Workflow description

Sync Policy VLAN Islands to Policy mappings

Credits: this workflow was inspired and prototyped by **Jeff Dattilio** at **STEPCG**.

This workflow addresses the need to use XIQ-SE NAC Policy based VLAN islands with Fabric Engine (aka VSP).

The native XIQ-SE VLAN Island functionality only caters for Policy roles applied to Switch Engine (aka EXOS) where the VLAN Islands are resolved during the Policy Enforce action and each and every Switch Engine switch in the Policy domain gets the Policy Roles pre-pushed with the appropriate VLANs based on the VLAN Island topology. When a user is authenticated the Control Engine RADIUS server simply returns a filter-id RADIUS VSA with the applicable Policy role name.

But with Fabric Engine, when a Policy is enforced, each role only has one VLAN/I-SID binding enforced not to the switch but to the Control Engines and there is no logic here for handling VLAN Islands. When a user is authenticated, the Control Engine RADIUS server returns a single VLAN/I-SID binding which has no correlation with the VLAN Island configuration. The Policy VLAN Island user interface can still be configured, just that it will not work as expected when an end-station is authenticated on a Fabric Engine switch.

This workflow examines the Policy VLAN Island configuration and translates it into equivalent Access Control Policy Mappings to achieve the same desired outcome of the Policy VLAN Island configuration. The user can now configure Policy VLAN Island as before, and have these operate as expected not only with Switch Engine but also with Fabric Engine access switches.

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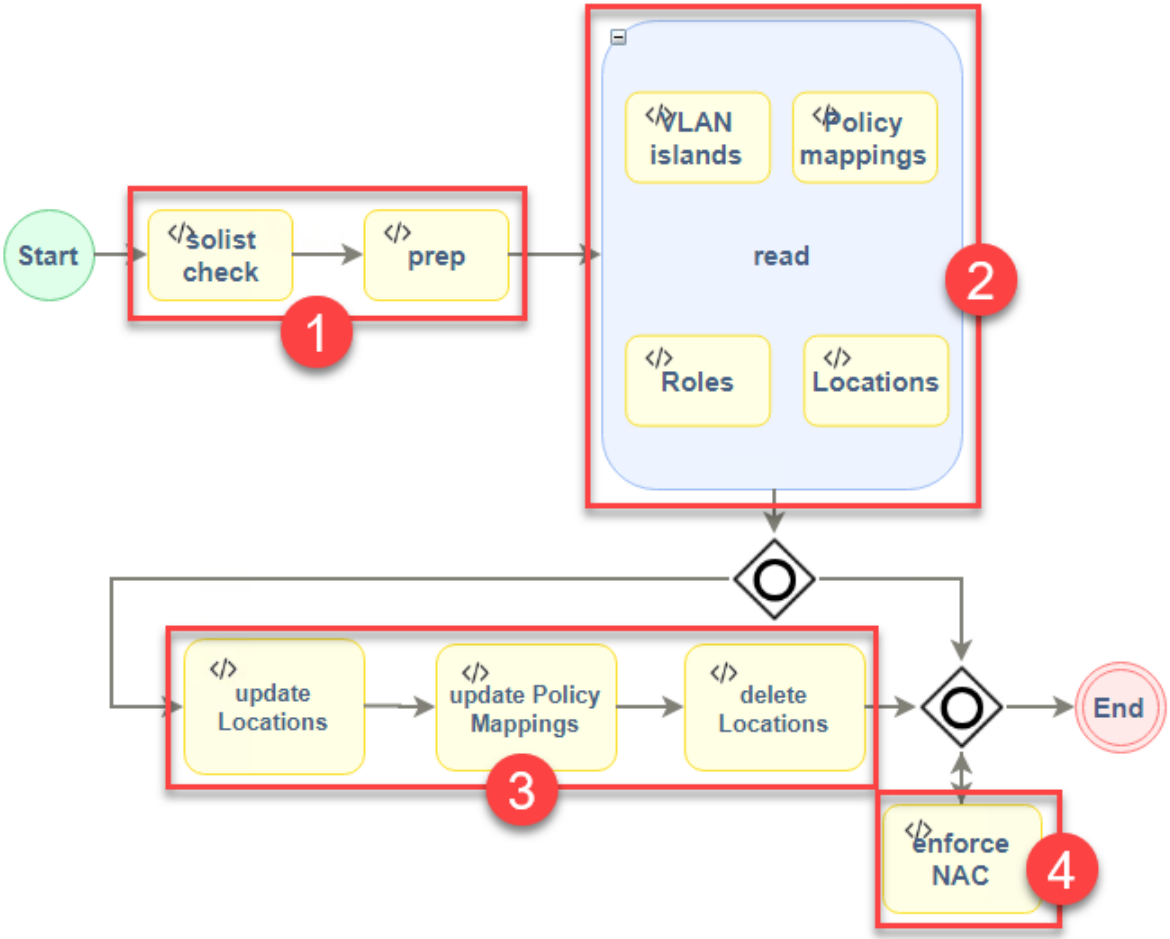

The workflow consists of four phases. The first phase involves preparing the necessary Python classes (common libraries) to support code optimization throughout the subsequent activities. Phase two focuses on reading data from various modules. In phase three, any required changes are applied. Finally, in phase four, if any changes were made, the NAC engines are enforced to ensure changes are activated immediately.

When launching the workflow manually, it will prompt for the Policy Domain, NAC Engine group and default Radius attributes. The other parameters are intended for testing and debugging purposes only. The sanity check will not make any changes (dry run).

The NAC Engine Group can be empty to enforce all, or a single NAC engine or a coma separate list of NAC engines.

The same inputs can also be saved on the workflow itself under the Inputs tab.

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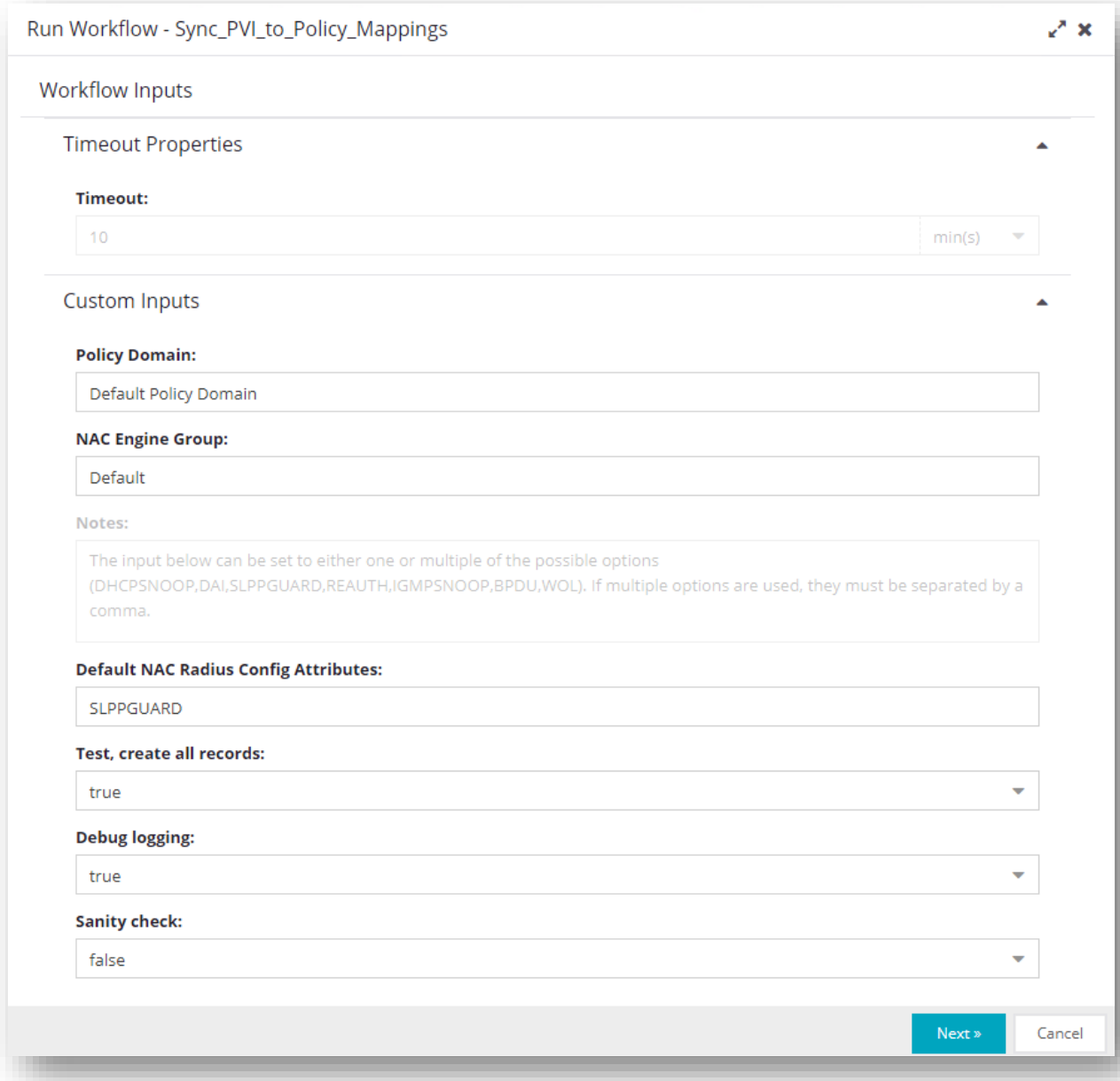

The Default NAC RADIUS Config Attributes input is used for all policy role mappings. In the example shown, **SLPPGUARD** will always be activated. Thus the final RADIUS return attributes will include this:

Extreme-Dynamic-Config=SLPPGUARD

The same input box can however also take a comma separated list of attributes, like **SLPPGUARD,DHCPSNOOP,DAI,** so as to enable more than one parameter. In this case the return attributes will include this:

Extreme-Dynamic-Config=SLPPGUARD
Extreme-Dynamic-Config=DHCPSNOOP
Extreme-Dynamic-Config=DAI

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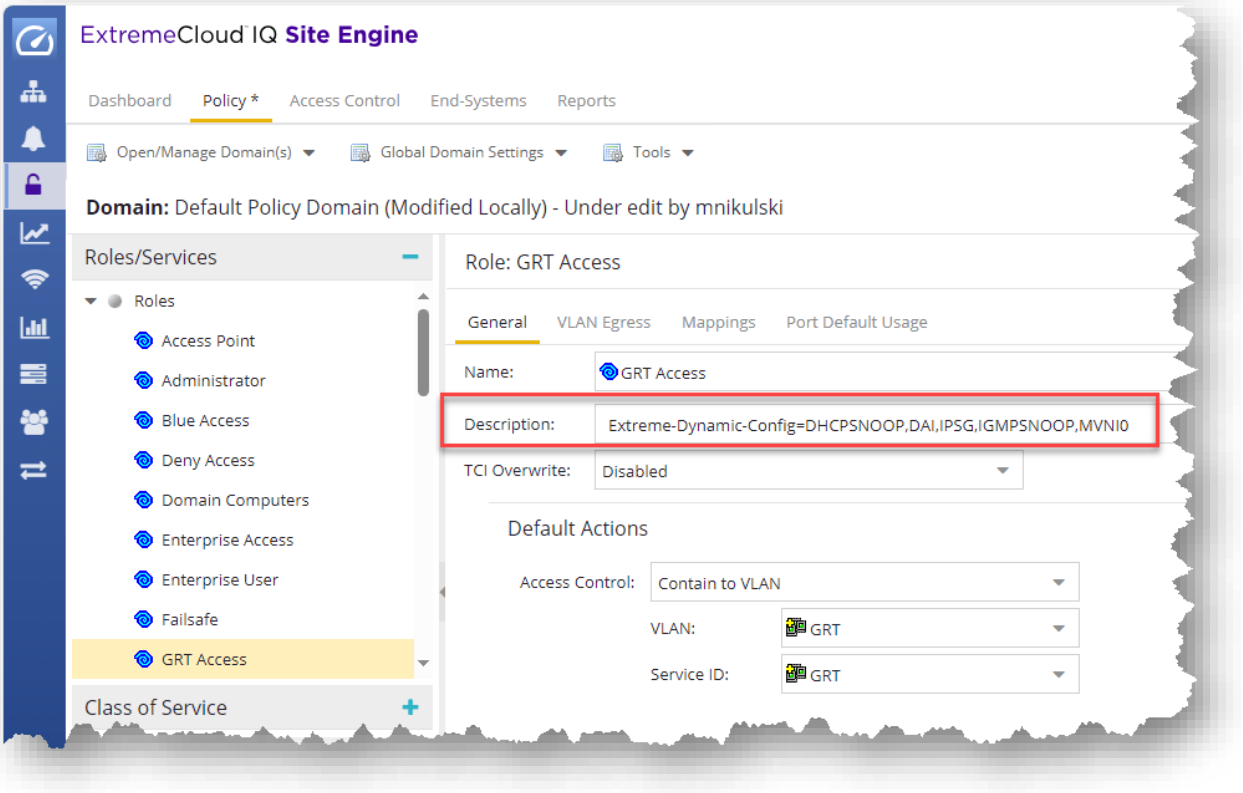
However, entering these attributes in the workflow's input will result in these RADIUS attributes being sent for all Policy Role mappings.

If **TEST creates all records** equal **true** everything gets created even is no switch assigned to a VLAN Island topology (location). If this parameter is **false**, it will only create what is used and delete what is not used anymore.

Where it makes more sense to set the return RADIUS attributes at the Policy Role level, the workflow augments the use of the Policy Role Description field, which can now be used convey the same selection of RADIUS attributes specifically for the single Policy Role.

The global and role specific attributes will ultimately be combined together once the final Policy Mappings are created or updated by the workflow.



The possible attribute keywords accepted are:

SLPPGUARD, REAUTH ,BPDU ,WOL ,DHCPSNOOP ,DAI ,IPSG ,IGMPSNOOP ,MVNI<I-SID> ,PVLAN<SecVID>

Note that a couple of these keywords are not actual RADIUS VSAs but provide a way to control how the workflow will encode the Extreme-Dynamic-Client-Assignments VSA which is always sent. These are:

- **MVNI<I-SID>:** This enables Multicast support on the L3 I-SID context provided as <I-SID>. This will result in "mvni=<I-SID>" being added to the Extreme-Dynamic-Client-Assignments VSA. Use 0 for GRT context, and a non-zero value for VRF L3VSN IPVPN context.

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- **PVLAN<SecVID>:** This will result in the Extreme-Dynamic-Client-Assignments VSA going out with “create=pvlan” and “sv=<SecVID>”, in addition to “pv=<PriVID>” which is also always added when the “create=” switch is present. The end result is that a PrivateVLAN (ETREE) service will be created on the Fabric Engine access switch.

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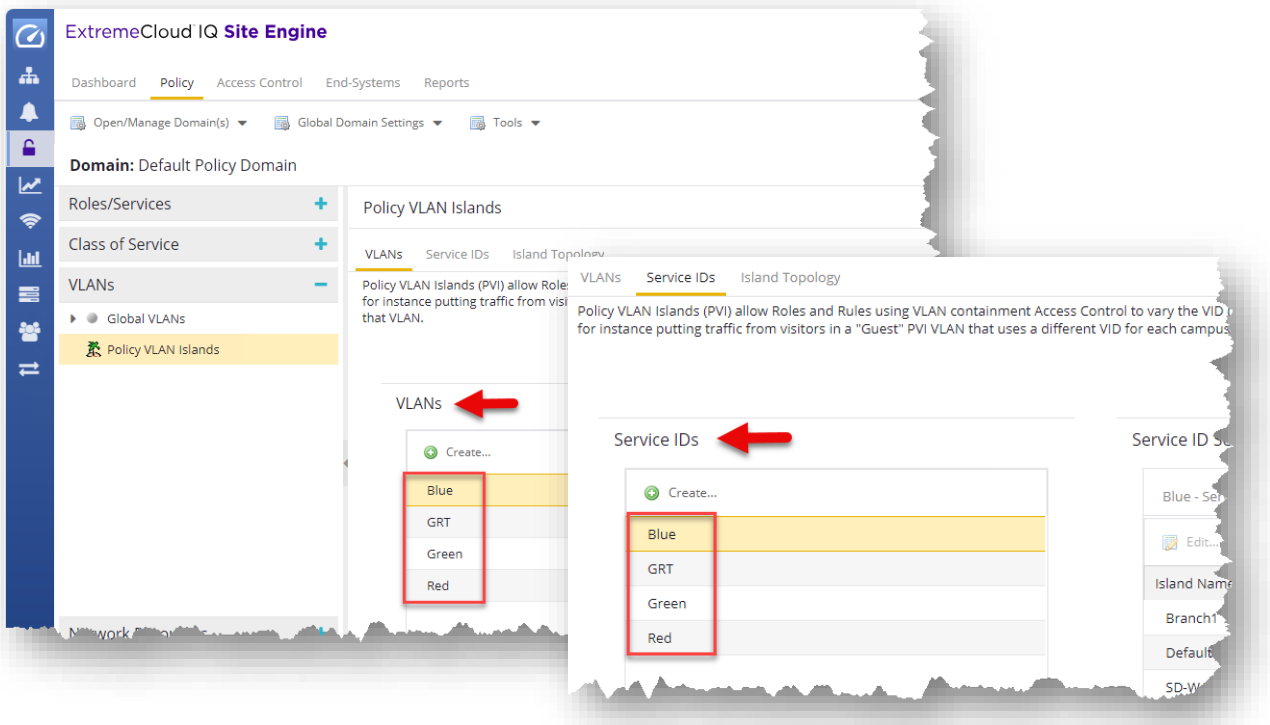
The **DHCPSNOOP, DAI, IPSG, IGMPSNOOP, MVNI<I-SID>, PVLAN<SecVID>** keywords will all result in the Extreme-Dynamic-Client-Assignments VSA creating a platform VLAN on the switch in addition to the switch-UNI binding on the port where the end-station is authorized.

Whereas if none of those keywords is present, then the Extreme-Dynamic-Client-Assignments VSA will be sent without the "create" option and thus only a switch-UNI binding will be created on the port where the end-station is authorized.

Please note, It is very important is to use the same VLAN and I-SID (Service ID) name. Otherwise the workflow will result in a error during updating the policy mappings (key error)



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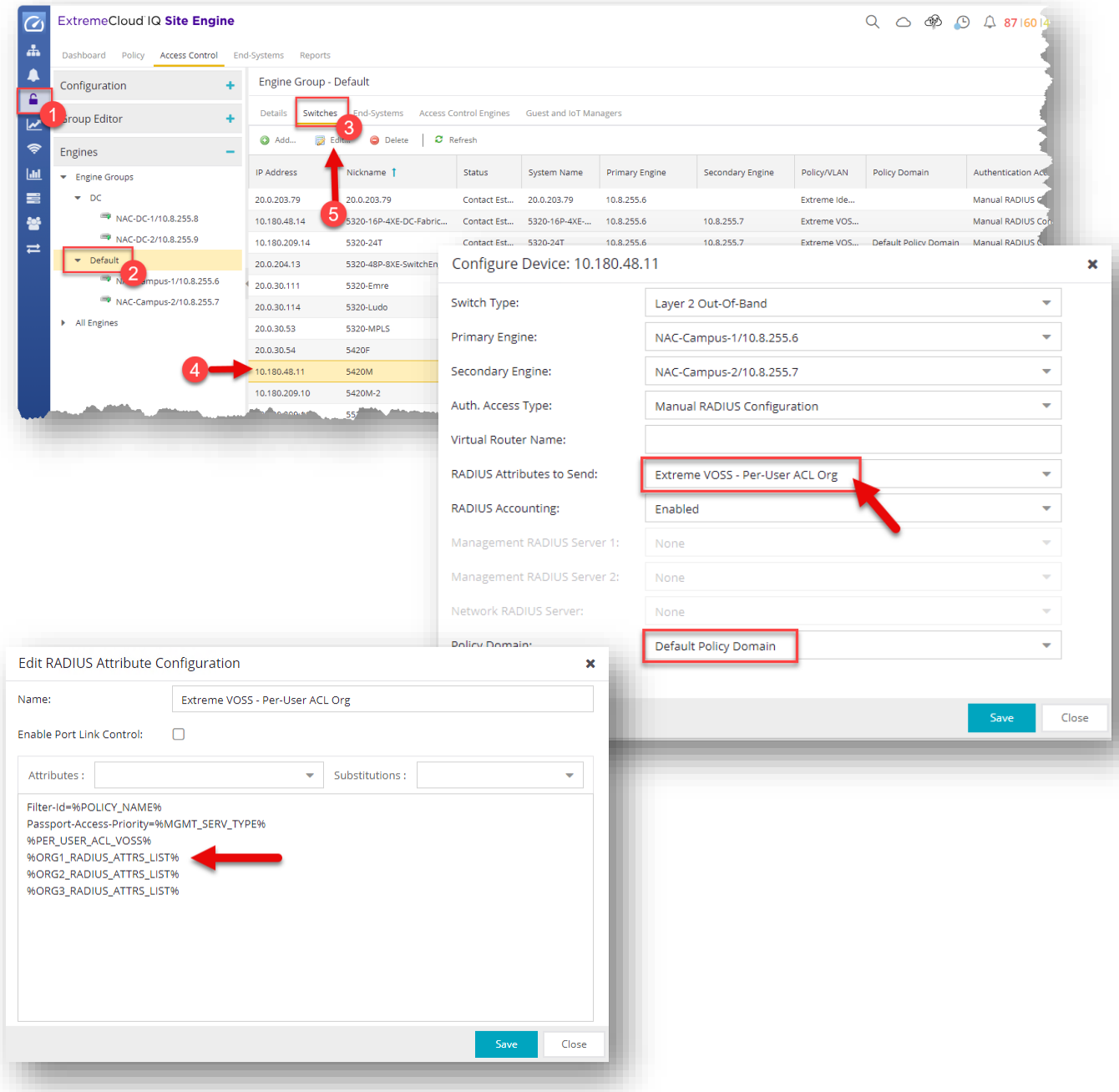
The workflow will always create the RADIUS VSA attributes in the Organization 1 field of the Policy Mapping profile. It is therefore important to make sure that the switch RADIUS attribute template must include %ORG1_RADIUS_ATTRS_LIST%



To manually add other RADIUS return attributes besides the ones automatically produced by this workflow, %ORG2_RADIUS_ATTRS_LIST% and %ORG3_RADIUS_ATTRS_LIST% can also be added in the RADIUS template.

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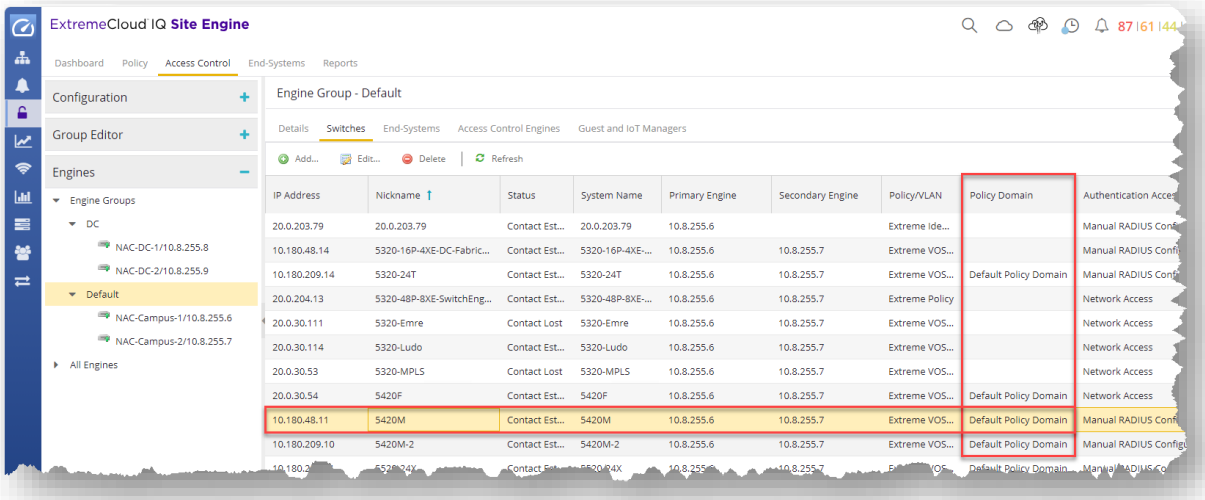
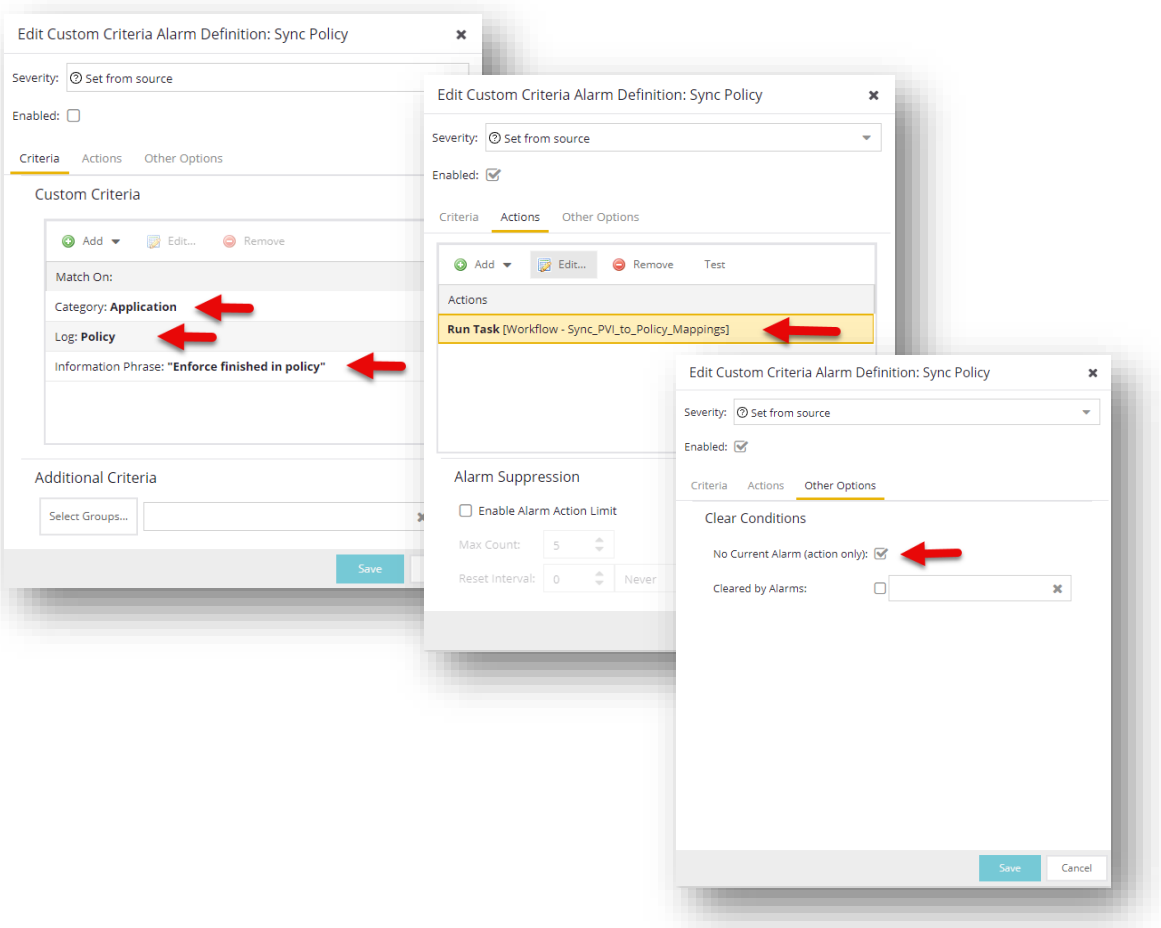
It is also important to make sure the switch is assigned to the correct Policy Domain under Access Control.



To seamlessly integrate the workflow with how the user normally operates the Policy Domain, it can be setup to be automatically run whenever the user clicks on the Policy Enforce button. To do so setup an alarm as follows:



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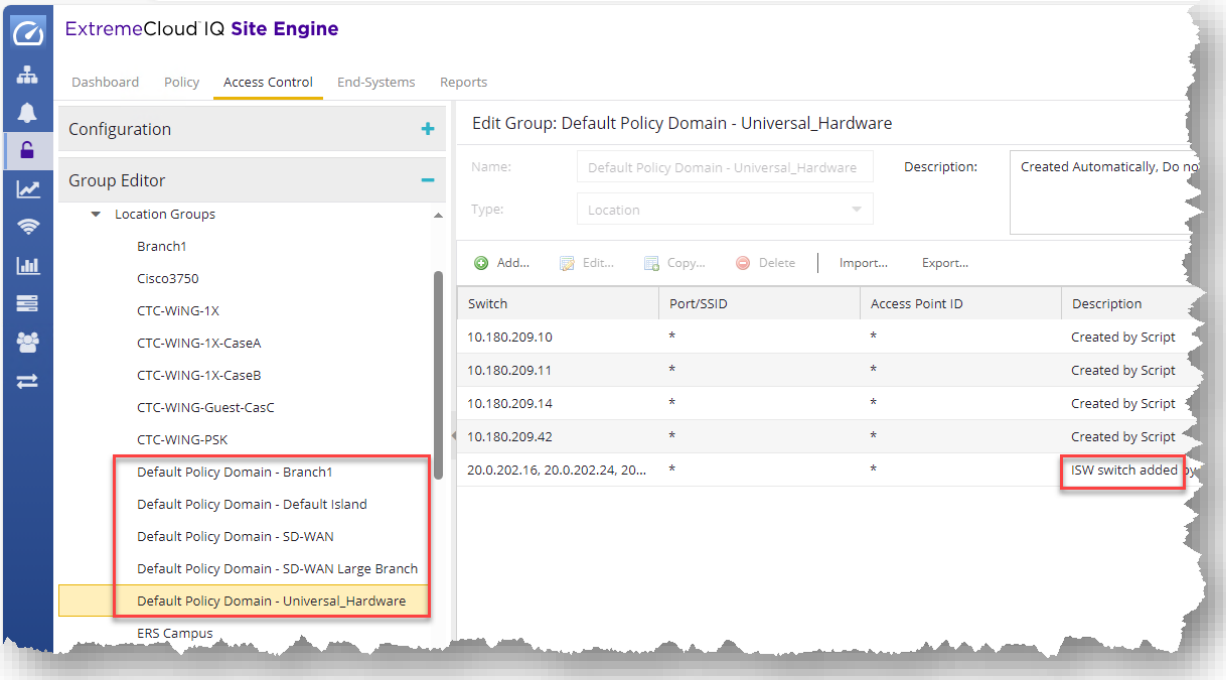
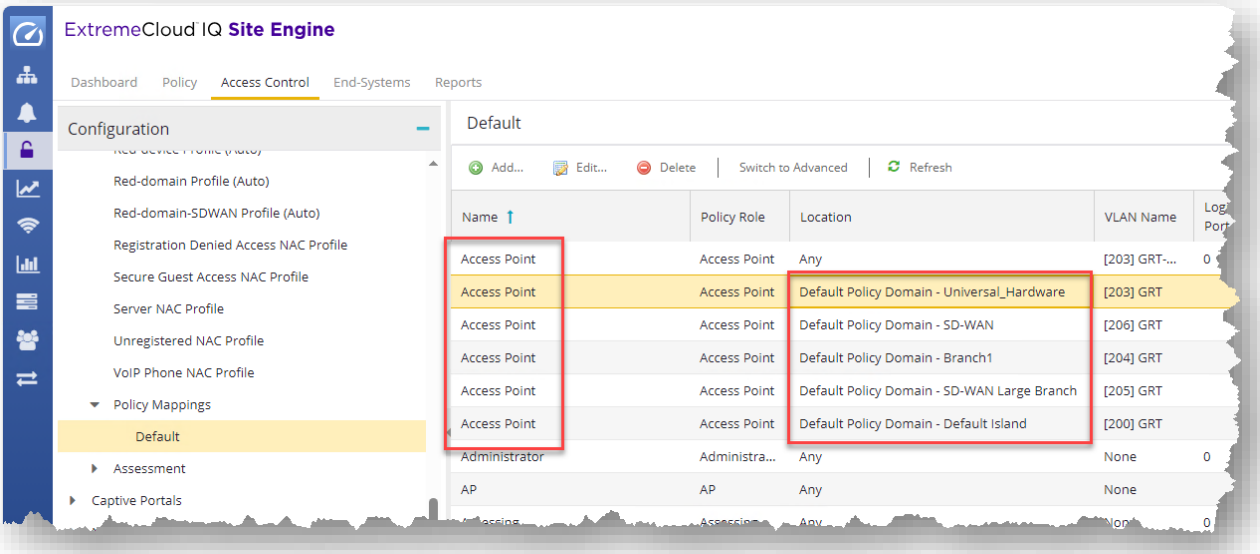
Here are more details on the profiles the workflow will create. One is the location group which uses the policy domain name concatenated with a hyphen separator and the VLAN Island topology name. The group and switch entry description are labelled with “Created by Script”. If however an entry has a different label description, as shown, then the workflow will leave those entries untouched.



The other profiles created by the workflow are the Access Control Policy Mappings. These profiles will be created many times, each time referencing a different Location Group profile to match each of the Policy VLAN Island profiles. The screenshot below shows this for the “Access Point” profile.



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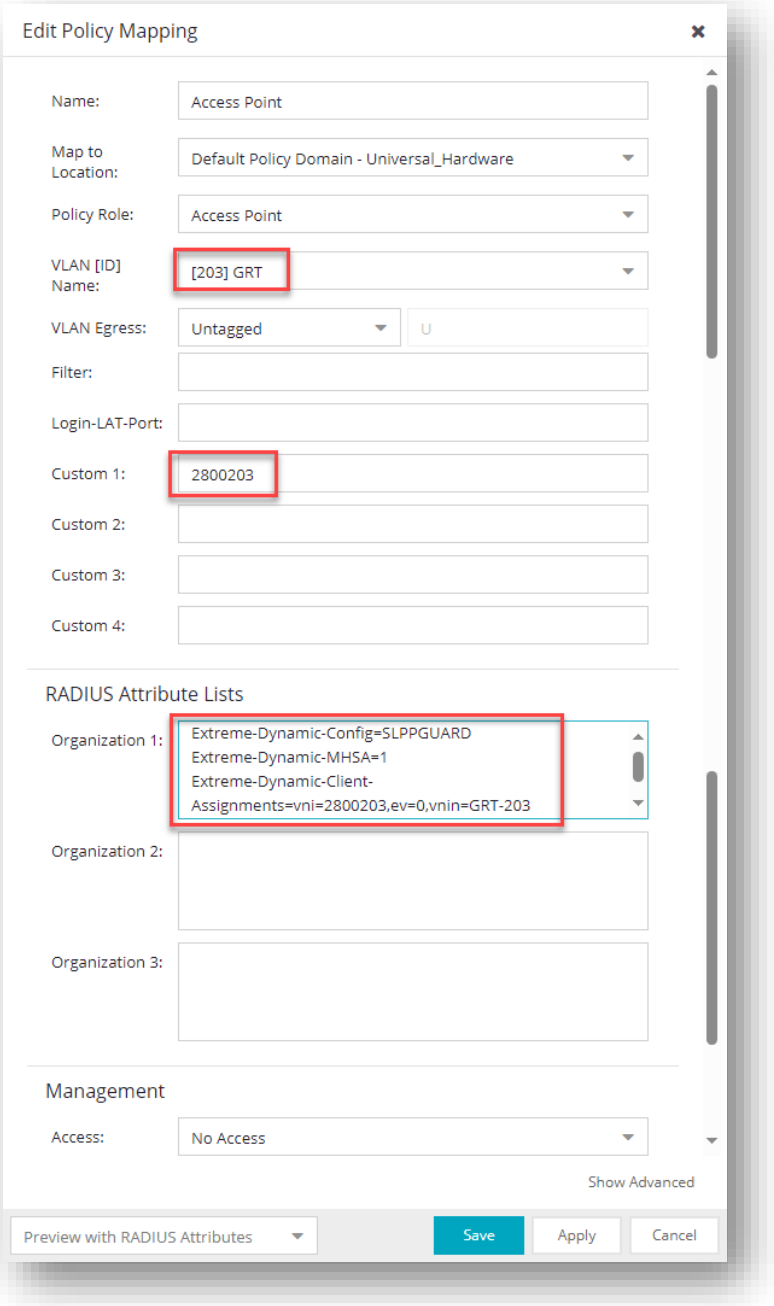
Each policy mapping will be automatically populated with the required RADIUS attributes to match the desired Policy VLAN island topology. The populated fields are the VLAN id, Custom1 and Organization 1 box.



Using the preview option on the above window, the Radius attributes as they will be sent can be previewed.

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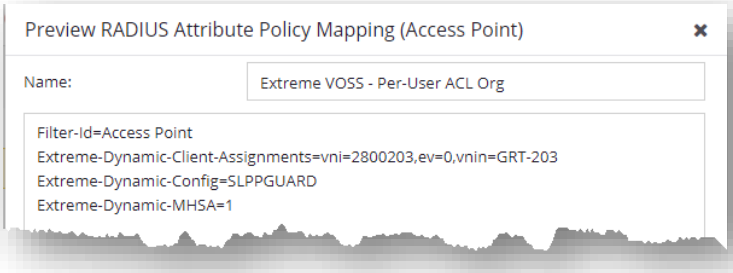
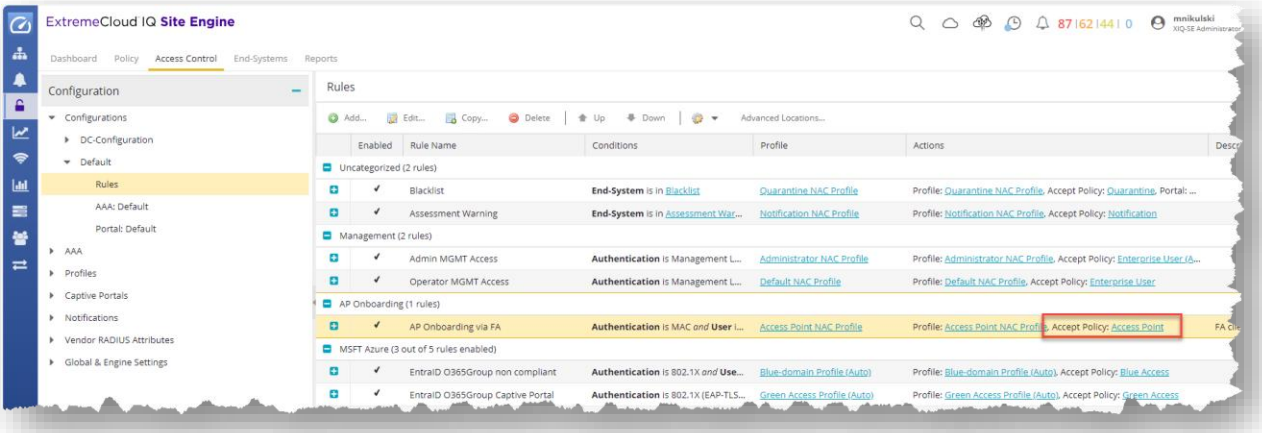


As always, ensure that the relevant Access Control rules are using the desired Access Policy profiles created by the workflow.



In case you don't like to enforce the changes to the NAC engines you can simply disable enforcement changing this flag to **false**.

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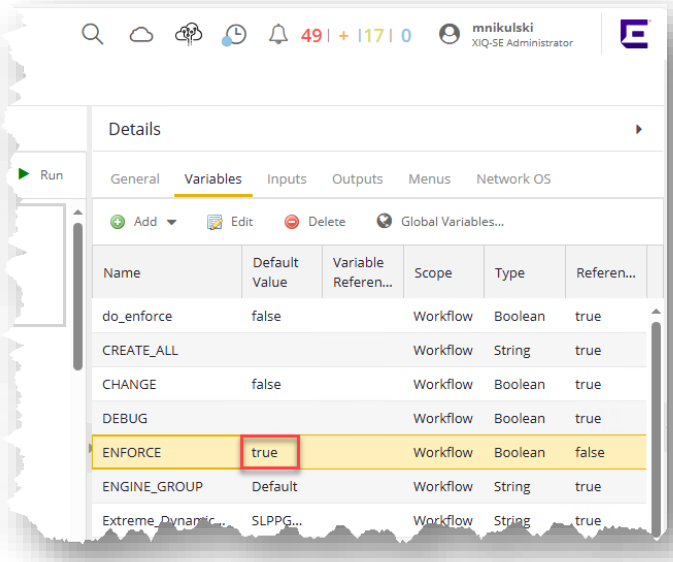

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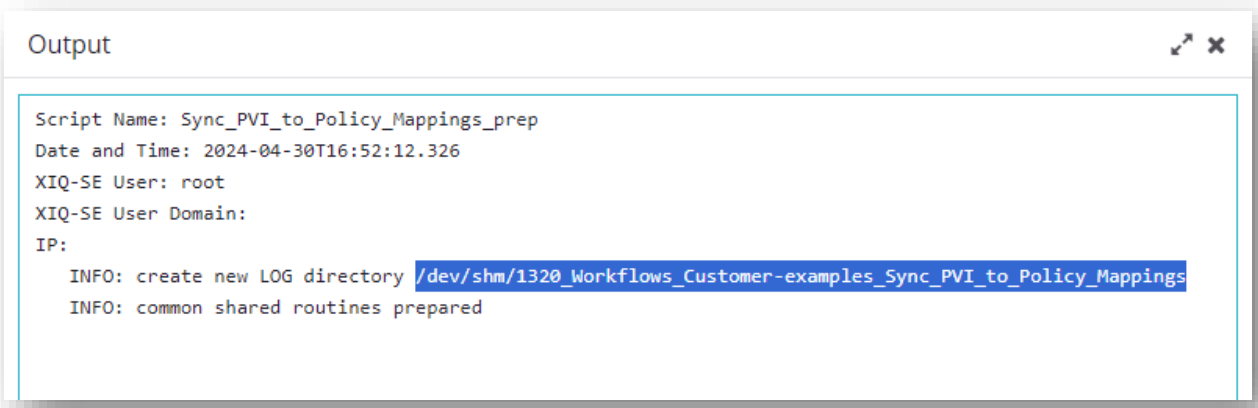
Finally, before reporting an issue, please ensure that the workflow is configured for **DEBUG** mode. The data and debug LOG files can then be found on the XIQ-SE file system under **/dev/shm/<Execution-ID>_<Workflow-Name>/** . Note that only the last six execution debug logs will be held. The actual path can also be found in the each workflow activity log.



When SSH-ing XIQ-SE, the following log files should be present in the folder.

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root@se:~# cd /dev/shm/1320_Workflows_Customer-examples_Sync_PVI_to_Policy_Mappings
root@se:/dev/shm/1320_Workflows_Customer-examples_Sync_PVI_to_Policy_Mappings#
root@se:/dev/shm/1320_Workflows_Customer-examples_Sync_PVI_to_Policy_Mappings# ls -l
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root@se:/dev/shm/1320_Workflows_Customer-examples_Sync_PVI_to_Policy_Mappings#
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Please include all log files when reporting an issue.