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Manage access to web services

Manage access to web services overview

A web service is an application that users can access by using HTTP or HTTPS. The cluster administrator can set up the web protocol engine, configure SSL, enable a web service, and enable users of a role to access a web service.

Beginning with ONTAP 9.6, the following web services are supported:

• Service Processor Infrastructure (spi)

This service makes a node's log, core dump, and MIB files available for HTTP or HTTPS access through the cluster management LIF or a node management LIF. The default setting is enabled.

Upon a request to access a node's log files or core dump files, the spi web service automatically creates a mount point from a node to another node's root volume where the files reside. You do not need to manually create the mount point. `

• ONTAP APIs (ontapi)

This service enables you to run ONTAP APIs to execute administrative functions with a remote program. The default setting is enabled.

This service might be required for some external management tools. For example, if you use System Manager, you should leave this service enabled.

Data ONTAP Discovery (disco)

This service enables off-box management applications to discover the cluster in the network. The default setting is enabled.

Support Diagnostics (supdiag)

This service controls access to a privileged environment on the system to assist problem analysis and resolution. The default setting is disabled. You should enable this service only when directed by technical support.

System Manager (sysmgr)

This service controls the availability of System Manager, which is included with ONTAP. The default setting is enabled. This service is supported only on the cluster.

Firmware Baseboard Management Controller (BMC) Update (FW BMC)

This service enables you to download BMC firmware files. The default setting is enabled.

ONTAP Documentation (docs)

This service provides access to the ONTAP documentation. The default setting is enabled.

• ONTAP RESTful APIs (docs api)

This service provides access to the ONTAP RESTful API documentation. The default setting is enabled.

File Upload and Download (fud)

This service offers file upload and download. The default setting is enabled.

• ONTAP Messaging (ontapmsg)

This service supports a publish and subscribe interface allowing you to subscribe to events. The default setting is enabled.

• ONTAP Portal (portal)

This service implements the gateway into a virtual server. The default setting is enabled.

ONTAP Restful Interface (rest)

This service supports a RESTful interface that is used to remotely manage all elements of the cluster infrastructure. The default setting is enabled.

Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) Service Provider Support (saml)

This service provides resources to support the SAML service provider. The default setting is enabled.

• SAML Service Provider (saml-sp)

This service offers services such as SP metadata and the assertion consumer service to the service provider. The default setting is enabled.

Beginning with ONTAP 9.7, the following additional services are supported:

Configuration Backup Files (backups)

This service enables you to download configuration backup files. The default setting is enabled.

ONTAP Security (security)

This service supports CSRF token management for enhanced authentication. The default setting is enabled.

Manage the web protocol engine

You can configure the web protocol engine on the cluster to control whether web access is allowed and what SSL versions can be used. You can also display the configuration settings for the web protocol engine.

You can manage the web protocol engine at the cluster level in the following ways:

You can specify whether remote clients can use HTTP or HTTPS to access web service content by using

the system services web modify command with the -external parameter.

- You can specify whether SSLv3 should be used for secure web access by using the security config
 modify command with the -supported-protocol parameter.
 By default, SSLv3 is disabled. Transport Layer Security 1.0 (TLSv1.0) is enabled and it can be disabled if
 needed.
- You can enable Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 140-2 compliance mode for cluster-wide control plane web service interfaces.



By default, FIPS 140-2 compliance mode is disabled.

When FIPS 140-2 compliance mode is disabled

You can enable FIPS 140-2 compliance mode by setting the is-fips-enabled parameter to true for the security config modify command, and then using the security config show command to confirm the online status.

- When FIPS 140-2 compliance mode is enabled
 - Beginning in ONTAP 9.11.1, TLSv1, TLSv1.1 and SSLv3 are disabled, and only TSLv1.2 and TSLv1.3 remain enabled. It affects other systems and communications that are internal and external to ONTAP 9. If you enable FIPS 140-2 compliance mode and then subsequently disable, TLSv1, TLSv1.1, and SSLv3 remain disabled. Either TLSv.1 or TLSv1.3 will remain enabled depending on the previous configuration.
 - For versions of ONTAP prior to 9.11.1, both TLSv1 and SSLv3 are disabled and only TLSv1.1 and TLSv1.2 remain enabled. ONTAP prevents you from enabling both TLSv1 and SSLv3 when FIPS 140-2 compliance mode is enabled. If you enable FIPS 140-2 compliance mode and then subsequently disable it, TLSv1 and SSLv3 remain disabled, but either TLSv1.2 or both TLSv1.1 and TLSv1.2 are enabled depending on the previous configuration.
- You can display the configuration of cluster-wide security by using the system security config show command.

If the firewall is enabled, the firewall policy for the logical interface (LIF) to be used for web services must be set up to allow HTTP or HTTPS access.

If you use HTTPS for web service access, SSL for the cluster or storage virtual machine (SVM) that offers the web service must also be enabled, and you must provide a digital certificate for the cluster or SVM.

In MetroCluster configurations, the setting changes you make for the web protocol engine on a cluster are not replicated on the partner cluster.

Commands for managing the web protocol engine

You use the system services web commands to manage the web protocol engine. You use the system services firewall policy create and network interface modify commands to allow web access requests to go through the firewall.

If you want to	Use this command
 Configure the web protocol engine at the cluster level: Enable or disable the web protocol engine for the cluster Enable or disable SSLv3 for the cluster Enable or disable FIPS 140-2 compliance for secure web services (HTTPS) 	system services web modify
Display the configuration of the web protocol engine at the cluster level, determine whether the web protocols are functional throughout the cluster, and display whether FIPS 140-2 compliance is enabled and online	system services web show
Display the configuration of the web protocol engine at the node level and the activity of web service handling for the nodes in the cluster	system services web node show
Create a firewall policy or add HTTP or HTTPS protocol service to an existing firewall policy to allow web access requests to go through firewall	Setting the -service parameter to http or https enables web access requests to go through firewall.
Associate a firewall policy with a LIF	network interface modify You can use the -firewall-policy parameter to modify the firewall policy of a LIF.

Configure SAML authentication for web services

Configure SAML authentication

Beginning with ONTAP 9.3, you can configure Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) authentication for web services. When SAML authentication is configured and enabled, users are authenticated by an external Identity Provider (IdP) instead of the directory service providers such as Active Directory and LDAP.

What you'll need

- You must have configured the IdP for SAML authentication.
- · You must have the IdP URI.

About this task

• SAML authentication applies only to the http and ontapi applications.

The http and ontapi applications are used by the following web services: Service Processor Infrastructure, ONTAP APIs, or System Manager.

• SAML authentication is applicable only for accessing the admin SVM.

Steps

1. Create a SAML configuration so that ONTAP can access the IdP metadata:

```
security saml-sp create -idp-uri idp_uri -sp-host ontap_host_name
```

idp uri is the FTP or HTTP address of the IdP host from where the IdP metadata can be downloaded.

ontap_host_name is the host name or IP address of the SAML service provider host, which in this case is the ONTAP system. By default, the IP address of the cluster-management LIF is used.

You can optionally provide the ONTAP server certificate information. By default, the ONTAP web server certificate information is used.

The URL to access the ONTAP host metadata is displayed.

2. From the IdP host, configure the IdP with the ONTAP host metadata.

For more information about configuring the IdP, see the IdP documentation.

3. Enable SAML configuration:

```
security saml-sp modify -is-enabled true
```

Any existing user that accesses the http or ontapi application is automatically configured for SAML authentication.

- 4. If you want to create users for the http or ontapi application after SAML is configured, specify SAML as the authentication method for the new users.
 - a. Create a login method for new users with SAML authentication:

security login create -user-or-group-name user_name -application [http |

ontapi] -authentication-method saml -vserver svm name

cluster_12::> security login create -user-or-group-name admin1
-application http -authentication-method saml -vserver cluster_12

b. Verify that the user entry is created:

security login show

	er_12									
0 1					Vserver: cluster_12					
Second										
User/Group		Authentication	n	Acct						
Authentication										
Name	Application	Method	Role Name	Locked						
Method										
		password	admin	no	none					
admin	http	password	admin	no	none					
admin	http	saml	admin	-	none					
admin	ontapi	password	admin	no	none					
admin	ontapi	saml	admin	_	none					
admin service-processor										
		password	admin	no	none					
admin	ssh	password	admin	no	none					
admin1	http	password	backup	no	none					
**admin1	http	saml	backup	-						
none**										

Related information

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Disable SAML authentication

You can disable SAML authentication when you want to stop authenticating web users by using an external Identity Provider (IdP). When SAML authentication is disabled, the configured directory service providers such as Active Directory and LDAP are used for authentication.

What you'll need

You must be logged in from the console.

Steps

1. Disable SAML authentication:

```
security saml-sp modify -is-enabled false
```

2. If you no longer want to use SAML authentication or if you want to modify the IdP, delete the SAML configuration:

security saml-sp delete

Troubleshoot issues with SAML configuration

If configuring Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) authentication fails, you can manually repair each node on which the SAML configuration failed and recover from the failure. During the repair process, the web server is restarted and any active HTTP connections or HTTPS connections are disrupted.

About this task

When you configure SAML authentication, ONTAP applies SAML configuration on a per-node basis. When you enable SAML authentication, ONTAP automatically tries to repair each node if there are configuration issues. If there are issues with SAML configuration on any node, you can disable SAML authentication and then reenable SAML authentication. There can be situations when SAML configuration fails to apply on one or more nodes even after you reenable SAML authentication. You can identify the node on which SAML configuration has failed and then manually repair that node.

Steps

1. Log in to the advanced privilege level:

```
set -privilege advanced
```

2. Identify the node on which SAML configuration failed:

security saml-sp status show -instance

```
cluster 12::*> security saml-sp status show -instance
                         Node: node1
                Update Status: config-success
               Database Epoch: 9
   Database Transaction Count: 997
                   Error Text:
SAML Service Provider Enabled: false
        ID of SAML Config Job: 179
                         Node: node2
                Update Status: config-failed
               Database Epoch: 9
   Database Transaction Count: 997
                   Error Text: SAML job failed, Reason: Internal error.
Failed to receive the SAML IDP Metadata file.
SAML Service Provider Enabled: false
        ID of SAML Config Job: 180
2 entries were displayed.
```

3. Repair the SAML configuration on the failed node:

security saml-sp repair -node node_name

The web server is restarted and any active HTTP connections or HTTPS connections are disrupted.

4. Verify that SAML is successfully configured on all of the nodes:

security saml-sp status show -instance

```
cluster 12::*> security saml-sp status show -instance
                         Node: node1
                Update Status: config-success
               Database Epoch: 9
  Database Transaction Count: 997
                   Error Text:
SAML Service Provider Enabled: false
        ID of SAML Config Job: 179
                         Node: node2
                Update Status: **config-success**
               Database Epoch: 9
  Database Transaction Count: 997
                   Error Text:
SAML Service Provider Enabled: false
        ID of SAML Config Job: 180
2 entries were displayed.
```

Manage web services

Manage web services overview

You can enable or disable a web service for the cluster or a storage virtual machine (SVM), display the settings for web services, and control whether users of a role can access a web service.

You can manage web services for the cluster or an SVM in the following ways:

- · Enabling or disabling a specific web service
- Specifying whether access to a web service is restricted to only encrypted HTTP (SSL)
- · Displaying the availability of web services
- Allowing or disallowing users of a role to access a web service
- · Displaying the roles that are permitted to access a web service

For a user to access a web service, all of the following conditions must be met:

• The user must be authenticated.

For instance, a web service might prompt for a user name and password. The user's response must match a valid account.

• The user must be set up with the correct access method.

Authentication only succeeds for users with the correct access method for the given web service. For the ONTAP API web service (ontapi), users must have the ontapi access method. For all other web

services, users must have the http access method.



You use the security login commands to manage users' access methods and authentication methods.

• The web service must be configured to allow the user's access-control role.



You use the vserver services web access commands to control a role's access to a web service.

If a firewall is enabled, the firewall policy for the LIF to be used for web services must be set up to allow HTTP or HTTPS.

If you use HTTPS for web service access, SSL for the cluster or SVM that offers the web service must also be enabled, and you must provide a digital certificate for the cluster or SVM.

Commands for managing web services

You use the vserver services web commands to manage the availability of web services for the cluster or a storage virtual machine (SVM). You use the vserver services web access commands to control a role's access to a web service.

If you want to	Use this command
Configure a web service for the cluster or anSVM:	vserver services web modify
Enable or disable a web service	
 Specify whether only HTTPS can be used for accessing a web service 	
Display the configuration and availability of web services for the cluster or anSVM	vserver services web show
Authorize a role to access a web service on the cluster or anSVM	vserver services web access create
Display the roles that are authorized to access web services on the cluster or anSVM	vserver services web access show
Prevent a role from accessing a web service on the cluster or anSVM	vserver services web access delete

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Commands for managing mount points on the nodes

The spi web service automatically creates a mount point from one node to another

node's root volume upon a request to access the node's log files or core files. Although you do not need to manually manage mount points, you can do so by using the system node root-mount commands.

If you want to	Use this command
Manually create a mount point from one node to another node's root volume	system node root-mount create Only a single mount point can exist from one node to another.
Display existing mount points on the nodes in the cluster, including the time a mount point was created and its current state	system node root-mount show
Delete a mount point from one node to another node's root volume and force connections to the mount point to close	system node root-mount delete

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Manage SSL

The SSL protocol improves the security of web access by using a digital certificate to establish an encrypted connection between a web server and a browser.

You can manage SSL for the cluster or a storage virtual machine (SVM) in the following ways:

- Enabling SSL
- Generating and installing a digital certificate and associating it with the cluster or SVM
- Displaying the SSL configuration to see whether SSL has been enabled, and, if available, the SSL certificate name
- · Setting up firewall policies for the cluster or SVM, so that web access requests can go through
- Defining which SSL versions can be used
- · Restricting access to only HTTPS requests for a web service

Commands for managing SSL

You use the security ssl commands to manage the SSL protocol for the cluster ora storage virtual machine (SVM).

If you want to	Use this command
Enable SSL for the cluster oranSVM, and associate a digital certificate with it	security ssl modify

If you want to	Use this command
Display the SSL configuration and certificate name for the cluster oranSVM	security ssl show

Configure access to web services

Configuring access to web services allows authorized users to use HTTP or HTTPS to access the service content on the cluster or a storage virtual machine (SVM).

Steps

1. If a firewall is enabled, ensure that HTTP or HTTPS access is set up in the firewall policy for the LIF that will be used for web services:



You can check whether a firewall is enabled by using the system services firewall show command.

a. To verify that HTTP or HTTPS is set up in the firewall policy, use the system services firewall policy show command.

You set the -service parameter of the system services firewall policy create command to http or https to enable the policy to support web access.

b. To verify that the firewall policy supporting HTTP or HTTPS is associated with the LIF that provides web services, use the network interface show command with the -firewall-policy parameter.

You use the network interface modify command with the -firewall-policy parameter to put the firewall policy into effect for a LIF.

- 2. To configure the cluster-level web protocol engine and make web service content accessible, use the system services web modify command.
- 3. If you plan to use secure web services (HTTPS), enable SSL and provide digital certificate information for the cluster or SVM by using the security ssl modify command.
- 4. To enable a web service for the cluster or SVM, use the vserver services web modify command.

You must repeat this step for each service that you want to enable for the cluster or SVM.

5. To authorize a role to access web services on the cluster or SVM, use the vserver services web access create command.

The role that you grant access must already exist. You can display existing roles by using the security login role show command or create new roles by using the security login role create command.

6. For a role that has been authorized to access a web service, ensure that its users are also configured with the correct access method by checking the output of the security login show command.

To access the ONTAP API web service (ontapi), a user must be configured with the ontapi access method. To access all other web services, a user must be configured with the http access method.



Troubleshoot web service access problems

Configuration errors cause web service access problems to occur. You can address the errors by ensuring that the LIF, firewall policy, web protocol engine, web services, digital certificates, and user access authorization are all configured correctly.

The following table helps you identify and address web service configuration errors:

This access problem	Occurs because of this configuration error	To address the error	
Your web browser returns an unable to connect or failure to establish a	Your LIF might be configured incorrectly.	Ensure that you can ping the LIF that provides the web service.	
connection error when you try to access a web service.		i	You use the network ping command to ping a LIF. For information about network configuration, see the Network Management Guide.
	Your firewall might be configured incorrectly.	Ensure that a firewall policy is set up to support HTTP or HTTPS and that the policy is assigned to the LIF that provides the web service.	
		<u>i</u>	You use the system services firewall policy commands to manage firewall policies. You use the network interface modify command with the -firewall -policy parameter to associate a policy with a LIF.
	Your web protocol engine might be disabled.	Ensure that the web protocol engine is enabled so that web services are accessible.	
		i	You use the system services web commands to manage the web protocol engine for the cluster.

This access problem	Occurs because of this configuration error	To addre	ess the error
Your web browser returns a not found error when you try to access a web service.	The web service might be disabled.	you want	rat each web service that to allow access to is individually. You use the vserver services web modify command to enable a web service for access.
The web browser fails to log in to a web service with a user's account name and password.	The user cannot be authenticated, the access method is not correct, or the user is not authorized to access the web service.	and is co access n method.	nat the user account exists infigured with the correct nethod and authentication Also, ensure that the le is authorized to access service. You use the security login commands to manage user accounts and their access methods and authentication methods. Accessing the ONTAP API web service requires the ontapi access method. Accessing all other web services requires the http access method. You use the vserver services web
			access commands to manage a role's access to a web service.

This access problem	Occurs because of this configuration error	To addre	ss the error
You connect to your web service with HTTPS, and your web browser indicates that your connection is interrupted.	You might not have SSL enabled on the cluster or storage virtual machine (SVM) that provides the web service.	Ensure that the cluster or SVM has SSL enabled and that the digital certificate is valid.	
		i	You use the security ssl commands to manage SSL configuration for HTTP servers and the security certificate show command to display digital certificate information.
You connect to your web service with HTTPS, and your web browser indicates that the connection is untrusted.	You might be using a self-signed digital certificate.	associate	at the digital certificate of with the cluster or SVM by a trusted CA. You use the security certificate generate-csr command to generate a digital certificate signing request and the security certificate install command to install a CA-signed digital certificate. You use the security ssl commands to manage the SSL configuration for the cluster or SVM that provides the web service.

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