STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR REPLACING A DEFECTIVE NODE OF CLUSTER (RMA)

THIS PROCEDURE IS APPLICABLE TO BOTH ACTIVE-PASSIVE (A/P) AND ACTIVE-ACTIVE (A/A) CLUSTERS
SUMMARY:

This document describes proper procedure for replacing a defective node of an SA cluster. The steps described here is applicable to any kind of cluster and whether the defective unit is the node which holds the main licenses or the CL license holder node (old licensing scheme in pre-7.0).

Essentially, the process of replacing a FIPS or non-FIPS node involves few simple steps and are similar in most ways except for the security world (or keystore) settings, such as the keystore restore password (for x500FIPS systems). Being ready with these preliminary information will ensure successful re-introduction of this RMA node to an existing cluster.

A combination of admin UI and also serial console to complete the replacement can be used but it is preferred that we use serial console mostly for this process especially for FIPS devices.

PRE-REQUISITES TO UPGRADE:

The following requirements and guidelines are necessary items to be done to replace a node in the cluster.

- Ensure that serial console is available as most of the activities are done via serial console
- Document or get the cluster configuration from your documentation, or get it from the existing working node
- Be ready with the cluster information and this node's local settings
  * Cluster name and password
  * IP address details of this node (has to be the same as the setting on defective unit it is replacing)
  * IP address of the existing main license node
  * eystore restore password of the cluster (for x500FIPS)
- Create a backup of system, user accounts, and IVS (if used) configurations of the existing device (main license holder if using CL licensing scheme)
- Backup your licenses, as well
- Ensure that cluster connectivity between the existing node and this RMA node is functional or healthy
- Ensure that you have at hand the new license for the RMA unit either obtained via generating your own replacement licenses from the support LMS site or via Pulse Secure customer care (instructions at the bottom of this document)
- Schedule the replacement during a maintenance window
STEP-BY-STEP NODE REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE:

Note:

- When a node joins a cluster, its configuration essentially is wiped out and the other node sends the system, user and cluster configurations that were configured on the defective node to this joining node, including the keystore and certificates (if X500FIPS).

- Joining a node to an existing cluster as a new node is the same similar replacement steps except for adding the permanent license for this RMA unit (see procedure for generating your replacement license).

- After restore of cluster, the license that was in the old node will install as temporary license to this new node for 90 days and will be fine to use, however, it is better to install new license as soon as cluster is reformed and healthy.

- X500FIPS and regular SA follows same RMA procedure of replacement except the security settings specific to FIPS.

Status of cluster as exampled here is the primary node (main license holder) as the defective unit (screenshots are from an SA-6500FIPS cluster running 7.1).

Clustering status page:

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<td>Type: SA-6500 (FIPS)</td>
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<td>Configuration: Active/Active</td>
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Licensing page (different if using pre-7.0):

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<td>ive149101 - (25 users)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Temporary</td>
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<td>License Hardware ID: 62453CA86DD84F</td>
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<td>Expired 344 days 19 hours</td>
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The following chronological steps will introduce a new x500FIPS device to an existing cluster (either as a replacement or new node being added to the cluster). For non-x500FIPS, it is similar except for the FIPS module security settings setup:

1. When a RMA unit is received from Pulse Secure, check that it is the same model by looking at the serial number. You can also get the serial number and model number from the adminUI after it is initially configured:

   ![System Maintenance Platform](image)

   - **Cluster:** JTAC
   - **Hostname:** ive150200
   - **Model:** SA-6500 (FIPS)
   - **Serial Number:** 0243032009000005
   - **Last Reboot:** 46 minutes, 56 seconds
   - **Current version:** 7.1R1.1 (build 17943)
   - **Rollback version:** 7.0R6 (build 18107)

2. If the defective or unit to be replaced is still powered up, power this down and remove

3. Install the new unit and proceed to do initial configurations until it is up as a standalone device.

**Procedure: Steps in initializing a new x500-FIPS unit as an example**

Upon power up, factory reset partition is booted up as the current partition (6.4R1 in earlier versions but have changed to 6.5R7 in new devices for x500FIPS only):
Answer "y" to the prompt:

```
drivers: igb e1000
...
using Hardware ID: 0243MZADE0B4H0PY

1 to import
| 0 to boot as a stand-alone IVE.
| 3 to boot with clustering options, wait or hit Enter to continue.
| 4 to boot as a stand-alone IVE.
| 5 to boot as a stand-alone IVE.
| 6 to boot as a stand-alone IVE.
| 7 to boot as a stand-alone IVE.
| 8 to boot as a stand-alone IVE.
| 9 to boot as a stand-alone IVE.
| 0 to boot as a stand-alone IVE.
| 1 to boot as a stand-alone IVE.
| 2 to boot as a stand-alone IVE.

Loading initial default data
```

Accept the license agreement and provide initial network information:

```
Do you agree to the terms of the license agreement (y/n/r)?: y

Please provide ethernet configuration information
 IP address:  172.22.149.101
 Network mask:  255.255.255.0
 Default gateway:  172.22.149.1

Please provide DNS nameserver information:
 Primary DNS server:  172.1.1.1
 Secondary DNS server:  172.1.1.1
 DNS domain(s):  jiac.net

Please provide Microsoft WINS server information:
 WINS server (optional):

Please confirm the following setup:
 IP address:  172.22.149.101
 Network mask:  255.255.255.0
 Gateway IP:  172.22.149.1
 Link speed:  Auto
 Primary DNS server:  172.1.1.1
 Secondary DNS server:  172.1.1.1
 DNS domain(s):  jiac.net
 WINS server:  Correct? (y/n):
```
Create admin login name and password:

```
DHS domain(s):  osc.net
DNS server:
Correct? (y/n): y
Initial network configuration complete.

Please create an administrator username and password.
Admin username: admin
Password: 
Confirm password: 
The administrator was successfully created.

Sun SC6000 firmware requires update. This will be followed
by an import of the currently installed key store.
Zeroizing device mca0, this may take a few minutes.
Please be patient.
```

*(For x550FIPS)* It resets the HSM card and updates the firmware of HSM to current supported and certified version 1.0, then provide the “security world” or keystore security settings such as:

Security Officer Name and password:

```
Please create an administrator username and password.
Admin username: admin
Password: 
Confirm password: 
The administrator was successfully created.

Sun SC6000 firmware requires update. This will be followed
by an import of the currently installed key store.

Zeroizing device mca0, this may take a few minutes.
Please be patient.
Device mca0 zeroized.
Upgrading firmware on mca0, this may take a few minutes.
Please be patient.
Firmware update on mca0 complete.
Reset required to activate new firmware.
Please initialize SCA FIPS card.
Security Officer Name: 
```

*(For x500FIPS)* Restore Password and then Web server User Name and Password that webserver will use to authenticate to HSM:
Zeroizing device mca0, this may take a few minutes. Please be patient.
Device mca0 zeroized. Updating firmware on mca0, this may take a few minutes. Please be patient.
Firmware update on mca0 complete. Reset required to activate new firmware.

Please initialize SCA FIPS card.
Security Officer Name: jtac
Security Officer Password:
Confirm Password:

Please provide a restore password for the key store.

Restore Password:
Confirm Password:

Please provide key store user credentials for use by the web server.
User Name:

(For x500FIPS) Provide parameters for creation of self-signed digital cert for Web Server: IVE
Common Name and Organization Name:

Restore Password:
Confirm Password:

Please provide key store user credentials for use by the web server.
User Name: admin
User Password:
Confirm Password:

Please provide information to create a self-signed Web server digital certificate.
Common name (example: secure.company.com): ive109.jtac.net
Organization name (example: Company Inc.): JTAC

Creating self-signed digital certificate - this may take several minutes...

Creating self-signed digital certificate - this may take several minutes...
The self-signed digital certificate was successfully created.

Congratulations! You have successfully completed the initial set up of your server.

To administer the system, please browse to an appropriate URL:
https://<IVE-IP-Address>/admin (note the 's' in https://)
Example: https://10.18.22.34/admin

If a DNS name already exists for this IVE, you can also use:
https://<IVE-Host-Name>/admin
Example: https://IVE.mycompany.com/admin

System is now ready.
Press Enter to modify system settings.
4. After configuring as standalone device, login as Admin to this new box and upgrade the software code to the same release as the existing cluster. Although this step can be bypassed and just let the system automatically get upgraded by a package push from the existing node during cluster formation or re-formation, it will cut the time to do the RMA process.

**Note:** It is preferred not to downgrade from factory reset. Support for x500FIPS devices started in 6.4R1 so this is the bare minimum release x500-FIPS is supported.

Procedure: Steps in upgrading a system to a later release

Note existing version:

![System Status](image_url)

- System Software Pkg Version: **6.4R1 (build 14063)**
- Last Reboot: 15 minutes, 22 seconds
- System Date and Time: 2011-06-15 04:03:12 PM
- Max Licensed Users: 2
- Number of Signed-In Users: 1
- Logging Disk: 0 % full

Do not install any license at this time:
Go to Maintenance>System>Upgrade/Downgrade:

- **System Maintenance**
  - **Install Service Package**
    - Installing a service package can take several minutes and requires the system to reboot. Because existing system data is backed up during this process, you can decrease installation time by clearing your system log before trying to install a service package.
    - **Service package to install:**
      - 
    - **Delete all system user data:**
      - Deletes all system and user configuration data before installing the service package, restoring the member to an unconfigured state. Use this option if you want to downgrade to an older service package than the currently installed package. **Do NOT check this box if you want to retain existing settings and data during a system upgrade to a newer service package.**
      - Note: This option does not change the factory image.
        - **Install Now**
Browse the service package from a local drive and click “Install Now” (Do not check the “Delete all system user data”):

Status of upload shows up and you can close after it finished 100%:
Monitoring serial console, you will see the following messages:

```
Press Enter to modify system settings.
Upgrading system ...
Verifying package integrity ...................... complete
Extracting install script ........ complete (5 seconds)
Running system compatibility checks ... complete (0 seconds)
Saving copy of system config ........ complete (8 seconds)
Preparing disk partitions ... complete (1 seconds)
Extracting contents of new package .... complete (6 seconds)
Saving package ...........
```

The admin UI also shows the same messages but after the system reboots, admin UI will be unresponsive until the system has completed the upgrade:

![Service Package Installation Status](image)

The installation process takes a few minutes. When complete, the system needs to reboot. Please wait...

- **Step 1**: Verifying package integrity ............... complete (16 seconds)
- **Step 2**: Extracting install script .......... complete (5 seconds)
- **Step 3**: Running system compatibility checks ... complete (0 seconds)
- **Step 4**: Saving copy of system config .......... complete (8 seconds)
- **Step 5**: Preparing disk partitions ... complete (1 seconds)
- **Step 6**: Extracting contents of new package ...... complete (6 seconds)
- **Step 7**: Saving package .................. complete (20 seconds)
- **Step 8**: Finalizing installation ......................... complete (46 seconds)
- **Step 9**: Switching current system to "rollback" and enabling new system ... complete (0 seconds)

![Installation completed successfully and the system will now reboot.](image)

Note that the Administrator Console will be unavailable while the system reboots (Watch the serial console for messages). When the system reboots click [here](#) to continue using the Administrator Console.

After initial reboot, it goes through post installation setup creating the new partition:
It proceeds to the post installation of importing data and logs files from the previous partition:

```plaintext
Doing post-installation setup
Recreating data partition
Recreating var partition
Extracting runtime contents of package
Starting system software version 7.1R.1.1 (build 17943)

Using drivers: igb e1000e
......
Licensing Hardware ID: 0243MZADE064H0PY
Importing log files
Importing cockpit files
Importing snapshot file
Importing system data
Importing user data
Importing ivs data
Importing sessions data
Importing the user record database and syncq
About to boot as a stand-alone Junos Pulse Secure Access Service.
Hit TAB for clustering options, wait or hit Enter to continue.
```
(For x500FIPS) It updates the Keystore Cache with the HSM cache:

```
Licenseing Hardware ID: 0243MZADE0G4H0P4
Importing log files
Importing cockpit files
Importing snapshot file
Importing system data
Importing user data
Importing ius data
Importing sessions data
Importing the user record database and syncng

About to boot as a stand-alone Junos Pulse Secure Access Service.
Hit TAB for clustering options, wait or hit Enter to continue.....
Starting Core Services

The key store state in cache is different from the one installed on the local FIPS HSM.
We will now update the local key store state.
```

(For x500FIPS) It resets the HSM card and system comes back up. This completes the upgrade to the new code:

```
About to boot as a stand-alone Junos Pulse Secure Access Service.
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Starting Core Services

The key store state in cache is different from the one installed on the local FIPS HSM.
We will now update the local key store state.

Resetting device mca0, this may take a minute.
Please be patient.
Device mca0 reset ok.
Device Administration: https://<DEVICE-IP-ADDR>
System is now ready.
Press Enter to modify system settings...
```

Reboot the system just upgraded by choosing Option 4>1, and perform the join activity using the serial console
5. Join the new node to the cluster

**Note:** The cluster configuration from the surviving node is intact and has the information for the unit that is being replaced. This process will restore that configuration including the licenses (will be restored as Temporary 90-day license until replaced)

**Procedure: Steps in joining a node to an existing cluster via serial console**

During reboot, watch the serial console carefully and as soon as it comes to the clustering options, hit TAB key:

```
Welcome to the Pulse Secure Access Service Serial Console

Current version: 7.1R1.1 (build 17943)
Rollback version: 6.4R1 (build 14063)
Reset version: 6.4R1 (build 14063)
Licensing Hardware ID: 0263M2A8E084H0PY
Serial Number: 026303200920000008

Please choose from among the following options:
1. Network Settings and Tools
2. Create admin username and password
3. Display log/status
4. System Operations
5. Toggle password protection for the console (Off)
6. Create a Super Admin session.
7. System Snapshot
8. Reset allowed encryption strength for SSL
9. FIPS options
```

Starting system software version 7.1R1.1 (build 17943)

Using drivers: igb e1000e

License hardware ID: 0263M2A8E084H0PY

About to boot as a stand-alone Junos Pulse Secure Access Service. Hit TAB for clustering options, wait or hit Enter to continue.

1. Continue as a stand-alone Junos Pulse Secure Access Service
2. Join an existing cluster

**NOTE:** To create a new cluster select 1 to continue as a stand-alone Junos Pulse Secure Access Service and create the cluster from the WEB based Junos Pulse Secure Access Service administrator console

Please select an option:
Select Option “2. Join an existing cluster”, then provide the cluster join information as follows:

Cluster Name and password, Internal port IP of the existing cluster node Internal port, netmask and gateway IPs for this joining node

Please provide the following information:

Cluster name [1]: JTAC
Cluster password:
Internal IP address of an active cluster member [1]: 172.22.150.200
Internal IP address for this host [1]: 172.22.149.101
Netmask for this host [1]: 255.255.255.0
Gateway for this host [1]: 172.22.149.1

This node will next set up its network as:
(172.22.149.101/255.255.255.0/172.22.149.1),
contact the cluster member "172.22.150.200"
and ask to join the cluster.
If this succeeds the node will restart as member of the cluster.

WARNING: This host’s entire state will be overwritten with the current cluster configuration, including bookmarks, IP address, netmask etc.
Please select one of the options:

1. Continue join cluster operation
2. Abort and boot with the previous settings
3. Reenter network and cluster info

Enter 1, 2 or 3:

Select option “1. Continue join cluster operation”

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Hit TAB for standalone options, wait or hit Enter to continue...
Do not hit any key and let system automatically go to next process of synchronizing cache/data:

State synchronization between the 2 nodes of cluster can take a long time or short time depending on the size of the cache, but if it hangs for a long time, you may get this error:

During synchronization, the other node is not going to show anything while state sync is happening.
If State Synchronization stalls or taking too long, try to do Ctl_break and answer “y” to “Would you like to reboot (y/n)?. Do not break or do any manual intervention after reboot.

Using drivers: igb e1000e

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Starting Cluster Services

Last time enabled in cluster was 1024 seconds ago
Host offline for more than 90 secs;
Waiting to give a chance to a host with more recent state to start cluster.
20 seconds left to start cluster. Press c to start now.....

Starting Core Services
Watch the state server synchronization again and it should say OK when completed.

(For x500FIPS) Provide the restore password after joining the cluster as it has to import the keystore and certificates to the new device.

If a wrong password is entered, you will be prompted to try again. After entering proper restore password, it will reset and zeroize the HSM card.
System is now ready and cluster should be up and running.

(For x500FIPS) During a normal keystore and certificate import to device, the next step is to ensure to complete the import by choosing “9. FIPS Option” then Option “1. Complete import of key store and certificates”
If the keystore is up to date, it will say so “The Keystore and Certificates are up to date!”

The key store and server certificates are up to date!

Current version: 7.1R1.1 (build 17943)
Rollback version: 7.0R6 (build 18107)
Reset version: 6.4R1 (build 14063)

Licensing Hardware ID: 0263MPGDE0B1H0PY
Serial Number: 0243032009000005

Please choose from among the following options:
1. Network Settings and Tools
2. Create admin username and password
3. Display log/status
4. System Operations
5. Toggle password protection for the console (Off)
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Choice:

Cluster is now back as normal:

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6. Final Step: Generating and applying proper permanent license/s for this new RMA device.

**Note:** Upon joining the node to the cluster, if the unit just joined is the same system with same hardware ID, it will restore licenses as permanent, but if it is a new RMA unit, then it has a different hardware licensing ID, so license will only be restored as temporary 90-day license highlighted in RED as temporary license status.

If license is not found or unable to generate from LMS support site, please contact customer care support to generate the licenses for you.

To generate replacement licenses for the RMA device, you must login to support site and follow the instructions.

Go online to: https://www.pulsesecure.net/licensing
Click on: “Generate Replacement Licenses for RMA devices” and select product

**SELECT YOUR PRODUCT FROM THE LIST BELOW**

- Data Center Acceleration Products (formerly Redline E1X and T1X)
- DX-series Product
- FirewallMPSec VPN
- Identity and Policy Control (IPC) SRC
- J-Series Integrated Service Module (ISM) & SRX-Series
- Pulse SDK and MobileNext Gateway Applications - Pulse Devices
- Pulse Space
- Media Flow Solutions - VXA Device
- Network & Security Manager
- Route & Traffic Insight Manager (RIM & TIM)
- Secure Access & Infranet Controller (SA & IC Series)
- Security Threat Response Manager (GTIRM)
- Application Acceleration Products
- QFX Series Product
- WLC Series

Select: **“Secure Access & Infranet Controller (SA & IC Series)”**

**GENERATE LICENSES FOR RMA DEVICES - SECURE ACCESS & INFRANET CONTROLLER (SA & IC SERIES)**

To transfer your product license features from the RMA defective unit to the replacement unit, please enter the RMA Number, Defective Device Serial Number and the replacement device licensing Hardware ID in the fields below. All fields are required items.

If you have any problems or questions with your license transfer, please contact Pulse Secure Global Support Center.

* Indicates required items

**Step 1: Enter the RMA Details**

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Enter all necessary information from the RMA paperworks and click on “GENERATE”

Apply this license/s to the RMA replacement unit without removing the RED marked temporary license. It will install and replace that temporary license with this permanent license.

IT IS RECOMMENDED TO COMPLETE THIS STEP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE LICENSE WILL ONLY WORK FOR 90 DAYS AND IF FORGOTTEN, ACCESS WILL BE LOST AND WILL CAUSE DOWNTIME.

This completes the cluster join and RMA process. Check access to each box if A/A, and also check VIP failover if A/P cluster. Also check all the hosts, routes, virtual ports, NC pools and VLANs are in place, if applicable.