Cisco Policy Suite 18.5.0 Release Notes (1) (Restricted Release)

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IMPORTANT: CPS 18.5.0 is a Short Term Support (STS) release with availability and use restrictions. Contact your Cisco Account or Support representatives, for more information.

Introduction

This release note identifies new features and enhancements, limitations and restrictions, and open and resolved CDETS in Cisco Policy Suite (CPS) software version 18.5.0. Use this release note in combination with the documentation listed in the Related Documentation section.

This release note includes the following sections:

- New and Changed Feature Information
- Installation Notes
- Limitations and Restrictions
- Open and Resolved CDETS
- Related Documentation
- Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

New and Changed Feature Information

This section identifies features that are new or modified in this release.

ANDSF

No new features or changes were introduced in this release.

ATS

Diameter Performance Test Measurement and Reporting

In this release, the following new configuration parameters are included to configure Diameter performance test measurement and reporting:

- Diameter.Load.Display.Failure.Events=true/false: This parameter is used to display the Diameter message failover or failback message chart in the Cucumber report. This parameter is included in the config.properties file.

- Diameter.Load.Timeline.Interval=X: This timer is included in the timer.properties file and is used to set the time interval to collect average response time for each interface. The time is specified in minutes. For example, if X is 10, PATS collects average response time every 10 minutes for the entire execution time.

For more information, contact your Cisco Technical Support Representative.

Lattice Functional SubSystem (LFS) Integration with Custom Grammar

PATS supports connections to multiple LFS nodes and execution of APIs to run call flows on different set of network components. LFS is integrated with the PATS.

Supported Versions: site-lfs driver version 18.17.0 and later

Before you use the LFS grammars, configure LFS. In config.properties file, specify the following properties:

- To define the LFS endpoint addresses [Mandatory]:

    LFSInstance01.API.EndpointAddress=http://10.106.183.206:32184/lfs/api/v1.0

- To define the LFS endpoints names:

    LFS.Instance.Names=LFSInstance01

PATS provides the following LFS-related grammars:

- Configuring LFS Instance

- Verify Configuration

- Create Node

- Verify Create Node Success Response

- Send Message

- Send Message with Attributes

- Verify Send Message Success Response with Attributes

- Verify Generic Response

PATS provides the following asynchronous LFS-related grammars:

- Define Message Filter

- Handle Message in any order

- Handle Message in strict order

- Validate action with ActionID

For more information, contact your Cisco Technical Support Representative.

Support for Asynchronization REST Communication on PATS

In this release, the following new grammars are included to send and validate asynchronous REST call using PATS REST client in PATS Web Service Driver:

- Send Asynchronous REST call using message reference

- Send Asynchronous REST call using attributes

- Send Asynchronous REST call using message reference and attributes

- Validation of the received response

For more information, contact your Cisco Technical Support Representative.

Support for SNMPv3 on PATS

ATS now supports SNMP version 3 test cases.

For more information, contact your Cisco Technical Support Representative.

Behavior Changes

No changes were introduced in this release.

Cisco Ultra eSCEF

Cisco Ultra eSCEF, Release 18.5.0 is qualified for lab testing and for limited controlled live trial purposes only.

Geographic Redundancy

No new features or changes were introduced in this release.

LWR

Support to Store Attributes in LWR

CPS is now enhanced to add multiple attributes in LWR.

For more information, see *CPS LWR Guide*.

Mobile

Convert Attribute from String to Timestamp for Policy Calculations

CPS now converts Sh attribute "vdsThrtlPlcyExpireTs" and stores this in date/timestamp format using custom diameter AVP so that it can be used later for evaluation of Revalidation-Time AVP in Gx RAR. This requires using system generated customer AVPs from the original Sh attribute to store the revalidation time and difference time value.

For more information, see *Setting Up Additional Profile Data* section in *CPS Mobile Configuration Guide*.

Ignore Case in Sh Attributes for CRD Lookup

CPS now uses Policy Builder configuration option under Sh profile to convert and store lowercase values of Sh code in external-profile. This makes implementation generic and makes CRD table population easier and as per requirement.

For more information, see *Setting Up Additional Profile Data* section in *CPS Mobile Configuration Guide*.

Parse and Prioritize Multiple Service Plans from Comma-delimited Format

CPS now uses attribute code "svcPlan" for splitting comma separated values. Any new attribute which requires similar treatment need code changes.

The following new parameter must be added to the qns.conf file:

- addOnlysvcPlanAsVirtualService

For more information, contact your Cisco Technical Support Representative.

Single Sh Enhancements

In this release, CPS supports multiple XML blobs in Sh interface, which correspond to multiple Gx sessions for a subscriber. Following enhancements have been done to the existing single Sh behavior:

1. SNR with Framed-IP and Service-Indication is sent to HSS for each Gx session.

2. CPS handles PNR with multiple xml blobs and map attributes to the appropriate Gx session to send RARs.

The following new option is added under Sh Parsing Rules in Sh Profile:

- Use Service Indications for Service Data Caching

When this option is enabled, on receiving Sh messages (SNA/PNR) with Sh-User-Data CPS verifies if there is any XML blob with ServiceIndication matching the configured Service-Indication in the PB Domain configuration for that Gx Session. If a match is found, corresponding ServiceData attributes are updated for that session

For more information, see *Setting Up Additional Profile Data* section in *CPS Mobile Configuration Guide*.

Note: In CPS 18.5.0 release, this feature is of demo quality. For more information, contact your Cisco Account representative.

SPR Cache Cleanup by Backup Database

CPS now supports removal of subscriber records located on remote SPR Mongo databases during Gx termination (CCR-T).

When SPR cache cleanup is enabled, CPS writes the subscriber record ID to a sprCleanupQueue that runs on each Policy Server (qns) node when a cross-site remove action occurs. The process MonitorSprCleanupQueue fetches these messages off the queue at configured intervals and writes them to the cleanupSubscriber database maintained on the local hot standby database. Another process, MonitorCleanUpSubscriberDB, fetches the records in a batch from the cleanupSubscriber database and remove these to their respective Remote SPR databases cross-site. In most cases, these records are already deleted. If this action deletes the record, or fails to find the record (previously deleted), the record is then removed from the cleanupSubscriber database. If CPS fails to delete the record because of connectivity, or other blocking issues, the record is retained to be tried again.

The following new statistics have been added:

- subscriberCleanup.addedToQueue: SPR record added to the queue.
- subscriberCleanup.removedFromQueue: SPR record deleted from the queue.
- subscriberCleanup.insert.success/subscriberCleanup.insert.failure: Number of remote subscribers written from queue to subscriberCleanup database on hot standby.
- spr.remote.cleanupDelete.success." + dbAddress/spr.remote.cleanupDelete.failure." + dbAddress: Counter registers when a subscriber is deleted on a remote SPR.

  Note: Most transactions do not delete any records as the records have already been removed.

  Example: spr.remote.cleanupDelete.success.site1-sessionmgr05:27720

Support for CPS Load Balancer Protection

In this release, CPS supports protecting itself from external signaling storms while still processing as much traffic as it safely can so that it can survive the storm.

For more information, see *Diameter Messages SLA Time and Action on Threshold on LB* in *CPS Mobile Configuration Guide*.

The following new statistics have been added:

- node[x].counters.sla_out_req_busy: Number of outbound Diameter messages responded with Diameter Busy (error code 3004) when the Diameter message have crossed the limit configured in **Message Count Threshold in Diameter Messages SLA Time and Action on Threshold on LB**. The source of the statistics is Policy Director (LB) VM.

- node[x].counters.sla_out_req_drop: Number of outbound Diameter messages dropped when number of Diameter messages have crossed the limit configured in **Message Count Threshold in Diameter Messages SLA Time and Action on Threshold on LB**. The source of the statistics is Policy Director (LB) VM.

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Support for qns Flags Validation

CPS is now enhanced to support the following two flags in qns file:

- disable.force.crd.cache.build.after.publish

- enable.crd.schema.cache.synchronization

For more information, contact your Cisco Technical Support Representative.

Support for Stale Session Parameters

CPS now supports the following Gx Offline Stale Session Clean up configuration parameters:

- admin.primary.host
- admin.secondary.host
- admin.port
- memcache.host
- tps.per.shards
- mongo.query.batch.size
- factor.count.audit.log
- session.count.threshold
- session.threshold.timer
- session.cache.update.timer
- number.of.shards
- logback.configurationFile

For more information, see *Gx Offline Stale Session Clean Up* section in *CPS Mobile Configuration Guide*.

The following commands are supported in pcrfclient to clean up built stale sessions:

- monit stop stale-session-cleaner-helper

- monit restart stale-session-cleaner-helper

Support to Mask Java Warmup

CPS now supports masking java warm up issues to avoid using any workarounds. The following parameters must be configured:

- qns.node.warmup

- number.warmup.calls

- warmup.time.threshold

- qns.node.warmup.hostname.substrin

For more information, contact your Cisco Technical Support Representative.

MOG

No new features or changes were introduced in this release.

Operations

Support for CPS Auto Healing in Case of Endpoint Heart Beat Failures

As part of this feature, Auto Healing and Auto Correction support is added in CPS when heart beating between Load Balancer (LB) and QNS VMs fails.

For more information, see *Support for CPS Auto Healing in Case of Endpoint Heart Beat Failures* section in *CPS Operations Guide*.

Support for Graphite Database Authentication

CPS now allows users to configure credentials (users and passwords) for Graphite database access in VMware and OpenStack environments.

Before upgrade/migration or after fresh installation, you need to configure at least one Graphite/Grafana user. The Graphite data source in grafana needs to be updated to use configured user credentials before upgrade/migration or after fresh installation. For more information on updating graphite data source, see *Configuring Graphite User Credentials in Grafana* in *CPS Operations Guide*.

For more information, see the following sections in CPS Operations Guide:

- *Add User*

- *Delete User*

- *Accessing Graphite DB Using CLI*

- *Configuring Graphite User Credentials in Grafana*

- *Accessing Graphite Database Using CLI*

Support to Detect Endpoint Failure

CPS now supports KPIs to enable monitoring system health based on IPC messaging statistics. Adding KPI's to monitor the following:

1. Number of request messages sent to qns from lb and number of response messages received at lb from qns.

2. Time spent in IPC queue by the message.

These KPIs are used to monitor the health of the system.

API Additions or Changes

No changes were introduced in this release.

MIB Additions or Changes

No changes were introduced in this release.

KPI Additions or Changes

No changes were introduced in this release.

Log Additions or Changes

No changes were introduced in this release.

SNMP Alarm Additions or Changes

In this release, the following changes have been done:

- Severity level changed from **critical** to **info** for HA Failover and GR Failover alarms.
- Additional message text added for SPR_DB_ALARM:

  For error: 6101:Remote SPR DB:Primary member is down

  For clear: 6101:Remote SPR DB:Cleared alarm for remote spr db primary

Support to Mask Java Warmup

In this release, CPS now sends an error alarm (DiameterQnsWarmupError) when the warmup feature is enabled and there is a problem in retrieving Policy Server (qns) node number, site ID. Also the alarm is generated when there is an exception while parsing the warmup dictionaries or scenario file.

You can monitor the critical files only on Cluster Manager.

For more information, see the following sections:

- *Application Notifications* in CPS SNMP, Alarms, and Clearing Procedures Guide

- *Testing Traps Generated by CPS* in CPS Troubleshooting Guide

Statistics Additions or Changes

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Performance Improvement

No new features or changes were introduced in this release.

Platform

Support for Clearing Stale Component Alarms

Before 18.5.0 release, CPS sometimes used to display stale component alarms while executing

diagnostics.sh –get_active_alarm which gave false system status to the user.

In 18.5.0 release, support for clearing stale alarms has been added and CPS no longer displays stale component alarms.

Note: The system generates the clear notification for all the resource monitored by snmpd on each VM so lot of clear notification gets generated on the system based on the deployment architecture. This lowers the performance of snmptrapd application on the system during upgrade/re-initialization of the system.

For more information, see *Active Alarms* section in *CPS SNMP, Alarms, and Clearing Procedures Guide*.

Policy Reporting

No new features or changes were introduced in this release.

Product Security

CentOS 7.5 Security Enhancements/Kernel Upgrade

In this release, CentOS has been updated to 7.5. With CentOS 7.5, kernel has been upgraded to 3.10.0-862.14.4.el7.x86_64. Also, all the packages have been upgraded to be compatible with CentOS 7.5.
For service related issues, you can use *journactl* to get systemctl logs.

The following tables lists 46 vulnerabilities that have been fixed as a part of this feature:

Table 1 - CVEs

CVE	Name
CVE-2016-2183	CentOS 7 : python (CESA-2018:2123)
CVE-2017-10268	CentOS 7 : mariadb (CESA-2018:2439)
CVE-2017-10378	CentOS 7 : mariadb (CESA-2018:2439)
CVE-2017-10379	CentOS 7 : mariadb (CESA-2018:2439)
CVE-2017-10384	CentOS 7 : mariadb (CESA-2018:2439)
CVE-2017-10384	CentOS 7 : mariadb (CESA-2018:2439)
CVE-2017-11368	CentOS 7 : krb5 (CESA-2018:0666)
CVE-2017-11600	CentOS 7 : kernel (CESA-2018:1965) (Spectre)
CVE-2017-11671	CentOS 7 : gcc (CESA-2018:0849)

CVE	Name
CVE-2017-13215	CentOS 7 : kernel (CESA-2018:2384) (Foreshadow)
CVE-2017-16939	CentOS 7 : kernel (CESA-2018:1318)
CVE-2017-3636	CentOS 7 : mariadb (CESA-2018:2439)
CVE-2017-3641	CentOS 7 : mariadb (CESA-2018:2439)
CVE-2017-3651	CentOS 7 : mariadb (CESA-2018:2439)
CVE-2017-3653	CentOS 7 : mariadb (CESA-2018:2439)
CVE-2017-3736	CentOS 7 : openssl (CESA-2018:0998)
CVE-2017-3737	CentOS 7 : openssl (CESA-2018:0998)
CVE-2017-3738	CentOS 7 : openssl (CESA-2018:0998)
CVE-2017-7562	CentOS 7 : krb5 (CESA-2018:0666)
CVE-2018-1063	CentOS 7 : policycoreutils (CESA-2018:0913)
CVE-2018-10675	CentOS 7 : kernel (CESA-2018:2384) (Foreshadow)
CVE-2018-1068	CentOS 7 : kernel (CESA-2018:1318)
CVE-2018-1087	CentOS 7 : kernel (CESA-2018:1318)
CVE-2018-1091	CentOS 7 : kernel (CESA-2018:1318)
CVE-2018-10915	CentOS 7 : postgresql (CESA-2018:2557)
CVE-2018-2562	CentOS 7 : mariadb (CESA-2018:2439)
CVE-2018-2622	CentOS 7 : mariadb (CESA-2018:2439)
CVE-2018-2640	CentOS 7 : mariadb (CESA-2018:2439)
CVE-2018-2665	CentOS 7 : mariadb (CESA-2018:2439)
CVE-2018-2668	CentOS 7 : mariadb (CESA-2018:2439)
CVE-2018-2755	CentOS 7 : mariadb (CESA-2018:2439)
CVE-2018-2761	CentOS 7 : mariadb (CESA-2018:2439)
CVE-2018-2767	CentOS 7 : mariadb (CESA-2018:2439)
CVE-2018-2771	CentOS 7 : mariadb (CESA-2018:2439)
CVE-2018-2781	CentOS 7 : mariadb (CESA-2018:2439)
CVE-2018-2813	CentOS 7 : mariadb (CESA-2018:2439)
CVE-2018-2817	CentOS 7 : mariadb (CESA-2018:2439)
CVE-2018-2819	CentOS 7 : mariadb (CESA-2018:2439)
CVE-2018-3620	CentOS 7 : kernel (CESA-2018:2384) (Foreshadow)
CVE-2018-3639	CentOS 7 : kernel (CESA-2018:1629) (Spectre)

CVE	Name
CVE-2018-3646	CentOS 7 : kernel (CESA-2018:2384) (Foreshadow)
CVE-2018-3693	CentOS 7 : kernel (CESA-2018:2384) (Foreshadow)
CVE-2018-5390	CentOS 7 : kernel (CESA-2018:2384) (Foreshadow)
CVE-2018-5740	CentOS 7 : bind (CESA-2018:2570)
CVE-2018-7566	CentOS 7 : kernel (CESA-2018:2384) (Foreshadow)
CVE-2018-8897	CentOS 7 : kernel (CESA-2018:1318)

Security Enhancements

This section lists enhancements introduced to support Cisco Product Security Requirements and the Product Security Baseline (PSB). For more information about Cisco Product Security Requirements, refer to: https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/about/security-center/security-programs/secure-development-lifecycle/sdl-process.html

Security Enhancements for CPS Platform

CPS now supports the following platform security requirements:

- Analysis controlled space protections. The following controlled spaces can be identified in CPS:

    — Platform scripts/puppet code

    — Virtual machines (VM)

    — Web access – grafana, control center, policy builder, HAProxy stats access, cluman API access

    — Diameter access

- Provides log indications of attack or abuse
- Utilization of offering-internal identifiers
- Provides log unrestricted access to controlled space
- Provides log startup, shutdown, and other status changes
- Prevents program or command injection

For more information, contact your Cisco Technical Support Representative.

Web Security Enhancements

CPS now supports the following web security requirements:

- Implementation of the HTTP Strict Transport Security mechanism in PB2, PB and CC interfaces.
- While using session ID to keep an authentication state and track user progress within a web application, the application should treat the session ID as untrusted data, sanitize and validate it before use.

For more information, contact your Cisco Technical Support Representative.

UDC

UDC Optimization

The following new parameter is supported in UDC:

- udc.wait.for.response

For more information, contact your Cisco Technical Support Representative.

UI Enhancements

No new features or changes were introduced in this release.

vDRA

Note: In CPS 18.5.0 release, vDRA is not supported. For more information, contact Cisco Technical Representative.

Installation Notes

Download ISO Image

Download the 18.5.0 software package (ISO image) from:

https://software.cisco.com/download/home/284883882/type/284979976/release/18.5.0

Md5sum Details

ccad9ec8cb7a9e80b8de2c2be9d6e5de   CPS_18.5.0_Base.qcow2.release.tar.gz

1b4e9d40e1da9ca16293800c28962670   CPS_18.5.0_Base.vmdk.release.tar.gz

735a0de5b12f212a3ad050deee8a706a   CPS_18.5.0.release.iso

Component Versions

The following table lists the component version details for this release.

Table 2 Component Versions

Component	Version
ANDSF	18.5.0.release
API router	18.5.0.release
Audit	18.5.0.release
Balance	18.5.0.release

Component	Version
CALEA	18.5.0.release
Cisco API	18.5.0.release
Cisco CPAR	18.5.0.release
Congestion Reference Data	18.5.0.release
Control Center	18.5.0.release
Core	18.5.0.release
CSB	18.5.0.release
Custom Reference Data	18.5.0.release
DHCP	18.5.0.release
Diameter2	18.5.0.release
DRA	18.5.0.release
Entitlement	18.5.0.release
Fault Management	18.5.0.release
IPAM	18.5.0.release
ISG Prepaid	18.5.0.release
LDAP	18.5.0.release
LDAP Server	18.5.0.release
LWR	18.5.0.release
Microservices Enablement	18.5.0.release
Notification	18.5.0.release
PCF	18.5.0.release
Policy Intel	18.5.0.release
POP-3 Authentication	18.5.0.release
Recharge Wallet	18.5.0.release
SCE	18.5.0.release
SCEF	18.5.0.release
Scheduled Events	18.5.0.release
SPR	18.5.0.release
TIM AVP	18.5.0.release
UDC	18.5.0.release
UDSC Interface	18.5.0.release

Component	Version
Unified API	18.5.0.release

New Installations

- VMware Environment
- OpenStack Environment

VMware Environment

To perform a new installation of CPS 18.5.0 in a VMware environment, see the *CPS Installation Guide for VMware*, *Release 18.5.0*.

After installation is complete, you need to configure at least one Graphite/Grafana user. The Graphite data source in grafana needs to be updated to use configured user credentials after fresh installation. For more information on updating graphite data source, see *Configuring Graphite User Credentials in Grafana* in CPS Operations Guide.

OpenStack Environment

To perform a new installation of CPS 18.5.0 in an OpenStack environment, see the *CPS Installation Guide for OpenStack*, *Release 18.5.0*.

After installation is complete, you need to configure at least one Graphite/Grafana user. The Graphite data source in grafana needs to be updated to use configured user credentials after fresh installation. For more information on updating graphite data source, see *Configuring Graphite User Credentials in Grafana* in CPS Operations Guide.

Migrate an Existing CPS Installation

To migrate an existing CPS installation, see the *CPS Migration and Upgrade Guide, Release 18.5.0*. CPS migration is supported from CPS 14.0.0 to CPS 18.5.0.

Before migration, you need to configure at least one Graphite/Grafana user. The Graphite data source in grafana needs to be updated to use configured user credentials before upgrade/migration or after fresh installation. For more information on updating graphite data source, see *Configuring Graphite User Credentials in Grafana* in CPS Operations Guide.

Upgrade an Existing CPS Installation

To upgrade an existing CPS installation, see the *CPS Migration and Upgrade Guide*, Release 18.5.0. CPS upgrade is supported from CPS 18.3.0 and CPS 18.4.0 to CPS 18.5.0.

Before upgrade, you need to configure at least one Graphite/Grafana user. The Graphite data source in grafana needs to be updated to use configured user credentials before upgrade/migration or after fresh installation. For more information on updating graphite data source, see *Configuring Graphite User Credentials in Grafana* in CPS Operations Guide.

Post Migration/Upgrade Steps

Re-Apply Configuration Changes

After the migration/upgrade is finished, compare your modified configuration files that you backed up earlier with the newly installed versions. Re-apply any modifications to the configuration files.

Verify Configuration Settings

After the migration/upgrade is finished, verify the following configuration settings.

Note: Use the default values listed below unless otherwise instructed by your Cisco Technical Representative.

Note: During the migration/upgrade process, these configuration files are not overwritten. Only during a new install will these settings be applied.

- `/etc/broadhop/qns.conf`
    - o `-Dmongo.client.thread.maxWaitTime.balance=1200`
    - o `-Dmongo.connections.per.host.balance=10`
    - o `-Dmongo.threads.allowed.to.wait.for.connection.balance=10`
    - o `-Dmongo.client.thread.maxWaitTime=1200`
    - o `-Dmongo.connections.per.host=5`
    - o `-Dmongo.threads.allowed.to.wait.for.connection=10`
    - o `-Dcom.mongodb.updaterIntervalMS=400`
    - o `-Dcom.mongodb.updaterConnectTimeoutMS=600`
    - o `-Dcom.mongodb.updaterSocketTimeoutMS=600`
    - o `-DdbSocketTimeout.balance=1000`
    - o `-DdbSocketTimeout=1000`
    - o `-DdbConnectTimeout.balance=1200`
    - o `-DdbConnectTimeout=1200`
    - o `-Dcontrolcenter.disableAndsf=true`
    - o `-DnodeHeartBeatInterval=9000`
    - o `-DdbConnectTimeout.balance=1200`
    - o `-Dstatistics.step.interval=1`
    - o `-DshardPingLoopLength=3`
    - o `-DshardPingCycle=200`
    - o `-DshardPingerTimeoutMs=75`
    - o `-Ddiameter.default.timeout.ms=2000`
    - o `-DmaxLockAttempts=3`
    - o `-DretryMs=3`
    - o `-DmessageSlaMs=1500`
    - o `-DmemcacheClientTimeout=200`
    - o `-Dlocking.disable=true`

Note: The following setting should be present only for GR (multi-cluster) CPS deployments:

```
-DclusterFailureDetectionMS=1000
```

Note: In an HA or GR deployment with local chassis redundancy, the following setting should be set to true. By default, it is set to false.

```
-Dremote.locking.off
```

- `/etc/broadhop/diameter_endpoint/qns.conf`
    - o `-Dzmq.send.hwm=1000`
    - o `-Dzmq.recv.hwm=1000`

Reconfigure Service Option

After upgrading from previous release to the current CPS release, Service option configured with Subscriber-Id becomes invalid and you need to reconfigure multiple Subscriber Id in SpendingLimitReport under Service Configurations.

Verify logback.xml Configuration

Make sure the following line exists in the logback.xml file being used. If not, then add the line:

<property scope="context" name="HOSTNAME" value="${HOSTNAME}" />

To ensure logback.xml file changes are reflected at runtime, the scanPeriod must be explicitly specified:

<configuration scan="true" scanPeriod="1 minute">

Note: In case scanPeriod is missing from already deployed logback.xml file, the application needs to be restarted for the updated scanPeriod configuration to be applicable.

After completing the updates in logback.xml, execute the following command to copy the file to all the VMs:

SSHUSER_PREFERROOT=true copytoall.sh /etc/broadhop/logback.xml /etc/broadhop/logback.xml

Additional Notes

This section provides additional notes necessary for proper installation/working of CPS.

- Session Manager Configuration: After a new deployment, session managers are not automatically configured.

    a. Edit the /etc/broadhop/mongoConfig.cfg file to ensure all of the data paths are set to /var/data and not /data.

    b. Then execute the following command from pcrfclient01 to configure all the replication sets:

    ```
    /var/qps/bin/support/mongo/build_set.sh --all --create
    ```

- Default gateway in lb01/lb02: After the installation, the default gateway might not be set to the management LAN. If this is the case, change the default gateway to the management LAN gateway

- By default, pending transaction feature is enabled. If you are not using it, Cisco recommends to disable pending transaction feature post deployment.

  To disable pending transaction, the following parameter can be configured in /etc/broadhop/qns.conf file:

  `com.broadhop.diameter.gx.pending_txn.attempts=0`

  After adding the parameter in qns.conf file, restart all VMs.

- Add support to disable syncing carbon database and bulk stats files (ISSM)

  Add the following flags in */var/install.cfg* file:

  SKIP_BLKSTATS

  SKIP_CARBONDB

  Example to disable synching:

  SKIP_BLKSTATS=1

  SKIP_CARBONDB=1

- Add the following parameters in */var/install.cfg* file to skip installation type selection and initialization steps during ISSU/ISSM:

  INSTALL_TYPE

  INITIALIZE_ENVIRONMENT

  Example:

  INSTALL_TYPE=mobile

  INITIALIZE_ENVIRONMENT=yes

Primary Member is Isolated from all Arbiters

Issue: If the primary database member gets isolated from all the arbiters then diagnostics output displays incorrect states.

Solution: If a member is shown in an unknown state, it is likely that the member is not accessible from one of other members, most likely 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.

CSCvn06270: PB publishing time is high in B if compare with A Cluster

Issue: It takes longer time to publish the Policy Builder configuration in HA clusters.

Condition: SVN source and destination repositories are on different hosts/clusters rather than on the same host/cluster.

Solution: This is SNV server behavior and not CPS issue. If you are publishing on same host then use *svn copy* command and if host is different than use *svn import* command. As mentioned in the SVN docs, copy is faster than import.

For example, if you are logged in using http://lbvip02/repos/configuration and publishing to http://lbvip02/repos/run then both the hosts are same (lbvip02) and you can *use svn copy* command.

But if you are logged in using http://lbvip02/repos/configuration and publishing to http://<different_host>/repos/run then you can use *svn import* command.

SVN import takes more time than copy command. So this is expected SVN server behavior.

The recommendation is, if you wants to publish on different host or cluster, then open Policy Builder of other cluster and use other Cluster's run repository to publish.

3. Export policy configurations from hostA (clusterA) and push the same on hostB (clusterB) in /repos/configuration using SVN import command.

4. Open Policy Builder with other Cluster's IP address.

5. Login to Policy Builder with http://lbvip02/repos/configuration.

6. Publish to Cluster's to run repository using http://lbvip02/repos/run.

Limitations and Restrictions

This section covers the following topics:

- Limitations
- Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures

Limitations

- The following restriction applies to LWR:
  - o In this release, LWR supports read and write of one user attribute to the replication framework specific to the ADTM bearer counting attribute.
    In future releases, UDC and other applications will be enhanced to provide support of new attributes or user profile details that may require replication

- Solicited Application Reporting

  The following are some restrictions on configuration for the new service options:
  - o The pre-configured ADC rule generated by CRD lookup has ADC-Rule-Install AVP definition with support for only three AVPs ADC-Rule-Name, TDF-Application-Identifier, Mute-Notification.
  - o For AVPs that are multi-valued, CRD tables are expected to have multiple records - each giving the same output.
  - o Comma(,) is not a valid character to be used in values for referenced CRD column in SdToggleConfiguration.
  - o AVP Table currently only supports OctetStringAvp value for AVP Data-type.

- During performance testing, it has been found that defining a large number of QoS Group of Rule Definitions for a single session results in degraded CPU performance. Testing with 50 QoS Group of Rule Definitions resulted in a 2x increase in CPU consumption. The relationship appears to be a linear relationship to the number of defined QoS Group of Rule Definitions on a service.

- Hour Boundary Enhancement

  Change in cell congestion level when look-ahead rule is already installed:

If a cell congestion value changes for current hour or any of the look-ahead hours, there will be no change in rule sent for the rules that are already installed.

No applicability to QoS Rules:

The look-ahead works for PCC rules only where we have rule activation/deactivation capabilities and can install upcoming changes in advance. However, if the RAN Congestion use case is changed to use the QoS-Info AVP instead of using PCC rules, we need to fall back to the current RAR on the hour boundary implementation for that use case since the standard do not let us install QoS-info changes ahead of time like we can with PCC rules.

- The Cluster Manager's internal (private) network IP address must be assigned to the host name "installer" in the `/etc/hosts` file. If not, backup/restore scripts (`env_import.sh`, `env_export.sh`) will have access issues to OAM (pcrfclient01/pcrfclient02) VMs.

- The Linux VM message.log files repeatedly report errors similar to the following:

  `vmsvc [warning] [guestinfo] RecordRoutingInfo: Unable to collect IPv4 routing table.`

  This is a known issue affecting ESXi 5.x. Currently, there is no workaround for this. The messages.log file entries are cosmetic and can be safely ignored. For more information, see

  http://kb.vmware.com/selfservice/microsites/search.do?language=en_US&cmd=displayKC&externalId=2094561

- CSCva02957: Redis instances continue to run, even after redis is disabled using the parameter

  `-DenableQueueSystem=false` in qns.conf (`/etc/broadhop/`) file and `/etc/broadhop/redisTopology.ini` file.

- CSCva16388: A split-brain scenario (that is, VIPs are up on both nodes) can still occur when there is connectivity loss between lb01 and lb02 and not with other hosts.

Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE)

The following is the list of CVEs open in this release:

- CSCvm15802: Evaluation of qps for CVE-2018-5391 (FragmentSmack)
- CSCvm02970 : Evaluation of qps for August CPU Side-Channel Information Disclosure Vulnerabilities

  — CVE-2018-3615 - L1TF SGX - foreshadow

  — CVE-2018-3620 - L1TF OS, SMM

  — CVE-2018-3646 - L1TF VMM

Open and Resolved CDETS

The following sections list open and resolved CDETS for this release. For your convenience in locating CDETS in Cisco's Bug Toolkit, the caveat titles listed in this section are drawn directly from the Bug Toolkit database. These caveat titles are not intended to be read as complete sentences because the title field length is limited. In the caveat titles, some truncation of wording or punctuation might be necessary to provide the most complete and concise description.

Note: If you are a registered cisco.com user, view Bug Toolkit on cisco.com at the following website:

https://tools.cisco.com/bugsearch

To become a registered cisco.com user, go to the following website:

https://tools.cisco.com/RPF/register/register.do?exit_url=

Open CDETS

The following table lists the open CDETS in this release.

CPS Open CDETS

Table 3 CPS Open CDETS

CDETS ID	Headline
CSCve87564	ISSM: /mnt/iso/migrate.sh rollback cli triggers restart for set-2
CSCvi01695	Create shards api shows success even though failure was diagnosed due to failed rebalance
CSCvi23619	After ISSU, diag shows list of alarms not cleared, while conn btwn LB & PCEF/CSCF/TDF clients came up
CSCvj49386	Warning messages "Mongo is still not restored:" in consolidated qns logs on CPS18.2
CSCvj52735	Incorrect calculation of TimerExpired TPS per QNS and limited TPS support on JMS engine
CSCvj80096	ISSM 13.1 to 18.2 - /mnt/iso/migrate.sh traffic restore command success with exceptions.
CSCvj88208	Bulk terminate command not working/getting exception in logs
CSCvj93662	Race condition when qns processes are taken down, diameter peer down alarm may be missed
CSCvj94859	During pcrfclient01 stop and start, stats with Prometheus query stopped coming to pcrfclient01
CSCvj97328	TPS is not reaching expected level after Traffic Switch over (Site Failure in GR Setup)
CSCvk30283	LDAP TPS unable to recover when QNS are down
CSCvk37491	Time out observed in OSGI for listshards command
CSCvk52072	During longevity run with Redis enable, system response time for CCR-I/T increased upto ~8-9 ms.
CSCvk67829	remove whisper .wsp file older than 90 days or configurable param value.
CSCvm02970	Evaluation of qps for August CPU Side-Channel Information Disclosure Vulnerabilities
CSCvm04614	Disable Remote Scans for Sync Messages and Single Session Update
CSCvm08851	PCRF sending out Sd RARs without dest-host AVP for few calls.
CSCvm15802	Evaluation of qps for CVE-2018-5391 (FragmentSmack)
CSCvm24223	Getting an ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException in qns logs when PB Publish is issued.
CSCvm39678	Logs in Use case template showing status as true while condition remains false
CSCvm42276	session failover failback causing 5002 5065 Timeout Errors
CSCvm44895	Diagnostics script display the GR ZMQ alarms details in HA setup also
CSCvm49609	High response time observed during running Sol-3 call model

CDETS ID	Headline
CSCvm58786	Known issue in Zookeeper 3.4.6 results in Zookeeper becoming unavailable on cluster manager
CSCvm69496	QNS process are restarting continuously
CSCvm73932	config_br.py -a import --users overwrites required CentOS user accounts
CSCvm76441	CPS is sending Gx_RAR with same Charging-Rule-Name twice when Rx_AAR is received
CSCvm78417	Call model impacted with timeouts post Replication VLAN down in GR VMW
CSCvm87759	with custom haproxy-diameter.cfg, the process stays initializing on lb02. lb01 runs fine
CSCvm88058	CPS shows a 10 to 60 secs offset for rule-retry attempts for configured rule-retry profile
CSCvm89234	Np interface: Missing/wrong functionalities need to be implemented/corrected as per requirement.
CSCvm91162	Diameter - revalidation-time avp is not displayed correctly in the QNS engine log
CSCvm91300	Message prioritization is not working at overload condition
CSCvm93097	Memory utilization on qns vms are high after moving to Zing.
CSCvm95474	stale single Sy session persists after Gx session expiration (non RAA 5002 scenario)
CSCvm97345	Session shards: mongo clients not adding correct parameter values set in qns.conf
CSCvn00127	After reboot of the primary SM, the cps is giving 5002 error code against Gx/Gy_RAR,SY_SNR & Rx_ASR
CSCvn02190	improve performance on GR setups with single sh and single sy enabled
CSCvn04062	session replicaset going to recovering state on leaving load running on vzw setup
CSCvn05854	IPAM not updating mongo replica set status after app initialization
CSCvn06265	cluster id. is missing in lb's iomanager/qns.conf file
CSCvn06506	Security AppScan Test: Older TLS Version Supported
CSCvn07203	Replica-set gone after upgrade, with selinux_state=enable in Configuration.csv.
CSCvn07508	CPS Sharing service rule flapping
CSCvn09149	Issue seen in grafana due to collectd service
CSCvn09156	PCRF is sending wrong CC-Total-Octets
CSCvn11048	Set1 QNS VM's not updated in admin database after abrupt ISSU rollback
CSCvn12911	Missing bulkstats definitions in QPS_statistics documentation
CSCvn14019	Procedure/script required to clear stale alarm to ONLY on the VMs for which stale alarm is present.
CSCvn15951	high cpu/high memory usage(low free memory) on qns vms with zing jvm
CSCvn15963	mongo exception is coming in qns logs
CSCvn16071	SPR Replica-set are not created by AIDO properly during upgrade
CSCvn17130	CPS not processing some CCR-U when Multiple CCR-U is triggered randomly with some TPS
CSCvn17263	BEMS884374 - Arbiter VM is not joining replica set

CDETS ID	Headline
CSCvn17334	svn out-of-sync between pcrfclient01 & pcrfclient02 after policy publish
CSCvn17368	High Disk Write Latency | GC Logging
CSCvn20340	mon_db_for_lb_failover falsely detects lb failure due to race condition during puppet update
CSCvn24532	Restartall.sh should not restart udc qns process in sequence
CSCvn24592	During ISSM from CPS 13.1 to CPS 18.2 qns vm's are sending request to disabled udc
CSCvn25107	MOG 18.3 MCPTT is coming as supported for all the call flows in the Feature list
CSCvn25155	Flow info is missing in GET request if we just send duration in PUT request without flows in it
CSCvn25604	Redis services failed on lb02 when upgrade 18.3->18.4->18.5-set1->18.4-set1-rollback
CSCvn25648	PATS upgrade not showing the upgraded version
CSCvn25926	Monit process "stale-session-cleaner-helper" shows in "Execution Failed" state in pcrfclient02
CSCvn25954	Unencrypted password being written in /var/log/messages
CSCvn26775	Alarms are not clearing
CSCvn27259	After LB failback, Monit process shows qns process are in not monitored state for the failed-back LB
CSCvn28599	Bursts of CCR-Ts that result in a 5002 are also initiating full shard scans.
CSCvn35645	Arbitervip not coming up during fresh install

Resolved CDETS

This section lists the resolved/verified CDETS in this release.

CPS Resolved CDETS

Table 4 CPS Resolved CDETS

CDETS ID	Headline
CSCvh30904	Security Issues Identified in CPS 18.0 PB, CC, UnifiedAPI and Import/Export URLs
CSCvi53391	PCRF retry behavior is not consistent when there are multiple realms for the same application
CSCvi81132	MOG is not throwing error for Abort Cause Values 1 , 2 and 3 instead it is ending the session.
CSCvj39710	Unable to locate 'startqps' file intermediately after reboot to pcrfclient VM on CSP 18.2
CSCvj53529	ISSM 13.1 to 18.2 - After traffic swap grafana should print from pcrfclient02
CSCvk30832	18.3 CPS AppScan Issue: Missing HTTP Strict-Transport-Security Header
CSCvk36604	BEMS850443: P1, AT&T, Neo CPS 18/13.1: Updates required in QPS_Statistics.xls
CSCvk40979	Support of Flow Usage and Flow Status in ModifyRxDynamicRule
CSCvk49598	GC pause issue in PCRF in 13.1

CDETS ID	Headline
CSCvk65479	GC pause due to huge Temp characters
CSCvk73844	build_set.sh and set_priority.sh are failing when NON-Voting members present in replicaset.
CSCvm02867	SVN based CRD publish results in service impact
CSCvm04646	SPR Deletes: Stale SPR Records - Avoiding the extra processing of SPR.find() - failover improvements
CSCvm09662	No alarms when peers go down
CSCvm09666	vPCRF - SPR remote db error alarming does not occur unless qns application is restarted
CSCvm10384	PCRF is sending wrong granted dosage in CCA-U
CSCvm10996	Change CacheRing getKey timeout and retry behavior
CSCvm11119	startall script behavior change
CSCvm16034	about.sh is throwing lot of errors from all the MOG VM's
CSCvm16053	diagnostics.sh --get_peer_status is not working in MOG
CSCvm17119	Diagnostic error post upgrade to CPS_18.4
CSCvm21301	Support for renaming of interfaces on VM
CSCvm21356	LdapChangeMessage broadcast deserialisation throws exception
CSCvm32449	Error executing IPolicyAsyncAction: null error observed in qns logs
CSCvm34004	Asking for root password of installer during execution of change_password after Fresh Install
CSCvm34041	Central GUI - "Event Logs" functionality not working for many peers
CSCvm34914	limitation of index on _id field in mongo 3.4
CSCvm37043	about.sh does not properly parse all possible IPv6 address formats in haproxy.cfg
CSCvm37391	UDC is returning the Sy counters only for the First APN for an subscriber
CSCvm38981	null pointer exceptions after publish activity
CSCvm42022	Np Interface support: Rule Deactivation Time not sent based on Throttle Duration
CSCvm42670	No stats to track mongo remote SPR insert operations
CSCvm43513	/var/tmp/monitor-qns not documented, and in place that can be easily removed
CSCvm44242	ShardInterface - MongoException in 18.4 FCV drop 3 fresh install on VMware setup
CSCvm44299	QPS_statistics.xlsx Missing Stats
CSCvm44459	Pb of 29.213 Standard QoS Preliminary Service in VoLTE Call NPLI
CSCvm45199	Random qns throwing exception on restart
CSCvm45868	Error after upgrade to 18.4 FCV drop 3 (CsvReplicationRunner - File handle not found)
CSCvm46525	PCRF is not sending correct rule in case of default_eps_qos_mod_failure
CSCvm47483	diagnostics.sh --get_active_alarms is not working from pcrfclients

CDETS ID	Headline
CSCvm49493	Custom AVPs don't reload on publish
CSCvm50602	For Default QoS failure events, complete qos info missing in final CCA-U after retry exhaust
CSCvm51070	Clock is not sync between sessionmgr's and lb01 for fresh installtion in OSP for 18.4 CCO build
CSCvm51240	Stale Session RAR does not occur during Full GR
CSCvm52309	CRD schema/cache synchronization and QNS memory optimization issues upon PB publish
CSCvm52646	Better logs for init_pacemaker_res.sh
CSCvm53170	Random GX RAR timeouts when DRA sends 3002
CSCvm53534	Geo Site Status check is not working for certain configurations
CSCvm53645	Default Setting for Enable Multi Primary Key should be unchecked in PB
CSCvm55790	Multiple concurrent modification exceptions in logs related to custom AVP
CSCvm61810	install rpm need to comment out from patch command script
CSCvm65953	ModifyRxDynamicRule not bounding the MBR values
CSCvm66764	RAA 5002 clears Gx network session but does not clear single Sy session
CSCvm66920	PB_SVN based CRD - import is failed
CSCvm67141	Clear Component Stale alarm from CPS
CSCvm67296	Addshard is taking around 10 mins from the OSGi command prompt
CSCvm71969	PCRF does not have the ability to change rule parameters for dynamic rules in case of gy failure
CSCvm72181	Stale RAR doesnt remove Remote-spr upon session expiry this is cross site SPR
CSCvm75990	There are too many file descriptor which are opened causing unknown host exception
CSCvm79427	Errors during in-service migration to 18.4 caused by missing "SyCacheEntry" class
CSCvm89234	Np interface: Missing/wrong functionalities need to be implemented/corrected as per requirement.
CSCvm91246	Cannot enable/disable root SSH login feature
CSCvm91689	QPS not generating Np_NRA after getting successful Gx_RAA for F1734
CSCvm92367	PCRF is not sending RAR message on pending counter activation
CSCvm95804	high cpu usage, low mem component alarm does not sent to NMS in snmpv3
CSCvm96591	GX RAR timeouts-Response comes back after configured action timer, generates timeout message
CSCvn02947	MOG18.3 For the FN startTime calls Duration is getting consumed during the wait time of the vPASquery
CSCvn04866	Redis crash in case of packet drop
CSCvn07820	Memory Leak in Remote Service Manager
CSCvn10889	PCRF is throwing Null Pointer Exception on getting AAR from real MOG
CSCvn11875	Failure while evaluating Mongo based CRD with schema (key) change

CDETS ID	Headline
CSCvn19181	PCRF is not sending netloc AVP's after upgrading to CPS 18.2 from CPS 13.1
CSCvn22793	PCRF is creating loop on Null Pointer Exception
CSCvn23881	Build_LWR method comparing wrong instances in UdcFeDeviceManager.java
CSCvn26781	Delete session on CCR-T/RAA-5002 error
CSCvn27096	Stale session logging is required for Audit
CSCvn28193	Observed java.lang.NullPointerException during IMS-Sy call.
CSCvn31772	Change in default value for diameter.peer.reload.interval.lb
CSCvn32072	18.0 Patch 24 - Issue with Logging, Gx-RAR getting printed on NPE

Related Documentation

This section contains information about the documentation available for Cisco Policy Suite.

Release-Specific Documents

Refer to the following documents for better understanding of Cisco Policy Suite.

- *CPS ANDSF Configuration Guide*
- *CPS ANDSF SNMP and Alarms Guide*
- *CPS Backup and Restore Guide*
- *CPS CCI Guide for Full Privilege Administrators*
- *CPS CCI Guide for View Only Administrators*
- *CPS Central Administration Guide*
- *CPS Geographic Redundancy Guide*
- *CPS Installation Guide - OpenStack*
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- *CPS LWR Installation Guide - VMware*
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- *CPS Mobile Configuration Guide*
- *CPS MOG API Reference*
- *CPS MOG Guide*
- *CPS MOG Installation Guide - OpenStack*
- *CPS MOG SNMP, Alarms, and Clearing Procedures Guide*
- *CPS MOG Troubleshooting Guide*
- *CPS Operations Guide*

- *CPS Policy Reporting Guide*

- *CPS Release Notes*

- *CPS SNMP, Alarms, and Clearing Procedures Guide*

- *CPS Troubleshooting Guide*

- *CPS UDC API Reference*

- *CPS UDC Administration Guide*

- *CPS UDC Installation Guide*

- *CPS UDC Session Migration Guide*

- *CPS UDC SNMP and Alarms Guide*

- *CPS Unified API Reference Guide*

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