.0-r0                    installed
isis.lib32_n9000                        1.0.0-r0                    installed
lacp.lib32_n9000                        1.0.0-r0                    installed
linecard.lib32_n9000                    1.0.0-r0                    installed
lldp.lib32_n9000                        1.0.0-r0                    installed
ntp.lib32_n9000                         1.0.0-r0                    installed
nxos-ssh.lib32_n9000                    1.0.0-r0                    installed
ospf.lib32_n9000                        1.0.0-r0                    installed
perf-cisco.n9000_gdb                    3.12-r0                     installed
```

```
platform.lib32_n9000                    1.0.0-r0                       installed
shadow-securetty.n9000_gdb              4.1.4.3-r1                     installed
snmp.lib32_n9000                        1.0.0-r0                       installed
svi.lib32_n9000                         1.0.0-r0                       installed
sysvinit-inittab.n9000_gdb              2.88dsf-r14                    installed
tacacs.lib32_n9000                      1.0.0-r0                       installed
task-nxos-base.n9000_gdb                1.0-r0                         installed
tor.lib32_n9000                         1.0.0-r0                       installed
vtp.lib32_n9000                         1.0.0-r0                       installed
bash-4.2$ sudo yum list available
bgp.lib32_n9000                         1.0.0-r0
bash-4.2$ sudo yum -y install bfd
```

Upgrading Feature RPMs

Before you begin

There must be a higher version of the RPM in the Yum repository.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**sudo yum -y upgrade** *rpm*	Upgrades an installed RPM.

Example

The following is an example of upgrading the **bfd** RPM:

```
bash-4.2$ sudo yum -y upgrade bfd
```

Downgrading a Feature RPM

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**sudo yum -y downgrade** *rpm*	Downgrades the RPM if any of the Yum repositories has a lower version of the RPM.

Example

The following example shows how to downgrade the **bfd** RPM:

```
bash-4.2$ sudo yum -y downgrade bfd
```

Erasing a Feature RPM

Note
The SNMP RPM and the NTP RPM are protected and cannot be erased.

You can upgrade or downgrade these RPMs. It requires a system reload for the upgrade or downgrade to take effect.

For the list of protected RPMs, see `/etc/yum/protected.d/protected_pkgs.conf`.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**sudo yum -y erase** *rpm*	Erases the RPM.

Example

The following example shows how to erase the **bfd** RPM:

```
bash-4.2$ sudo yum -y erase bfd
```

Persistently Daemonizing an SDK- or ISO-built Third Party Process

Your application should have a startup Bash script that gets installed in `/etc/init.d/`*`application_name`*. This startup Bash script should have the following general format (for more information on this format, see http://linux.die.net/man/8/chkconfig).

```
#!/bin/bash
#
# <application_name> Short description of your application
#
# chkconfig: 2345 15 85
# description: Short description of your application
#
### BEGIN INIT INFO
# Provides: <application_name>
# Required-Start: $local_fs $remote_fs $network $named
# Required-Stop: $local_fs $remote_fs $network
# Description: Short description of your application
### END INIT INFO
# See how we were called.
case "$1" in
start)
# Put your startup commands here
# Set RETVAL to 0 for success, non-0 for failure
;;
stop)
# Put your stop commands here
# Set RETVAL to 0 for success, non-0 for failure
;;
```

```
status)
# Put your status commands here
# Set RETVAL to 0 for success, non-0 for failure
;;
restart|force-reload|reload)
# Put your restart commands here
# Set RETVAL to 0 for success, non-0 for failure
;;
*)
echo $"Usage: $prog {start|stop|status|restart|force-reload}"
RETVAL=2
esac

exit $RETVAL
```

Persistently Starting Your Application from the Native Bash Shell

Procedure

Step 1 Install your application startup Bash script that you created into `/etc/init.d/`*application_name*

Step 2 Start your application with `/etc/init.d/`*application_name* start

Step 3 Enter **chkconfig --add** *application_name*

Step 4 Enter **chkconfig --level 3** *application_name* **on**

Run level 3 is the standard multi-user run level, and the level at which the switch normally runs.

Step 5 Verify that your application is scheduled to run on level 3 by running **chkconfig --list** *application_name* and confirm that level 3 is set to on

Step 6 Verify that your application is listed in `/etc/rc3.d`. You should see something like this, where there is an 'S' followed by a number, followed by your application name (`tcollector` in this example), and a link to your Bash startup script in `../init.d/`*application_name*

bash-4.2# ls -l /etc/rc3.d/**tcollector**

lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 20 Sep 25 22:56 /etc/rc3.d/S15tcollector -> ../init.d/tcollector

bash-4.2#

An Example Application in the Native Bash Shell

The following example demonstrates an application in the Native Bash Shell:

```
bash-4.2# cat /etc/init.d/hello.sh
#!/bin/bash

PIDFILE=/tmp/hello.pid
OUTPUTFILE=/tmp/hello
```

```
echo $$ > $PIDFILE
rm -f $OUTPUTFILE
while true
do
    echo $(date) >> $OUTPUTFILE
    echo 'Hello World' >> $OUTPUTFILE
    sleep 10
done
bash-4.2#
bash-4.2#
bash-4.2# cat /etc/init.d/hello
#!/bin/bash
#
# hello Trivial "hello world" example Third Party App
#
# chkconfig: 2345 15 85
# description: Trivial example Third Party App
#
### BEGIN INIT INFO
# Provides: hello
# Required-Start: $local_fs $remote_fs $network $named
# Required-Stop: $local_fs $remote_fs $network
# Description: Trivial example Third Party App
### END INIT INFO

PIDFILE=/tmp/hello.pid

# See how we were called.
case "$1" in
start)
    /etc/init.d/hello.sh &
    RETVAL=$?
;;
stop)
    kill -9 `cat $PIDFILE`
    RETVAL=$?
;;
status)
    ps -p `cat $PIDFILE`
    RETVAL=$?
;;
restart|force-reload|reload)
    kill -9 `cat $PIDFILE`
    /etc/init.d/hello.sh &
    RETVAL=$?
;;
*)
echo $"Usage: $prog {start|stop|status|restart|force-reload}"
RETVAL=2
esac

exit $RETVAL
bash-4.2#
bash-4.2# chkconfig --add hello
bash-4.2# chkconfig --level 3 hello on
bash-4.2# chkconfig --list hello
hello           0:off   1:off   2:on    3:on    4:on    5:on    6:off
bash-4.2# ls -al /etc/rc3.d/*hello*
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 15 Sep 27 18:00 /etc/rc3.d/S15hello -> ../init.d/hello
bash-4.2#
bash-4.2# reboot
```

After reload

```
bash-4.2# ps -ef | grep hello
root      8790     1  0 18:03 ?        00:00:00 /bin/bash /etc/init.d/hello.sh
root      8973  8775  0 18:04 ttyS0    00:00:00 grep hello
bash-4.2#
bash-4.2# ls -al /tmp/hello*
-rw-rw-rw- 1 root root 205 Sep 27 18:04 /tmp/hello
-rw-rw-rw- 1 root root   5 Sep 27 18:03 /tmp/hello.pid
bash-4.2# cat /tmp/hello.pid
8790
bash-4.2# cat /tmp/hello
Sun Sep 27 18:03:49 UTC 2015
Hello World
Sun Sep 27 18:03:59 UTC 2015
Hello World
Sun Sep 27 18:04:09 UTC 2015
Hello World
Sun Sep 27 18:04:19 UTC 2015
Hello World
Sun Sep 27 18:04:29 UTC 2015
Hello World
Sun Sep 27 18:04:39 UTC 2015
Hello World
bash-4.2#
```