Zero-Touch Provisioning

To address network provisioning challenges, Cisco introduces a zero-touch provisioning model. This module describes the Zero-Touch Provisioning feature.

Note The Zero-Touch Provisioning feature is enabled automatically; no configuration is required.

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Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see Bug Search Tool and the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the feature information table at the end of this module.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about platform support and Cisco software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to https://cfnng.cisco.com/. An account on Cisco.com is not required.

Information About Zero-Touch Provisioning

Zero-Touch Provisioning Overview

To address network provisioning challenges, Cisco introduces a Zero-Touch Provisioning model. Zero-Touch Provisioning automates the process of installing or upgrading software images, and installing configuration files on Cisco devices that are deployed in a network for the first time. It reduces manual tasks required to scale the network capacity.

When a device that supports Zero-Touch Provisioning boots up, and does not find the startup configuration (during fresh install on Day Zero), the device enters the Zero-Touch Provisioning mode. The device locates

a Dynamic Host Control Protocol (DHCP) server, bootstraps itself with its interface IP address, gateway, and Domain Name System (DNS) server IP address, and enables Guest Shell. The device then obtains the IP address or URL of a TFTP server, and downloads the Python script to configure the device.

Guest Shell provides the environment for the Python script to run. Guest Shell executes the downloaded Python script and configures the device for Day Zero.

After Day Zero provisioning is complete, Guest Shell remains enabled. For more information on Guest Shell, see the following chapter:

Note In case Zero-Touch Provisioning fails, the device falls back to AutoInstall to load configuration files. For more information, see Using AutoInstall and Setup.

DHCP Server Configuration for Zero-Touch Provisioning

In Zero-Touch Provisioning, a DHCP server must be running on the same network as the new device that is being provisioned. Zero-Touch Provisioning is supported on both management ports and in-band ports.

When the new device is switched on, it retrieves the IP address information of the TFTP server where the Python script resides, and the folder path of the Python script from the DHCP server.

For more information on Python Scripts, see the following chapters:

The DHCP server responds to DHCP discovery events with the following options:

- Option 150—(Optional) Contains a list of IP addresses that points to the TFTP server on the management network that hosts the Python scripts to be run.
- Option 67—Contains the Python script file path on the TFTP server.

After receiving these DHCP options, the device connects to the TFTP server, and downloads the Python script. The device, at this point does not have any route to reach the TFTP server, so it uses the default route provided by the DHCP server.

Sample Zero-Touch Provisioning Configurations

Sample DHCP Server Configuration on a Management Port

The following is a sample DHCP server configuration when connected via the management port on a device:

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# ip dhcp excluded-address 10.1.1.1
Device(config)# ip dhcp excluded-address vrf Mgmt-vrf 10.1.1.1 10.1.1.10
Device(config)# ip dhcp pool pnp_device_pool
Device(config-dhcp)# vrf Mgmt-vrf
Device(config-dhcp)# network 10.1.1.0 255.255.255.0
Device(config-dhcp)# default-router 10.1.1.1
Device(config-dhcp)# option 150 ip 203.0.113.254
Device(config-dhcp)# option 67 ascii /sample_python_dir/python_script.py
Device(config-dhcp)# no ip dhcp client request tftp-server-address
```

```
Device(config-dhcp)# end
```

Sample DHCP Server Configuration on a Forwarding Port

The following is a sample DHCP server configuration when connected via the forwarding port on a device:

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# ip dhcp excluded-address 10.1.1.1
Device(config)# ip dhcp pool pnp_device_pool
Device(config-dhcp)# network 10.1.1.0 255.255.255.0
Device(config-dhcp)# default-router 10.1.1.1
Device(config-dhcp)# option 150 ip 203.0.113.254
Device(config-dhcp)# option 67 ascii /sample_python_dir/python_script.py
Device(config-dhcp)# no ip dhcp client request tftp-server-address
Device(config-dhcp)# end
```

Sample DHCP Server Configuration on a Linux Ubuntu Device

The following sample DHCP server configuration displays that th server is either connected to the management port or forwarding port on a device. The DHCP server is on a box that is running the Linux Ubuntu distribution.

```
root@ubuntu-server:/etc/dhcp# more dhcpd.conf
subnet 10.1.1.0 netmask 255.255.255.0 {
range 10.1.1.2  10.1.1.255;
      host 3850 {
          fixed-address                       10.1.1.246 ;
          hardware ethernet                   CC:D8:C1:85:6F:00;
          option bootfile-name !<opt 67>      " /python_dir/python_script.py";
         option tftp-server-name !<opt 150>  "203.0.113.254";
      }
  }
```

Once the DHCP server is running, boot a management-network connected device, and the rest of the configuration is automatic.

Sample Python Script on a TFTP Server

The following is a sample Python script hosted on a TFTP server:

```
print "\n\n *** Sample ZTP Day0 Python Script *** \n\n"

# Importing cli module
import cli


print "\n\n *** Executing show platform  *** \n\n"
cli_command = "show platform"
cli.executep(cli_command)

print "\n\n *** Executing show version *** \n\n"
cli_command = "show version"
cli.executep(cli_command)
```

```
print "\n\n *** Configuring a Loopback Interface *** \n\n"
cli.configurep(["interface loop 100", "ip address 10.10.10.10 255.255.255.255", "end"])


print "\n\n *** Executing show ip interface brief  *** \n\n"
cli_command = "sh ip int brief"
cli.executep(cli_command)

print "\n\n *** ZTP Day0 Python Script Execution Complete *** \n\n"
```

Zero-Touch Provisioning Boot Log

The following sample Zero-Touch Provisioning boot log displays that Guest Shell is successfully enabled, the Python script is downloaded to the Guest Shell, and the Guest Shell executes the downloaded Python script and configures the device for Day Zero.

```
% failed to initialize nvram
! <This message indicates that the startup configuration
is absent on the device. This is the first indication that the Day Zero work flow is
going to start.>

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cisco ISR4451-X/K9 (2RU) processor with 7941237K/6147K bytes of memory.
Processor board ID FJC1950D091
4 Gigabit Ethernet interfaces
32768K bytes of non-volatile configuration memory.
16777216K bytes of physical memory.
7341807K bytes of flash memory at bootflash:.
0K bytes of WebUI ODM Files at webui:.

%INIT: waited 0 seconds for NVRAM to be available


         --- System Configuration Dialog ---

Would you like to enter the initial configuration dialog? [yes/no]: %
!!<DO NOT TOUCH. This is Zero-Touch Provisioning>>
Generating 2048 bit RSA keys, keys will be non-exportable...
[OK] (elapsed time was 1 seconds)
The process for the command is not responding or is otherwise unavailable
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Guestshell enabled successfully


 *** Sample ZTP Day0 Python Script ***


 *** Configuring a Loopback Interface ***


Line 1 SUCCESS: interface loop 100
Line 2 SUCCESS: ip address 10.10.10.10 255.255.255.255
Line 3 SUCCESS: end


 *** Executing show ip interface brief  ***


Interface              IP-Address      OK? Method Status                Protocol
GigabitEthernet0/0/0   unassigned      YES unset  down                  down
GigabitEthernet0/0/1   unassigned      YES unset  down                  down
GigabitEthernet0/0/2   unassigned      YES unset  down                  down
GigabitEthernet0/0/3   192.168.1.246   YES DHCP   up                    up
GigabitEthernet0       192.168.1.246   YES DHCP   up                    up
Loopback100            10.10.10.10     YES TFTP   up                    up


 *** ZTP Day0 Python Script Execution Complete ***



Press RETURN to get started!
```

The Day Zero provisioning is complete, and the IOS prompt is accessible.

Additional References for Zero-Touch Provisioning

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
CLI Python Library	
Guest Shell	
iPXE	
Programmability commands	

Technical Assistance

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Feature Information for Zero-Touch Provisioning

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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Table 1: Feature Information for Zero-Touch Provisioning

Feature Name	Release	Feature Information
Zero-Touch Provisioning		To address network provisioning challenges, Cisco introduces a zero-touch provisioning model. In Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.5.1a, this feature was implemented on the following platforms: