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## 1 Introduction

This document provides guidelines and recommendations for configuring the Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router (DSR) to enhance the security posture of the system. The recommendations herein are optional and should be considered along with your organizations approved security strategies. Additional configuration changes that are not included herein are not recommended and may hinder the product's operation or Oracle's capability to provide appropriate support.

### 1.1 Audience

This Guide is intended for administrators responsible for product and network security.

### 1.2 References

The following references capture the source material used to create this document. These documents are included in the Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router documentation set. See Appendix C.

- [1] E-63628, Operation, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM) Guide
- [2] E-53474, Alarms, KPIs, and Measurements Reference
- [3] E-63630, DSR Administration Guide
- [4] E-53488, DSR 7.1.x Base Hardware and Software Installation Procedure
- [5] E-60310, DSR 7.1.x Upgrade Procedure

### 1.3 Glossary

This section lists terms and acronyms specific to this document.

**Table 1. Glossary**

Acronym/Term	Definition
CLI	Command Line Interface
CSR	Customer Service Request
ESP	Encapsulating Security Payload
GUI	Graphical User Interface
HIDS	Host Intrusion Detection System
IKE	Internet Key Exchange
IPsec	Internet Protocol security
IV	Initialization Vector
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
LDAP	Lightweight Directory Access Protocol
MP	Message Processor
NOAMP	Network Operation, Administration, Maintenance, and Provisioning

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**Table 1. Glossary**

Acronym/Term	Definition
OAM	Operation, Administrations and Maintenance
OS	Operating System
REST	Representational State Transfer. A type of Northbound provisioning interface.
SFTP	Secure File Transfer Protocol
SOAM	System Operation, Administration, and Maintenance
SOAP	Simple Object Access Protocol
SNMP	Simple Network Management Protocol
SSO	Single Sign On
TLS	Transport Layer Security
DSR	Diameter Signaling Router

## 2 Oracle Communications Diameter Singling Router Security Overview

This chapter provides an overview of Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router (DSR) security.

### 2.1 Basic Security Considerations

The following principles are fundamental to using any application securely:

- **Keep software up to date.** Consider upgrading to the latest maintenance release. Consult with your Oracle support team to plan for Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router software upgrades.
- **Limit privileges.** Users should be assigned to the proper user group and reviewed periodically to determine relevance to current work requirements.
- **Monitor system activity.** Establish who should access which system components, and how often, and monitor those components.
- **Configure software securely.** For example, use secure protocols such as TLS and strong passwords.
- **Learn about and use of the Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router security features.** See Section 3 “*Implementing Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router Security*” for more information.
- **Keep up to date on security information.** Oracle regularly issues Security Alerts for vulnerability fixes deemed too critical. It is advisable to install the applicable security patches as soon as possible. See the Security Alerts page at the following link.

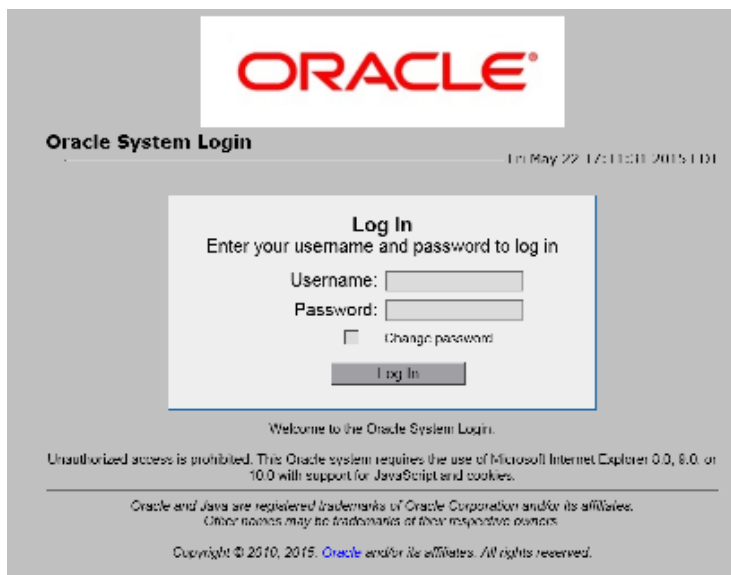
<http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/topics/security/alerts-086861.html#SecurityAlerts>

### 2.2 Accessing the Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router system

There are four ways a user can access the Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router system.

1. Web browser GUI – The client access to the Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router GUI for remote administration requires a web browser supporting a TLS 1.1 or TLS 1.2 enabled session to Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router. This application supports the use of Microsoft® Internet Explorer 8.0, 9.0 or 10.0, and both cookies and java script must be enabled. When a user accesses the Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router system via the GUI interface, the following screen is presented. On the Log In screen, enter the Username and Password credentials, then click **Log In** to access the GUI.

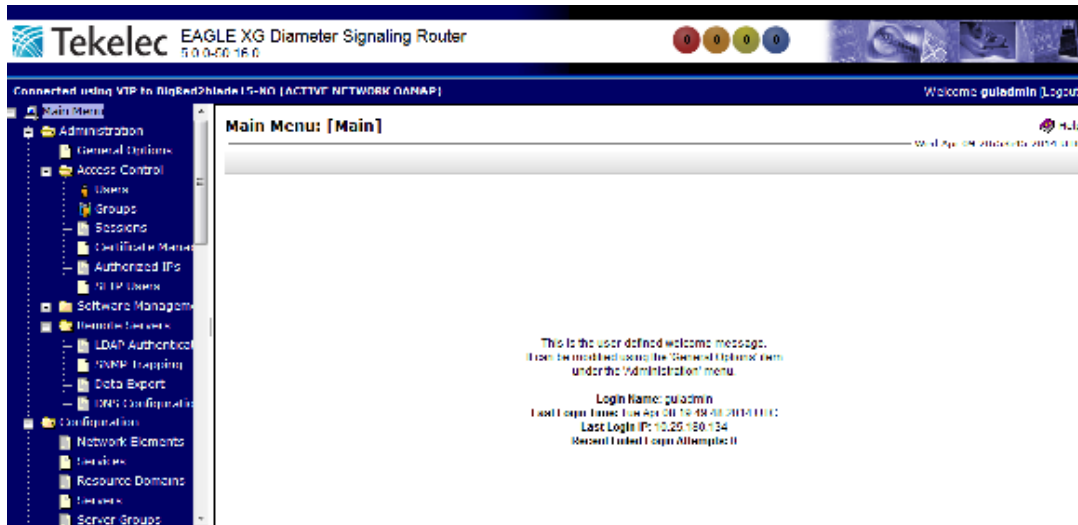
Figure 1. Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router Login Page



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When successfully logged in, the Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router home page appears as shown below. To log out, the user can click the upper-right corner link labelled **Logout** or select the bottom menu item.

Figure 2. Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router Home Page



2. CLI via SSH client - Normal login access is remote through network connections. The client access to the command line interface (CLI) is with an SSH capable client such as PUTTY, SecureCRT or similar client using the default administrative login account. SSH login is supported on the distinct management interface. To log out, enter the command, “logout” and press the **Enter** key.
3. Local access is supported by a hardware connection of a monitor and a key board. The local access supports CLI only. When successfully logged in, a command line prompt containing userid @host name followed by a \$ prompt appears. There is no requirement to add additional users, but adding users is supported.
4. iLO Web GUI access: Proliant Server iLO provides Web GUI access from an Internet Explorer session using the URL, **https://<iLO IP Address>/**. Using a supported web browser, log in to iLO as an administrator user by providing username and password.

### 2.3 Overview of Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router Security

Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router is developed with security in mind and is delivered with a standard configuration that includes Linux operating system security hardening best practices. These practices include the following security objectives:

- Attack Surface Reduction
- Attack Surface Hardening
- Vulnerability Mitigation

### 2.4 Overview of Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router Security

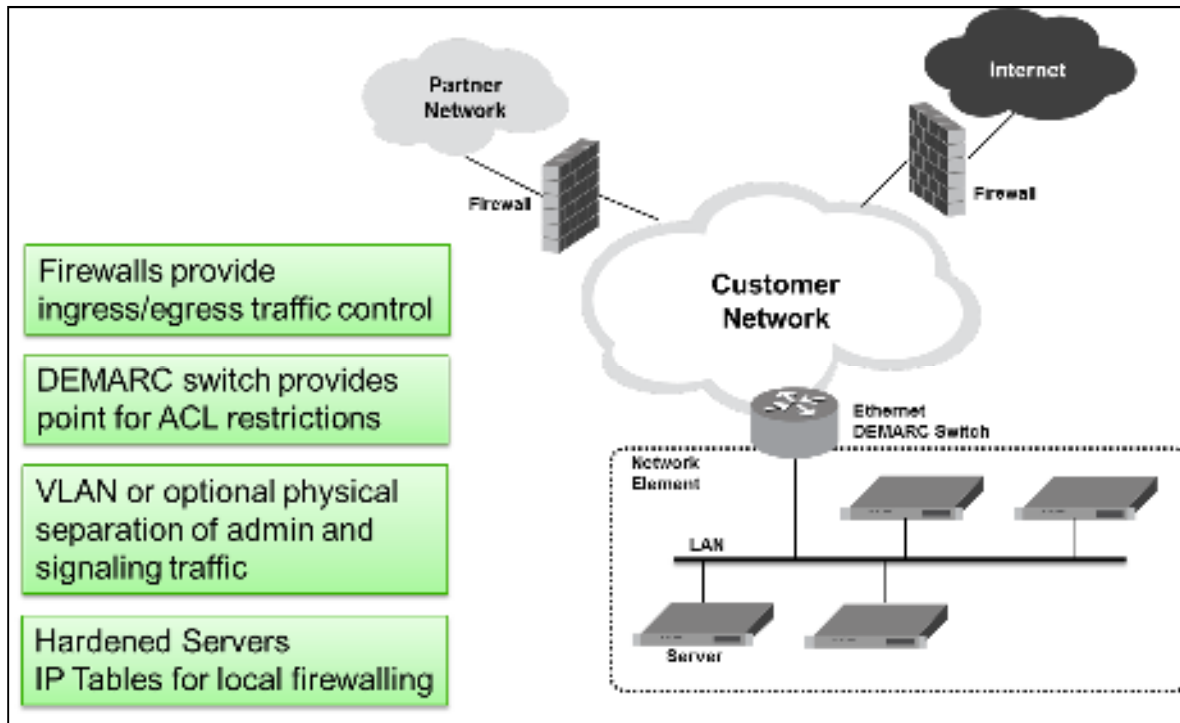
Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router is deployed in carrier’s and service provider’s core networks and provides critical signaling routing functionality for 4G, LTE and IMS networks. The solution is based on Linux servers and is highly scalable to accommodate a wide range of capacities to address networks of various sizes. A DSR node is comprised of a suite of servers and related Ethernet switches that create a cluster of servers operating as a single Network Element. It is assumed that firewalls are established to isolate the core network elements from the internet and from partner networks (Figure 3).



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In addition to the firewalls mentioned above, DSR provides additional security capabilities including Access Control Lists (ACL) functionality at the demarcation switch, VLAN or physical separation of administrative and signaling traffic, and IP Tables functionality at the servers for local firewalling.

Figure 3. Generic DSR Deployment Model for a generic model of the deployment strategy



### 3 Implementing Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router Security

This chapter explains security-related configuration settings that may be applied to Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router.

#### 3.1 Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router Web GUI Standard Features

This section explains the security features of the Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router software that are available to the Administrative User through the Graphical User Interface (GUI) using a compatible web browser.

##### 3.1.1 User Administration

There is a pre-defined user and group that are delivered with the system for setting up the groups and users by the customer. The following are details of this pre-defined user.

**Table 2. Predefined User and Group**

User	Group	Description
guiadmin	admin	Full access (read/write privileges) to all functions including administration functions

The *User Administration* page enables the administrator to perform functions such as adding, modifying, enabling, or deleting user accounts. Each user that is allowed access to the user interface is assigned a unique Username. This username and associated password must be provided during login. After three consecutive, unsuccessful login attempts, a user account is disabled. The number of failed login attempts before an account is disabled is a value that is configured through **Administrations> Options**. The customer can set this value to 0-10, with a default of 3. If the customer sets the value to 0, the user account will never be disabled for unsuccessful login attempts.

Each user is also assigned to one or more groups. A user must have user/group administrative privileges to view or make changes to user accounts or groups.

For more details on user administration, see the Users Administration section in in [1] E-63628, Operation, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM) Guide.

##### 3.1.1.1 Establishing GUI Groups and Group Privileges

Each GUI user is assigned to one or more groups. Permissions to a set of functions are assigned to the group. The permissions determine the functions and restrictions for the users belonging to that group. The *Groups Administration* page enables you to create, modify, and delete user groups.

The permissions in this page are grouped into the below sections

- Global Action Permissions
- Administration Permissions
- Configuration Permissions
- Alarms & Events Permissions
- Security Log Permissions
- Status & Manage Permissions
- Measurements Permissions
- Communication Agent Configuration Permissions
- Communication Agent Maintenance Permissions
- Diameter Configuration Permissions

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- Diameter Maintenance Permissions
- Diameter Diagnostics Permissions
- Diameter Mediation Permissions
- Diameter Troubleshooting with IDIH Permissions
- Diameter AVP Dictionary Permissions

For more details on the permissions available for the above groups, please see the section Group Administration in the [1] E-63628, Operation, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM) Guide.

For non-administrative users, a group with restricted authority is essential. To prevent non-administrative users from setting up new users and groups, be sure that User and Group in the Administration Permissions section are unchecked (see Figure 4).

**Figure 4. Global Action and Administration Permissions**

### Permissions:

Resource	View	Insert	Edit	Delete	Manage
<b>Global Action Permissions</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Administration Permissions</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General Options	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Users	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Certificate Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Authorized IPs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SFTP Users	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Software Versions	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Software Upgrade	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Remote LDAP Authentication	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Remote SNMP Trapping	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Remote Export Server	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DNS Configuration	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		

### 3.1.1.2 Creating GUI Users and Assigning to Groups

Prior to adding a User, determine to which user group the user should be assigned based on the user's operational role. The group assignment determines the functions that a user may access. A user must have user/group administrative privileges to view or make changes to user accounts or groups. The administrative user can set up or change user accounts and groups, enable or disable user accounts, set password expiration intervals, and change user passwords.

The Insert User page displays the following elements:

1. UserName

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2. Group
3. Authentication Options
4. Access Allowed
5. Maximum Concurrent Logins
6. Session Inactivity Limit
7. Comment

For more details on these elements, please refer to the Administration chapter in the [1] E-63628, Operation, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM) Guide.

The user administration page lets users perform the below actions:

- Add a New User
- View User Account Information
- Update User Account Information
- Delete a User
- Enable/Disable a User Account
- Changing a User's Assigned Group
- Generate a User Report
- Change Password

For details on how to perform these actions, please refer to the Administration chapter in the [1] E-63628, Operation, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM) Guide.

### 3.1.2 GUI User Authentication

Users are authenticated using either login credentials or Single Sign-On. See the Passwords section under Administration in the OAM guide for more details on password setup. Single sign-on (SSO) can be configured to work either with or without a shared LDAP authentication server. If an LDAP server is configured, SSO can be configured to require remote (LDAP) authentication for SSO access on an account by account basis. See LDAP Authentication in the [1] E-63628, Operation, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM) Guide for more details.

#### 3.1.2.1 GUI Passwords

Password configuration, such as setting passwords, password history rules, and password expiration, occurs in Administration. The application provides a way to set passwords: through the user interface from the *Users Administration* page. For more detailed steps on performing these two methods, please refer to the *Administration* chapter in [1] E-63628, Operation, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM) Guide.

#### 3.1.2.2 Changing Passwords for all DSR Administrative Accounts

The System Installation procedure will create the following default accounts:

- **guiadmin** – for Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router Application GUI
- **root** – for CLI
- **admusr** – for CLI

This procedure will also convey the passwords for the accounts created. As a security measure, these passwords must be changed.

To change the default password of an account created for web GUI access, See the [1] E-63628, Operation, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM) Guide for “Passwords” in the “Administration” chapter.

For changing the OS account passwords of a CLI account, please see Section 3.4.1 “*Changing OS User Account Passwords*”

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### 3.1.2.3 Setting up Password Complexity

A valid password must contain from 8 to 16 characters. A password must contain at least three of the four types of characters: numerics, lower case letters, upper case letters, or special characters (! @ # \$ % ^ & \* ? ~). A password cannot be the same as the Username or contain the Username in any part of the password (for example, Username=jsmith and password=\$@jsmithJS would be invalid). A password cannot be the inverse of the Username (for example, Username=jsmith and password=\$@htimsj would be invalid). By default, a user cannot reuse any of the last three passwords. This feature can be configured with the required setting for the “MaxPasswordHistory” field in the **Administration > General Options** page.

### 3.1.2.4 Setting up Password Aging Parameters

Password expiration is enforced the first time a user logs in to the user interface. During initial user account setup, the administrative user grants the user a temporary password, and optionally forces a change of password on first login. The user is redirected to a page that requires the user to enter the old password and then enter a new password twice.

The user interface provides two forms of password expiration:

- The password expiration can be forced when a new user logs in for the first time with a temporary password granted by the administrator.
- The administrative user can configure password expiration on a system-wide basis.

By default, password expiration occurs after 90 days.

See the section **Configuring the Expiration of Password** in the [1] E-63628, Operation, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM) Guide, Administration chapter.

### 3.1.2.5 Restrict Concurrent GUI Logins

The *Insert User* page has “Maximum Concurrent Logins” field; the value in this field indicates the maximum concurrent Logins per user per server. This feature cannot be enabled for users belonging to the Admin group. The range in this field is 0 to 50.

The *User Administration* page has a “Concurrent Logins Allowed” field. The value in this field is the concurrent number of logins allowed.

**Note:** Restrictions on number of concurrent login instances for OS users can be provided by contacting Oracle technical support.

### 3.1.2.6 External Authentication

Users can be authenticated remotely where an external LDAP server is used to perform authentication.

### 3.1.2.7 LDAP Authentication for GUI Users

Use this feature to configure, update, or delete LDAP authentication servers. This feature is available under the **Remote Servers** option. If multiple LDAP servers are configured, the first available server in the list is used to perform authentication. Secondary servers are only used if the first server is unavailable.

Below are the elements required to configure an LDAP server:

- Hostname
- Account Domain Name
- Account Domain Name Short
- Port
- Base DN
- Password

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- Account Filter Format
- Account Canonical Form
- Referrals
- Bind Requires DN

See the *LDAP Authentication* section in the [1] E-63628, Operation, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM) Guide for more details.

### 3.1.2.8 System Single Sign-On for GUI Users

Single Sign-On allows the user to log into multiple servers within a zone by using a shared certificate among the subject servers within the zone. Once a user has successfully authenticated with any system in the SSO domain, the user can access other systems in the SSO zone without the need to re-enter authentication credentials. When two zones in the SSO domain exchange certificates, a trusted relationship is established between the zones, as well as between all systems grouped into the zone, expanding the authenticated login capability to servers in both zones. For details on configuring single sign-on zones, please see the section *Certificate Management* in the [1] E-63628, Operation, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM) Guide.

### 3.1.3 GUI Login and Welcome Banner Customization

When logged in to the Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router GUI as an administrator user, the *Options* page under *Administration* enables the administrative user to view a list of global options.

The *LoginMessage* field is the configurable portion of the login message seen on the login screen. The admin user can enter the message in this field as required. Similarly, the *WelcomeMessage* field can be used by the admin user to enter the message seen after successful login.

### 3.1.4 SNMP Configuration

The application has an interface to retrieve KPIs and alarms from a remote location using the industry-standard Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) interface. Only the active Network OAM&P server allows SNMP administration. For more details, see the section *SNMP Trapping* in the [1] E-63628, Operation, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM) Guide under the *Administration* chapter.

The Active Network OAM&P server provides a single interface to SNMP data for the entire network and individual servers interface directly with SNMP managers. The application sends SNMP traps to SNMP Managers that are registered to receive traps. IP addresses and authorization information can be viewed and changed using the *SNMP Trapping* page.

For SNMP to be enabled, at least one Manager must be set up. The system allows configuring up to five different Managers to receive SNMP traps and send requests. These could be either a valid IPv4 address or a valid hostname known to the system. The hostname must be unique and is case-insensitive. Up to 20 characters can be entered in the string. Valid characters are alphanumeric and the minus sign. The hostname must start with an alphanumeric and end with an alphanumeric.

The *Enabled Versions* field in this page lets the user pick the version of SNMP. The traps can be enabled or disabled collectively or independently from individual servers by checking the traps enabled check box in this page.

The *SNMP Trapping* page provides the below functionalities:

- Add an SNMP Manager
- View SNMP settings
- Updating SNMP settings
- Delete SNMP manager

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For more details on these actions, please refer to the [1] E-63628, Operation, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM) Guide..

### 3.1.4.1 Selecting Versions

The *Enabled Versions* field in the SNMP Trapping page lets the user pick the version of SNMP. Options are:

- SNMPv2c: Allows SNMP service only to managers with SNMPv2c authentication.
- SNMPv3: Allows SNMP service only to managers with SNMPv3 authentication.
- SNMPv2c and SNMPv3: Allows SNMP service to managers with either SNMPv2c or SNMPv3 authentication. This is the default option.

The recommended option is SNMPv3 for secure operation.

### 3.1.4.2 Community Names / Strings

When the SNMPv2c is enabled in the *Enabled Versions* field, the SNMPV2c Community Name is a required field. This is the configured Community Name. This string can be optionally changed. The maximum length of the Community Name (String) is 31 characters. It is recommended that customers use unique, hard to guess Community Name values and that they avoid using well known Community Names like “public” and “private”.

### 3.1.5 Authorized IPs

IP addresses that have permission to access the GUI can be added or deleted on the *Authorized IPs* page. If a connection is attempted from an IP address that does not have permission to access the GUI, a notification appears on the GUI and access is not granted from that IP address. This feature cannot be enabled until the IP address of the client is added to the authorized IP address table. You must add the IP address of your own client to the list of authorized IPs first before you enable this feature.

Enabling Authorized IPs functionality prevents unauthorized IP addresses from accessing the GUI. See the [1] E-63628, Operation, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM) Guide, *Authorized IPs* section for more details on how to enable this feature.

### 3.1.6 Enabling IPsec

Internet Protocol Security (IPsec) provides network layer security protocols used for authentication, encryption, payload compression, and key exchange. IPsec provides Host-to-Host encrypted connections or Network-to-Network packet tunneling.

Network traffic between two end-points is encrypted and decrypted by authenticated hosts at the end-points, using a shared private key. The shared private key forms a Security Association that can be automatically changed by Security Policies based on traffic volume, expiry time, or other criteria.

IPsec will work for both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses. Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router IPsec uses the Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP) protocol for encryption and authentication. ESP also provides authentication of the encrypted packets to prevent attacks by ensuring the packet is from the correct source.

Internet Key Exchange (IKE) is used to exchange secure keys to set up IPsec security associations. See Section 3.7 “*Optional IPsec Configuration*” for more details on how to enable IPsec.

### 3.1.7 Certificate Management

The Certificate Management feature allows the user to configure digital security certificates for securing Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router web sessions, user authentication thru secure LDAP over TLS, and secure

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Single Sign-On authentication across a defined zone of Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router servers. The feature supports certificates based on host name or fully qualified host name.

This feature allows users to build certificate signing requests (CSRs) for signing by a known certificate authority and importing into the Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router. This feature lets the user generate a Certificate Report of individual or all defined certificates.

For details on Certificate Management feature see Certificate Management chapter in [1] E-63628, Operation, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM) Guide.

### 3.1.8 SFTP Administration

Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router supports SFTP sessions with external servers for transfer of various files from Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router. The authentication process requires a digital certificate for authenticating the sessions.

The transfer of files is driven from the external server. Please see section *SFTP Users Administration* in [1] E-63628, Operation, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM) Guide.

## 3.2 Host Intrusion Detection System (HIDS)

This section explains the Host Intrusion Detection System (HIDS) security feature available to the Platform Administrator through the Linux Command Line Interface (CLI). The `platcfg` utility of the OS is used for configuring this feature.

### 3.2.1 Host Intrusion Detection System (HIDS) overview

The Host Intrusion Detection System (HIDS) feature monitors a server for malicious activity by periodically examining file system changes, logs, and monitoring auditing processes. The HIDS feature monitors TPD and TVOE log files, and ensures that HIDS and `syscheck` processes are running.

The files that are considered to be protected log files and are therefore monitored by the HIDS monitoring feature are:

- All files in `/var/TKLC/log/hids`
- `/var/log/messages`
- `/var/log/secure`
- `/var/log/cron`

The log files created are:

- `alarms.log` – Any HIDS functionality that will result in an alarm being raised or cleared will be logged here (i.e. file tampering alarm, Syscheck process alarm, Samhain process alarm)
- `admin.log` – Any HIDS command executed will have the output logged here either for successful or errored commands. This includes attempts to run commands as a non HIDS administrator.
- `hids.log` – Logs any other information such as state changes and when Samhain runs but doesn't find any file tampering errors.

No other system resources (files, processes, actions, etc) are monitored by HIDS.

HIDS alarms are standard TPD alarms with the `alarmEventType` set to **securityServiceOrMechanismViolation**. The HIDS alarms are propagated through normal COMCOL channels ultimately resulting in SNMP traps being sent to the customer's SNMP management system, if configured. Customers can view active alarms in the `platcfg` GUI as shown in Figure 7. Platcfg Alarm Screen. The Customers can view active alarms on the Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router GUI on the *Main Menu: Alarms & Events -> View Active* GUI screen as shown in Figure 5. DSR View Active Alarm Screen and Figure 6. DSR View Active Alarm Report Screen.

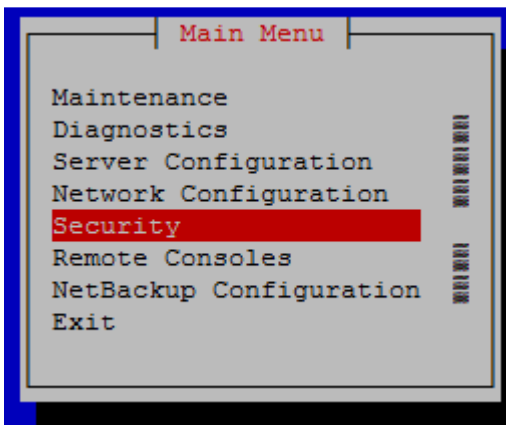


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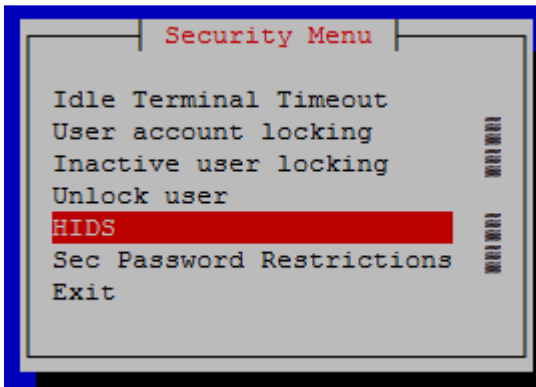
### 3.2.2 Determine Host Intrusion Detection System (HIDS) Status

The HIDS status for the server is displayed along the top of the HIDS menu window.

1. Log in as **admusr** on the server  
**Login: admusr**  
**Password: <current admin user password>**
2. Open the platcfg menu by entering the following command.  
**\$sudo su - platcfg**
3. Select **Security** from the menu and hit **Enter**.

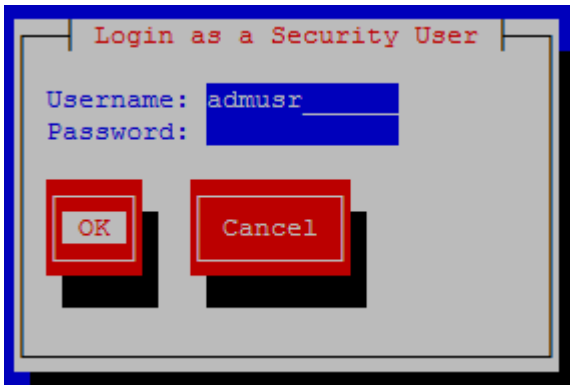


4. Select **HIDS** from the menu and hit **Enter**.

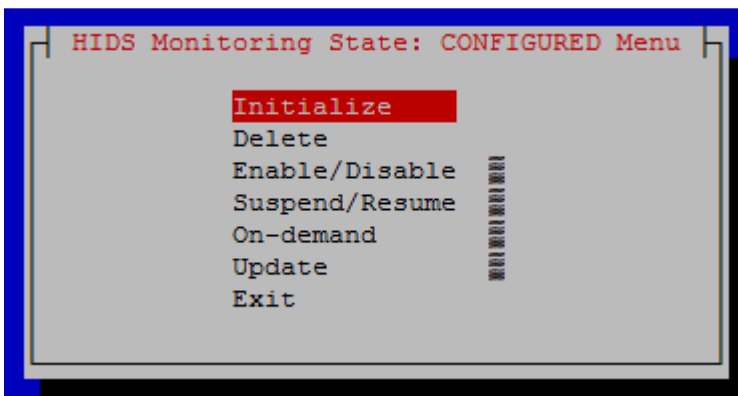


5. Enter the **Username** and **Password** for a user that is part of the **secgrp** group. (Note: By default, **admusr** is part of the **secgrp** group.)

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6. The HIDS menu will be displayed and the HIDS Monitoring State is listed on the top of the window, as illustrated below:



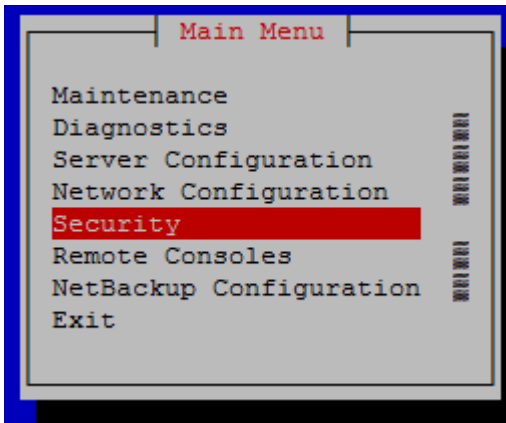
7. Select **Exit** in each of the menus until a command prompt is reached.

### 3.2.3 Initialize Host Intrusion Detection System (HIDS)

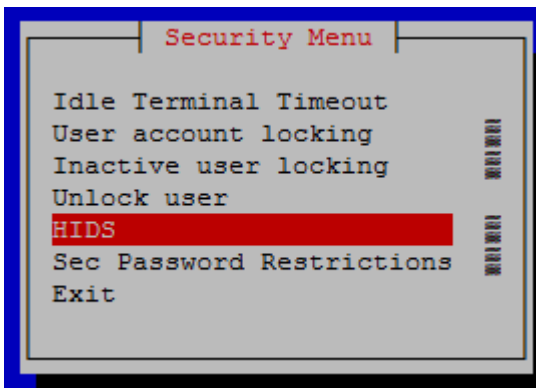
The Host Intrusion Detection System (HIDS) feature must be initialized prior to enabling HIDS for the first time on a system.

1. Log in as **admusr** on the server  
**Login: admusr**  
**Password: <current admin user password>**
2. Open the platcfg menu by entering the following command.  
**\$ sudo su - platcfg**
3. Select **Security** from the menu and hit **Enter**.

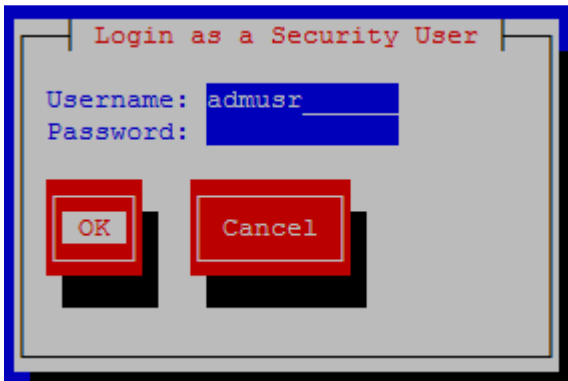
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4. Select **HIDS** from the menu and hit **Enter**.

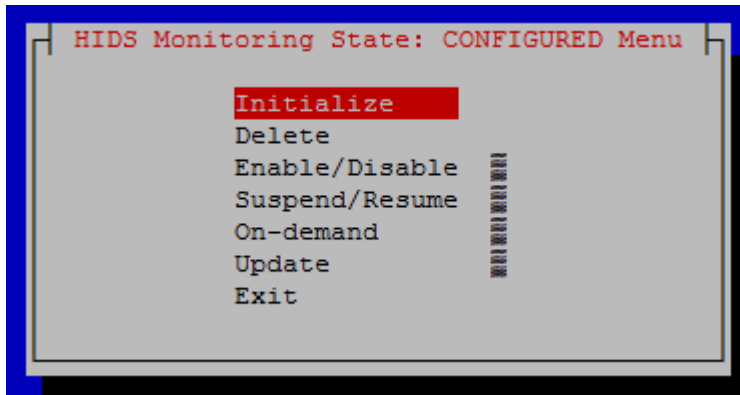


5. Enter the **Username** and **Password** for a user that is part of the **secgrp** group. (Note: By default, **admusr** is part of the **secgrp** group.)



6. Select **Initialize** and hit **Enter**.

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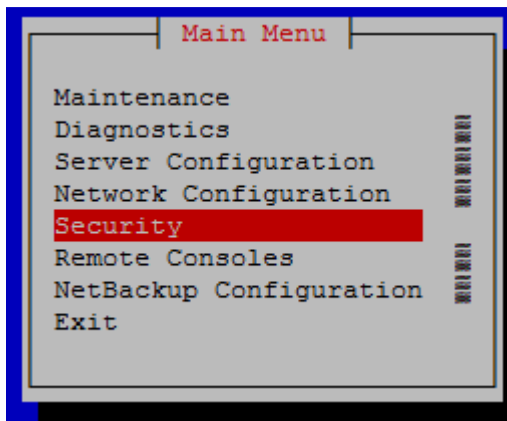


7. Select **Yes** and hit **Enter**.
8. After the message box that says “HIDS baseline successfully initialized” appears, press any key to continue.
9. Select **Exit** in each of the menus until a command prompt is reached.

### 3.2.4 Enable or Disable Host Intrusion Detection System (HIDS)

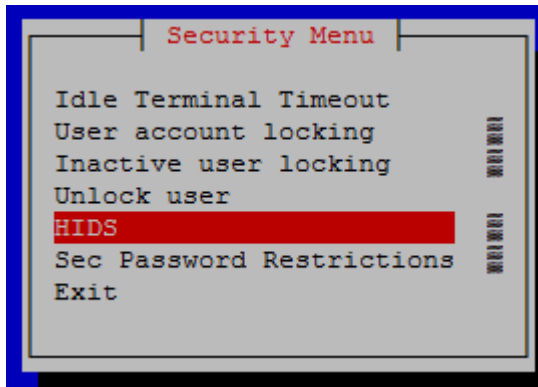
The Host Intrusion Detection System (HIDS) feature must be initialized prior to enabling HIDS for the first time on a system.

1. Log in as **admusr** on the server  
**Login: admusr**  
**Password: <current admin user password>**
2. Open the platcfg menu by entering the following command.  
**\$ sudo su - platcfg**
3. Select **Security** from the menu and hit **Enter**.

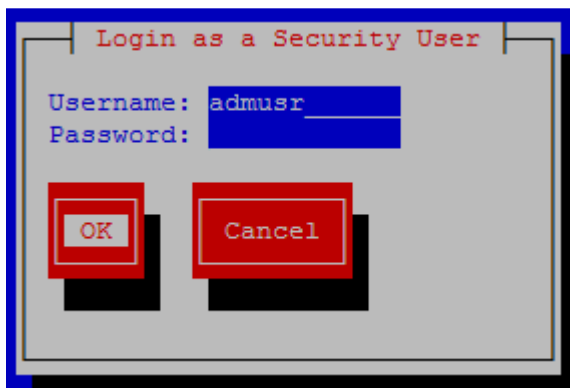


4. Select **HIDS** from the menu and hit **Enter**.

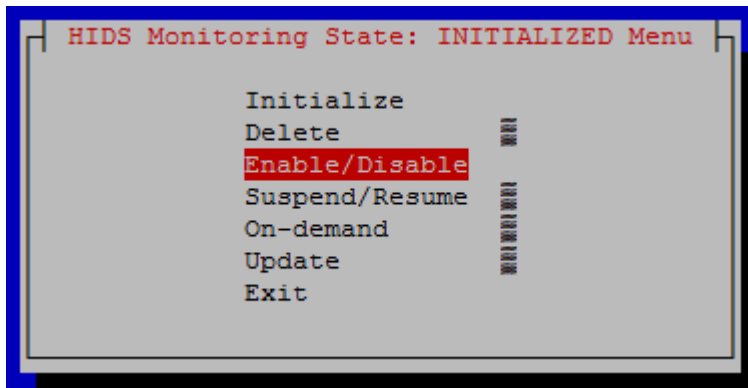
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5. Enter the **Username** and **Password** for a user that is part of the **secgrp** group. (Note: By default, **admusr** is part of the **secgrp** group.)

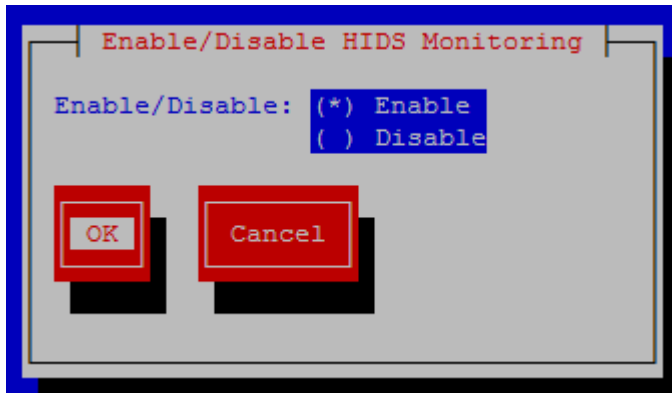


6. Select **OK** and hit **Enter**.
7. Select **Enable/Disable** and hit **Enter**.



8. Select either the **Enable** or **Disable** option.

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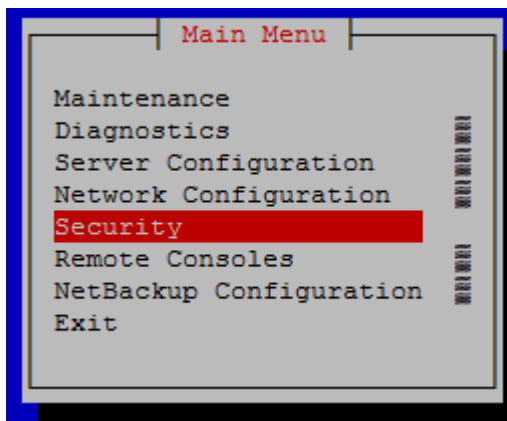


9. Select **OK** and hit **Enter**.
10. After the message box that indicates that DB monitoring has been enabled/disabled or a failure message appears, press any key to continue.
11. Select **Exit** in each of the menus until a command prompt is reached.

### 3.2.5 Suspend or Resume Host Intrusion Detection System (HIDS)

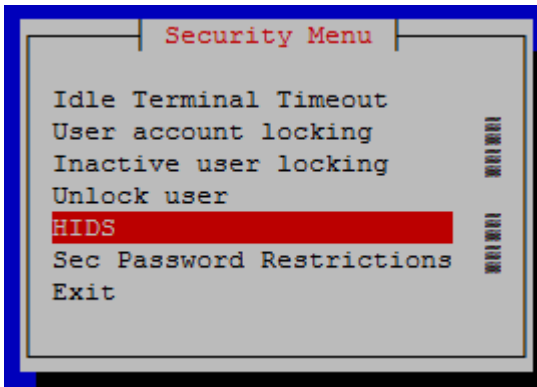
The HIDS monitoring can temporarily be suspended or resumed on a system that has HIDS enabled.

1. Log in as **admusr** on the server  
**Login: admusr**  
**Password: <current admin user password>**
2. Open the platcfg menu by entering the following command.  
**\$ sudo su - platcfg**
3. Select **Security** from the menu and hit **Enter**.

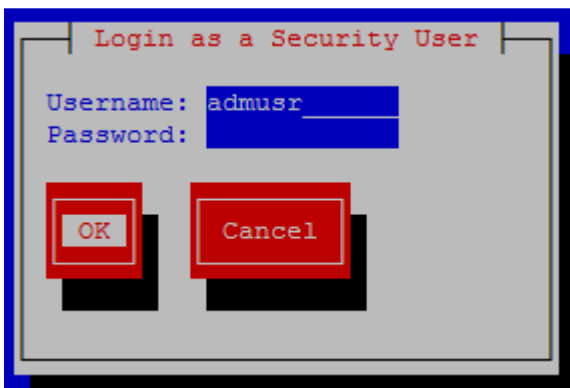


4. Select **HIDS** from the menu and hit **Enter**.

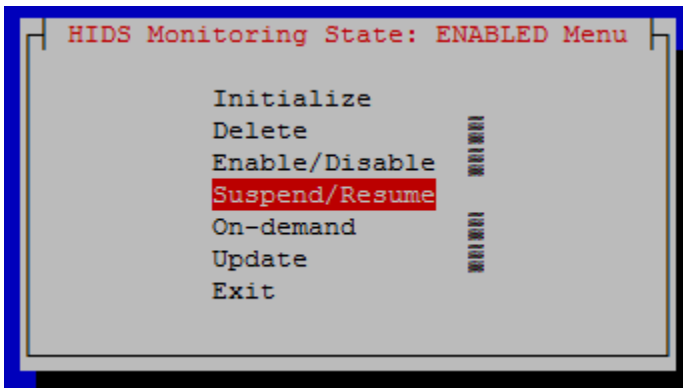
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5. Enter the **Username** and **Password** for a user that is part of the **secgrp** group. (Note: By default, **admusr** is part of the **secgrp** group.)

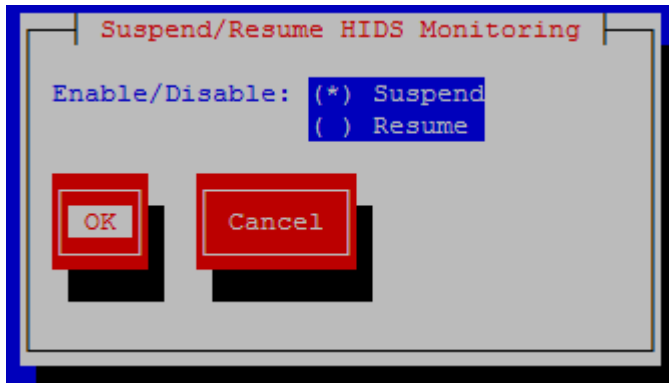


6. Select **OK** and hit **Enter**.
7. Select **Suspend/Resume** and hit **Enter**.



8. Select either the **Suspend** or **Resume** option.

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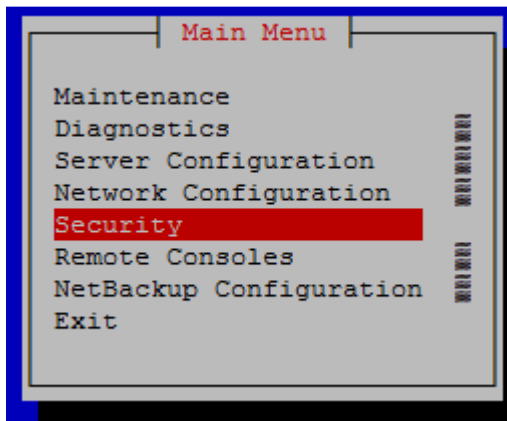


9. Select **OK** and hit **Enter**.
10. After the message box that indicates that DB monitoring has been suspended/resumed or a failure message appears, press any key to continue.
11. Select **Exit** in each of the menus until a command prompt is reached.

### 3.2.6 Run On-Demand Host Intrusion Detection System (HIDS) Security Check

The HIDS tests run periodically. A user can force an immediate run of the HIDS tests by using the **On-demand** HIDS menu.

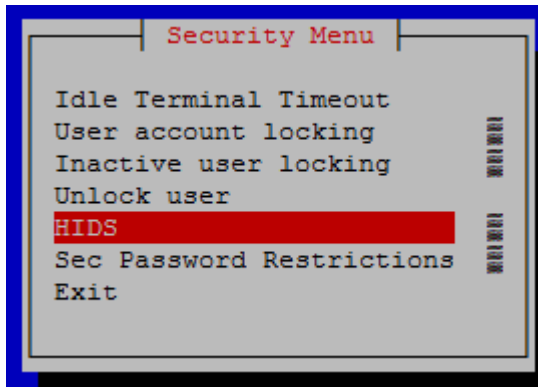
1. Log in as **admusr** on the server  
**Login: admusr**  
**Password: <current admin user password>**
2. Open the platcfg menu by entering the following command.  
**\$ sudo su - platcfg**
3. Select **Security** from the menu and hit **Enter**.



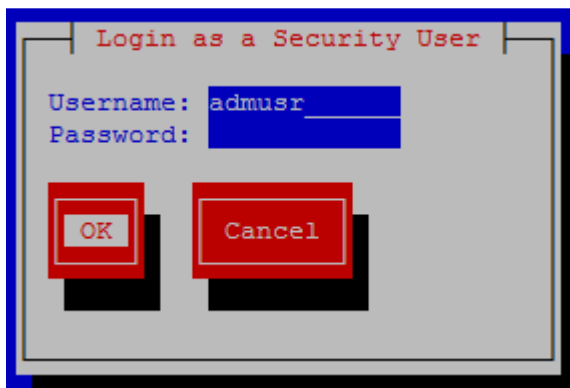
4. Select **HIDS** from the menu and hit **Enter**.



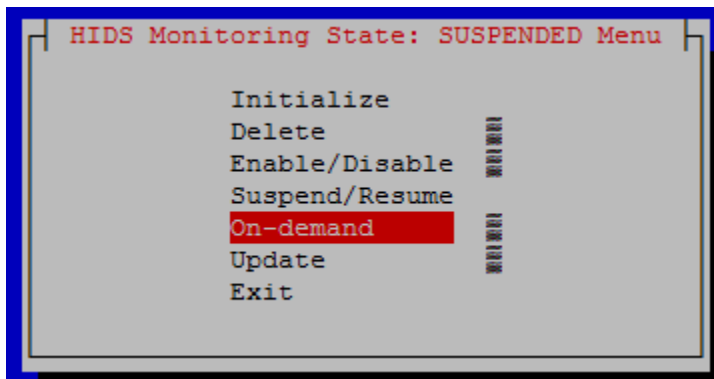
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5. Enter the **Username** and **Password** for a user that is part of the **secgrp** group. (Note: By default, **admusr** is part of the **secgrp** group.)



6. Select **On-demand** and hit **Enter**.



7. Select **Yes** and hit **Enter**.
8. After the message box that indicates the success/fail result appears, press any key to continue. If an error exists, a screen similar to the below screen will be displayed:

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```

Copyright (C) 2003, 2016, Oracle and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved.
Hostname: pc9112032-so-a

HIDS On-demand Check Results
CRIT : [2016-06-02T14:52:03-0400] msg=<POLICY [GrowingLogs] C--I-----S>,
path=</var/log/messages>, inode_old=<2949>, inode_new=<2950>, size_old=<905358>,
size_new=<905257>, checksum_old=<374A7F2B43667B937C19B2459FEDC629F1075CD9015E64BC>,
checksum_new=<0056E4F4B249D1FB75071E52143CC1FB90D4E798E07D96E6>,

Forward Backward Top Bottom Exit
Use arrow keys to move between options | <Enter> selects
    
```

Note: This alarm can also be seen when viewing alarms in the platcfg system, as described in section 3.2.9: View Host Intrusion Detection System (HIDS) Alarms, and shown in Figure 7. Platcfg Alarm Screen.

Note 2: This alarm is also propagated through normal COMCOL channels ultimately resulting in the alarm being accessible on the Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router GUI in the Main Menu: Alarm & Events -> View Active GUI screen, as shown in step 10.

9. Select **Exit** in each of the menus until a command prompt is reached.
10. (Optional) Log onto the DSR GUI and open the Main Menu: Alarms & Events -> View Active GUI screen to view details for the HIDS error. Examples of screens from the current error are listed below:

Figure 5. DSR View Active Alarm Screen

**Main Menu: Alarms & Events -> View Active** Thu Jun 02 15:14:41 2016 EDT

Filter\*  Tasks  Graph\*

NO\_SG  SO\_SG

Seq #	Event ID	Timestamp	Severity	Product	Process	NE	Server	Type	Instance
97	32349	2016-06-02 14:52:04.063 EDT	MAJOR	TPD	cmplat alarm	SO_UDR	pc9112032-so-a	PLAT	
	File Tampering		GN_WARNING/WRN Platform detected an error condition [cmplatalarm.cxx:194] ... <a href="#">More...</a>						
17	10300	2016-05-30 15:55:58.567 EDT	MINOR	OAM	audit	SO_UDR	pc9112032-so-a	DB	
	SNMP Trapping Not Configured		No SNMP trap configuration found for this site!						

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Figure 6. DSR View Active Alarm Report Screen

```
Main Menu: Alarms & Events -> View Active [Report]
Thu Jun 02 15:15:21 2016 EDT

Main Menu: Alarms & Events -> View Active [Report]
Thu Jun 02 15:15:21 2016 EDT

TIMESTAMP: 2016-06-02 14:52:04.063 EDT
NETWORK_ELEMENT: SO_UDR
  SERVER: pc9112032-so-a
  SEQ_NUM: 97
EVENT_NUMBER: 32349
SEVERITY: MAJOR
PRODUCT: TPD
PROCESS: cmplatalarm
  TYPE: PLAT
INSTANCE:
  NAME: File Tampering
  DESCR: File Tampering
ERR_INFO:
GN_WARNING/WRN Platform detected an error condition [cmplatalarm.cxx:194]
^^ Additional details captured in /var/TKLC/log/syscheck/fail_log or
/var/TKLC/log/arse/alarm.log (timestamp: 1464893524) [cmplatalarm.cxx:198]
^^ [6114:cmplatalarm.cxx:200]
  NSECS: 1572917444489037368
  ID: 0
```

### 3.2.7 Update Host Intrusion Detection System (HIDS) Baseline

The HIDS **Update** menu is used to update the checksums on all files or specific files in the HIDS baseline, which can clear HIDS alarms associated with the updated files.

1. Log in as **admusr** on the server

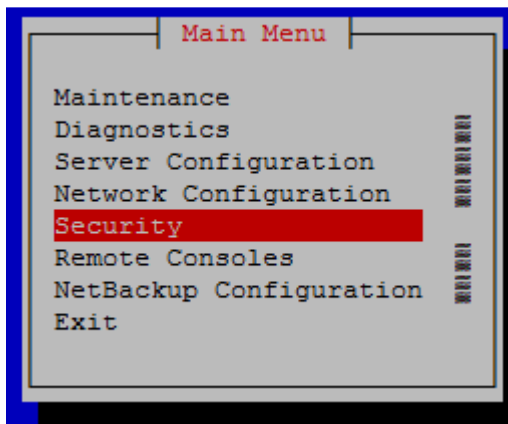
**Login:** admusr

**Password:** <current admin user password>

2. Open the platcfg menu by entering the following command.

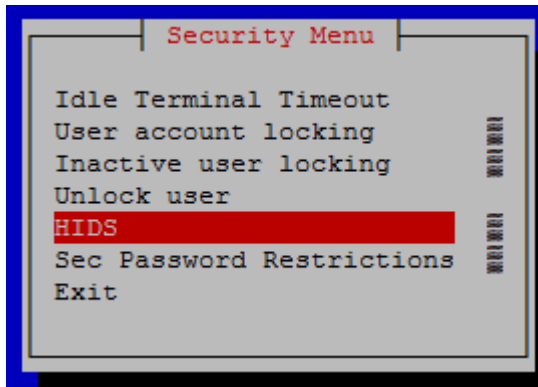
```
$ sudo su - platcfg
```

3. Select **Security** from the menu and hit **Enter**.

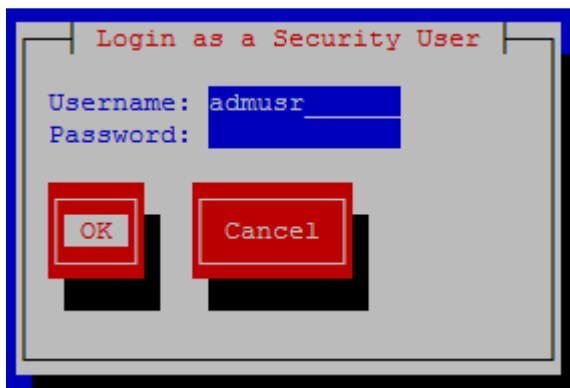


4. Select **HIDS** from the menu and hit **Enter**.

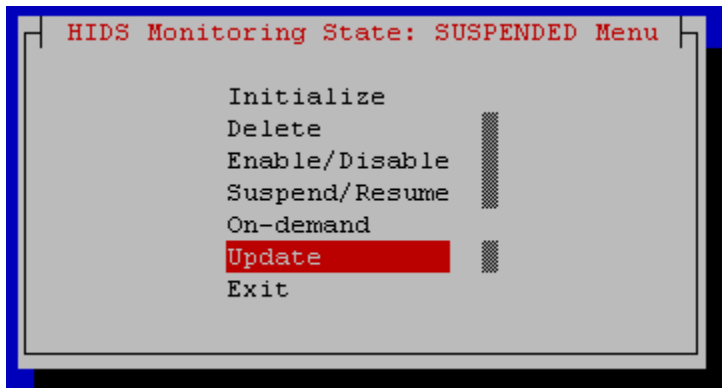
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5. Enter the **Username** and **Password** for a user that is part of the **secgrp** group. (Note: By default, **admusr** is part of the **secgrp** group.)

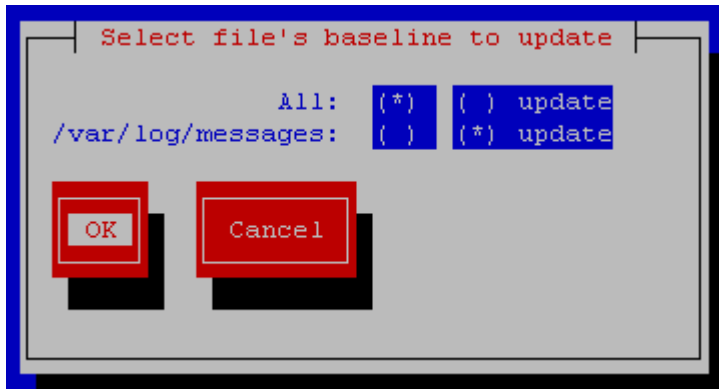


6. Select **OK** and hit **Enter**.
7. Select **Update** and hit **Enter**.



8. Select file's baseline to update.

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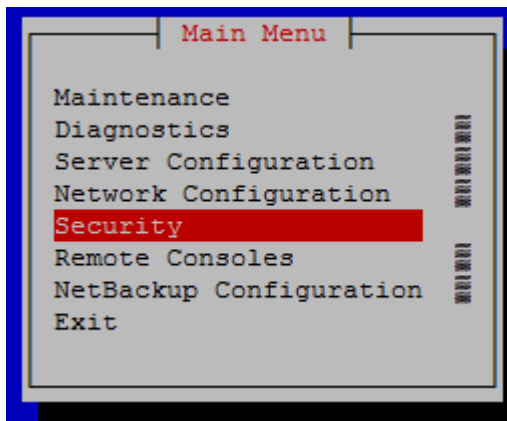


9. Select **OK** and hit **Enter**.
10. After the message box that indicates the success/fail result appears, press any key to continue.
11. Select **Exit** in each of the menus until a command prompt is reached.

### 3.2.8 Delete Host Intrusion Detection System (HIDS) Baseline

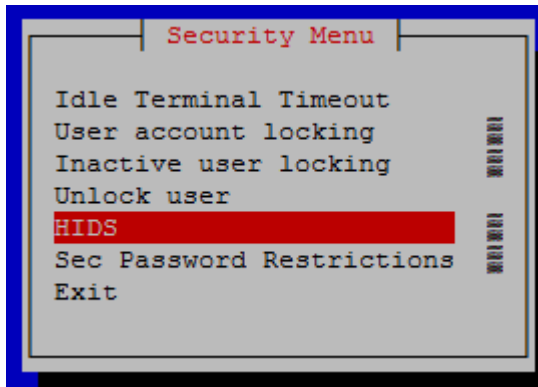
The HIDS **Delete** menu can be used for permanently disabling HIDS or for backing out of a product upgrade.

1. Log in as **admusr** on the server  
**Login: admusr**  
**Password: <current admin user password>**
2. Open the platcfg menu by entering the following command.  
**\$ sudo su - platcfg**
3. Select **Security** from the menu and hit **Enter**.

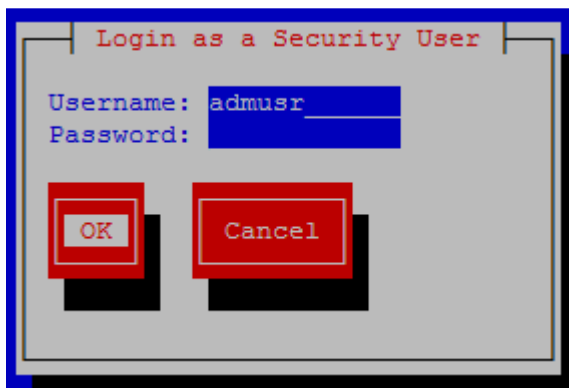


4. Select **HIDS** from the menu and hit **Enter**.

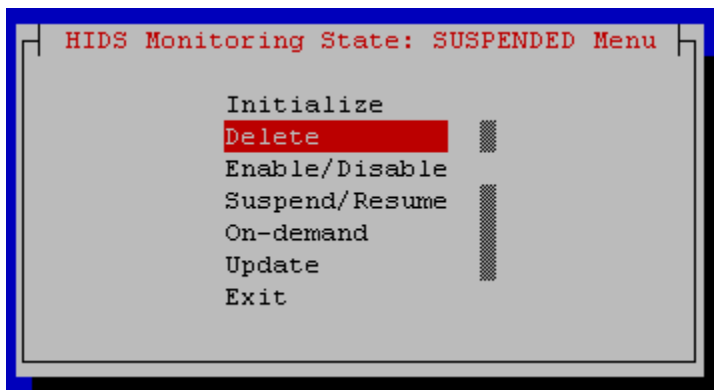
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5. Enter the **Username** and **Password** for a user that is part of the **secgrp** group. (Note: By default, **admusr** is part of the **secgrp** group.)



6. Select **OK** and hit **Enter**.
7. Select **Delete** and hit **Enter**.



8. Select **Yes** and hit **Enter**.
9. After the message box that indicates the success/fail result appears, press any key to continue.
10. Select **Exit** in each of the menus until a command prompt is reached.

### 3.2.9 View Host Intrusion Detection System (HIDS) Alarms

HIDS alarms can be viewed using multiple methods. HIDS alarms are standard TPD alarms with the alarmEventType set to **securityServiceOrMechanismViolation**. The HIDS alarms are propagated through normal COMCOL channels ultimately resulting in SNMP traps being sent to the customer's SNMP management system, if configured. The multiple ways to view the alarms include:

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- Customers can view current, previously cleared, and how alarms were cleared in the `/var/TKLC/logs/hids/alarms.log` file.
- Customers can view active alarms on the DSR GUI on the *Main Menu: Alarms & Events -> View Active* GUI screen as shown in Figure 5. DSR View Active Alarm Screen and Figure 6. DSR View Active Alarm Report Screen.
- Customers can view active active alarms on the platcfg GUI, including HIDS alarms, by using the below steps:

1. Log in as **admusr** on the server

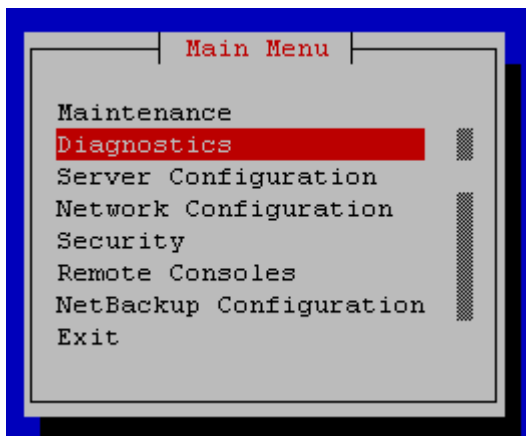
**Login:** admusr

**Password:** <current admin user password>

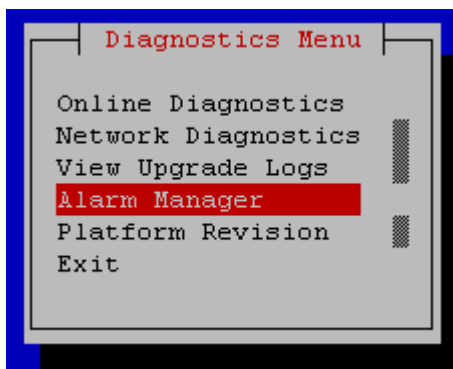
2. Open the platcfg menu by entering the following command.

**\$ sudo su - platcfg**

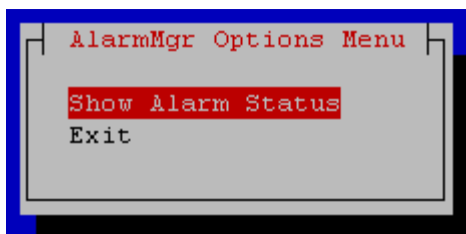
3. Select **Diagnostics** from the menu and hit **Enter**.



4. Select **Alarm Manager** from the menu and hit **Enter**.



5. Select **Show Alarm Status** from the menu and hit **Enter**.



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6. After the message box that indicates the success/fail result appears, press any key to continue. If an error exists, a screen similar to the below screen will be displayed:

Figure 7. Platcfg Alarm Screen

```
Copyright (C) 2003, 2016, Oracle and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved.
Hostname: pc9112032-so-a
Alarms
ALARM:
NAME:TKSPLATMA50 "tpdHidsFileTampering"
DESC:HIDS has detected file tampering
TIME:06/02/2016 14:52:04
Forward Backward Top Bottom Exit
Use arrow keys to move between options | <Enter> selects
```

7. Select **Exit** in each of the menus until a command prompt is reached.

### 3.3 Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router OS Standard Features

This section explains the security features of Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router available to the Platform Administrator through the Linux Command Line Interface (CLI). The platcfg utility of the OS is used for configuring these features.

#### 3.3.1 Configuring NTP Servers

Each Server that is being added at the NOAM server under Administration > Configuration > Servers will have the option to specify the NTP Server details. The NTP Servers field will be visible after selecting a network element. The below screen shot displays a configured server with NTP server details.

Figure 8. NTP Configuration (GUI)



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### Edit Server BigRed2blade07-NO

Attribute	Value	Description
Host name	BigRed2blade07-NO	Unique name for the server (Default = n/a. Range = A-20 character string. Valid characters are alphanumeric and hyphen (-). Must start with an alphanumeric and end with an alphanumeric.)
Role	NETWORK OAM&P	Select the function of the server
System ID	DI9RLD2MOM	System ID for the NOAM or OAM server (Default = n/a. Range = A-64 character string. Valid value is any text string.)
Hardware Profile	USR_TVOE_Guest	Hardware profile of the server
Network Element Name	BigRed2_NO	Select the network element
Location		Location description (Default = n/a. Range = A-10 character string. Valid value is any text string.)

Interfaces:		
Network	IP Address	Interface
INET1854:201 (10.290.48.180/24)	10.290.48.137	em0 <input type="checkbox"/> VLAN (17)
INET1854:120 (10.290.254.110/24)	10.290.0.11	em1 <input type="checkbox"/> VLAN (4)

NTP Servers:		
NTP Server IP Address	Prefer	
10.240.45.135	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="button" value="Add"/> <input type="button" value="Remove"/>

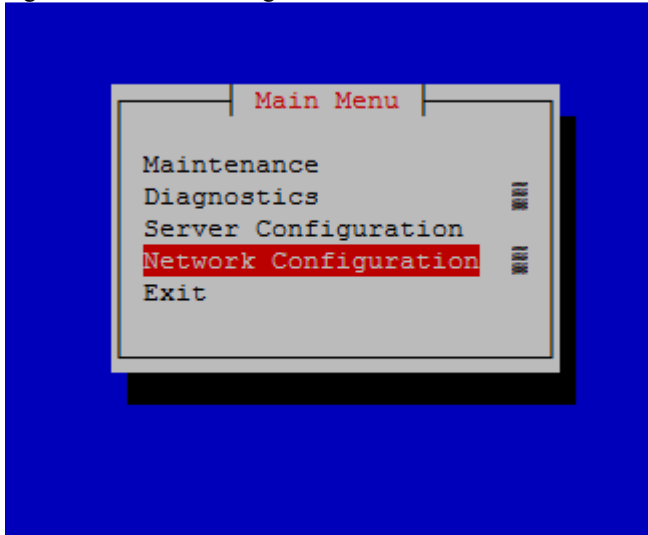
For details on adding a server see “Inserting a server” under Servers chapter in [1] E-63628, Operation, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM) Guide, page 80.

### 3.3.1.1 Configuring NTP for the Host OS of the Application guest VM (TVOE)

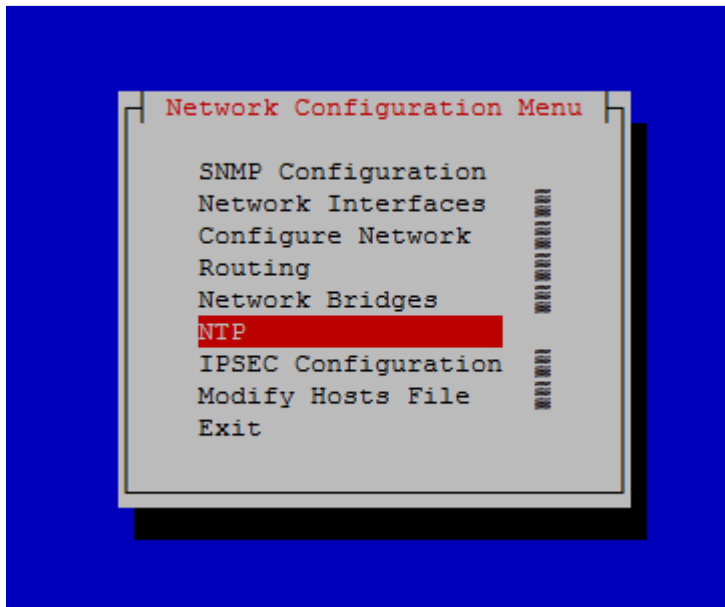
To configure the NTP setting for the host Operating System hosting the application guest (e.g. TVOE), follow the instructions below:

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1. Login or switch user to platcfg user on the TVOE server. The platcfg main menu will be shown.
2. Navigate to Network Configuration

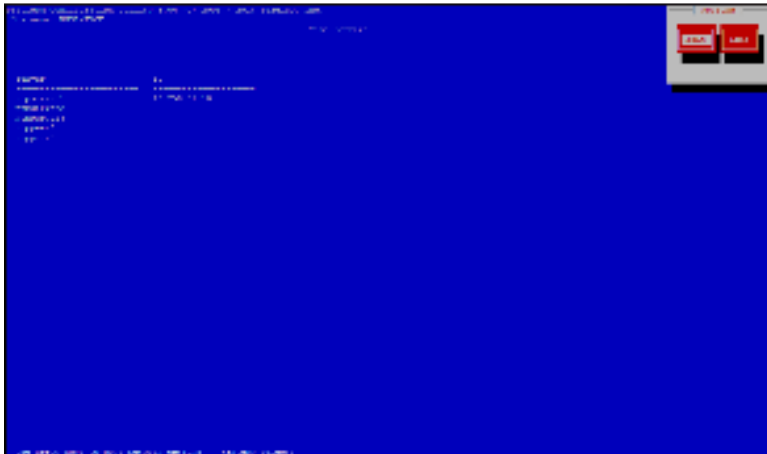


3. Choose NTP.

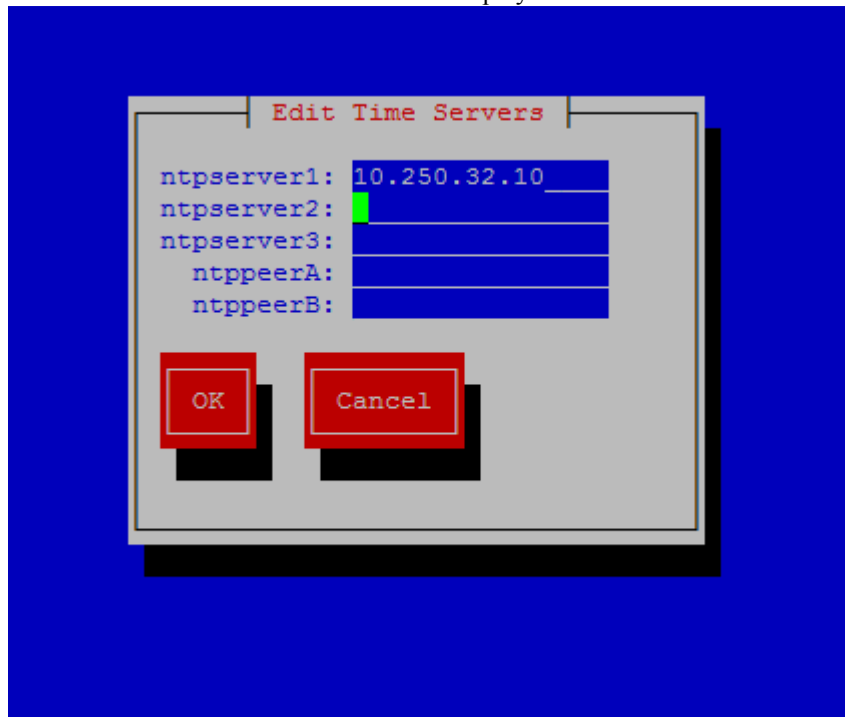


4. The 'Time Servers' page will now be shown, which shows the configured NTP servers and peers.

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5. Select Edit. The Edit Time Servers Menu displayed.



4. Enter the NTP Server information and select “OK” and exit platcfg menu.
5. Ensure that the time is set correctly by executing the steps in the section “Setting the time” section.

### 3.3.2 Setting the time on the TVOE host

At the time of DSR installation, the date and time is set on TVOE hosts as follows:

- Login as “admusr” and execute the below commands.

```
$ sudo /sbin/service ntpd stop
```

```
$ sudo /usr/sbin/ntpdate ntpserver1
```

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```
$ sudo /sbin/service ntpd start
```

These steps will synchronize the time to the NTP server.

### 3.3.3 Configure Password Expiry for OS Users

Use the below procedure to configure password expiry:

1. Log in as **admusr** on the server

**Login: admusr**

**Password: <current admin user password>**

2. Open the platcfg menu by entering the following command.

```
$ sudo su - platcfg
```

3. Select **Security** from the menu and hit **Enter**.

4. Fill out the following settings:

**Maximum number of days a password may be used: 99999**

5. Select **OK** and hit **Enter**.

6. Select **Exit** in each of the menus until a command prompt is reached.

### 3.3.4 Configuring minimum time before OS password can be changed

Procedure to configure minimum time before password can be changed:

1. Log in as **admusr** on the server

**Login: admusr**

**Password: <current admin user password>**

2. Open the platcfg menu by entering the following command.

```
$ sudo su - platcfg
```

3. Select **Security** from the menu and hit **Enter**.

4. Fill out the following settings:

**Minimum number of days allowed between password changes: 0**

5. Select **OK** and hit **Enter**.

6. Select **Exit** in each of the menus until a command prompt is reached.

### 3.3.5 Configuring Password Length for OS Users

Procedure to configure password length:

1. Log in as **admusr** on the server

**Login: admusr**

**Password: <current admin user password>**

2. Open the platcfg menu by entering the following command.

```
$ sudo su - platcfg
```

3. Select **Security** from the menu and hit **Enter**.

4. From the menu select **Sec Password Restrictions** option

5. Select **Global Password Restrictions for New Users**. And in the menu displayed, fill out the field *Minimum acceptable size for the new password*. Select **OK** and hit **Enter**

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6. Select **exit** in each of the menus until a command prompt is reached.

### 3.3.6 Configuring Session Inactivity for OS users

This procedure sets the idle time allowed before a session times out for OS users.

1. Log in as **admusr** on the server  
**Login: admusr**  
**Password: <current admin user password>**
2. Open the **platcfg** menu by entering the following command.  
**\$ sudo su - platcfg**
3. Select **Security** from the menu and hit **Enter**.
4. Select **Idle Terminal Timeout** option in the security menu and enter the desired value in minutes for the *Idle Terminal Timeout* field.
5. Select **OK** and hit **Enter**.
6. Select **Exit** in each of the menus until a command prompt is reached.

### 3.3.7 Locking OS user accounts after a specified number of failed login attempts

This procedure sets the number of failed login attempts allowed before locking OS user accounts.

1. Log in as admin user on the server  
**Login: admusr**  
**Password: <current admusr password>**
2. Open the **platcfg** menu by entering the following command.  
**\$ sudo su - platcfg**
3. Select **Security** from the menu and hit **Enter**.
4. Select **User Account Locking** from the menu and hit **Enter**
5. Fill out the following settings:  
**Feature: ( ) disable (\*) enable**  
**Deny after # of attempts: <max tries>**  
**Fail interval in minutes: <interval minutes>**  
**Unlock time in minutes: <unlock time>**
6. Select **OK** and hit **Enter**.
7. Select **Exit** in each of the menus until a command prompt is reached.

## 3.4 Other Optional Configurations

The features explained in this section do not provide a GUI. This requires the administrator to issue the Linux commands provided in the instructions.

### 3.4.1 Changing OS User Account Passwords

All OS accounts that need to change the respective default passwords shall use the following procedure.

Procedure to Change Default Passwords

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1. Log in as **admusr** on the source server.  
**login: admusr**  
**Password: <current admin user password>**
2. Change the passwords for each of the accounts being changed:  
**\$ sudo passwd <user account>**  
**Changing password for user <user account>.**  
**New UNIX password: <new password - will not display>**  
**Retype new UNIX password: <new password - will not display>**  
**passwd: all authentication tokens updated successfully.**
3. Repeat step 1 for all accounts that are being changed.

### 3.4.2 Changing Login Display Message

4. Use this procedure to change the Login Display Message. Log in as **admusr** on the source server.  
**Login: admusr**  
**Password: <current admin user password>**
5. Create a backup copy of `sshd_config`  
**\$ sudo cd /etc/ssh**  
**\$ sudo cp sshd\_config sshd\_config.bak**
6. Edit the `sshd` configuration file.  
**\$ sudo rcstool co sshd\_config**  
**\$ sudo vi sshd\_config**  
  
Uncomment and edit the following line:  
  
**\$ Banner /some/path**  
  
To this:  
  
**Banner /etc/ssh/sshd-banner**  
  
Save and exit the `vi` session.
7. Edit the banner file.  
**\$ sudo vi sshd-banner**  
  
Add and format the desired text. Save and exit the `vi` session
8. Restart the `sshd` service.  
**\$ sudo service sshd restart**
9. Test the change. Repeat steps 4 & 5 until the message is formatted correctly.  
**\$ sudo ssh <current server name>**  
  
Verify message line feeds are formatted correctly.  
  
**\$ exit**
10. Check the files into `rcs` to preserve changes during upgrades  
**\$ sudo rcstool init /etc/ssh/sshd-banner**

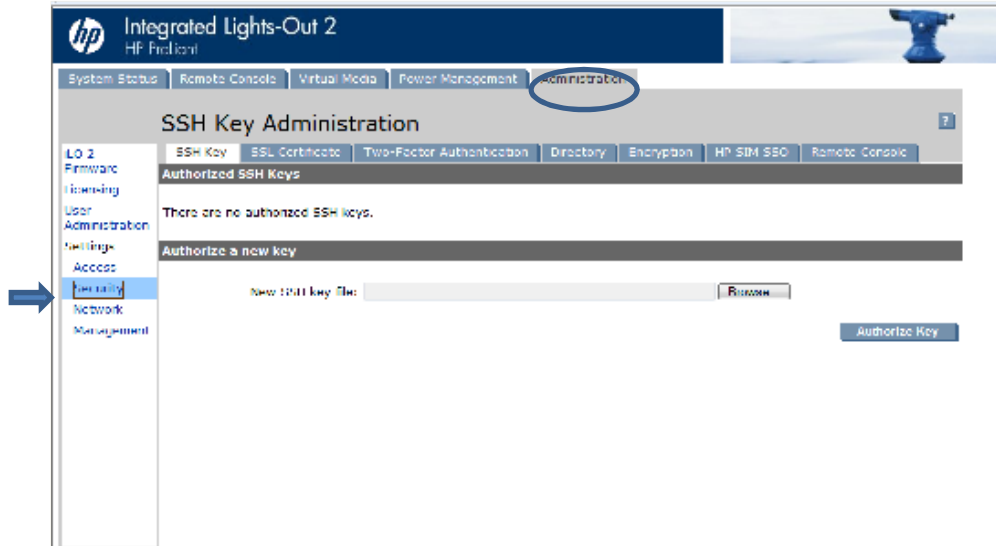
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```
$ sudo restool ci sshd_config
```

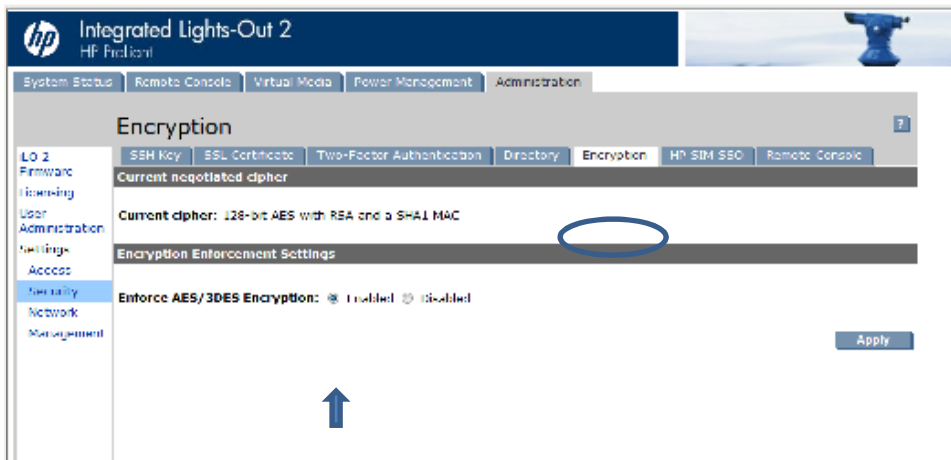
### 3.4.3 Forcing iLO to use Strong Encryption

Log in as an administrator on to the iLO and execute the below steps.

1. On the Administration tab: click Security from the side menu.



2. On the Encryption tab: under Encryption Enforcement Settings set the Enforce AES/3DES Encryption to enabled.



3. Click Apply. Then log out and wait 30 seconds before logging back in.

### 3.4.4 Setting Up rsyslog for External Logging

1. Use this procedure to set up rsyslog for external logging to a central server from NOAMs and SOAMs. Log in as admin user on the server:

**login:** admusr

**Password:** <current admin user password>

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2. Enable remote logging:  
**\$sudo syslog\_config --remote=<IP of remote host to log to>**
3. Repeat on all necessary NOAMs and SOAMs

**Note:** The following restrictions exist:

- Only OS level log events will be forwarded, such as /var/log/messages and /var/log/secure content
- Application level logging is not included and should be accessed through the *Main Menu: Administration -> Remote Servers -> Data Export* GUI screen
- Remote logging is over a non-secure communication channel that is not encrypted

### 3.4.5 Adding sudo Users

Privileged operations by new OS users can be accomplished through a configuration of the “sudo” capability. The configuration supports very granular authorization to an individual OS user for certain desired commands. The syntax of the configuration file can be somewhat tedious and editing mistakes could leave a system without needed access. For this reason, details of the configuration rules are available through Oracle Technical Network (OTN) or by opening a ticket with Oracle technical support.

### 3.4.6 Reporting and Disabling Expired OS User Accounts

Procedure to Report and Disable Expired User Accounts

1. Log in as admin user on the source server.

**login: admusr**

**Password: <current admin user password>**

2. Run the report of expired users.

**\$ sudo lastlog -b <N>**

**Note:** This command will display the users who have not logged in over N number of days. It will also show the users that have never logged in. To filter those users out of the display use the following command:

**\$ sudo lastlog -b <N> | grep -v Never**

3. Disable the user accounts identified by the lastlog report

**\$ sudo passwd -l <user acct>**

Repeat this step for each user account you want to disable.

4. To re-enable an account:

**\$ sudo passwd -u <user acct>**

Repeat this step for each user account you want to re-enable.

## 3.5 Ethernet Switch Considerations

This section describes security related configuration changes that could be made to the demarcation Ethernet switches.

### 3.5.1 Configuring SNMP in Switches

It is essential that all switches have been configured successfully using the procedures in **Error! Reference source not found. Error! Reference source not found.**



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- Configure Cisco 3020 switch (netConfig) and/or
  - Configure HP 6120XG switch (netConfig) and/or
  - Configure Cisco 4948/4948E/4948E-F (netConfig)
1. Log in to the server as root user and list all the configured switches using the below command.

```
# netConfig --repo listDevices
```

2. Refer to application documentation to determine which switches to add/remove the community string, making a note of the DEVICE NAME of each switch. This will be used as <switch\_name>.
3. For any given switch by switch name, display SNMP community information using the below command:

```
# netConfig getSNMP --device=<switch_name>
```

4. For any given switch by switch name, display its SNMP trap information using the below command

```
#netConfig listSNMPNotify --device=<switch_name>
```

Note: If the reply indicates “Could not lock device”, enter the following command to clear the lock in order to proceed:

```
# netConfig --wipe --device=<switch_name>
```

(reply “y” if prompted)

### 3.5.2 Configuring Community Strings

1. To ADD a community string to ANY switch by switch name, use below command with appropriate switch name

```
#netConfig addsSNMP --device=<switch name> community=<community string> uauth=RO
```

2. To DELETE a community string to ANY switch by switch name, use appropriate switch name in the below command

```
#netConfig deleteSNMP --device=<switch_name> community=<community_string>
```

### 3.5.3 Configuring Traps

1. To ADD a trap server, use below command with appropriate switch name:

```
#netConfig addSNMPNotify --device=<switch_name> host=<snmp_server_ip> version=2c  
auth=<community_string> [traplvl=not-info]
```

2. To DELETE a trap server, use the below command with appropriate switch name:

```
#netConfig deleteSNMPNotify --device=<switch_name> host=<snmp_server_ip> version=2c  
auth=<community_string> [traplvl=not-info ]
```

**Note:** traplvl=not-info in the command is needed only in case of the 6120 switch. The switches 4948 or 3020 do not need this field in the above commands.

## 3.6 Security Logs and Alarms

The *Security Log* page in the GUI allows you to view the application historical security logs from all configured Security logs that are displayed in a scrollable, optionally filterable table. The security logs can also be exported to file management area in .csv format. For more details, see the *Security Log* chapter in the [1] E-63628, Operation, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM) Guide.

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Application Alarms and Events are unsolicited messages used in the system for trouble notification and to communicate the status of the system to Operations Services. The application merges unsolicited alarm messages and unsolicited informational messages from all servers in a network and notifies you of their occurrence. Security alarms enable a network manager to detect security events early and take corrective action to prevent degradation in the quality of service.

Alarms provide information pertaining to a system's operational condition that a network manager may need to act upon. Alarms can have these severities:

- Critical
- Major
- Minor
- Cleared

See chapters *Alarms and Events* and *Security Log* in **Error! Reference source not found. Error! Reference source not found.** and the [1] E-63628, Operation, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM) Guide for more details.

OS-level logging is captured in

- `/var/log/messages` - general system messages
- `/var/log/secure` – security related messages
- `/var/log/httpd` (directory) – apache webserver logging

### 3.7 Optional IPsec Configuration

This section describes security related to configuration changes that are required to use Internet Protocol Security (IPsec). Customers are NOT required to configure IPsec.

#### 3.7.1 IPsec Overview

Internet Protocol Security (IPsec) provides network layer security protocols used for authentication, encryption, payload compression, and key exchange. IPsec provides Host-to-Host encrypted connections or Network-to-Network packet tunneling.

Network traffic between two end-points is encrypted and decrypted by authenticated hosts at the end-points, using a shared private key. The shared private key forms a Security Association that can be automatically changed by Security Policies based on traffic volume, expiry time, or other criteria.

IPsec will work for both IPv4 and IPv6 on the Diameter interface. The provisioning interface only supports IPsec on IPv4.

**Note:** Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router supports IPsec with an SCTP/IPv6 configuration.

##### 3.7.1.1 Encapsulating Security Payload

Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router IPsec uses the Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP) protocol for encryption and authentication. The ESP protocol uses encryption algorithms to encrypt either the packet payload or the entire packet, depending on whether IPsec is configured to use transport mode or tunnel mode. When IPsec is in transport mode, the packet payload is encrypted and the IP header is not encrypted. When IPsec is in tunnel mode, the packet payload and the original IP header are both encrypted and a new IP header is added.

ESP also provides authentication of the encrypted packets to prevent attacks by ensuring the packet is from the correct source.

Many encryption algorithms use an initialization vector (IV) to encrypt. The IV is used to make each message unique. This makes it more difficult for cryptanalysis attempts to decrypt the ESP.

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The supported ESP encryption and authentication algorithms are described in Table 3. IPsec IKE and ESP Elements.

### 3.7.1.2 Internet Key Exchange

Internet Key Exchange (IKE) is used to exchange secure keys to set up IPsec security associations. There are two versions of IKE: IKEv1 and IKEv2. The following main differences exist between IKEv1 and IKEv2:

- IKEv1
  - Security associations are established in in 8 messages
  - Does not use a Pseudo Random Function
- IKEv2
  - Security associations are established in in 4 messages
  - Uses an increased number of encryption algorithms and authentication transformations
  - Uses a Pseudo Random Function

The encryption algorithms and authentication transformations that are supported for IKE are described in Table 3. IPsec IKE and ESP Elements.

### 3.7.2 IPsec Process

When an IPsec connection is configured, Security Policies are created using the IPsec connection configuration files. IPsec uses Security Policies to define whether a packet should be encrypted or not. The Security Policies help determine whether an IPsec procedure is needed for a connection. The Security Policies do not change over time.

After the Security Policies exist and initial network connectivity has been made, the Internet Key Exchange (IKE) process occurs.

IKE operates in two phases.

1. Phase 1 acts as an initial handshake and creates the IKE security associations, which are used to determine how to set up an initial secure connection to begin the IPsec security association negotiation.
2. In phase 2, the keys are exchanged and the IPsec Security Associations are created. After the IPsec security Associations exist, the IPsec connection setup process is complete. IPsec now knows how to encrypt the packets.

IPsec uses Security Associations to determine which type of encryption algorithm and authentication transportation should be used when creating an IPsec packet, and to apply the correct decryption algorithm when a packet is received. Because security associations change with time, a lifetime parameter is used to force the security associations to expire so that IPsec must renegotiate them.

An IPsec connection can be set up on a virtual IP, which can be used for HA. However, when a switchover occurs and the VIP is added on the new box a SIGHUP is sent to the iked daemon on the newly active box, so that the VIP is under iked management. Also, the switchover will not occur until the security associations have expired and the renegotiation can begin.

### 3.7.3 Pre-requisite Steps for Setting Up IPsec

These steps must run once on the active NOAMP server prior to configuring IPsec.

1. Log in as root on the active NOAMP server
2. On the active NOAMP server using the below commands

```
iadd -xu -fallowPgmChg -fname -fvalue LongParam \  
<<'!!!'  
Yes|cm.ha.enableIpsecWhack|1  
!!!
```

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### 3.7.4 Setting up IPsec

Adding an IPsec connection also configures it. An existing IPsec connection can be edited or deleted, and an IPsec connection can be started (enabled) and stopped (disabled) without having to fully delete the connection.

IPsec setup needs to be performed on each MP that can control the connection.

**Note:** IPsec should not be enabled on a live connection. Disable a connection before enabling IPsec.

The following steps refer to procedures for setting up a new IPsec connection:

1. Open platcfg
2. Add and configure an IPsec connection. See Section 3.7.6 “*Adding an IPsec Connection*”.
3. Select an IKE version.
  - a. Complete the IKE configuration for the IPsec connection.
  - b. Complete the ESP configuration for the IPsec connection.
  - c. Complete the IPsec connection configuration entries.
  - d. Wait for the connection to be added.
4. Enable the IPsec connection. See Section 3.7.8 “*Enabling and Disabling an IPsec Connection*”.
5. Log out of platcfg
6. Restart IPsec service by using the below command.

```
# service ipsec restart
```

### 3.7.5 IPsec IKE and ESP Elements

Table 3 describes IPsec IKE and ESP configuration elements and provides default values if applicable

**Table 3. IPsec IKE and ESP Elements**

Description	Valid Values	Default
Internet Key Exchange Version	ikev1, ikev2	ikev2
IKE Configuration		
IKE Encryption	aes128_cbc, aes192_cbc, aes256_cbc, 3des_cbc, hmac_md5	aes128_cbc hmac_md5
IKE Authentication	hmac_sha1, aes_xcbc, hmac_md5	hmac_md5
Pseudo Random Function. This is used for the key exchange only for ikev2	hmac_sha1, aes_xcbc (ikev2)	-
Diffie-Hellman Group The group number is used to generate the group (group - set of numbers with special algebraic properties) that is used to select keys for the Diffie-Hellman algorithm. The larger the group number, the larger the keys used in the algorithm.	2, 14 (ikev2) 2 (ikev1)	2 (IKEv1) 14 (IKEv2)

**Table 3. IPsec IKE and ESP Elements**

Description	Valid Values	Default
<p>IKE SA Lifetime Lifetime of the IKE/IPsec security associations. A correct lifetime value would be &lt;hours/mins/secs&gt;. Example: 3 mins.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If a connection goes down, it will not reestablish until the lifetime expires. If the lifetime is set to 60 minutes and a failure causing a switchover of a VIP is required, the switchover will not occur until the 60 minutes expire. The recommendation is to set the lifetime to the lowest possible time that will not impact network connectivity, such as 3-5 minutes.</p>	Number of time units	60
Lifetime Units	hours, mins, secs	mins
<p>Perfect Forward Secrecy This is an algorithm used to ensure that if one of the private keys is compromised the other keys are not compromised.</p>	yes, no	yes
ESP Configuration		
<p>ESP Authentication Algorithm used to authenticate the encrypted ESP</p>	hmac_sha1, hmac_md5	hmac_sha1
<p>Encryption Algorithm Algorithm used to encrypt the actual IPsec packets</p>	aes128_cbc, aes192_cbc, aes256_cbc, 3des_cbc	aes128_cbc

### 3.7.6 Adding an IPsec Connection

Procedure to add an IPsec connection:

1. Log in as **admusr** on the server  
**Login: admusr**  
**Password: <current admin user password>**
2. Open the platcfg menu by entering the following command.  
**\$ sudo su - platcfg**
3. Select **Network Configuration**.
4. Select **IPsec Configuration**.
5. Select **IPsec Connections**.
6. Select **Edit**.
7. Select **Add Connection**.
8. Select the Internet Key Exchange Version: either **IKEv1** or **IKEv2**.
9. Complete the *IKE Configuration* fields for the desired connection, then click **OK**.  
 The fields are described in Table 3. IPsec IKE and ESP Elements.
10. Select the desired ESP Encryption algorithm, then click **OK**.  
 The fields are described Table 3. IPsec IKE and ESP Elements.

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11. Complete the Add Connection fields for the desired connection.
  - a. Enter the **Local Address**.
  - b. Enter the **Remote Address**.
  - c. Enter the **Pass Phrase**.
  - d. Select the **Mode**.
12. Click **OK**.

Wait for the connection to be added.

When the connection has been successfully added, the **Internet Key Exchange Version** Menu appears.
13. Select **Exit** in each of the menus until a command prompt is reached.

### 3.7.7 Editing an IPsec Connection

Procedure to edit an IPsec connection:

1. Log in as **admusr** on the server  
**Login: admusr**  
**Password: <current admin user password>**
2. Open the platcfg menu by entering the following command.  
**\$ sudo su - platcfg**
3. Select **Network Configuration**.
4. Select **IPsec Configuration**.
5. Select **IPsec Connections**.
6. Select **Edit**.
7. Select **Edit Connection**.
8. Select **IPsec connection** to edit.
9. View the IPsec connection's current configuration.
10. Select **Edit**.
11. Select either **IKEv1** or **IKEv2**.
12. Complete the *IKE Configuration* fields if needed, then click **OK**.

The fields are described in Table 3. IPsec IKE and ESP Elements.
13. Select the desired *ESP Configuration* fields, then click **OK**.

The fields are described in Table 3. IPsec IKE and ESP Elements.
14. Complete the Add Connection fields for the desired connection.
  - a. Enter the **Local Address**.
  - b. Enter the **Remote Address**.
  - c. Enter the **Pass Phrase**.
  - d. Select the **Mode**.
15. Click **OK**.
16. Select **Yes** to restart the connection.

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When the connection has been successfully updated, the **Internet Key Exchange Version** Menu appears.

17. Select **Exit** in each of the menus until a command prompt is reached.

### 3.7.8 Enabling and Disabling an IPsec Connection

Procedure to enable or disable an IPsec connection:

1. Log in as **admusr** on the server  
**Login: admusr**  
**Password: <current admin user password>**
2. Open the platcfg menu by entering the following command.  
**\$ sudo su - platcfg**
3. Select **Network Configuration**.
4. Select **IPsec Configuration**.
5. Select **IPsec Connections**.
6. Select **Edit**.
7. Select **Connection Control**.
8. Select **IPsec connection** to enable or disable.
9. Select **Enable** or **Disable**.
10. Click **OK** to enable or disable the selected IPsec connection.
11. Select **Exit** in each of the menus until a command prompt is reached.

### 3.7.9 Deleting an IPsec connection

Procedure to delete an IPsec connection:

1. Log in as **admusr** on the server  
**Login: admusr**  
**Password: <current admin user password>**
2. Open the platcfg menu by entering the following command.  
**\$ sudo su - platcfg**
3. Select **Network Configuration**.
4. Select **IPsec Configuration**.
5. Select **IPsec Connections**.
6. Select **Edit**.
7. Select **Delete Connection**.
8. Select IPsec connection to delete.
9. Click **Yes** to confirm the delete.
10. Wait for the connection to be deleted.

When the IPsec connection has been successfully deleted, the **Connection Action** Menu appears.

11. Select **Exit** in each of the menus until a command prompt is reached.

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### Appendix A. Secure Deployment Checklist

The following security checklist lists guidelines to help you secure Oracle Communications Diameter Signaling Router and its components.

- Change default passwords
- Utilize LDAP for authentication purposes
- Utilize Authorized IP addresses feature
- Use TLS or IPSEC
- Enforce strong password management
- Restrict admin functions to the required few administrator groups
- Configure community strings and traps explained in Section 0 “*Other Optional Configurations*”
- Restrict network access by enabling the DSR Firewall feature
- Enforce iLO to use strong encryption



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### Appendix B. My Oracle Support (MOS)

MOS (<https://support.oracle.com>) is your initial point of contact for all product support and training needs. A representative at Customer Access Support (CAS) can assist you with MOS registration.

Call the CAS main number at **1-800-223-1711** (toll-free in the US), or call the Oracle Support hotline for your local country from the list at <http://www.oracle.com/us/support/contact/index.html>. When calling, make the selections in the sequence shown below on the Support telephone menu:

1. Select **2** for New Service Request
2. Select **3** for Hardware, Networking and Solaris Operating System Support
3. Select one of the following options:
  - For Technical issues such as creating a new Service Request (SR), Select **1**
  - For Non-technical issues such as registration or assistance with MOS, Select **2**

You will be connected to a live agent who can assist you with MOS registration and opening a support ticket.

MOS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

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### Appendix C. Locate Product Documentation on the Oracle Help Center Site

Oracle Communications customer documentation is available on the web at the Oracle Help Center (OHC) site, <http://docs.oracle.com>. You do not have to register to access these documents. Viewing these files requires Adobe Acrobat Reader, which can be downloaded at <http://www.adobe.com>.

1. Access the Oracle Help Center site at <http://docs.oracle.com>
2. Click **Industries**.
3. Under the Oracle Communications subheading, click the **Oracle Communications documentation** link.  
The Communications Documentation page appears. Most products covered by these documentation sets will appear under the headings “Network Session Delivery and Control Infrastructure” or “Platforms.”
4. Click on your Product and then the Release Number.  
A list of the entire documentation set for the selected product and release appears.
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