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TITLE: Authentication Center server runs out of memory

TECHNOLOGY: Astro25

SYMPTOMS:

Special Configurations:

Large systems with ~100k radios or more.

User Symptoms:

- Authentication Center Client crash
- Windows Task Manager indicates ~2.8GB memory in use out of total 3GB RAM
- Warning "Physical Memory is low, you need at least 512M of free memory..." in Windows Event Viewer (category "Application")

MODELS / SYSTEM RELEASES / KITS / DATECODES AFFECTED:

Authentication Center A7.17, A7.18, A2019.1, A2019.2

SEVERITY RECOMMENDATION:

Medium / Operational - Schedule to implement

ROOT CAUSE / DEFINITIVE TEST:

Default settings of 3GB of memory for Virtual Machine with Authentication Center may not be enough for a large system.

It may cause an unexpected crash of the Authentication Center Client. Operating System response may also be very slow.

WORKAROUNDS AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

N/A

RESOLUTIONS AND REPAIR PROCEDURES:

Increase virtual machine memory. Recommended size: 5GB. Follow process located in Appendix A: Increase virtual machine memory

PARTS REQUIRED (HARDWARE/SOFTWARE):

N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

N/A

WHEN TO APPLY RESOLUTION:

After reboot ___
After installation _X_
After upgrade _X_
After power cycle ___
After database restoration ___
After failure ___
On FRU replacement ___
During maintenance ___
Immediately ___
As instructed _X_

Information only ___

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Appendix A - Increase virtual machine memory

For primary instance of Authentication Center (also known as AuC active)

- 1. Check status of the keys on Authentication Center:
 - Log in to Windows with installed AuC as an administrator.
 - Open Authentication Center Client from Desktop.
 - Log in to Authentication Center Client.
 - On the Schedules tab, check if there is an update in progress for any of the available keys.
 - Wait until updates in progress are finished.
 - Close Authentication Center Client.

2. Stop Authentication Center:

- Open Configuration Console from Desktop.
- Run commands:

coco auc stop coco rdm stop coco pg stop

- Close Configuration Console
- Shut down Windows
- Wait until the machine is stopped.

3. Increase virtual machine memory

3a. For vSphere Web Client (ESXi 6.5, 6.7):

- Open vSphere Web Client in the browser:
 - launch the web browser
 - in the address bar, enter the IP address of the ESXi server with AuC virtual machine
 - if a certificate warning appears, continue to the page

Log in as a privileged user that is able to reconfigure settings of the virtual machine.

Ensure that virtual machine with AuC is stopped.

Right-click a virtual machine with AuC in the inventory and select Edit Settings.

On the Virtual Hardware tab, expand Memory.

In the RAM text box, type the value of 5 and select GB as a unit.

Click Save.

Right-click a virtual machine with AuC in the inventory, select Power and Power on.

3b. For vSphere Client (ESXi 6.0, 5.5):

- Open VMware vSphere Client.
- In the IP address field, enter the IP of the ESXi server with AuC virtual machine.
- Log in as a privileged user that is able to reconfigure settings of the virtual machine.
- Ensure that virtual machine with AuC is stopped.
- Right-click a virtual machine with AuC in the inventory and select Edit Settings.
- On the Hardware tab, select Memory.
- In the Memory Size text box, type the value of 5 and select GB as a unit.
- Click OK.
- Right-click a virtual machine with AuC in the inventory, select Power and Power on.

4. Verify results:

- a. Log in to Windows with installed AuC as an administrator.
- b. Open Windows Task Manager and verify that memory is increased.
- c. Log in to Authentication Center Client and verify that it is in an operational state.

For system with redundancy please repeat steps 2 to 4B of this procedure for DSR instance of Authentication Center. Before step 2 you need to log in to Windows with installed DSR AuC as an administrator.