Third-Party Applications

About Third-Party Applications

The RPMs for the Third-Party Applications are available in the repository at https://devhub.cisco.com/artifactory/open-nxos/7.0-3-I2-1/x86_64/https://devhub.cisco.com/artifactory/open-nxos/9.2.1/. These applications are installed in the native host by using the **dnf** command in the Bash shell or through the NX-OS CLI.

When you enter the **dnf install** *rpm* command, a Cisco **DNF** plug-in gets executed. This plug-in copies the RPM to a hidden location. On switch reload, the system reinstalls the RPM.

For configurations in /etc, a Linux process, **incrond**, monitors artifacts that are created in the directory and copies them to a hidden location, which gets copied back to /etc.

Guidelines and Limitations

RPMs for the third-party applications have the following guidelines and limitations:

- Starting with Cisco NX-OS Release 9.2(1), the Cisco repository where agents are stored is now located at https://devhub.cisco.com/artifactory/open-nxos/9.2.1/. All RPMs hosted in this repository are signed with the release key.

- The NX-OS 10.1(1) release has a new operating system and rootfs, based on NX-Linux(Cisco's proprietary Linux distribution), so third-party RPMs that were built using WRL5/WRL8 might not be compatible with NX-Linux, so the third-party software might not work. In this case, remove old versions of your apps used with previous releases and replace them with new software that is compatible with NX-Linux, which is available in the repository at https://devhub.cisco.com/artifactory/open-nxos/10.1.1/.

- Guidelines and instructions for installing signed RPMs are provided in the *Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS Software Upgrade and Downgrade Guide, Release 9.2(x)*, including DNF and VSH CLI options for managing RPMs, signed and nonsigned RPM installations, the clean-up of repositories, and so on.

- The third-party applications are started during switch startup. It is possible that a third-party application could be started before its communication interface is up, or before the routing between the switch and any communication peer or server is established. Therefore, all third-party applications should be written to be robust in case of communication failure, and the application should retry establishing the connection. If an application is not resilient in the presence of a communication failure, a "wrapper" application might be required to establish that any communication peer is reachable before starting the desired application, or restart the desired application if necessary.

- Beginning with Cisco NX-OS Release 10.2(3)F, Python2 and dependent RPMs are removed from NX-OS. However, you can install Python2 and dependent RPMs from devhub site as package group packagegroup-nxos-64-python-2-deprecated-rpms.

Installing Python2 and Dependent Packages

The following is the complete workflow of package installation:

```
switch# cat /etc/dnf/repos.d/open-nxos.repo
[open-nxos]
name=open-nxos
baseurl=https://devhub.cisco.com/artifactory/open-nxos/10.2.3/
enabled=1
gpgcheck=0
sslverify=0

dnf info packagegroup-nxos-64-python-2-deprecated-rpms
dnf install packagegroup-nxos-64-python-2-deprecated-rpms
The output of these cmds will be available post KR3F CCO.
```

Installing Third-Party Native RPMs/Packages

The complete workflow of package installation is as follows:

Procedure

Configure the repository on the switch to point to the Cisco repository where agents are stored.

```
bash-4.2# cat /etc/dnf/repos.d/open-nxos.repo
[open-nxos]
name=open-nxos
baseurl=https://devhub.cisco.com/artifactory/open-nxos/7.0-3-I2-1/x86_64/
baseurl=https://devhub.cisco.com/artifactory/open-nxos/9.2.1/
baseurl=https://devhub.cisco.com/artifactory/open-nxos/10.1.1/
enabled=1
gpgcheck=0
sslverify=0
```

Instructions for using the CLIs to import the digital signature are available in the section "Using Install CLIs for Digital Signature Support" in the *Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS Software Upgrade and Downgrade Guide, Release 9.2(x)*.

An example of installation of an RPM using *dnf*, with full install log.

Example:

```
bash-4.2# dnf install splunkforwarder
Loaded plugins: downloadonly, importpubkey, localrpmDB, patchaction, patching, protect-packages
Setting up Install Process
Resolving Dependencies
--> Running transaction check
---> Package splunkforwarder.x86_64 0:6.2.3-264376 will be installed
--> Finished Dependency Resolution

Dependencies Resolved

================================================================================================
 Package              Arch              Version              Repository              Size
================================================================================================
Installing:
splunkforwarder       x86_64            6.2.3-264376         open-nxos               13 M

Transaction Summary
================================================================================================
Install      1 Package

Total size: 13 M
Installed size: 34 M
Is this ok [y/N]: y
Downloading Packages:
Running Transaction Check
Running Transaction Test
Transaction Test Succeeded
Running Transaction
  Installing : splunkforwarder-6.2.3-264376.x86_64
                                                                         1/1

complete

Installed:
  splunkforwarder.x86_64 0:6.2.3-264376


Complete!
bash-4.2#
```

An example of querying the switch for successful installation of the package, and verifying that its processes or services are up and running.

Example:

```
bash-4.2# dnf info splunkforwarder
Loaded plugins: downloadonly, importpubkey, localrpmDB, patchaction, patching, protect-packages
Fretta             | 951 B     00:00 ...
groups-repo        | 1.1 kB    00:00 ...
localdb            | 951 B     00:00 ...
patching           | 951 B     00:00 ...
thirdparty         | 951 B     00:00 ...
Installed Packages
Name        : splunkforwarder
Arch        : x86_64
Version     : 6.2.3
Release     : 264376
Size        : 34 M
Repo        : installed
From repo   : open-nxos
```

```
Summary     : SplunkForwarder
License     : Commercial
Description : The platform for machine data.
```

Installing Signed RPM

Checking a Signed RPM

Run the following command to check if a given RPM is signed or not.

Run, **rpm -K** *rpm_file_name*

Not a Signed RPM

```
bash-4.2# rpm -K bgp-1.0.0-r0.lib32_n9000.rpm

bgp-1.0.0-r0.lib32_n9000.rpm: (sha1) dsa sha1 md5 OK
```

Signed RPM

```
bash-4.2#
rpm -K puppet-enterprise-3.7.1.rc2.6.g6cdc186-1.pe.nxos.x86_64.rpm

puppet-enterprise-3.7.1.rc2.6.g6cdc186-1.pe.nxos.x86_64.rpm: RSA sha1 MD5 NOT_OK

bash-4.2#
```

Signed third-party RPM requires public GPG key to be imported first before the package can be installed otherwise **yum** throws the following error:

```
bash-4.2#
yum install puppet-enterprise-3.7.1.rc2.6.g6cdc186-1.pe.nxos.x86_64.rpm -q

Setting up Install Process

warning: rpmts_HdrFromFdno: Header V4 RSA/SHA1 signature: NOKEY, key ID 4bd6ec30

Cannot open: puppet-enterprise-3.7.1.rc2.6.g6cdc186-1.pe.nxos.x86_64.rpm. Skipping.

Error: Nothing to do
```

Installing Signed RPMs by Manually Importing Key

- Copy the GPG keys to `/etc rootfs` so that they are persisted across reboots.

  ```
  bash-4.2# mkdir -p /etc/pki/rpm-gpg

  bash-4.2# cp -f RPM-GPG-KEY-puppetlabs /etc/pki/rpm-gpg/
  ```

- Import the keys using the following command.

  ```
  bash-4.2# rpm --import /etc/pki/rpm-gpg/RPM-GPG-KEY-puppetlabs
  ```

```
bash-4.2#

bash-4.2# rpm -q gpg-pubkey

gpg-pubkey-4bd6ec30-4c37bb40

bash-4.2# rpm --import /etc/pki/rpm-gpg/RPM-GPG-KEY-puppetlabs

bash-4.2#

bash-4.2# rpm -q gpg-pubkey

gpg-pubkey-4bd6ec30-4c37bb40
```

• Install the signed RPM with *yum* command

```
bash-4.2#
yum install puppet-enterprise-3.7.1.rc2.6.g6cdc186-1.pe.nxos.x86_64.rpm

Loaded plugins: downloadonly, importpubkey, localrpmDB, patchaction, patching,
protect-packages

groups-repo       | 1.1 kB     00:00 ...

         .
localdb           |  951 B     00:00 ...


patching          |  951 B     00:00 ...


thirdparty        |  951 B     00:00 ...


Setting up Install Process

Examining puppet-enterprise-3.7.1.rc2.6.g6cdc186-1.pe.nxos.x86_64.rpm:
puppet-enterprise-3.7.1.rc2.6.g6cdc186-1.pe.nxos.x86_64

Marking puppet-enterprise-3.7.1.rc2.6.g6cdc186-1.pe.nxos.x86_64.rpm to be installed

Resolving Dependencies

--> Running transaction check

---> Package puppet-enterprise.x86_64 0:3.7.1.rc2.6.g6cdc186-1.pe.nxos will be installed


--> Finished Dependency ResolutionDependencies Resolved

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 Package          Arch     Version                         Repository
Size

================================================================================================


Installing:

puppet-enterprise  x86_64   3.7.1.rc2.6.g6cdc186-1.pe.nxos   /puppet-enterprise-
46 M

                                                             3.7.1.rc2.6.g6cdc186-1.
```

```
                                                              pe.nxos.x86_64

        Transaction Summary

        ================================================================================

        Install       1 Package

        Total size: 46 M

        Installed size: 46 M

        Is this ok [y/N]: y

        Downloading Packages:

        Running Transaction Check

        Running Transaction Test

        Transaction Test Succeeded

        Running Transaction

          Installing : puppet-enterprise-3.7.1.rc2.6.g6cdc186-1.pe.nxos.x86_64
                                                                                      1/1

        Installed:

          puppet-enterprise.x86_64 0:3.7.1.rc2.6.g6cdc186-1.pe.nxos


        Complete!

        bash-4.2#
```

Installing Signed Third-Party RPMs by Importing Keys Automatically

Set up the yum repo to point to the keys and RPM.

```
root@switch# cat /etc/yum/repos.d/puppet.repo

[puppet]

name=Puppet RPM

baseurl=file:///bootflash/puppet

enabled=1

gpgcheck=1

gpgkey=http://yum.puppetlabs.com/RPM-GPG-KEY-puppetlabs

metadata_expire=0

cost=500
```

```
bash-4.2# yum install puppet-enterprise

Loaded plugins: downloadonly, importpubkey, localrpmDB, patchaction, patching,
protect-packages

groups-repo                         | 1.1 kB     00:00 ...

localdb                             |  951 B     00:00 ...

patching                            |  951 B     00:00 ...

puppet                              |  951 B     00:00 ...

thirdparty                          |  951 B     00:00 ...

Setting up Install Process

Resolving Dependencies

--> Running transaction check

---> Package puppet-enterprise.x86_64 0:3.7.1.rc2.6.g6cdc186-1.pe.nxos will be installed

--> Finished Dependency Resolution

Dependencies Resolved

================================================================================================

 Package            Arch     Version                            Repository     Size

================================================================================================

Installing:

puppet-enterprise     x86_64     3.7.1.rc2.6.g6cdc186-1.pe.nxos     puppet          14 M

Transaction Summary

================================================================================================

Install     1 Package

Total download size: 14 M

Installed size: 46 M

Is this ok [y/N]: y

Retrieving key from file:///bootflash/RPM-GPG-KEY-puppetlabs

Importing GPG key 0x4BD6EC30:

 Userid: "Puppet Labs Release Key (Puppet Labs Release Key) <info@puppetlabs.com>"

 From  : /bootflash/RPM-GPG-KEY-puppetlabs

Is this ok [y/N]: y

Downloading Packages:
```

```
Running Transaction Check

Running Transaction Test

Transaction Test Succeeded

Running Transaction

Warning! Standby is not ready. This can cause RPM database inconsistency.

If you are certain that standby is not booting up right now, you may proceed.

Do you wish to continue?

Is this ok [y/N]: y

Warning: RPMDB altered outside of yum.

Installing : puppet-enterprise-3.7.1.rc2.6.g6cdc186-1.pe.nxos.x86_64
                                                                            1/1

/sbin/ldconfig: /usr/lib/libboost_regex.so.1.49.0 is not a symbolic link

Installed:

puppet-enterprise.x86_64 0:3.7.1.rc2.6.g6cdc186-1.pe.nxos

Complete!
```

Adding Signed RPM into Repo

Procedure

Step 1   **Copy signed RPM to the repo directory**

Step 2   **Import the corresponding key for the create repo to succeed.**

```
bash-4.2# ls
puppet-enterprise-3.7.1.rc2.6.g6cdc186-1.pe.nxos.x86_64.rpm  RPM-GPG-KEY-puppetlabs
bash-4.2#
bash-4.2# rpm --import RPM-GPG-KEY-puppetlabs
bash-4.2# createrepo .
1/1 - puppet-enterprise-3.7.1.rc2.6.g6cdc186-1.pe.nxos.x86_64.rpm
Saving Primary metadata
Saving file lists metadata
Saving other metadata
bash-4.2#
```

Without importing keys

```
bash-4.2# ls
puppet-enterprise-3.7.1.rc2.6.g6cdc186-1.pe.nxos.x86_64.rpm  RPM-GPG-KEY-puppetlabs
bash-4.2#
bash-4.2# createrepo .
warning: rpmts_HdrFromFdno: Header V4 RSA/SHA1 signature: NOKEY, key ID 4bd6ec30

Error opening package - puppet-enterprise-3.7.1.rc2.6.g6cdc186-1.pe.nxos.x86_64.rpm

Saving Primary metadata
```

```
    Saving file lists metadata
    Saving other metadata
```

Step 3   **Create repo config file under `/etc/yum/repos.d` pointing to this repo.**

```
bash-4.2# cat /etc/yum/repos.d/puppet.repo
[puppet]
name=Puppet RPM
baseurl=file:///bootflash/puppet
enabled=1
gpgcheck=1
gpgkey=file:///bootflash/puppet/RPM-GPG-KEY-puppetlabs
#gpgkey=http://yum.puppetlabs.com/RPM-GPG-KEY-puppetlabs
metadata_expire=0
cost=500

bash-4.2# yum list available puppet-enterprise -q
Available Packages
puppet-enterprise.x86_64        3.7.1.rc2.6.g6cdc186-1.pe.nxos
            puppet
bash-4.2#
```

Persistent Third-Party RPMs

The following is the logic behind persistent third-party RPMs:

- A local **dnf** repository is dedicated to persistent third-party RPMs. The `/etc/yum/repos.d/thirdparty.repo` points to `/bootflash/.rpmstore/thirdparty`.

- Whenever you enter the **dnf install third-party.rpm** command, a copy of the RPM is saved in `//bootflash/.rpmstore/thirdparty`.

- During a reboot, all the RPMs in the third-party repository are reinstalled on the switch.

- Any change in the `/etc` configuration files persists under `/bootflash/.rpmstore/config/etc` and they are replayed during boot on `/etc`.

- Any script that is created in the `/etc` directory persists across reloads. For example, a third-party service script that is created under `/etc/init.d/` brings up the apps during a reload.

Note   The rules in iptables are not persistent across reboots when they are modified in a bash-shell.

To make the modified iptables persistent, see Making an Iptable Persistent Across Reloads.

Installing RPM from VSH

Package Addition

NX-OS feature RPMs can also be installed by using the VSH CLIs.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **show install package**
2. **install add ?**
3. **install add** *rpm-packagename*

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**show install package**	Displays the packages and versions that already exist.
Step 2	**install add ?**	Determine supported URIs.
Step 3	**install add** *rpm-packagename*	The **install add** command copies the package file to a local storage device or network server.

Example

The following example shows how to activate the Chef RPM:

```
switch# show install package
switch# install add ?
WORD        Package name
bootflash:  Enter package uri
ftp:        Enter package uri
http:       Enter package uri
modflash:   Enter package uri
scp:        Enter package uri
sftp:       Enter package uri
tftp:       Enter package uri
usb1:       Enter package uri
usb2:       Enter package uri
volatile:   Enter package uri
switch# install add
bootflash:chef-12.0.0alpha.2+20150319234423.git.1608.b6eb10f-1.el5.x86_64.rpm
[####################] 100%
Install operation 314 completed successfully at Thu Aug  6 12:58:22 2015
```

What to do next

When you are ready to activate the package, go to .

Note Adding and activating an RPM package can be accomplished in a single command:

```
switch#
install add bootflash:chef-12.0.0alpha.2+20150319234423.git.1608.b6eb10f-1.el5.x86_64.rpm
activate
```

Package Activation

Before you begin

The RPM has to have been previously added.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **show install inactive**
2. **install activate** *rpm-packagename*

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**show install inactive**	Displays the list of packages that were added and not activated.
Step 2	**install activate** *rpm-packagename*	Activates the package.

Example

The following example shows how to activate a package:

```
switch# show install inactive
Boot image:
        NXOS Image: bootflash:///yumcli6.bin

Inactive Packages:
        sysinfo-1.0.0-7.0.3.x86_64
Loaded plugins: downloadonly, importpubkey, localrpmDB, patchaction, patching,
              : protect-packages
Available Packages
chef.x86_64       12.0.0alpha.2+20150319234423.git.1608.b6eb10f-1.el5 thirdparty
eigrp.lib32_n9000 1.0.0-r0                                    groups-rep
o
sysinfo.x86_64    1.0.0-7.0.3                                 patching
switch# install activate chef-12.0-1.el5.x86_64.rpm
[####################] 100%
Install operation completed successfully at Thu Aug  6 12:46:53 2015
```

Deactivating Packages

SUMMARY STEPS

> **1.** **install deactivate** *package-name*

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**install deactivate** *package-name*	Deactivates the RPM package.

Example

The following example shows how to deactivate the Chef RPM package:

```
switch# install deactivate chef
```

Removing Packages

Before you begin

Deactivate the package before removing it. Only deactivated RPM packages can be removed.

SUMMARY STEPS

> **1.** **install remove** *package-name*

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**install remove** *package-name*	Removes the RPM package.

Example

The following example shows how to remove the Chef RPM package:

```
switch# install remove chef-12.0-1.el5.x86_64.rpm
```

Displaying Installed Packages

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **show install packages**

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**show install packages**	Displays a list of the installed packages.

Example

The following example shows how to display a list of the installed packages:

```
switch# show install packages
```

Displaying Detail Logs

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **show tech-support install**

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**show tech-support install**	Displays the detail logs.

Example

The following example shows how to display the detail logs:

```
switch# show tech-support install
```

Upgrading a Package

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **install add** *package-name* **activate upgrade**

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	**Purpose**
Step 1	install add *package-name* activate upgrade	Upgrade a package.

Example

The following example shows how to upgrade a package:

```
switch# install add bootflash:bgp-1.0.1-r0.lib32_n9000.rpm activate ?
downgrade   Downgrade package
forced      Non-interactive
upgrade     Upgrade package
switch# install add bootflash:bgp-1.0.1-r0.lib32_n9000.rpm activate upgrade
[###################] 100%
Install operation completed successfully at Thu Aug  6 12:46:53 2015
```

Downgrading a Package

SUMMARY STEPS

1. install add *package-name* activate downgrade

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	**Purpose**
Step 1	install add *package-name* activate downgrade	Downgrade a package.

Example

The following example shows how to downgrade a package:

```
switch# install add bootflash:bgp-1.0.1-r0.lib32_n9000.rpm activate ?
downgrade   Downgrade package
forced      Non-interactive
upgrade     Upgrade package
switch# install add bootflash:bgp-1.0.1-r0.lib32_n9000.rpm activate downgrade
[###################] 100%
Install operation completed successfully at Thu Aug  6 12:46:53 2015
```

Third-Party Applications

NX-OS

For more information about the Cisco NX-OS repository for other third-party applications, see https://devhub.cisco.com/artifactory/open-nxos/7.0-3-I2-1/x86_64/

For more information about NX-API REST API object model specifications, see https://developer.cisco.com/media/dme/index.html

DevOps Configuration Management Tools

For DevOps configuration management tools, refer to the following links:

- Ansible 2.0 Release(Nexus Support), Ansible Release Index
- Ansible NX-OS Sample Modules, Ansible NX-OS Sample Modules
- Puppet, Puppet Forge Cisco Puppet
- Cisco Puppet Module(Git), Cisco Network Puppet Module
- Chef, Chef Supermarket Cisco Cookbook
- Cisco Chef Cookbook(Git), Cisco Network Chef Cookbook

V9K

To download a virtual Nexus 9000 switch, for an ESX5.1/5.5, VirtualBox, Fusion, and KVM, go to https://software.cisco.com/portal/pub/download/portal/select.html?&mdfid=286312239&flowid=81422&softwareid=282088129.

Automation Tool Educational Content

For a free book on Open NX-OS architecture and automation, see http://www.cisco.com/c/dam/en/us/td/docs/switches/datacenter/nexus9000/sw/open_nxos/programmability/guide/Programmability_Open_NX-OS.pdf

collectd

collectd is a daemon that periodically collects system performance statistics and provides multiple means to store the values, such as RRD files. Those statistics can then be used to find current performance bottlenecks (for example, performance analysis) and predict future system load (that is, capacity planning).

For additional information, see https://collectd.org.

Ganglia

Ganglia is a scalable distributed monitoring system for high-performance computing systems such as clusters and grids. It is based on a hierarchical design that is targeted at federations of clusters. It leverages widely used technologies such as XML for data representation, XDR for compact, portable data transport, and RRDtool for data storage and visualization. It uses engineered data structures and algorithms to achieve low per-node overheads and high concurrency. The implementation is robust, has been ported to an extensive set of operating systems and processor architectures, and is currently in use on thousands of clusters around the world. It has been used to link clusters across university campuses and around the world and can scale to handle clusters with 2000 nodes.

For additional information, see http://ganglia.info.

Iperf

Iperf was developed by NLANR/DAST to measure maximum TCP and UDP bandwidth performance. Iperf allows the tuning of various parameters and UDP characteristics. Iperf reports bandwidth, delay jitter, datagram loss.

For additional information, see http://sourceforge.net/projects/iperf/ or http://iperf.sourceforge.net.

LLDP

The link layer discover protocol (LLDP) is an industry standard protocol that is designed to supplant proprietary link layer protocols such as EDP or CDP. The goal of LLDP is to provide an intervendor compatible mechanism to deliver link layer notifications to adjacent network devices.

For more information, see https://vincentbernat.github.io/lldpd/index.html.

Nagios

Nagios is open source software that monitors the following through the Nagios remote plug-in executor (NRPE) and through SSH or SSL tunnels:

- Network services through ICMP, SNMP, SSH, FTP, HTTP, and so on

- Host resources, such as CPU load, disk usage, system logs, and so on

- Alert services for servers, switches, applications

- Services

For more information, see https://www.nagios.org/.

OpenSSH

OpenSSH is an open-source version of the SSH connectivity tools that encrypts all traffic (including passwords) to eliminate eavesdropping, connection hijacking, and other attacks. OpenSSH provides secure tunneling capabilities and several authentication methods, and supports all SSH protocol versions.

For more information, see http://www.openssh.com.

Quagga

Quagga is a network routing software suite that implements various routing protocols. Quagga daemons are configured through a network accessible CLI called a "vty."

Note   Only Quagga BGP has been validated.

For more information, see http://www.nongnu.org/quagga/.

Splunk

Splunk is a web-based data collection, analysis, and monitoring tool that has search, visualization, and prepackaged content for use-cases. The raw data is sent to the Splunk server using the Splunk Universal Forwarder. Universal Forwarders provide reliable, secure data collection from remote sources and forward that data into the Splunk Enterprise for indexing and consolidation. They can scale to tens of thousands of remote systems, collecting terabytes of data with a minimal impact on performance.

For additional information, see http://www.splunk.com/en_us/download/universal-forwarder.html.

tcollector

tcollector is a client-side process that gathers data from local collectors and pushes the data to Open Time Series Database (OpenTSDB).

tcollector has the following features:

- Runs data collectors and collates the data.

- Manages connections to the time series database (TSD).

- Eliminates the need to embed TSD code in collectors.

- Deduplicates repeated values.

- Handles wire protocol work.

For additional information, see http://opentsdb.net/docs/build/html/user_guide/utilities/tcollector.html.

tcpdump

tcpdump is a CLI application that prints a description of the contents of packets on a network interface that match a Boolean expression. The description is preceded by a timestamp, printed, by default, as hours, minutes, seconds, and fractions of a second since midnight.

tcpdump can be run with the following flags:

- -w, which causes it to save the packet data to a file for later analysis.

- -r, which causes it to read from a saved packet file rather than to read packets from a network interface.

- -V, which causes it to read a list of saved packet files.

In all cases, tcpdump processes only the packets that match the expression.

For more information, see http://www.tcpdump.org/manpages/tcpdump.1.html.

TShark

TShark is a network protocol analyzer on the CLI. Tshar lets you capture packet data from a live network, or read packets from a previously saved capture file. You can print either a decoded form of those packets to the standard output or write the packets to a file. TShark's native capture file format is pcap, the format that is used by **tcpdump** and various other tools also. TShark can be used within the Guest Shell after removing the cap_net_admin file capability.

```
setcap
 cap_net_raw=ep /sbin/dumpcap
```

> **Note** This command must be run within the Guest Shell.

For more information, see https://www.wireshark.org/docs/man-pages/tshark.html.