

Unified Gateway in-a-box

GitHub **Quick Reference** 2017/v1.0.0

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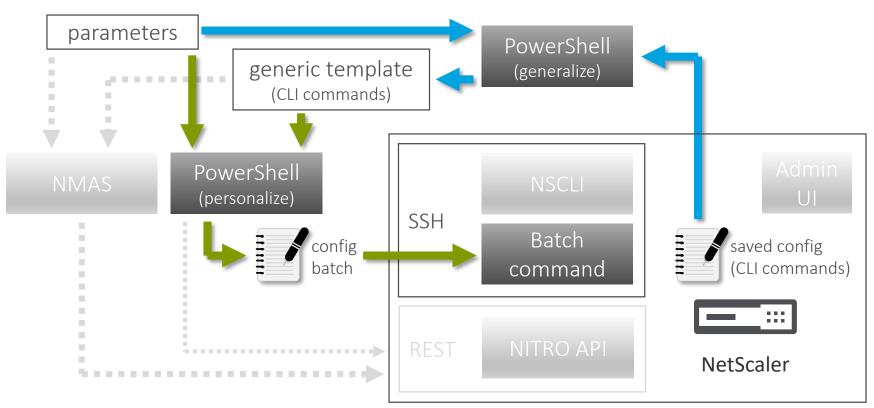
NetScaler templating lifecycle

Admin
Engineer

available now

◆····· long-term option

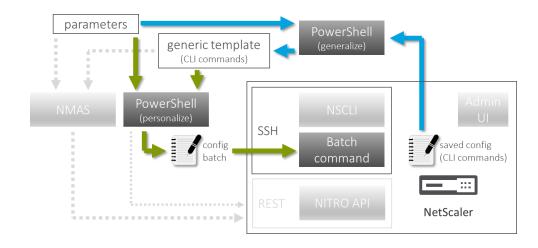
Introducing "UG-in-a-box", release v1.0



UG-in-a-box

Introducing community edition

- Unified Gateway in a box (UG-in-a-box) community edition available now!
 - Released 04/2017, version 1.0
 - Free download, free for commercial use
- It's a verification release (covers today's session)!
 - Does it work for you (usage at own risk)?
 - Do you need more specific guidance/training?
 - Do you want more modules (puzzle tiles a.k.a. use-cases)?
 - Anybody joining the technical QA team?
- Let's get into the details...





https://www.rood.cc/UGiab/ (redirects to GitHub)







Execution reference (raw)



Command line reference



- Step 1 Customization/Preparation: parameter_file(variables).csv
 - <###param1###/>,yourvalue1
 - <###param2###/>,yourvalue2
 - The <###...###/> will be replaced with "valueX" in forward processing mode, and opposite in reverse mode.
 - Especially on reverse mode, make sure the specific configuration doesn't overlap (not even subsets).
 - CSV content is handled case-sensitive.



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• Step 2 – Apply customization parameters into template files: compilesettings.ps1

- This is the core "for-each" replace tool that combines the available generic modules with parameters and creates a specific configuration batch
- placeholders: (mandatory) the variables file as discussed before
- modulepath: the directory where all .conf modules are located, files will be concatenated alphabetically. Operates on current directory, if omitted
- outputfile: the concatenated result of all .conf modules in a single flat file
- detailed: defaults to false. If set to true, each .conf module will be additionally written as a .patched file
- You need to specify either outputfile or detailed=\$true, or both
- reverse: defaults to false. If set to true, the placeholders are executed in mirrored replacement sequence (right-to-left). This is an engineering option to generalize a given specific .conf into template(s).
- All output files will respect UNIX end of line encoding (LF)



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• Step 3 – Deploy files and execute batch: fulldeploy.cmd

- This is a helper to load (binary) files on the appliance, such as UG logos, certificates and the batch and then executes the UG-in-a-box configuration on a "factory" instance NetScaler
- Requires a locally installed PuTTy package with pscp.exe and plink.exe in default folder %programfiles(x86)%\putty\
- Needs to be called with five mandatory parameters in exact sequence as outlined below:
- nsip: appliance mgmt IP address
- nsrootPassword: guess what...
- PNGpath: absolute or relative path to the repository where UG icons (.png) are stored
- CERTpath: absolute or relative path to the repository where certificate files (.crt, .key) are stored
- batch: outputfile from preceding PowerShell customization script
- Like this: fulldeploy.cmd 10.64.27.140 PasswOrd logos*.png certs*.* mybatch.conf



Known issues and limitations



• DHparam key

- generation API timeouts often for 2K key, especially when used inside batch command (even on CLI)
- Maybe prestage the keyfile, depending on CNS version
- [incident filed, unsolved so far]

