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CPS Interfaces and APIs

CPS includes southbound interfaces to various policy control enforcement functions (PCEFs) in the network, and northbound interfaces to OSS/BSS and subscriber applications, IMSs, and web applications.

Control Center GUI Interface

Purpose

Cisco Control Center enables you to do these tasks:

- Manage subscriber data, that is, find or create and edit information about your subscribers.
- View subscriber sessions.
- View system sessions.
- Populate custom reference data (CRD) tables.

URL and Port

HA: <https://<lbvip01>:443>

AIO: <http://<ip>:8090>

Protocol

HTTPS/HTTP

Accounts and Roles

There are two levels of administrative roles supported for Control Center: Full Privilege and View Only. The logins and passwords for these two roles are configurable in LDAP or in `/etc/broadhop/authentication-password.xml`.

- Full Privilege Admin Users: These users can view, edit, and delete information and can perform all tasks. Admin users have access to all screens in Control Center.
- View Only Admin Users: These users can view information in Control Center, but cannot edit or change information. View only administrators have access to a subset of screens in the interface.

CRD REST API

Purpose

The Custom Reference Data (CRD) REST API enables the query of, creation, deletion, and update of CRD table data without the need to access the Control Center GUI. The CRD APIs are available using an HTTP REST interface. The specific APIs are outlined in a later section in this guide.

URL and Port

HA: `https:// <lbvip01>:443/custrefdata`

AIO: `http://<ip>:8080/custrefdata`

A validation URL is:

HA: `https:// <lbvip01>:8443/custrefdata`

AIO: `http://<ip>:8080/custrefdata`

Protocol

HTTPS/HTTP

Accounts and Roles

Security and account management is accomplished by using the haproxy mechanism on the platform Policy Director (LB) by defining user lists, user groups, and specific users.

On Cluster Manager: `/etc/puppet/modules/qps/templates/etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg`

Configure HAProxy

Update the HAProxy configuration to add authentication and authorization mechanism in the CRD API module.

1. Back up the `/etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg` file.
2. Edit `/etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg` on lb01/lb02 and add a userlist with at least one username and password as shown:

```
userlist <userlist name>  
user <username1> password <encrypted password>
```

For example:

```

userlist cps_user_list
user readonly password
$6$RtThhVpS0w4l0oS$pyEM6VypVaUAx00Pjb61Z5eZrmeAUUdCMF7D75BXKbs4dhNCbXjgChVE0ckfLDp4T2CsUzzNkoqLRdn7RbAAU1
user apiuser password
$6$RtThhVpS0w4l0oS$pyEM6VypVaUAx00Pjb61Z5eZrmeAUUdCMF7D75BXKbs4dhNCbXjgChVE0ckfLDp4T2CsUzzNkoqLRdn7RbAAU1

```

Run the following command to generate an encrypted password:

```
/sbin/grub-crypt --sha-512
```

For example:

```

[root@host ~]# /sbin/grub-crypt --sha-512
Password:
Retype password:
<encrypted password output>

```

3. Add the following line in frontend `https-api` to enable Authentication and Authorization for CRD REST API and create a new backend server as `crd_api_servers` to intercept CRD REST API requests:

```

mode http
acl crd_api path_beg -i /custrefdata/
use_backend crd_api_servers if crd_api
backend crd_api_servers
    mode http
    balance roundrobin
    option httpclose
    option abortonclose
    server qns01_A qns01:8080 check inter 30s
    server qns02_A qns02:8080 check inter 30s

```

4. Update frontend `https_all_servers` by replacing `api_servers` with `crd_api_servers` for CRD API as follows:

```

acl crd_api path_beg -i /custrefdata/

use_backend crd_api_servers if crd_api

```

5. Edit `/etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg` on `lb01/lb02` as follows:

1. Add at least one group with user in `userlist` created in *Step 2* as follows:

```

group qns-ro users readonly
group qns users apiuser

```

2. Add the following lines to the backend `crd_api_servers`:

```

acl authoriseUsers http_auth_group(<cps-user-list>) <user-group>

http-request auth realm CiscoApiAuth if !authoriseUsers

```

Map the group created in *Step 5* with the `acl` as follows:

```
acl authoriseUsers http_auth_group(<cps-user-list>) <user-group>
```

6. Add the following in the backend `crd_api_servers` to set read-only permission (GET HTTP operation) for group of users:

```
http-request deny if !METH_GET authoriseUsers
```

HAProxy Configuration Example

```

userlist cps_user_list
    group qns-ro users readonly
    group qns users apiuser
    user readonly password
$6$xRtThhVpS0w4lOoS$pyEM6VYpVaUAx00Pjb61Z5eZrmeAUUdCMF7D75B

XKbs4dhNCbXjgChVE0ckfLDp4T2CsUzzNkoqLRdn7RbAAU1
    user apiuser password
$6$xRtThhVpS0w4lOoS$pyEM6VYpVaUAx00Pjb61Z5eZrmeAUUdCMF7D75B

XKbs4dhNCbXjgChVE0ckfLDp4T2CsUzzNkoqLRdn7RbAAU1
frontend https-api
    description API
    bind lbvip01:8443 ssl crt /etc/ssl/certs/quantum.pem

mode http
acl crd_api path_beg -i /custrefdata/
use_backend crd_api_servers if crd_api

default_backend api_servers
reqadd X-Forwarded-Proto:\ https if { ssl_fc }

frontend https_all_servers
description Unified API,CC,PB,Grafana,CRD-API,PB-AP
bind lbvip01:443 ssl crt /etc/ssl/certs/quantum.pem no-sslsv3 no-tlsv10
ciphers ECDH+AESGCM:DH+AESGCM:ECDH+AES256:DH+AES256:ECDH+AES128:DH+AES:RSA+AESGCM:RSA+AES:!
aNULL:!eNULL:!LOW:!      3DES:!MD5:!EXP:!PSK:!SRP:!DSS
mode http
acl crd_api path_beg -i /custrefdata/
use_backend crd_api_servers if crd_api
backend crd_api_servers
    mode http
    balance roundrobin
    option httpclose
    option abortonclose
    server qns01_A qns01:8080 check inter 30s
    server qns02_A qns02:8080 check inter 30s
    acl authoriseReadOnlyUsers http_auth_group(cps_user_list) qns-ro
    acl authoriseAdminUsers http_auth_group(cps_user_list) qns
    http-request auth realm CiscoApiAuth if !authoriseReadOnlyUsers
!authoriseAdminUsers
    http-request deny if !METH_GET authoriseReadOnlyUsers

```



Note The haproxy.cfg file is generated by the Puppet tool. Any manual changes to the file in lb01/lb02 would be reverted if the puppet or vm-init scripts are run.

Grafana

Purpose

Grafana is a metrics dashboard and graph editor used to display graphical representations of system, application KPIs, bulkstats of various CPS components.

URL and Port

HA: `https://<lbvip01>:9443/grafana`

AIO: `http://<ip>:443/grafana`

Protocol

HTTPS/HTTP

Accounts and Roles

In CPS 7.5 and higher, at least one Grafana user account must be created to access the Grafana web interface.

In CPS 8.1 and higher, an administrative user account must be used to add, modify, or delete Grafana dashboards or perform other administrative actions.

Refer to the *Graphite and Grafana* and *Prometheus and Grafana* chapters in this guide for details on adding or deleting these user accounts.

HAProxy

Purpose

HAProxy is a frontend IP traffic proxy process in lb01/lb02 that routes the IP traffic for other applications in CPS. The details of individual port that HAProxy forwards is already described in other individual sections.

As per the Diameter configuration done, HAProxy-diameter statistics will bind to one of the configurations and that URL will be displayed in `about.sh` output. For various options for Diameter configuration, refer to *Diameter Related Configuration* section in *CPS Installation Guide for VMware*.

More information about HAProxy is provided in the [HAProxy](#).

Documentation for HAProxy is available at: <http://www.haproxy.org/#docs>

URL and Port

To view statistics, open a browser and navigate to the following URL:

- **For HAProxy Statistics:** `http://<diameterconfig>:5540/haproxy?stats`
- **For HAProxy Diameter Statistics:** `http://<diameterconfig>:5540/haproxy-diam?stats`

Accounts and Roles

Not applicable.

JMX Interface

Purpose

Java Management Extension (JMX) interface can be used for managing and monitoring applications and system objects.

Resources to be managed / monitored are represented by objects called managed beans (mbeans). MBean represents a resource running in JVM and external applications can interact with mbeans through the use of JMX connectors and protocol adapters for collecting statistics (pull); for getting/setting application configurations (push/pull); and notifying events like faults or state changes (push).

CLI Access

External applications can be configured to monitor application over JMX. In addition to this, there are scripts provided by application that connects to application over JMX and provide required statistics/information.

Port

pcrfclient01/pcrfclient02:

- Control Center: 9045
- Policy Builder: 9046

lb01/lb02:

- iomanager: 9045
- Diameter Endpoints: 9046, 9047, 9048...

qns01/qns02/qns... : 9045

Ports should be blocked using firewall to prevent access from outside the CPS system.

Accounts and Roles

Not applicable.

Logstash

Purpose

Logstash is a process that consolidates the log events from CPS nodes into pcrfclient01/pcrfclient02 for logging and alarms. The logs are forwarded to CPS application to raise necessary alarms and the logs are stored at `/var/log/logstash/logstash.log`.

If logstash is not monitoring, then check the Policy Server (qns) process using `monit summary`.

```
monit summary
Monit 5.25.1 uptime: 19h 45m
```

| Service Name | Status | Type |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------|
| sav-pcrfclient01 | OK | System |
| whisper | OK | Process |
| stale-session-cleaner-helper | Initializing | Process |
| stale-session-cleaner | Initializing | Process |
| snmpd | OK | Process |
| qns-2 | OK | Process |

| | | |
|-------------------------|----|---------|
| qns-1 | OK | Process |
| corosync | OK | Process |
| memcached | OK | Process |
| logstash | OK | Process |
| collectd | OK | Process |
| carbon-relay | OK | Process |
| carbon-cache-c | OK | Process |
| carbon-cache-b | OK | Process |
| carbon-cache | OK | Process |
| carbon-aggregator-b | OK | Process |
| carbon-aggregator | OK | Process |
| auditrpm.sh | OK | Process |
| aido_client | OK | Process |
| monitor-qns-2 | OK | File |
| monitor-qns-1 | OK | File |
| kpi_trap | OK | Program |
| db_trap | OK | Program |
| failover_trap | OK | Program |
| qps_process_trap | OK | Program |
| admin_login_trap | OK | Program |
| vm_trap | OK | Program |
| qps_message_trap | OK | Program |
| ldap_message_trap | OK | Program |
| logstash_process_status | OK | Program |
| monitor_replica | OK | Program |
| mon_db_for_lb_failover | OK | Program |
| mon_db_for_callmodel | OK | Program |
| cpu_load_monitor | OK | Program |
| cpu_load_trap | OK | Program |
| gen_low_mem_trap | OK | Program |
| auto_heal_server | OK | Program |



Note On perfcient node, if Policy Server (qns) process is not running, 'logstash_process_status' program stops the logstash process so that the alarm is raised from another perfcient node.

CLI Access

There is no specific CLI interface for logstash.

Protocol

TCP and UDP

Ports

TCP: 5544, 5545, 7546, 6514

UDP: 6514

Accounts and Roles

Not applicable.

LDAP SSSD

Purpose

In CPS 14.0.0 and higher releases, SSSD based authentication is supported, allowing users to authenticate against an external LDAP server and gain access to the CPS CLI. SSSD RPMs and default `sssd.conf` file is installed on each CPS VM when you perform a new installation or upgrade CPS.

For more information, refer to the *CPS Installation Guide for VMware*.

`/etc/monit.d/sssd` file has been added with the following content so that SSSD is monitored by monit:

```
check process sssd with pidfile /var/run/sssd.pid
start program = "/etc/init.d/sssd start" with timeout 30 seconds
stop program = "/etc/init.d/sssd stop" with timeout 30 seconds
```

Also `/etc/logrotate.d/sssd` file has been added to rotate the SSSD log files. Here is the default configuration:

```

`
/var/log/sssd/*.log {
    daily
    missingok
    notifempty
    sharedscripts
    nodateext
    rotate 5
    size 100M
    compress
    delaycompress
    postrotate
        /bin/kill -HUP `cat /var/run/sssd.pid 2>/dev/null` 2> /dev/null || true
    endscript

```



```
}
"
```

Use the `monit summary` command to view the list of services managed by monit. Here is an example:

```
monit summary
The Monit daemon 5.17.1 uptime: 4d 2h 22m

Process 'whisper'           Running
Process 'sssd'              Running
Process 'snmptrapd'         Running
Process 'snmpd'             Running
Program 'vip_trap'          Status ok
Program 'gr_site_status_trap' Status ok
Process 'redis'             Running
Process 'qns-4'             Running
Process 'qns-3'             Running
Process 'qns-2'             Running
Process 'qns-1'             Running
File 'monitor-qns-4'        Accessible
File 'monitor-qns-3'        Accessible
File 'monitor-qns-2'        Accessible
File 'monitor-qns-1'        Accessible
Process 'memcached'         Running
Process 'irqbalance'        Running
Process 'haproxy-diameter'  Running
Process 'haproxy'           Running
Process 'cutter'            Running
Process 'corosync'          Running
Program 'cpu_load_monitor'  Status ok
Program 'cpu_load_trap'     Status ok
Program 'gen_low_mem_trap'  Status ok
Process 'collectd'          Running
Process 'auditrpmsh.sh'     Running
System 'lb01'               Running
```



Important

Setting of other configuration files to support LDAP based authentication and the changes required in `sssd.conf` file as per the customer deployment is out of scope of this document. For more information, consult your Cisco Technical Representative.



Restriction

Grafana support LDAP authentication over `httpd` and does not use SSSD feature. Due to this, if LDAP server is down then grafana is not accessible for LDAP users.

CLI Access

No CLI is provided.

Port

Port number is not required.

Configure Policy Builder

Step 1 To provide admin access, enter username in the following file:

```
/var/www/svn/users-access-file
```

Note This action should be performed on perfcient and not on policy server (qns).

```
[groups]
admins = qns,qns-svn,sssd_pb_2
nonadmins = qns-ro
[/]
@admin = rw
@nonadmins = r
* = r
```

Step 2 Verify if you can export CRD data from the following link:

```
http://<aio_server>:7070/central/
```

Configure Grafana

Step 1 Bypass the first level authentication by updating the `/etc/httpd/conf.d/grafana-proxy.conf` file as follows:

```
LoadModule proxy_module modules/mod_proxy.so
LoadModule proxy_balancer_module modules/mod_proxy_balancer.so
LoadModule proxy_ftp_module modules/mod_proxy_ftp.so
LoadModule proxy_http_module modules/mod_proxy_http.so
LoadModule proxy_ajp_module modules/mod_proxy_ajp.so
LoadModule proxy_connect_module modules/mod_proxy_connect.so
# Set root to <ip address>/grafana
ProxyPass /grafana http://127.0.0.1:3000
ProxyPassReverse /grafana http://127.0.0.1:3000
# Set authentication for Grafana
# 1) Use httpd authentication as a front-end to Grafana
# 2) Remove header since Grafana is configured for anonymous
# authentication and will fail with a pass-thru header
#
# Notice: scope of authentication and header is limited to Grafana
# to avoid conflicts with other applications. Apache configuration
# in this file is global unless contained in the directive below.
<Location "/grafana">
    LoadModule headers_module modules/mod_headers.so
    Header set Access-Control-Allow-Origin "*"
    Header set Access-Control-Allow-Methods "GET, OPTIONS"
    Header set Access-Control-Allow-Headers "origin, authorization, accept"
    Header set Access-Control-Allow-Credentials true
    # Do not pass credentials to Grafana's anonymous authorization
    RequestHeader unset Authorization
    Satisfy Any
    #AuthName "Authentication Required"
    #AuthUserFile "/var/broadhop/.htpasswd"
    #Require valid-user
    #Order allow,deny
    # This is used for local calls to the API during puppet bring up
    Allow from 127.0.0.1
```

```
#Satisfy Any
</Location>
```

Step 2 Restart httpd by running the following command:

```
/usr/bin/systemctl restart httpd
```

If port already in use error is displayed, execute the following steps:

a) Run the following command to get process ID:

```
ps -eaf | grep httpd
```

b) Run the following command to kill the pid:

```
kill -9 <pid>
```

Step 3 Update `/etc/grafana/grafana.ini` file to point to LDAP authentication instead of Basic Auth as follows:

```
##### Basic Auth #####
[auth.basic]
# For CPS, trusted API requests come here and need local authentication
;enabled = true
##### Auth LDAP #####
[auth.ldap]
enabled = true
config_file = /etc/grafana/ldap.toml
```

Step 4 Modify `/etc/grafana/ldap.toml` file to provide LDAP details (for example, search base dn, bind dn, group search base dn, member_of attribute) as follows:

```
# Set to true to log user information returned from LDAP
verbose_logging = true
[[servers]]
# Ldap server host (specify multiple hosts space separated)
host = "ldap_1.cisco.com"
# Default port is 389 or 636 if use_ssl = true
port = 10648
# Set to true if ldap server supports TLS
use_ssl = true
# set to true if you want to skip ssl cert validation
ssl_skip_verify = true
# set to the path to your root CA certificate or leave unset to use system defaults
#root_ca_cert = "/etc/openldap/certs/ldap_local.cer"

# Search user bind dn
bind_dn = "uid=admin,ou=system"
# Search user bind password
bind_password = 'secret'

# User search filter, for example "(cn=%s)" or "(sAMAccountName=%s)" or "(uid=%s)"
search_filter = "(uid=%s)"

# An array of base dns to search through
search_base_dns = ["ou=users,dc=sprint,dc=com"]
#search_base_dns = ["ou=groups,dc=sprint,dc=com"]

# In POSIX LDAP schemas, withoutmemberOf attribute a secondary query must be made for
groups.
# This is done by enabling group_search_filter below. You must also set member_of= "cn"
# in [servers.attributes] below.
# Users with nested/recursive group membership and an LDAP server that supports
LDAP_MATCHING_RULE_IN_CHAIN
# can set group_search_filter, group_search_filter_user_attribute, group_search_base_dns
and member_of
```

```

# below in such a way that the user's recursive group membership is considered.
#
# Nested Groups + Active Directory (AD) Example:
#
# AD groups store the Distinguished Names (DNs) of members, so your filter must
# recursively search your groups for the authenticating user's DN. For example:
#
# group_search_filter = "(member:1.2.840.113556.1.4.1941:=%s)"
# group_search_filter_user_attribute = "distinguishedName"
# group_search_base_dns = ["ou=groups,dc=grafana,dc=org"]
#
# [servers.attributes]
# ...
# member_of = "distinguishedName"

## Group search filter, to retrieve the groups of which the user is a member (only set if
memberOf attribute is not available)
#group_search_filter = "(cn=%s)"
#group_search_filter_user_attribute = "&(objectClass=*)(cn=%s)"
## Group search filter user attribute defines what user attribute gets substituted for %s
in group_search_filter.
## Defaults to the value of username in [server.attributes]
## Valid options are any of your values in [servers.attributes]
## If you are using nested groups you probably want to set this and member_of in
## [servers.attributes] to "distinguishedName"
group_search_filter_user_attribute = "cn"
## An array of the base DN's to search through for groups. Typically uses ou=groups
group_search_base_dns = ["ou=groups,dc=sprint,dc=com"]
#group_search_base_dns = ["cn=Roles,ou=groups,dc=sprint,dc=com"]

# Specify names of the ldap attributes your ldap uses
[servers.attributes]
name = "cn"
surname = "sn"
username = "uid"
member_of = "cn"
email = "email"

# Map ldap groups to grafana org roles
[[servers.group_mappings]]
group_dn = "cn=Admin,ou=groups,dc=sprint,dc=com"
org_role = "Admin"
# The Grafana organization database id, optional, if left out the default org (id 1) will
be used
# org_id = 1

[[servers.group_mappings]]
group_dn = "cn=User,ou=groups,dc=sprint,dc=com"
org_role = "Editor"

#[[servers.group_mappings]]
# If you want to match all (or no ldap groups) then you can use wildcard
#group_dn = "*"
#org_role = "Viewer"

```

Step 5 Restart Grafana server by running the following command:

```
service grafana-server restart
```

Step 6 Log in to Grafana using LDAP user credentials.

Mongo Database

Purpose

MongoDB is used to manage session storage efficiently and address key requirements: Low latency reads/writes, high availability, multi-key access and so on.

CPS support different models of mongo database based on CPS deployment like AIO, HA or Geo-redundancy. Not all of the databases listed below may be used in your CPS deployment.

To rotate the mongoDB logs on the Session Manager VM, open the mongoDB file by executing the following command:

```
cat /etc/logrotate.d/mongodb
```

You will have output as similar to the following:

```
{
daily
rotate 5
copytruncate
create 640 root root
sharedscripts
postrotate
endscript
}
```

In the above script the mongoDB logs are rotated daily and it ensures that it keeps the latest 5 backups of these log files.

HA

The standard definition for supported replica-set defined in configuration file. This configuration file is self-explanatory which contains replica-set, set-name, hostname, port number, data file path and so on.

Location: /etc/broadhop/mongoConfig.cfg

Table 1: HA Mongo Databases

| Database Name | Port Number | Primary DB Host | Secondary DB Host | Arbiter | Purpose |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| session_cache | 27717 | sessionmgr01 | sessionmgr02 | pcrfclient01 | Session database |
| balance_mgmt | 27718 | sessionmgr01 | sessionmgr02 | pcrfclient01 | Quota/Balance database |
| audit | 27725 | sessionmgr01 | sessionmgr02 | pcrfclient01 | Reporting database |
| spr | 27720 | sessionmgr01 | sessionmgr02 | pcrfclient01 | USuM database |
| cust_ref_data | 27717 | sessionmgr01 | sessionmgr02 | pcrfclient01 | Custom Reference Data |



Note The port number configuration is based on what is configured in each of the respective Policy Builder plug-ins. Refer to the *Plug-in Configuration* chapter of the *CPS Mobile Configuration Guide* for correct port number and ports defined in mongo configuration file.

AIO

The All-in-One deployment mongo database runs on ports 27017 and 27729.

Table 2: AIO Mongo Databases

| Database Name | Port Number | Purpose |
|---------------|-------------|--|
| All | 27017 | This port is used for all the databases. |



Important While choosing mongo ports for replica-sets, consider the following:

- Port is not in use by any other application. To check it, login to VM on which replica-set is to be created and execute the following command:

```
netstat -lnp | grep <port_no>
```

If no process is using same port then port can be chosen for replica-set for binding.

- Port number used should be greater than 1024 and not in ephemeral port range i.e, not in between following range :

```
net.ipv4.ip_local_port_range = 32768 to 61000
```

CLI Access

Use the following commands to access the mongoDB CLI:

HA:

Login to perclient01 or perclient02 and run: `diagnostics.sh --get_replica_status`

This command will output information about the databases configured in the CPS cluster.



Note If a member is shown in an unknown state, it is likely that the member is not accessible from one of other members, mostly an arbiter. In that case, you must go to that member and check its connectivity with other members.

Also, you can login to mongo on that member and check its actual status.

AIO:

```
mongo --port 27017
```

Protocol

Not applicable.

Port

Not applicable.

Accounts and Roles

Restrict MongoDB Access for Readonly Users: If firewall is enabled on system, then on all VMs for all readonly users, IP table rule will be created for outgoing connections to reject outgoing traffic to MongoDB replica sets.

For example, rule similar to the following is created.

```
REJECT tcp -- anywhere sessionmgr01 tcp dpt:27718 owner GID match qns-ro reject-with
icmp-port-unreachable
```

With this, qns-ro user has restricted MongoDB access on sessionmgr01 on port 27718. Such rules are added for all readonly users who are part of qns-ro group for all replica sets.

Admin Database

Purpose

By default, admin replica-set holds the following databases:

- **sharding:** This database holds the following information:
 - Session sharding: Session shard seeds and its databases.
 - Session type counters: Session statistics information. For example, number of sessions present in each shard for Gx, Rx, Sy, and so on.
 - Session compression dictionary data: Compression object data of session fields data.
 - Memcache rings data: Memcached rings and their sets data. Every set has two sessionmgr VMs followed with memcached port number.
 - Secondary Key sharding: Secondary Key shards seeds and its databases.
 - License data: Session license information.
- **scheduler:** This database holds the information about rebuilding the secondary key tasks data. When you execute `rebuild sk rings` or `rebuild sk db`, application creates the scheduled tasks to the “tasks” collection in this database. Once tasks are created, application pulls the information from the collection and execute those tasks.
- **diameter:** This database holds the information about connected peers (inbound and outbound) connected to which load balance instance. This also holds the history of peers connected (start) and disconnected (stop) followed with timestamps.
- **queueing:** This database holds the information about internal TCP connection between the Policy Director (LB) and Policy Server (QNS) VMs in and out queue data.

- **clusters:** This database holds the information about sitenames and IP address of the ADMIN replica-set members in `hosts` collections.
- **policy_trace:** This database holds the information about the particular subscriber traces. To view the traces, you need to enable the trace for a particular subscriber.
- **Keystore:** This database holds the information about the redis key store configuration.



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- Note** There are separate configurations available for the Trace Database and Endpoint Database in Cluster configuration under Policy Builder.
- If Trace Database is configured, "policy_trace" database is stored in configured replica-set.
 - If Endpoint Database is configured, "diameter, and queueing" databases are stored in configured replica-set.

For more information on Trace Database and Endpoint Database configuration, see *Adding an HA Cluster* section in *CPS Mobile Configuration Guide*.



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- Note** In GR deployment the above databases are shared across all the sites. If any site loses the connectivity to the ADMIN replica-set, then following impact is observed:
- There can be communication issue between the Policy Server (QNS) and Policy Director (LB) VMs. As the application is not able to get to the connected peers to send the processing messages, timeouts or drops can be observed.
 - Cross site messaging of stale session RARs from Policy Director (LB) of site1 to Policy Director (LB) of peer site2 fails.
 - Grafana does not display the session counters properly.
 - If subscriber trace is enabled, the policy_trace cannot insert the trace information about the configured subscribers.
-

Protocol

Not applicable.

Port

Not applicable.

Accounts and Roles

Not applicable.

OSGi Console

Purpose

CPS is based on Open Service Gateway initiative (OSGi) and OSGi console is a command-line shell which can be used for analyzing problems at OSGi layer of the application.

CLI Access

Use the following command to access the OSGi console:

```
telnet <ip> <port>
```

The following commands can be executed on the OSGi console:

`ss` : List installed bundle status.

`start <bundle-id>` : Start the bundle.

`stop <bundle-id>` : Stop the bundle.

`diag <bundle-id>` : Diagnose the bundle.

Sharding Commands

Use the following OSGi commands to add or remove shards:

Table 3: Sharding Commands

| Command | Description |
|---|--|
| <code>listshards</code> | Lists all the shards. |
| <code>removeshard <shard id></code> | Marks the shard for removal. If shard is non-backup, rebalance is required for shard to be removed fully. If shard is backup, it does not require rebalance of sessions and hence would be removed immediately. |
| <code>rebalance <rate limit></code> | Rebalances the buckets and migrates session with rate limit. Rate limit is optional. If rate limit is passed, it is applied at rebalance. |
| <code>rebalancebg <rate limit></code> | Rebalances the buckets and schedules background task to migrate sessions. Rate limit is optional. If rate limit is passed, it is applied at rebalance. |
| <code>rebalancestatus</code> | Displays the current rebalance status. Status can be one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebalance is running (Remaining buckets: <pending count>) • Rebalance is required • Rebalanced |

| Command | Description |
|--|--|
| <code>rebuildAllSkRings</code> | <p>In order for CPS to identify a stale session from the latest session, the secondary key mapping for each site stores the primary key in addition to the bucket ID and the site ID, that is, Secondary Key = <Bucket Id>; <Site Id>; <Primary Key>.</p> <p>To enable this feature, add the flag <code>-Dcache.config.version=1</code> in the <code>/etc/broadhop/qns.conf</code> file.</p> <p>Enabling this flag and running <code>rebuildAllSkRings</code> starts the data migration for the new version so that CPS can load the latest version of the session.</p> |
| <code>skRingRebuildStatus</code> | Displays the status of the migration and the current cache version. |
| <code>listskshard</code> | List the SK shards. |
| <code>addskshard seed1[,seed2] port db-index [backup]</code> | Adds new SK shard. For backup shard, pass the backup option. |
| <code>removeskshard shardid [confirm]</code> | Mark SK shard for deletion. |
| <code>rebalancesk [rate limit]</code> | Rebalance SK buckets across SK shards in foreground. |
| <code>migratesk [rate limit]</code> | Migrate SK data in foreground. If data is already migrated it will query and skip. |
| <code>rebalanceskbg [rate limit]</code> | Rebalance SK buckets across SK shards and schedule the distribute task to migrate SK data in background on multiple QNS |
| <code>migrateskbg [rate limit]</code> | Schedule the distribute task to migrate SK data in background on multiple QNS. If data is already migrated it will query and skip. |
| <code>rebalanceskstatus</code> | Show SK DB shard rebalance status. |
| <code>rebuildskdb [rate limit]</code> | Rebuild SK DB from Session DB. Default rate limit is 1000. |
| <code>rebuildskdbstatus</code> | Show current SK DB rebuild status. |
| <code>getskorder</code> | Get current caching system priority order. |
| <code>setskorder skcache1 [skcache2]</code> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change secondary key caching system priority order • <code>skcache1[2]</code> can be MEMCACHE or SK_DB • <code>skcache1</code> and <code>skcache2</code> must not be same • <code>skcache2</code> is optional, If <code>skcache2</code> is not provided it will be disabled <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>setskorder SK_DB</code>: Enables SK_DB and disables MEMCACHE • <code>setskorder MEMCACHE SK_DB</code>: Enables MEMCACHE as PRIMARY and SK_DB as FALLBACK |

| Command | Description |
|---|--|
| <code>listskshard siteId</code> | Lists the SK shards for corresponding site ID. |
| <code>addskshard seed1[,seed2] port db-index siteid [backup]</code> | Adds new SK shard for mentioned site. For backup shard, add the backup option. |
| <code>rebalances siteid [rate limit]</code> | Rebalance SK buckets across SK shards in foreground for the mentioned site. |
| <code>migratesk siteid [rate limit]</code> | Migrate SK data in foreground for the mentioned site. If data is already migrated it will query and skip. |
| <code>rebalanceskbg siteid [rate limit]</code> | Rebalance SK buckets across SK shards for the mentioned site ID and schedule the distribute task to migrate SK data in background on multiple Policy Servers (QNS). |
| <code>migrateskbg siteid [rate limit]</code> | Schedule the distribute task to migrate SK data in background on multiple Policy Servers (QNS) for the mentioned site. If data is already migrated it will query and skip. |
| <code>rebalanceskstatus siteid</code> | Show SK database shard rebalance status for the mentioned site. |
| <code>rebuilddb siteid [rate limit]</code> | Rebuild SK database from Session database for the mentioned site. Default rate limit is 1000. |
| <code>rebuilddbstatus siteid</code> | Show current SK database rebuild status for the mentioned site ID. |

CPS Alarm Commands

Use the following OSGi command to get the information related to open application alarms in CPS:

Table 4: Alarm Commands

| Command | Description |
|-------------------------|---|
| <code>listalarms</code> | To list the open/active application alarms since last restart of policy server (QNS) process on perfclient01/02 VM. |

Example:

```
osgi> listalarms
Active Application Alarms
id=1000 sub_id=3001 event_host=lb02 status=down date=2017-11-22,10:47:34,
051+0000 msg="3001:Host: site-host-gx Realm: site-gx-client.com is down"
id=1000 sub_id=3001 event_host=lb02 status=down date=2017-11-22,10:47:34,
048+0000 msg="3001:Host: site-host-sd Realm: site-sd-client.com is down"
id=1000 sub_id=3001 event_host=lb01 status=down date=2017-11-22,10:45:17,
927+0000 msg="3001:Host: site-server Realm: site-server.com is down"
id=1000 sub_id=3001 event_host=lb02 status=down date=2017-11-22,10:47:34,
091+0000 msg="3001:Host: site-host-rx Realm: site-rx-client.com is down"
id=1000 sub_id=3002 event_host=lb02 status=down date=2017-11-22,10:47:34,
111+0000 msg="3002:Realm: site-server.com:applicationId: 7:all peers are down"
```

Ports

perfclientXX:

- Control Center: 9091
- Policy Builder: 9092

lbXX:

- iomanager: 9091
- Diameter Endpoints: 9092, 9093, 9094 ...

qnsXX: 9091

Ports should be blocked using a firewall to prevent access from outside the CPS cluster.

Accounts and Roles

Not applicable.

Policy Builder GUI

Purpose

Policy Builder is the web-based client interface for the configuration of policies in Cisco Policy Suite.

URL and Port

HA: <https://<lbvip01>:7443/pb>

AIO: <http://<ip>:7070/pb>

Protocol

HTTPS/HTTP

Accounts and Roles

Initial accounts are created during the software installation. Refer to the *CPS Operations Guide* for commands to add users and change passwords.

REST API

Purpose

To allow initial investigation into a Proof of Concept API for managing a CPS System and Custom Reference Data related through an HTTPS accessible JSON API.

CLI Access

This is an HTTPS/Web interface and has no Command Line Interface.

URL and Port

API: `http://<Cluster Manager IP>:8458`

Documentation: `http://<Cluster Manager IP>:7070/doc/index.html`

Accounts and Roles

Initial accounts are created during the software installation. Refer to the *CPS Operations Guide* for commands to add users and change passwords.

Rsyslog

Purpose

Enhanced log processing is provided using Rsyslog.

Rsyslog logs Operating System (OS) data locally (`/var/log/messages` etc.) using the `/etc/rsyslog.conf` and `/etc/rsyslog.d/*conf` configuration files.

rsyslog outputs all WARN level logs on CPS VMs to `/var/log/warn.log` file.

On all nodes, Rsyslog forwards the OS system log data to lbvip02 via UDP over the port defined in the `logback_syslog_daemon_port` variable as set in the CPS deployment template (Excel spreadsheet). To download the most current CPS Deployment Template (`/var/qps/install/current/scripts/deployer/templates/QPS_deployment_config_template.xlsm`), refer to the *CPS Installation Guide for VMware* or *CPS Release Notes* for this release.

Additional information is available in the Logging chapter of the *CPS Troubleshooting Guide*. Refer also to <http://www.rsyslog.com/doc/> for the Rsyslog documentation.

CLI Access

Not applicable.

Protocol

UDP

Port

6514

Accounts and Roles

Account and role management is not applicable.

Rsyslog Customization

CPS provides the ability to configure forwarding of consolidated syslogs from rsyslog-proxy on Policy Director VMs to remote syslog servers (refer to *CPS Installation Guide for VMware*). However, if additional customizations are made to rsyslog configuration to forward logs to external syslog servers in customer's network for monitoring purposes, such forwarding must be performed via dedicated action queues in rsyslog. In the absence of dedicated action queues, when rsyslog is unable to deliver a message to the remote server,

its main message queue can fill up which can lead to severe issues, such as, preventing SSH logging, which in turn can prevent SSH access to the VM.

Sample configuration for dedicated action queues is available in the *Logging* chapter of the *CPS Troubleshooting Guide*. Refer to rsyslog documentation on <http://www.rsyslog.com/doc/v5-stable/concepts/queues.html> for more details about action queues.

SVN Interface

Apache™ Subversion (SVN) is the versioning and revision control system used within CPS. It maintains all the CPS policy configurations and has repositories in which files can be created, updated and deleted. SVN maintains the file difference each time any change is made to a file on the server and for each change it generates a revision number.

In general, most interactions with SVN are performed via Policy Builder.

CLI Access

Use the following commands to access SVN:

Get all files from the server:

```
svn checkout --username <username> --password <password> <SVN Repository URL> <Local Path>
```

Example:

```
svn checkout --username broadhop --password broadhop  
http://pcrfclient01/repos/configuration/root/configuration
```

If *<Local Path>* is not provided, files are checked out to the current directory.

Store/check-in the changed files to the server:

```
svn commit --username <username> --password <password> <Local Path> -m "modified config"
```

Example:

```
svn commit --username broadhop --password broadhop /root/configuration -m "modified config"
```

Update local copy to latest from SVN:

```
svn update <Local Path>
```

Example:

```
svn update /root/configuration/
```

Check current revision of files:

```
svn info <Local Path>
```

Example:

```
svn info /root/configuration/
```



Note Use `svn --help` for a list of other commands.

Protocol

HTTP

Port

80

Accounts and Roles**CPS 7.0 and Higher Releases****Add User with Read Only Permission**

From the pcrfclient01 VM, run **adduser.sh** to create a new user.

```
/var/qps/bin/support/adduser.sh
```



Note This command can also be run from the Cluster Manager VM, but you must include the OAM (PCRFCLIENT) option:

```
/var/qps/bin/support/adduser.sh pcrfclient
```

Example:

```
[root@pcrfclient01 /]# /var/qps/bin/support/adduser.sh
Enter username: <username>
Enter group for the user: <any group>
Enter password:
Re-enter password:
```

Add User with Read/Write Permission

By default, the **adduser.sh** script creates a new user with read-only permissions. For read-write permission, you must assign the user to the **qns-svn** group and then run the **vm-init** command.

From the pcrfclient01 VM, run the **adduser.sh** script to create the new user.

Run the following command on both pcrfclient01 and pcrfclient02 VMs:

```
/etc/init.d/vm-init
```

You can now login and commit changes as the newly created user.

Change Password

From the pcrfclient01 VM, run the **change_passwd.sh** script to change the password of a user.

```
/var/qps/bin/support/change_passwd.sh
```

Example:

```
[root@pcrfclient01 /]# /var/qps/bin/support/change_passwd.sh
Enter username whose password needs to be changed: user1
Enter new password:
Re-enter new password:
```

CPS Versions Earlier than 7.0

Perform all of the following commands on both the `pcrfclient01` and `pcrfclient02` VMs.

Add User

Use the `htpasswd` utility to add a new user

```
htpasswd -mb /var/www/svn/.htpasswd <username> <password>
```

Example:

```
htpasswd -mb /var/www/svn/.htpasswd user1 password
```

In some versions, the password file is `/var/www/svn/password`

Provide Access

Update the user role file `/var/www/svn/users-access-file` and add the username under `admins` (for read/writer permissions) or `nonadmins` (for read-only permissions). For example:

```
[groups]
admins = broadhop
nonadmins = read-only, user1
[/]
@admin = rw
@nonadmins = r
```

Change Password

Use the `htpasswd` utility to change passwords.

```
htpasswd -mb /var/www/svn/.htpasswd <username> <password>
```

Example:

```
htpasswd -mb /var/www/svn/.htpasswd user1 password
```

TACACS+ Interface

Purpose

CPS 7.0 and above has been designed to leverage the Terminal Access Controller Access Control System Plus (TACACS+) to facilitate centralized management of users. Leveraging TACACS+, the system is able to provide system-wide authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) for the CPS system.

Further the system allows users to gain different entitlements based on user role. These can be centrally managed based on the attribute-value pairs (AVP) returned on TACACS+ authorization queries.

CLI Access

No CLI is provided.

Port

CPS communicates to the AAA backend using IP address/port combinations configured by the operator.

Account Management

Configuration is managed by the Cluster Management VM which deploys the `/etc/tacplus.conf` and various PAM configuration files to the application VMs. For more account management information, refer to [TACACS+ Service Requirements, on page 40](#).

For more information about TACACS+, refer to the following links:

- TACACS+ Protocol Draft: <http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-grant-tacacs-02>
- Portions of the solution reuse software from the open source `pam_tacplus` project hosted at: https://github.com/jeroennijhof/pam_tacplus

For information on CLI commands, refer to [Accessing the CPS CLI, on page 25](#).

Unified API

Purpose

Unified APIs are used to reference customer data table values.

URL and Port

HA: `https://<lbvip01>:8443/ua/soap`

AIO: `http://<ip>:8080/ua/soap`

Protocol

HTTPS/HTTP

Accounts and Roles

Currently there is no authorization for this API

Accessing the CPS CLI

`sudo` supports a plugin architecture for security policies and input/output logging. The default security policy is `sudoers`, which is configured via the file `/etc/sudoers`, contains the rules that users must follow when using the `sudo` command.

`sudo` allows a system administrator to delegate authority to give certain users (or groups of users) the ability to run some (or all) commands as root or another user while providing an audit trail of the commands and their arguments.

For example: `%adm ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: ALL`

This means that any user in the administrator group on any host may run any command as any user without a password. The first `ALL` refers to hosts, the second to target users, and the last to allowed commands.

When an authenticated user has one of the above group permissions, they can access the CPS CLI and run predefined commands available to that user role. A list of commands available after authentication can be viewed using the `sudo -l` command (`-l` for list), or any user with root privileges can use `sudo -l -U <qns-role>` to see the available command for a specific Policy Server (`qns`) role.

The `/etc/sudoers` file contains user specifications that define the commands that users may execute. When `sudo` is invoked, these specifications are checked in order, and the last match is used. A user specification looks like this at its most basic:

```
User Host = (Runas) Command
```

Read this as "User may run Command as the Runas user on Host". Any or all of the above may be the special keyword `ALL`, which always matches. User and Runas may be usernames, group names prefixed with `%`, numeric UIDs prefixed with `#`, or numeric GIDs prefixed with `%#`. Host may be a hostname, IP address, or a whole network (for example, `192.0.2.0/24`), but not `127.0.0.1`.

Group Identifiers

`gid`

The group identifier of the TACACS+ authenticated user on the VM nodes. This value should reflect the role assigned to a given user, based on the following values:

- `group id=500 (qns)`

The group identifier used by Policy Server (qns) user in application.

- `group id=501 (qns-su)`

This group identifier should be used for users that are entitled to attain superuser (or 'root') access on the CPS VM nodes.

- `group id=504 (qns-admin)`

This group identifier should be used for users that are entitled to perform administrative maintenance on the CPS VM nodes.



Note To execute administrative scripts from `qns-admin`, prefix the command with `sudo`. For example

```
sudo stopall.sh
```

- `group id=505 (qns-ro)`

This group identifier should be used for users that are entitled to read-only access to the CPS VM nodes.

When an authenticated user has one of the above group permissions, they can access the CPS CLI and run predefined commands available to that user role. A list of commands available after authentication can be viewed using the `sudo -l` command (`-l` for list), or any user with root privileges can use `sudo -l -U <qns-role>` to see the available command for a specific Policy Server (qns) role.

For more information, refer to <https://www.sudo.ws/intro.html>.

`home`

The user's home directory on the CPS VM nodes. To enable simpler management of these systems, the users should be configured with a pre-deployed shared home directory based on the role they are assigned with the `gid`.

- `home=/home/qns-su` should be used for users in the 'qns-su' group (`gid=501`)
- `home=/home/qns-admin` should be used for users in the 'qnsadmin' group (`gid=504`)

- `home=/home/qns-ro` should be used for users in the 'qns-ro' group (gid=505)

Multi-user Policy Builder

Multiple users can be logged into Policy Builder at the same time.

In the event that two users attempt to make changes on same screen and one user saves their changes to the client repository, the other user may receive errors. In such cases the user must return to the login page, revert the configuration, and repeat their changes.

This section covers the following topics:

- [Create Users, on page 27](#)
- [Revert Configuration, on page 27](#)

Create Users

Step 1 Log in to the Cluster Manager.

Step 2 Add a user to CPS by executing:

```
adduser.sh
```

Step 3 When prompted for the user's group, set 'qns-svn' for read-write permissions or 'qns-ro' for read-only permissions.

- To check if a user already exists, login in as root and enter `su username`.
- To check a user's 'groups', enter `groups username`.
- To change a user's password, use the `change_passwd.sh` command.

Refer to [CPS Commands](#) for more information about these commands.

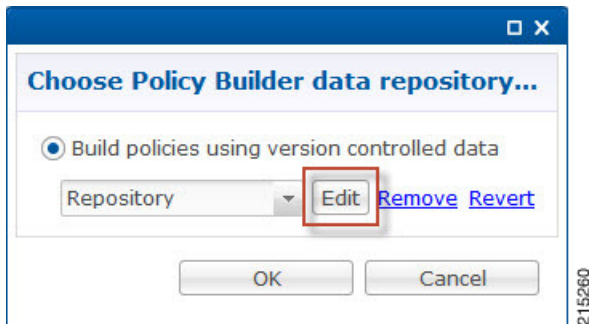
Revert Configuration

The user can revert the configuration if changes since the last publish/save to client repository are not wanted.

This can also be necessary in the case of a 'syn conflict' error where both `perclient01` and `perclient02` are in use at the same time by different users and publish/save to client repository changes to the same file. The effect of reverting changes is that all changes since the publish/save to client repository will be undone.

Step 1 On the Policy Builder login screen, verify the user for which changes need to be reverted is correct. This can be done by clicking **Edit** and verifying that the Username and Password fields are correct.

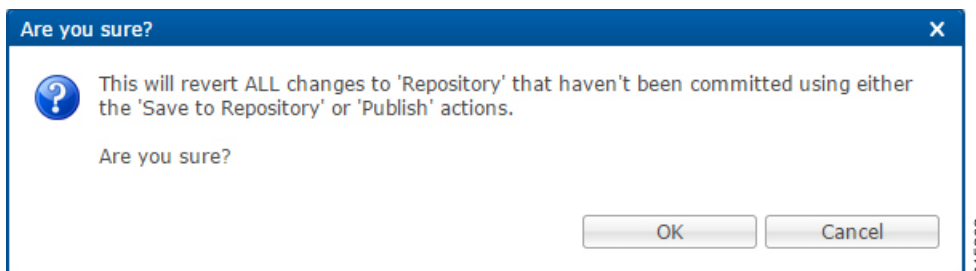
Figure 1: Verifying the User



Step 2 Click **Revert**.

The following confirmation dialog opens.

Figure 2: Revert Confirmation Message



Step 3 Click **OK** to revert back to the earlier configuration. The following dialog confirms that the changes are reverted successfully.

Figure 3: Success Confirmation Message



Publishing Data

This section describes publishing Cisco Policy Builder data to the Cisco Policy Server. Publishing data occurs in the Cisco Policy Builder client interface, but affects the Cisco Policy Server. Refer to the *CPS Mobile Configuration Guide* for steps to publish data to the server.

Cisco Policy Builder manages data stored in two areas:

- The Client Repository stores data captured from the Policy Builder GUI in Subversion. This is a place where trial configurations can be developed and saved without affecting the operation of the Cisco Policy Builder server data.

The default URL is `http://pcrfclient01/repos/configuration`.

- The Server Repository is where a copy of the client repository is created/updated and where the CPS picks up changes. This is done on Publish from Policy Builder.



Note Publishing will also do a Save to Client Repository to ensure the Policy Builder and Server configurations are not out of sync.

The default URL is `http://pcrfclient01/repos/run`.

Control Center Access

After the installation is complete, you need to configure the Control Center access. This is designed to give the customer a customized Control Center username.

Add a Control Center User

Step 1 Login to the Cluster Manager VM.

Step 2 Execute the following script to add a Control Center user.

```
/var/qps/bin/support/adduser.sh
```

Note To add a user with 'read/write' access to Control Center, their group should be 'qns'. To add a user with 'read' access to Control Center, their group should be 'qns-ro'.

Example:

```
/var/qps/bin/support/adduser.sh
Enter username: username
Enter group for the user: groupname
Enter password: password
Re-enter password: password
```

This example adds *username* to all the VMs in the cluster.

Update Control Center Mapping

This section describes updating Control Center mapping of read-write/read-only to user groups (Default: qns and qns-ro respectively).

Step 1 Login to the Cluster Manager VM.

Step 2 Update `/etc/broadhop/authentication-provider.xml` to include the group mapping for the group you want to use.

Note Make sure that this group exists on at least the Policy Server (QNS) VMs or adding users will fail due to no group available (there should be an entry in `/etc/group`).

In the following example, the 'test' group has been added as an read-write mapping for Control Center - updated line in bold:

```
<beans:beans xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/security"
  xmlns:beans="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans
classpath:/org/springframework/beans/factory/xml/spring-beans-3.0.xsd
  http://www.springframework.org/schema/security
classpath:/org/springframework/security/config/spring-security-3.0.xsd">
<beans:bean id="authenticationProvider"
class="com.broadhop.ui.security.server.pam.PamAuthenticationProvider">
  <!-- change the key value to be the customer's role that maps to the cisco role. -->
  <beans:property name="roleMap">
    <beans:map>
      <beans:entry key="qns" value="ROLE_SUMADMIN" />
      <beans:entry key="test" value="ROLE_SUMADMIN" />
      <beans:entry key="qns-ro" value="ROLE_READONLY" />
    </beans:map>
  </beans:property>
</beans:bean>

<authentication-manager>
  <authentication-provider ref="authenticationProvider" />
</authentication-manager>

</beans:beans>
```

Step 3 Run `synconfig.sh` to put this file on all VMs.

Step 4 Restart the CPS system, so that the changes done above are reflected in the VMs:

```
restartall.sh
```

To add a new user to Control Center and specify the group you have specified in the configuration file above, refer to [Add a Control Center User](#), on page 29.

Multiple Concurrent User Sessions

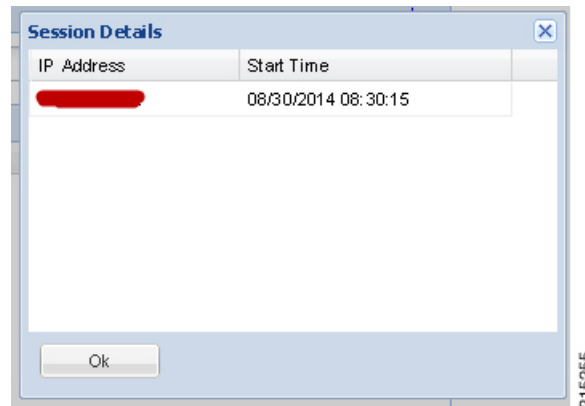
CPS Control Center supports session limits per user. If the user exceeds the configured session limit, they are not allowed to log in. CPS also provides notifications to the user when other users are already logged in.

When a user logs in to Control Center, a Welcome message displays at the top of the screen. A session counter is shown next to the username. This represents the number of login sessions for this user. In the following example, this user is logged in only once ([1]).

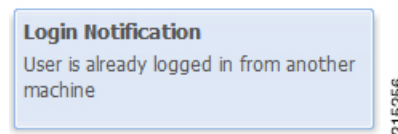
Figure 4: Welcome Message



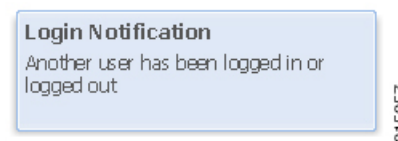
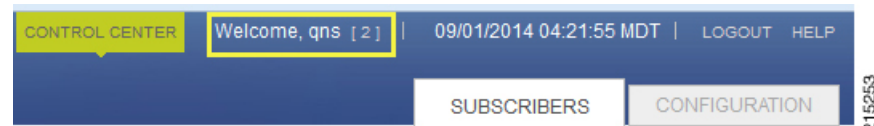
The user can click the session counter ([1]) link to view details for the session(s), as shown below.

Figure 5: Viewing Session Details

When another user is already logged in with the same username, a notification displays for the second user in the bottom right corner of the screen, as shown below.

Figure 6: Login Notification for a Second User

The first user also receives a notification, as shown, and the session counter is updated to [2].

Figure 7: Login Notification for First User**Figure 8: Indication of Two Users with Same Username**

These notifications are not displayed in real time; CPS updates this status every 30 seconds.

Configure Session Limit

The session limit can be configured by the runtime argument, which can be configured in the qns.conf file.

-Dcc.user.session.limit=3 (default value is 5)

Configure Session Timeout

The default session timeout can be changed by editing the following file on the Policy Server (QNS) instance:

```
./opt/broadhop/qns-1/plugins/com.broadhop.ui_3.5.0.release/war/WEB-INF/web.xml

<!-- timeout after 15 mins of inactivity -->
<session-config>
<session-timeout>15</session-timeout>
  <cookie-config>
<http-only>true</http-only>
</cookie-config>
</session-config>
```



Note The same timeout value must be entered on all Policy Server (QNS) instances.

When the number of sessions of the user exceeds the session limit, the user is not allowed to log in and receives the message “Max session limit per user exceed!”

Welcome to Control Center. Please login.
Max session limit per user exceed!

USERNAME:

PASSWORD:

215252

Important Notes

If a user does not log out and then closes their browser, the session remains alive on the server until the session times out. When the session timeout occurs, the session is deleted from the memcached server. The default session timeout is 15 minutes. This is the idle time after which the session is automatically deleted.

When a Policy Server (QNS) instance is restarted, all user/session details are cleared.

When the memcached server is restarted without also restarting the Policy Server (QNS) instance, all http sessions on the Policy Server (QNS) instance are invalidated. In this case the user is asked to log in again and after that, the new session is created.

Enabling Authentication and Authorization for CRD API

Update the HAProxy configuration to enable authentication and authorization mechanism in the CRD API module.

There are two options to include a username and password in an API request:

1. Include the username and password directly in the request as shown:

```
https://<username>:<password>@<lbvip02>:8443/custrefdata/_checksum
```

2. Add an authentication header to the request as shown:

```
Authorization: Basic <base64 encoded value of username:password>
```


Step 1 Back up the `/etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg` file before making modifications in the following steps.

Step 2 Edit `/etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg` on `lb01/lb02` and add a `userlist` with at least one username and password.

Use the following syntax:

```
userlist <userlist name>
user <username1> password <encrypted password>
```

For example:

```
userlist cps_user_list
user readonly password
$6$xRtThhVpS0w4l0oS$pyEM6VYpVaUAx00Pjb6lZ5eZrmeAUUdCMF7D75BXKbs4dhNCbXjgChVE0ckfLDp4T2CsUzzNkoqLRdn7RbAAU1
user apiuser password
$6$xRtThhVpS0w4l0oS$pyEM6VYpVaUAx00Pjb6lZ5eZrmeAUUdCMF7D75BXKbs4dhNCbXjgChVE0ckfLDp4T2CsUzzNkoqLRdn7RbAAU1
```

Run the following command to generate an encrypted password:

```
/sbin/grub-crypt --sha-512
```

For example:

```
[root@host ~]# /sbin/grub-crypt --sha-512
Password:
Retype password:
<encrypted password output>
```

Step 3 Add the following line in `frontend https-api` to enable Authentication and Authorization for CRD REST API and create a new backend server as `crd_api_servers` to intercept CRD REST API requests:

```
mode http
acl crd_api path_beg -i /custrefdata/
use_backend crd_api_servers if crd_api

backend crd_api_servers
mode http
balance roundrobin
option httpclose
option abortonclose
server qns01_A qns01:8080 check inter 30s
server qns02_A qns02:8080 check inter 30s
```

Step 4 Update `frontend https_all_servers` by replacing `api_servers` with `crd_api_servers` for CRD API as follows:

```
acl crd_api path_beg -i /custrefdata/
use_backend crd_api_servers if crd_api
```

Step 5 To enable the authentication, edit `/etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg` on `lb01/lb02` and add the following lines in the `backend crd_api_servers`:

```
acl validateAuth http_auth(<userlist_name>)
http-request auth unless validateAuth
```

Map the `userlist` created in *Step 2* with the `acl` as follows:

```
acl validateAuth http_auth(<userlist name>)
```

Step 6 To enable the authorization, add at least one group with the user in `userlist` created in *Step 2* as follows:

```
group qns-ro users readonly
```

For example:

```
userlist cps_user_list
group qns-ro users readonly
user readonly password
$6$xRtThhVpS0w4lOoS$pyEM6VYpVaUAx00Pjb61Z5eZrmeAUUdCMF7D75BXKbs4dhNCbXjgChVE0ckfLDp4T2CsUzzNkoqLRdn7RbAAU1
user apiuser password
$6$xRtThhVpS0w4lOoS$pyEM6VYpVaUAx00Pjb61Z5eZrmeAUUdCMF7D75BXKbs4dhNCbXjgChVE0ckfLDp4T2CsUzzNkoqLRdn7RbAAU1
```

Step 7 Add the following in the backend `crd_api_servers` to set read-only permission (GET HTTP operation) for group of users:

```
acl authoriseUsers http_auth_group(<user-list-name>) <group-name>
http-request deny if !METH_GET authoriseUsers
```

Map the group created in *Step 6* with the acl in the following line:

```
acl authorizeUsers http_auth_group(<userlist name>) <group-name>
```

Example:

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```
userlist cps_user_list
  group qns-ro users readonly

  user readonly password $6$xRtThhVpS0w4lOoS$pyEM6VYpVaUAx00Pjb61Z5eZrme
AUUdCMF7D75BXKbs4dhNCbXjgChVE0ckfLDp4T2CsUzzNkoqLRdn7RbAAU1
  user apiuser password $6$xRtThhVpS0w4lOoS$pyEM6VYpVaUAx00Pjb61Z5eZrme
AUUdCMF7D75BXKbs4dhNCbXjgChVE0ckfLDp4T2CsUzzNkoqLRdn7RbAAU1
```

```
frontend https-api
description API
bind lbvip01:8443 ssl crt /etc/ssl/certs/quantum.pem
```

mode http

```
acl crd_api path_beg -i /custrefdata/
use_backend crd_api_servers if crd_api
default_backend api_servers
reqadd X-Forwarded-Proto:\ https if { ssl_fc }
frontend https_all_servers
description Unified API,CC,PB,Grafana,CRD-API,PB-API
bind lbvip01:443 ssl crt /etc/ssl/certs/quantum.pem no-sslv3 no-tlsv10
ciphers ECDH+AESGCM:DH+AESGCM:ECDH+AES256:DH+AES256:ECDH+AES128:DH+AES:RSA+AESGCM:RSA+AES:!
aNULL:!eNULL:!LOW:! 3DES:!MD5:!EXP:!PSK:!SRP:!DSS
mode http
acl crd_api path_beg -i /custrefdata/
use_backend crd_api_servers if crd_api
backend crd_api_servers
  mode http
  balance roundrobin
  option httpclose
  option abortonclose
  server qns01_A qns01:8080 check inter 30s
  server qns02_A qns02:8080 check inter 30s
  acl validateAuth http_auth(cps_user_list)
  acl authoriseUsers http_auth_group(cps_user_list) qns-ro
```

```
http-request auth unless validateAuth
http-request deny if !METH_GET authoriseUsers
```

Note The haproxy.cfg file is generated by the Puppet tool. Any manual changes to the file in lb01/lb02 would be reverted if the puppet or vm-init scripts are run.

Unified API Security: Access Privileges

By default, the CPS Unified API does not require username and password authentication. To enable authentication, refer to [Enable Authentication for Unified API, on page 35](#).

There are two options to include a username and password in an API request:

- Include the username and password directly in the request. For example:

```
https://<username>:<password>@<lbvip02>:8443/ua/soap
```

- Add an authentication header to the request:

```
Authorization: Basic <base64 encoded value of username:password>
```

For example:

```
wget -d -O - --header="Authorization: Basic cG9ydGFjbnZyMwo="
https://lbvip02:8443/ua/soap/keepalive
```

Enable Authentication for Unified API

HAProxy is used to secure and balance calls to the CPS Unified API.

Step 1 Back up the /etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg file before making modifications in the following steps.

Step 2 Edit /etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg on lb01/lb02 and add a userlist with at least one username and password.

Use the following syntax:

```
userlist <userlist name>
user <username1> password <encrypted password>
user <username2> insecure-password <plain text password>
```

For example:

```
userlist L1
user apiuser password $6$eC8mFOWMcRnQo7FQ$C053tv5T2mPlmGAta0ukH87MpK9aLPtWgCEK
```

Step 3 Run the following command to generate an encrypted password:

```
/sbin/grub-crypt --sha-512
```

For example:

```
[root@host ~]# /sbin/grub-crypt --sha-512
Password:
Retype password:
<encrypted password output>
```

Step 4 Edit `/etc/haproxy/haproxy.cfg` on `lb01/lb02` to configure HAProxy to require authentication. Add the following 4 lines to the `haproxy.cfg` file:

```
acl validateAuth http_auth(<userlist_name>)
acl unifiedAPI path_beg -i /ua/soap
http-request allow if !unifiedAPI
http-request auth unless validateAuth
```

The userlist created in *Step 2* needs to be mapped with the acl in the following line:

```
acl validateAuth http_auth(<userlist name>)
```

For example:

```
frontend https-api
description Unified API
bind lbvip01:8443 ssl crt /etc/ssl/certs/quantum.pem
default_backend api_servers
reqadd X-Forwarded-Proto:\ https if { ssl_fc }
backend api_servers
mode http
balance roundrobin
option httpclose
option abortonclose
option httpchk GET /ua/soap/keepalive
server qns01_A qns01:8080 check inter 30s
server qns02_A qns02:8080 check inter 30s
server qns03_A qns03:8080 check inter 30s
server qns04_A qns04:8080 check inter 30s
acl validateAuth http_auth(L1)
```

```
acl unifiedAPI path_beg -i /ua/soap
http-request allow if !unifiedAPI
http-request auth unless validateAuth
```

The configuration above applies authentication on context `/ua/soap`, which is the URL path of the Unified API.

Note The `haproxy.cfg` file is generated by the Puppet tool. Any manual changes to the file in `lb01/lb02` would be reverted if the `update` or `vm-init` scripts are run.

WSDL and Schema Documentation

In order to access the Unified API WSDL while using authentication change the following line:

```
acl unifiedAPI path_beg -i /ua/soap
```

to

```
acl unifiedAPI path_beg -i /ua/.
```

The default address for the WSDL is `https://<lbvip01>:8443/ua/wsd/UnifiedApi.wsd`

The Unified API contains full documentation in an html format that is compatible with all major browsers.

The default address is `https://<HA-server-IP>:8443/ua/wsd/UnifiedApi.xsd`



Note Run the `about.sh` command from the Cluster Manager to display the actual addresses as configured in your deployment.

Enabling Unified API Access on HTTP Port 8080

CPS 7.x onward uses HTTPS on port 8443 for Unified API access. To enable HTTP support (like pre-7.0) on port 8080, perform the following steps:



Note Make sure to open port 8080 if firewall is used on the setup.

Step 1 Create the following directories (ignore File exists error), on Cluster Manager:

```
/bin/mkdir -p /var/qps/env_config/modules/custom/templates/etc/haproxy
/bin/mkdir -p /var/qps/env_config/modules/custom/templates/etc/monit.d
/bin/mkdir -p /var/qps/env_config/nodes
```

Step 2 Create the file

`/var/qps/env_config/modules/custom/templates/etc/haproxy/haproxy-soaphttp.erb` with the following contents on Cluster Manager:

- Change XXXX with the Unified API interface hostname or IP
- In this example, we are adding 10 Policy Servers (QNS). You can add/remove the number of Policy Servers (QNS) depending on your network requirements.

```
global
  daemon
  nbproc      1          # number of processing cores
  stats socket /tmp/haproxy-soaphttp
defaults
  timeout client      60000ms      # maximum inactivity time on the client side
  timeout server      180000ms     # maximum inactivity time on the server side
  timeout connect     60000ms      # maximum time to wait for a connection attempt to a server to
  succeed
log
  log          127.0.0.1          local1 err
listen pcrf_proxy XXXX:8080 ----- > where, XXXX, is Unified API interface hostname or IP
  mode http
  balance roundrobin
  option httpclose
  option abortonclose
  option httpchk GET /ua/soap/KeepAlive
  server qns01_A qns01:8080 check inter 30s
  server qns02_A qns02:8080 check inter 30s
  server qns03_A qns03:8080 check inter 30s
  server qns04_A qns04:8080 check inter 30s
  server qns05_A qns05:8080 check inter 30s
  server qns06_A qns06:8080 check inter 30s
  server qns07_A qns07:8080 check inter 30s
  server qns08_A qns08:8080 check inter 30s
  server qns09_A qns09:8080 check inter 30s
  server qns10_A qns10:8080 check inter 30s
```

Step 3 Create the file `/var/qps/env_config/modules/custom/templates/etc/monit.d/haproxy-soaphttp` with the following contents on Cluster Manager:

```
check process haproxy-soaphttp with pidfile /var/run/haproxy-soaphttp.pid
start = "/usr/bin/systemctl start haproxy-soaphttp"
stop = "/usr/bin/systemctl stop haproxy-soaphttp"
```

Step 4 Create or modify the `/var/qps/env_config/nodes/lb.yaml` file with the following contents on Cluster Manager:

If the file exists then just add `custom::soap_http`:

```
classes:
  qps::roles::lb:
  custom::soap_http:
```

Step 5 Create the file `/var/qps/env_config/modules/custom/manifests/soap_http.pp` with the following contents on Cluster Manager.

Change `ethX` with the Unified API IP interface like `eth0/eth1/eth2`.

```
class custom::soap_http(
  $haproxytype = "-soaphttp",
)
{
  service { "haproxy-soaphttp":
    enable => false,
    require => [Package [ "haproxy" ], File ["/etc/haproxy/haproxy-soaphttp.cfg"],
    File ["/etc/init.d/haproxy-soaphttp"], Exec ["sysctl_refresh"]],
  }
  file { "/etc/init.d/haproxy-soaphttp":
    owner => "root",
    group => "root",
    content => template('qps/etc/init.d/haproxy'),
    require => Package [ "haproxy" ],
    notify => Service['haproxy-soaphttp'],
    mode => 0744
  }
  file { "/etc/haproxy/haproxy-soaphttp.cfg":
    owner => "root",
    group => "root",
    content => template('custom/etc/haproxy/haproxy-soaphttp.erb'),
    require => Package [ "haproxy" ],
    notify => Service['haproxy-soaphttp'],
  }
  file { "/etc/monit.d/haproxy-soaphttp":
    content => template("custom/etc/monit.d/haproxy-soaphttp"),
    notify => Service["monit"],
  }
  exec { "remove ckconfig for haproxy-soaphttp":
    command => "/sbin/chkconfig --del haproxy-soaphttp",
    require => [Service['haproxy-soaphttp']],
  }
  firewall { '100 allow soap http':
    port => 8080,
    iniface => "ethX",
    proto => tcp,
    action => accept,
  }
}
```

Step 6 Validate the syntax of your newly created Puppet script on Cluster Manager:

```
/usr/bin/puppet parser validate /var/qps/env_config/modules/custom/manifests/soap_http.pp
```

Step 7 Rebuild your Environment Configuration on Cluster Manager:

```
/var/qps/install/current/scripts/build/build_env_config.sh
```

Step 8 Reinitialize your lb01/02 environments on Cluster Manager:

The following commands will take few minutes to complete.

```
ssh lb01 /etc/init.d/vm-init
ssh lb02 /etc/init.d/vm-init
```

Step 9 Validate SOAP request on http:

a) Verify the haproxy services are running on lb01 and lb02 by executing the commands on Cluster Manager:

```
ssh lb01 monit summary | grep haproxy-soaphttp
Process 'haproxy-soaphttp'           Running
ssh lb01 service haproxy-soaphttp status
haproxy (pid 11061) is running...
ssh lb02 monit summary | grep haproxy-soaphttp
Process 'haproxy-soaphttp'           Running
ssh lb02 service haproxy-soaphttp status
haproxy (pid 13458) is running...
```

b) Verify the following URLs are accessible:

```
Unified API WSDL: http://<IP address>:8080/ua/wsd/UnifiedApi.wsdl
Unified API XSD: http://<IP address>:8080/ua/wsd/UnifiedApi.xsd
```

where, *<IP address>* is the IP address set in [Step 2, on page 37](#).

TACACS+

This section covers the following topics:

- [Overview, on page 39](#)
- [TACACS+ Service Requirements, on page 40](#)
- [Caching of TACACS+ Users, on page 41](#)

Overview

Cisco Policy Suite (CPS) is built around a distributed system that runs on a large number of virtualized nodes. Previous versions of the CPS software allowed operators to add custom accounts to each of these virtual machines (VM), but management of these disparate systems introduced a large amount of administrative overhead.

CPS has been designed to leverage the Terminal Access Controller Access Control System Plus (TACACS+) to facilitate centralized management of users. Leveraging TACACS+, the system is able to provide system-wide authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) for the CPS system.

Further the system allows users to gain different entitlements based on user role. These can be centrally managed based on the attribute-value pairs (AVP) returned on TACACS+ authorization queries.

TACACS+ Service Requirements

To provide sufficient information for the Linux-based operating system running on the VM nodes, there are several attribute-value pairs (AVP) that must be associated with the user on the ACS server used by the deployment. User records on Unix-like systems need to have a valid “passwd” record for the system to operate correctly. Several of these fields can be inferred during the time of user authentication, but the remaining fields must be provided by the ACS server.

A standard “passwd” entry on a Unix-like system takes the following form:

```
<username>:<password>:<uid>:<gid>:<gecos>:<home>:<shell>
```

When authenticating the user via TACACS+, the software can assume values for the username, password, and geocos fields, but the others must be provided by the ACS server. To facilitate this need, the system depends on the ACS server provided these AVP when responding to a TACACS+ Authorization query for a given username:

- uid

A unique integer value greater than or equal to 501 that serves as the numeric user identifier for the TACACS+ authenticated user on the VM nodes. It is outside the scope of the CPS software to ensure uniqueness of these values.

- gid

The group identifier of the TACACS+ authenticated user on the VM nodes. This value should reflect the role assigned to a given user, based on the following values:

- gid=501 (qns-su)

This group identifier should be used for users that are entitled to attain superuser (or 'root') access on the CPS VM nodes.

- gid=504 (qns-admin)

This group identifier should be used for users that are entitled to perform administrative maintenance on the CPS VM nodes.



Note For stopping/starting the Policy Server (QNS) process on node, the qns-admin user should use `monit`:

For example,

```
sudo monit stop qns-1
sudo monit start qns-1
```

- gid=505 (qns-ro)

This group identifier should be used for users that are entitled to read-only access to the CPS VM nodes.

- home

The user's home directory on the CPS VM nodes. To enable simpler management of these systems, the users should be configured with a pre-deployed shared home directory based on the role they are assigned with the gid.

- `home=/home/qns-su` should be used for users in the `qns-su` group (gid=501)
- `home=/home/qns-admin` should be used for users in the `qnsadmin` group (gid=504)
- `home=/home/qns-ro` should be used for users in the `qns-ro` group (gid=505)

- shell

The system-level login shell of the user. This can be any of the installed shells on the CPS VM nodes, which can be determined by reviewing the contents of `/etc/shells` on one of the CPS VM nodes. Typically, this set of shells is available in a CPS deployment:

- `/bin/sh`
- `/bin/bash`
- `/sbin/nologin`
- `/bin/dash`
- `/usr/bin/sudosh`

The `/usr/bin/sudosh` shell can be used to audit user's activity on the system.

Caching of TACACS+ Users

The user environment of the Linux-based VMs needs to be able to lookup a user's `passwd` entry via different columns in that record at different times. The TACACS+ NSS module provided as part of the CPS solution however is only able to query the Access Control Server (ACS) for this data using the `username`. For this reason the system relies upon the Name Service Cache Daemon (NSCD) to provide this facility locally after a user has been authorized to use a service of the ACS server.

More details on the operations of NSCD can be found by referring to online help for the software (`nscd --help`) or in its man page (`nscd(8)`). Within the CPS solution it provides a capability for the system to lookup a user's `passwd` entry via their `uid` as well as by their `username`.

To avoid cache coherence issues with the data provided by the ACS server the NSCD package has a mechanism for expiring cached information.

The default NSCD package configuration on the CPS VM nodes has the following characteristics:

- Valid responses from the ACS server are cached for 600 seconds (10 minutes)
- Invalid responses from the ACS server (user unknown) are cached for 20 seconds
- Cached valid responses are reloaded from the ACS server 5 times before the entry is completely removed from the running set -- approximately 3000 seconds (50 minutes)
- The cache are persisted locally so it survives restart of the NSCD process or the server

It is possible for an operator to explicitly expire the cache from the command line. To do so the administrator need to get the shell access to the target VM and execute the following command as a root user:

```
# nscd -i passwd
```

The above command will invalidate all entries in the `passwd` cache and force the VM to consult with the ACS server for future queries.

There may be some unexpected behaviors of the user environment for TACACS+ authenticated users connected to the system when their cache entries are removed from NSCD. This can be corrected by the user by logging out of the system and logging back into it or by issuing the following command, which forces the system to query the ACS server:

```
# id -a "$USER"
```

Reading Log Files

Only `qns-ro` and `qns-admin` users are allowed to view log files at specific paths according to their role and maintenance requirement. Access to logs are allowed only using the following paths:

- `/var/log/`
- `/var/log/broadhop/scripts/`
- `/var/log/httpd`
- `/var/log/redis`
- `/var/log/broadhop`

Commands such as `cat`, `less`, `more`, and `find` cannot be executed using `sudo` in CPS 10.0.0 or higher releases.

To read any file, execute the following script using `sudo`:

```
$ sudo /var/qps/bin/support/logReader.py -r h -n 2 -f /var/log/puppet.log
```

where,

- `-r`: Corresponds to `tail (t)`, `tailf (tf)`, and `head (h)` respectively
- `-n`: Determines number of lines to be read. It works with the `-r` option. This is an optional parameter.
- `-f`: Determines the complete file path to be read.



Note

- Non-root users cannot view the `sudo` logs.
- Support to read gunzipped files is also available.

CRD APIs

You use Custom Reference Data (CRD) APIs to query, create, delete, and update CRD table data without the need to utilize the Control Center interface. The CRD APIs are available via a REST interface.

Limitations

These APIs allow maintenance of the actual data rows in the table. They do not allow the creation of new tables or the addition of new columns. Table creation and changes to the table structure must be completed via the Policy Builder application.

Table names must be all in lowercase alphanumeric to utilize these APIs. Neither spaces nor special characters are allowed in the table name.

- Table names containing uppercase characters will return code 400 Bad Request.
- Spaces in the name are also not allowed and will be flagged as an error in Policy Builder.
- Special characters even when escaped or encoded in ASCII cause problems with the APIs and should not be used.

Setup Requirements

Policy Server

The feature `com.broadhop.custrefdata.service.feature` needs to be installed on the Policy Server.

In a High Availability (HA)/Distributed CPS deployment, this feature should be installed on the QNS0x nodes.

Policy Builder

The feature `com.broadhop.client.feature.custrefdata` needs to be installed in Policy Builder.

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- Step 1** Login into Policy Builder.
- Step 2** Select **Reference Data** tab.
- Step 3** From the left pane, select **Systems**.
- Step 4** Select and expand your system name.
- Step 5** Select **Plugin Configurations** (or a sub cluster or instance), a Custom Reference Data Configuration plugin configuration is defined.

The following parameters can be configured under **Custom Reference Data Configuration**:

Table 5: Custom Reference Data Configuration

| Parameter | Description |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Primary Database IP Address | IP address of the primary sessionmgr database. |
| Secondary Database IP Address | Optional, this field is the IP address of a secondary, backup, or failover sessionmgr database. |
| Database Port | Port number of the sessionmgr. It should be the same for both the primary and secondary databases. |

| Parameter | Description |
|---------------------|--|
| Db Read Preference | <p>Read preference describes how sessionmgr clients route read operations to members of a replica set. You can select from the following drop-down list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary: Default mode. All operations read from the current replica set primary. • PrimaryPreferred: In most situations, operations read from the primary but if it is unavailable, operations read from secondary members. • Secondary: All operations read from the secondary members of the replica set. • SecondaryPreferred: In most situations, operations read from secondary members but if no secondary members are available, operations read from the primary. <p>For more information, refer to http://docs.mongodb.org/manual/core/read-preference/.</p> |
| Connection Per Host | <p>Number of connections that are allowed per database host.</p> <p>Default value is 100.</p> |

Step 6 In Reference Data tab > Custom Reference Data Tables, at least one Custom Reference Data Table must be defined.

Figure 9: Custom Reference Data Table

Custom Reference Data Table

***Name** **Display Name** Cache Results **Activation Condition**

***Columns**

| *Name | Display Name | *Use In Conditions | *Type | Key | Required |
|--------|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| key1 | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Text | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| field1 | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Text | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| field2 | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Text | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Column Details

Valid Values
The values allowed in Control Center for this column

All
 List of Valid Values

| *Name | Display Name |
|-------|--------------|
| | |

Valid values pulled from another table's column (key)

Actions

Copy:

Validation
Validation used by Control Center

Regular Expression

Regular Expression Description

Runtime Binding
Which rows match when a message is received

None
 Bind to Subscriber AVP code
 Bind to Session/Policy State Field
 Bind to a result column from another table
 Bind to Diameter request AVP code

Matching Operator
eq

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The following parameters can be configured under Custom Reference Data Table:

Table 6: Custom Reference Data Table Parameters

| Parameter | Description |
|----------------------|---|
| Name | This is the name of the table that will be stored in the database. It should start with alphanumeric characters, should be lowercase OR uppercase but not MixedCase, and should not start with numbers, no special characters are allowed, use “_” to separate words. For example, logical_apn = GOOD, logicalAPN = BAD, no_spaces. For more information, refer to Limitations, on page 42 . |
| Display Name | This is the name of the table that will be displayed in Control Center. |
| Cache Results | This indicates whether the tables should be cached in memory. This should be checked for production. For more information, refer to Caching, on page 48 . |
| Activation Condition | This is the Custom Reference Data Trigger which needs to be true before evaluating this table. This can be used to have multiple tables create the same data depending on conditions or to improve performance if tables don't need to be evaluated based on an initial condition(s). |
| Best Match | If checked, this allows '*' to be used in the values of the data and the best matching row is returned. |
| Evaluation Order | This indicates the order the tables within the search table group should be evaluated. Starting with 0 and increasing. |

| Parameter | Description |
|--------------|--|
| Columns | <p>Columns correspond to the 'schema' for each column we're creating for this Custom Reference Data table.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name: The name of the column in the database. • Display Name: A more readable display name. • Use In Conditions: This represents whether this row will be available for conditions in Policies or Use Case Templates. There is a performance cost to having these checked, so we recommend to uncheck unless they are required. Default value is checked (true). • Type: the type determines what values will be allowed when creating them in control center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text: The value is allowed to be any characters. For example, example123!. • Number: The value is allowed to be any whole number. For example, 1234. • Decimal: The value is allowed to be any number (including decimals). For example, 1.234. • True/False: The value needs to be 'true' or 'false'. For example, true. • Date: The value is a date without a time component (May 17th, 2020). • DateTime: The value is a date + time (May 17th, 2020 5:00pm). • Key: This indicates that this column is all or part of the 'key' for the table that makes this row unique. By default, a key is required. Keys also are allowed set the Runtime Binding fields to populate this data from the current message/session. Typically, keys are bound to data from the current session (APN, RAT Type) and other values are derived from them. Keys can also be set to a value derived from another Custom Reference Data table. • Required: This indicates whether this field will be marked required in Control Center. A key is always required. |
| Valid Values | <p>These are the valid values which will be allowed in Control Center (creates a list box).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of Valid Values: A list of name/display name pairs which will be used to create the list. Valid values can also contain a 'name' which will be the actual value of the column and a display value which allows Control Center to display an easier to use name. • Valid Values pulled from another Table: This allows initializing the list based on another Custom Reference Data table. The 'name' value will be pulled from another table. There is no way to customize a 'display' name in this manner. |

| Parameter | Description |
|-----------------|---|
| Validation | <p>The validation set here will be checked by Control Center before allowing a row to be added.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Expression: This is the Java regular expression that will be run on the proposed new cell value to validate it as described in http://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/util/regex/Pattern.html. • Regular Expression Description: This is a message to the user indicating what the regular expression is trying to check. |
| Runtime Binding | <p>Runtime binding is how key column data gets filled out ('bound') from data in the current session. There are multiple ways to bind this data and it is also possible to set an operator to define what should match (equals, less than, etc).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bind to Subscriber AVP Code: This pulls the value from an AVP on the subscriber. It will also pull values from a session AVP or a Policy Derived AVP. • Bind to Session/Policy State Field: This pulls the value from a Policy State Data Retriever which knows how to retrieve a single value for a session • Bind to a Result Column from another Table: This allows the key to be filled out from a columns value from another table. This allows 'normalizing' the table structure and not having on giant table with a lot of duplicated values. • Bind to Diameter Request AVP code: This allows the key be filled out from an AVP on the Diameter request. • Matching Operator: This allows the row to be 'matched' in other ways than having the value be 'equals'. Default value is equals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eq: Equal • ne: Not Equal • gt: Greater than • gte: Greater than or equal • lt: Less than • lte: Less than or equal |

Architecture

MongoDB

The MongoDB database containing the CRD tables and the data is located in the MongoDB instance specified in the CRD plugin configuration.

The database is named `cust_ref_data`.

Two system collections exist in that database and do not actually contain CRD data:

- `system.indexes` — used by MongoDB. These are indices set on the database.
- `crdversion` — contains a document indicating the version of all the CRD tables you have defined. The version field increments by 1 every time you make a change or add data to any of your CRD tables.

A collection is created for each CRD table defined in Policy Builder.

- This collection contains a document for each row you define in the CRD table.
- Each document contains a field for each column you define in the CRD table.
- The field contains the value specified for the column for that row in the table.
- Additionally, there is a `_id` field which contains the internal key used by MongoDB and `_version` which is used by CPS to provide optimistic locking protection, essentially to avoid two threads overwriting the other's update, on the document.

An example is shown below:

Figure 10: CRD Table in Policy Builder

```
MongoDB shell version: 2.4.10
connecting to: test
> show dbs
balance_mgst 0.203125GB
cust_ref_data 0.203125GB
local 0.078125GB
policy_trace 1.203125GB
portal 0.203125GB
radius 0.203125GB
session_cache 0.203125GB
sharding 0.203125GB
spr 0.203125GB
> use cust_ref_data
switched to db cust_ref_data
> show collections
crdversion
system.indexes
test
> db.test.find()
{ "_id" : ObjectId("53e63469a074572ba1b5e1bd"), "_version" : 1, "field2" : "field2example1", "key1" : "key1example1", "field1" : "field1example1" }
{ "_id" : ObjectId("53e634a9a074572ba1b5e1be"), "_version" : 1, "field2" : "field2example2", "key1" : "key1example2", "field1" : "field1example2" }
{ "_id" : ObjectId("53e64be2a074572ba1b5e1bf"), "_version" : 1, "field2" : "testee", "key1" : "Platinum", "field1" : "1004" }
```

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Caching

Setting the Cache Results to true (checked) is the default and recommended settings in most cases as it yields the best performance. Use of the cached copy also removes the dependency on the availability of the CRD database, so if there is an outage or performance issue, policy decisions utilizing the CRD data won't be impacted.

The cached copy of the table is refreshed on CPS restart and whenever the API writes a change to the CRD table, otherwise the cached copy is used and the database is not accessed.

API Endpoints and Examples

The URL used to access the CRD API are different depending on the type of deployment (High Availability or All-in-One):

High Availability (HA): `https://<lbvip01>:8443/custrefdata/<tablename>/_<operation>`

All-In-One (AIO): `http://<ip>:8080/custrefdata/<tablename>/_<operation>`

The examples in the following sections refer to the HA URL.

Query API

Purpose

Returns all rows currently defined in the specified table.

HTTP Operation Type

GET

Example URL

`https://<lbvip01>:8443/custrefdata/test/_query`

Example URL with Filtering

`https://<lbvip01>:8443/custrefdata/test/_query?key1=Platinum`

Payload

None, although parameters can be specified on the URL for filtering.

Response

Success returns code 200 Ok; XML indicating rows defined is returned. If there are no records in the table, 200 Ok is returned with empty rows in it.

If the table does not exist, code 400 Bad Request is returned.

Example Response without Filtering

```
<rows>
  <row>
    <field code="field1" value="1004"/>
    <field code="field2" value="testee"/>
    <field code="key1" value="Platinum"/>
  </row>
  <row>
    <field code="field1" value="1004"/>
    <field code="field2" value="testee"/>
    <field code="key1" value="Platinum99"/>
  </row>
  <row>
    <field code="field1" value="field1example1"/>
    <field code="field2" value="field2example1"/>
    <field code="key1" value="key1example1"/>
  </row>
  <row>
    <field code="field1" value="field1example2"/>
    <field code="field2" value="field2example2"/>
    <field code="key1" value="key1example2"/>
  </row>
</rows>
```

Example Response with Filtering

```
<rows>
<rows>
```

```

<row>
  <field code="field1" value="1004"/>
  <field code="field2" value="testee"/>
  <field code="key1" value="Platinum"/>
</row>
</rows>

```

The response returns keys with the tag “field code”. If you want to use the output of Query as input to one of the other APIs, the tag needs to be changed to “key code”. Currently using “field code” for a key returns code 404 Bad Request and a java.lang.NullPointerException.

Create API

Purpose

Create a new row in the specified table.

HTTP Operation Type

POST

Example Endpoint URL

https://<lbvip01>:8443/custrefdata/test/_create

Example Payload

```

<row>
  <key code="key1" value="Platinum"/>
  <field code="field1" value="1004"/>
  <field code="field2" value="testee"/>
</row>

```

Response

Success returns code 200 Ok; no data is returned. The key cannot already exist for another row; submission of a duplicate key returns code 400 Bad Request.

If creating a row fails, API returns 400 Bad Request.



Note

Create API does not support SVN CRD table operations and displays the following error message when Srv Crd Data checkbox is enabled in CRD table configuration:

Create operation is not allowed for subversion table

Update API

Purpose

Updates the row indicated by the key code in the table with the values specified for the field codes.

HTTP Operation Type

POST

Example Endpoint URL

https://<lbvip01>:8443/custrefdata/test/_update

Example Payload

```
<row>
  <key code="key1" value="Platinum"/>
  <field code="field1" value="1005"/>
  <field code="field2" value="tester"/>
</row>
```

Response

Success returns code 200 Ok; no data is returned. The key cannot be changed. Any attempt to change the key returns code 404 Not Found.

If updating a row fails, API returns 400 Bad Request.



Note Update API does not support SVN CRD table operations and displays the following error message when Srv Crd Data checkbox is enabled in CRD table configuration:

Update operation is not allowed for subversion table

Delete API

Purpose

Removes the row indicated by the key code from the table.

HTTP Operation Type

POST

Example Endpoint URL

https://<lbvip01>:8443/custrefdata/test/_delete

Example Payload

```
<row>
  <key code="key1" value="Platinum"/>"/>
</row>
```

Response

Success returns code 200 Ok; no data is returned. If the row to delete does not exist, code 404 Not Found is returned.

If deleting a row fails, API returns 400 Bad Request.



Note Delete API does not support SVN CRD table operations and displays the following error message when Srv Crd Data checkbox is enabled in CRD table configuration:

Delete operation is not allowed for subversion table

Data Comparison API

Purpose

Determines whether the same CRD table data content is being used at different data centers.

The following three optional parameters can be provided to the API:

- **tableName:** Returns the checksum of a specified CRD table `tableName` indicating if there is any change in the specified table. If the value returned is same on different servers, it means there is no change in the configuration and content of that table.
- **includeCrdversion:** Total database checksum contains combination of checksum of all CRD tables configured in Policy Builder. If this parameter is passed as true in API, then total database checksum includes the checksum of "crdversion" table. Default value is false.
- **orderSensitive:** Calculates checksum of the table by utilizing the order of the CRD table content. By default, it does not sort the row checksums of the table and returns order sensitive checksum of every CRD table. Default value is true.

custrefdata/_checksum

Database level Checksum API returns checksum details for all the CRD tables and the database. If the value returned is same on different servers, there will be no change in the configuration and content of any CRD table configured in Policy Builder.

HTTP Operation Type

GET

Example Endpoint URL

`https://<lbvip01>:8443/custrefdata/_checksum`

Response

```
<response>
  <checksum><all-tables-checksum></checksum>
  <tables>
    <table name="<table-1-name>" checksum="<checksum-of-table-1>" />
    <table name="<table-2-name>" checksum="<checksum-of-table-2>" />

    <table name="<table-n-name>" checksum="<checksum-of-table-n>" />
  </tables>
</response>
```

/custrefdata/_checksum?tableName=<user-provided-table-name>

Table specific Checksum API returns the checksum details for the specific CRD table. If the value returned is same on different servers, there will be no change in the configuration and content of that table.

HTTP Operation Type

GET

Example Endpoint URL

https://<lbvip01>:8443 /custrefdata/_checksum?tableName=<user-provided-table-name>

Response

```
<response>
  <tables>
    <table name="<user-provided-table-name">" checksum="<checksum-of-specified-table"/>
  </tables>
</response>
```



Note Table specific Checksum API does not support SVN CRD table operations and displays the following error message when Svn Crd Data checkbox is enabled in CRD table configuration:

Checksum operation is not allowed for subversion table

Table Drop API

Purpose

Drops custom reference table from MongoDB to avoid multiple stale tables in the system.

The Table Drop API is used in the following scenarios:

- If a CRD table does not exist in Policy Builder but exists in the database, the API can be used to delete the table from the database.
- If a CRD table exists in Policy Builder and database, the API cannot delete the table from the database. If this is attempted the API will return an error: “Not permitted to drop this table as it exists in Policy Builder”.
- If a CRD table does not exist in Policy Builder and database, the API will also return an error `No table found:<tablename>`.

/custrefdata/<table_name>/_drop**HTTP Operation Type**

POST

Example Endpoint URL

https://<lbvip01>:8443/custrefdata/<table_name>/_drop



Note Drop API does not support SVN CRD table operations and displays the following error message when Svn Crd Data checkbox is enabled in CRD table configuration:

Drop operation is not allowed for subversion table

Export API**Purpose**

Exports single and multiple CRD table and its data.

/custrefdata/_export?tableName=<table_name>

Exports single CRD table and its data.

Returns an archived file containing csv file with information of specified CRD table `table_name`.

HTTP Operation Type

GET

Example Endpoint URL

https://<lbvip01>:8443/custrefdata/_export?tableName=<table_name>

/custrefdata/_export

Exports all CRD tables and its data.

Returns an archived file containing csv file with information for each CRD Table.

HTTP Operation Type

GET

Example Endpoint URL

https://<lbvip01>:8443 /custrefdata/_export



Note Export API does not support Svn CRD tables and displays the following warning message in the Response Header "Export-Warning":

Datasource for tables [table1, table2,...] is subversion. Response will not contain data for these tables and skipped SVN CRD tables to be a part of archive.

Import API

Purpose

Imports CRD table and its data.

It takes an archived file as an input which contains one or more csv files containing CRD tables information.

HTTP Operation Type

POST

Example Endpoint URL

`https://<lbvip01>:8443/custrefdata/_import`

`https://<lbvip01>:8443/custrefdata/_import?batchOperation=true`

`https://<lbvip01>:8443/custrefdata/_import?batchOperation=false&duplicateValidation=true`



Note

1. The "batchOperation" flag is used to insert CRD data in the batch. The default value is true and if you do not provide it in the request parameter the default value is taken.
2. The "duplicateValidation" flag is used to validate or invalidate duplicate data in the archive. The default value is true and if you do not provide it in the request parameter the default value is taken which means it will always validate your data as duplicate.
3. If "batchOperation" is true, the API will validate your data as duplicate data regardless of the value provided for "duplicateValidation".



Note

Import API supports SVN CRD table operations in the following scenarios:

- If the archive contains only mongodb tables, success message is displayed in the response.
- If the archive contains only SVN tables, success and warning messages are displayed in the response.
- If the archive contains both mongodb and SVN tables, success and warning messages are displayed in the response.

Import Single File API

Purpose

Imports bulk CRD data by sending any supported file in the API request.

Supports only CSV and XLS file formats.

HTTP Operation Type

POST

Example Endpoint URL

https://<lbvip01>:8443/custrefdata/_importsinglefile

**Note**

1. Error responses are thrown in the following scenarios:
 - When the attached file is of a different format other than CSV and XLS.
 - When an empty file is attached.
 - When the attached file has wrong headers.
 - When the attached file does not have the same file as that of the Policy Builder table name.
 - When the attached file has duplicate records.
 - When no file is attached.
2. Ensure your .xls file does not contain any extra empty and colored header. If the .xls file contains any colored and empty header (header with color but no title), it is considered as a part of the Policy Builder table column. During import file operation, this type of header causes the API to send `Mismatch found between imported csv headers and policy builder table columns` error in response. This is because the empty header is considered as a column from Policy Builder but the Policy Builder table does not contain this empty column.
3. Import Single File API does not support import of SVN CRD table data and displays the following error message:

Single file import is not allowed for subversion table

Snapshot POST API

Purpose

Creates a snapshot of the CRD tables on the system. The created snapshot will contain CRD table data, policy configuration and checksum information for all CRD tables.

`/custrefdata/_snapshot?userId=<user_id>&userComments=<user_comments>`

HTTP Operation Type

POST

Example Endpoint URL

https://<lbvip01>:8443/custrefdata/_snapshot?userId=<user_id>&userComments=<user_comments>

Optional Parameters

userComments



Note Snapshot POST API does not support export of the contents of Svn CRD tables. The API returns the following warning message if there are any Svn CRD tables present while creating snapshot:

Datasource for tables [table_1, table_2...] is subversion. Data for these tables will not come from database (mongodb)

Snapshot GET API

Purpose

Enables you to get the list of all valid snapshots in the system.

The following information is available in the list of snapshots:

- Snapshot name
- Snapshot path
- Date and time of snapshot creation
- User comments provided on creation of the snapshot
- Checksum information of CRD tables
- Policy configuration SVN version number

/custrefdata/_snapshot

HTTP Operation Type

GET

Example Endpoint URL

https://<lbvip01>:8443/custrefdata/_snapshot

Example Response

```
<snapshots>
  <snapshot>
    <name><date-and-time>_<user-id></name>
    <snapshotPath>/var/broadhop/snapshot/20160620011825306_qns</snapshotPath>
    <creationDateAndTime>20/06/2016 01:18:25:306</creationDateAndTime>
    <comments>snapshot-1 june</comments>
    <policyVersion>903</policyVersion>
    <checksum checksum="60f51dfd4cd4554910da44a776c66db1">
      <table name=<table-name-1> checksum="<table-checksum-1>" />
      ...
      <table name=<table-name-n> checksum="<table-checksum-n>" />
    </checksum>
  </snapshot>
  <snapshot>
    ...
  </snapshot>
</snapshots>
```



Note Snapshot GET API does not return checksum information of Svn CRD tables as they are not part of created snapshots.

Revert API

Purpose

Enables you to revert the CRD data to a specific snapshot. If the specific snapshot name is not provided, the API will revert to the latest snapshot.

`/custrefdata/_revert?snapshotName=<snapshot_name>`

HTTP Operation Type

POST

Example Endpoint URL

`https://<lbvip01>:8443/custrefdata/_revert?snapshotName=<snapshot_name>`

Optional Parameter

snapshotName



Note Revert API does not support reverting of CRD data for Svn CRD tables. For Svn CRD table, it clears the mongodb table and displays the following warning message:

Datasource for tables [table_1, table_2...] is subversion. Data for these tables will be reverted using svn datasource not from database (mongodb)

Tips for Usage

The Query API is a GET operation which is the default operation that occurs when entering a URL into a typical web browser.

The POST operations, Create, Update, and Delete, require the use of a REST client so that the payload and content type can be specified in addition to the URL. REST clients are available for most web browsers as plug-ins or as part of web service tools, such as SoapUI. The content type when using these clients should be specified as application/xml or the equivalent in the chosen tool.

View Logs

You can view the API logs in the OAM (perfclient) VM at the following location:

`/var/log/broadhop/consolidated-qns.log`