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1. What's New

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- EKB-11580 See: *Override Default SSHD Keys for CUCM*
- EKB-12535 See: *Elevated Access for Debugging*

2. VOSS Insights Platform Functionality

VOSS Insights platform commands and functionality is described in this guide.

Refer to the VOSS Automate Platform Guide for details on the general commands and tasks that are available on the Command Line Interface (CLI).

Note: For the VOSS Insights platform, the following functionality and related commands as found in the VOSS Automate Platform Guide *does not apply*:

- Clustering and cluster related settings, commands and output.
 - Backup functionality and commands. VOSS Insights configuration data is backed up from the web interface.
 - Self-Service commands and functions.
 - CLI user management.
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3. Reporter Commands

The VOSS Insights CLI has a number of reporter commands

```
$ reporter
USAGE:
-----
reporter connect                - Connect to remote VOSS system
reporter http_connection        - Print http_connection for VOSS system
reporter http_connection <IP>|None - Set or remove manual http_connection for
                                VOSS system
reporter test_connection        - Test remote mongo and VOSS system
                                connection
```

The **reporter connect** and **reporter test_connection** commands are used during the install process, or during system management.

For installation details, refer to the Set Up VOSS Insights topic in the VOSS Insights Install Guide.

- **reporter connect**

The command takes an IP address parameter, which is the target system primary database server address. To determine the VOSS Automate system primary database server IP address, log in the the VOSS Automate system and run the command **database primary**.

Use this IP address as a *host* parameter and enter the password, for example:

```
$ reporter connect
host: 192.77.248.122
pass:
```

- **reporter http_connection**

The VOSS Insights system web interface connects to a VOSS Automate node that runs its web server. The web proxy nodes on a target VOSS Automate system can be shown with the **cluster status** command.

For example, for a standalone system, the command output of this command is *None*, since the web proxy nodes has the same address as the application and database. The example output of the command below is on a standalone VOSS Automate system:

```
$ cluster status

Data Centre: atlantic
  application : voss2-08[192.77.248.122]

  webproxy : voss2-08[192.77.248.122]
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```
database : voss2-08[192.77.248.122]
```

- **reporter http_connection <IP>|None**

The web interface of VOSS Insights can be set to a specified web proxy IP address, fully qualified domain name, or it can be reset to None.

- **reporter test_connection**

This test command is also used during the installation process. The example below shows command output when connected to a standalone VOSS Automate system.

```
$ reporter test_connection
MongoDB Connection established to 192.77.248.122
Primary Connection is 192.77.248.122:27020
HTTP Connection to 192.77.248.122 succesfull
```

4. Application Status

The command **app status** is used to display the status of the system. When the command is executed, it requests an up-to-date status of every process, and hence may take a few seconds to return.

Note: The `uc-reporter` service status indicates the VOSS Insights service state.

A typical app status screen from the command line interface:

```
platform@analytics123:~$ app status
cluster v1.5.0 (2016-09-07 08:02)
template_runner v1.5.0 (2016-09-07 08:13)
mongodb v1.5.0 (2016-09-07 08:02)
  |-arbiter    running
  |-database  running
support v1.5.0 (2016-09-07 08:13)
snmp v1.5.0 (2016-09-07 08:13)
  |-daemon    running (completed)
  |-traps     running (completed)
platform v1.5.0 (2016-09-07 08:03)
nginx v1.5.0 (2016-09-07 08:03)
  |-proxy     running
uc-reporter v1.3.0 (2016-09-07 07:39)
  |-node      running
services v1.5.0 (2016-09-07 08:11)
  |-wsgi      running
  |-logs      running
  |-firewall  running
  |-mount     running
  |-scheduler running
  |-syslog    running (completed)
  |-time      running (completed)
security v1.5.0 (2016-09-07 08:10)
```

The following states are defined:

- `running` indicates that the process is running correctly.
- `completed` indicates that the process ran to completion successfully.
- `suspended` indicates that the process is suspended while waiting for another process.
- `stopped` indicates that the process is not running. An error message indicates that the process stopped for an unexpected reason.

5. Reporter Logs

VOSS Insights logs that should be noted, are:

- `process/uc-reporter.node.log`

VOSS Insights log

Use the commands:

- **log view process/uc-reporter.node.log** to view the log.
 - **log follow process/uc-reporter.node.log** to follow the log.
- `install/uc-reporter_install.script-YYMMDD.log`

Installation logs

Refer to the Platform Guide for details on sending logs to a remote destination.

6. Override Default SSHD Keys for CUCM

Customers with older networking systems and who are using Arbitrator for CUCM collection may wish to override the VOSS Insights system *sshd_config* default entries with their own cipher values to allow the KexAlgorithms required for legacy systems.

Legacy algorithms are disabled by default in VOSS Insights, which retains only the latest and most secure version of ssh. Older ssh keys have been found to have known flaws.

Some legacy systems (particularly Cisco CUCMs) that interact with VOSS Insights may be unable to upgrade their sshd version. As a result, the legacy system may lose the ability to communicate with VOSS Insights.

Warning: It is recommended that if you choose to override the default values that ship with the system, you must verify, in a separate ssh connection (before ending your current ssh session), that you're still able to use ssh to access the system. If the file is corrupted as a result of performing this procedure, your access to ssh (and therefore your access to the system) may be compromised.

Do not perform this procedure unless you understand the security implications for your system. If you're unsure, please contact VOSS Support before making this change.

To modify the *sshd_config* file:

1. On the VOSS Insights system where you want to override values, for example, Arbitrator, Dashboard, or DS9, use ssh to log in as admin to the VOSS Insights **Administration** configuration screen:

```
ssh and your admin user account, for example, ssh admin@123
```

2. Select **Network Configuration**.
3. Select **SSHD Config**.
4. On the **Current Customer Overrides** screen, copy and paste the keys for the relevant algorithms (the ones you wish to use). For example, you may wish to add one or more of the following KexAlgorithms:

Important: None of the examples provided here are supported by or recommended by VOSS. This procedure only provides an alternative for legacy CUCMs.

- ecdh-sha2-nistp521
- ecdh-sha2-nistp384
- diffie-hellman-group14-sha1
- diffie-hellman-group1-sha1
- diffie-hellman-group-exchange-sha256
- diffie-hellman-group-exchange-sha1

You can copy these keys into the screen, in a comma separated list (without spaces), as in the following example, which uses two of these algorithms:

```
KexAlgorithms ecdh-sha2-nistp521,ecdh-sha2-nistp384
```

For a older CUCMs (e.g. CUCM 11.5.1), add the following:

```
KexAlgorithms diffie-hellman-group1-sha1,diffie-hellman-group14-sha1,diffie-hellman-  
↪group-exchange-sha1  
MACs hmac-md5,hmac-sha1,hmac-sha2-256,hmac-sha1-96,hmac-md5-96  
HostKeyAlgorithms ssh-rsa,ssh-dss
```

5. Click **OK**.
6. Verify that your changes are accepted.

Note: If you've introduced errors in the copy/paste operation, a system error displays and reverts the change. If you see an error message warning that ssh is unstable, you may need to contact VOSS Support for assistance, or re-paste the keys into the **Current Customer Overrides** screen and attempt the update again.

7. Before disconnecting from your current session, open a new ssh session to verify that you can still connect.

7. Elevated Access for Debugging

The VOSS Insights modules (Dashboard, Arbitrator, and DS9) do not allow direct root access over ssh.

If root access is required for debugging purposes, you can use the **NRS** tool (available from the **Administration** menu).

When selecting this menu and enabling this tool, it generates a key, which can only be deciphered by VOSS. VOSS uses this key to then gain root access in order to proceed with debugging.