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SDN LAB: M1 NETWORK CONTROLLER

Overview

The Network Controller is a distributed system that runs on a Service Fabric cluster, which provides high availability, scalability, and reliability. The Service Fabric cluster consists of multiple nodes, each hosting one or more replicas of the Network Controller services. The Network Controller services are responsible for managing the network resources and policies across the SDN infrastructure, such as virtual networks, subnets, gateways, load balancers, firewall rules, etc.

In this lab, you will learn how to access and examine the Service Fabric cluster that hosts the Network Controller, using tools such as PowerShell, and REST API. You will also learn how to check the health and status of the cluster, the nodes, and the services, and how to perform some basic operations such as failover and node maintenance. By the end of this lab, you should have a better understanding of the Network Controller architecture and functionality.

M1.1 Network Controller Architecture

As all operations are performed by the Network Controller, such as configuring SLB and GW VMs, routing, network interface operations, etc. it is critical first step to verify the health of the Network Controller as any critical issue impacting the Network Controller could cause all other behaviors/issues with the SDN infrastructure.

This section will explore validating the Service Fabric cluster health, as well as basic operations such as failover of primary replicas and disabling and enabling Service Fabric nodes.

Lab 1: Examine Service Fabric Cluster

The Service Fabric cluster will be composed of one or more Network Controller nodes that are running Service Fabric, with a minimum of three Network Controllers being the minimum for production purposes to provide high availability. To examine the Service Fabric cluster, you can leverage <u>ServiceFabric Module | Microsoft Learn</u>. In addition, there are several functions included in the <u>SdnDiagnostics</u> that are commonly leveraged.

CommandType	Name	Version Source
Function	Get-SdnServiceFabricApplicationHealth	2.2210 sdndiagnostic
Function	Get-SdnServiceFabricClusterHealth	2.2210 sdndiagnostic
Function	Get-SdnServiceFabricClusterManifest	2.2210 sdndiagnostic
Function	Get-SdnServiceFabricLog	2.2210 sdndiagnostic
Function	Get-SdnServiceFabricNode	2.2210 sdndiagnostic
Function	Get-SdnServiceFabricReplica	2.2210 sdndiagnostic
Function	Get-SdnServiceFabricService	2.2210 sdndiagnostic
Function	Invoke-SdnServiceFabricCommand	2.2210 sdndiagnostic
Function	Move-SdnServiceFabricReplica	2.2210 sdndiagnostic

Connect into the Network Controller VM and run **Get-SdnInfrastructureInfo**. This will pre-populate the cache for the cmdlets below.

Examine the number of nodes within the cluster, as well as state of each node by running **Get-SdnServiceFabricNode** | Format-Table.

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-SdnServiceFabricNode | Format-Table

NodeDeactivationInfo NodeName IpAddressOrFQDN NodeType CodeVersion ConfigVersion NodeStatus NodeUpTime NodeDownTime NodeUpAt

SDN-NC02 SDN-NC02.SDN.LAB SDN-NC02 7.1.409.9590 12.1.2.0 Up 00:08:21 00:00:00 11/19/2022 3:45:06 AM SDN-NC01 SDN-NC01.SDN.LAB SDN-NC01 7.1.409.9590 12.1.2.0 Up 00:08:22 00:00:00 11/19/2022 3:45:05 AM SDN-NC03 SDN-NC03.SDN.LAB SDN-NC03 7.1.409.9590 12.1.2.0 Up 00:08:22 00:00:00 11/19/2022 3:45:05 AM
```

Examine the health of the Service Fabric cluster by running Get-SdnServiceFabricClusterHealth.

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-SdnServiceFabricClusterHealth
NodeHealthStates
                        : {SDN-NC02: Ok, SDN-NC01: Ok, SDN-NC03: Ok}
ApplicationHealthStates : {fabric:/NetworkController: Ok, fabric:/System: Ok}
HealthEvents
                        : {}
HealthStatistics
                          Node
                                                : 3 Ok, 0 Warning, 0 Error
                          Replica
                                                : 31 Ok, 0 Warning, 0 Error
                          Partition
                                                : 11 Ok, 0 Warning, 0 Error
                          Service
                                                : 11 Ok, 0 Warning, 0 Error
                          DeployedServicePackage: 31 Ok, 0 Warning, 0 Error
                          DeployedApplication : 3 Ok, 0 Warning, 0 Error
                          Application
                                                : 1 Ok, 0 Warning, 0 Error
AggregatedHealthState
                        : 0k
UnhealthyEvaluations
                        : {}
```

Examine the health of the applications deployed on the cluster by running **Get-SdnServiceFabricApplicationHealth**.

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-SdnServiceFabricApplicationHealth

ServiceHealthStates : {fabric:\NetworkController\FnmService: Ok, fabric:\NetworkController\GatewayManager: Ok, fabric:\NetworkController\HelperService: Ok, fabric:\NetworkController\HelperService:\NetworkController\HelperService: Ok, fabric:\NetworkController\HelperService:\NetworkController\HelperService:\NetworkController\HelperService:\NetworkController\HelperService:\NetworkController\HelperService:\NetworkController\HelperService:\NetworkController\HelperService:\NetworkController\HelperService:\NetworkController\HelperService:\N
```

In this Service Fabric cluster, there is only a single application called fabric:/NetworkController which all services reside under. In most other Service Fabric clusters, you may see dozens of applications deployed, with numerous services deployed under each application.

Lab 2: Disable and Enable Service Fabric Nodes

In certain instances, you may need to perform an operation against a Network Controller node where a reboot is required. To help ensure a graceful reboot, it is recommended to disable the node from within the cluster to perform a reboot. To do so, we will need to run Service Fabric cmdlets in this lab. The -NodeName is casesensitive, so you may want to leverage **Get-SdnServiceFabricNode** or **Get-ServiceFabricNode** to make sure you grab the correct name.

```
Connect-ServiceFabricCluster
Disable-ServiceFabricNode -NodeName 'SDN-NC01' -Intent Restart
```

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Connect-ServiceFabricCluster
True
: PowerShell-f3cba9bc-34e5-4750-9a75-e69422d7c2bc
                      PartitionLocationCacheLimit
                                                            : 100000
                       PartitionLocationCacheBucketCount
                                                           : 1024
                       ServiceChangePollInterval
                                                           : 00:02:00
                       ConnectionInitializationTimeout
                                                            : 00:00:02
                       KeepAliveInterval
                                                            : 00:00:20
                       ConnectionIdleTimeout
                                                            : 00:00:00
                       HealthOperationTimeout
                                                            : 00:02:00
                      HealthReportRetrySendInterval : 00:00:00

NotificationSets
                       NotificationGatewayConnectionTimeout : 00:00:30
                       NotificationCacheUpdateTimeout : 00:00:30
                       AuthTokenBufferSize
                                                           : 4096
GatewayInformation
                       NodeAddress
                                                           : SDN-NC01.SDN.LAB:49006
                                                           : 131776f005569cd97baefb4db5222830
                       NodeId
                                                           : 133133088677252683
: SDN-NC01
                       NodeInstanceId
                       NodeName
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Disable-ServiceFabricNode -NodeName 'SDN-NC01' -Intent Restart
Confirm
Continue with this operation?
[Y] Yes [N] No [S] Suspend [?] Help (default is "Y"): y
Successfully accepted request for disabling node 'SDN-NC01'
PS C:\Users\Administrator> _
```

Once the command has completed, run **Get-SdnServiceFabricNode** to check the state.

```
NodeName
                    : SDN-NC01
NodeId
                    : 131776f005569cd97baefb4db5222830
                    : 133133088677252683
NodeInstanceId
NodeType
                   : SDN-NC01
                   : Disabled
NodeStatus
HealthState
                   : 0k
CodeVersion
                   : 7.1.409.9590
ConfigVersion
                   : 12.1.2.0
IsSeedNode
                   : True
IpAddressOrFQDN
                   : SDN-NC01.SDN.LAB
FaultDomain
                   : fd:/SDN-NC01
UpgradeDomain
                   : SDN-NC01
NodeDeactivationInfo : EffectiveIntent : Restart
                      Status : Completed
                      TaskType : Client
                      TaskId: 131776f005569cd97baefb4db5222830
                      Intent : Restart
                    : False
IsStopped
```

You are now able to proceed safely rebooting the Network Controller node. Once you have completed your operations and the node is ready to be added back into the cluster, you will run **Enable-ServiceFabricNode** to get it synced back with the cluster and be an active member.

Enable-ServiceFabricNode -NodeName 'SDN-NC01'

Lab 3: Examine an Unhealthy Cluster

In some situations, you may encounter where Network Controller application is reporting unhealthy. If the majority of the nodes are in a bad state, this is known as Quorum Loss and Network Controller services will be in a read-only state and will not allow any write operations. This means any NB API calls will fail, in addition if live migration happens with virtual machine(s), the policies on the dataplane will become stale, resulting in packet loss for the virtual machine(s).

Stop the FabricHostSvc using Stop-Service -Name FabricHostSvc -Force.

After the service has stopped, check the application and cluster health for Service Fabric.

Get-SdnServiceFabricClusterHealth -NetworkController 'SDN-NC02'

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-SdnServiceFabricClusterHealth -NetworkController SDN-NC02

NodeHealthStates : {SDN-NC02: Ok, SDM-NC04: Error, SDN-NC03: Ok}

ApplicationHealthStates : {SourceId: 'System: FM', Property: 'SeedNodeStatus', Warning, "Some seed nodes are unhealthy. Loss of a majority of seed nodes can cause cluster fallure.

HealthEvents : {SourceId: 'System: FM', Property: 'SeedNodeStatus', Warning, "Some seed nodes are unhealthy. Loss of a majority of seed nodes can cause cluster fallure.

1 out of 3 seed nodes are Down. Down seed nodes:
NodeName(NodeIname(NodeId): SDN-NC041(311776P065550c907baeFb4055222830) Node Down At: 2022-11-19 05:15:07.678

For more information to fix this, see: http://dxc.ms/sfnealth", TimeToLive 10675199.02:48:05.4775807, RemoveWhenExpired True, SequenceNumb in the Company of the Com
```

Once you are done examining the cluster and application health states, run **Start-Service -Name FabricHostSvc** to restore the health of the cluster.

Lab 4: Examine Cluster Authentication

Network Controller nodes will communicate with each other for the Service Fabric cluster. Communication between the nodes is secured by using X509 or Kerberos.

1. Examine the Service Fabric Cluster Manifest to determine the authentication method.

Get-SdnServiceFabricClusterManifest

2. Examine Cert:\LocalMachine\My on the Network Controller nodes to see which certificates are present.

Get-ChildItem -Path 'Cert:\LocalMachine\My'

M1.2 Northbound API

There are numerous SDN resources exposed via the Northbound API. Some are related to the SDN Fabric itself, such as Servers, LoadBalancerManager/Config, LoadBalancerMuxes and Gateways. Other SDN resources may be related to the tenant dataplane configuration, such as NetworkInterfaces, VirtualNetworks, VirtualNetworkGateways, etc.

Lab 1: Determine NorthBound API URI

To examine the resources configured within Network Controller, you first need to determine the Northbound API endpoint that you will perform your REST operations against.

Connect to SDN-NC01 and run **Get-SdnNetworkController**. The FQDN of the NB API will match the ServerCertificate that is configured. Customers may use RestName (Dynamic) or RestIPAddress (Static IP) to define their Northbound API endpoint.

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-SdnNetworkController
                            : {SDN-NC01}
ClientAuthentication
                            : None
: lientCertificateThumbprint
ClientSecurityGroup
                            : [Subject]
ServerCertificate
                                CN= ICNORTHBOUND.SDN.LAB
                              [Issuer]
                                CN=NCNORTHBOUND.SDN.LAB
                               [Serial Number]
                                1EA4ED2CC3BAC6BD49C97B515DE2666F
                               [Not Before]
                                5/7/2020 9:30:02 PM
                               [Not After]
                                5/7/2030 9:40:00 PM
                               [Thumbprint]
                                DF9A69DB0D98BDA6A6AA33E570BB2F9200A5D362
RestIPAddress
                              NCNORTHBOUND.SDN.LAB
RestName
                             : 12.0.10
```

You can also run **Get-SdnInfrastructureInfo**, which will also automatically determine the NB API endpoint. This information will be automatically cached as well within **Global:SdnDiagnostics** that can be referenced later. Additionally, some cmdlets within SdnDiagnostics module will automatically read from this cache, which makes working with the module simpler as required parameters will automatically be populated.

Lab 2: Examine SDN Fabric Resources

In this section, let's examine the Server resources by using **Get-SdnResource** cmdlet. If you have not run **Get-SdnInfrastructureInfo** already, please do so now to populate the NC URI and other environment variables.

Run **Get-SdnResource** with the **-Resource Servers** defined to return all the Server objects back from Network Controller.

Get-SdnResource -NcUri \$Global:SdnDiagnostics.EnvironmentInfo.NcUrl Resource Servers

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-SdnResource -NcUri $global:SdnDiagnostics.EnvironmentInfo.NcUrl -ResourceType Servers
resourceRef :
                   /servers/2795c924-e54b-4a0c-9f26-c7b8c1bdde2d
resourceId
                   2795c924-e54b-4a0c-9f26-c7b8c1bdde2d
                   W/"2615a063-9a59-40c1-a0bc-09b78fdacfb8"
instanceId
                   f9fe6ccc-a2ca-44fd-816f-58db52f7f5b3
properties
                   @{provisioningState=Succeeded; connections=System.Object[]; certificate=MIIDFDCCAfygAwIBAgIQY7AaAzTku6VD102qBWKY
                   DAxLlNETi5MQUIwHhcNMjawNTA3MjE1NjUzWhcNMzAwNTA3MjIwNjUxWjAdMRswGQYDVQQDDBJTRE4tSE9TVDAxLlNETi5MQUIwggEiMA0GCSqG
                   6pjs0C4Qs16HTdTVS3Xs6MR9ak7wWP7nUwsmUBrXT592im/JR1QwD9zWWPRN1INv5fFmscuVn1sy9j+SyxPWzQ5J5EjKCuTY2R6g/z4eh8v0uF7/u/F1W1j4UEtj4ZQHO2kLla4RZDsu1gNh7cVsGpCd6jG+IRSEPq1rvFNt/l1EBKNMu6T43ZKXGOV4+TiP5QvhgSd0FZmN+4qzBajq/NhMOX2GLxjd
                   AgMBAAGjUDBOMA4GA1UdDwEB/wQEAwIFoDAdBgNVHSUEFjAUBggrBgEFBQcDAQYIKwYBBQUHAwIwHQYDVR0OBBYEFDCw4tK5ugtqUfFGllZbaxSF
/++gJfq/gv2cvoq1HbKDUEJsP6N0bAoZZHK5zhJnodVWZZAdSKBFaJTNoud0f60JszUsmpNjki0IvKJKnZvoDAdqJCzVKJV1eOKnMi5anznj6wI
                   tmB6UoxU9fox5YV/nSLK2Rkb8AKgzy7K7pHC9R+Ls5hdZjeyo016Cf1TsXNouLkLAuUqTB3VfTZwJ4Z+5levZDBCKHo7iam0WjjIFG69N885YINT
                   o; auditingEnabled=System.Object[]; configurationState=; virtualNetworkInterfaces=System.Object[]; networkInter
 resourceRef :
                   /servers/46a9a408-4e62-4989-8cb3-b85af0652431
                   46a9a408-4e62-4989-8cb3-b85af0652431
 esourceId
                   W/"a81e9181-74d8-4528-a627-40d7b30f1219"
etag
                   d0360c5a-44b1-414c-bca7-9db290cc110e
instanceId
                   @{provisioningState=Succeeded; connections=System.Object[]; certificate=MIIDFDCCAfygAwIBAgIQeyuFA8BBFrdGrk34W0wo
DAyLlNETi5MQUIwHhcNMjAwNTA3MjE10TU4WhcNMzAwNTA3MjIwOTU2WjAdMRswGQYDVQQDDBJTRE4t5E9TVDAyLlNETi5MQUIwggEiMA0GCSqGS
dsvylN6EnevHe1j5nPrA9Aw4psntXqN/w0FA8p0vyw2FWDSWyILGVeVVpwoBpEHbSoz4YGuqnN2rvkLQH8HJdpxHDntDOYz741x5+iJ9kjUY2E9c
Rm4Hrd3iDUDuNpV1e6AAPsH1ha5k++S6WGubm98+li7Y4YFFKd9F79XwJEg44sEZyeX06jWSdtz1e/C2fAyf/F7/2FphdwoZP7bH+jYKopINbGL/
AgMBAAGjUDBOMA4GA1UdDwEB/wQEAwIFoDAdBgNVHSUEFjAUBggrBgFEBQcDAQYIKwYBBQUHAwIwHQVDVR0OBBYEFB/72bCwrtakaQUhW0znc8EC
properties
                   aLGG/bXp0CTInSy3Ire1xx9N2IAKmEASx/fiLMGS/x/IcfUp/RAT2B+HAsMimlJ/pIt2M7sgmZeZM4cTP2Rajmp3qzI/h/4tbp88Un7cwvB2ODPE
                   OsHlzMpcdp3xWKFUY/I/6iM7WrhEcbYjCzbqJiu7/hQgDiRpmcwxITD94iDAbpfSxGEo4+PLbgNVd+xPD461BAzPbi3WJFxgs8ov/9Zfo7/MIeY
                   y; auditingEnabled=System.Object[]; configurationState=; virtualNetworkInterfaces=System.Object[]; networkInter
```

Run Get-SdnResource with -ResourceRef {resourceRef} using one of the resource references returned in the previous result.

Get-SdnResource -NcUri \$Global:SdnDiagnostics.EnvironmentInfo.NcUrl -ResourceRef
/servers/46a9a408-4e62-4989-8cb3-b85af0652431

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-SdnResource -NcUri $global:SdnDiagnostics.EnvironmentInfo.NcUrl -ResourceRef /servers/46a9a408-4e62-4989-8cb3-b85af0652431

resourceRef : \servers\46a9a408-4e62-4989-8cb3-b85af0652431

resourceId : \quad \qquad \quad \qua
```

View the properties of the object by assigning the value to a variable and enumerating through the PSObject properties.

\$server = Get-SdnResource -NcUri \$Global:SdnDiagnostics.EnvironmentInfo.NcUrl ResourceRef /servers/46a9a408-4e62-4989-8cb3-b85af0652431

\$server.Properties

Try This:

- 1. Can you view retrieve the resource properties for one of the networkInterface objects?
- 2. Try converting the properties to JSON using | ConvertTo-Json -Depth 100 to see all the resource properties.
- 3. Examine other SDN fabric resources, such as Credentials, LogicalNetworks, LoadBalancerMuxes, LoadBalancerManagerConfig, Gateways

M1.3 Southbound API

Network Controller communication with Servers and MUX devices uses certificates for authentication.

Communication with the hosts is over OVSDB protocol while communication with the SLB MUX devices is over

the WCF protocol. For communication with the Servers over OVSDB, Network Controller needs to present a certificate.

Lab 1: Verify Southbound Certificates

- 1. Examine the Southbound nodes (Servers and MUXes) to see which certificates are present under Cert:\LocalMachine\My to see which certificates are present.
- 2. If using self-signed certificates, examine the Cert:\LocalMachine\Root store to see which certificates are present.

M1.4 Network Controller Services

Network Controller is an application hosted on Service Fabric, with multiple services such as vSwitchService and SlbManagerService that make up Network Controller.

Lab 1: Get Service Fabric Service

Each Service Fabric Service can be exposed by running:

Get-SdnServiceFabricService -ApplicationName 'fabric:/NetworkController' ServiceTypeName ApiService

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-SdnServiceFabricService -ApplicationName 'fabric:/NetworkController' -ServiceTypeName ApiService
PSShowComputerName
HasPersistedState
                      : True
ServiceKind
                      : Stateful
                     : fabric:/NetworkController/ApiService
ServiceName
ServiceTypeName
                      : ApiService
ServiceManifestVersion: 12.0.10
HealthState
                      : Active
ServiceStatus
SServiceGroup
                       : False
```

Correspondingly, you can get the Partition Database for a particular service by running:

Get-SdnServiceFabricPartition -ServiceTypeName ApiService

PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-SdnServiceFabricPartition -ServiceTypeName 'ApiService'

PartitionId : ffc1f779-328c-4ae7-a81e-461185204b5d

PartitionKind : Singleton
DataLossNumber : 133132574696456340
ConfigurationNumber : 12884901888

TargetReplicaSetSize : 3 MinReplicaSetSize

LastQuorumLossDuration : 00:00:55

PrimaryEpoch : System.Fabric.Epoch

ServiceKind : Stateful ; 0k

HealthState

PartitionInformation : System.Fabric.SingletonPartitionInformation

PartitionStatus : Ready

To get the Service Fabric Replica, you can leverage Get-SdnServiceFabricReplica. You can also add -Primary switch if you want to only return the primary replica as Network Controller leverages stateful fabric services, which always use Primary and ActiveSecondary replicas.

Get-SdnServiceFabricReplica -ApplicationName 'fabric:/NetworkController' -ServiceTypeName ApiService

PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-SdnServiceFabricReplica -ServiceTypeName 'ApiService'

ReplicaId : 133132574711746383 ReplicaOrInstanceId : 133132574711746383

PartitionId : ffc1f779-328c-4ae7-a81e-461185204b5d ReplicaRole : Primary ServiceKind : Stateful

Ιd : 133132574711746383

ReplicaStatus : Ready
HealthState : Ok
ReplicaAddress : SDN-NC03.SDN.LAB:0
NodeName : SDN-NC03

LastInBuildDuration : 00:00:02

ReplicaId : 133132574912107788 ReplicaOrInstanceId : 133132574912107788

PartitionId : ffc1f779-328c-4ae7-a81e-461185204b5d

ReplicaRole : ActiveSecondary
ServiceKind : Stateful
1d : 133132574912107

Ιd : 133132574912107788

ReplicaStatus : Ready HealthState : Ok

ReplicaAddress : SDN-NC02.SDN.LAB:0
NodeName : SDN-NC02

LastInBuildDuration : 00:00:02

ReplicaId : 133132574912107789 ReplicaOrInstanceId : 133132574912107789

PartitionId : ffc1f779-328c-4ae7-a81e-461185204b5d ReplicaRole : ActiveSecondary

ServiceKind : Stateful

: 133132574912107789

ReplicaStatus : Ready
HealthState : Ok
ReplicaAddress : SDN-NC01.SDN.LAB:0
NodeName : SDN-NC01

LastInBuildDuration : 00:00:02

Lab 2: Failover the Primary Replica

In some instances there may not be something working correctly where the policies you are expecting to be programmed into the southbound devices are just not happening. One of the easiest things to do if your Service Fabric cluster is not in quorum loss, is to perform a failover of the primary replica. This is only possible when you have more than 3 Network Controller nodes within your cluster.

Lab 3: Get Process for Service Fabric Service

Each of the Service Fabric Services has a corresponding process that is running on each of the replica nodes.

Get-Process -Name *SDN*

PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-Process -Name *SDN*							
Handles	NPM(K)	PM(K)	WS(K)	CPU(s)	Id	SI	ProcessName
1855	97	189744	220240	68,153.95	9748	0	SDNAPI
1348	52	128524	145384	11.61	6568	0	SDNBR
2640	89	167468	196892	133.70	6908	0	SDNCTLR
1362	53	127752	143592	11.94	3128	0	SDNFNM
2452	67	146556	168716	59.14	9004	0	SDNFW
2230	65	186804	211844	29.77	7100	0	SDNGWM
921	41	97292	122792	37.30	4124	0	SDNHelper
2021	55	127908	145276	10.22	7428	0	SDNSI
2654	94	439940	296456	356.97	8916	0	SDNSLBM
615	44	93404	108972	75.20	1500	0	SDNUpdater
2784	76	125028	154372	94.44	10600	0	SDNVSM

If the processes are not running, this is an indication that something is wrong with the Service Fabric Cluster, Application or Services themselves. If they are not running, the services will not be able to push policies and rules down to NCHostAgent / OVSDB, which would directly impact accessing of resources within the dataplane.

Try This:

- Examine the SDNAPI process details. Where is the SDNAPI.exe located?
- Stop the FabricHostSvc Service. What happens to the SDN processes on that server?

Lab 4: Examine IMOS Data

Service Fabric leverages Key Value Store (KVS) to store the configuration state date. Network Controller adds an In-Memory Object Store (IMOS) schema which provides a database-like abstraction of KVS for the services within Network Controller application. IMOS data can be gathered from Network Controller by performing a PUT request to NetworkControllerState API endpoint to trigger the configuration dump. This operation will result in the primary replicas for each service to output its current IMOS configuration to

You can leverage **Get-SdnNetworkControllerState** which will perform the REST API operation, and then will pick up the corresponding service IMOS files from each Network Controller within the Service Fabric cluster.

Get-SdnNetworkControllerState -NetworkController 'SDN-NC01' -OutputDirectory

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-SdnNetworkControllerState -NetworkController SDN-NC01 -OutputDirectory C:\Windows\Tracing\SdnDataCollection\IMOS
[SDN-NC01] Detected that SDN-NC01 is local machine
[SDN-NC01] Copying C:\Windows\Tracing\SDNDiagnostics\NetworkControllerState\* to C:\Windows\Tracing\SdnDataCollection\IMOS\NetworkControllerState
PS C:\Users\Administrator> _
```

Once the command has completed, navigate to the directory (local from where command was executed from) and examine the output.

M1.5 Network Controller Host Agent

An extension of the Network Controller is the NCHostAgent that is installed on the Hyper-V hosts that are managed by the Network Controller. All policies are pushed from services hosted on Network Controller to the OVSDB tables within NCHostAgent to be programmed into the VFP in the dataplane. If for any reason the network changes do not appear to be happening and the Network Controller API is showing the correct state, then need to verify that the Network Controller can talk to the NCHostAgent.

Lab 1: Verify Southbound Connectivity

Verify that the NCHostAgent service is running by running **Get-Service -Name NcHostAgent** on one of the Hyper-V hosts.

```
PS C:\Users\administrator> Get-Service -Name NcHostAgent
Status Name DisplayName
------
Running NcHostAgent NC Host Agent
```

When the NCHostAgent service is running, it will create a TLS connection from the Hyper-V host to the SDN API primary replica over TCP Port 6640.

NOTE: In Azure Stack HCl 23H2 systems, this has been changed to port 6645 that NCHostAgent is listening for and receiving connections from Network Controller. Examine

HKLM:\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\NCHostAgent\Connections to verify the port.

Get-NetTCPConnection -RemotePort 6640

If you connect into the Remote Address, you can isolate the process that the TCP connection is related to by focusing on TCP Port 6640.

Get-NetTCPConnection -LocalPort 6640 Get-Process -Id 3968

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-NetTCPConnection -LocalPort 6640
LocalAddress
                                    LocalPort RemoteAddress
                                                                                                          AppliedSetting OwningProcess
                                                                                   RemotePort State
10.184.108.14
                                              10.184.108.3
                                    6640
                                                                                              Established Datacenter
                                                                                                                         3968
10.184.108.14
                                              10.184.108.2
                                                                                   52657
                                                                                              Established Datacenter
0.0.0.0
                                              0.0.0.0
                                                                                              Listen
                                                                                                                         3968
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-Process -Id 3968
Handles NPM(K)
                  PM(K)
                                        CPU(s)
                                                   Id SI ProcessName
  1807
                 179588
                            220856 ...,716.78
                                                       0 SDNAPI
```

After NCHostAgent establishes a TCP connection with SDN API, Virtual Switch Manager and Firewall Service will create southbound connections to NCHostAgent as well. If there are no tenant workloads that have been deployed, then there will not be a southbound connection from SDN vSwitch Manager service.

Get-NetTCPConnection -LocalPort 6640

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-NetTCPConnection -LocalPort 6640
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```

If you connect into the Remote Address, you can isolate the process that the TCP connection is related to by identifying the OwningProcess for the TCP connection and comparing it with current running processes.

Get-NetTCPConnection -LocalPort 6640 Get-Process -Id

```
S C:\Users\Administrator> Get-NetTCPConnection -LocalPort 60381
LocalAddress
                                   LocalPort RemoteAddress
                                                                                 RemotePort State
                                                                                                        AppliedSetting OwningProcess
0.0.0.0
                                   60381
                                             0.0.0.0
                                                                                            Bound
                                             10.184.108.3
10.184.108.14
                                   60381
                                                                                            Established Datacenter
                                                                                                                       3412
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-Process -Id 3412
andles NPM(K)
                  PM(K)
                             WS(K)
                                       CPU(s)
                                                  Id SI ProcessName
                 144976
                            175560
                                     4,975.45 3412
                                                      0 SDNVSM
```

Try this:

 Failover the vSwitchService (SDNVSM) or FirewallService (SDNFW) primary replica on NC multi-node environment. What has happened with the TCP connections to the Hypervisor hosts?

Lab 2: Open vSwitch Database (OVSDB)

Microsoft's Network Controller pushes policies down to the NC Host Agent running on each hypervisor host using Open vSwitch Database (OVSDB) Management Protocol via the Southbound Interface (SBI). These policies are represented in schemas that are persisted in the host agent's database. A local ARP responder on the host is then able to catch and respond to all ARP requests from the VMs to provide the destination MAC address of the remote VM. The Host Agent database also contains the VTEP IP address of all hosts attached to the virtual subnet. The Host Agent programs mapping rules into the VFP extension of the Hyper-V Virtual Switch to correctly encapsulate and send the VM packet based on the destination VM.

For more information about OVSDB, see <u>RFC 7047</u>. For more information about Microsoft's use of OVSDB, see <u>What's New in Hyper-V Network Virtualization in Windows Server 2016</u> or <u>Network Virtualization in the</u> Windows Server 2016 Software Defined Networking (SDN) Stack.

The data represented in the tables is also stored in configuration files under %ProgramData%\Microsoft\Windows\NCHostAgent on each compute host. By default, there is a ms_vtep, Firewall, and ServiceInsertion configuration file. You can view the configuration on any of the hosts by opening an administrative command prompt and running ovsdb-client.exe dump tcp:127.0.0.1:6641 database_name.

Try running the command either locally on SDN-HOST01 or SDN-HOST02, or leveraging SdnDiagnostics module, from any computer.

Invoke-SdnCommand -ComputerName SDN-HOST01 -ScriptBlock {ovsdb-client.exe dump tcp:127.0.0.1:6641 ms_vtep}

Alternatively, SdnDiagnostics has several functions available that automatically take the raw database output to create a PSObject that can be more easily worked with.

Get-SdnOvsdbGlobalTable -ComputerName SDN-HOST01

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-SdnOvsdbGlobalTable -ComputerName SDN-HOST01

uuid : b566fc70-6623-4a2a-aa07-122c86ff8647

switches : c0e0ef96-6a52-4095-a4ef-d7e4eafd86a0

next_cfg : 2317

cur_cfg : 2317

PSComputerName : SDN-HOST01

RunspaceId : 1c4b8822-043f-4f95-8f7a-22654442c9a2
```

To see which functions are available for enumerating the OVSDB data, run:

Get-Command -Module SdnDiagnostics -Name *OVSDB*

Try this:

• Stop NCHostAgent service on SDN-HOST01 or SDN-HOST02. Try to run OVSDB commands against the MS_VTEP or MS_Firewall database.

M1.6 Component-Level Tracing

Lab 1: Examine Diagnostic Log Settings

Diagnostic logging is configured using **Get-NetworkControllerDiagnostic** and **Set-NetworkControllerDiagnostic** cmdlets. To see the current diagnostics configuration, run **Get-NetworkControllerDiagnostic**.

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-NetworkControllerDiagnostic

LogScope : All

DiagnosticLogLocation :

LogTimeLimitInDays : 3

LogSizeLimitInMBs : 15000

LogLevel : Informational
```

When using the **Set-NetworkControllerDiagnostic** cmdlet, it is actually pushing the configuration into Service Fabric and forcing a cluster upgrade of the application to take the new log configuration settings. You can also see these log settings by examining the cluster manifest directly using **Get-SdnServiceFabricClusterManifest**.

```
<Section Name="Trace/Etw">
  <Parameter Name="Level" Value="4" />
  </Section>
```

```
<Section Name="Diagnostics">
  <Parameter Name="ProducerInstances" Value="WinFabEtlFile,WinFabCrashDump,WinFabPerfCtrFolder" />
  <Parameter Name="MaxDiskQuotaInMB" Value="15000" />
  <Parameter Name="AppDiagnosticStoreAccessRequiresImpersonation" Value="false" />
<Section Name="WinFabEtlFile">
  <Parameter Name="ProducerType" Value="EtlFileProducer" />
  <Parameter Name="IsEnabled" Value="true" />
  <Parameter Name="EtlReadIntervalInMinutes" Value="5" />
  <Parameter Name="DataDeletionAgeInDays" Value="3" />
</Section>
<Section Name="WinFabCrashDump">
  <Parameter Name="ProducerType" Value="FolderProducer" />
  <Parameter Name="IsEnabled" Value="true" />
  <Parameter Name="FolderType" Value="WindowsFabricCrashDumps" />
</Section>
<Section Name="WinFabPerfCtrFolder">
  <Parameter Name="ProducerType" Value="FolderProducer" />
<Parameter Name="IsEnabled" Value="true" />
<Parameter Name="FolderType" Value="WindowsFabricPerformanceCounters" />
  <Parameter Name="DataDeletionAgeInDays" Value="3" />
</Section>
```

These global configuration settings are pushed down to each SDN fabric node into respective registry location.

Get-ChildItem -Path HKLM:\Software\Microsoft\NetworkController\SDN\Diagnostics

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-ChildItem -Path HKLM:\Software\Microsoft\NetworkController\SDN\Diagnostics
   Hive: HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\NetworkController\SDN\Diagnostics
                              Property
Name
Parameters
                             ChangeInErrorCode
                                                             : 0
                             DeviceType
                                                             : 128
                             ErrorCode
                                                             : 0
                              IsLoggingEnabled
                                                            : 1
                             IsSDNCtlrPrimaryNode
                             LastUpdatedTime
                                                            : 1666729512
                              LogLevel
                              LogmanBufferSize
                                                             : 256
                              LogmanFileCreationIntervalInMin : 20
                              LogmanFlushTimeInMin
                                                            : 2
                              LogSizeLimit
                                                             : 15000
                              LogTimeLimit
                                                             : {1, 0, 0, 0...}
                              Password
                              RemoteLogLocation
                              UserName
```

Lab 2: Examine Logman Trace Settings

By default, ETW trace logging is enabled on any SDN fabric node. Each role will have its own unique ETW providers that tracing is enabled for.

PS C:\Users\Administrator> logman query SdnDiagnosticsTrace

Name: SdnDiagnosticsTrace

Status: Running

Root Path: C:\Windows\tracing\SDNDiagnostics\Logs\

Segment: On Schedules: On

Segment Max Duration: 1200 second(s)

Run as: SYSTEM

Name: SdnDiagnosticsTrace\SDNDiagnosticsTrace

Type: Trace

Output Location: C:\Windows\tracing\SDNDiagnostics\Logs\SDNDiagnosticsTrace_000010.etl

Append: Off
Circular: Off
Overwrite: Off
Buffer Size: 256
Buffers Lost: 0
Buffers Written: 14
Buffer Flush Timer: 120

Clock Type: Performance

File Mode: File

In addition to the information above, there will be several other properties related to the unique ETW providers that tracing is enabled for.

Provider:

Name: Microsoft-Windows-NetworkController-Framework

Provider Guid: {80355850-C8ED-4336-ADE2-6595F9CA821D}

Level: 4 (win:Informational)

KeywordsAll: 0x0

Properties: 0 Filter Type: 0

Try this:

• Examine logman trace settings for other SDN roles to identify which providers are enabled by default.

Lab 3: Examine Scheduled Tasks

Scheduled tasks enable default logging on the respective SDN fabric in addition to preventing the logs from consuming an unlimited amount of space.

Get-ScheduledTask -TaskName "*SDN*"

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-ScheduledTask -TaskName "*SDN*"

TaskPath TaskName State
------
\Microsoft\Windows\Network Controller\ SDN Diagnostics Task Ready
\Microsoft\Windows\PLA\ SDNDiagnosticsTrace Running
```

To get more details regarding the task itself, you can pipe the output from above to | Get-ScheduledTaskInfo

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-ScheduledTask -TaskName "*SDN*" | Get-ScheduledTaskInfo
                  : 10/25/2022 7:30:30 PM
LastRunTime
LastTaskResult
                 : 0
               : 10/25/2022 8:00:00 PM
NextRunTime
NumberOfMissedRuns : 0
         : SDN Diagnostics Task
TaskName
                : \Microsoft\Windows\Network Controller\
TaskPath
PSComputerName
LastRunTime
                : 10/25/2022 5:31:31 PM
LastTaskResult
                : 267009
NextRunTime
NumberOfMissedRuns : 0
TaskPath
psc
                 : SDNDiagnosticsTrace
                  : \Microsoft\Windows\PLA\
PSComputerName
```

Lab 4: Convert and View an ETW Trace

There are multiple methods within Microsoft to decode the .etl files into human readable format, however, customers and partners can decode these .etl traces gathered from SDN fabric as these ETW events are manifest based and can be decoded on the systems with the appropriate features and roles installed.

Connect to SDN-NC0# node, and convert one of the .etl trace files and examine the output.

```
$file = Get-ChildItem -Path $Global:SdnDiagnostics.Settings.DefaultLogDirectory -
Filter "*.etl" | sort LastWriteTime -Descending | select -First 1
$result = Convert-SdnEtwTraceToTxt -FileName $file.FullName -Overwrite Yes -Report No
$result
notepad $result.FileName
```

Alternatively, if you are not actively on the system and need to decode the files, you can leverage **netsh trace convert** which is native Windows command that will decode these files.

Lab 5: Perform Data Collection

In some instances, we cannot always get to the root cause of customer issues during a single troubleshooting session or may have reached a technical roadblock. In these instances, it is recommended to use **Start-SdnDataCollection** to gather a comprehensive set of data from the SDN fabric that can be analyzed. SdnDiagnostics module itself can be executed from any location if the user has appropriate permissions to access the Network Controller NB API and SDN fabric nodes.

Start-SdnDataCollection -Role NetworkController, Server -IncludeLogs -FromDate (Get-Date).AddHours(-1)

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Start-SdnDataCollection -Role NetworkController, Server -IncludeLogs -FromDate (Get-Date).AddHours(-1)

[SDN-NC01] Required: 10 GB | Available: 11.1802177429199 GB

[SDN-NC01] Results will be saved to C:\Windows\Tracing\SdnDataCollection\20221025-211834

[SDN-NC01] Node SDN-NC01 with role NetworkController added for data collection

[SDN-NC01] Node SDN-HOST01.SDN.LAB with role Server added for data collection

[SDN-NC01] Node SDN-HOST02.SDN.LAB with role Server added for data collection

[SDN-NC01] Node SDN-HOST02.SDN.LAB with role Server added for data collection

[SDN-NC01] Performing cleanup of C:\Windows\Tracing\SdnDataCollection\Temp directory across SDN-NC01

[SDN-NC01] Collect configuration state details for NetworkController nodes: SDN-NC01

[SDN-NC01] Required: 100 MB | Available: 11424.93359375 MB

[SDN-NC01] Required: 100 MB | Available: 11424.93359375 MB

[SDN-NC01] Required: 100 MB | Available: 11424.93359375 MB

[SDN-NC01] Copying C:\Windows\Tracing\SdnDataCollection\Temp directory

[SDN-NC01] Detected that SDN-NC01 is local machine

[SDN-NC01] Copying C:\Windows\Tracing\SdnDataCollection\Temp

[SDN-NC01] Checking for any previous network traces and moving them into C:\Windows\Tracing\SdnDataCollection\Temp

[SDN-NC01] Collect service fabric logs for NetworkController nodes: SDN-NC01

[SDN-NC01] Collect service fabric logs between 10/25/2022 8:18:33 PM and 10/25/2022 9:19:50 PM UTC

[SDN-NC01] Required: 1 GB | Available: 11.1445999145508 GB
```

Logs by default will be saved under C:\Windows\Tracing\SdnDiag\SdnDataCollection_{date-timestamp}. The data collected will depend on which parameters were defined and what roles were collected. Take some time to explore the dataset that was collected to get a feel for the content that is collected. Visual Studio Code is useful