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# Overview

QualiSystems CloudShell is the orchestration platform that enables end-to-end provisioning and configuration of the EMC NFV solution.

The NFV installation automation performs an unattended. All manual steps are replaced by automation using a variety of techniques, including SSH, REST APIs, PowerCLI, and browser automation. No user intervention is required during the course of deployment.

The deployment requires inputs such as IPs, hostnames, existing and new credentials, DNS and NTP servers. It allows optional customization of many vSphere entity names, addresses, configurations, and other settings.

# Package Content

CloudShell NFV Installation Automation package contains the following elements:

CloudShell appliance containing drivers, scripts, and NFV installation files

## NFV Sandbox

The NFV sandbox is a visual representation of the NFV components.

Multiple sandbox environments have been defined, corresponding to different deployment types:

* SIO VCD NSX
* SIO VIO NSX

Note: at the moment only the VCD environment is supported.

Objects within a sandbox corresponds to a VM or group of VMs. The sequence of operations is defined in the workflow code rather than the visual arrangement.

## Quick Start

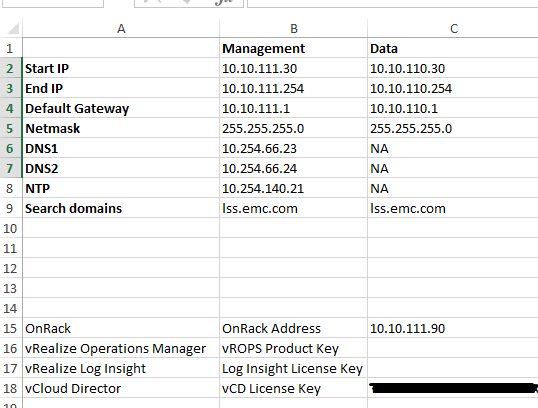
The overall workflow

1. Deploy the CloudShell NFV installation appliance.
2. Open the CloudShell portal in a web browser, e.g. <http://cloudshell1> and provide an activation key
3. Get the NFV inputs file from the CloudShell machine (“C:\deploy\NFV Build Info.xls”) and edit the file in Excel. Once ready, place the file back in “C:\deploy\NFV Build Info.xls” on the CloudShell machine.
   1. On the excel, edit the “Admin Info” sheet, adding Management

and Data IP information. Start IP to End IP should be at least a range of 40 IP addresses, preferably on a /24 subnet.

3.2 OnRack and Licensing information should also be filled in the

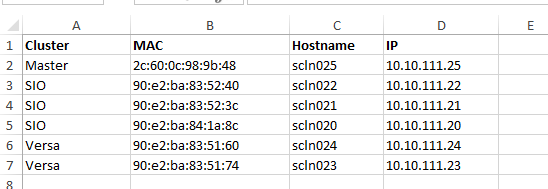
“Admin Info” sheet.



3.3 For ESXi and OnRack discovery, open the “Hosts Info” sheet,

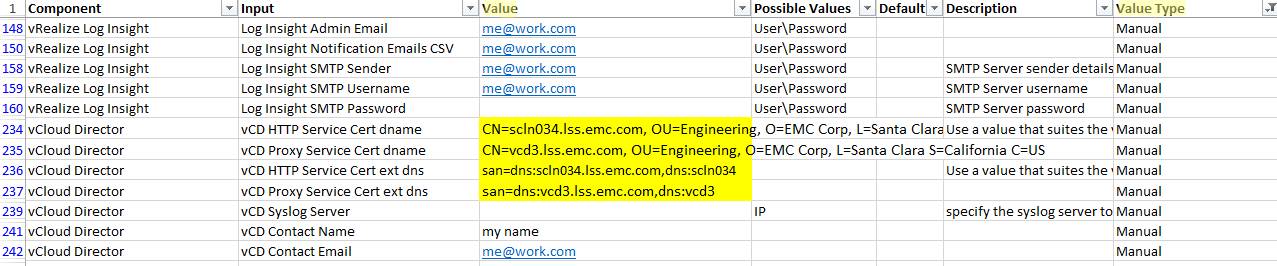
once there, add each ESXi MGMT NIC MAC address to its

corresponding name, IP and cluster associating.



3.4 For other manually entered values, go to the “Build Info” sheet,

in this tab values can be filtered by their type, component, values etc. Value Type should be filtered by “Manual” and every “Value” should be filed to reflect the customer specs.



1. Open the CloudShell portal in a web browser, e.g. <http://cloudshell1> and log in as admin/admin.
2. Select a sandbox type (e.g. SIO VCD NSX) and reserve it. Choose a duration greater than 8 hours.
3. Execute Setup.

## Deploying the CloudShell appliance

The CloudShell appliance is a Windows 2012 OVA provided by QualiSystems.

The Minimum VM hardware requirement are;

* 2 vCPU
* 16GB RAM
* 150GB of storage

Recommended VM hardware;

* 4 vCPU
* 16GB RAM
* 150G of storage

Windows runs in a trial mode until a license is provided.

QualiSystems will provide a CloudShell license token that will require internet access in order to load it.

Most software and files are preinstalled on the CloudShell appliance. For licensing reasons, it may be necessary to download certain software directly from the vendor and install it on the appliance. If the following are not present, they must be obtained from the vendor.

* VMware PowerCLI 6.0R3
* VMware ovftool 4.1.0 installed in the default location
* JRE 7 (not 6 or 8) 64-bit installed in the default location
* NSX Manager OVA in c:\deploy
* vROPS OVA in c:\deploy
* vLog Insight OVA in c:\deploy
* Versa OVAs in c:\deploy
* ScaleIO OVAs and installation script in c:\deploy\sio

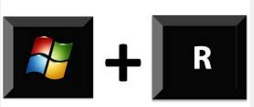
### Configuring CloudShell VM

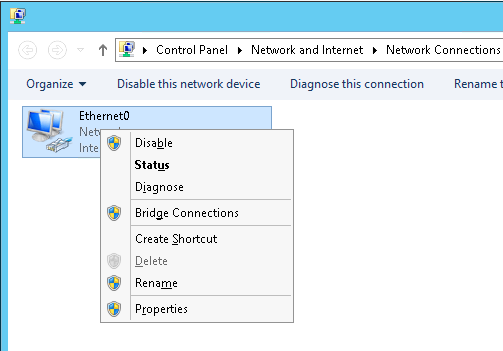
After deploying the CloudShell OVA, it is needed to configure the network settings,

The CloudShell OVA comes with static IP settings, which needs to be modified to reflect the customer network.

The Default Username and Password are (local user) “Administrator” with password “Password1”

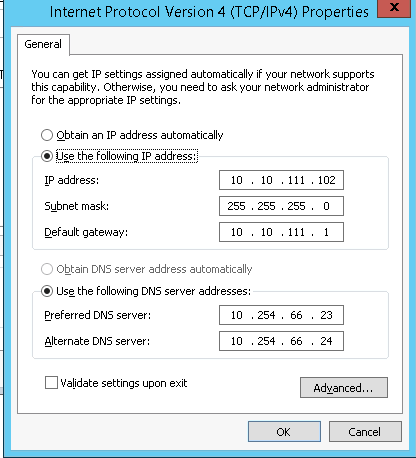
Once the VM has started, open the Console view of it from the vCenter webgui or vSphere client.

Press the Win key + “R” () on the keyboard to open the ‘run’ window, and type “ncpa.cpl” alternatively, you can go to “Control Panel” > “Network and Internet” > “Network and Sharing Center” > “Change adapter settings”.

Right click on the “Ethernet” and select “properties” 

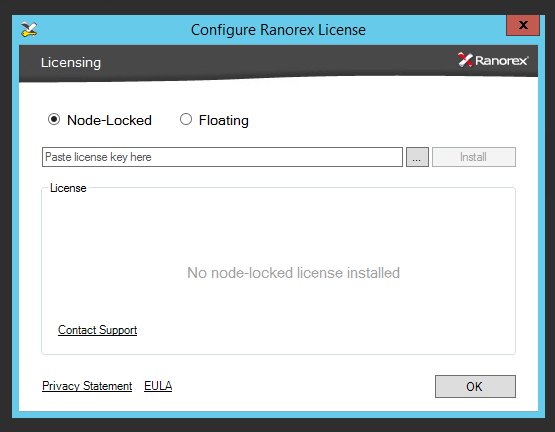
Click on the “Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)” and click on “Properties”

Once there, change the “IP address”, “Subnet mask”, “Default gateway” and DNS servers fields



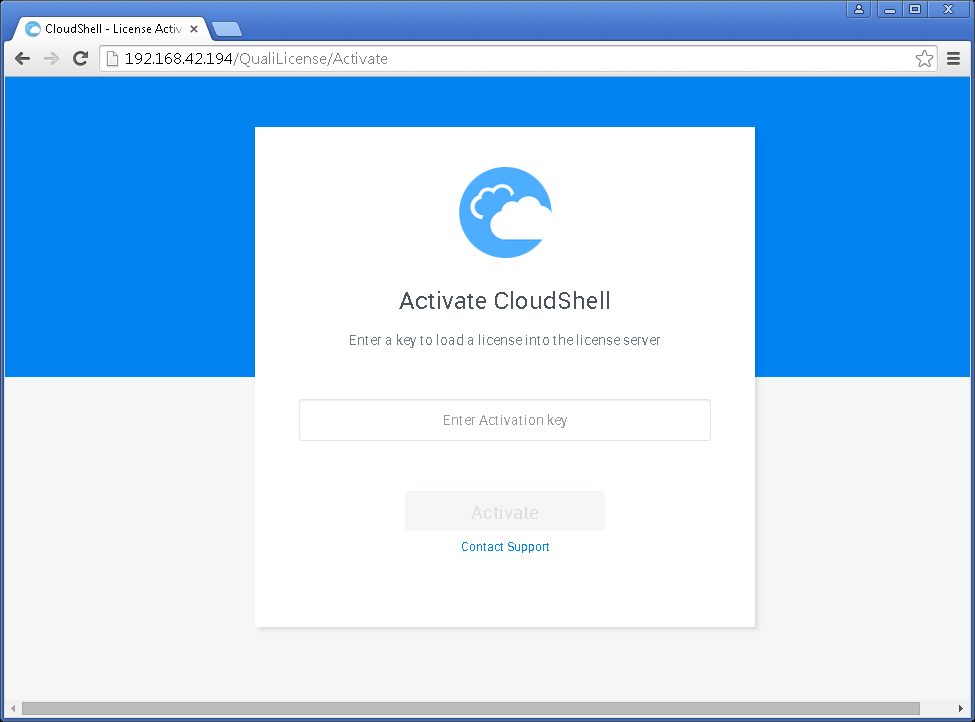
### Installing Ranorex license token

A Ranorex license needs to be assigned as well, using the following procedure:

1. Open “Ranorex Licensing”  
   
2. Paste the Ranorex license key and click Install.
3. Once approved, click OK.

### Installing CloudShell license token

On first time lunching the CloudShell Portal, you’ll be redirected to the “License Activation” page.



Enter the license key you got from QualiSystems on the “Enter Activation Key” field and click on “Activate”

Note: using this activation method requires Internet connection.

### CloudShell Services overview

The CloudShell OVA comes preinstalled with all necessary CloudShell components, including:

Quali Server

CloudShell Portal IIS Express

CloudShell Execution Server

SQL 2008 Express with Database preconfigured (Named “QUALISYSTEMS2008”)

#### Quali Server

This service in charge of running the CloudShell software, you can start\stop it from the “Services” windows screen. It is set to automatically start when the VM power on.

#### CloudShell Portal IIS Express

This service in charge of running the CloudShell Web Portal, you can start\stop it from the “Services” windows screen. It is set to automatically start when the VM power on.

#### CloudShell Execution Server

The CloudShell Execution Server is in charge of running all of the tasks, job and commands that are being initiated from the Portal, the service run as a ‘console’. The Service under “Services” is disabled. In its place, there’s a tray icon that runs the Execution Server.



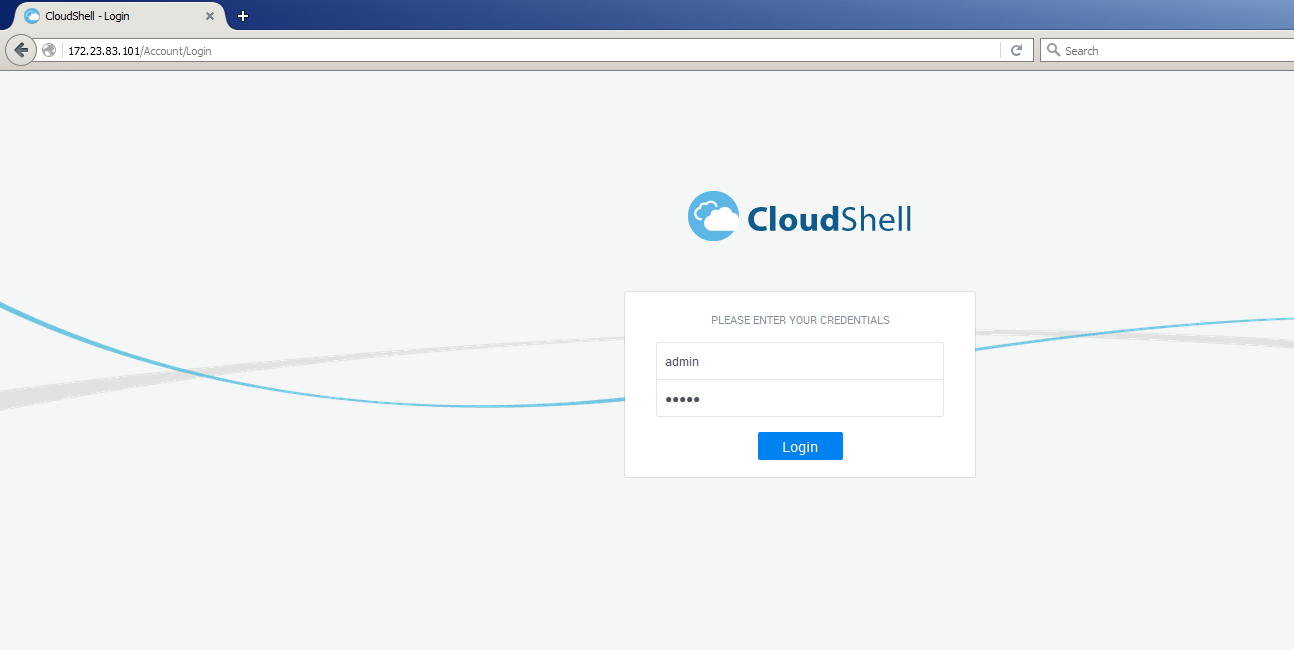
To stop the Execution Server, you can right click on it and choose “Close”

To start it, open CMD, navigate to “C:\Program Files (x86)\Qualisystems\TestShell\ExecutionServer” and run “QsExecutionServer.exe tray”

Alternatively, you can use the “Start Execution Server” shortcut on the desktop or execute the batch script under “C:\Start Execution Server.cmd"

## CloudShell Portal

Log in:



The default administrator credentials to use to log in to the portal are:  
User: admin

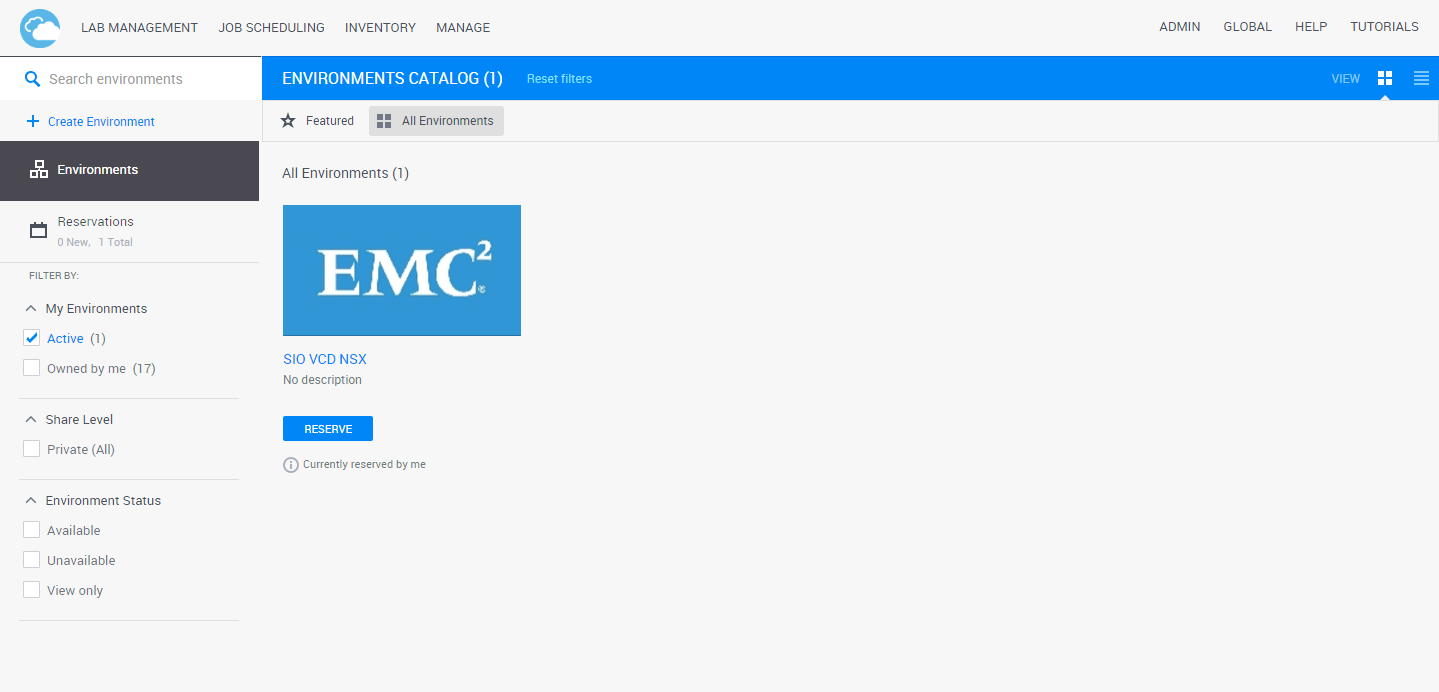
Password: admin

At the first log in from each machine, you’ll have to provide the local time zone as well.

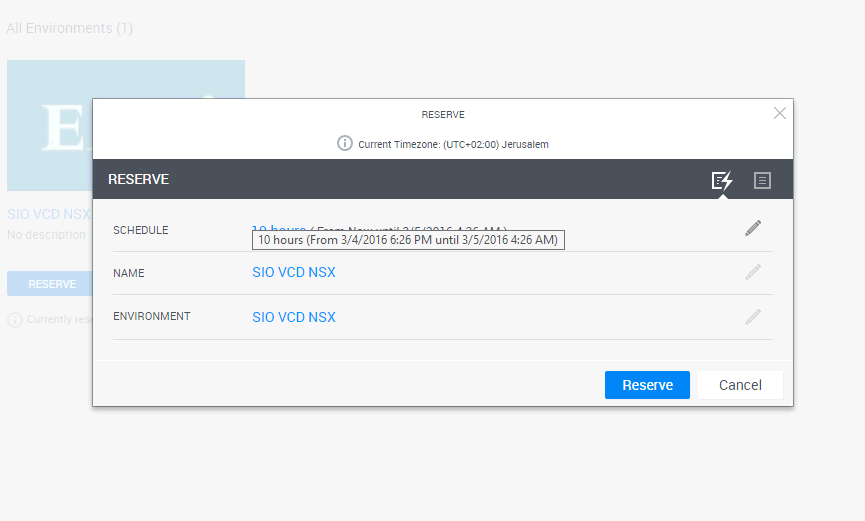
Once logged in, you’ll need to import the automation package (refer to “Importing the NFV Package and configuring Python”).

Once imported, you’ll be able to continue with the following on any other use of CloudShell.

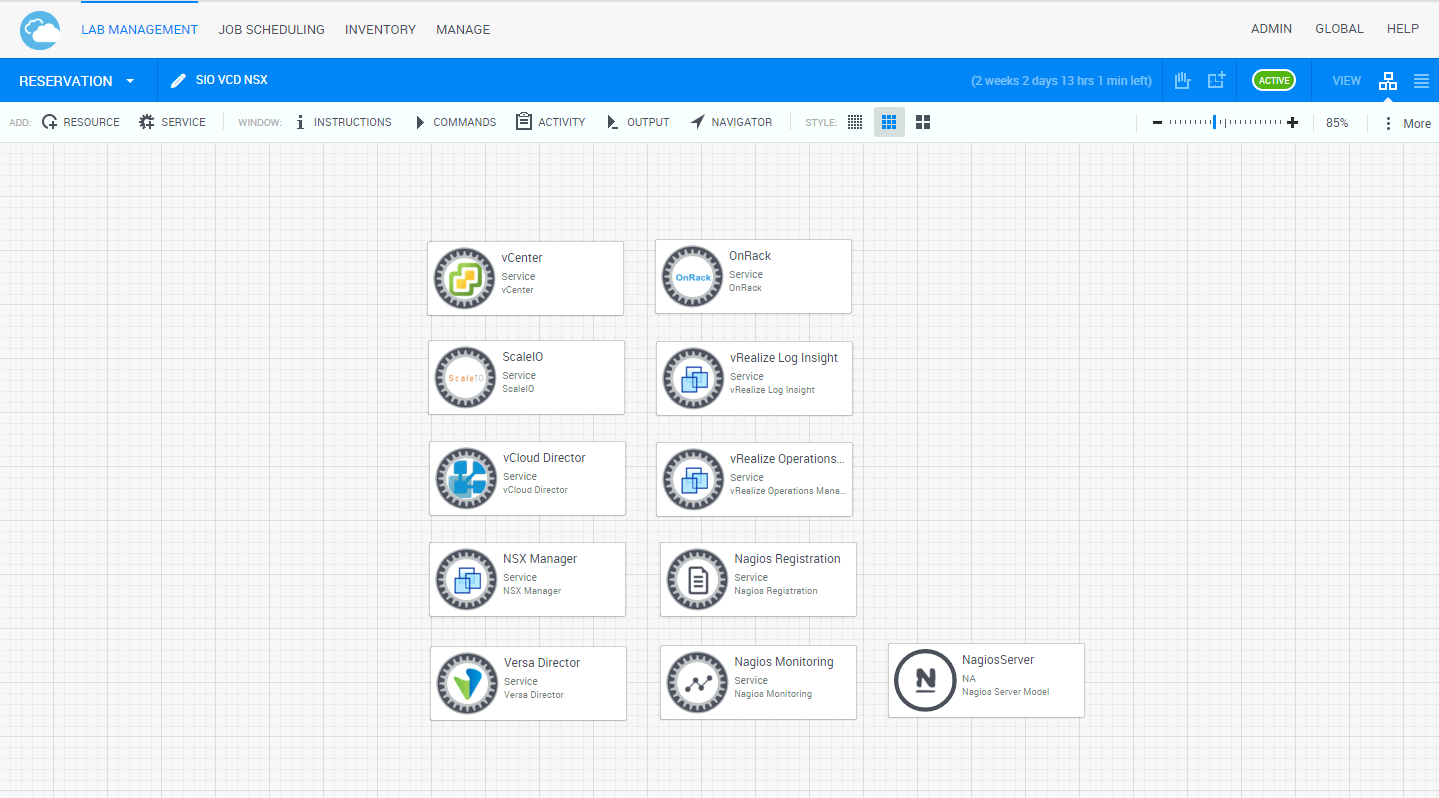
Go to Environments section and select a sandbox:



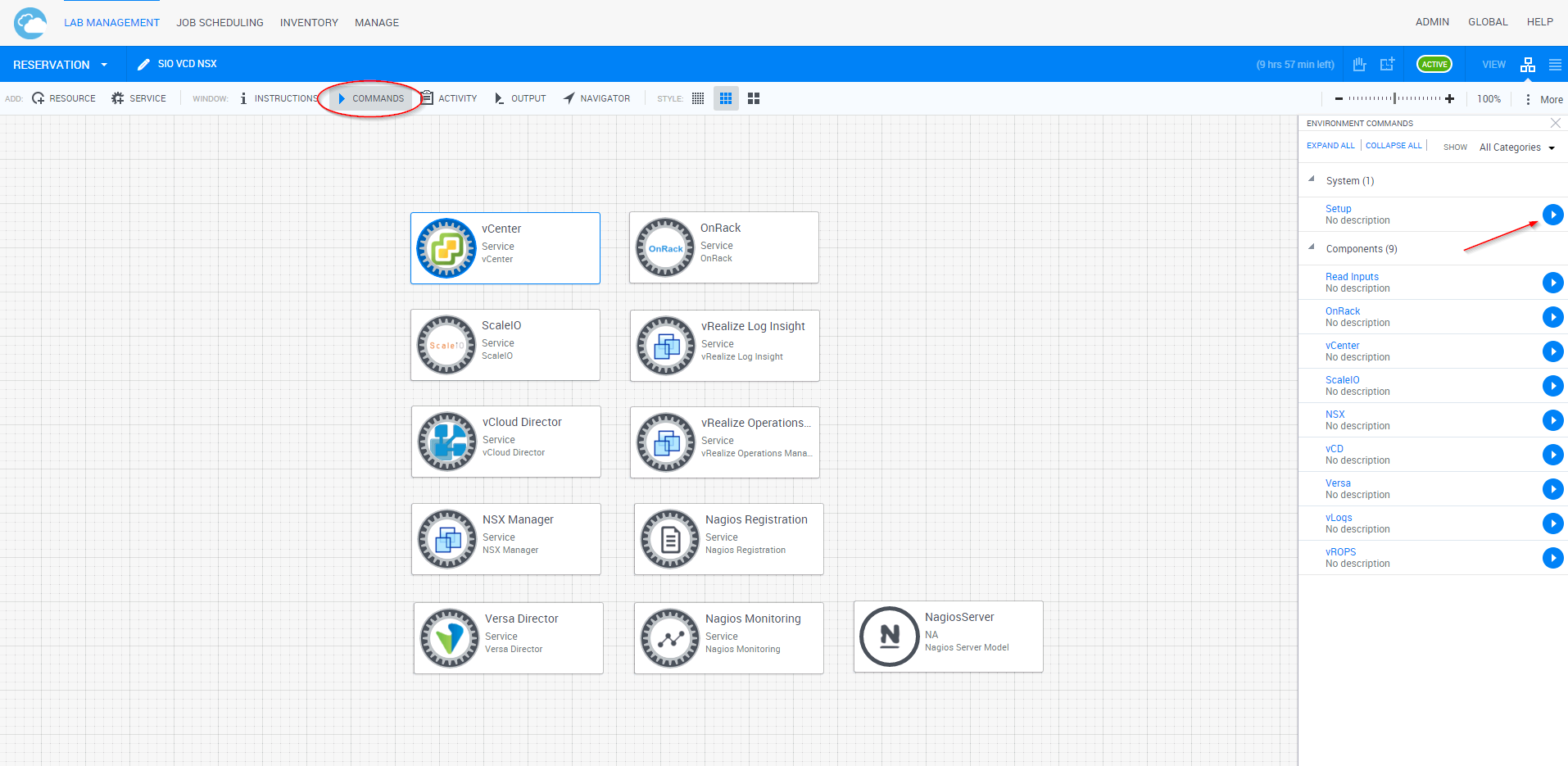
Reserve a sandbox:



Reserved sandbox:



Executing Setup function to deploy NFV:



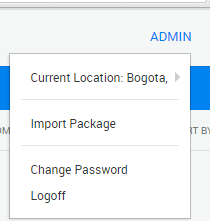
## Importing the NFV Package

The NFV Environment and Services need to be imported to the CloudShell VM.

### Importing the NFV Solution package to CloudShell portal

After setting the CloudShell license and logging in to the CloudShell Portal with an Admin account, drag the file “NFV Build Environment.zip” to the Portal homepage to import its content to the system.

Alternatively, a package can be imported by logging in to the portal and clicking on the logged in username, in the top right corner.

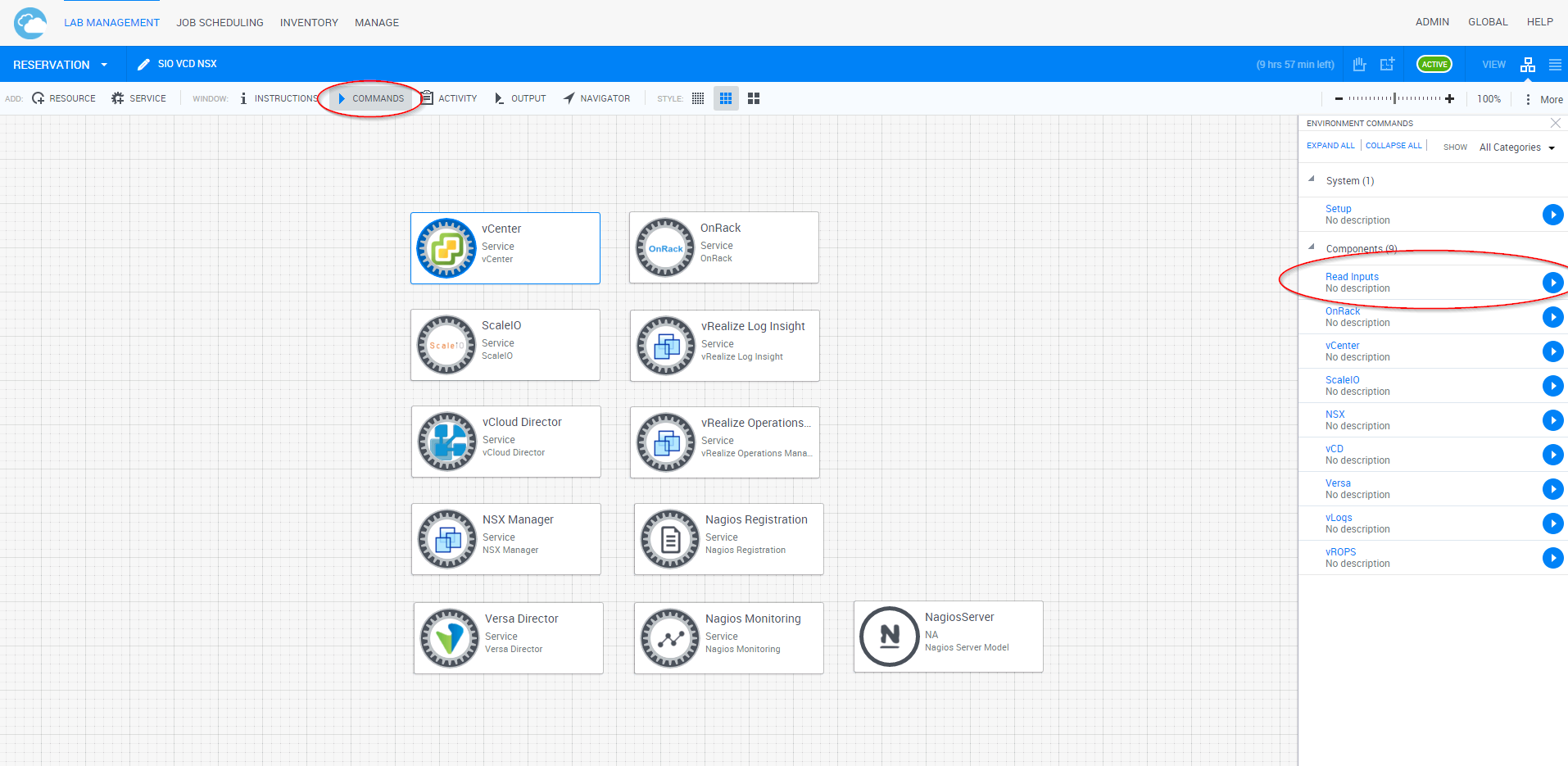


Selecting “Import Package” and navigating to the location of the “NFV Build Environment.zip”

## Inputs spreadsheet

All inputs are taken from an Excel workbook in “C:\deploy\NFV Build Info.xls”. They are divided according to component. Before starting to deploy, the Setup function loads the Excel data into the service attributes of all the components in the reservation. Note that this will overwrite any attribute changes that were done in the browser.

It is also possible to reload the attributes without starting the deployment, using the sandbox command “Read Inputs”. (Setup always automatically runs “Read Inputs”.)



Please note that the excel has internal formulas for automatically filling in information and “sorting” the columns using “A-Z” and such is interfering with the calculations. Do not use this kind of sorting and only use the column filters under the sorting view.

## Logs

All automation activity is logged to **C:\ProgramData\QualiSystems\Shells.log**.

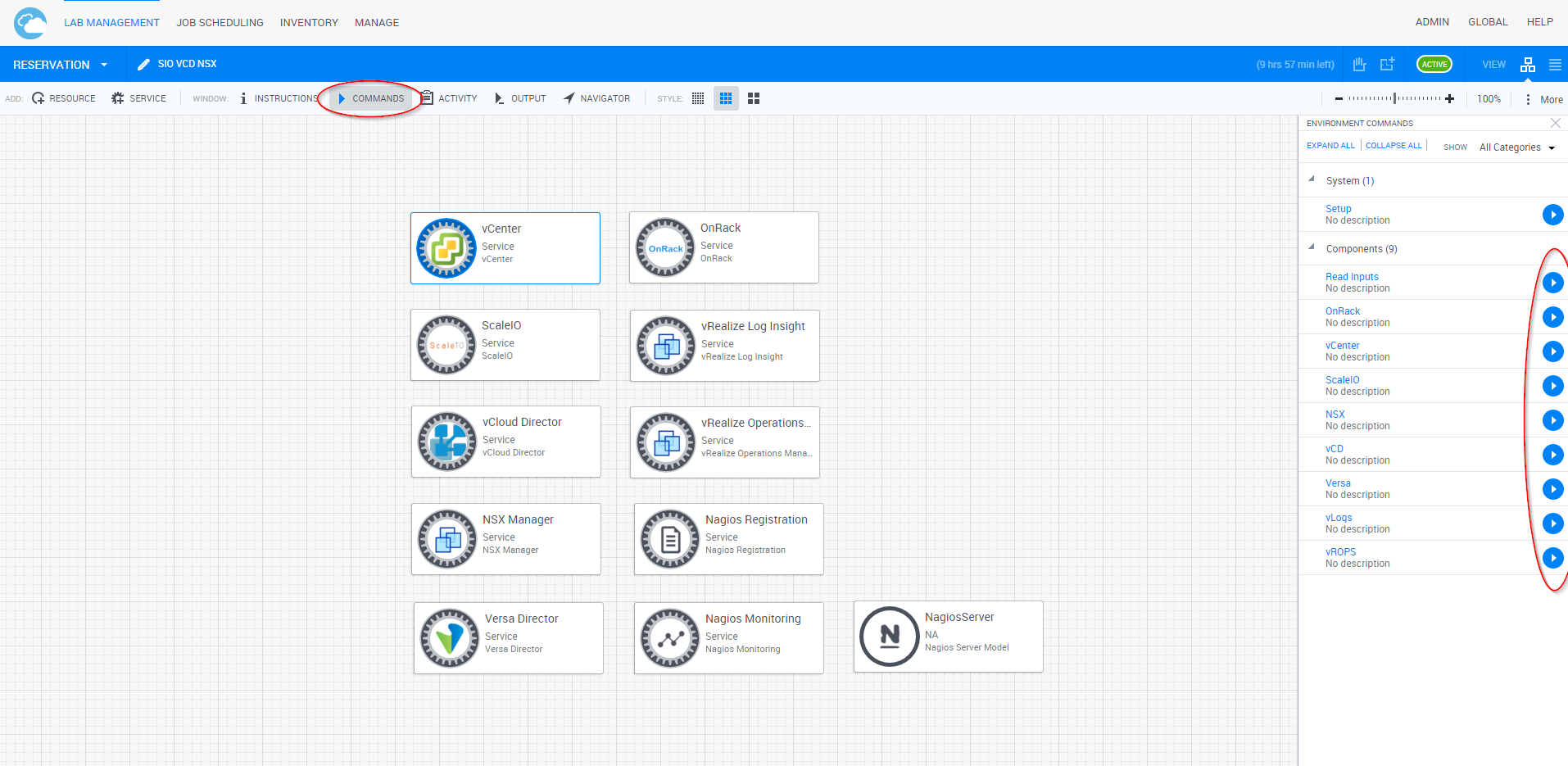
This includes:

* Names of functions called.
* Function inputs.
* Full contents of generated config files uploaded to remote machines.
* The full conversations in CLI or API calls.
* Any relevant error messages.

In the event of failures, especially those from invalid inputs, the log is the most important diagnostic tool. Command lines and API calls are reproduced in full so they can be executed manually when troubleshooting.

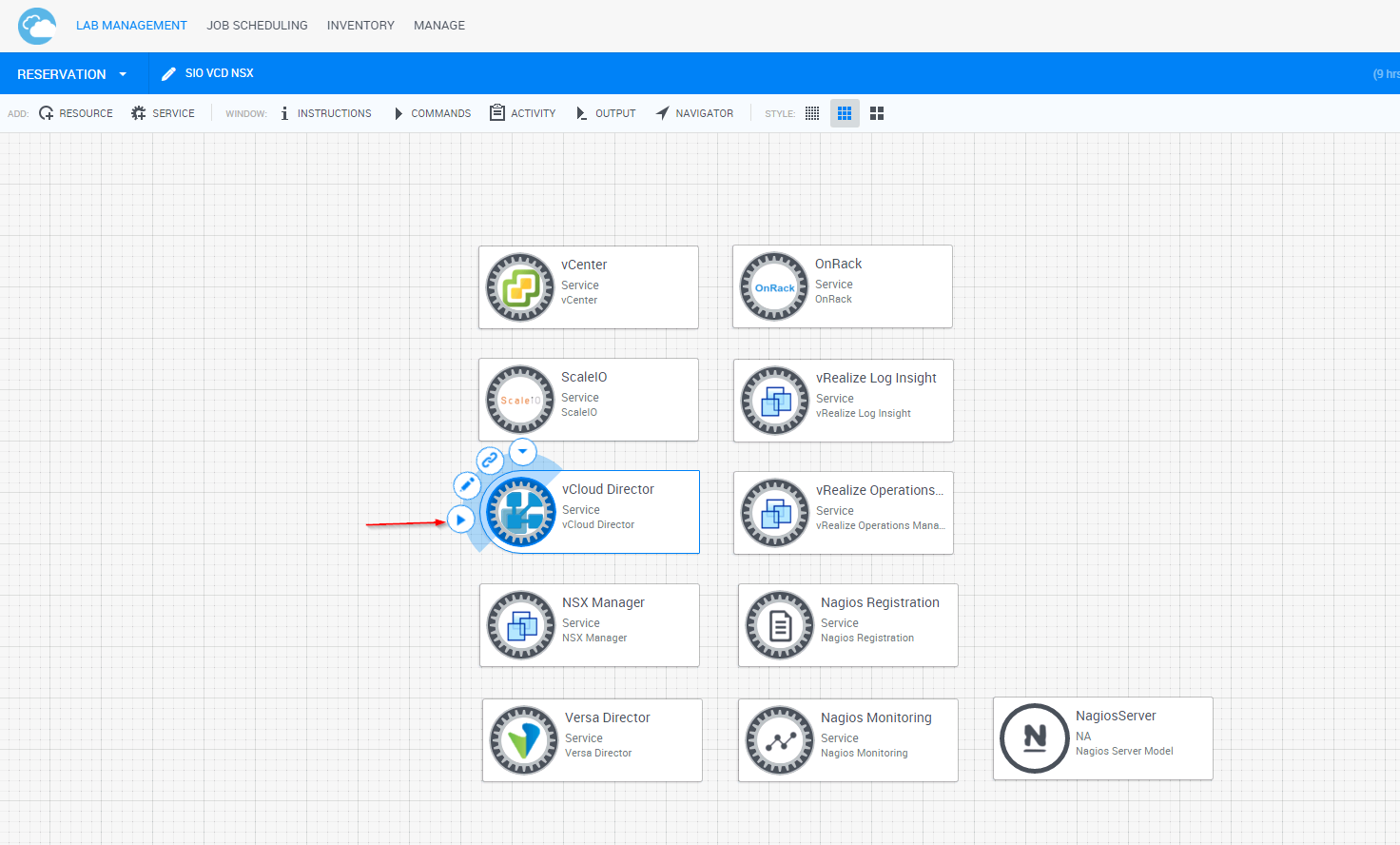
## Executing in steps

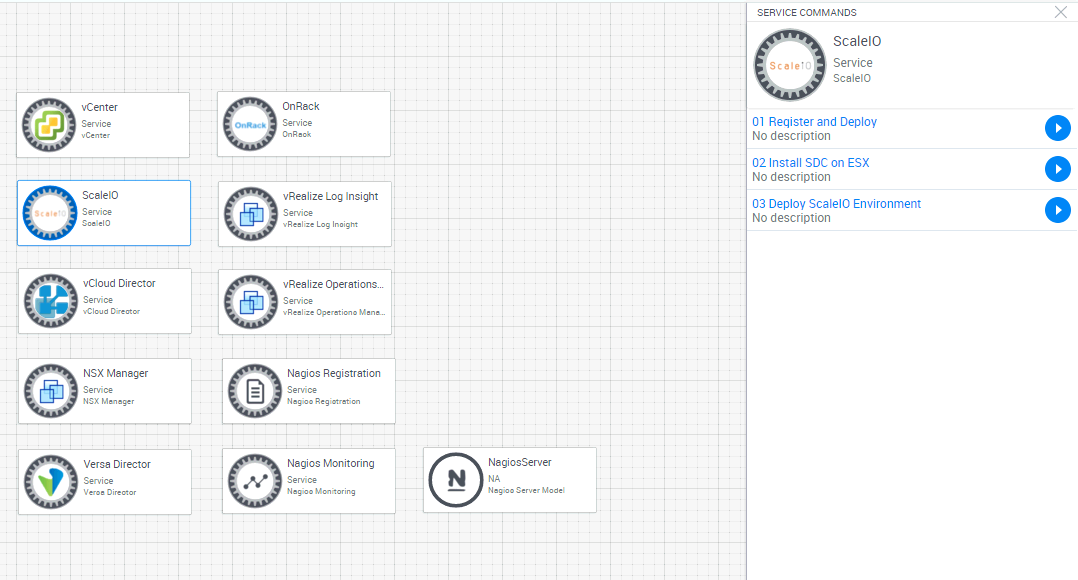
The NFV deployment is mainly intended to be run by a single monolithic orchestration function Setup. In some cases, it may be useful to run an individual component:



It may also be necessary to run a single low-level function on an individual component.

Running an individual function:

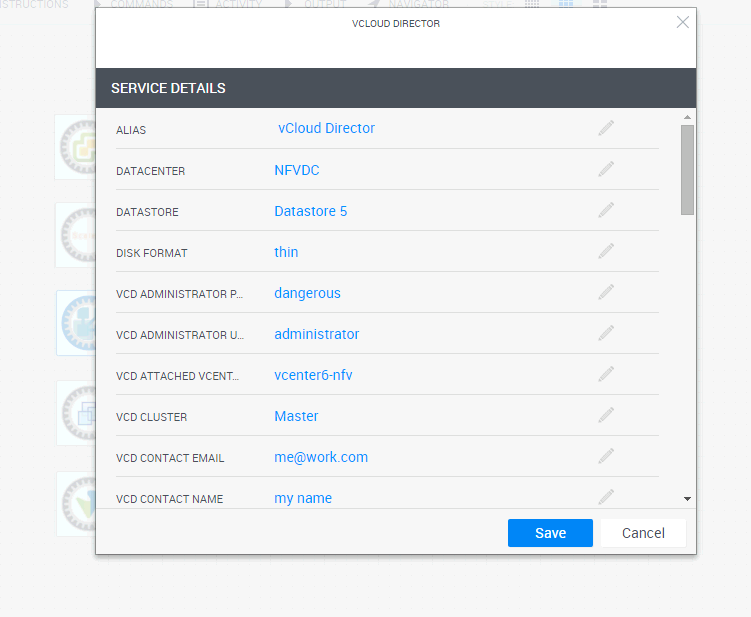




Functions take their inputs from component attributes, which can be edited directly in the reservation. For example, if an input was found to be incorrect, rather than rerunning the entire deployment from the beginning, it is easier to change the input, run the function from the portal, and check the result.

Editing an attribute:





# Compatibility

## CloudShell compatibility

Supported versions:

CloudShell Server 6.4 Patch 6

vCenter 6.0.0-2800571

ScaleIO 1.32

vCD 8.0.0-3017494

NSX 6.1.4-2691049

vLog Insight 3.0.0-3021606

vROPS 6.1.0.3038036\_OVF10

Versa

Analytics 2dfd2b0-15.2R2

Director 11f7d34-15.2R2

Flex-vnf 15.2R2

Nagios-Core 4.1.1

# Technical Guide

The NFV deployment is subdivided into workflows and shell functions. A top-level Setup workflow function executes smaller workflows, which execute shell functions.

## Main Workflow

The NFV deployment is sequential. The top-level Setup function calls are:

* Copy Prerequisites
* Read information from excel file
* OnRack discovery
* OnRack deploy ESX
* PreSet Brocade
* vCenter deployment and configuration (datacenter, clusters, vds)
* PostSet Brocade
* ScaleIO deployment and configuration
* NSX deployment and configuration
* vCD deployment and configuration
* vROPS deployment (configuration is optional)
* vLog Insight (configuration is optional)
* Versa deployment and configuration
* Nagios deployment and configuration

## Shells & Functions

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Shell** | **Function** | **Description** |
| OnRack | Populate Resources | Runs a discovery to get all of the available compute resources and adds them to the CloudShell inventory + active build environment |
| OnRack | Deploy ESXs | Runs an ESX OS deploy for each of the detected hosts |
| vCenter | 01 Deploy vCenter | Deploys a vCenter appliance on a predefined host |
| vCenter | 02 Create Infrastructure | Create datacenter, clusters, assign hosts |
| vCenter | 03 Create VDS | Create all the required vds and assigns the vmnics as well as vmkernel IPs |
| ScaleIO | 01 Install SDC | Install the SDC component on all ESXs that will be part of SIO deployment and reboots them. |
| ScaleIO | 02 Deploy ScaleIOVMs | Deploy SVM (ScaleIO VM) on each ESX that will contribute storage for the SIO system. |
| ScaleIO | 03 Configure ScaleIOVMs | Configure each SVM to its specific role, configure the SIO system and create a ESX Storage. |
| NSX Manager | 01 Deploy NSX | Deploy VMware NSX appliance from OVA |
| NSX Manager | 02 Set NSX SSO | Connect to vCenter SSO server |
| NSX Manager | 03 Set vCenter Details in NSX | Connect to vCenter |
| NSX Manager | 04 Add NSX Admin User | Add enterprise admin role |
| NSX Manager | 05 Create IP Pools | Define a pool of IP addresses for use by appliances deployed by NSX |
| NSX Manager | 07 Create VXLAN Segment | Create a range of VXLAN segment |
| NSX Manager | 08 Install VIBs on ESXi Servers | Install VXLAN VIB drivers on ESXi hosts |
| NSX Manager | 09 Configure Host VTEP | Configure VXLAN tunnel endpoints on ESXi hosts |
| NSX Manager | 10 Create Transport Zone | Create transport zone, aka scope |
| NSX Manager | 11 Create Logical Switch | Create logical switch, aka virtual wire |
| NSX Manager | 06 Deploy NSX Controller | Deploy NSX controller |
| vCloud Director | 01 Deploy vCD | Deploy CentOS for vCD |
| vCloud Director | 02 Prepare vCD Database | Creates a db in CloudShell’s sql server |
| vCloud Director | 03 Create SSL Certificates For vCD | Creates ssl certificates for vCD |
| vCloud Director | 04 Install and Configure vCD | Installs vCD and configures the db |
| vCloud Director | 05 vCD Setup | Runs the vCD wizard |
| vRealize Log Insight | 01 Deploy vLog | Deploy vLog Insight OVA |
| vRealize Log Insight | 02 Run Start-up Configuration Wizard | Configure DNS, SMTP, license, NTP |
| vRealize Log Insight | 03 Install vLog Patch PAK file | Apply patch PAK file |
| vRealize Log Insight | 04 vCenter Registration | Register vCenter server |
| vRealize Log Insight | 05 vROPS Registration | Register vRealize Operations Manager server |
| vRealize Operations Manager | 01 Deploy vROPS | Deploy vRealize Operations Manager OVA |
| vRealize Operations Manager | 02 Run Start-up Configuration Wizard | New installation, set admin password, set license mode, set NTP |
| vRealize Operations Manager | 03 Start vROPS Service | Start service |
| vRealize Operations Manager | 04 Enter vROPS License | Accept EULA and enter license |
| vRealize Operations Manager | 05 Register vROPS With vCenter | Register vCenter server, enter vCenter monitoring settings |
| Nagios Monitoring | 01 Deploy Nagios | Deploy Nagios OVA |
| Nagios Monitoring | 02 Configure Nagios | Configures Nagios to support ESX monitoring |
| Nagios Monitoring | Enable | Starts the monitoring |
| Nagios Monitoring | Disable | Stops the monitoring |
| Nagios Registration | RegisterResources | Adds a resource to the Nagios monitoring |
| Nagios Registration | RemoveResources | Removes a resource from the Nagios monitoring |
| Versa | 02 Deploy Analytics | Deploy Versa Analytics OVA |
| Versa | 04 Deploy Branch 1 | Deploy Versa Branch OVA |
| Versa | 05 Deploy Branch 2 | Deploy Versa Branch OVA |
| Versa | 03 Deploy Controller | Deploy Versa Controller OVA |
| Versa | 01 Deploy Director | Deploy Versa Director OVA |
| Versa | 06 Post-deployment Configurations | Configures network for the different versa components and basic cli commands |
| Versa | 07 Organization Administration | Create Provider and Customer Organizations |
| Versa | 08 Create Controller Profile | Create the Controller profile |
| Versa | 09 Controller Administration | Assigning the Controller to the Customer |
| Versa | 10 Organization Configurations | Create Organization specific profiles |
| Versa | 11 Create Analytics Profile | Adding the Analytics to the Director context |
| Versa | 12 Create IPSec Profiles | Create IPSec profiles |
| Versa | 13 Branch Administration | Adding Branch VMs to the inventory |
| Versa | 14 Creating Branch Template | Adding Branch Staging templates |
| Versa | 15 Updating Branch Templates | Adding Branch PostStaging templates |
| Versa | 16 Branches Startup Configurations | Config the Branch VMs with basic IPSec setting to begin Versa Director flow |
| Brocade Switch | set\_access\_vlan | Set the desire interfaces of the Brocade switch to the desired VLAN ID with access mode. |

## vCenter Configuration

This section describes how the vCenter is being deploy & configured in the NFV rack.

There are 4 steps in the vCenter orchestration process,

* Deployment of the vCenter Appliance
* Creating vCenter hierarchy of Datacenters & Clusters
* Adding ESXi servers to their clusters
* Creating VDS switches

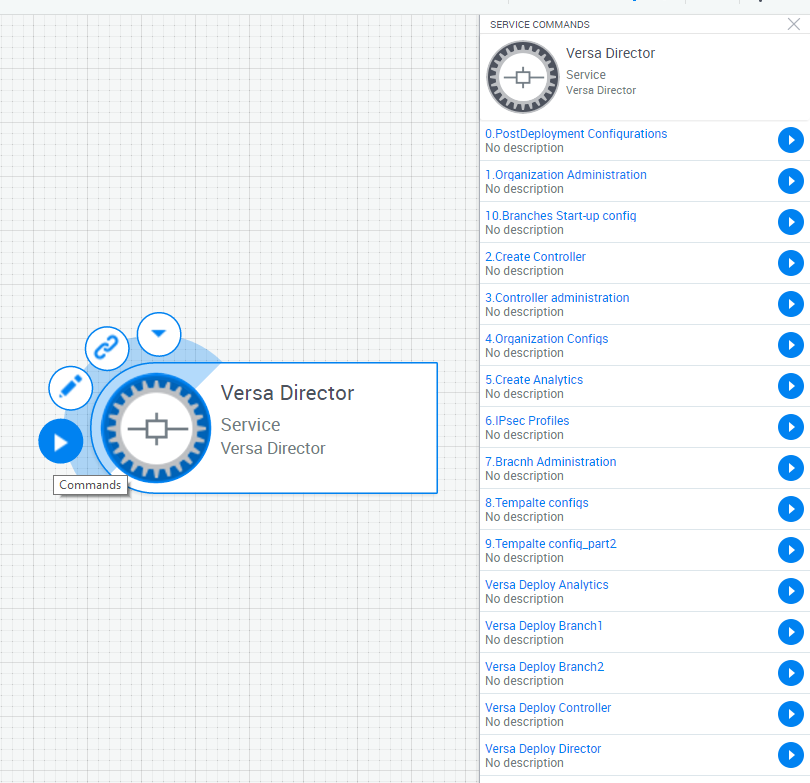
### vCenter Configuration breakdown

1. Deployment of the vCenter appliance using ovftools, the vCenter will be deployed on the master ESXi, using default network and storage settings. (“VM Network”/”datastore1”)
2. Using Python pyvmomi to create DC and up to 5 Clusters, depends on the inputs from the excel sheet.
3. Adding the ESXi servers to their relevant cluster using pyvmomi
4. Creating & assigning ESXi to each VDS, up to a maximum of 4 VDS. Each VDS will be created with an additional portgroup corresponding to its role. I.e. Data VDS will have DataPortgroup.

## Versa configuration & workflow

This section describes the deployment & configuration of the Versa components

Overview of the Versa Service as it is on CloudShell canvas



The main service is the “Versa Director” which have 5 deploy commands and 11 configuration steps.

### Versa Configuration breakdown

1. Deployment

* Scripts: Versa Deploy Director, Versa Deploy Controller, Versa Deploy Analytics, Versa Deploy Branch1, Versa Deploy Branch2
  + Versa Director, Analytics, Controller, Branch 1 & Branch 2
  + Deployment also include basic Ubuntu OS network configurations, VM configuration to add additional vNICs and powering on the VMs.

\*\*Network configuration is being done using PowerCLI “Invoke-Script” cmdlet

1. Post deployment configurations

* Script: 0.PostDeployment Configurations
  + Configuring Versa Controller, Branch1 & Branch2 using Versa CLI to use the static management IP. (Default behavior is DHCP), rewriting the Ubuntu OS network config file & rebooting the VMs
  + Restarting the Analytics Database for new deployment and doing basic log-gathering configs.
  + Disabling 2 way authentication on the Versa Director

1. Organization Configuration

* Scripts: 1.Organization Administrator, 4.Organization Configs
  + Setting up 2 organizations, 1 for the ‘Customer’ and one for a ‘Provider’
  + Configuring basic network related settings for each organization

1. Controller Configuration

* Scripts: 2.Create Controller, 3.Controller Administrator
  + Adding the deployed Controller to the Director context
  + Associating the Controller to an organization
  + Configuring the network interfaces & IP addresses for the Controller NICs

1. Analytics

* Script: 5.Create Analytics
  + Adding the Analytics VM to the Director context
  + Associating the Analytics to an organization
  + Adding log templates

1. IPSec Profiles

* Script: 6.IPsec Profiles
  + Adding 3 IPSec profiles to the Controller, pre-staging, staging & poststaging

1. Branch Configuration

* Script: 7.Branch Administration
  + Adding the Branch VMs to the Director inventory
  + Creating the basic templates for staging & poststaging
  + Creating device groups of the branches for the templates

1. Template Configuration

* Scripts: 8.Template configs, 9.Template config\_part2
  + Adding network settings, interfaces configs, IPSec profiles, name and role to the staging and poststaging templates
* Steps 3-9 are being done using the Versa Director REST API

1. Branches initializing

* Script: 10.Branches Start-up config
  + Sending basic IPSec information to connect to the Controller
  + Suppling each Branch VM with its own unique name & serial to be recognized by the Director

\*\* The commands are being sent using SSH.

## Nagios

The Nagios Shell is in charge of everything Nagios related;

* Deployment
* Network configuration
* Commands to collect logs
* Group based log collection
* Displaying the information on the CloudShell Portal

### Nagios relationship with CloudShell

Nagios is retrieving information from the ESXi servers using scripts, this information is displayed in the Nagios web portal.

CloudShell pulls information from the Nagios and display it in user-friendly way in the CloudShell Portal.

### Quick overview on Nagios component & how-to

The Nagios Shell is composed from 3 main components,

* Nagios Server
  + A Resource representing the actual Nagios machine
  + The resource also contains group, template & other general Nagios information
* Nagios Monitor Service
  + The Monitor Service is in charge of periodically checking and updating the information from the Nagios Server to the resources that we want to monitor
  + There’s a main excel sheet that the monitor service use for knowing which Nagios information to which CloudShell resource & attribute to update
* Nagios Registration Service
  + The Nagios Registration Service is in charge of ‘registering’ new VMs or physical machine to the Nagios server to monitor
  + Machines can be added to a predefined Nagios group or template

For more information about Nagios, please refer to the Nagios documentation

https://support.qualisystems.com/entries/50010383?Solution%20Packs/Nagios/6.3%20CloudShell%20Integration%20with%20Nagios%20Solution%20Pack%20v1.4.pdf

## vROPS

The vROPS Shell will deploy & configure the vROPS VM, as well as connect to it to the vCenter, to achieve that, we have several steps;

1. Deployment

* Script: vrops\_deploy
  + Deployment of the vROPS VM using ovftools, as well as configuring network settings, time zone and deployment location

1. Initial setup wizard & License

* Scripts: vrops\_configure1, vrops\_configure2, vrops\_configure3
  + Completing the first time installation wizard, setting admin password, NTP servers & cluster information
  + Starting the vROPS service
  + Configuring the vROPS license

1. Configuring vROPS with vCenter

* Script: vrops\_configure4
  + Adding the vCenter information to the vROPS system

## vLog Insight

The vLog Shell will deploy, configure & connect the vLog to both vROPS and vCenter for log collection.

1. Deployment

* Script: vra\_log\_insight\_deploy
  + Deployment of the vLog VM using ovftools, as well as configuring network settings and deployment location

1. Initial setup wizard & License

* Scripts: vra\_log\_insight\_configure1
  + Completing the first time installation wizard, setting admin password, NTP servers & SMTP information
  + Configuring the vLog license

1. Configuring vLog with vCenter

* Script: vra\_log\_insight\_configure3
  + Adding the vCenter information to the vLog system

1. Configuring vROPS info

* Script: vra\_log\_insight\_configure4
  + Adding vROPS information to the vLog system

## NSX

The NSX Shell will deploy the NSX Manager, and with REST API will configure the Manager to deploy a Controller and configure the NSX appliance.

1. Deployment

* Script: nsx\_deploy
  + Deployment of the NSX Manager appliance, as well as configuring the network setting

1. Configuring vCenter connection

* Scripts: nsx\_configure1, nsx\_configure2
  + Configuring the vCenter SSO information and vCenter info on the NSX Manager

1. Configuring NSX network related settings

* Scripts: nsx\_configure4, nsx\_configure6, nsx\_configure7, nsx\_configure8, nsx\_configure9
  + Create IP pools for each MGMT, Edge & Compute VDS
  + Create VXVLAN segments for the IP pools
  + Create transport zone between the segments

1. Adding Admin group to manage the NSX

* Script: nsx\_configure3
  + Add the desire group name to the NSX Administrators

1. Deploying NSX Controller & configuring ESXi hosts

* Scripts: nsx\_configure5, nsx\_configure7
  + Deploy NSX Controller using NSX Manager REST API
  + Make the necessary vibs installation on each ESXi in the NSX scope

# Relevant HW/SW compatibility

All of the above shells and workflows were tested and validated with:

* 7 C41 ESXi hosts
* C51 hosts
* vCenter 6
* CloudShell 6.4 Patch 4

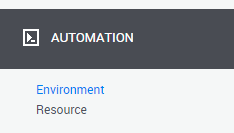
# Managing scripts and drivers

All the scripts and drivers are managed by system administrators.

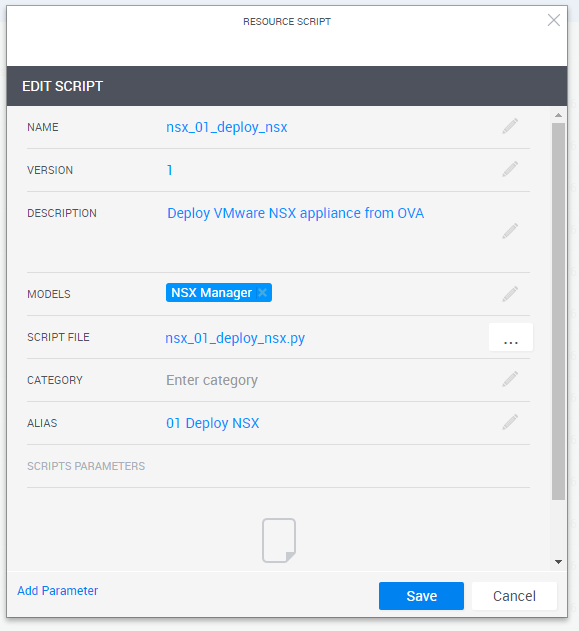
Once logged in as admin, you’ll be able to go to the Manage page:



There, under the Automation sub-menu on the left, you’ll be able to manage both the environment drivers/scripts and the resource drivers/scripts.



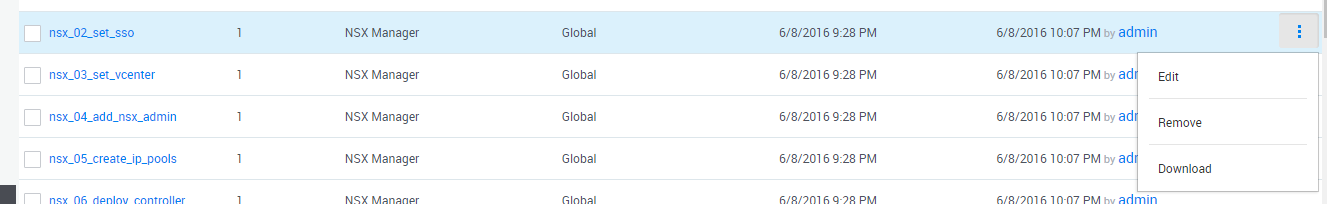
For each script/driver, you can open the properties page (either by clicking on the script name, or by the Edit option in the context menu on the right side of each script). This allows you to edit their name/alias/description/version:



**Note:** the environment driver is using the names of the scripts to execute the commands in a correct sequence. You should not change the name of the scripts without updating the environment driver as well.  
Changing the alias, description, category and version does not affect the automation.

## Downloading a script/driver file from CloudShell

Each row in the scripts/drivers window has a context menu on the right side, that allows you to download the script/driver:



## Updating a script file

If you got a new version of a script file, or would like to update one of the script files, open the properties windows of that script as shown above, then press on the browse button in the “Script file” field and select a .py or .zip file.

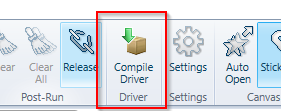
When done, click on the Save button to upload the new file.

## Updating a driver

To create a new version of a driver, you’ll need access to the project files to be able to open, modify and compile the project in CloudShell Authoring.

The latest projects and scripts are available in a private github repository, and you’ll need to get access to this repository first.

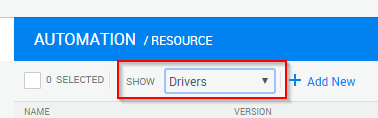
Once you got access to such a driver project, you’ll be able to open it in CloudShell Authoring, and when done modifying the driver, you’ll be able to compile it:



This will create a new folder with the compiled project (a .dll or .exe file, depends on the project type).

Once the new version of the driver was compiled, you’ll be able to upload it to the portal.

Make sure that you first show the resource/environment drivers list by selecting “Drivers” in the “Show” drop down:



# Post-Deployment How-to and extra steps

## Using the ScaleIO web plugin

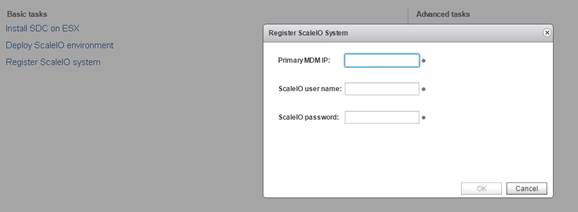
In order to use the ScaleIO web plugin, you first need to register manually the deployed ScaleIO environment with the vCenter.

To register the deployed ScaleIO environment with the installed vCenter ScaleIO Plugin, a user needs go to the vCenter web client, and do the following steps:

1. Login to the vCenter Web Client
2. Open the ScaleIO Plugin



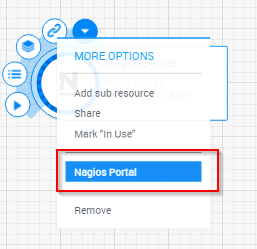
1. Select “Register ScaleIO System”
2. Fill in the relevant info (Primary MDM IP = Info from Excel sheet \ vCenter view of “SIOVM-Primary”, ScaleIO user name = ‘admin’, ScaleIO password = Info from Excel)



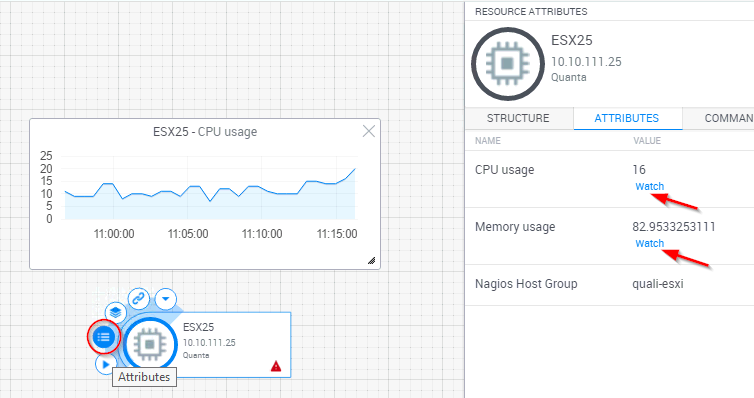
## Nagios

* To open the Nagios Server website, you can browse to http://<Nagios\_IP>/nagios

The <Nagios\_IP> can be taken from the excel or from the vCenter view of the Nagios VM.   
The credentials are: Username: ‘nagiosadmin’, Password:’Password1’.

You can also use the shortcut available on the ‘NagiosServer’ resource:  


* To view the live status of the attributes we monitor using Nagios, go to the CloudShell Portal and select the ESX you wish to see, opening the “Attributes” tab. From there clicking on the ‘watch’ link will open the monitoring window.



Note: the times on the graph are displayed in UTC (no matter which timezone was selected by the user), but displays the last 60 minutes always

## vLog Insight, vROPS & NSX

* As part of the current automation workflow, only the deployment of the above is being done (NSX configuration continues until and including step 4).
* To fully utilize the above, a user must login to each corresponding IP address web and configure the VM.

# Known Gaps

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| Gap | Description |
| Deployment & VM configuration only supported on vCenter version 6. | Deployment, Network, Storage and other VM related tasks are supported only on vCenter environment. |
| Order of the orchestration cannot be changed | The order of each Shell, i.e. deploying the NSX before SIO is not supported, due to the fact that each step depends on the step before, for example, vROPS require SIO storage to be present for the deployment. |
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## Versa Gaps

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| Gap | Description |
| Deployment & configuration only support 2 Branch VMs and a single Controller, Analytics and Director VMs | The Versa Shell support a single fixed use case of 2 Branches as VMs and single deployment of other Versa components.  Different uses cases are not support at the moment. |
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## vCenter Gaps

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| Gap | Description |
| Configuring the vCenter with more than 4 VDS is not supported | At the moment, only up to 4 VDS are supported in the automation workflow. |
| Configuring the vCenter with more than 5 Clusters is not supported | At the moment, only up to 5 Clusters are supported in the automation workflow. |
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## Nagios Gaps

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| Gap | Description |
| Only Memory usage is operational | You’re only able to see a graph on the Memory usage of the different ESXi servers |
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## ScaleIO Gaps

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| Gap | Description |
| Configuration only support using RDM as the method to attach storage to the SVMs | Unable to use ESX with only 1 local disk or an ESX with an already configured Datastore, due to inability to configure VMDK. |
| Required Faultsets number must match the amount of SDS in the SIO system | For Faultset use, there must be an exact match in the number of SDS VMs and the number of desired Faultsets. |
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# Known Issues

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| Issue | Description |
| When Running Versa Automation step, on rare occasion it might fail on step 2 with an “Controller Out of Sync” error. | Due to unknown issue, the controller sometimes shows as “Out of Sync” and is unable to process any additional commands. The Workaround for it, until Versa will release a fix, is to delete the Controller from the Versa Director WebGUI (Administratorion > Connectors - > Organization)    And from the Resource Pool under the same subtree    Once done, re-run step 2-10. Ignore “Error 408 ‘data already exists’” |

# Changes from the previous code release

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| Feature | Description |
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