Application

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Modifications to userdata.yml ♂

1. Late Commands (Executed After Installation Completes) ♂

Modify appliance/image/ubuntu/build/userdata.yml under late-commands to ensure the getty@tty1.service is disabled during post-installation:

```
1 late-commands:
2 - curtin in-target --target=/target -- systemctl disable getty@tty1.service
3 - curtin in-target --target=/target -- systemctl daemon-reload
```

2. User Data (Post-Installation Commands) \mathscr{O}

Modify appliance/image/ubuntu/build/userdata.yml under user-data/runcmd to re-enable getty@tty1.service after installation and reboot the system:

```
1 user-data:
2  runcmd:
3  - systemctl enable getty@ttyl.service
4  - reboot
```

Building the ISO Using appliance ubuntu branch Pipeline ∂

Steps to Trigger the Build: 🔗

- 1. Ensure Correct Branch Selection:
 - appliance_branch: As specified in the JIRA.
 - sky job: Use the current master branch.
- 2. Mark upgrade_packages as enabled, as there is a known bug.
- 3. Start the Build Pipeline.
- 4. Wait for the Build to Complete.
- 5. **Download the Generated** .iso **File** from the archived artifacts of the job.

Deploying the ISO on ESXi ⊘

- 1. Log in to ESXi: 🔗
- Use the following credentials:
 - **Username:** tomer
 - Password: (local password)
- 2. Configure the Virtual Machine: 🔗
- a) Force BIOS Setup 🔗
- 1. Navigate to the VM.

- 2. Click Edit → VM Options → Boot Options.
- 3. Enable Force BIOS Setup on Boot.
- b) Upload the ISO File $\mathscr O$
- 1. Navigate to **Edit** → **Virtual Hardware**.
- 2. Upload the .iso file to the correct directory.
- 3. **Unmark the "Connect" checkbox** to prevent immediate boot.
- 4. Restart the VM and enter the BIOS.
- c) Start Installation $\, \varnothing \,$
- 1. Select the uploaded ISO.
- 2. Choose "Server Installation" when prompted.

Troubleshooting *⊘*

1. Network Issues (Connecting to the Internet) 🔗

If the VM does not connect to the internet, modify the Netplan configuration:

- 1. Open the network configuration file:
 - 1 sudo nano /etc/netplan/50-cloud-init.yaml
- 2. Ensure the following configuration is present:

```
network:
ethernets:
ens160:
dhcp4: true
dhcp-identifier: mac
dhcp6: false
```

3. Apply the changes:

- 1 sudo netplan apply
- 4. Verify the new IP address:
 - 1 ifconfig

2. Checking Installation Logs 🔗

To review the terminal output of the installation process:

```
1 cat /root/appliance_installation.log
```

This structured guide ensures clarity and smooth execution of the entire process.

Configure Syslog-ng for SSL/TLS Encryption

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Step 1: Create Necessary Directories *⊘*

Ensure the required directories exist and set the correct permissions:

```
sudo mkdir -p /etc/syslog-ng/key.d
sudo mkdir -p /etc/syslog-ng/ca.d
sudo chmod 700 /etc/syslog-ng/key.d /etc/syslog-ng/ca.d
```

Step 2: Generate a Self-Signed Certificate ℰ

This will serve as both the server certificate and its own Certificate Authority (CA).

```
sudo openssl req -x509 -newkey rsa:2048 -nodes \ -keyout /etc/syslog-ng/key.d/syslog-ng.key \ -out /etc/syslog-ng/ca.d/syslog-ng.crt \ -days 365 \ -subj "/CN=$(hostname)/0=Skyboxsecurity/C=IL"

sudo chmod 400 /etc/syslog-ng/key.d/syslog-ng.key

sudo chmod 444 /etc/syslog-ng/ca.d/syslog-ng.crt

sudo ln -sf /etc/syslog-ng/ca.d/syslog-ng.crt \ /etc/syslog-ng/ca.d/$(openssl x509 -noout -hash -in /etc/syslog-ng/ca.d/syslog-ng.crt).0
```

Step 3: Configure Syslog-ng for TLS ⊘

Create a configuration file for **TLS-enabled syslog**:

```
sudo tee /etc/syslog-ng/conf.d/skybox-syslog-ng.conf << 'EOF' source s_tls { network( ip("0.0.0.0") port(6514)
transport("tls") tls( key-file("/etc/syslog-ng/key.d/syslog-ng.key") cert-file("/etc/syslog-ng/ca.d/syslog-
ng.crt") ca-dir("/etc/syslog-ng/ca.d") peer-verify(optional-untrusted) ) ); }; destination d_local {
file("/var/log/tls-messages"); }; log { source(s_tls); destination(d_local); }; EOF</pre>
```

Verify the configuration:

sudo syslog-ng -s

Step 4: Configure Systemd Service ℰ

Create an override configuration for the Syslog-ng service:

sudo mkdir -p /etc/systemd/system/syslog-ng.service.d

```
sudo tee /etc/systemd/system/syslog-ng.service.d/override.conf << 'EOF' [Service]
CapabilityBoundingSet=CAP_NET_BIND_SERVICE CAP_SYSLOG CAP_DAC_READ_SEARCH
AmbientCapabilities=CAP_NET_BIND_SERVICE CAP_SYSLOG CAP_DAC_READ_SEARCH EOF</pre>
```

Step 5: Configure SELinux (If Enabled - was not) ⊘

Ensure the correct SELinux contexts are applied:

```
if command -v semanage >/dev/null; then sudo semanage fcontext -a -t syslog_conf_t "/etc/syslog-ng/ca.d(/.*)?" sudo semanage fcontext -a -t syslog_conf_t "/etc/syslog-ng/key.d(/.*)?" sudo restorecon -Rv /etc/syslog-ng/key.d/ fi
```

Step 6: Configure Firewall ⊘

Allow incoming connections on port **6514** for TLS syslog:

if command -v firewall-cmd >/dev/null; then sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-port=6514/tcp sudo firewall-cmd --reload elif command -v ufw >/dev/null; then sudo ufw allow 6514/tcp fi

Step 7: Restart and Test Syslog-ng ∂

Restart the Service &

sudo systemctl daemon-reload
sudo systemctl restart syslog-ng

Verify the Service is Running 🔗

sudo systemctl status syslog-ng

Test the TLS Connection \mathscr{O}

openssl s_client -connect localhost:6514 -CAfile /etc/syslog-ng/ca.d/syslog-ng.crt

Final Directory Structure *⊘*

After completing all steps, the **directory structure** should look like this:

/etc/syslog-ng/

├─ ca.d/

├─ syslog-ng.crt

├─ [hash].0 -> syslog-ng.crt

├─ key.d/

├─ syslog-ng.key

└─ conf.d/

└─ skybox-syslog-ng.conf

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