

Configure Graceful Scale-In

Ericsson Service-Aware Policy Controller

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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1 Introduction

This document describes how to perform graceful scale-in operation, to finally remove one or several PayLoad (PL) Virtual Machines (VM) from the SAPC.

1.1 Prerequisites

This section describes the prerequisites, which must be fulfilled before executing the procedure.

1.1.1 Conditions

The following conditions must apply:

- The number of Payload (PL) Virtual Machines to be scaled-in is known: PL -3 is the first PL of the SAPC, PL -4 is the second one, PL -5 is the third one, and so on.

Note: The first two PLs (PL -3 and PL -4) cannot be scaled-in as they belong to the initial deployment. Therefore, the number of the PL to be scaled-in is always PL -5 onwards.

- No other upgrade operations are ongoing, for example, software upgrade.
- An Ericsson Command-Line Interface (ECLI) session in Exec mode is in progress.
- A secure shell (SSH) access to the SAPC OAM VIP.
- To run the scale-in script for removing VMs in CEE using ECM, it is required to have a host with Python 2.6 or 2.7 installed. In the following sections, the host is named "preparation server". This preparation server must have connectivity towards the ECM server.





2 Procedure

To scale-in a PL VM in the SAPC, basically there are two main phases:

- The PL to be scaled-in is deleted internally from the SAPC.
- Once the PL is not internally recognized and everything keeps fine in the SAPC, the PL VM can be deleted from the cloud manager.

2.1 Internal Graceful Scale-In

To scale-in a PL VM internally in the SAPC:

1. From a System Controller (SC) Virtual Machine of the SAPC Virtual Application, execute the following command to perform a graceful scale-in of the PL indicated. At the end of the process, the PL Virtual Machine is automatically shut down:

```
sapcadmin@SC-X:~> sapcScaleIn <PL-Y>
```

Note: PL-Y terminology is used in the CBA cluster.

2. Navigate to the CrM Managed Object (MO), for example:

```
>dn ManagedElement=1,SystemFunctions=1,SysM=1,CrM=1
```

3. Verify that the scaling-in process has started, for example:

```
(CrM=1)>show -r
```

Note: The scale-in operation can take 1–2 minutes.

The following is an example output:

```
CrM=1
[...]
  ComputeResourceRole=PL-8
    adminState=SHUTTINGDOWN
    instantiationState=UNINSTANTIATING
  [...]
```

The attributes `adminState=SHUTTINGDOWN` and `instantiationState=UNINSTANTIATING` show that the graceful scale-in has started for the PL-8 VM.

4. Verify that the PL VM is scaled-in:

```
(CrM=1)>show -r
```

The following is an example output showing that the VM `ComputeResourceRole=PL-8` is no longer running:



```

CrM=1
  autoRoleAssignment=ENABLED
  ComputeResourceRole=PL-3
    adminState=UNLOCKED
    instantiationState=INSTANTIATED
    operationalState=ENABLED
    provides="ManagedElement=1, SystemFunctions=1, SysM=1, CrM=1, Role=SYSTEM"
    uses="ManagedElement=1, Equipment=1, ComputeResource=PL-3"
  ComputeResourceRole=PL-4
    adminState=UNLOCKED
    instantiationState=INSTANTIATED
    operationalState=ENABLED
    provides="ManagedElement=1, SystemFunctions=1, SysM=1, CrM=1, Role=Default"
    uses="ManagedElement=1, Equipment=1, ComputeResource=PL-4"
  ComputeResourceRole=SC-1
    adminState=UNLOCKED
    instantiationState=INSTANTIATED
    operationalState=ENABLED
    provides="ManagedElement=1, SystemFunctions=1, SysM=1, CrM=1, Role=SYSTEM"
    uses="ManagedElement=1, Equipment=1, ComputeResource=SC-1"
  ComputeResourceRole=SC-2
    adminState=UNLOCKED
    instantiationState=INSTANTIATED
    operationalState=ENABLED
    provides="ManagedElement=1, SystemFunctions=1, SysM=1, CrM=1, Role=SYSTEM"
    uses="ManagedElement=1, Equipment=1, ComputeResource=SC-2"
  ComputeResourceRole=PL-5
    adminState=UNLOCKED
    instantiationState=INSTANTIATED
    operationalState=ENABLED
    provides="ManagedElement=1, SystemFunctions=1, SysM=1, CrM=1, Role=Default"
    uses="ManagedElement=1, Equipment=1, ComputeResource=PL-5"
  ComputeResourceRole=PL-6
    adminState=UNLOCKED
    instantiationState=INSTANTIATED
    operationalState=ENABLED
    provides="ManagedElement=1, SystemFunctions=1, SysM=1, CrM=1, Role=Default"
    uses="ManagedElement=1, Equipment=1, ComputeResource=PL-6"
  ComputeResourceRole=PL-7
    adminState=UNLOCKED
    instantiationState=INSTANTIATED
    operationalState=ENABLED
    provides="ManagedElement=1, SystemFunctions=1, SysM=1, CrM=1, Role=Default"
    uses="ManagedElement=1, Equipment=1, ComputeResource=PL-7"
  Role=Default-Role
    isProvidedBy
      "ManagedElement=1, SystemFunctions=1, SysM=1, CrM=1, ComputeResourceRo
      "ManagedElement=1, SystemFunctions=1, SysM=1, CrM=1, ComputeResourceRo
      "ManagedElement=1, SystemFunctions=1, SysM=1, CrM=1, ComputeResourceRo
      "ManagedElement=1, SystemFunctions=1, SysM=1, CrM=1, ComputeResourceRo
      "ManagedElement=1, SystemFunctions=1, SysM=1, CrM=1, ComputeResourceRo
    scalability=SCALABLE
  Role=SYSTEM
    isProvidedBy
      "ManagedElement=1, SystemFunctions=1, SysM=1, CrM=1, ComputeResourceRo
      "ManagedElement=1, SystemFunctions=1, SysM=1, CrM=1, ComputeResourceRo
    scalability=NON_SCALABLE

```

5. Perform a SAPC health check, refer to [SAPC Advanced Troubleshooting Guidelinedocument](#).
6. Repeat the procedure as many times as the number of PLs to be scaled-in.
7. Perform a system backup following the produce described in [Create Backup](#)



2.2 VM Deletion using the Cloud Manager

Once the PL VM has been internally deleted from the SAPC, it can be also deleted from the cloud manager to release resources and for a proper scale-out operation in the future.

Depending on the cloud infrastructure and manager used, refer to Section 3 on page 7 (CEE using ECM), Section 4 on page 9 (CEE using Atlas), Section 5 on page 11 (VMware vCenter using vSphere Client) or Section 6 on page 13 (VMware vCenter using vCloud Director).





3 VM Deletion in CEE using ECM

The steps to be executed are:

1. From the preparation server, the script for scale-in, delivered as part of the Virtual Delivery Package (VDP), must be executed. Before the execution, the following information must be provided in the "ecm" and "scaling" sections of the configuration file `SAPC.cfg`:

Note: Detailed description of the parameters contained on the scaling section of `SAPC.cfg` can be found on the [SAPC VNF Descriptor Generator Tool](#).

- The name of the SAPC Virtual Application (vApp).

Note: In case, more than one SAPC vAPP are deployed on the same Virtual Data Center (VDC), a prefix is added to the name of the additional instances. This prefix must be also provided as part of the name of the vApp to be scaled-in.

- VDC where the vApp is deployed.

- Tenant of the VDC where the vApp is deployed.

- ECM server hostname or IP Address.

- User to connect with the ECM server. Password is optional, in case it is not provided in the configuration file, the user is prompted.

- Number of PLs to be scaled-in.

2. The `SAPC_scalein.py` is the tool which removes VMs in ECM. To execute it, the following arguments are available:

- **--help** or **-h**: if this argument is present, an explanation for every argument is shown and the execution finishes.

- **--version**: if this argument is present, the version is shown and the execution finishes.

- **--cfg <CFG>** or **-c <CFG>**: mandatory argument. It indicates where the `SAPC.cfg` configuration file is. The default `SAPC.cfg` configuration file is placed in the root directory of the Virtual Delivery Package explained in [SAPC VNF Descriptor Generator Tool](#).

- **--debug**: optional argument for debugging and troubleshooting purposes.

- **--log <LOG>**: optional argument to log the messages to a file instead of showing them into the standard output.



Then, an example of the `SAPC_scalein.py` execution is:

```
<PreparationServer># python SAPC_scalein.py --cfg SAPC.cfg
```

3. Once the ECM has received the order from the previous script, the Virtual Machine is removed from the SAPC Virtual Application.
4. Repeat the procedure as many times as the number of PLs to be deleted.



4 VM Deletion in CEE using Atlas

The steps to be executed are:

1. Connect by SSH to the machine running Atlas using the provided credentials.
2. Execute the following command to obtain the current value of the parameter `pls`.

```
<atlasvm># heat stack-show <stack_name> | grep -i '"pls": ''
```

Note: For all the commands to be executed, it is needed to set up the following environment variables:

- `OS_AUTH_URL` points to Keystone service.
- `OS_CACERT` for the verification of the server certificate.
- `OS_TENANT_NAME` contains the name of the tenant where the stack was created.
- `OS_USERNAME`: user with delete rights.
- `OS_PASSWORD`: password for `OS_USERNAME`.

3. Execute the following command to remove the latest <PL-N> PL from the desired stack. The value of N is the number of `pls` obtained in previous command:

```
<atlasvm># heat stack-update -f <stack_yaml_file> -e  
<stack_params_file> -r <stack_name> -P 'pls=<N-1>'
```

Note: See SAPC VNF Deployment Instruction for CEE for description of other parameters.

4. Run the command "`<atlasvm># heat stack-list`"; the status for the stack changes to **UPDATE_IN_PROGRESS**, until operation is finished and the status changes to **UPDATE_COMPLETED**.
5. Repeat the procedure as many times as the number of PLs to be deleted.

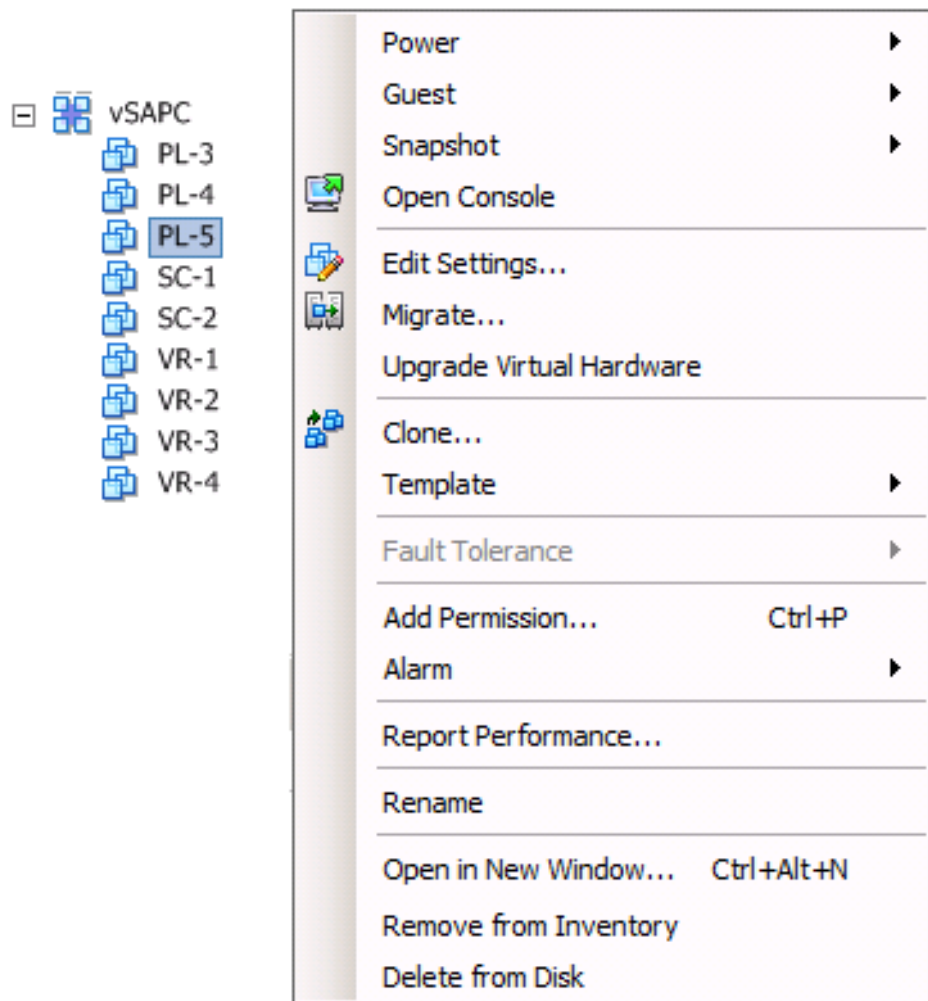




5 VM Deletion in VMware vCenter using vSphere Client

The steps to be executed are:

1. Select the PL VM to be deleted from the SAPC Virtual Application, right mouse click the 'PL-X' Virtual Machine, and select 'Delete from Disk' item.



2. Once the vCenter has received the order, the Virtual Machine is removed from the SAPC Virtual Application.
3. Repeat the procedure as many times as the number of PLs to be deleted.

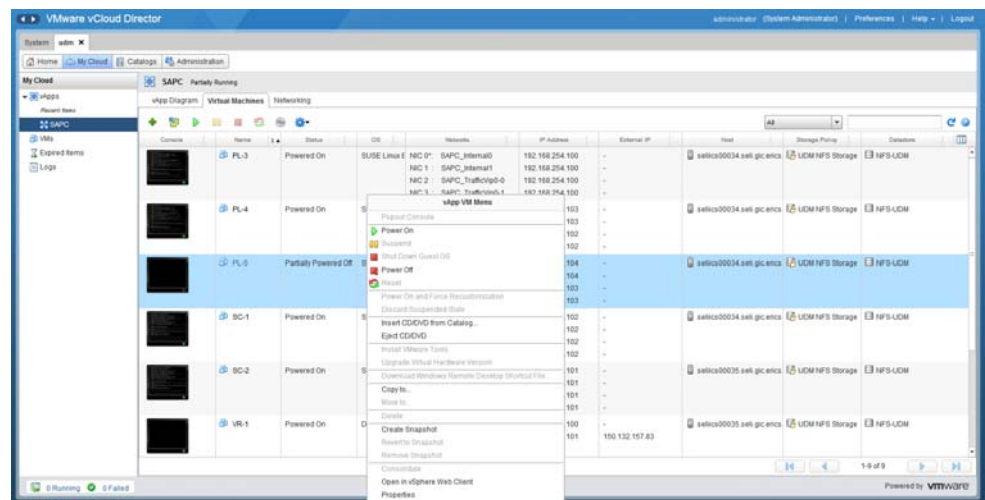




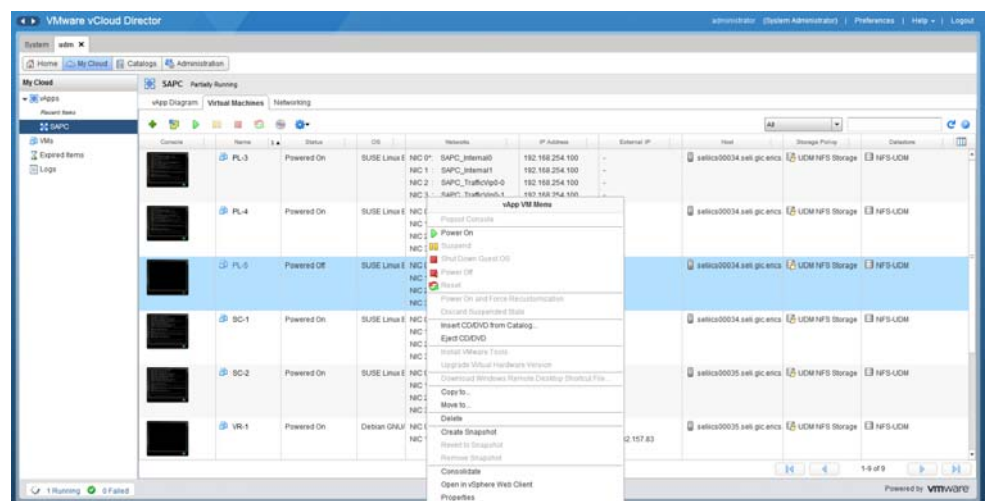
6 VM Deletion in VMware vCenter using vCloud Director

The steps to be executed are:

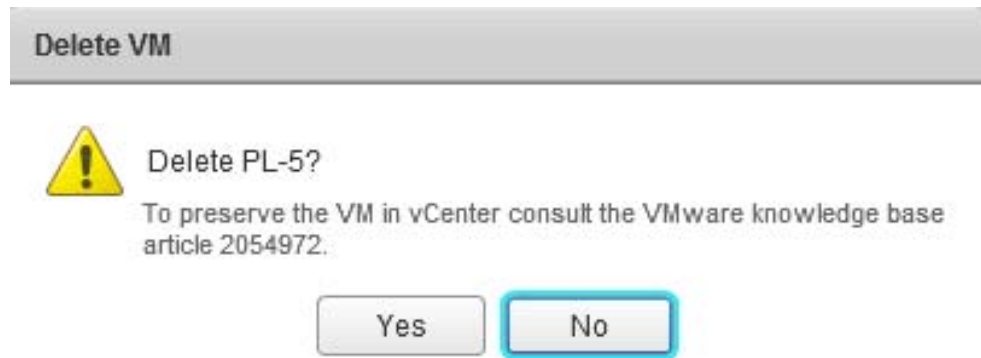
1. Select the PL VM to be deleted from the SAPC Virtual Application. It is shown in 'Partially Powered Off' status. Right mouse click the 'PL-X' VM, and select 'Power Off'.



2. Once the PL VM status changes to 'Powered Off', right mouse click the 'PL-X' VM, and select 'Delete'.



3. A window pop-up appears. Confirm the PL VM deletion by clicking on 'Yes'.



4. Once the vCloud Director has received the order, the Virtual Machine is removed from the SAPC Virtual Application.
5. Repeat the procedure as many times as the number of PLs to be deleted.