

This tutorial will explain how to install Broadcom VNA in LINUX server and integrate it with cisco APIC, then present the data in Spectrum.

*After fulfilling all system requirements from Broadcom website as shown below:

Prepare to Install DX NetOps Virtual Network Assurance

Before you install VNA, verify that your system meets the requirements.

Follow these steps:

- 1. Verify that the VNA host meets the system requirements:
 - · Memory: 12 GB

Important

If you plan to install VNA on the same host as the data collector, ensure that you allocate enough memory to the host. Best Practice: Install VNA on a separate host as the data

- · CPU: 4vCPU • Disk: 20 GB
- Operating System: RHEL/CentOS 6.5 through 7.x
- · Packages: libaio and numactl
- 2. (Scaled-Environment Only) Verify that the VNA host meets the heap size requirements:
 - · Heap Memory: 16 GB
 - · CPU: 8vCPU
 - · Disk: SSD recommended 120 GB

*Start installing JDK:

[root@OPSAPIC ~]# yum install java-1.8.0-openjdk

*Install numctl

[root@OPSAPIC ~] # yum -y install numactl

*Install VNA and add "--no-prompt" to use the default setting:

root@OPSAPIC DX NetOps Virtual Network Assurance 20.2.10]# ./GEN500000000002897

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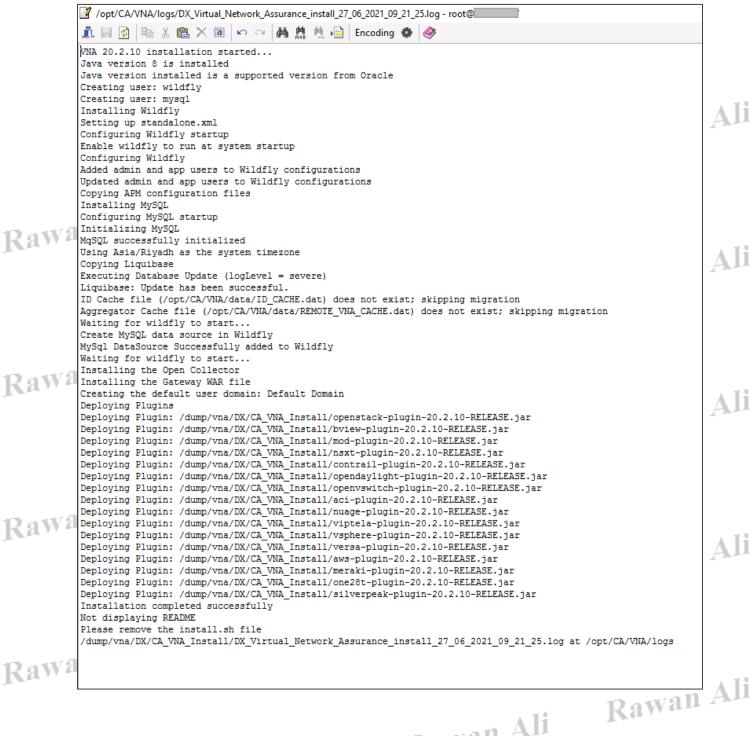
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Waiting for wildfly to Start...
Installing the Open Collector
Installing the Gateway WAR file
Creating the default user domain: Default Domain
Deploying Plugins:
Deploying Plugin: /dump/vna/DX/CA_VNA_Install/openstack-plugin-20.2.10-RELEASE.jar
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Deploying Plugin: /dump/vna/DX/CA_VNA_Install/silverpeak-plugin-20.2.10-RELEASE.jar
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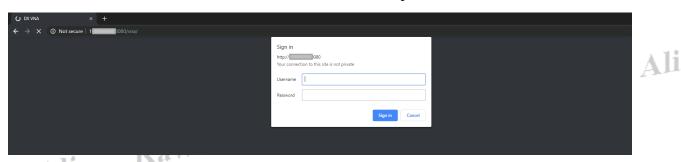


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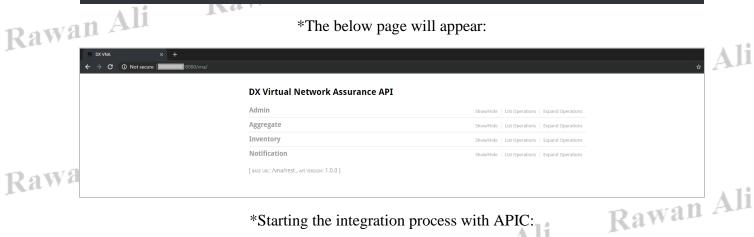
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*Now open the following VNA URL in Web browser http://IPofVNAserver:8080/vna,

Then enter the default username & password.



*The below page will appear:



*Starting the integration process with APIC:

By following the instruction that explained clearly how to configure ACI (APIC) plugin instance in VNA in the video that has been added below in the references,

*Click on Inventory then choose "POST /v1/inventory/usersdomain/{domainname}"

Add in the parameters:

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domainName: ACI_Domain



*Click "Try it out" and it will return the response code 201 that indicate a successful creation:

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"id": 2,				
"tstamp": null,				
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"lastUpdateTime": 1625647978515,				
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"instanceId": null,				
"typeName": "USER_DOMAIN",				
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"subEntityId": null,				
"customProperties": {},				
"label": null,				
"description": null,				
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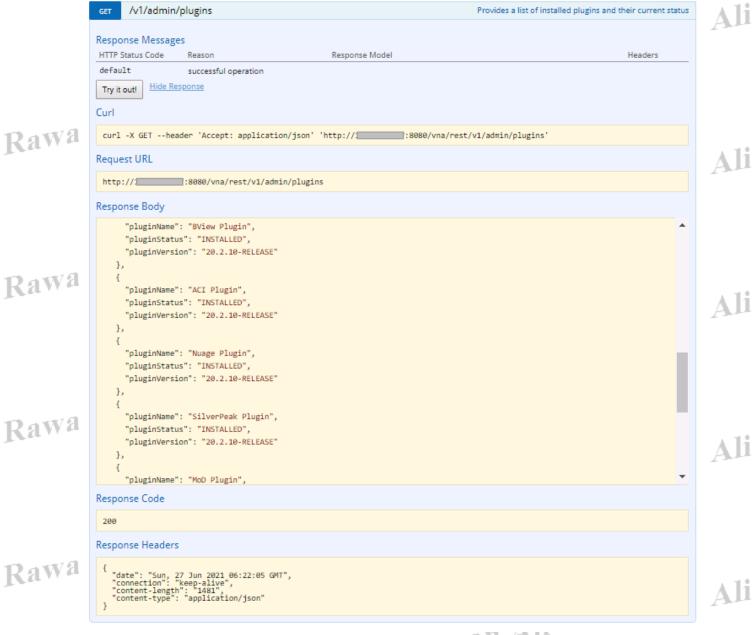
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	OELETE /v1/admin/engines/{engineid}	Remove an engine
	GET /v1/admin/engines/{engineid}	Provide current status of an engine
1 ass/6	σετ /v1/admin/engines/{engineid}/config	Provides the saved configuration of this engine
Rawa	σετ /v1/admin/engines/{engineid}/pollStatus	Provide current Poll status of an engine
	PUT /v1/admin/engines/{engineid}/{action}	Change status of an engine
	GET /v1/admin/ping	Get current SDN Gateway server status
	GET /v1/admin/plugins	Provides a list of installed plugins and their current status
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* It will return 200 response code that indicate a successful installed ACI plugin for SDN technologies:



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*SDN technology provide a Cisco ACI plugin configuration template in JSON with variables and their parameter,

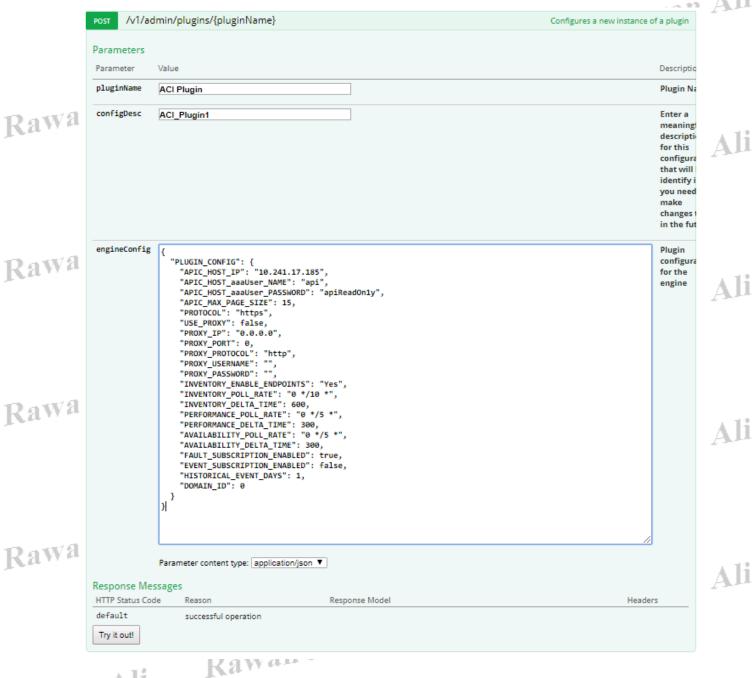
Click on "GET /v1/admin/plugins/{pluginName}/template". " Ali Admin Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations GET /v1/admin/engines Provides a list of installed engines and their current status /v1/admin/engines/configs Provides configuration of all the deployed plugins /v1/admin/engines/{engineid} DELETE Remove an engine Rawa /v1/admin/engines/{engineid} Provide current status of an engine Ali /v1/admin/engines/{engineid}/config Provides the saved configuration of this engine /v1/admin/engines/{engineid}/pollStatus Provide current Poll status of an engine /v1/admin/engines/{engineid}/{action} Change status of an engine /v1/admin/ping Get current SDN Gateway server status GET /v1/admin/plugins Provides a list of installed plugins and their current status Rawa /v1/admin/plugins Upload a new southbound plugin and prepare it for configuration Ali /v1/admin/plugins/{pluginName} Configures a new instance of a plugin /v1/admin/plugins/{pluginName} Reconfigures an existing instance of a plugin /v1/admin/plugins/{pluginName}/configs Displays a list of Open Collector configurations for this plugin GET /v1/admin/plugins/{pluginName}/template Generates a template the can be used to configure the named plugin **Parameters** Rawa Parameter Value Description Parameter Type Data Type pluginName ACI Plugin string Ali Response Messages HTTP Status Code Reason Response Model Headers successful operation Try it out! ran. Rawan Ali Rawan Ali Rawan Ali Rawan Ali

*After selected the **Try it out** button and ensure 200 response code appear, copy the JSON template.

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Response Headers		
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*Paste the copied JSON templet and change the needed then click **Try it out** button.

*For more information regarding the ConfigDesc and Cisco ACI plug-in configuration see the References.



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*After clicked the **Try it out** it should return 200 response code.

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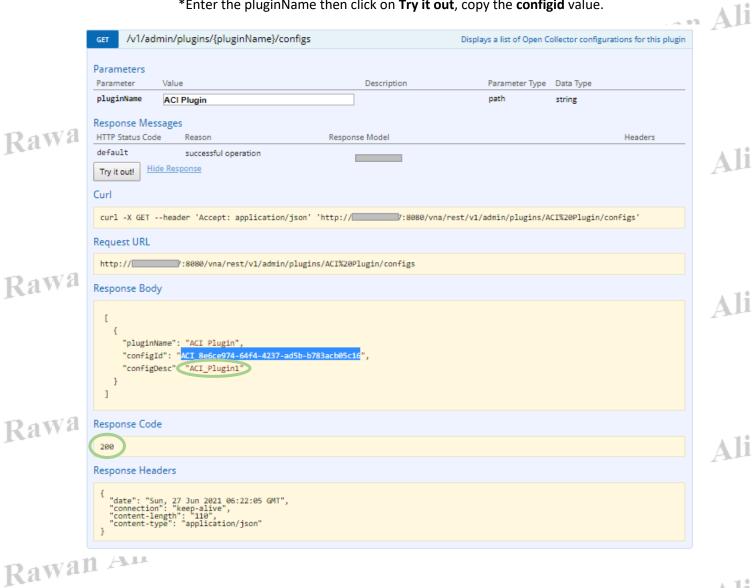
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* To ensure the engine is running select "GET /v1/admin/plugins/{pluginName}/configs

*Enter the pluginName then click on **Try it out**, copy the **configid** value.



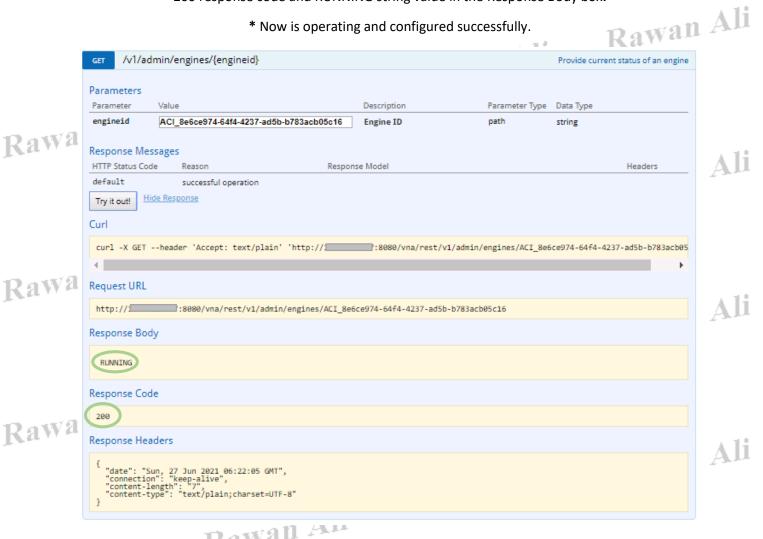
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*Select "GET /v1/admin/engines/{engineid}, paste the copied value in engineid then click Try it out, it should return 200 response code and RUNNING string value in the Response Body box.

* Now is operating and configured successfully.



*After linking VNA with Spectrum, you will find VNA data in SDN Manager under ACI_Domain as you name it before in Rawan Ali Inventory.

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Troubleshooting:

Since it's LINUX OS you need to remove the spaces between the words or just delete them:

DX NetOps Virtual Network Assurance 20.2.10 DX

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                   [root@OPSAPIC DX NetOps Virtual Network Assurance 20.2.10]# ./GEN500000000002897
                   .txe --no-prompt
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                  CUSTOMER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THIS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN READ AND UNDERSTOOD AND BY CLICKING THE BUTTON OR MARKING THE BOX INDICAT
                  NG ACCEPTANCE, CUSTOMER ACCEPTS ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.
                  Do you accept the terms of this License Agreement? [Y/N]
                  install.sh: line 6: /dump/vna/DX: No such file or directory
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                  install.sh: line 8: /dump/vna/DX: No such file or directory
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                  install.sh: line 50: log to file: command not found install.sh: line 68: create_users: command not found
                  Usage: grep [OPTION]... PATTERN [FILE]...
                      'grep --help' for more information.
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References:

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