

Provision Network Devices using Zero Touch Provisioning

Manually deploying network devices in a large-scale environment requires skilled workers and is time consuming.

With Zero Touch Provisioning (ZTP), you can seamlessly provision thousands of network devices accurately within minutes and without any manual intervention. This can be easily defined using a configuration file or script using shell or phyton.

Table 1: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Feature Description
Zero Touch Provisioning	Release 7.3.1	With this release, you can use a removable storage device, (such as a USB drive) containing the raw boot image file thereby enabling the removable storage device to be a self-sufficient bootstrapping solution.

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Learn about Zero Touch Provisioning

ZTP allows you to provision the network device with day 0 configurations and supports both management ports and data ports.

Note Currently, ZTP only supports single name-server. When the DHCP server has more than one server address configured, ZTP fails to apply the server configuration.

ZTP provides multiple options, such as:

- Automatically apply specific configuration in a large-scale environment.
- Download and install specific IOS XR image.
- Install specific application package or third party applications automatically.
- Deploy containers without manual intervention.
- Upgrade or downgrade software versions effortlessly on thousands of network devices at a time

Benefits of Using ZTP

ZTP helps you manage large-scale service providers infrastructures effortlessly. Following are the added benefits of using ZTP:

- ZTP helps you to remotely provision a router anywhere in the network. Thus eliminates the need to send an expert to deploy network devices and reduces IT cost.
- Automated provisioning using ZTP can remove delay and increase accuracy and thus is cost-effective and provides better customer experience.

  By automating repeated tasks, ZTP allows network administrators to concentrate on more important stuff.
- ZTP process helps you to quickly restore service. Rather than troubleshooting an issue by hand, you can reset a system to well-known working status.

Use Cases

The following are some of the useful use cases for ZTP:

- Using ZTP to install Chef
- Using ZTP to integrate IOS-XR with NSO
- Using ZTP to install Puppet

You can initiate ZTP in one of the following ways:

- **Fresh Boot**: Use this method for devices that has no pre-loaded configuration. See Getting Started with ZTP on a Fresh Boot of a Router. See Zero Touch Provisioning on a Fresh Boot of a Router, on page 3
- **Manual Invocation:** Use this method when you want to forcefully initiate ZTP on a fully configured device. See Invoke ZTP Manually, on page 18.

Zero Touch Provisioning on a Fresh Boot of a Router

When you boot the device, the ZTP process initiates automatically if the device does not have a prior configuration.

During the process, the router verifies the list of sources and receives the information of the configuration file accordingly. The following are the sources that can provide the configuration file information.

- Removable storage: A directly attached removable storage device, for example, USB flash drive.
- DHCP server

Fresh Boot Using Removable Storage Device

You can automatically provision a network device using ZTP from a removable storage device such as a USB flash drive. The following are the configuration types available in a removable storage device:

- Device-specific configuration: The device-specific configuration is available in the folder that has a name matching the chassis serial number of the device. The sample path for the device-specific configuration is `/USB-path/xr-config/serial-number/router-cfg`. For example, `/USB-path/xr-config/FOC2102R1D0/router-cfg` `FOC2102R1D0` is the chassis serial number.
- Generic configuration: The generic configuration is available in the `xr-config` folder. The sample path for the generic configuration is./`USB-path/xr-config/router-cfg`

Here is the high-level work flow of the ZTP process using a USB flash drive:

1. When you boot the device, the device verifies if the USB is enabled in the `ztp.ini` file. By default, the USB fetcher is enabled and assigned the highest priority.

   Fetcher defines which port ZTP should use to get the provisioning details. By default, each port has a fetcher priority defined in the *ztp.ini* file.

2. ZTP checks for a USB flash drive on the device If the USB drive isn't available, the ZTP process moves to the next fetcher as defined in the fetcher priority of the `ZTP.ini` file.

3. If a USB flash drive is available, ZTP looks for the provisioning files in the following order:

   a. `<usb-root>/xr-config/<chassis-serial>/ztp_actions.json`

   b. `<usb-root>/xr-config/ztp_actions.json`

   c. `<usb-root>/xr-config/<chassis-serial>/router-cfg`

   d. `<usb-root>/xr-config/router-cfg`

4. If a USB flash drive is available, the device scans for the `xr-config` file in the root of the USB mount in the following sequence:

   a. The ZTP process first scans for the `router-cfg` file in the folder that is matching the chassis serial number of the device within the `xr-config` folder and applies the device-specific configuration.

      For example, `/USB-path/xr-config/FOC2102R1D0/router-cfg`

b. If the device-specific configuration with a serial number isn't available, the ZTP process scans for the `router-cfg` file in the `xr-config` folder and applies a generic configuration.

c. If the `xr-config` folder isn't available, the ZTP process moves to the next fetcher as defined in the fetcher priority of the `ZTP.ini` file.

5. If a `ztp_actions.json` file is found, ZTP uses only the configuration path specified inside that JSON file.

   Sample generic configuration:

```
"global": {
    "actions": {
      "config": "xr-config/common/router-cfg"
    }
       }
```

6. For device-specific configuration, ZTP looks for the `router-cfg` file inside the folder matching the device's chassis serial number within the `xr-config` folder and applies this device-specific configuration. For example, `/USB-path/xr-config/FOC2102R1D0/router-cfg`.

   Device-specific configuration:

```
"FOC2102R1D0": {
    "actions": {
      "image-install": {
        "boot-image": {
          "os-version": "7.9.1",
          "path": "xr-config/FOC2102R1D0/8000-x64-7.9.1.iso"
        }
      }
    }
  }
```

   For information about the JSON keys used above, see JSON keys and options in ztp_actions file.

7. If the device-specific configuration is not found, ZTP looks for the generic `router-cfg` file directly inside the `xr-config` folder and applies this generic configuration.

8. If the config path inside `ztp_actions.json` is missing or the file is absent, ZTP retries and does not fall back to `router-cfg`.

9. The device applies the configuration.

10. The network device is now up and running.

JSON keys and options in ztp_actions.json file

The supported JSON keys and options in `ztp_actions.json` include:

- Top-level keys:
  - `global`: Generic or default action block used when no device-specific block matches.
  - `<chassis-serial>`: Device-specific action block keyed by chassis serial number (e.g., `FOC2102R1D0`), which takes priority over `global`.
  - `actions`: Container for actual ZTP actions.
- Action keys under `actions`:

- `config`: String path to the XR config file to apply. Required for normal config provisioning. If absent, ZTP retries.
- `image-install`: Requests image upgrade/install before config apply.
  - `boot-image` sub-container includes:
    - `os-version`: Requested image version string.
    - `path`: Path to ISO/GISO image on USB.
- `enable-secure-mode`: Boolean (`true` or `false`). When `true`, ZTP enables secure mode and restarts ZTP to continue in Secure ZTP flow. Image or config actions in the same file are ignored. If unsupported, ZTP moves to the next fetcher. If enabling secure mode fails, ZTP exits to avoid undefined state. Default is `false` if absent.

Configure ZTP using USB

Follow these steps to configure ZTP using a USB flash drive:

1. Create the configuration file. See Build your configuration file, on page 7.



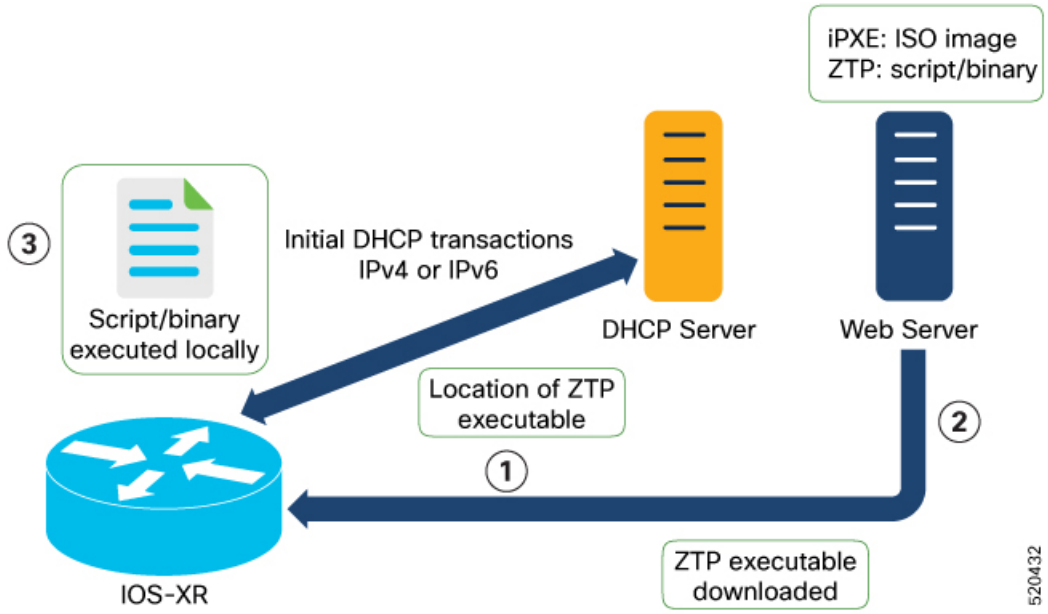
Note When you use a USB flash drive as a source for ZTP, you can't use the script file for provisioning. The script file isn't supported for USB fetcher.

2. Copy the bootstrapping data to the USB flash drive and mount it on the device.

Fresh Boot Using DHCP

When you boot the device, the ZTP process initiates automatically if the device does not have a prior configuration. During the process, the router receives the details of the configuration file from the DHCP server.

This image depicts the high-level work flow of the ZTP process:



The ZTP process initiates when you boot the network-device with an IOS-XR image. The process starts only on the device that doesn't have a prior configuration.

Here is the high-level work flow of the ZTP process for the Fresh boot:

1. ZTP sends DHCP request to fetch the ZTP configuration file or user script. To help the Bootstrap server uniquely identify the device, ZTP sends below DHCP option
   - DHCP(v4/v6) client-id=Serial Number
   - DHCPv4 option 124: Vendor, Platform, Serial-Number
   - DHCPv6 option 16: Vendor, Platform, Serial-Number

   The following is the default sequential flow of the ZTP process:
   - ZTP sends IPv4 DHCP request first on all the management port. In case there is a failure, then ZTP sends IPv6 DHCP request on all the management port.
   - ZTP sends IPv4 DHCP request first on all the data port. In case there is a failure, then ZTP sends IPv6 DHCP request on all the data port.

     The default sequential flow is defined in configuration file and you can modify the sequence using the configuration file.

2. DHCP server identifies the device and responds with DHCP response using one of the following options:

   DHCP server should be configured to respond with the DHCP options.
   - DHCPv4 using BOOTP filename to supply script/config location.
   - DHCPv4 using Option 67 (bootfile-name) to supply script/config location.
   - DHCPv6 using Option 59 (OPT_BOOTFILE_URL) to supply script/config location

3. The network device downloads the file from the web server using the URI location that is provided in the DHCP response.
4. The device receives a configuration file or script file from the HTTP server.

Note
- If the downloaded file content starts with !! IOS XR it is considered as a configuration file.
- If the downloaded file content starts with #! /bin/bash, #! /bin/sh, or #! /usr/bin/python, it is considered as a script file.

5. The device applies the configuration file or executes the script or binary in the default bash shell.
6. The Network device is now up and running.

Build your configuration file

Based on the business need, you can use a configuration or script file to initiate the ZTP process.

Note When you use a USB flash drive as a source for ZTP, you cannot use the script file for provisioning. The script file is not supported in the USB fetcher. Fetcher defines which port the ZTP process should use to get the provisioning details as defined in the `ztp.ini` file.

The configuration file content starts with *!! IOS XR* and the script file content starts with *#! /bin/bash, #! /bin/sh, #! /usr/bin/python*.

Once you create the configuration file, apply it to the device using the *ztp_helper* function *xrapply*.

The following is the sample configuration file:

```
!! IOS XR
username root
group root-lr
password 0 lablab
!

hostname ios
alias exec al show alarms brief system active

interface HundredGigE 0/0/0/24
ipv4 address 10.10.10.55 255.255.255.0
no shutdown
!
```

Create User Script

This script or binary is executed in the IOS-XR Bash shell and can be used to interact with IOS-XR CLI to configure, verify the configured state and even run exec commands based on the workflow that the operator chooses.

Build your ZTP script with either shell and python.

Note ZTP does not have its own Python implementation. Instead, ZTP uses the default Python version and libraries available on the device. Python versions and supported libraries vary across Cisco IOS XR software versions and platforms (PID). Make sure that your script works correctly on the specific platform (PID) and required image version before using it in ZTP.

ZTP includes a set of CLI commands and a set of shell utilities that can be used within the user script.

Note We recommend that you do not execute the APIs on a router that is already provisioned. ZTP Utility APIs are designed to be executed from the ZTP script when you boot the router for the first time. The APIs perform additional operations to run the requested actions during the boot process and bring changes in the existing configuration before executing any action.

ZTP utility APIs have prerequisites that are executed in the ZTP workflow before running the ZTP utility APIs. These prerequisites help with running specific actions during the boot process and in making necessary configuration changes.

We recommend that you do not use ZTP utilities outside the scope of ZTP script. The APIs in this script use username as `ztp` or `ztp-user` in every action. The ZTP utility executed outside the scope of the ZTP script may fail as it is not executed from the ZTP workflow. This may modify the configurations on the device and affect other related operations. If the ZTP utility is executed outside the scope ZTP script, the logs display that the script is executed using username `ztp` or `ztp-user`, misleading that the script is executed from the workflow.

ZTP Shell Utilities

ZTP includes a set of shell utilities that can be sourced within the user script. `ztp_helper.sh` is a shell script that can be sourced by the user script. `ztp_helper.sh` provides simple utilities to access some XR functionalities. You can invoke the following bash functions:

- **xrcmd**—Used to run a single XR exec command:`xrcmd "show running"`
- **xrapply**—Applies the block of configuration, specified in a file:

```
cat >/tmp/config <<%%
!! XR config example
hostname node1-mgmt-via-xrapply
%%
xrapply /tmp/config
```

- **xrapply_with_reason**—Used to apply a block of XR configuration along with a reason for logging purpose:

```
cat >/tmp/config <<%%
!! XR config example
hostname node1-mgmt-via-xrapply
%%
xrapply_with_reason "this is a system upgrade" /tmp/config
```

- **xrapply_string**—Used to apply a block of XR configuration in one line:

```
xrapply_string "hostname foo\interface HundredGigE0/0/0/24\nipv4 address 1.2.3.44
255.255.255.0\n"
```

- **xrapply_string_with_reason**—Used to apply a block of XR configuration in one line along with a reason for logging purposes:

```
xrapply_string_with_reason ”system renamed again" "hostname venus\n interface
HundredGigE0/0/0/24\n
ipv4 address 172.30.0.144/24\n”
```

- **xrreplace**—Used to apply XR configuration replace in XR namespace via a file.

```
cat rtr.cfg <<%%
!! XR config example
hostname node1-mgmt-via-xrreplace
%%
xrreplace rtr.cfg
```

- **xrapply_with_extra_auth**—Used to apply XR configuration that requires authentication in XR namespace via a file. The **xrapply_with_extra_auth** API is used when configurations that require additional authentication to be applied such as alias, flex groups. This api internally performs authentication and authorization to gain additional privilege.

```
cat >/tmp/config <<%%
!! XR config example
alias exec alarms show alarms brief system active
alias exec version run cat /etc/show_version.txt
%%
xrapply_with_extra_auth >/tmp/config
```

- **xrreplace_with_extra_auth**—Used to apply XR configuration replace in XR namespace via a file. The **xrreplace_with_extra_auth** API is used when configurations that require additional authentication to be applied such as alias, flex groups. This api internally performs authentication and authorization to gain additional privilege.

```
cat >/tmp/config <<%%
!! XR config example
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alias exec version run cat /etc/show_version.txt
%%
xrreplace_with_extra_auth >/tmp/config
```

API Implementation Behavior



Note The **xrcmd**,**xrapply**, and **xrreplace** APIs or utilities carry out a series of internal operations to execute specific actions. These operations, which are performed sequentially, include:

- User Creation—This operation involves generating a `ztp-user` (temporary user) before the execution of any other operations.
- Command Execution or Configuration Application—This operation encompasses executing a command, applying configurations using parser utilities, or applying the configuration through cfg-mgr.
- User Removal—This operation involves removing the `ztp-user` (temporary user) from the XR configuration.

In addition to these internal operations, the **xrapply_with_extra_auth** and **xrreplace_with_extra_auth** APIs performs an authentication process before applying configurations.

ZTP Helper Python Library

The ZTP python library defines a single Python class called `ZtpHelpers`. The helper script is located at `/pkg/bin/ztp_helper.sh`

ZtpHelpers Class Methods

Following are utility methods of the `ZtpHelpers` class:

- `init(self, syslog_server=None, syslog_port=None, syslog_file=None):`

```
__init__ constructor
:param syslog_server: IP address of reachable Syslog Server
       :param syslog_port: Port for the reachable syslog server
        :param syslog_file: Alternative or addon file for syslog
        :type syslog_server: str
        :type syslog_port: int
        :type syslog_file:str

         All parameters are optional. When nothing is specified during object creation,
 then all logs are sent to a log rotated file /tmp/ztp_python.log (max size of 1MB).
```

- `setns(cls, fd, nstype):`

```
Class Method for setting the network namespace
           :param cls: Reference to the class ZtpHelpers
           :param fd: incoming file descriptor
           :param nstype: namespace type for the sentns call
           :type nstype: int
                  0      Allow any type of namespace to be joined.
                  CLONE_NEWNET = 0x40000000 (since Linux 3.0)
                         fd must refer to a network namespace
```

- `get_netns_path(cls, nspath=None, nsname=None, nspid=None):`

```
Class Method to fetch the network namespace filepath
           associated with a PID or name
           :param cls: Reference to the class ZtpHelpers
           :param nspath: optional network namespace associated name
           :param nspid: optional network namespace associate PID
```

```
            :type nspath: str
            :type nspid: int
            :return: Return the complete file path
            :rtype:  str
```

- `toggle_debug(self, enable):`

```
Enable/disable debug logging
            :param enable: Enable/Disable flag
            :type enable: int
```

- `set_vrf(self, vrfname=None):`

```
Set the VRF (network namespace)
            :param vrfname: Network namespace name
                            corresponding to XR VRF
```

- `download_file(self, file_url, destination_folder):`

```
Download a file from the specified URL
            :param file_url: Complete URL to download file
            :param destination_folder: Folder to store the
                                       downloaded file
            :type file_url: str
            :type destination_folder: str
            :return: Dictionary specifying download success/failure
                     Failure => { 'status' : 'error' }
                     Success => { 'status' : 'success',
                                  'filename' : 'Name of downloaded file',
                                  'folder' : 'Directory location of downloaded file'}
            :rtype: dict
```

- `setup_syslog(self):`

  Method to Correctly set sysloghandler in the correct VRF (network namespace) and point to a remote syslog Server or local file or default log-rotated log file.

- `xrcmd(self, cmd=None):`

```
Issue an IOS-XR exec command and obtain the output
            :param cmd: Dictionary representing the XR exec cmd
                        and response to potential prompts
                        { 'exec_cmd': '', 'prompt_response': '' }
            :type cmd: dict
            :return: Return a dictionary with status and output
                     { 'status': 'error/success', 'output': '' }
            :rtype: dict
```

- `xrapply(self, filename=None, reason=None):`

```
Apply Configuration to XR using a file
            :param file: Filepath for a config file
                         with the following structure:
                         !
                         XR config command
                         !
                         end

            :param reason: Reason for the config commit.
                           Will show up in the output of:
                           "show configuration commit list detail"
            :type filename: str
            :type reason: str
            :return: Dictionary specifying the effect of the config change
                      { 'status' : 'error/success', 'output': 'exec command based on
status'}
```

```
                    In case of Error:  'output' = 'show configuration failed'
                    In case of Success: 'output' = 'show configuration commit changes
 last 1'
           :rtype: dict
```

- `xrapply_string(self, cmd=None, reason=None):`

```
 Apply Configuration to XR using  a single line string
           :param cmd: Single line string representing an XR config command
           :param reason: Reason for the config commit.
                          Will show up in the output of:
                          "show configuration commit list detail"
           :type cmd: str
           :type reason: str
           :return: Dictionary specifying the effect of the config change
                    { 'status' : 'error/success', 'output': 'exec command based on
 status'}
                    In case of Error:  'output' = 'show configuration failed'
                    In case of Success: 'output' = 'show configuration commit changes
 last 1'
           :rtype: dict
```

- `xrreplace(self, filename=None):`

```
 Replace XR Configuration using a file

           :param file: Filepath for a config file
                        with the following structure:

                        !
                        XR config commands
                        !
                        end
           :type filename: str
           :return: Dictionary specifying the effect of the config change
                    { 'status' : 'error/success', 'output': 'exec command based on
 status'}
                    In case of Error:  'output' = 'show configuration failed'
                    In case of Success: 'output' = 'show configuration commit changes
 last 1'
           :rtype: dict
```

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Example

The following shows the sample script in phyton

```
[testenv]$ python sample_ztp_script.py

###### Debugs enabled ######


###### Change context to user specified VRF ######


###### Using Child class method, setting the root user ######

2016-12-17 04:23:24,091 - DebugZTPLogger - DEBUG - Config File content to be applied  !
                    username netops
                    group root-lr
                    group cisco-support
                    secret 5 $1$7kTu$zjrgqbgW08vEXsYzUycXw1
                    !
                    end
2016-12-17 04:23:28,546 - DebugZTPLogger - DEBUG - Received exec command request: "show
configuration commit changes last 1"
2016-12-17 04:23:28,546 - DebugZTPLogger - DEBUG - Response to any expected prompt ""
Building configuration...
2016-12-17 04:23:29,329 - DebugZTPLogger - DEBUG - Exec command output is ['!! IOS XR
Configuration version = 6.2.1.21I', 'username netops', 'group root-lr', 'group cisco-support',
 'secret 5 $1$7kTu$zjrgqbgW08vEXsYzUycXw1', '!', 'end']
2016-12-17 04:23:29,330 - DebugZTPLogger - DEBUG - Config apply through file successful,
last change = ['!! IOS XR Configuration version = 6.2.1.21I', 'username netops', 'group
root-lr', 'group cisco-support', 'secret 5 $1$7kTu$zjrgqbgW08vEXsYzUycXw1', '!', 'end']


###### Debugs Disabled ######


###### Executing a show command ######

Building configuration...
{'output': ['!! IOS XR Configuration version = 6.2.1.21I',
            '!! Last configuration change at Sat Dec 17 04:23:25 2016 by UNKNOWN',
            '!',
            'hostname customer2',
            'username root',
            'group root-lr',
            'group cisco-support',
            'secret 5 $1$7kTu$zjrgqbgW08vEXsYzUycXw1',
            '!',
            'username noc',
            'group root-lr',
            'group cisco-support',
            'secret 5 $1$7kTu$zjrgqbgW08vEXsYzUycXw1',
            '!',
            'username netops',
            'group root-lr',
            'group cisco-support',
            'secret 5 $1$7kTu$zjrgqbgW08vEXsYzUycXw1',
            '!',
            'username netops2',
            'group root-lr',
            'group cisco-support',
            'secret 5 $1$7kTu$zjrgqbgW08vEXsYzUycXw1',
            '!',
            'username netops3',
            'group root-lr',
```

```
            'group cisco-support',
            'secret 5 $1$7kTu$zjrgqbgW08vEXsYzUycXw1',
            '!',
            'cdp',
            'service cli interactive disable',
            'interface MgmtEth0/RP0/CPU0/0',
            'ipv4 address 11.11.11.59 255.255.255.0',
            '!',
            'interface TenGigE0/0/0/0/24',
            'shutdown',
            '!',
            'interface TenGigE0/0/0/0/25',
            'shutdown',
            '!',

            'router static',
            'address-family ipv4 unicast',
            '0.0.0.0/0 11.11.11.2',
            '!',
            '!',
            'end'],
 'status': 'success'}

###### Apply valid configuration using a file ######

Building configuration...
{'status': 'success', 'output': ['!! IOS XR Configuration version = 6.2.1.21I', 'hostname
customer', 'cdp', 'end']}

###### Apply valid configuration using a string ######

Building configuration...
{'output': ['!! IOS XR Configuration version = 6.2.1.21I',
            'hostname customer2',
            'end'],
 'status': 'success'}

###### Apply invalid configuration using a string ######

{'output': ['!! SYNTAX/AUTHORIZATION ERRORS: This configuration failed due to',
            '!! one or more of the following reasons:',
            '!!  - the entered commands do not exist,',
            '!!  - the entered commands have errors in their syntax,',
            '!!  - the software packages containing the commands are not active,',
```

For information on helper APIs, see https://github.com/ios-xr/iosxr-ztp-python#iosxr-ztp-python.

Limitations of temporary ZTP files

During the ZTP (Zero Touch Provisioning) process, temporary files such as */disk0:/ztp/xr_config/interface_list* may remain on disk if the ZTP process does not exit gracefully.

Note For Cisco IOS XR software versions prior to 7.5.1, ZTP used the */disk0:/ztp/xr_config/xr_config_to_revert* file for similar tracking.

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios#run
[node0_RP0_CPU0:~]$ls /disk0\:/ztp/xr_config/
current  interface_list  xr_config_to_revert
```

```
[node0_RP0_CPU0:~]$rm /disk0\:/ztp/xr_config/interface_list
[node0_RP0_CPU0:~]$rm /disk0\:/ztp/xr_config/xr_config_to_revert
```

The ZTP process may exit abruptly under the following conditions:

- The ZTP process crashes.
- The ZTP process is manually killed.
- A reload is triggered from a ZTP script.
- The ZTP process is terminated from a script.
- A device reload or RP switchover occurs while ZTP is running.
- An RP is shut down during the ZTP process and reinserted later.

Before performing a manual upgrade, ensure that these temporary ZTP files (*/disk0:/ztp/xr_config/interface_list* and */disk0:/ztp/xr_config/xr_config_to_revert*) are deleted if they exist on disk. This prevents ZTP from bringing down configured interfaces on the next boot, even when a local username is already configured, before ZTP exits.

Set Up DHCP Server

For ZTP to operate a valid IPv4 or IPv6 address is required and the DHCP server must send a pointer to the configuration script.

The DHCP request from the router has the following DHCP options to identify itself:

- **Option 60**: “vendor-class-identifier” : Used to Identify the following four elements:
  - The type of client: For example, PXEClient
  - The architecture of The system (Arch): For example: 00009 Identify an EFI system using a x86-64 CPU
  - The Universal Network Driver Interface (UNDI):

    For example 003010 (first 3 octets identify the major version and last 3 octets identify the minor version)
  - The Product Identifier (PID):
- **Option 61**: “dhcp-client-identifier” : Used to identify the Serial Number of the device.
- **Option 66** : Used to request the TFTP server name.
- **Option 67**: Used request the TFTP filename.
- **Option 97**: “uuid” : Used to identify the Universally Unique Identifier a 128-bit value (not usable at this time)

Example

The following DHCP request sample provides a fixed IP address and a configuration file with the mac address of the management interface.

```
host cisco-rp0 {
   hardware ethernet e4:c7:22:be:10:ba;
   fixed-address 172.30.12.54;
   filename "http://172.30.0.22/configs/cisco-1.config";
}
```

The following DHCP request sample provides a fixed IP address and a configuration file with the mac address of the management interface along with capability to re-image the system using iPXE ("xr-config" option):

```
host cisco-rp0 {
   hardware ethernet e4:c7:22:be:10:ba;
   fixed-address 172.30.12.54;
   if exists user-class and option user-class = "iPXE" {
      filename = "http://172.30.0.22/boot.ipxe";
   } elsif exists user-class and option user-class =  "xr-config" {
      filename = "http://172.30.0.22/scripts/cisco-rp0_ztp.sh";
   }
}
```

DHCP server identifies the device and responds with either an IOS-XR configuration file or a ZTP script as the filename option.

The DHCP server responds with the following DHCP options:

- DHCPv4 using BOOTP filename to supply script/config location.
- DHCPv4 using Option 67 (bootfile-name) to supply script/config location.
- DHCPv6 using Option 15: If you have configured this option for the server to identify ztp requests, ensure that you update the server configuration, for Linux or ISC servers. Sample server-side configuration required to check user-class for ZTP is shown in the following example:

  ```
  if exists dhcp6.user-class and (substring(option dhcp6.user-class, 0, 9) = "xr-config"
   or substring(option dhcp6.user-class, 2, 9) = "xr-config"){
       #
  }
  ```

- DHCPv6 using Option 59 (OPT_BOOTFILE_URL) to supply script/config location

The following sample shows the DHCP response with bootfile-name (option 67):

```
option space cisco-vendor-id-vendor-class code width 1 length width 1;
option vendor-class.cisco-vendor-id-vendor-class code 9 = {string};

######### Network 11.11.11.0/24 #################
shared-network 11-11-11-0 {

####### Pools ##############
  subnet 11.11.11.0 netmask 255.255.255.0 {
    option subnet-mask 255.255.255.0;
 option broadcast-address 11.11.11.255;
 option routers 11.11.11.2;
 option domain-name-servers 11.11.11.2;
 option domain-name "cisco.local";
 # DDNS statements
   ddns-domainname "cisco.local.";
 # use this domain name to update A RR (forward map)
   ddns-rev-domainname "in-addr.arpa.";
   # use this domain name to update PTR RR (reverse map)

    }

######## Matching Classes ##########
```

```
class "cisco" {
     match if (substring(option dhcp-client-identifier,0,11) = "FGE194714QS");
}


pool {
    allow members of "cisco";
    range 11.11.11.47 11.11.11.50;
    next-server 11.11.11.2;

    if exists user-class and option user-class = "iPXE" {
       filename="http://11.11.11.2:9090/cisco-mini-x-6.2.25.10I.iso";
    }


    if exists user-class and option user-class =  "xr-config"
     {
        if (substring(option vendor-class.cisco-vendor-id-vendor-class,19,99)="cisco")
        {
         option bootfile-name "http://11.11.11.2:9090/scripts/exhaustive_ztp_script.py";

        }
      }


    ddns-hostname "cisco-local";
    option routers 11.11.11.2;
}
}
```



Important In Cisco IOS XR Release 7.3.1 and earlier, the system accepts the device sending **user-class = "exr-config"**; however starting Cisco IOS XR Release 7.3.2 and later, you must use only **user-class = "xr-config"**.

In Cisco IOS XR Release 7.3.2 and later, use:

```
host cisco-rp0 {
   hardware ethernet e4:c7:22:be:10:ba;
   fixed-address 172.30.12.54;
   if exists user-class and option user-class = "iPXE" {
      filename = "http://172.30.0.22/boot.ipxe";
   } elsif exists user-class and option user-class = "xr-config" {
      filename = "http://172.30.0.22/scripts/cisco-rp0_ztp.sh";
   }
}
```

Also, when upgrading from any release that is Cisco IOS XR Release 7.3.1 or earlier to Cisco IOS XR Release 7.3.2 or later release, use the following:

```
host cisco-rp0 {
   hardware ethernet e4:c7:22:be:10:ba;
   fixed-address 172.30.12.54;
   if exists user-class and option user-class = "iPXE" {
      filename = "http://172.30.0.22/boot.ipxe";
   } elsif exists user-class and option user-class = "exr-config" {
      filename = "http://172.30.0.22/scripts/cisco-rp0_ztp.sh";
   }
}
```

Authentication on Data Ports

On fresh boot, ZTP process is initiated from management ports and may switch to data ports. To validate the connection with DHCP server, authentication is performed on data ports through DHCP option 43 for IPv4 and option 17 for IPv6. These DHCP options are defined in option space and are included within **dhcpd.conf** and **dhcpd6.conf** configuration files. You must provide following parameters for authentication while defining option space:

- Authentication code—The authentication code is either 0 or 1; where 0 indicates that authentication is not required, and 1 indicates that MD5 checksum is required.

Note If the option 43 for IPv4, and option 17 for IPv6 is disabled, the authentication fails.

- Client identifier—The client identifier must be 'xr-config'.
- MD5 checksum—This is chassis serial number. It can be obtained using **echo -n $SERIALNUMBER | md5sum | awk '{print $1}'** .

Here is the sample **dhcpd.conf** configuration. In the example below, the option space called **VendorInfo** is defined with three parameters for authentication:

```
class "vendor-classes" {
   match option vendor-class-identifier;
}

option space VendorInfo;
option VendorInfo.clientId code 1 = string;
option VendorInfo.authCode code 2 = unsigned integer 8;
option VendorInfo.md5sum code 3 = string;
option vendor-specific code 43 = encapsulate VendorInfo;
subnet 10.65.2.0 netmask 255.255.255.0 {
  option subnet-mask 255.255.255.0;
  option routers 10.65.2.1;
  range 10.65.2.1 10.65.2.200;
}
host cisco-mgmt {
   hardware ethernet 00:50:60:45:67:01;
   fixed-address 10.65.2.39;
   vendor-option-space VendorInfo;
   option VendorInfo.clientId  "xr-config";
   option VendorInfo.authCode 1;
   option VendorInfo.md5sum "aedf5c457c36390c664f5942ac1ae3829";
   option bootfile-name "http://10.65.2.1:8800/admin-cmd.sh";
}
```

Invoke ZTP Manually

You can invoke Zero Touch Provisioning (ZTP) manually through the Command Line Interface. This method is Ideal for verifying the ZTP configuration without a reboot. This manual approach helps you to provision the router in stages. To invoke ZTP on an interface (data ports or management port), you don't have to bring up and configure the interface first.

Even when the interface is down, you can run the `ztp initiate` command, and the ZTP script will bring it up and invoke `dhcpcd`. Hence, ZTP can run on all interfaces irrespective of their availability.

Note `dhclient` has been migrated to `dhcpcd` in Cisco IOS XR Release 25.3.1 as `dhclient` has reached its end of service.

Use the following commands to manually invoke the ZTP commands and to force ZTP to run on all interfaces:

- **ztp initiate** — Invokes a new ZTP DHCP session. Logs can be found in **/disk0:/ztp/ztp.log**.

  Configuration Example:

  ```
  Router#ztp initiate debug verbose interface HundredGigE 0/0/0/24
  Invoke ZTP? (this may change your configuration) [confirm] [y/n] :
  ```

- **ztp terminate** —Terminates any ZTP session in progress.

  Configuration Example:

  ```
  Router #ztp terminate verbose
  Mon Oct 10 16:52:38.507 UTC
  Terminate ZTP? (this may leave your system in a partially configured state) [confirm]
  [y/n] :y
  ZTP terminated
  ```

- **ztp enable** —Enables the ZTP at boot.

  Configuration Example:

  ```
  Router#ztp enable
  Fri Jul 12 16:09:02.154 UTC
  Enable ZTP? [confirm] [y/n] :y
  ZTP Enabled.
  ```

- **ztp disable** —Disables the ZTP at boot.

  Configuration Example:

  ```
  Router#ztp disable
  Fri Jul 12 16:07:18.491 UTC
  Disable ZTP? [confirm] [y/n] :y
  ZTP Disabled.
  Run ZTP enable to run ZTP again.
  ```

- **ztp clean** —Removes only the ZTP state files.

  Configuration Example:

  ```
  Router#ztp clean verbose
  Mon Oct 10 17:03:43.581 UTC
  Remove all ZTP temporary files and logs? [confirm] [y/n] :y
  All ZTP files have been removed.
  If you now wish ZTP to run again from boot, do 'conf t/commit replace' followed by
  reload.
  ```

  The log file ztp.log is saved in **/var/log** folder, and a copy of log file is available at **/disk0:/ztp/ztp.log** location using a soft link. However, executing **ztp clean** clears files saved on disk and not on **/var/log** folder where current ZTP logs are saved. In order to have a log from current ZTP run, you must manually clear the ZTP log file from **/var/log/** folder.

Configuration

This task shows the most common use case of manual ZTP invocation: invoke ZTP.

1. Invoke DHCP sessions on all data ports which are up or could be brought up. ZTP runs in the background. Use show logging or look at /disk0:/ztp/ztp.log to check progress.

Configuration Example:

```
Router# ztp initiate dataport
```

Configure ZTP BootScript

If you want to hard code a script to be executed every boot, configure the following.

```
Router#configure
Router(config)#ztp bootscript /disk0:/myscript
Router(config)#commit
```

The above configuration will wait for the first data-plane interface to be configured and then wait an additional minute for the management interface to be configured with an IP address, to ensure that we have connectivity in the third party namespace for applications to use. If the delay is not desired, use:

```
Router#configure
Router(config)#ztp bootscript preip /disk0:/myscript
Router(config)#commit
```



Note When the above command is first configured, you will be prompted if you wish to invoke it now. The prompt helps with testing.

This is the example content of **/disk0:/myscript**:

```
#!/bin/bash
exec &> /dev/console # send logs to console
source /pkg/bin/ztp_helper.sh

# If we want to only run one time:
xrcmd "show running" | grep -q myhostname
if [[ $? -eq 0 ]]; then
    echo Already configured
fi

# Set the hostname
cat >/tmp/config <<%%
!! XR config example
hostname myhostname
%%
xrapply /tmp/config

#
# Force an invoke of ZTP again. If there was a username normally it would not run. This
forces it.
# Kill off ztp if it is running already and suppress errors to the console when ztp runs
below and
```

```
# cleans up xrcmd that invokes it. ztp will continue to run however.
#
xrcmd "ztp terminate noprompt" 2>/dev/null
xrcmd "ztp initiate noprompt" 2>/dev/null
```

Customize ZTP Initialization File

You can customize the following ZTP configurable options in the *ztp.ini* file:

- `ZTP`: You can enable or disable ZTP at boot using CLI or by editing the *ztp.ini* file.
- `Retry`: Set the ZTP DHCP retry mechanism: The available values are infinite and once.
- `Fetcher Priority`: Fetcher defines which port ZTP should use to get the provisioning details. By default, each port has a fetcher priority defined in the *ztp.ini* file. You can modify the default priority of the fetcher. Allowed range is 0–10.

Note Lower the number higher the priority. The value 0 has the highest priority and 10 has the lowest priority.

By default, the USB port has the higher priority.

In the following example, the Mgmt4 port has the highest priority:

```
[Fetcher Priority]
Mgmt4: 0
Mgmt6: 1
DPort4: 2
DPort6: 3
```

- `progress_bar`: Enable progress bar on the console. By default, the progress bar is disabled. To enable the progress bar, add the following entry in the `ztp.ini` file.

```
[Options]
progress_bar: True
```

By default, the `ztp.ini` file is located in the `/pkg/etc/` location. To modify the ZTP configurable options, make a copy of the file in the `/disk0:/ztp/` directory and then edit the `ztp.ini` file.

To reset to the default options, delete the ztp.ini file in the `/disk0:/ztp/` directory.

Note Do not edit or delete the `ztp.ini` file in the `/pkg/etc/` location to avoid issues during installation.

The following example shows the sample of the `ztp.ini` file:

```
[Startup]
start: True
retry_forever: True

[Fetcher Priority]
USB: 0

Mgmt4:  1
```

```
Mgmt6:  2
DPort4: 3
DPort6: 4
```

Enable ZTP Using CLI

If you want to enable ZTP using CLI, use the **ztp enable** command.

Configuration example

```
Router#ztp enable
Fri Jul 12 16:09:02.154 UTC
Enable ZTP? [confirm] [y/n] :y
ZTP Enabled.
```

Disable ZTP Using CLI

If you want to disable ZTP using CLI, use the **ztp disable** command.

Configuration example

```
Router#ztp disable
Fri Jul 12 16:07:18.491 UTC
Disable ZTP? [confirm] [y/n] :y
ZTP Disabled.
Run ZTP enable to run ZTP again.
```

Prior to Cisco IOS XR Release 7.5.1, the ztp disable command creates a `ztp.ini` file in the `/disk0:/ztp` folder. Starting with Cisco IOS XR Release 7.5.1 and later, the ztp.ini file is created in the `/disk0:/ztp/internal` folder. This file tracks whether ZTP is disabled, ensuring persistence of the disabled state during upgrades and downgrades.

However, the disabled state of ZTP is not persistent when reimaging is performed between pre-7.5.1 and post-7.5.1 images. This means reimaging across these release boundaries requires reconfiguration to disable ZTP again.

If ZTP was disabled:

- Before upgrading from a pre-7.5.1 image, copy `/disk0:/ztp/ztp.ini` to `/disk0:/ztp/internal`.
- Before downgrading to a pre-7.5.1 image, copy `/disk0:/ztp/internal/ztp.ini` to `/disk0:/ztp`.

ZTP file download behavior with libcurl

Cisco IOS XR ZTP uses the `libcurl` library to download provisioning files such as scripts and software images in releases 24.1.1, 24.2.1, 24.2.2, and 24.2.21. The ZTP process retrieves the download URL from DHCP options and passes it directly as a string to libcurl, which initiates the file transfer.

Key behaviors and considerations for ZTP file downloads with `libcurl` include:

- If the download URL uses HTTPS, `libcurl` automatically attempts the HTTPS connection. ZTP allows downloads from HTTPS servers without needing explicit certificate verification configuration, so HTTPS downloads succeed without extra flags or options.
- Administrators sometimes add the `-k` option to a curl command to allow insecure HTTPS connections. However, ZTP does not interpret `-k` as an option; it treats it as part of the DHCP-provided URL string.

For example, using a DHCP-provided value like *https://server.example.com/ztp.script -k* causes ZTP to interpret `-k` as part of the path, likely resulting in a 404 error or download failure.

- Do not include command-line options such as `-k` in DHCP-provided ZTP URLs in releases 24.1.1, 24.2.1, 24.2.2, and 24.2.21. Use only a valid file URL, such as `https://server.example.com/ztp.script`.
- If needed, you can disable libcurl file downloads in the ZTP configuration file (`ztp.ini`) in releases 24.1.1, 24.2.1, 24.2.2, and 24.2.21 by adding:

  ```
  [Http]
  libcurl_http_get: False
  ```

  When `libcurl` is disabled, ZTP uses the alternative download method as defined by the framework or falls back to the Linux curl utility.

Following these guidelines ensures that ZTP reliably downloads files using libcurl without errors caused by invalid options in the URL.