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Administering the API Gateway

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Abstract

This guide provides the information regarding configuration tasks, which can be performed after the basic installation.
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Red Hat is committed to replacing problematic language in our code, documentation, and web properties. We are beginning with these four terms: master, slave, blacklist, and whitelist. Because of the enormity of this endeavor, these changes will be implemented gradually over several upcoming releases. For more details, see our CTO Chris Wright's message.

Administering the API Gateway helps you to apply intermediate to advanced configuration features to your 3scale installation. For basic details regarding installation, refer to Installing 3scale.
CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION TO ADVANCED OPERATION OF 3SCALE APICAST API GATEWAY

The introduction to advanced operation of 3scale APIcast will help you to adjust the configuration of access to your API.

1.1. PUBLIC BASE URL FOR CALLS TO 3SCALE APIS

The Public Base URL is the URL that your API consumers use to make requests to your API product, which is exposed publicly with 3scale. This will be the URL of your APIcast instance.

In hosted APIcast, the Public Base URL is set by 3scale and cannot be changed.

If you are using one of the Self-managed deployment options you can choose your own Public Base URL for each of the environments provided (staging and production) on a domain name you are managing. This URL should be different from the one for your API backend, and could be something like https://api.yourdomain.com:443, where yourdomain.com is the domain that belongs to you. After setting the Public Base URL, make sure you save the changes and, if necessary, promote the changes in staging to production.

NOTE

The Public Base URL that you specify must use a port that is available in your OpenShift cluster. By default, the OpenShift router listens for connections only on the standard HTTP and HTTPS ports (80 and 443). If you want users to connect to your API over some other port, work with your OpenShift administrator to enable the port.

APIcast accepts calls to only the hostname specified in the Public Base URL. For example, if you specify https://echo-api.3scale.net:443 as the Public Base URL, the correct call would be:

```
curl "https://echo-api.3scale.net:443/hello?user_key=you_user_key"
```

In case you do not have a public domain for your API, you can use the APIcast IP address in the requests, but you still need to specify a value in the Public Base URL field even if the domain is not real. In this case, make sure you provide the host in the Host header. For example:

```
curl "http://192.0.2.12:80/hello?user_key=your_user_key" -H "Host: echo-api.3scale.net"
```

If you are deploying on a local machine, you can specify "localhost" as the domain, so the Public Base URL would look like http://localhost:80, and then you can make requests like this:

```
curl "http://localhost:80/hello?user_key=your_user_key"
```

If you have multiple API products, set the Public Base URL appropriately for each product. APIcast routes the requests based on the hostname.

1.2. HOW APICAST APPLIES MAPPING RULES FOR CAPTURING USAGE OF 3SCALE APIS

Based on the requests to your API, mapping rules define the metrics or designate the methods for which you want to capture API usage. The following is an example of a mapping rule:
Mapping Rules

This rule means that any **GET** requests that start with `/` increment the metric **hits** by 1. This rule matches any request to your API. While this is a valid mapping rule, it is too generic and often leads to double counts if you add more specific mapping rules.

The following mapping rules for the Echo API show more specific examples:

Mapping Rules

Mapping rules work at the API product and API backend levels.

- Mapping rules at the product level.
  - The mapping rule takes precedence. This means that the product mapping rule is the first one to be evaluated.
  - The mapping rule is always evaluated, independent of which backend receives the redirected traffic.

- Mapping rules at the backend level.
  - When you add mapping rules to a backend, these are added to all the products bundling said backend.
  - The mapping rule is evaluated after the mapping rules defined at the product level.
  - The mapping rule is evaluated only if the traffic is redirected to the same backend the mapping rule belongs to.
  - The path of the backend for a product is automatically prepended to each mapping rule of the backend bundled to said product.

Example of mapping rules with products and backends

The following example shows mapping rules for a product with one backend.

- The **Echo API** backend:
  - Has the private endpoint: [https://echo-api.3scale.net](https://echo-api.3scale.net)
  - Contains 2 mapping rules with the following patterns:
The Cool API product:
- Has this public endpoint: https://cool.api
- Uses the Echo API backend with this routing path: /echo.

Mapping rules with the following patterns are automatically part of the Cool API product:
- /echo/hello
- /echo/bye

This means that a request sent to the public URL https://cool.api/echo/hello is redirected to https://echo-api.3scale.net/hello.

Similarly, a request sent to https://cool.api/echo/bye redirects to https://echo-api.3scale.net/bye.

Now consider an additional product called Tools For Devs using the same Echo API backend.

The Tools For Devs product:
- Has this public endpoint: https://dev-tools.api
- Uses the Echo API backend with the following routing path: /tellmeback.

Mapping rules with the following patterns are automatically part of the Tools For Devs product:
- /tellmeback/hello
- /tellmeback/bye

Therefore, a request sent to the public URL https://dev-tools.api/tellmeback/hello is redirected to https://echo-api.3scale.net/hello.

Similarly, a request sent to https://dev-tools.api/tellmeback/bye redirects to https://echo-api.3scale.net/bye.

If you add a mapping rule with the /ping pattern to the Echo API backend, both products - Cool API and Tools For Devs - are affected:
- Cool API has a mapping rule with this pattern: /echo/ping.
- Tools For Devs has a mapping rule with this pattern: /tellmeback/ping.

Matching of mapping rules
3scale applies mapping rules based on prefixes. The notation follows the OpenAPI and ActiveDocs specifications:
- A mapping rule must start with a forward slash (/).
- Perform a match on the path over a literal string, which is a URL, for example, /hello.
  - The mapping rule, once you have saved it, will cause requests to the URL string you have set and invoke metrics or methods you have defined around each mapping rule.
Mapping rules can include parameters on the query string or in the body, for example, /{word}?value={value}).

APIcast fetches the parameters in the following ways:

- **GET** method: From the query string.
- **POST, DELETE, or PUT** method: From the body.

Mapping rules can contain named wildcards, for example, /{word}). This rule matches anything in the placeholder {word}, which makes requests such as /morning match the mapping rule. Wildcards can appear between slashes or between a slash and a dot. Parameters can also include wildcards.

By default, all mapping rules are evaluated from first to last, according to the sort order you specified. If you add a rule /v1, it matches requests whose paths start with /v1, for example, /v1/word or /v1/sentence.

You can add a dollar sign ($) to the end of a pattern to specify exact matching. For example, /v1/word matches only /v1/word requests, and does not match /v1/word/hello requests. For exact matching, you must also ensure that the default mapping rule that matches everything (/) has been disabled.

More than one mapping rule can match the request path, but if none matches, the request is discarded with an HTTP 404 status code.

**Mapping rules workflow**

Mapping rules have the following workflow:

- You can define a new mapping rule at any time. See Defining mapping rules.
- Mapping rules are grayed out on the next reload to prevent accidental modifications.
- To edit an existing mapping rule, you must enable it first by clicking the pencil icon on the right.
- To delete a rule, click the trash icon.
- All modifications and deletions are saved when you promote the changes in Integration > Configuration.

**Stop other mapping rules**

After processing one or more mapping rules, to stop processing other mapping rules, select Last? when creating a new mapping rule. For example, suppose you have the following mapping rules defined in API Integration Settings and you have different metrics associated with each rule:

```
(get) /path/to/example/search
(get) /path/to/example/{id}
```

When calling with (get) /path/to/example/search, after matching the rule, APIcast stops processing the remaining mapping rules and stops incrementing their metrics.

1.3. HOW APICAST HANDLES APIS THAT HAVE CUSTOM REQUIREMENTS
There are special cases that require custom APIcast configuration so that API consumers can successfully call the API.

**Host header**

This option is only needed for those API products that reject traffic unless the `Host` header matches the expected one. In these cases, having a gateway in front of your API product causes problems because the `Host` is the one of the gateway, for example, `xxx-yyy.staging.apicast.io`.

To avoid this issue, you can define the host your API product expects in the `Host Header` field in the Authentication Settings:

![Host Header](image)

The result is that the hosted APIcast instance rewrites the host specification in the request call.

**Protecting your API backend**

After you have APIcast working in production, you might want to restrict direct access to your API product to only those calls that specify a secret token that you specify. Do this by setting the APIcast Secret Token. See Advanced APIcast configuration for information on how to set it up.

**Using APIcast with private APIs**

With APIcast, it is possible to protect the APIs that are not publicly accessible on the internet. The requirements that must be met are:

- Self-managed APIcast must be used as the deployment option.
- APIcast needs to be accessible from the public internet and be able to make outbound calls to the 3scale Service Management API.
- The API product should be accessible by APIcast.

In this case, you can set your internal domain name or the IP address of your API in the Private Base URL field and follow the rest of the steps as usual. However, doing this means that you cannot take advantage of the staging environment. Test calls will not be successful because the staging APIcast instance is hosted by 3scale, which does not have access to your private API backend. After you deploy APIcast in your production environment, if the configuration is correct, APIcast works as expected.

### 1.4. CONFIGURING APICAST TO USE OPENTRACING

OpenTracing is an API specification and method used to profile and monitor microservices. APIcast version 3.3 and later includes OpenTracing libraries and the Jaeger Tracer library.

**Prerequisites**

- Each external request must have a unique request ID attached. This is usually in an HTTP header.
- Each service must forward the request ID to other services.
• Each service must output the request ID in the logs.
• Each service must record additional information, such as the start and end time of the request.
• Logs must be aggregated, and provide a way to parse them via HTTP request ID.

Procedure

1. Ensure the OPENTRACING_TRACER environment variable is set to jaeger. If this is empty, OpenTracing is disabled.

2. Set the OPENTRACING_CONFIG environment variable to specify the default configuration file of your tracer. See the following example jaeger.example.json file.

3. Optional: Set the OPENTRACING_HEADER_FORWARD environment variable according to your OpenTracing configuration.

Verification

To test if the integration is properly working, check whether traces are reported in the Jaeger tracing interface.

Additional resources

• APIcast environment variables
• Upstream project for OpenTracing and Jaeger integration

1.5. INSTALLING JAEGER ON YOUR OPENSSHIFT INSTANCE

3scale API providers can use OpenTracing with Jaeger to trace and troubleshoot calls to an API. To do this, install Jaeger on the OpenShift instance on which 3scale is running.

WARNING

Jaeger is a third-party component, which 3scale does not provide support for, with the exception of uses with APIcast. The following instructions are provided as a reference example only, and are not suitable for production use.

Procedure

1. Install the Jaeger all-in-one template in the current namespace:

   oc process -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/jaegertracing/jaeger-openshift/master/all-in-one/jaeger-all-in-one-template.yml | oc create -f -

2. Create a Jaeger configuration file jaeger_config.json and add the following:

   ```json
   {
     "service_name": "apicast",
   }
   ```
A sampler constant of 1 indicates that you want to sample all requests.

The location and queue size of the reporter are required.

Under headers, the TraceContextHeaderName entry is required to track requests.

3. Create a ConfigMap from your Jaeger configuration file and mount it into APIcast:

   ```shell
   oc create configmap jaeger-config --from-file=jaeger_config.json
   oc set volumes dc/apicast --add -m /tmp/jaeger/ --configmap-name jaeger-config
   ```

4. Enable OpenTracing and Jaeger with the configuration you just added:

   ```shell
   oc set env deploymentConfig/apicast OPENTRACING_TRACER=jaeger
   OPENTRACING_CONFIG=/tmp/jaeger/jaeger_config.json
   ```

5. Find the URL that the Jaeger interface is running on:

   ```shell
   oc get route
   (...) jaeger-query-myproject.127.0.0.1.nip.io
   ```

6. Open the Jaeger interface from the previous step, which shows data being populated from OpenShift Health checks.

7. Add OpenTracing and Jaeger support to your backend APIs so that you can see the complete request trace. This varies in each back end, depending on the frameworks and languages used. As a reference example, see Using OpenTracing with Jaeger to collect Application Metrics in Kubernetes.

Additional resources
• Jaeger on OpenShift development setup
• Jaeger on OpenShift production setup
• Distributed tracing on OpenShift Service Mesh
CHAPTER 2. OPERATING DOCKER-CONTAINERIZED ENVIRONMENTS

2.1. TROUBLESHOOTING APICAST ON THE DOCKER-CONTAINERIZED ENVIRONMENT

This section describes the most common issues that you can find when working with APIcast on a Docker-containerized environment.

2.1.1. Cannot connect to the Docker daemon error

The docker: Cannot connect to the Docker daemon. Is the docker daemon running on this host? error message may be because the Docker service hasn’t started. You can check the status of the Docker daemon by running the sudo systemctl status docker.service command.

Ensure that you are run this command as the root user because the Docker containerized environment requires root permissions in RHEL by default. For more information, see here).

2.1.2. Basic Docker command-line interface commands

If you started the container in the detached mode (-d option) and want to check the logs for the running APIcast instance, you can use the log command: sudo docker logs <container>. Where, <container> is the container name ("apicast" in the example above) or the container ID. You can get a list of the running containers and their IDs and names by using the sudo docker ps command.

To stop the container, run the sudo docker stop <container> command. You can also remove the container by running the sudo docker rm <container> command.

For more information on available commands, see Docker commands reference.
CHAPTER 3. ADVANCED APICAST CONFIGURATION

This section covers the advanced settings option of 3scale's API gateway in the staging environment.

3.1. DEFINE A SECRET TOKEN

For security reasons, any request from the 3scale gateway to your API backend contains a header called **X-3scale-proxy-secret-token**. You can set the value of this header in **Authentication Settings** on the Integration page.

Setting the secret token acts as a shared secret between the proxy and your API so that you can block all API requests that do not come from the gateway if you do not want them to. This adds an extra layer of security to protect your public endpoint while you are in the process of setting up your traffic management policies with the sandbox gateway.

Your API backend must have a public resolvable domain for the gateway to work, so anyone who knows your API backend can bypass the credentials checking. This should not be a problem because the API gateway in the staging environment is not meant for production use, but it is always better to have a fence available.

3.2. CREDENTIALS

The API credentials within 3scale are either **user_key** or **app_id/app_key** depending on the authentication mode that you are using. OpenID Connect is valid for the API gateway in the staging environment, but it cannot be tested in the Integration page.

However, you might want to use different credential names in your API. In this case, you need to set custom names for the **user_key** if you are using the API key mode:

```
Auth user key  user_key
```

Alternatively, for the **app_id** and **app_key**:
For instance, you could rename `app_id` to `key` if that fits your API better. The gateway will take the name `key` and convert it to `app_id` before doing the authorization call to the 3scale backend. Note that the new credential name has to be alphanumeric.

You can decide if your API passes credentials in the query string (or body if not a GET) or in the headers.

**NOTE**

APIcast normalizes header names when extracting credentials. This means they are case insensitive, and underscores and hyphens are treated equally. For example, if you set the App Key parameter as `App_Key`, other values such as `app-key` are also accepted as valid app key headers.

### 3.3. CONFIGURING ERROR MESSAGES

This section describes how to configure APIcast error messages.

As a proxy, 3scale APIcast manages requests in the following ways:

- If there are no errors, APIcast passes the request from the client to the API back end server, and returns the API response to the client without modifications. In case you want to modify the responses, you can use the Header Modification policy.

- If the API responds with an error message, such as **404 Not Found** or **400 Bad Request**, APIcast returns the message to the client. However, if APIcast detects other errors such as Authentication missing, APIcast sends an error message and terminates the request.

Hence, you can configure these error messages to be returned by APIcast:

- Authentication failed: This error means that the API request does not contain the valid credentials, whether due to fake credentials or because the application is temporarily suspended. Additionally, this error is generated when the metric is disabled, meaning its value is 0.

- Authentication missing: This error is generated whenever an API request does not contain any credentials. It occurs when users do not add their credentials to an API request.

- No match: This error means that the request did not match any mapping rule and therefore no metric is updated. This is not necessarily an error, but it means that either the user is trying random paths or that your mapping rules do not cover legitimate cases.
• Usage limit exceeded: This error means that the client reached its rate limits for the requested endpoint. A client may reach more than one rate limit if the request matches multiple mapping rules.

To configure errors, follow these steps:

1. Navigate from [Your_product_name] > Integration > Settings
2. Under Gateway response, choose the error type you want to configure.
3. Specify values for these fields:
   • Response Code: The three-digit HTTP response code.
   • Content-type: The value of the Content-Type header.
   • Response Body: The value of the response message body.
4. To save your changes, click Update Product

### 3.4. CONFIGURATION HISTORY

Every time you click Promote v.[n] to Staging APIcast where [n] represents the version number, the current configuration is saved in a JSON file. The staging gateway will pull the latest configuration with each new request. For each environment, staging or production, you can see a history of all the previous configuration files:

1. Navigate from [Your_product_name] > Integration > Configuration
2. Click the Configuration history link, located next to the environment of your interest: Staging APIcast or Production APIcast.

Note that it is not possible to automatically roll back to previous versions. Instead, you access to a history of all your configuration versions with their associated JSON files. Use these files to check what configuration you had deployed at any point of time. If you want to, you can recreate any deployments manually.

### 3.5. DEBUGGING

Setting up the gateway configuration is easy, but you may still encounter errors. In such cases, the gateway can return useful debug information to track the error.

To get the debugging information from APIcast, you must add the following header to the API request: **X-3scale-debug: {SERVICE_TOKEN}** with the service token corresponding to the API service that you are reaching to.

When the header is found and the service token is valid, the gateway will add the following information to the response headers:

- `X-3scale-matched-rules: /v1/word/{word}.json, /v1`
- `X-3scale-credentials: app_key=APP_KEY&app_id=APP_ID`
- `X-3scale-usage: usage%5Bversion_1%5D=1&usage%5Bword%5D=1`

**X-3scale-matched-rules** indicates which mapping rules have been matched for the request in a comma-separated list.
The header **X-3scale-credentials** returns the credentials that were passed to 3scale backend.

**X-3scale-usage** indicates the usage that was reported to 3scale backend.  
usage%5Bversion_1%5D=1&usage%5Bword%5D=1 is a URL-encoded usage[version_1]=1&usage[word]=1 and shows that the API request incremented the methods (metrics) **version_1** and **word** by 1 hit each.

### 3.6. PATH ROUTING

APIcast handles all the API services configured on a 3scale account (or a subset of services, if the **APICAST_SERVICES_LIST** environment variable is configured). Normally, APIcast routes the API requests to the appropriate API service based on the hostname of the request, by matching it with the **Public Base URL**. The first service where the match is found is used for the authorization.

The Path routing feature allows using the same **Public Base URL** on multiple services and routes the requests using the path of the request. To enable the feature, set the **APICAST_PATH_ROUTING** environment variable to **true** or **1**. When enabled, APIcast will map the incoming requests to the services based on both hostname and path.

This feature can be used if you want to expose multiple backend services hosted on different domains through one gateway using the same **Public Base URL**. To achieve this you can configure several API services for each API backend (i.e. **Private Base URL**) and enable the path routing feature.

For example, you have 3 services configured in the following way:

- **Service A Public Base URL:** api.example.com  Mapping rule: /a
- **Service B Public Base URL:** api2.example.com  Mapping rule: /b
- **Service C Public Base URL:** api.example.com  Mapping rule: /c

If path routing is **disabled** (**APICAST_PATH_ROUTING=false**), all calls to api.example.com will try to match Service A. So, the calls api.example.com/c and api.example.com/b will fail with a “No Mapping Rule matched” error.

If path routing is **enabled** (**APICAST_PATH_ROUTING=true**), the calls will be matched by both host and path. So:

- **api.example.com/a** will be routed to Service A
- **api.example.com/c** will be routed to Service C
- **api.example.com/b** will fail with “No Mapping Rule matched” error, i.e. it will NOT match Service B, as the **Public Base URL** does not match.

If path routing is used, you must ensure there is no conflict between the mapping rules in different services that use the same **Public Base URL**, i.e. each combination of method + path pattern is only used in one service.
CHAPTER 4. APICAST POLICIES

APICAST policies are units of functionality that modify how APICAST operates. Policies can be enabled, disabled, and configured to control how they modify APICAST. Use standard policies provided by Red Hat 3scale.

The following topics provide information about the standard APICAST policies, creating a policy chain, and creating custom APICAST policies.

4.1. STANDARD POLICIES TO CHANGE DEFAULT 3SCALE APICAST BEHAVIOR

3scale provides built-in, standard policies that are units of functionality that modify how APICAST processes requests and responses. You can enable, disable, or configure policies to control how they modify APICAST.

For details, see Enabling policies in the 3scale Admin Portal. 3scale provides the following standard policies:

- Anonymous Access
- Authentication Caching
- Batcher
- Camel Proxy Service
- CORS Request Handling
- Custom Metrics
- Echo
- Edge Limiting
- Headers
- HTTP Response Code Overwrite
- IP Check
- JWT Claim Check
- Liquid Context Debug
- Logging Policy
- Maintenance Mode
- NGINX Filters
- OAuth 2.0 Mutual TLS Client Authentication Policy
- OAuth 2.0 Token Introspection
- Proxy Service
4.1.1. Enabling policies in the 3scale Admin Portal

In the Admin Portal, you can enable one or more policies for each 3scale API product.

Prerequisites

- A 3scale API product

Procedure

1. Log in to 3scale.

2. In the Admin Portal dashboard, select the API product for which you want to enable the policy.

3. From `[your_product_name]`, navigate to Integration > Policies.

4. Under the POLICIES section, click Add policy.

5. Select the policy you want to add and enter values in any required fields.

6. Click Update Policy Chain to save the policy chain.

4.1.2. Anonymous Access

The Anonymous Access policy exposes a service without authentication. It can be useful, for example, for legacy applications that cannot be adapted to send the authentication parameters. The Anonymous Access policy supports services with only API Key and App Id / App Key authentication options. When the policy is enabled for API requests that do not have any credentials provided, APIcast will authorize the calls using the default credentials configured in the policy. For the API calls to be authorized, the application with the configured credentials must exist and be active.
Using the Application Plans, you can configure the rate limits on the application used for the default credentials.

**NOTE**

You need to place the Anonymous Access policy before the APIcast Policy, when using these two policies together in the policy chain.

Following are the required configuration properties for the policy:

- **auth_type**: Select a value from one of the alternatives below and make sure the property corresponds to the authentication option configured for the API:
  - **app_id_and_app_key**: For App ID / App Key authentication option.
  - **user_key**: For API key authentication option.

- **app_id** (only for **app_id_and_app_key** auth type): The App Id of the application that will be used for authorization if no credentials are provided with the API call.

- **app_key** (only for **app_id_and_app_key** auth type): The App Key of the application that will be used for authorization if no credentials are provided with the API call.

- **user_key** (only for the **user_key** auth_type): The API Key of the application that will be used for authorization if no credentials are provided with the API call.
4.1.3. Auth Caching

The 3scale Auth Caching policy caches authentication calls made to APIcast. You can select an operating mode to configure the cache operations.

3scale Auth Caching is available in the following modes:

1. Strict – Cache only authorized calls.

"Strict" mode only caches authorized calls. If a policy is running under the "strict" mode and if a call fails or is denied, the policy invalidates the cache entry. If the backend becomes unreachable, all cached calls are rejected, regardless of their cached status.

2. Resilient – Authorize according to last request when backend is down.

The "Resilient" mode caches both authorized and denied calls. If the policy is running under the "resilient" mode, failed calls do not invalidate an existing cache entry. If the backend becomes unreachable, calls hitting the cache continue to be authorized or denied based on their cached status.

3. Allow – When backend is down, allow everything unless seen before and denied.

The "Allow" mode caches both authorized and denied calls. If the policy is running under the "allow" mode, cached calls continue to be denied or allowed based on the cached status. However, any new calls are cached as authorized.
Operating in the "allow" mode has security implications. Consider these implications and exercise caution when using the "allow" mode.

4. None - Disable caching.

The "None" mode disables caching. This mode is useful if you want the policy to remain active, but do not want to use caching.

**Configuration properties**

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<tr>
<td>caching_type</td>
<td>The <strong>caching_type</strong> property allows you to define which mode the cache will operate in.</td>
<td>data type: enumerated string [resilient, strict, allow, none]</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Policy object example**

```json
{
  "name": "caching",
  "version": "builtin",
  "configuration": {
    "caching_type": "allow"
  }
}
```

For information on how to configure policies, see the [Creating a policy chain](#) section of the documentation.

### 4.1.4. Batcher

The 3scale Batcher policy provides an alternative to the standard APIcast authorization mechanism, in which one call to the 3scale backend (Service Management API) is made for each API request that APIcast receives.

The 3scale Batcher policy caches authorization statuses and batches usage reports, thereby significantly reducing the number of requests to the 3scale backend. With the 3scale Batcher policy you can improve APIcast performance by reducing latency and increasing throughput.

When the 3scale Batcher policy is enabled, APIcast uses the following authorization flow:

1. On each request, the policy checks whether the credentials are cached:
   - If the credentials are cached, the policy uses the cached authorization status instead of calling the 3scale backend.
   - If the credentials are not cached, the policy calls the backend and caches the authorization status with a configurable Time to Live (TTL).

2. Instead of reporting the usage corresponding to the request to the 3scale backend immediately, the policy accumulates their usage counters to report them to the backend in batches. A
separate thread reports the accumulated usage counters to the 3scale backend in a single call, with a configurable frequency.

The 3scale Batcher policy improves the throughput, but with reduced accuracy. The usage limits and the current utilization are stored in 3scale, and APIcast can only get the correct authorization status when making calls to the 3scale backend. When the 3scale Batcher policy is enabled, there is a period of time in which APIcast is not sending calls to 3scale. During this time window, applications making calls might go over the defined limits.

Use this policy for high-load APIs if the throughput is more important than the accuracy of the rate limiting. The 3scale Batcher policy gives better results in terms of accuracy when the reporting frequency and authorization TTL are much less than the rate limiting period. For example, if the limits are per day and the reporting frequency and authorization TTL are configured to be several minutes.

The 3scale Batcher policy supports the following configuration settings:

- **auths_ttl**: Sets the TTL in seconds when the authorization cache expires.
  - When the authorization for the current call is cached, APIcast uses the cached value. After the time set in the auths_ttl parameter, APIcast removes the cache and calls the 3scale backend to retrieve the authorization status.
  - Set the auths_ttl parameter to a value other than 0. Setting auths_ttl to a value of 0 would update the authorization counter the first time the request is cached, resulting in rate limits not being effective.

- **batch_report_seconds**: Sets the frequency of batch reports APIcast sends to the 3scale backend. The default value is 10 seconds.

**IMPORTANT**

To use this policy, enable both the **3scale APIcast** and **3scale Batcher** policy in the policy chain.

### 4.1.5. Camel Proxy Service

You can use the Camel Proxy Service policy to define an HTTP proxy where the 3scale traffic is sent over the defined Apache Camel proxy. In this case, Camel works as a reverse HTTP proxy, where APIcast sends the traffic to Camel, and Camel then sends the traffic on to the API backend.

The following example shows the traffic flow:
All APIcast traffic sent to the 3scale backend does not use the Camel proxy. This policy only applies to the Camel proxy and the communication between APIcast and API backend.

If you want to send all traffic through a proxy, you must use an `HTTP_PROXY` environment variable.

**NOTE**

- The Camel Service policy disables all load-balancing policies, and traffic is sent to the Camel proxy.
- If the `HTTP_PROXY`, `HTTPS_PROXY`, or `ALL_PROXY` parameters are defined, this policy overwrites those values.
- The proxy connection does not support authentication. You use the Header Modification policy for authentication.

**Configuration**

The following example shows the policy chain configuration:

```json
"policy_chain": [
  {
    "name": "apicast.policy.apicast"
  },
  {
    "name": "apicast.policy.camel",
    "configuration": {
      "all_proxy": "http://192.168.15.103:8080/",
      "http_proxy": "http://192.168.15.103:8080/",
      "https_proxy": "http://192.168.15.103:8443/
    }
  }
]
```

The `all_proxy` value is used if `http_proxy` or `https_proxy` is not defined.

**Example use case**
The Camel Service policy is designed to apply more fine-grained policies and transformation in 3scale using Apache Camel. This policy supports integration with Apache Camel over HTTP and HTTPS. For more details, see Chapter 5, *Transforming 3scale message content using policy extensions in Fuse*.

For details on using a generic HTTP proxy policy, see Section 4.1.20, “Proxy Service”.

**Example project**

See the [camel-netty-proxy](https://github.com/3scale/camel-proxy-policy) example available from the Camel proxy policy on GitHub. This example project shows an HTTP proxy that transforms the response body from the API backend to uppercase.

### 4.1.6. CORS Request Handling

The Cross Origin Resource Sharing (CORS) Request Handling policy allows you to control CORS behavior by allowing you to specify:

- Allowed headers
- Allowed methods
- Allowed origin headers
- Allowed credentials
- Max age

The CORS Request Handling policy will block all unspecified CORS requests.

**NOTE**

You need to place the CORS Request Handling policy before the APIcast Policy, when using these two policies together in the policy chain.

**Configuration properties**

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<tr>
<td>allow_headers</td>
<td>The <em>allow_headers</em> property is an array in which you can specify which CORS headers APIcast will allow.</td>
<td>data type: array of strings, must be a CORS header</td>
<td>no</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>allow_methods</td>
<td>The <em>allow_methods</em> property is an array in which you can specify which CORS methods APIcast will allow.</td>
<td>data type: array of enumerated strings [GET, HEAD, POST, PUT, DELETE, PATCH, OPTIONS, TRACE, CONNECT]</td>
<td>no</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>allow_origin</td>
<td>The <em>allow_origin</em> property allows you to specify an origin domain APIcast will allow</td>
<td>data type: string</td>
<td>no</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
allow_credentials

The `allow_credentials` property allows you to specify whether APIcast will allow a CORS request with credentials.

- **data type**: boolean
- **required?**: no

max_age

The `max_age` property allows you to set how long the results of a preflight request can be cached.

- **data type**: integer
- **required?**: no

### Policy object example

```json
{
  "name": "cors",
  "version": "builtin",
  "configuration": {
    "allow_headers": ["App-Id", "App-Key", "Content-Type", "Accept"],
    "allow_credentials": true,
    "allow_methods": ["GET", "POST"],
    "allow_origin": "https://example.com",
    "max_age": 200
  }
}
```

For information about how to configure policies, see [Modifying policy chains in the 3scale Admin Portal](#).

### 4.1.7. Custom metrics

The Custom Metrics policy adds the availability to add metrics after the response sent by the upstream API. The main use case for this policy is to add metrics based on response code status, headers, or different NGINX variables.

#### Limitations of custom metrics

- When authentication happens before the request is sent to the upstream API, a second call to the back end will be made to report the new metrics to the upstream API.
- This policy does not work with batching policy.
- Metrics need to be created in the Admin Portal before the policy will push the metric values.

#### Examples for request flows
The following chart shows the request flow example of when authentication is not cached, as well as the flow when authentication is cached.

**Configuration examples**

This policy increments the metric error by the header increment if the upstream API returns a 400 status:

```json
{
    "name": "apicast.policy.custom_metrics",
    "configuration": {
        "rules": [
            {
                "metric": "error",
                "increment": '{{ resp.headers["increment"] }}",
                "condition": {
                    "operations": [
                        {
                            "right": "{{status}}",
                            "right_type": "liquid",
                            "left": "400",
                            "op": "=="
                        }
                    ],
                    "combine_op": "and"
                }
            }
        ]
    }
}
```

This policy increments the hits metric with the status_code information if the upstream API return a 200 status:

```json
{
    "name": "apicast.policy.custom_metrics",
    "configuration": {
        "rules": [
            {
                "metric": "hits_{{status}}",
                "increment": "1",
                "condition": {
                    "operations": ["null"
                }
            }
        ]
    }
}
```
4.1.8. Echo

The Echo policy prints an incoming request back to the client, along with an optional HTTP status code.

Configuration properties

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<tr>
<td>status</td>
<td>The HTTP status code the Echo policy will return to the client</td>
<td>data type: integer</td>
<td>no</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>exit</td>
<td>Specifies which exit mode the Echo policy will use. The request exit mode stops the incoming request from being processed. The set exit mode skips the rewrite phase.</td>
<td>data type: enumerated string [request, set]</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Policy object example

```json
{
    "name": "echo",
    "version": "builtin",
    "configuration": {
        "status": 404,
        "exit": "request"
    }
}
```

For information about how to configure policies, see the Creating a policy chain in 3scale section of the documentation.

4.1.9. Edge Limiting
The Edge Limiting policy aims to provide flexible rate limiting for the traffic sent to the backend API and can be used with the default 3scale authorization. Some examples of the use cases supported by the policy include:

- End-user rate limiting: Rate limit by the value of the sub (subject) claim of a JWT token passed in the Authorization header of the request. This is configured as {{ jwt.sub }}.
- Requests Per Second (RPS) rate limiting.
- Global rate limits per service: Apply limits per service rather than per application.
- Concurrent connection limit: Set the number of concurrent connections allowed.

Types of limits

The policy supports the following types of limits that are provided by the lua-resty-limit-traffic library:

- **leaky_bucket_limiters**: Based on the leaky bucket algorithm, which builds on the average number of requests plus a maximum burst size.
- **fixed_window_limiters**: Based on a fixed window of time: last n seconds.
- **connection_limiters**: Based on the concurrent number of connections.

You can scope any limit by service or globally.

Limit definition

The limits have a key that encodes the entities that are used to define the limit, such as an IP address, a service, an endpoint, an identifier, the value for a specific header, and other entities. This key is specified in the **key** parameter of the limiter.

**key** is an object that is defined by the following properties:

- **name**: Defines the name of the key. It must be unique in the scope.
- **scope**: Defines the scope of the key. The supported scopes are:
  - Per service scope that affects one service (**service**).
  - Global scope that affects all the services (**global**).
- **name_type**: Defines how the **name** value is evaluated:
  - As plain text (**plain**)
  - As Liquid (**liquid**)

Each limit also has some parameters that vary depending on their type:

- **leaky_bucket_limiters**: rate, burst
  - **rate**: Defines how many requests can be made per second without a delay.
  - **burst**: Defines the amount of requests per second that can exceed the allowed rate. An artificial delay is introduced for requests above the allowed rate specified by **rate**. After exceeding the rate by more requests per second than defined in **burst**, the requests get rejected.
fixed_window_limiters: count, window. count defines how many requests can be made per number of seconds defined in window.

connection_limiters: conn, burst, delay.
  - conn: Defines the maximum number of the concurrent connections allowed. It allows exceeding that number by burst connections per second.
  - delay: Defines the number of seconds to delay the connections that exceed the limit.

Examples

- Allow 10 requests per minute to service_A:

```json
{  
  "key": { "name": "service_A" },  
  "count": 10,  
  "window": 60
}
```

- Allow 100 connections with bursts of 10 with a delay of 1 second:

```json
{  
  "key": { "name": "service_A" },  
  "conn": 100,  
  "burst": 10,  
  "delay": 1
}
```

You can define several limits for each service. In case multiple limits are defined, the request can be rejected or delayed if at least one limit is reached.

Liquid templating

The Edge Limiting policy allows specifying the limits for the dynamic keys by supporting Liquid variables in the keys. For this, the name_type parameter of the key must be set to liquid and the name parameter can then use Liquid variables. For example, {{ remote_addr }} for the client IP address, or {{ jwt.sub }} for the sub claim of the JWT token.

Example

```json
{  
  "key": { "name": "{{ jwt.sub }}", "name_type": "liquid" },  
  "count": 10,  
  "window": 60
}
```

For more information about Liquid support, see Section 4.5, “Using variables and filters in policies”.

Applying conditions

Each limiter must have a condition that defines when the limiter is applied. The condition is specified in the condition property of the limiter.

condition is defined by the following properties:
- **combine_op**: The boolean operator applied to the list of operations. Values of `or` and `and` are supported.

- **operations**: A list of conditions that need to be evaluated. Each operation is represented by an object with the following properties:
  - **left**: The left part of the operation.
  - **left_type**: How the `left` property is evaluated (plain or liquid).
  - **right**: The right part of the operation.
  - **right_type**: How the `right` property is evaluated (plain or liquid).
  - **op**: Operator applied between the left and the right parts. The following two values are supported: `==` (equals) and `!=` (not equals).

**Example**

```json
"condition": {
  "combine_op": "and",
  "operations": [
    {
      "op": "==",
      "right": "GET",
      "left_type": "liquid",
      "left": "{{ http_method }}",
      "right_type": "plain"
    }
  ]
}
```

### Configuring storage of rate limit counters

By default, the Edge Limiting policy uses the OpenResty shared dictionary for the rate limiting counters. However, you can use an external Redis server instead of the shared dictionary. This can be useful when multiple APIcast instances are deployed. You can configure the Redis server using the `redis_url` parameter.

### Error handling

The limiters support the following parameters to configure how the errors are handled:

- **limits_exceeded_error**: Specifies the error status code and message that will be returned to the client when the configured limits are exceeded. The following parameters should be configured:
  - **status_code**: The status code of the request when the limits are exceeded. Default: 429.
  - **error_handling**: Specifies how to handle the error, with following options:
    - **exit**: Stops processing request and returns an error message.
    - **log**: Completes processing request and returns output logs.

- **configuration_error**: Specifies the error status code and message that will be returned to the client in case of incorrect configuration. The following parameters should be configured:
- **status_code**: The status code when there is a configuration issue. Default: 500.

- **error_handling**: Specifies how to handle the error, with following options:
  - **exit**: Stops processing request and returns an error message.
  - **log**: Completes processing request and returns output logs.

### 4.1.10. Header Modification

The Header Modification policy allows you to modify the existing headers or define additional headers to add to or remove from an incoming request or response. You can modify both response and request headers.

The Header Modification policy supports the following configuration parameters:

- **request**: List of operations to apply to the request headers
- **response**: List of operations to apply to the response headers

Each operation consists of the following parameters:

- **op**: Specifies the operation to be applied. The **add** operation adds a value to an existing header. The **set** operation creates a header and value, and will overwrite an existing header’s value if one already exists. The **push** operation creates a header and value, but will not overwrite an existing header’s value if one already exists. Instead, **push** will add the value to the existing header. The **delete** operation removes the header.

- **header**: Specifies the header to be created or modified and can be any string that can be used as a header name (e.g. Custom-Header).

- **value_type**: Defines how the header value will be evaluated and can either be **plain** for plain text or **liquid** for evaluation as a Liquid template. For more information, see Section 4.5, “Using variables and filters in policies”.

- **value**: Specifies the value that will be used for the header. For value type "liquid" the value should be in the format {{ variable_from_context }}. Not needed when deleting.

**Policy object example**

```json
{
  "name": "headers",
  "version": "builtin",
  "configuration": {
    "response": [
      {
        "op": "add",
        "header": "Custom-Header",
        "value_type": "plain",
        "value": "any-value"
      }
    ],
    "request": [
      {
        "op": "set",
        "header": "Authorization",
```
4.1.11. HTTP Response Code Overwrite

As an API provider, you can add the HTTP Response Code Overwrite policy to an API product. This policy lets you change an upstream response code to a response code that you specify. 3scale applies the HTTP Response Code Overwrite policy to the response codes sent from the upstream service. In other words, when an API that 3scale exposes returns a code that does not fit your situation, you can configure the HTTP Response Code Overwrite policy to change that code to a response code that is meaningful for your application.

In a policy chain, any policies that produce response codes that you want to change must be before the HTTP Response Code Overwrite policy. If there are no policies that produce response codes that you want to change then the policy chain position of the HTTP Response Code Overwrite policy does not matter.

In the Admin Portal, add the HTTP Response Code Overwrite policy to a product’s policy chain. In the policy chain, click the policy to specify the upstream response code that you want to change and the response code that you want returned instead. Click the plus sign for each additional upstream response code that you want to overwrite. For example, you could use the HTTP Response Code Overwrite policy to change upstream 201, "Created", response codes, to 200, "OK", response codes.

Another example of a response code that you might want to change is the response when a content limit is exceeded. The upstream might return 413, payload too large, when a response code of 414, request-URI too long, would be more helpful.

An alternative to adding the HTTP Response Code Overwrite policy in the Admin Portal is to use the 3scale API with a policy chain configuration file.

Example

The following JSON configuration in your policy chain configuration file would overwrite two upstream response codes.

```json
{
   "name": "statuscode_overwrite",
   "version": "builtin",
   "configuration": {
      "http_statuses": [
         {
            "upstream": 200,
            "apicast": 201
         },
         {
            "upstream": 201,
            "apicast": 200
         }
      ]
   }
}
```
### 4.1.12. IP Check

The IP Check policy is used to deny or allow requests based on a list of IPs.

#### Configuration properties

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<tr>
<td>check_type</td>
<td>The check_type property has two possible values, whitelist or blacklist. blacklist will deny all requests from IPs on the list. whitelist will deny all requests from IPs not on the list.</td>
<td>string, must be either whitelist or blacklist</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ips</td>
<td>The ips property allows you to specify a list of IP addresses to whitelist or blacklist. Both single IPs and CIDR ranges can be used.</td>
<td>array of strings, must be valid IP addresses</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>error_msg</td>
<td>The error_msg property allows you to configure the error message returned when a request is denied.</td>
<td>string</td>
<td>no</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>client_ip_sources</td>
<td>The client_ip_sources property allows you to configure how to retrieve the client IP. By default, the last caller IP is used. The other options are X-Forwarded-For, X-Real-IP, last_caller.</td>
<td>array of strings, valid options are one or more of X-Forwarded-For, X-Real-IP, last_caller.</td>
<td>no</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Policy object example**

```json
{
  "upstream": 413,
  "apicast": 414
}
```
For information about how to configure policies, see the [Creating a policy chain in 3scale](#) section of the documentation.

### 4.1.13. JWT Claim Check

Based on JSON Web Token (JWT) claims, the JWT Claim Check policy allows you to define new rules to block resource targets and methods.

**About JWT Claim Check policy**

In order to route based on the value of a JWT claim, you need a policy in the chain that validates the JWT and stores the claim in the context that the policies share.

If the JWT Claim Check policy is blocking a resource and a method, the policy also validates the JWT operations. Alternatively, in case that the method resource does not match, the request continues to the backend API.

Example: In case of a GET request, the JWT needs to have the role claim as admin, if not the request will be denied. On the other hand, any non GET request will not validate the JWT operations, so POST resource is allowed without JWT constraint.

```json
{
  "name": "apicast.policy.jwt_claim_check",
  "configuration": {
    "error_message": "Invalid JWT check",
    "rules": [
      {
        "operations": [
          {
            "op": "==", "jwt_claim": "role", "jwt_claim_type": "plain", "value": "admin"
          }
        ],
        "combine_op": "and",
        "methods": ["GET"],
        "resource": "/resource",
        "resource_type": "plain"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

**Configuring JWT Claim Check policy in your policy chain**

To configure the JWT Claim Check policy in your policy chain:

- You need to have access to a 3scale installation.
- You need to wait for all the deployments to finish.
Configuring the policy

1. To add the JWT Claim Check policy to your API, follow the steps described in Enabling policies in the 3scale Admin Portal and choose JWT Claim Check.

2. Click the JWT Claim Check link.

3. To enable the policy, select the Enabled checkbox.

4. To add rules, click the plus + icon.

5. Specify the resource_type.

6. Choose the operator.

7. Indicate the resource controlled by the rule.

8. To add the allowed methods, click the plus + icon.

9. Type the error message to show to the user when traffic is blocked.

10. When you have finished setting up your API with JWT Claim Check, click Update Policy. You can add more resource types and allowed methods by clicking the plus + icon in the corresponding section.

11. Click Update Policy Chain to save your changes.

4.1.14. Liquid Context Debug

NOTE

The Liquid Context Debug policy is meant only for debugging purposes in the development environment and not in production.

This policy responds to the API request with a JSON, containing the objects and values that are available in the context and can be used for evaluating Liquid templates. When combined with the 3scale APIcast or upstream policy, Liquid Context Debug must be placed before them in the policy chain in order to work correctly. To avoid circular references, the policy only includes duplicated objects once and replaces them with a stub value.

An example of the value returned by APIcast when the policy is enabled:

```json
{
    "jwt": {
        "azp": "972f7b4f",
        "iat": 1537538097,
        ...
        "exp": 1537574096,
        "typ": "Bearer"
    },
    "credentials": {
        "app_id": "972f7b4f"
    },
    "usage": {
        "deltas": {
```
4.1.15. Logging

The Logging policy has two purposes:

- To enable and disable access log output.
- To create a custom access log format for each service and be able to set conditions to write custom access log.

You can combine the Logging policy with the global setting for the location of access logs. Set the `APICAST_ACCESS_LOG_FILE` environment variable to configure the location of APIcast access logs. By default, this variable is set to `/dev/stdout`, which is the standard output device. For further details about global APIcast parameters, see Chapter 6, `APIcast environment variables`.

Additionally, the Logging policy has these features:

- This policy only supports the `enable_access_logs` configuration parameter.
- To enable the access logs, select the `enable_access_logs` parameter or disable the Logging policy.
- To disable access logging for an API:
  1. Enable the policy.
  2. Clear the `enable_access_logs` parameter
  3. Click the Submit button.

- By default, this policy is not enabled in policy chains.

**Global configuration for all APIs**

Logging options help to avoid issues with logs that are not correctly formatted in APIs. A custom APIcast environment variable can be set and all APIs implement the Logging policy. Here is an example of a policy that is loaded in all services: `custom_env.lua`

```lua
local cjson = require('cjson')
local PolicyChain = require('apicast.policy_chain')
local policy_chain = context.policy_chain

local logging_policy_config = cjson.decode({
  "enable_access_logs": false,
})
```

---

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"custom_logging": ""\{{request}}\" to service {{service.id}} and {{service.name}}"
}
]]

policy_chain:insert( PolicyChain.load_policy('logging', 'builtin', logging_policy_config), 1)

return {
    policy_chain = policy_chain,
    port = { metrics = 9421 },
}

To run APIcast with this specific environment:

docker run --name apicast --rm -p 8080:8080 \
    -v $(pwd):/config \
    -e APICAST_ENVIRONMENT=/config/custom_env.lua \
    -e THREESCALE_PORTAL_ENDPOINT=https://ACCESS_TOKEN@ADMIN_PORTAL_DOMAIN \
    quay.io/3scale/apicast:master

These are key concepts of the Docker command to consider:

- Current Lua file must be shared to the container -v $(pwd):/config.
- APICAST_ENVIRONMENT variable must be set to the Lua file that is stored in the /config directory.

Examples

This section describes some examples when working with the Logging policy. These examples consider the following caveats:

- If custom_logging or enable_json_logs property is enabled, default access log will be disabled.

- If enable_json_logs is enabled, the custom_logging field will be omitted.

Disabling access log

```json
{
    "name": "apicast.policy.logging",
    "configuration": {
        "enable_access_logs": false
    }
}
```

Enabling custom access log

```json
{
    "name": "apicast.policy.logging",
    "configuration": {
        "enable_access_logs": false,
        "custom_logging": "\{{time_local}\} \{host\}:\{server_port\} \{remote_addr\}:\{remote_port\} \"\n        \{request\}\" \{status\} \{body_bytes_sent\} \{request_time\} \{post_action_impact\}\"",
    }
}
```
Enabling custom access log with the service identifier

```json
{
  "name": "apicast.policy.logging",
  "configuration": {
    "enable_access_logs": false,
    "custom_logging": "{\"request\":\" to service {\service.id} and {\service.serializable.name}}\",
  }
}
```

Configuring access logs in JSON format

```json
{
  "name": "apicast.policy.logging",
  "configuration": {
    "enable_access_logs": false,
    "enable_json_logs": true,
    "json_object_config": [
      {
        "key": "host",
        "value": "{\host}\",
        "value_type": "liquid"
      },
      {
        "key": "time",
        "value": "{\time_local}\",
        "value_type": "liquid"
      },
      {
        "key": "custom",
        "value": "custom_method",
        "value_type": "plain"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

Configuring a custom access log only for a successful request

```json
{
  "name": "apicast.policy.logging",
  "configuration": {
    "enable_access_logs": false,
    "custom_logging": "{\request} to service {\service.id} and {\service.name}\",
    "condition": {
      "operations": [
        {"op": "==", "match": "{\status}\", "match_type": "liquid", "value": "200"}
      ],
      "combine_op": "and"
    }
  }
}
```

Customizing access logs where the response status matches either 200 or 500
Additional information about custom logging

For custom logging, you can use Liquid templates with exported variables. These variables include:

- NGINX default directive variable: log_format. For example: `{{remote_addr}}`.
- Response and request headers:
  - `{{req.headers.FOO}}`: To get the FOO header in the request.
  - `{{res.headers.FOO}}`: To retrieve the FOO header on response.
- Service information, such as `{{service.id}}`, and all the service properties provided by these parameters:
  - THREESCALE_CONFIG_FILE
  - THREESCALE_PORTAL_ENDPOINT

4.1.16. Maintenance Mode

The Maintenance Mode policy allows you reject incoming requests with a specified status code and message. It is useful for maintenance periods or to temporarily block an API.

Configuration properties

The following is a list of possible properties and default values.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>property</th>
<th>value</th>
<th>default</th>
<th>description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>status</td>
<td>integer, optional</td>
<td>503</td>
<td>Response code</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>message</td>
<td>string, optional</td>
<td>503 Service Unavailable - Maintenance</td>
<td>Response message</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Maintenance Mode policy example

```json
{
    "policy_chain": [
```
For information about how to configure policies, see the Creating a policy chain in 3scale section of the documentation.

4.1.17. NGINX Filters

NGINX automatically checks some request headers and rejects requests when it cannot validate those headers. For example, NGINX rejects requests that have If-Match headers that NGINX cannot validate. If you want NGINX to skip validation of particular headers, add the NGINX Filters policy.

When you add the NGINX Filters policy, you specify one or more request headers for which you want NGINX to skip validation. For each header that you specify, you indicate whether or not to keep the header in the request. For example, the following JSON code adds the NGINX Filters policy so that it skips validation of If-Match headers but keeps If-Match headers in requests that are forwarded to the upstream server.

```json
{
    "name": "apicast.policy.nginx_filters",
    "configuration": {
        "headers": [
            {
                "name": "If-Match",
                "append": true
            }
        ]
    }
}
```

The next example also skips validation of If-Match headers but this code instructs NGINX to delete If-Match headers before sending requests to the upstream server.

```json
{
    "name": "apicast.policy.nginx_filters",
    "configuration": {
        "headers": [
            {
                "name": "If-Match",
                "append": false
            }
        ]
    }
}
```

Regardless of whether or not you append the specified header to the request that goes to the upstream server, you avoid an NGINX 412 response code when NGINX cannot validate a header that you specify.

**IMPORTANT**

Specifying the same header for the Header Modification policy and for the NGINX Filters policy is a potential source of conflict.

4.1.18. OAuth 2.0 Mutual TLS Client Authentication

This policy executes OAuth 2.0 Mutual TLS Client Authentication for every API call.

An example of the OAuth 2.0 Mutual TLS Client Authentication policy JSON is shown below:

```json
{
}
```
OAuth 2.0 Token Introspection

The OAuth 2.0 Token Introspection policy allows validating the JSON Web Token (JWT) token used for services with the OpenID Connect (OIDC) authentication option using the Token Introspection Endpoint of the token issuer (Red Hat Single Sign-On).

APIcast supports the following authentication types in the `auth_type` field to determine the Token Introspection Endpoint and the credentials APIcast uses when calling this endpoint:

- **use_3scale_oidcIssuer_endpoint**: APIcast uses the client credentials, `Client ID` and `Client Secret`, as well as the Token Introspection Endpoint from the OIDC Issuer setting configured on the Service Integration page. APIcast discovers the Token Introspection endpoint from the `token_introspection_endpoint` field. This field is located in the `.well-known/openid-configuration` endpoint that is returned by the OIDC issuer.

  Authentication type set to `use_3scale_oidcIssuer_endpoint`:

  ```json
  "policy_chain": [
  ..., 
  { 
    "name": "apicast.policy.token_introspection",
    "configuration": { 
      "auth_type": "use_3scale_oidcIssuer_endpoint"
    }
  }
  ],
  ...
  ]
  ```

- **client_id+client_secret**: This option enables you to specify a different Token Introspection Endpoint, as well as the `Client ID` and `Client Secret` APIcast uses to request token information. When using this option, set the following configuration parameters:

  - **client_id**: Sets the Client ID for the Token Introspection Endpoint.
  - **client_secret**: Sets the Client Secret for the Token Introspection Endpoint.
  - **introspection_url**: Sets the Introspection Endpoint URL.

  Authentication type set to `client_id+client_secret`:

  ```json
  "policy_chain": [
  ..., 
  { 
    "name": "apicast.policy.token_introspection",
  }
  ],
  ```
Regardless of the setting in the `auth_type` field, APIcast uses Basic Authentication to authorize the Token Introspection call (Authorization: Basic `<token>` header, where `<token>` is Base64-encoded `<client_id>:<client_secret>` setting).
The response of the Token Introspection Endpoint contains the **active** attribute. APIcast checks the value of this attribute. Depending on the value of the attribute, APIcast authorizes or rejects the call:
- true: The call is authorized
- false: The call is rejected with the Authentication Failed error

The policy allows enabling caching of the tokens to avoid calling the Token Introspection Endpoint on every call for the same JWT token. To enable token caching for the Token Introspection Policy, set the max_cached_tokens field to a value from 0, which disables the feature, and 10000. Additionally, you can set a Time to Live (TTL) value from 1 to 3600 seconds for tokens in the max_ttl_tokens field.

4.1.20. Proxy Service

You can use the Proxy Service policy to define a generic HTTP proxy where the 3scale traffic will be sent using the defined proxy. In this case, the proxy service works as a reverse HTTP proxy, where APIcast sends the traffic to the HTTP proxy, and the proxy then sends the traffic on to the API backend.

The following example shows the traffic flow:

All APIcast traffic sent to the 3scale backend does not use the proxy. This policy only applies to the proxy and the communication between APIcast and API backend.

If you want to send all traffic through a proxy, you must use an HTTP_PROXY environment variable.

NOTE
- The Proxy Service policy disables all load-balancing policies, and traffic is sent to the proxy.
- If the HTTP_PROXY, HTTPS_PROXY, or ALL_PROXY parameters are defined, this policy overwrites those values.
- The proxy connection does not support authentication. You use the Header Modification policy for authentication.

Configuration

The following example shows the policy chain configuration:

The all_proxy value is used if http_proxy or https_proxy is not defined.

**Example use case**

The Proxy Service policy was designed to apply more fine-grained policies and transformation in 3scale using Apache Camel over HTTP. However, you can also use the Proxy Service policy as a generic HTTP proxy service. For integration with Apache Camel over HTTPS, see Section 4.1.5, “Camel Proxy Service”.

**Example project**

See the camel-netty-proxy example on GitHub. This project shows an HTTP proxy that transforms the response body from the API backend to uppercase.

### 4.1.21. Rate Limit

The Rate Limit policy allows you to control the amount of traffic passed to your API.

Specifically, you can set limits around the following:

- Connections
- A fixed window *

For information on how to configure policies, refer to the Creating a policy chain section of the documentation.

### 4.1.22. Rate Limit Headers

The Rate Limit Headers policy adds RateLimit headers to response messages when your application subscribes to an application plan with rate limits. These headers provide useful information about the configured request quota limit and the remaining request quota and seconds in the current time window.

In the policy chain for a product, if you add the Rate Limit Headers policy it must be before the 3scale APIcast policy. If the 3scale APIcast policy is before the Rate Limit Headers policy then the Rate Limit Headers policy does not work.

**RateLimit headers**

The following RateLimit headers are added to each message:

- **RateLimit-Limit**: Displays the total request quota in the configured time window, for example, 10 requests.
- **RateLimit-Remaining**: Displays the remaining request quota in the current time window, for example, 5 requests.

- **RateLimit-Reset**: Displays the remaining seconds in the current time window, for example, 30 seconds. The behavior of this header is compatible with the `delta-seconds` notation of the `Retry-After` header.

By default, there are no rate limit headers in the response message when the Rate Limit Headers policy is not configured or when your application plan does not have any rate limits.

**NOTE**

If you are requesting an API metric with no rate limits but the parent metric has limits configured, the rate limit headers are still included in the response because the parent limits apply.

Additional resources

- Internet-Draft: RateLimit Header Fields for HTTP
- Configuring 3scale application plans and rate limits
- Configuring 3scale API metrics

### 4.1.23. Referrer

The 3scale Referrer policy enables the Referrer Filtering feature. When the policy is enabled in the service policy chain, APIcast sends the value of the 3scale Referrer policy to the Service Management API as an upwards `AuthRep` call. The value of the 3scale Referrer policy is sent in the `referrer` parameter in the call.

For more information on how Referrer Filtering works, see the Referrer Filtering section under Authentication Patterns.

### 4.1.24. Response/Request Content Limits

As an API provider, you can add the Response/Request Content Limits policy to an API product. This policy lets you limit the size of a request to an upstream API as well as the size of a response from an upstream API. Without this policy, the request/response size is unlimited.

This policy is helpful for preventing overloading of:

- A backend because it must act on a payload that is too large.
- An end-user (API consumer) because it receives more data than it can handle.

In a request or in a response, the `content-length` header is required for 3scale to apply the Response/Request Content Limits policy.

In the Admin Portal, after you add the Response/Request Content Limits policy to a product, click it to specify the limits in bytes. You can specify the request limit, or the response limit, or both. The default value, 0, indicates an unlimited size.

Alternatively, you can add this policy by updating your policy chain configuration file, for example:
4.1.25. RH-SSO/Keycloak Role Check

This policy adds role check when used with the OpenID Connect authentication option. This policy verifies realm roles and client roles in the access token issued by Red Hat Single Sign-On (RH-SSO). The realm roles are specified when you want to add role check to every client resource of 3scale.

There are the two types of role checks that the type property specifies in the policy configuration:

- **whitelist**: This is the default. When whitelist is used, APIcast will check if the specified scopes are present in the JWT token and will reject the call if the JWT doesn’t have the scopes.

- **blacklist**: When blacklist is used, APIcast will reject the calls if the JWT token contains the blacklisted scopes.

It is not possible to configure both checks – blacklist and whitelist in the same policy, but you can add more than one instance of the RH-SSO/Keycloak Role Check policy to the APIcast policy chain.

You can configure a list of scopes via the scopes property of the policy configuration.

Each scope object has the following properties:

- **resource**: Resource endpoint controlled by the role. This is the same format as Mapping Rules. The pattern matches from the beginning of the string and to make an exact match you must append $ at the end.

- **resource_type**: This defines how the resource value is evaluated.
  - As plain text (plain): Evaluates the resource value as plain text. Example: /api/v1/products$.
  - As Liquid text (liquid): Allows using Liquid in the resource value. Example: /resource_{{jwt.aud}} manages access to the resource containing the Client ID.

- **methods**: Use this parameter to list the allowed HTTP methods in APIcast, based on the user roles in RH-SSO. As examples, you can allow methods that have:
  - The role1 realm role to access /resource1. For those methods that do not have this realm role, you need to specify the blacklist.
  - The client1 role called role1 to access /resource1.
  - The role1 and role2 realm roles to access /resource1. Specify the roles in realm_roles. You can also indicate the scope for each role.
  - The client role called role1 of the application client, which is the recipient of the access token, to access /resource1. Use liquid client type to specify the JSON Web Token (JWT) information to the client.
The client role including the client ID of the application client, the recipient of the access token, to access /resource1. Use liquid client type to specify the JWT information to the name of the client role.

The client role called role1 to access the resource including the application client ID. Use liquid client type to specify the JWT information to the resource.

- realm_roles: Use it to check the realm role. See the Realm Roles in Red Hat Single Sign-On documentation.
The realm roles are present in the JWT issued by Red Hat Single Sign-On.

```
"realm_access": {
    "roles": [
        "<realm_role_A>", "<realm_role_B>
    ]
}
```
The real roles must be specified in the policy.

```
"realm_roles": [
    { "name": "<realm_role_A>" }, { "name": "<realm_role_B>"

Following are the available properties of each object in the realm_roles array:

- name: Specifies the name of the role.
- name_type: Defines how the name must be evaluated; the value can be plain or liquid. This works the same way as for the resource_type.

- client_roles: Use client_roles to check for the particular access roles in the client namespace. See the Client Roles in Red Hat Single Sign-On documentation.
The client roles are present in the JWT under the resource_access claim.

```
"resource_access": {
    "<client_A>": {
        "roles": [
            "<client_role_A>", "<client_role_B>
        ]
    },
    "<client_B>": {
        "roles": [
            "<client_role_A>", "<client_role_B>
        ]
    }
}
```
Specify the client roles in the policy.

```
"client_roles": [
    { "name": "<client_role_A>", "client": "<client_A>" },
    { "name": "<client_role_B>", "client": "<client_A>" },
    { "name": "<client_role_A>", "client": "<client_B>" },
    { "name": "<client_role_B>", "client": "<client_B>" }
]```
Following are the available properties of each object in the `client_roles` array:

- **name**: Specifies the name of the role.
- **name_type**: Defines how the `name` value must be evaluated; the value can be `plain` or `liquid`. This works the same way as for the `resource_type`.
- **client**: Specifies the client of the role. When it is not defined, this policy uses the `aud` claim as the client.
- **client_type**: Defines how the `client` value must be evaluated; The value can be `plain` or `liquid`. This works the same way as for the `resource_type`.

### 4.1.26. Routing

The Routing policy allows you to route requests to different target endpoints. You can define target endpoints and then you will be able to route incoming requests from the UI to those using regular expressions.

Routing is based on the following rules:

- Request path rule
- Header rule
- Query argument rule
- JSON Web Token (JWT) claim rule

**IMPORTANT**

When you add the Routing policy to a policy chain, the Routing policy must always be immediately before the standard 3scale APIcast policy. In other words, there cannot be any policies between the Routing policy and the 3scale APIcast policy. This ensures correct APIcast output in the request that APIcast sends to the upstream API. Here are two examples of correct policy chains:

- Liquid Context Debug
  - JWT Claim Check
  - Routing
  - 3scale APIcast

- Liquid Context Debug
  - Routing
  - 3scale APIcast
  - JWT Claim Check

**Routing rules**

- If multiple rules exist, the Routing policy applies the first match. You can sort these rules.
- If no rules match, the policy will not change the upstream and will use the defined Private Base URL defined in the service configuration.
Request path rule

This is a configuration that routes to http://example.com when the path is /accounts:

```json
{
   "name": "routing",
   "version": "builtin",
   "configuration": {
      "rules": [ {
         "url": "http://example.com",
         "condition": { "operations": [ { "match": "path", "op": "==", "value": "/accounts" } ] }
      } ]
   }
}
```

Header rule

This is a configuration that routes to http://example.com when the value of the header Test-Header is 123:

```json
{
   "name": "routing",
   "version": "builtin",
   "configuration": {
      "rules": [ {
         "url": "http://example.com",
         "condition": { "operations": [ { "match": "header", "header_name": "Test-Header", "op": "==", "value": "123" } ] }
      } ]
   }
}
```

Query argument rule

This is a configuration that routes to http://example.com when the value of the query argument test_query_arg is 123:

```json
{
   "name": "routing",
   "version": "builtin",
   "configuration": {
      "rules": [ ]
   }
}
```
JWT claim rule

To route based on the value of a JWT claim, there needs to be a policy in the chain that validates the JWT and stores it in the context that the policies share.

This is a configuration that routes to http://example.com when the value of the JWT claim `test_claim` is 123:

```json
{
   "name": "routing",
   "version": "builtin",
   "configuration": {
      "rules": [
         {
            "url": "http://example.com",
            "condition": {
               "operations": [
                  {
                     "match": "jwt_claim",
                     "jwt_claim_name": "test_claim",
                     "op": "==",
                     "value": "123"
                  }
               ]
            }
         }
      ]
   }
}
```

Multiple operations rule

A rule can have multiple operations and route to the given upstream only when all of them evaluate to true.
Rules can have multiple operations and route to the given upstream only when all of them evaluate to true by using 'and' `combine_op`, or when at least one of them evaluates to true by using 'or' `combine_op`. The default value of `combine_op` is 'and'.

This is a configuration that routes to `http://example.com` when the path of the request is `/accounts` and when the value of the header `Test-Header` is `123`:

```json
{
  "name": "routing",
  "version": "builtin",
  "configuration": {
    "rules": [
      {
        "url": "http://example.com",
        "condition": {
          "combine_op": "and",
          "operations": [
            {
              "match": "path",
              "op": "==",
              "value": "/accounts"
            },
            {
              "match": "header",
              "header_name": "Test-Header",
              "op": "==",
              "value": "123"
            }
          ]
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

This is a configuration that routes to `http://example.com` when the path of the request is `/accounts` or when the value of the header `Test-Header` is `123`:

```json
{
  "name": "routing",
  "version": "builtin",
  "configuration": {
    "rules": [
      {
        "url": "http://example.com",
        "condition": {
          "combine_op": "or",
          "operations": [
            {
              "match": "path",
              "op": "==",
              "value": "accounts"
            },
            {
              "match": "header",
              "header_name": "Test-Header",
              "op": "==",
              "value": "123"
            }
          ]
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```
Combining rules

Rules can be combined. When there are several rules, the upstream selected is one of the first rules that evaluates to true.

This is a configuration with several rules:

```
{
  "name": "routing",
  "version": "builtin",
  "configuration": {
    "rules": [
      {
        "url": "http://some_upstream.com",
        "condition": {
          "operations": [
            {
              "match": "path",
              "op": "==",
              "value": "/accounts"
            }
          ]
        }
      },
      {
        "url": "http://another_upstream.com",
        "condition": {
          "operations": [
            {
              "match": "path",
              "op": "==",
              "value": "/users"
            }
          ]
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

Catch-all rules

A rule without operations always matches. This can be useful to define catch-all rules.
This configuration routes the request to `http://some_upstream.com` if the path is `/abc`, routes the request to `http://another_upstream.com` if the path is `/def`, and finally, routes the request to `http://default_upstream.com` if none of the previous rules evaluated to true:

```json
{
  "name": "routing",
  "version": "builtin",
  "configuration": {
    "rules": [
      {
        "url": "http://some_upstream.com",
        "condition": {
          "operations": [
            {
              "match": "path",
              "op": "==",
              "value": "/abc"
            }
          ]
        }
      },
      {
        "url": "http://another_upstream.com",
        "condition": {
          "operations": [
            {
              "match": "path",
              "op": "==",
              "value": "/def"
            }
          ]
        }
      },
      {
        "url": "http://default_upstream.com",
        "condition": {
          "operations": []
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

### Supported operations

The supported operations are `==`, `!=`, and `matches`. The latter matches a string with a regular expression and it is implemented using `ngx.re.match`

This is a configuration that uses `!=`. It routes to `http://example.com` when the path is not `/accounts`:

```json
{
  "name": "routing",
  "version": "builtin",
  "configuration": {
    "rules": [
      {
        "url": "http://example.com",
        "condition": {
          "operations": [
            {
              "match": "path",
              "op": "!=",
              "value": "/accounts"
            }
          ]
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```
Liquid templating

It is possible to use liquid templating for the values of the configuration. This allows you to define rules with dynamic values if a policy in the chain stores the key `my_var` in the context.

This is a configuration that uses that value to route the request:

```json
{
  "name": "routing",
  "version": "builtin",
  "configuration": {
    "rules": [
      {
        "url": "http://example.com",
        "condition": {
          "operations": [
            {
              "match": "header",
              "header_name": "Test-Header",
              "op": "==",
              "value": "{{ my_var }}",
              "value_type": "liquid"
            }
          ]
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

Set the host used in the `host_header`

By default, when a request is routed, the policy sets the Host header using the host of the URL of the rule that matched. It is possible to specify a different host with the `host_header` attribute.

This is a configuration that specifies `some_host.com` as the host of the Host header:

```json
{
  "name": "routing",
  "version": "builtin",
  "configuration": {
    "rules": [
      {
        "url": "http://example.com",
        "condition": {
          "operations": [
            {
              "match": "header",
              "header_name": "Test-Header",
              "op": "==",
              "value": "{{ my_var }}",
              "value_type": "liquid"
            }
          ]
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```
"rules": [
{
  "url": "http://example.com",
  "host_header": "some_host.com",
  "condition": {
    "operations": [
      {
        "match": "path",
        "op": "==",
        "value": "/"
      }
    ]
  }
}
]

4.1.27. SOAP

The SOAP policy matches SOAP action URIs provided in the SOAPAction or Content-Type header of an HTTP request with mapping rules specified in the policy.

Configuration properties

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>pattern</td>
<td>The pattern property allows you to specify a string that APIcast will seek matches for in the SOAPAction URI.</td>
<td>data type: string</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>metric_system_name</td>
<td>The metric_system_name property allows you to specify the 3scale backend metric with which your matched pattern will register a hit.</td>
<td>data type: string, must be a valid metric</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Policy object example

```json
{
  "name": "soap",
  "version": "builtin",
  "configuration": {
    "mapping_rules": [
      {
        "pattern": "http://example.com/soap#request",
        "metric_system_name": "soap",
        "delta": 1
      }
    ]
  }
}
```
For information on how to configure policies, see the Creating a policy chain in 3scale section of the documentation.

### 4.1.28. TLS Client Certificate Validation

With the TLS Client Certificate Validation policy, APIcast implements a TLS handshake and validates the client certificate against a whitelist. A whitelist contains certificates signed by the Certified Authority (CA) or just plain client certificates. In case of an expired or invalid certificate, the request is rejected and no other policies will be processed.

The client connects to APIcast to send a request and provides a Client Certificate. APIcast verifies the authenticity of the provided certificate in the incoming request according to the policy configuration. APIcast can also be configured to use a client certificate of its own to use it when connecting to the upstream.

#### Setting up APIcast to work with TLS Client Certificate Validation

APIcast needs to be configured to terminate TLS. Follow the steps below to configure the validation of client certificates provided by users on APIcast with the Client Certificate Validation policy.

You must have access to a 3scale installation. You must wait for all the deployments to finish.

#### Setting up APIcast to work with the policy

To set up APIcast and configure it to terminate TLS, follow these steps:

1. You need to get the access token and deploy APIcast self-managed, as indicated in Deploying APIcast using the OpenShift template.

   **NOTE**

   APIcast self-managed deployment is required as the APIcast instance needs to be reconfigured to use some certificates for the whole gateway.

2. For testing purposes only, you can use the lazy loader with no cache and staging environment and `--param` flags for the ease of testing

   ```shell
   oc new-app -f https://raw.githubusercontent.com/3scale/3scale-amp-openshift-templates/master/apicast-gateway/apicast.yml --param CONFIGURATION_LOADER=lazy --param DEPLOYMENT_ENVIRONMENT=staging --param CONFIGURATION_CACHE=0
   ```

3. Generate certificates for testing purposes. Alternatively, for production deployment, you can use the certificates provided by a Certificate Authority.

4. Create a Secret with TLS certificates

   ```shell
   oc create secret tls apicast-tls
   --cert=ca/certs/server.crt
   --key=ca/keys/server.key
   ```

5. Mount the Secret inside the APIcast deployment
6. Configure APIcast to start listening on port 8443 for HTTPS

```bash
oc set env dc/apicast APICAST_HTTPS_PORT=8443
APICAST_HTTPS_CERTIFICATE=/var/run/secrets/apicast/tls.crt
APICAST_HTTPS_CERTIFICATE_KEY=/var/run/secrets/apicast/tls.key
```

7. Expose 8443 on the Service

```bash
oc patch service apicast -p '{"spec":{"ports":[{"name":"https","port":8443,"protocol":"TCP"}]}}'
```

8. Delete the default route

```bash
oc delete route api-apicast-staging
```

9. Expose the `apicast` service as a route

```bash
oc create route passthrough --service=apicast --port=https --hostname=api-3scale-apicast-staging.$WILDCARD_DOMAIN
```

**NOTE**

This step is needed for every API you are going to use and the domain changes for every API.

10. Verify that the previously deployed gateway works and the configuration was saved, by specifying `[Your_user_key]` in the placeholder.

```bash
curl https://api-3scale-apicast-staging.$WILDCARD_DOMAIN?user_key=[Your_user_key] -v --cacert ca/certs/ca.crt
```

### Configuring TLS Client Certificate Validation in your policy chain

To configure TLS Client Certificate Validation in your policy chain, you need 3scale login credentials. Also, you need to have configured [APIcast with the TLS Client Certificate Validation policy](#).

1. To add the TLS Client Certificate Validation policy to your API, follow the steps described in [Enabling policies in the 3scale Admin Portal](#) and choose TLS Client Certificate Validation.

2. Click the **TLS Client Certificate Validation** link.

3. To enable the policy, select the **Enabled** checkbox.

4. To add certificates to the whitelist, click the plus `+` icon.

5. Specify the certificate including `-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----` and `-----END CERTIFICATE-----`.

6. When you have finished setting up your API with TLS Client Certificate Validation, click **Update Policy**.
Additionally:

- You can add more certificates by clicking the plus + icon.
- You can also reorganize the certificates by clicking the up and down arrows.

To save your changes, click **Update Policy Chain**.

**Verifying functionality of the TLS Client Certificate Validation policy**

To verify the functionality of the TLS Client Certificate Validation policy, you need 3scale login credentials. Also, you need to have configured APIcast with the TLS Client Certificate Validation policy.

You can verify the applied policy by specifying `[Your_user_key]` in the placeholder.

```bash
curl https://api-3scale-apicast-staging.$WILDCARD_DOMAIN/?user_key=[Your_user_key] -v --cacert ca/certs/ca.crt --cert ca/certs/client.crt --key ca/keys/client.key

curl https://api-3scale-apicast-staging.$WILDCARD_DOMAIN/?user_key=[Your_user_key] -v --cacert ca/certs/ca.crt --cert ca/certs/server.crt --key ca/keys/server.key

curl https://api-3scale-apicast-staging.$WILDCARD_DOMAIN/?user_key=[Your_user_key] -v --cacert ca/certs/ca.crt
```

**Removing a certificate from the whitelist**

To remove a certificate from the whitelist, you need 3scale login credentials. You need to have set up APIcast with the TLS Client Certificate Validation policy. You need to have added the certificate to the whitelist, by configuring TLS Client Certificate Validation in your policy chain.

1. Click the **TLS Client Certificate Validation** link.
2. To remove certificates from the whitelist, click the x icon.
3. When you have finished removing the certificates, click **Update Policy**.

To save your changes, click **Update Policy Chain**.

For more information about working with certificates, you can refer to Red Hat Certificate System.

**4.1.29. TLS Termination**

This section provides information about the Transport Layer Security (TLS) Termination policy: concepts, configuration, verification and file removal from the policy.

With the TLS Termination policy, you can configure APIcast to finish TLS requests for each API without using a single certificate for all APIs. APIcast pulls the configuration setting before establishing a connection to the client; in this way, APIcast uses the certificates from the policy and makes the TLS terminate. This policy works with these sources:

- Stored in the policy configuration.
- Stored on the file system.

By default, this policy is not enabled in policy chains.

**Configuring TLS Termination in your policy chain**
This section describes the prerequisites and steps to configure the TLS Termination in your policy chain, with Privacy Enhanced Mail (PEM) formatted certificates. Prerequisites are:

- Certificate issued by user
- A PEM-formatted server certificate
- A PEM-formatted certificate private key

Follow this procedure:

1. To add the TLS Termination policy to your API, follow the steps described in Enabling a standard Policy and choose TLS Termination.

2. Click the TLS Termination link.

3. To enable the policy, select the Enabled checkbox.

4. To add TLS certificates to the policy, click the plus + icon.

5. Choose the source of your certificates:
   - **Embedded certificate** is selected by default. Upload these certificates:
     - PEM formatted certificate private key: Click Browse to select and upload.
     - PEM formatted certificate: Click Browse to select and upload.
   - **Certificate from filesystem** - select and specify these certificate paths:
     - Path to the certificate
     - Path to certificate private key

6. When you have finished setting up your API with TLS Termination, click Update Policy.

Additionally:

- You can add more certificates by clicking the plus + icon.
- You can also reorganize the certificates by clicking the up and down arrows.

To save your changes, click Update Policy Chain.

**Verifying functionality of the TLS Termination policy**

You must have 3scale login credentials. You must have configured APIcast with the TLS Termination policy.

You can test in the command line if the policy works with the following command:

```
curl "${public_URL}:${port}/?user_key=${user_key}" --cacert ${path_to_certificate}/ca.pem -v
```

where:

- **public_URL** = The staging public base URL
- **port** = The port number

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- **user_key** = The user key you want to authenticate with

- **path_to_certificate** = The path to the CA certificate in your local file system

### Removing files from TLS Termination

This section describes the steps to remove the certificate and key files from the TLS Termination policy.

- You need 3scale login credentials.

- You need to have added the certificate to the policy, by configuring APIcast with the TLS Termination policy.

To remove a certificate:

1. Click the **TLS Termination** link.

2. To remove certificates and keys, click the **x** icon.

3. When you have finished removing the certificates, click **Update Policy**.

To save your changes, click **Update Policy Chain**.

### 4.1.30. Upstream

The Upstream policy allows you to parse the Host request header using regular expressions and replace the upstream URL defined in the Private Base URL with a different URL.

For Example:

A policy with a regex `/foo`, and URL field `newexample.com` would replace the URL `https://www.example.com/foo/123/` with `newexample.com`

Policy chain reference:

<table>
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<tr>
<td>regex</td>
<td>The <strong>regex</strong> property allows you to specify the regular expression that the Upstream policy will use when searching for a match with the request path.</td>
<td>data type: string, Must be a valid regular expression syntax</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>url</td>
<td>Using the <strong>url</strong> property, you can specify the replacement URL in the event of a match. Note that the Upstream policy does not check whether or not this URL is valid.</td>
<td>data type: string, ensure this is a valid URL</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Policy object example**
4.1.31. Upstream Mutual TLS

With the Upstream Mutual TLS policy, you can establish and validate mutual TLS connections between APIcast and upstream APIs based on the certificates set in the configuration.

When the verify field is enabled, the policy also verifies the server certificate from the upstream APIs. The ca_certificates contains a Privacy Enhanced Mail (PEM) formatted certificate, including the -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE----- and -----END CERTIFICATE----- that the APIcast uses to validate the server.

NOTE
You must enable the verify field and have ca_certificates filled for verification of the upstream API’s certificate to take place. When the verify field is not enabled, only the check for the APIcast certificate at upstream APIs occurs.

To configure Upstream Mutual TLS in your policy chain, you need to have access to a 3scale installation.

1. To add the Upstream Mutual TLS policy to your API, follow the steps described in Enabling policies in the 3scale Admin Portal and choose Upstream Mutual TLS.
2. Click the Upstream Mutual TLS link.
3. To enable the policy, select the Enabled checkbox.
4. Choose a Certificate type:
   - path: If you want to specify the path of a certificate, such as the one generated by OpenShift.
   - embedded: If you want to use a third-party generated certificate, by uploading it from your file system.
5. In Certificate, specify the client certificate.
6. Indicate the key in Certificate key.
7. When you have finished setting up your API with Upstream Mutual TLS, click Update Policy Chain.
To promote your changes:

1. Go to [Your_product] page > Integration > Configuration

2. Under APIcast Configuration, click Promote v# to Staging APIcast

v# represents the version number of the configuration to be promoted.

Path configuration

Use the certificates path for OpenShift and Kubernetes secrets as follows:

```json
{
    "name": "apicast.policy.upstream_mtls",
    "configuration": {
        "certificate": "/secrets/client.cer",
        "certificate_type": "path",
        "certificate_key": "/secrets/client.key",
        "certificate_key_type": "path"
    }
}
```

Embedded configuration

Use the following configuration for http forms and file upload:

```json
{
    "name": "apicast.policy.upstream_mtls",
    "configuration": {
        "certificate_type": "embedded",
        "certificate_key_type": "embedded",
        "certificate": "data:application/pkix-cert;name=client.cer;base64,XXXXXXXXXXX",
        "certificate_key": "data:application/x-iwork-keynote-sffkey;name=client.key;base64,XXXXXXXX"
    }
}
```

For more details about the additional fields, `ca_certificates` and `verify` for Upstream mutual TLS, policy config schema.

Additional considerations

The Upstream mutual TLS policy will overwrite `APICAST_PROXY_HTTPS_CERTIFICATE_KEY` and `APICAST_PROXY_HTTPS_CERTIFICATE` environment variable values. It uses the certificates set by the policy, so those environment variables will have no effect.

4.1.32. URL Rewriting

The URL Rewriting policy allows you to modify the path of a request and the query string.

When combined with the 3scale APIcast policy, if the URL Rewriting policy is placed before the APIcast policy in the policy chain, the APIcast mapping rules will apply to the modified path. If the URL Rewriting policy is placed after APIcast in the policy chain, then the mapping rules will apply to the original path.

The policy supports the following two sets of operations:

- **commands**: List of commands to be applied to rewrite the path of the request.
• **query_args_commands**: List of commands to be applied to rewrite the query string of the request.

Commands for rewriting the path

Following are the configuration parameters that each command in the **commands** list consists of:

• **op**: Operation to be applied. The options available are: **sub** and **gsub**. The **sub** operation replaces only the first occurrence of a match with your specified regular expression. The **gsub** operation replaces all occurrences of a match with your specified regular expression. See the documentation for the **sub** and **gsub** operations.

• **regex**: Perl-compatible regular expression to be matched.

• **replace**: Replacement string that is used in the event of a match.

• **options**: This is optional. Options that define how the regex matching is performed. For information on available options, see the ngx.re.match section of the OpenResty Lua module project documentation.

• **break**: This is optional. When set to true with the checkbox enabled, if the command rewrote the URL, it will be the last one applied and all posterior commands in the list will be discarded.

Commands for rewriting the query string

Following are configuration parameters that each command in the **query_args_commands** list consists of:

• **op**: Operation to be applied to the query arguments. The following options are available:
  
  • **add**: Add a value to an existing argument.
  
  • **set**: Create the arg when not set and replace its value when set.
  
  • **push**: Create the arg when not set and add the value when set.
  
  • **delete**: Delete an arg.

• **arg**: The query argument name that the operation is applied on.

• **value**: Specifies the value that is used for the query argument. For value type "liquid" the value should be in the format **{{ variable_from_context }}**. For the **delete** operation the value is not taken into account.

• **value_type**: This is optional. Defines how the query argument value is evaluated and can either be **plain** for plain text or **liquid** for evaluation as a Liquid template. For more information, see Section 4.5, “Using variables and filters in policies”. If not specified, the type "plain" is used by default.

Example

The URL Rewriting policy is configured as follows:

```json
{
    "name": "url_rewriting",
    "version": "builtin",
    "configuration": {
        "query_args_commands": [
```
The original request URI that is sent to the APIcast:

https://api.example.com/api/v1/products/123/details?
user_key=abc123secret&pusharg=first&setarg=original

The URI that APIcast sends to the API backend after applying the URL rewriting:

https://api-backend.example.com/internal/products/123/details?
pusharg=first&pusharg=pushvalue&setarg=setvalue

The following transformations are applied:

1. The substring /api/v1/ matches the only path rewriting command and it is replaced by /internal/.

2. user_key query argument is deleted.

3. The value pushvalue is added as an additional value to the pusharg query argument.

4. The value original of the query argument setarg is replaced with the configured value setvalue.
5. The command **add** was not applied because the query argument **addarg** is not present in the original URL.

For information on how to configure policies, see the [Creating a policy chain in 3scale](#) section of the documentation.

### 4.1.33. URL Rewriting with Captures

The URL Rewriting with Captures policy is an alternative to the URL Rewriting policy and allows rewriting the URL of the API request before passing it to the API backend.

The URL Rewriting with Captures policy retrieves arguments in the URL and uses their values in the rewritten URL.

The policy supports the **transformations** configuration parameter. It is a list of objects that describe which transformations are applied to the request URL. Each transformation object consist of two properties:

- **match_rule**: This rule is matched to the incoming request URL. It can contain named arguments in the `{nameOfArgument}` format; these arguments can be used in the rewritten URL. The URL is compared to **match_rule** as a regular expression. The value that matches named arguments must contain only the following characters (in PCRE regex notation): `\w.-%!$&'()*,;=@:`. Other regex tokens can be used in the **match_rule** expression, such as `^` for the beginning of the string and `$` for the end of the string.

- **template**: The template for the URL that the original URL is rewritten with; it can use named arguments from the **match_rule**.

The query parameters of the original URL are merged with the query parameters specified in the **template**.

**Example**

The URL Rewriting with Captures policy is configured as follows:

```json
{
  "name": "rewrite_url_captures",
  "version": "builtin",
  "configuration": {
    "transformations": [
      {
        "match_rule": "/api/v1/products/{productId}/details",
        "template": "/internal/products/details?id={productId}&extraparam=anyvalue"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

The original request URI that is sent to the APIcast:

```
https://api.example.com/api/v1/products/123/details?user_key=abc123secret
```

The URI that APIcast sends to the API backend after applying the URL rewriting:

```
https://example.com/api/v1/products/123/details?id=123&extraparam=anyvalue
```
4.2. POLICY CHAINS FROM 3SCALE STANDARD POLICIES

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4.2.1. Modifying policy chains in the 3scale Admin Portal

Modify a product’s policy chain in the 3scale Admin Portal as part of your APIcast gateway configuration.

Procedure

1. Log in to 3scale.
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A JSON configuration file policy chain contains a JSON array composed of the following information:

- **services** object with an id value that specifies which service the policy chain applies to by number
- **proxy** object, which contains the policy_chain and subsequent objects
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- Individual **policy** objects that specify both name and configuration data necessary to identify the policy and configure policy behavior

The following is an example policy chain for a custom policy sample_policy_1 and the API introspection standard policy token_introspection:

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{
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    {
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      "proxy": {
```

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      "proxy": {
```
All policy chains must include the built-in policy `apicast`. Where you place APIcast in the policy chain will affect policy behavior.

### 4.3. CUSTOM 3SCALE APICAST POLICIES

If you have created custom policies, you must add them to APIcast. How you add custom policies to APIcast depends on the configuration of your 3scale deployment.

- You can add custom policies to the following APIcast self-managed deployments: APIcast on OpenShift and the Docker containerized environment.
- You cannot add custom policies to APIcast hosted.
- For 3scale Hosted (SaaS), custom policies are possible with only self-managed APIcast.

**WARNING**

Never make policy changes directly onto a production gateway. Always test your changes.

#### 4.3.1. About custom policies for 3scale APIcast deployments

You can create custom APIcast policies entirely or modify the standard policies.

To create custom policies, you must understand the following:

- Policies are written in Lua.
• Policies must adhere to and be placed in the proper file directory.

• Policy behavior is affected by how they are placed in a policy chain.

• The interface to add custom policies is fully supported, but not the custom policies themselves.

4.3.2. Adding custom policies to 3scale embedded APIcast

To add custom APIcast policies to an on-premises deployment, you must build an OpenShift image containing your custom policies and add it to your deployment. 3scale provides a sample repository you can use as a framework to create and add custom policies to an on-premises deployment.

This sample repository contains the correct directory structure for a custom policy, as well as a template which creates an image stream and BuildConfigs for building a new APIcast OpenShift image containing any custom policies you create.

WARNING

When you build apicast-custom-policies, the build process pushes a new image to the amp-apicast:latest tag. When there is an image change on this image stream, both the apicast-staging and the apicast-production tags, by default, are configured to automatically start new deployment. To avoid any disruptions to staging or to your production service disable automatic deployment by unselecting the “Automatically start a new deployment when the image changes” checkbox. Or, configure a different image stream tag for production, for example, amp-apicast:production.

Procedure

1. Create a docker-registry secret using the credentials you created in Creating a registry service account, following these considerations:

   • Replace your-registry-service-account-username with the username created in the format, 12345678|username.

   • Replace your-registry-service-account-password with the password string below the username, under the Token Information tab.

   • Create a docker-registry secret for every new namespace where the image streams reside and which use registry.redhat.io.

   Run this command to create a docker-registry secret:

   ```
   oc create secret docker-registry threescale-registry-auth
   --docker-server=registry.redhat.io
   --docker-username="your-registry-service-account-username"
   --docker-password="your-registry-service-account-password"
   ```

2. Fork the public repository with the policy example or create a private repository with its content. You need to have the code of your custom policy available in a Git repository for OpenShift to build the image. Note that in order to use a private Git repository, you must set up the secrets in OpenShift.
3. Clone the repository locally, add the implementation for your policy, and push the changes to your Git repository.

4. Update the `openshift.yml` template. Specifically, change the following parameters:
   a. `spec.source.git.uri: https://github.com/3scale/apicast-example-policy.git` in the policy BuildConfig – change it to your Git repository location.
   b. `spec.source.images[0].paths.sourcePath: /opt/app-root/policies/example` in the custom policies BuildConfig - change `example` to the name of the custom policy that you have added under the `policies` directory in the repository.
   c. Optionally, update the OpenShift object names and image tags. However, you must ensure that the changes are coherent. For example: `apicast-example-policy` BuildConfig builds and pushes the `apicast-policy:example` image that is then used as a source by the `apicast-custom-policies` BuildConfig. So, the tag should be the same.

5. Create the OpenShift objects by running the command:
   ```bash
   oc new-app -f openshift.yml --param AMP_RELEASE=2-saas
   ```

6. In case the builds do not start automatically, run the following two commands. In case you changed it, replace `apicast-example-policy` with your own BuildConfig name, for example, `apicast-<name>-policy`. Wait for the first command to complete before you execute the second one.
   ```bash
   oc start-build apicast-example-policy
   oc start-build apicast-custom-policies
   ```
   If the built-in APIdoc images have a trigger on them tracking the changes in the `amp-apicast:latest` image stream, the new deployment for APIdoc will start. After `apicast-staging` has restarted, navigate to Integration > Policies, and click the Add Policy button to see your custom policy listed. After selecting and configuring it, click Update Policy Chain to make your custom policy work in the staging APIdoc.

### 4.3.3. Adding custom policies to 3scale in another OpenShift Container Platform

You can add custom policies to APIdoc on OpenShift Container Platform (OCP) by fetching APIdoc images containing your custom policies from the Integrated OpenShift Container Platform registry.

**Procedure**

1. Add policies to APIdoc built-in.

2. If you are not deploying your APIdoc gateway on your primary OpenShift cluster, establish access to the internal registry on your primary OpenShift cluster.

3. Download the 3scale 2-saas APIdoc OpenShift template.

4. To modify the template, replace the default `image` directory with the full image name in your internal registry.
   ```bash
   image: <registry>/<project>/amp-apicast:latest
   ```

5. Deploy APIdoc using the OpenShift template, specifying your customized image:
NOTE
When custom policies are added to APIcast and a new image is built, those policies are automatically displayed as available in the Admin Portal when APIcast is deployed with the image. Existing services can see this new policy in the list of available policies, so it can be used in any policy chain.

When a custom policy is removed from an image and APIcast is restarted, the policy will no longer be available in the list, so you can no longer add it to a policy chain.

4.3.4. Including external Lua dependencies in 3scale custom policies

You can add an external Lua dependency to a custom policy so that APIcast can use a Lua library that is not yet in your 3scale image.

The procedure here shows you how to do this by using an example of a custom policy that transforms a response body from JSON to XML. The example custom policy requires the `xml2lua` XML parser, which is written in Lua. The complete example shows a short cut for building and testing but you cannot deploy your custom policy by following only the example procedure. To deploy a custom policy that has an external Lua dependency, you must perform the steps in this procedure as well as the procedure for Adding custom policies to 3scale in another OpenShift Container Platform.

The JSON to XML custom policy is only an example. It is not for use in a production environment.

Prerequisites

- A 3scale custom policy
- Access to an external Lua library

Procedure

1. In the directory that contains your custom policy, add a file that identifies the external Lua library.
   
The name of the file must be `Roverfile`. In the JSON to XML custom policy example, `Roverfile` has this content:

   ```
   lua-rover
   group 'production' {
     module { 'xml2lua' },
   }
   ```

   `lua-rover` is a wrapper around LuaRocks. `lua-rover` provides transitive locking for dependencies. LuaRocks is a package manager for Lua modules.

2. In the directory that contains your custom policy, add a `lua-rover` lock file.
   
The name of the file must be `Roverfile.lock`. In the JSON to XML custom policy example, `Roverfile.lock` has this content:

   ```
   xml2lua 1.5-2||productionbash-4.4
   ```
Together, Roverfile and Roverfile.lock enable APIcast or the 3scale operator to fetch the dependent library.

3. In the file that defines your custom policy, add a line that specifies the Lua dependency. The JSON to XML custom policy example specifies this line:

   ```
   local xml2lua = require("xml2lua")
   ```

4. In the Dockerfile that you use to build your custom policy, copy Roverfile and Roverfile.lock, and run rover install. The JSON to XML custom policy example adds these lines to its Dockerfile:

   ```
   COPY Roverfile .
   COPY Roverfile.lock .
   RUN rover install --roverfile=/opt/app-root/src/Roverfile
   ```

   Your Dockerfile can use APIcast or the 3scale operator to build the policy.

5. In the Makefile for your custom policy, specify the build target as you would for any custom policy. For example, the build target might look like this:

   ```
   TARGET_IMAGE="apicast/json_to_xml:latest"
   # IP="http://localhost:8080"
   build:
   docker build . --build-arg IMAGE=registry.redhat.io/3scale-amp2/apicast-gateway-rhel8:3scale2.11 -t $(TARGET_IMAGE)
   ```

Next steps

The remaining steps for deploying a custom policy that has an external Lua dependency are the same as they are for deploying other custom policies. That is, you need to push the image into your repository and replace the APIcast image with the one you just built.

Additional resources

- Adding custom policies to 3scale in another OpenShift Container Platform
- APIManager CRD Reference, APIcastSpec image parameter
- APIcast Custom Resource reference image parameter

4.4. MAKING CUSTOM POLICIES AVAILABLE IN THE ADMIN PORTAL

NOTE

3scale hosted supports custom policies with APIcast self-managed only.

When APIcast is self-managed, you can push custom policy schemas to the Admin Portal using the apicast CLI to enable those policies to be used in policy chains.

The behavior for 3scale hosted with APIcast self-managed is as follows:
After creating custom policies and rebuilding the on-premises image, you can use the `apicast push_policy` command to make these policies available in the 3scale hosted Admin Portal for use in policy chains.

When you have pushed custom policies using the `apicast push_policy` command, these policies will be displayed in the Admin Portal when APIcast self-managed is selected.

4.4.1. Pushing custom policies to the Admin Portal

The `apicast push_policy` command enables you to push a custom policy manifest to the Admin Portal:

```
apicast push_policy <name> <version> <admin_portal_domain> <access_token>
```

The required arguments are as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Argument</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>name</td>
<td>The name of the custom policy.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>version</td>
<td>The version of the custom policy.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>admin_portal_domain</td>
<td>The domain of your 3scale Admin Portal. For example, for 3scale hosted with APIcast self-managed, this is YOUR_ACCOUNT-admin.3scale.net.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>access_token</td>
<td>The access token that you get from the Admin Portal.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For example:

```
$ bin/apicast push_policy my_custom_policy 1.0 my_account-admin.3scale.net XXXXXXXXXXXXXX...
```

4.4.2. Impact of adding or removing custom policies

When a custom policy is added, and APIcast is restarted, existing services will see this new policy in the list of available policies, and it can be used in any policy chain.

When a custom policy is removed from an image, and APIcast is restarted, the policy will no longer be available in the list, and you can no longer add it to a policy chain.

4.5. USING VARIABLES AND FILTERS IN POLICIES

Some standard policies support Liquid templating that allows using not only plain string values, but also variables that are present in the context of the request.

To use a context variable, wrap its name in `{{ and }}`, example: `{{ uri }}`. If the variable is an object, you can also access its attributes, for example: `{{ somevar.attr }}`.

Following are the standard variables that are available in all the policies:

- **uri**: The path of the request with query parameters excluded from this path. The value of the embedded NGINX variable `$uri`. 
• **host**: The host of the request, which is the value of the embedded NGINX variable `$host`.

• **remote_addr**: The IP address of the client, which is the value of the embedded NGINX variable `$remote_addr`.

• **headers**: The object containing the request headers. Use `{headers['Some-Header']}` to get a specific header value.

• **http_method**: The request method: GET, POST, etc.

These standard variables are used in the context of the request, but policies can add more variables to the context. A phase refers to all the execution steps that APIcast has. Variables can be used by all the policies in the policy chain, provided these cases:

• Within the same phase, if the variable is added in the policy and then used in the following policy after the addition.

• If a variable is added in a phase, this variable can be used in the next phases.

Following are some examples of variables that the standard 3scale APIcast policy adds to the context:

• **jwt**: A parsed JSON payload of the JWT token for OpenID Connect authentication.

• **credentials**: An object that holds the application credentials. Example: "app_id": "972f7b4f", "user_key": "13b668c4d1e10eaebaa5144b4749713f".

• **service**: An object that holds the configuration for the service that the current request is handled by. Example: the service ID would be available as `{{ service.id }}`.

For a full list of objects and values available in the context, see the Section 4.1.14, "Liquid Context Debug".

The variables are used with the help of Liquid templates. Example: `{{ remote_addr }}, {{ headers['Some-Header'] }}, {{ jwt.aud }}`. The policies that support variables for the values have a special parameter, usually with the `_type` suffix, for example: `value_type, name_type` that accepts two values: "plain" for plain text and "liquid" for liquid template.

APIcast also supports Liquid filters that can be applied to the variables’ values. The filters apply NGINX functions to the value of the Liquid variable.

The filters are placed within the variable output tag `{}`, following the name of the variable or the literal value by a pipe character `|` and the name of the filter. Examples:

• `{username:password | encode_base64}`, where `username:password` is a variable.

• `{uri | escape_uri}`.

Some filters do not require parameters, so you can use an empty string instead of the variable. Example: `{ " | utctime }` will return the current time in UTC time zone.

Filters can be chained as follows: `{variable | function1 | function2}`. Example: `{ " | utctime | escape_uri }`.

Following is the list of the available functions:

• `escape_uri`

• `unescape_uri`
• encode_base64
• decode_base64
• crc32_short
• crc32_long
• hmac_sha1
• md5
• md5_bin
• sha1_bin
• quote_sql_str
• today
• time
• now
• localtime
• utctime
• cookie_time
• http_time
• parse_http_time
CHAPTER 5. TRANSFORMING 3SCALE MESSAGE CONTENT USING POLICY EXTENSIONS IN FUSE

You can use Red Hat Fuse to create highly flexible policy extensions for Red Hat 3scale. You can do this by creating policy extensions in Fuse on OpenShift and then configuring them as policies in the 3scale Admin Portal. Using an APIcast Camel proxy policy, you can perform complex transformations on request and response message content, for example, XML to JSON, which are implemented in the Apache Camel integration framework.

In addition, you can add or modify custom policy extensions dynamically in Camel, instead of rebuilding and redeploying a static APIcast container image. You can use any Camel Enterprise Integration Pattern (EIP) written in Camel Domain Specific Language (DSL) to implement an APIcast policy extension. This enables you to write policy extensions using a familiar programming language such as Java or XML. The example in this topic uses the Camel Netty4 HTTP component to implement the HTTP proxy in Java.

**NOTE**
This feature is not required if you are already using a Fuse Camel application in your 3scale API backend. In this case, you can use your existing Fuse Camel application to perform transformations.

**Required software components**

You must have the following Red Hat Integration components deployed on the same OpenShift cluster:

- Fuse on OpenShift 7.8
- 3scale On-premises 2-saas
- APIcast embedded (default Staging and Production), or APIcast self-managed

You can deploy the custom Fuse policy in a different OpenShift project than 3scale, but this is not required. However, you must ensure that communication between both projects is possible. For details, see Configuring network policy with OpenShift SDN.

**Additional resources**

- Fuse on OpenShift Guide

**5.1. INTEGRATING APICAST WITH APACHE CAMEL TRANSFORMATIONS IN FUSE**

You can integrate APIcast with a transformation written as an Apache Camel application in Fuse on OpenShift. When the policy extension transformation is configured and deployed in 3scale, the 3scale traffic goes through the Camel policy extension, which transforms the message content. In this case, Camel works as a reverse HTTP proxy, where APIcast sends the 3scale traffic to Camel, and Camel then sends the traffic on to the API backend.

The example in this topic creates the HTTP proxy using the Camel Netty4 HTTP component:

- The request received over the HTTP proxy protocol is forwarded to the target service with the HTTP body converted to uppercase.
The response from the target service is processed by converting it to uppercase and then
returned to the client.

This example shows the configuration required for HTTP and HTTPS use cases.

Prerequisites

- You must have Fuse on OpenShift 7.8 and 3scale 2-saas deployed on the same OpenShift
  cluster. For installation details, see:
  - Fuse on OpenShift Guide
  - Installing 3scale

- You must have cluster administrator privileges to install Fuse on OpenShift and 3scale and to
  create projects. However, you can create deployment configurations, deploy pods, or create
  services with edit access privileges per project.

Procedure

1. Write an Apache Camel application in Java using the Camel netty4-http component to
   implement the HTTP proxy. You can then use any Camel component to transform the message.
   The following simple example performs an uppercase transformation of the request and
   response from the service:

   ```java
   import java.nio.file.Files;
   import java.nio.file.Path;
   import java.util.Locale;
   import org.apache.camel.Exchange;
   import org.apache.camel.Message;
   import org.apache.camel.builder.RouteBuilder;
   import org.apache.camel.model.RouteDefinition;

   public class ProxyRoute extends RouteBuilder {

      @Override
      public void configure() throws Exception {
         final RouteDefinition from;
         if (Files.exists(keystorePath())) {
            from = from("netty4-http:proxy://0.0.0.0:8443?ssl=true&keyStoreFile=/tls/keystore.jks&passphrase=changeit&trustStoreFile=/tls/keystore.jks");
         } else {
            from = from("netty4-http:proxy://0.0.0.0:8080");
         }

         from
            .process(ProxyRoute::uppercase)
            .toD("netty4-http:" + "$\{headers." + Exchange.HTTP_SCHEME + "}://" + "$\{headers." + Exchange.HTTP_HOST + "}:" + "$\{headers." + Exchange.HTTP_PORT + "}:" + "$\{headers." + Exchange.HTTP_PATH + "}")
            .process(ProxyRoute::uppercase);
      }
   }
   ```

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In this simple example, if your Java keystore file is mounted at `/tls/keystore.jks`, the listening port is set to 8443.

When the Camel proxy policy is invoked by 3scale, the values for the `HTTP_SCHEME`, `HTTP_HOST`, `HTTP_PORT`, and `HTTP_PATH` headers are automatically set based on the values configured for the backend API in 3scale.

This simple example converts the message content to uppercase. You can perform more complex transformations on request and response message content, for example, XML to JSON, using Camel Enterprise Integration Patterns.

2. Deploy your Camel application on OpenShift and expose it as a service. For more details, see Creating and Deploying Applications on Fuse on OpenShift.

Additional resources

- [Apache Camel Component Reference - Netty4 HTTP component](#)

5.2. CONFIGURING AN APICAST POLICY EXTENSION CREATED USING APACHE CAMEL IN FUSE ON OPENSIFT

After you have implemented the Apache Camel transformation using Fuse on OpenShift, you can use the 3scale Admin Portal to configure it as a policy extension in the APIcast policy chain.

The policy extension enables you to configure a 3scale product to use a Camel HTTP proxy. This service is used to send the 3scale traffic over the HTTP proxy to perform request–response modifications in a third-party proxy. In this case, the third-party proxy is Apache Camel implemented using Fuse on OpenShift. You can also configure APIcast to connect to the Camel HTTP proxy service securely using TLS.

**NOTE**

The policy extension code is implemented in an Apache Camel application in Fuse on OpenShift and cannot be modified or deleted from 3scale.

**Prerequisites**

- You must have Fuse on OpenShift 7.8 and 3scale 2-saas deployed on the same OpenShift cluster. For installation details, see:
  - [Fuse on OpenShift Guide](#)
Installing 3scale

- You must have implemented an APIcast policy extension using an Apache Camel application in Fuse on OpenShift. See Section 5.1, “Integrating APIcast with Apache Camel transformations in Fuse”
- You must have deployed the Apache Camel application in an OpenShift pod and exposed it as a service. For details, see Creating and Deploying Applications on Fuse on OpenShift.

Procedure

1. In the 3scale Admin Portal, select Integration > Policies.
2. Select POLICIES > Add policy > Camel Service.
3. Enter the OpenShift routes used to connect to the Camel HTTP proxy service in the appropriate fields:
   - **https_proxy**: Connect to the Camel HTTP proxy using the http protocol and TLS port, for example:
     
     http://camel-proxy.my-3scale-management-project.svc:8443
   - **http_proxy**: Connect to the Camel HTTP proxy using the http protocol and port, for example:
     
     http://camel-proxy.my-3scale-management-project.svc:8080
   - **all_proxy**: Connect to the Camel HTTP proxy using the http protocol and port when the protocol is not specified, for example:
     
     http://camel-proxy.my-3scale-management-project.svc:8080
4. Promote the updated policy configuration to your staging or production environment. For example, click Promote v. 3 to Staging APIcast.
5. Test the APIcast policy configuration using a 3scale curl command, for example:

   ```
   curl "https://testapi-3scale-apicast-staging.myuser.app.dev.3sca.net:443/?user_key=MY_USER_KEY" -k
   ````

   APIcast establishes a new TLS session for the connection to the Camel HTTP proxy.
6. Confirm that the message content has been transformed, which in this example means converted to uppercase.
7. If you wish to bypass APIcast and test the Camel HTTP proxy directly using TLS, you must use a custom HTTP client. For example, you can use the netcat command:

   ```
   $ print "GET https://mybackend.example.com HTTP/1.1\nmybackend.example.com\nAccept: */*" | ncat --no-shutdown --ssl my-camel-proxy 8443
   ```

   This example creates an HTTP proxy request using the full URL after GET, and uses the `ncat --ssl` parameter to specify a TLS connection to the `my-camel-proxy` host on port **8443**.
NOTE

You cannot use curl or other common HTTP clients to test the Camel HTTP proxy directly because the proxy does not support HTTP tunneling using the CONNECT method. When using HTTP tunneling with CONNECT, the transport is end-to-end encrypted, which does not allow the Camel HTTP proxy to mediate the payload.

Additional resources

- Section 4.1.5, “Camel Proxy Service”
CHAPTER 6. APICAST ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES

APICAST environment variables allow you to modify behavior for APICAST. The following values are supported environment variables:

NOTE

- Unsupported or deprecated environment variables are not listed
- Some environment variable functionality may have moved to APICAST policies

- `all_proxy`, `ALL_PROXY`
- `APICAST_ACCESS_LOG_BUFFER`
- `APICAST_ACCESS_LOG_FILE`
- `APICAST_BACKEND_CACHE_HANDLER`
- `APICAST_CACHE_MAX_TIME`
- `APICAST_CACHE_STATUS_CODES`
- `APICAST_CONFIGURATION_CACHE`
- `APICAST_CONFIGURATION_LOADER`
- `APICAST_CUSTOM_CONFIG`
- `APICAST_ENVIRONMENT`
- `APICAST_EXTENDED_METRICS`
- `APICAST_HTTPS_CERTIFICATE`
- `APICAST_HTTPS_CERTIFICATE_KEY`
- `APICAST_HTTPS_PORT`
- `APICAST_HTTPS_VERIFY_DEPTH`
- `APICAST_LOAD_SERVICES_WHEN_NEEDED`
- `APICAST_LOG_FILE`
- `APICAST_LOG_LEVEL`
- `APICAST_MANAGEMENT_API`
- `APICAST_MODULE`
- `APICAST_OIDC_LOG_LEVEL`
- `APICAST_PATH_ROUTING`
- `APICAST_PATH_ROUTING_ONLY`
- `APICAST_POLICY_LOAD_PATH`
- `APICAST_PROXY_HTTPS_CERTIFICATE`
- `APICAST_PROXY_HTTPS_CERTIFICATE_KEY`
- `APICAST_PROXY_HTTPS_PASSWORD_FILE`
- `APICAST_PROXY_HTTPS_SESSION_REUSE`
- `APICAST_REPORTING_THREADS`
- `APICAST_RESPONSE_CODES`
- `APICAST_SERVICE_CACHE_SIZE`
- `APICAST_SERVICE_${ID}_CONFIGURATION_VERSION`
- `APICAST_SERVICES_LIST`
- `APICAST_SERVICES_FILTER_BY_URL`
- `APICAST_UPSTREAM_RETRY_CASES`
- `APICAST_WORKERS`
- `BACKEND_ENDPOINT_OVERRIDE`
- `HTTP_KEEPALIVE_TIMEOUT`
- `http_proxy HTTP_PROXY`
- `https_proxy HTTPS_PROXY`
- `no_proxy NO_PROXY`
- `OPENSLL_VERIFY`
- `OPENTRACING_CONFIG`
- `OPENTRACING_HEADER_FORWARD`
- `OPENTRACING_TRACER`
- `RESOLVER`
- `THREESCALE_CONFIG_FILE`
- `THREESCALE_DEPLOYMENT_ENV`
- `THREESCALE_PORTAL_ENDPOINT`

**all_proxy, ALL_PROXY**

**Default:** no value  
**Value:** string  
**Example:** `http://forward-proxy:80`

Defines a HTTP proxy to be used for connecting to services if a protocol-specific proxy is not specified. Authentication is not supported.
**APICAST_ACCESS_LOG_BUFFER**
Default: no value

**Value:** positive integer

Allows access log writes to be included in chunks of bytes. The result is fewer system calls, which improves the performance of the gateway.

**APICAST_ACCESS_LOG_FILE**
Default: stdout

Defines the file that will store the access logs.

**APICAST_BACKEND_CACHE_HANDLER**
Values: strict | resilient

Default: strict

**Deprecated:** Use the Caching policy instead.

Defines how the authorization cache behaves when backend is unavailable. Strict will remove cached application when backend is unavailable. Resilient will do so only on getting authorization denied from backend.

**APICAST_CACHE_MAX_TIME**
Default: 1m

**Value:** string

When the response is selected to be cached in the system, the value of this variable indicates the maximum time to be cached. If the cache-control header is not set, the time to be cached will be the defined one.

The format for this value is defined by the `proxy_cache_valid` NGINX directive.

This parameter is only used by the APIs that are using a content caching policy and the request is eligible to be cached.

**APICAST_CACHE_STATUS_CODES**
Default: 200, 302

**Value:** string

When the response code from upstream matches one of the status codes defined in this environment variable, the response content is cached in NGINX. The caching time depends on one of these values: headers cache time value, or the maximum time defined by the `APICAST_CACHE_MAX_TIME` environment variable.

This parameter is only used by the APIs that are using a content caching policy and the request is eligible to be cached.

**APICAST_CONFIGURATION_CACHE**
Values: a number

Default: 0

Specifies the interval (in seconds) that the configuration will be stored for. The value should be set to 0
(not compatible with boot value of APICAST_CONFIGURATION_LOADER) or more than 60. For example, if APICAST_CONFIGURATION_CACHE is set to 120, the gateway will reload the configuration from the API manager every 2 minutes (120 seconds). A value < 0 disables reloading.

**APICAST_CONFIGURATION_LOADER**

*Values:* boot | lazy

*Default:* lazy

Defines how to load the configuration. Boot will request the configuration to the API manager when the gateway starts. Lazy will load it on demand for each incoming request (to guarantee a complete refresh on each request APICAST_CONFIGURATION_CACHE should be 0).

**APICAST_CUSTOM_CONFIG**

*Deprecated:* Use policies instead.

Defines the name of the Lua module that implements custom logic overriding the existing APIcast logic.

**APICAST_ENVIRONMENT**

*Default:*  

*Value:* string[:]

*Example:* production:cloud-hosted

APIcast should load a list of environments (or paths), separated by colons (:). This list can be used instead of -e or --environment parameter on the CLI and for example stored in the container image as default environment. Any value passed on the CLI overrides this variable.

**APICAST_EXTENDED_METRICS**

*Default:* false

*Value:* boolean

*Example:* "true"

Enables additional information on Prometheus metrics. The following metrics have the service_id and service_system_name labels which provide more in-depth details about APIcast:

- total_response_time_seconds
- upstream_response_time_seconds
- upstream_status

**APICAST_HTTPS_CERTIFICATE**

*Default:* no value

Path to a file with X.509 certificate in the PEM format for HTTPS.

**APICAST_HTTPS_CERTIFICATE_KEY**

*Default:* no value

Path to a file with the X.509 certificate secret key in the PEM format.

**APICAST_HTTPS_PORT**

*Default:* no value
Controls on which port APIcast should start listening for HTTPS connections. If this clashes with HTTP port it will be used only for HTTPS.

**APICAST_HTTPS_VERIFY_DEPTH**
Default: 1

**Values**: positive integers.

Defines the maximum length of the client certificate chain. If this parameter has 1 as its value, it is possible to include an additional certificate in the client certificate chain. For example, root certificate authority.

**APICAST_LOAD_SERVICES_WHEN_NEEDED**

**Values:**
- **true** or 1 for **true**
- **false**, 0 or empty for **false**

**Default**: false

This option can be used when there are many services configured. However, its performance depends on additional factors, for example, the number of services, the latency between APIcast and the 3scale Admin Portal, and the Time To Live (TTL) of the configuration.

By default, APIcast loads all the services each time it downloads its configuration from the Admin Portal. When this option is enabled, the configurations uses lazy loading. APIcast will only load the ones configured for the host specified in the host header of the request.

**NOTE**
- The caching defined by **APICAST_CONFIGURATION_CACHE** applies.
- This option will be disabled when **APICAST_CONFIGURATION_LOADER** is **boot**.
- Not compatible with **APICAST_PATH_ROUTING**.

**APICAST_LOG_FILE**
Default: stderr

Defines the file that contains the OpenResty error log. The file is used by `bin/apicast` in the `error_log` directive. The file path can be either absolute, or relative to the APIcast prefix directory. Note that the default prefix directory is APIcast. Refer to NGINX documentation for more information.

**APICAST_LOG_LEVEL**
**Values**: debug | info | notice | warn | error | crit | alert | emerg

**Default**: warn

Specifies the log level for the OpenResty logs.

**APICAST_MANAGEMENT_API**
**Values:**
- **disabled**: completely disabled, just listens on the port
- **status**: only the /status/ endpoints enabled for health checks
- **debug**: full API is open

The Management API is powerful and can control the APIcast configuration. You should enable the debug level only for debugging.

**APICAST_MODULE**
Default: apicast

**Deprecated**: Use policies instead.

Specifies the name of the main Lua module that implements the API gateway logic. Custom modules can override the functionality of the default apicast.lua module. See an example of how to use modules.

**APICAST_OIDC_LOG_LEVEL**
Values: debug | info | notice | warn | error | crit | alert | emerg

Default: err

Allows to set the log level for the logs related to OpenID Connect integration.

**APICAST_PATH_ROUTING**
Values:
- **true** or 1 for true
- **false**, 0 or empty for false

When this parameter is set to true, the gateway will use path-based routing in addition to the default host-based routing. The API request will be routed to the first service that has a matching mapping rule, from the list of services for which the value of the Host header of the request matches the Public Base URL.

**APICAST_PATH_ROUTING_ONLY**
Values:
- **true** or 1 for true
- **false**, 0 or empty for false

When this parameter is set to true, the gateway uses path-based routing and will not fallback to the default host-based routing. The API request is routed to the first service that has a matching mapping rule, from the list of services for which the value of the Host header of the request matches the Public Base URL.

This parameter has precedence over APICAST_PATH_ROUTING. If APICAST_PATH_ROUTING_ONLY is enabled, APIcast will only do path-based routing regardless of the value of APICAST_PATH_ROUTING.

**APICAST_POLICY_LOAD_PATH**
Default: APICAST_DIR/policies

Value: string[:]

Example: ~/apicast/policies:$PWD/policies
A colon (:) separated list of paths where APIcast should look for policies. It can be used to first load policies from a development directory or to load examples.

**APICAST_PROXY_HTTPS_CERTIFICATE**
Default:

Value: string

Example: /home/apicast/my_certificate.crt

The path to the client SSL certificate that APIcast will use when connecting with the upstream. Notice that this certificate will be used for all the services in the configuration.

**APICAST_PROXY_HTTPS_CERTIFICATE_KEY**
Default:

Value: string

Example: /home/apicast/my_certificate.key

The path to the key of the client SSL certificate.

**APICAST_PROXY_HTTPS_PASSWORD_FILE**
Default:

Value: string

Example: /home/apicast/passwords.txt

Path to a file with passphrases for the SSL cert keys specified with **APICAST_PROXY_HTTPS_CERTIFICATE_KEY**.

**APICAST_PROXY_HTTPS_SESSION_REUSE**
Default: on

Values:

- **on**: reuses SSL sessions.
- **off**: does not reuse SSL sessions.

**APICAST_REPORTING_THREADS**
Default: 0

Value: integer $\geq 0$

Experimental: Under extreme load might have unpredictable performance and lose reports.

Value greater than 0 is going to enable out-of-band reporting to backend. This is a new experimental feature for increasing performance. Client won’t see the backend latency and everything will be processed asynchronously. This value determines how many asynchronous reports can be running simultaneously before the client is throttled by adding latency.

**APICAST_RESPONSE_CODES**
Values:

- **true** or **1** for true
- `false`, 0 or empty for false

**Default**: `<empty> (false)`

When set to `true`, APIcast will log the response code of the response returned by the API backend in 3scale. For more information, see Setting up and evaluating the 3scale response codes log for your API.

**APICAST_SERVICE_CACHE_SIZE**

**Values**: integer >= 0

**Default**: 1000

Specifies the number of services that APIcast can store in the internal cache. A high value has a performance impact because Lua's `lru` cache will initialize all the entries.

**APICAST_SERVICE_${ID}_CONFIGURATION_VERSION**

Replace `${ID}` with the actual Service ID. The value should be the configuration version you can see in the configuration history on the Admin Portal. Setting it to a particular version will prevent it from auto-updating and will always use that version.

**APICAST_SERVICES_LIST**

**Value**: a comma-separated list of service IDs

The `APICAST_SERVICES_LIST` environment variable is used to filter the services you configure in the 3scale API Manager. This only applies the configuration for specific services in the gateway, discarding those service identifiers that are not specified in the list. You can find service identifiers for your product in the Admin Portal under Products > `[Your_product_name]` > Overview then see Configuration, Methods and Settings and the ID for API calls.

**APICAST_SERVICES_FILTER_BY_URL**

**Value**: a PCRE (Perl Compatible Regular Expression) such as `.\.*.example.com`

Filters the services configured in the 3scale API Manager.

This filter matches with the Public Base URL, either staging or production. Services that do not match the filter are discarded. If the regular expression cannot be compiled, no services are loaded.

**NOTE**

If a service does not match but is included in the section called “APICAST_SERVICES_LIST”, the service will not be discarded.

### Example 6.1. A Regexp filter applied to backend endpoints

The Regexp filter `http://.*.foo.dev` is applied to the following backend endpoints:

1. `http://staging.foo.dev`
2. `http://staging.bar.dev`

In this case, 1 and 3 are configured in APIcast and 2 and 4 are discarded.
APICAST_UPSTREAM_RETRY_CASES

Values: error | timeout | invalid_header | http_500 | http_502 | http_503 | http_504 | http_403 | http_404 | http_429 | non_idempotent | off

NOTE

This is only used when the retry policy is configured and specifies when a request to the upstream API should be retried. It accepts the same values as Nginx’s PROXY_NEXT_UPSTREAM Module.

APICAST_WORKERS

Default: auto

Values: number | auto

This is the value that will be used in the nginx worker_processes directive. By default, APIcast uses auto, except for the development environment where 1 is used.

BACKEND_ENDPOINT_OVERRIDE

URI that overrides backend endpoint from the configuration. Useful when deploying outside OpenShift deployed AMP. Example: https://backend.example.com.

HTTP_KEEPALIVE_TIMEOUT

Default: 75 Value: positive integers Example: 1

This parameter sets a timeout during which a keep-alive client connection will stay open on the server side. The zero value disables keep-alive client connections.

By default, the gateway keeps HTTP_KEEPALIVE_TIMEOUT disabled. This configuration allows the use of the keepalive timeout from NGINX whose default value is 75 seconds.

http_proxy, HTTP_PROXY

Default: no value Value: string Example: http://forward-proxy:80

Defines a HTTP proxy to be used for connecting to HTTP services. Authentication is not supported.

https_proxy, HTTPS_PROXY

Default: no value Value: string Example: https://forward-proxy:443

Defines a HTTP proxy to be used for connecting to HTTPS services. Authentication is not supported.

no_proxy, NO_PROXY

Default: no value Value: string\[,<string>\]; *Example: foo,bar.com,.extra.dot.com

Defines a comma-separated list of hostnames and domain names for which the requests should not be proxied. Setting to a single * character, which matches all hosts, effectively disables the proxy.

OPENSSL_VERIFY

Values:

- 0, false: disable peer verification
- 1, true: enable peer verification
Controls the OpenSSL Peer Verification. It is off by default, because OpenSSL can’t use system certificate store. It requires custom certificate bundle and adding it to trusted certificates.

It is recommended to use [https://github.com/openresty/lua-nginx-module#lua_ssl_trusted_certificate](https://github.com/openresty/lua-nginx-module#lua_ssl_trusted_certificate) and point to certificate bundle generated by `export-built-in-trusted-certs`.

**OPENTRACING_CONFIG**

This environment variable is used to determine the config file for the opentracing tracer, if `OPENTRACING_TRACER` is not set, this variable will be ignored.

Each tracer has a default configuration file: *jaeger: conf.d/opentracing/jaeger.example.json*

You can choose to mount a different configuration than the provided by default by setting the file path using this variable.

Example: `/tmp/jaeger/jaeger.json`

**OPENTRACING_HEADER_FORWARD**

Default: `uber-trace-id`

This environment variable controls the HTTP header used for forwarding opentracing information, this HTTP header will be forwarded to upstream servers.

**OPENTRACING_TRACER**

Example: `jaeger`

This environment variable controls which tracing library will be loaded, right now, there’s only one opentracing tracer available, `jaeger`.

If empty, opentracing support will be disabled.

**RESOLVER**

Allows to specify a custom DNS resolver that will be used by OpenResty. If the `RESOLVER` parameter is empty, the DNS resolver will be autodiscovered.

**THREESCALE_CONFIG_FILE**

Path to the JSON file with the configuration for the gateway. You must provide either `THREESCALE_PORTAL_ENDPOINT` or `THREESCALE_CONFIG_FILE` for the gateway to run successfully. From these two environment variables, `THREESCALE_CONFIG_FILE` takes precedence.

To build the file with the configuration for the gateway, you have two alternatives depending on the number of services:

- **Option 1.** Download the configuration from the Admin Portal using the URL:

  ```
  <schema>://<admin-portal-domain>/admin/api/nginx/spec.json
  ```

  Consider the following:

  - The endpoint has limitations once 20 services have been exceeded.
  - You can see an example in: [https://account-admin.3scale.net/admin/api/nginx/spec.json](https://account-admin.3scale.net/admin/api/nginx/spec.json)

- **Option 2.** Use the available 3scale API endpoints:
  - Either Proxy Config Show or Proxy Config Show Latest.
Then, iterate over the services to build a configuration file. For this step, use the available 3scale API endpoints, or the equivalent 3scale toolbox commands.

When you deploy the gateway using a container image:

1. Configure the file to the image as a read-only volume.
2. Specify the path that indicates where you have mounted the volume.

You can find sample configuration files in examples folder.

**THREESCALE_DEPLOYMENT_ENV**

**Values:** staging | production

**Default:** production

The value of this environment variable defines the environment from which the configuration will be downloaded from; this is either 3scale staging or production, when using new APIcast.

The value will also be used in the header X-3scale-User-Agent in the authorize/report requests made to 3scale Service Management API. It is used by 3scale solely for statistics.

**THREESCALE_PORTAL_ENDPOINT**

URL that includes your password and portal endpoint in the following format:

```plaintext
<schema>://<password>@<admin-portal-domain>
```

where:

- `<password>` can be either the provider key or an access token for the 3scale Account Management API.
- `<admin-portal-domain>` is the URL address to log into the 3scale Admin Portal.

Example: [https://access-token@account-admin.3scale.net](https://access-token@account-admin.3scale.net)

When the **THREESCALE_PORTAL_ENDPOINT** environment variable is provided, the gateway downloads the configuration from 3scale on initializing. The configuration includes all the settings provided on the Integration page of the APIs.

It is **required** to provide either **THREESCALE_PORTAL_ENDPOINT** or **THREESCALE_CONFIG_FILE** (takes precedence) for the gateway to run successfully.
CHAPTER 7. CONFIGURING APICAST FOR BETTER PERFORMANCE

This document provides general guidelines to debug performance issues in APICAST. It also introduces the available caching modes and explains how they can help in increasing performance, as well as details about profiling modes. The content is structured in the following sections:

- Section 7.1, "General guidelines"
- Section 7.2, "Default caching"
- Section 7.3, "Asynchronous reporting threads"

7.1. GENERAL GUIDELINES

In a typical APICAST deployment, there are three components to consider:

- APIcast
- The 3scale back-end server that authorizes requests and keeps track of the usage
- The upstream API

When experiencing performance issues in APICAST:

- Identify the component that is responsible for the issues.
- Measure the latency of the upstream API, to determine the latency that APICAST plus the 3scale back-end server introduce.
- With the same tool you are using to run the benchmark, perform a new measurement but pointing to APICAST instead of pointing to the upstream API directly.

Comparing these results will give you an idea of the latency introduced by APICAST and the 3scale back-end server.

In a Hosted (SaaS) installation with self-managed APICAST, if the latency introduced by APICAST and the 3scale back-end server is high:

1. Make a request to the 3scale back-end server from the same machine where APICAST is deployed
2. Measure the latency.

The 3scale back-end server exposes an endpoint that returns the version: https://su1.3scale.net/status. In comparison, an authorization call requires more resources because it verifies keys, limits, and queue background jobs. Although the 3scale back-end server performs these tasks in a few milliseconds, it requires more work than checking the version like the /status endpoint does. As an example, if a request to /status takes around 300 ms from your APICAST environment, an authorization is going to take more time for every request that is not cached.

7.2. DEFAULT CACHING

For requests that are not cached, these are the events:
1. APIcast extracts the usage metrics from matching mapping rules.

2. APIcast sends the metrics plus the application credentials to the 3scale back-end server.

3. The 3scale back-end server performs the following:
   a. Checks the application keys, and that the reported usage of metrics is within the defined limits.
   b. Queues a background job to increase the usage of the metrics reported.
   c. Responds to APIcast whether the request should be authorized or not.

4. If the request is authorized, it goes to the upstream.

   In this case, the request does not arrive to the upstream until the 3scale back-end server responds.

On the other hand, with the caching mechanism that comes enabled by default:

- APIcast stores in a cache the result of the authorization call to the 3scale back-end server if it was authorized.
- The next request with the same credentials and metrics will use that cached authorization instead of going to the 3scale back-end server.
- If the request was not authorized, or if it is the first time that APIcast receives the credentials, APIcast will call the 3scale back-end server synchronously as explained above.

When the authentication is cached, APIcast first calls the upstream and then, in a phase called post action, it calls the 3scale back-end server and stores the authorization in the cache to have it ready for the next request. Notice that the call to the 3scale back-end server does not introduce any latency because it does not happen in request time. However, requests sent in the same connection will need to wait until the post action phase finishes.

Imagine a scenario where a client is using keep-alive and sends a request every second. If the upstream response time is 100 ms and the latency to the 3scale back-end server is 500 ms, the client will get the response every time in 100 ms. The total of upstream response and the reporting would take 600 ms. That gives extra 400 ms before the next request comes.

The diagram below illustrates the default caching behavior explained. The behavior of the caching mechanism can be changed using the caching policy.
7.3. ASYNCHRONOUS REPORTING THREADS

APIcast has a feature to enable a pool of threads that authorize against the 3scale back-end server. With this feature enabled, APIcast first synchronously calls the 3scale back-end server to verify the application and metrics matched by mapping rules. This is similar to when it uses the caching mechanism enabled by default. The difference is that subsequent calls to the 3scale back-end server are reported fully asynchronously as long as there are free reporting threads in the pool.

Reporting threads are global for the whole gateway and shared between all the services. When a second
TCP connection is made, it will also be fully asynchronous as long as the authorization is already cached. When there are no free reporting threads, the synchronous mode falls back to the standard asynchronous mode and does the reporting in the post action phase.

You can enable this feature using the `APICAST_REPORTING_THREADS` environment variable.

The diagram below illustrates how the asynchronous reporting thread pool works.
CHAPTER 8. EXPOSING 3SCALE APICAST METRICS TO PROMETHEUS

IMPORTANT

For this release of 3scale, Prometheus installation and configuration are not supported. Optionally, you can use the community version of Prometheus to visualize metrics and alerts for APIcast-managed API services.

8.1. ABOUT PROMETHEUS

Prometheus is an open-source systems monitoring toolkit that you can use to monitor 3scale APIcast services deployed in the Red Hat OpenShift environment.

If you want to monitor your services with Prometheus, your services must expose a Prometheus endpoint. This endpoint is an HTTP interface that exposes a list of metrics and the current value of the metrics. Prometheus periodically scrapes these target-defined endpoints and writes the collected data into its database.

8.1.1. Prometheus queries

In the Prometheus UI, you can write queries in Prometheus Query Language (PromQL) to extract metric information. With PromQL, you can select and aggregate time series data in real time.

For example, you can use the following query to select all the values that Prometheus has recorded within the last 5 minutes for all time series that have the metric name `http_requests_total`:

```
http_requests_total[5m]
```

You can further define or filter the results of a query by specifying a label (a key:value pair) for the metric. For example, you can use the following query to select all the values that Prometheus has recorded within the last 5 minutes for all time series that have the metric name `http_requests_total` and a `job` label set to `integration`:

```
http_requests_total{job="integration"}[5m]
```

The result of a query can either be shown as a graph, viewed as tabular data in Prometheus’s expression browser, or consumed by external systems by using the Prometheus HTTP API. Prometheus provides a graphical view of the data. For a more robust graphical dashboard to view Prometheus metrics, Grafana is a popular choice.

You can also use the the PromQL language to configure alerts in the Prometheus alertmanager tool.

NOTE

Grafana is a community-supported feature. Deploying Grafana to monitor Red Hat 3scale products is not supported with Red Hat production service level agreements (SLAs).

8.2. APICAST INTEGRATION WITH PROMETHEUS

APIcast integration with Prometheus is available for the following deployment options:
- Self-managed APIcast - both with 3scale Hosted or On-premises API manager.
- Embedded APIcast in 3scale On-premises.

**NOTE**

APIcast integration with Prometheus is not available in hosted API manager and hosted APIcast.

By default, Prometheus can monitor the APIcast metrics listed in Table 8.2, “Prometheus Default Metrics for 3scale APIcast”.

### 8.2.1. Additional options

Optionally, if you have cluster admin access to the OpenShift cluster, you can extend the `total_response_time_seconds`, `upstream_response_time_seconds`, and `upstream_status` metrics to include `service_id` and `service_system_name` labels. To extend these metrics, set the `APICAST_EXTENDED_METRICS` OpenShift environment variable to `true` with this command:

```
oc set env dc/apicast APICAST_EXTENDED_METRICS=true
```

**NOTE**

If a metric has no value, Prometheus hides the metric. For example, if `nginx_error_log` has no errors to report, Prometheus does not display the `nginx_error_log` metric. The `nginx_error_log` metric is only visible if it has a value.

**Additional resources**

For information about Prometheus, refer to Prometheus: Getting Started.

### 8.3. OPENSHIFT ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES FOR 3SCALE APICAST

To configure your Prometheus instance, you can set the OpenShift environment variable described in Table 8.1, “Prometheus Environment Variables for 3scale APIcast”.

**Table 8.1. Prometheus Environment Variables for 3scale APIcast**

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A boolean value that enables additional information on Prometheus metrics. The following metrics have the `service_id` and `service_system_name` labels which provide more in-depth details about APIcast:

- `total_response_time_seconds`
- `upstream_response_time_seconds`
- `upstream_status`

**Additional resources**

For information on setting environment variables, see the relevant OpenShift guides:

- OpenShift 4: [Applications](#)
- OpenShift 3.11: [Developer Guide](#)

For information about supported configurations, refer to the Red Hat 3scale Supported Configurations page.

### 8.4. 3SCALE APICAST METRICS EXPOSED TO PROMETHEUS

After you set up Prometheus to monitor 3scale APIcast, by default it can monitor the metrics listed in Table 8.2, “Prometheus Default Metrics for 3scale APIcast”.

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CHAPTER 9. APICAST MIGRATION GUIDE

This migration guide can be applied to any gateway running on the version that uses the downloadable Nginx configuration files. If you are using APIcast from versions 2.0 to 3.1, you can refer to the Migrating from customized approaches.

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9.1. PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS

The following are aspects to consider when analyzing a scenario of a migration:

- The latest APIcast gateway architecture differs from previous versions. Most of the logic regarding routing and authorization is done purely in Lua. This keeps the Nginx configuration files efficient and reusable.

- Many of the new features added to the latest version of APIcast can replace most of the custom logic built into your current gateway. You need to check all the features and behavior included in the out-of-the-box version of APIcast. Also verify that any other features required are included in the OOTB policies.

- There are multiple deployment options available, whereas in previous versions it was possible only the Native Openresty installation.

As a result of the changes in the APIcast gateway architecture, multiple services are supported through a single gateway instance. This means that when exposing multiple 3scale services through one gateway, it is not necessary to customize the nginx.conf to support multiple services. However, before migrating any custom features, you need to test any standard behavior that previously required some custom logic or configuration with the latest version for compatibility.

9.2. TESTING THE LATEST APICAST CONFIGURATION

To test the latest APIcast configuration, you need to do the following:

1. Check if you have the latest APIcast configuration in the 3scale GUI. You can follow the instructions listed in APIcast self-managed upgrade.

2. Once you have confirmed you have the latest version, test APIcast according to the documentation which covers each of the deployment options.

You can create a new service in your existing 3scale account to isolate the testing traffic from any production traffic attributed to other services. If you are unable to create additional services then you can use the staging configuration from an existing service to test the new gateway. If you have some automation, such as a CI/CD pipeline built into your 3scale integration that depends on the Integration page, it might just be safer to www.3scale.net/signup[create a trial account] to perform the testing.

9.3. MISSING FEATURES IN THE LATEST APICAST
If the latest version of APIcast does not meet all your requirements then refer to the following sections on how to implement your own custom features into the APIcast gateway. Additionally, you can open an issue either in the upstream repository or in JIRA under the Gateway component.

9.3.1. Customizing Lua

Our gateway is built on the opensource Openresty platform and Lua modules are available to further extend the Nginx gateway features. APIcast comes with a subset of those modules which can be reused to add custom features to the gateway. The custom Lua logic built into your current gateway should be migrated to custom policies. The latest APIcast uses policies for extending and/or overriding the existing APIcast behavior. You can read more about how this works in the documentation about policies.

9.3.2. Customizing Nginx configuration files

Given that some use cases might not have been considered, you will need to customize Nginx configuration files to maintain the current integration’s behavior. The following are examples where this might apply:

- External service integrations: Integrations with Jenkins, health-check services such as Pingdom etc. You can move all these (one server block) to a separate configuration file and include it under the sites.d directory. If possible, it is suggested to handle these requests on a completely different Nginx server but this is not critical.

- Custom Nginx directives: Any custom or additional Nginx directives that you want to apply to the API managed by APIcast need to be included in a custom configuration, under the apicast.d/location.d directory. This will apply to the main "/" location block.

- Custom error pages: These need to be included in a custom configuration under the apicast.d/location.d directory but be aware this applies to the main "/" location block also. In this case this does not refer to errors served by the gateway, such as 403 Authentication failed and 401 Authentication parameters missing. If the server on which the gateway is running returns some other HTTP error code, then those custom pages would be returned to the client.

9.4. MIGRATING FROM CUSTOMIZED APPROACHES

Previous versions of APIcast use custom-module and custom-config methods to extend the feature set of the gateway. There are not many differences with the new policy method, and should therefore be an easier migration path than from previous versions of the gateway.

Refer to Testing the latest APIcast configuration before you Enable APIcast policies using the Admin Portal. Do this to determine whether any custom features in your gateway are now either a part of the APIcast feature set or one of the Standard APIcast policies. For custom features that are not covered here, you will need to add them as custom policies. See Adding custom policies to APIcast.
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CHAPTER 10. API VERSIONING

Red Hat 3scale allows API versioning. You have three ways to version your API correctly when you manage your API with 3scale. The following methods are examples of how you could version your API within the 3scale Gateway, which provides extra features due to 3scale architecture.

10.1. GOAL

This guide is designed to give you enough information to implement an API versioning system within 3scale.

Suppose you have an API for finding songs. Users can search for their favorite songs by different keywords: artist, songwriter, song title, album title, and so on. Assume you had an initial version (v1) of the API and now you have developed a new, improved version (v2).

The following sections describe the three most typical ways of implementing an API versioning system using 3scale:

- URL versioning
- Endpoint versioning
- Custom header versioning

10.2. PREREQUISITES

- Complete the First steps with 3scale before using this quick start guide.

10.3. URL VERSIONING

If you have different endpoints for searching songs (by artist, by song title, and so on), with URL versioning you would include the API version as part of the URI, for example:

1. api.songs.com/v1/songwriter
2. api.songs.com/v2/songwriter
3. api.songs.com/v1/song
4. api.songs.com/v2/song
5. and so on

**NOTE**

When you use this method, you should have planned since v1 that you were going to version your API.

The 3scale Gateway would then extract the endpoint and the version from the URI. This approach allows you to set up application plans for any version/endpoint combination. You can then associate metrics with those plans and endpoints, and you can chart the usage for each endpoint on each version.

The following screen capture shows 3scale’s flexibility.
The only thing left to do is go to [your_API_name] > Integration > Configuration in your 3scale Admin Portal and map your URIs to your metrics, as shown in the following diagram.

You now have two different versions of your API, each with different features enabled. You also have full control and visibility on their usage.
If you want to communicate to all of your users that they should move to the API v2, you can send an internal note asking them to do so. You can monitor who makes the move and see how the activity on v1 decreases while the activity on v2 increases. By adding the metric in your authorization calls to 3scale, you can see how much overall traffic is hitting v1 vs. v2 endpoints and get an idea of when it is safe to deprecate v1.

**Figure 10.3. Versioning**

If some users continue to use v1, you can filter out only those users to send another internal note about switching to v2.

3scale provides a three-step method for sending deprecation notices.

1. Navigate to **Audience > Applications > Listing** and filter the list by the application plan that you want to send the deprecation note and click **Search**.

2. Click the multiselector to select all of the applications for that particular version. New options display and allow you to perform bulk operations, such as **Send email**, **Change Application Plan**, and **Change State**.

3. Click **Send email** and follow the steps to send a deprecation notice to the owners of the selected applications.

The following image provides a visual reference.

**Figure 10.4. Sending deprecation note**
For each authrep call that is made to an endpoint, you authenticate only once but report twice: once for the endpoint and once for the API version. There is no double-billing because the call can be authenticated only one time. For each call you make to any endpoint of a specific API version, you aggregate the hits on a convenient metric named after the version number (v1, v2, and so on), which you can use to compare full version traffic with each other.

10.4. ENDPOINT VERSIONING

With endpoint versioning, you can have a different endpoint for each API version such as api.cons.com/author_v1. The gateway extracts the endpoint and the version from the endpoint itself. This method, as well as the previous method, allows the API provider to map external URLs to internal ones.

The endpoint versioning method can only be performed with the on-premise deployment method as it requires a URL rewrite using the LUA scripts that are provided as part of the on-premise configuration.

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<tbody>
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<td>api.songs.com/songwriter_v1</td>
<td>could be rewritten to</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>internal.songs.com/search_by_songwriter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>api.songs.com/songwriter_v2</td>
<td>could be rewritten to</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>internal.songs.com/songwriter</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Almost everything (mapping, application plans features, and so on.) works exactly the same as in the previous method.

10.5. CUSTOM HEADER VERSIONING

With custom header versioning, you use a header (that is, "x-api-version") instead of the URI to specify the version.

The gateway then extracts the endpoint from the path and the version from the header. Just as before, you can analyze and visualize any combination of path/version that you want. This approach has several inconveniences, regardless of the API management system you use. See API versioning methods, a brief reference for more information. Here are a few pointers on how 3scale works.

- Just like the previous method, custom header versioning can only be applied to on-premise hosted APIs because it requires some parsing/processing of the request headers to correctly route the authrep calls. This type of custom processing can only be done using Lua scripting.
- With this method, the fine-grained feature separation of the previous methods is much harder to achieve.
- The most important advantage of this method is that the URL and endpoints specified by the developers never change. When a developer wants to switch from one API version to another, they only have to change the header. Everything else works the same.
PART III. API AUTHENTICATION
CHAPTER 11. AUTHENTICATION PATTERNS

By the end of this tutorial you will know how to set the authentication pattern on your API and the effect that this has on applications communicating with your API.

Depending on your API, you may need to use different authentication patterns to issue credentials for access to your API. These can range from API keys to openAuth tokens and custom configurations. This tutorial covers how to select from the available standard Authentication Patterns.

11.1. SUPPORTED AUTHENTICATION PATTERNS

3scale supports the following authentication patterns out of the box:

- **Standard API Keys**: Single randomized strings or hashes acting as an identifier and a secret token.
- **Application Identifier and Key pairs**: Immutable identifier and mutable secret key strings.
- **OpenID Connect**

11.2. SETTING UP AUTHENTICATION PATTERNS

11.2.1. Select the authentication mode for your service

Navigate to the API service you want to work on (there may be only one service named API in which case select this). Go to the Integration section.

Each service that you operate can use a different authentication pattern, but only one pattern can be used per service.
IMPORTANT

You must not change the authentication pattern after the credentials have been registered because the behavior of the service may then become unpredictable. To change authentication patterns we recommend creating a new service and migrating customers.

11.2.2. Select the Authentication mode you want to use

To select an authentication mode, scroll to the AUTHENTICATION section. Here, you can choose one of the following options:

- API Key (user_key)
- App_ID and App_Key Pair
- OpenID Connect

11.2.3. Ensure your API accepts the correct types of credentials

Depending on the credential type chosen, you may need to accept different parameters in your API calls (key fields, IDs etc.). The names of these parameters may not be the same as those used internally at 3scale. The 3scale authentication will function correctly if the correct parameter names are used in calls to the 3scale backend.

11.2.4. Create an application to test credentials

To ensure that the credential sets are working, you can create a new application to issue credentials to use the API. Navigate to the Accounts area of your Admin Portal Dashboard, click the account you want to use and click new application.

Filling out the form and clicking save will create a new application with credentials to use the API. You can now use these credentials to make calls to your API and records will be checked against the list of applications registered in 3scale.

11.3. STANDARD AUTHENTICATION PATTERNS

3scale supports the authentication patterns detailed in the following sections.

11.3.1. API key

The simplest form of credential supported is the single API model. Here, each application with permissions on the API has a single (unique) long character string; example:

API-key = 853a76f7c8d5f4a1ee8bf10a4e0d1f13

By default, the name of the key parameter is user_key. You can use this label or choose another, such as API-key. If choosing another label, you need to map the value before you make the authorization calls to 3scale. The string acts as both, an identifier and a secret token, for use of the API. It is recommended that you use such patterns only in environments with low security requirements or with SSL security on API calls. Following are the operations that can be carried out on the token and application:

- Application Suspend: This suspends the applications access to the API and, in effect, all calls to the API with the relevant key will be suspended.
- Application Resume: Undoes the effect of an application suspend action.
- Key Regenerate: This action generates a new random string key for the application and associates it with the application. Immediately after this action is taken, calls with the previous token will cease to be accepted.

The latter action can be triggered from the API Administration in the Admin Portal and (if permitted) from the API Developers User console.

### 11.3.2. App_ID and App_Key pair

The API Key Pattern combines the identity of the application and the secret usage token in one token; however, this pattern separates the two:

- Each application using the API, issues an immutable initial identifier known as the **Application ID** (App ID). The App ID is constant and may or may not be secret.
- In addition, each application can have between one and five **Application Keys** (App_Keys). Each Key is associated directly with the App_ID and should be treated as secret.

```plaintext
app_id = 80a4e03
app_key = a1ee8bf10a4e0d1f13853a76f7c8d5f4
```

In the default setting, developers can create up to five keys per application. This allows a developer to create a new key, add it to their code, redeploy their application, and then disable old keys. This does not cause any application downtime the way an API Key Regeneration would.

Statistics and rate limits are always kept at the application ID level of granularity and not per API Key. If a developer wants to track two sets of statistics, they should create two applications rather than two keys.

It is also possible to change the mode in the system and allow applications to be created in the absence of application keys. In this case the 3scale system will authenticate access based on the App ID only (and no key checks are made). This mode is useful for widget type scenarios or where rate limits are applied to users rather than applications. In most cases you will want your API to enforce the presence of at least one application key per application present. This setting is available in [your_API_name] > Integration > Settings.

### 11.3.3. OpenID Connect

For information on OpenID Connect authentication, see the OpenID Connect integration chapter.

### 11.4. REFERRER FILTERING

3scale supports the Referrer Filtering feature that can be used to whitelist IP addresses or domain names from where an application can access the API. The API clients specify the referrer value in the **Referrer** header. The purpose and the usage of the Referrer header are described in the RFC 7231, section 5.5.2: Referrer.

For the Referrer Filtering feature to work, you must enable the APIcast **Referrer policy** in the service policy chain.

To enable the Referrer Filtering feature, go to [your_API_name] > Applications > Settings > Usage Rules. Select **Require referrer filtering** and click **Update Product**.
The developers with access to your API must configure allowed domain/IP referrers from the developer portal.

In the Admin Portal on the application details page for all applications that belong to this service a new Referrer Filters section displays. Here, the admin can also configure a whitelist of the allowed Referrer header values for this application.
You can set a maximum of five referrer values per application.

The value can only consist of Latin letters, numbers, and special characters *, ., and -.* can be used for wildcard values. If the value is set to *, any referrer value will be allowed, so the referrer check will be bypassed.

When the **Require referrer filtering** feature and the **3scale Referrer** policy are enabled, the authorization works as follows:

1. The applications that do not have Referrer Filters specified are authorized normally only using the provided credentials.

2. For the applications that have Referrer Filters values set, APIcast extracts the referrer value from the **Referer** header of the request and sends it as **referrer** param in the AuthRep (authorize and report) request to the Service Management API. The following table shows the AuthRep responses for different combination of the referrer filtering parameters.

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<td>matches referrer filter</td>
<td>200 OK</td>
<td><code>&lt;status&gt; &lt;authorized&gt;true&lt;/authorized&gt; &lt;/status&gt;</code></td>
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<td>Yes</td>
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<td>does not match referrer filter</td>
<td>409 Conflict</td>
<td><code>&lt;status&gt; &lt;authorized&gt;false&lt;/authorized&gt; &lt;reason&gt;referrer &quot;test.example.com&quot; is not allowed&lt;/reason&gt; (test.example.com is an example)</code></td>
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The calls that are not authorized by AuthRep are rejected by APIcast with an “Authorization Failed” error. You can configure the exact status code and the error message on the service Integration page.
3scale integrates with third-party Identity Providers (IdP) for authenticating the API requests using the OpenID Connect specification, with these features:

- OpenID Connect is built on top of OAuth 2.0 that complements the OAuth 2.0 Authorization framework with an authentication mechanism.
- With the OpenID Connect authentication option, the API requests are authenticated using the access tokens in the JSON Web Token (JWT) format (RFC 7519).

The integration consists of the following two parts:

- JWT verification and parsing by APIcast
- Client credentials synchronization by zync-que

Red Hat 3scale fully supports both integration points with Red Hat Single Sign-On (RH-SSO) acting as the OpenID provider. See the supported version of RH-SSO on the Supported Configurations page. APIcast integration is also tested with ForgeRock.

In both cases, you can configure the integration by specifying the OpenID Connect Issuer field in the APIcast Configuration on the Integration page of the service using OpenID Connect authentication option. For instructions, see Integration of 3scale with Red Hat Single Sign-On.

12.1. JWT VERIFICATION AND PARSING BY APICAST

The API requests to the service using the OpenID Connect authentication mode should provide the access token in the JWT format, issued by the OpenID Provider, in the Authorization header using Bearer schema. The header should look like the following example:

```
Authorization: Bearer eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3MiOiJodHRwczovL2lkcC5leGFtcGxlLmNvbSlIsInN1YiI6ImFiYzEyMyIsIm5iZiI6MTUzNzg5MjQ5NCwiZXhwIjoxNTM3ODk2MDk0LCJpYXQiOjE1Mzc4OTI0OTQsImlmaOiI6M1s6MTIzNDU2IiwidHlwIjoiQmVhcmVyIn0.oKwz0DDQmbGQq94qP88OQ4v885y3Q-
```

The JWT token contains a signature that the token’s receiver can verify and ensure that the token was signed by a known issuer and that its content has not been changed. 3scale supports RSA signature based on the public/private key pair. Here, the issuer signs the JWT token using a private key. APIcast verifies this token using a public key.

APIcast uses OpenID Connect Discovery for getting the JSON Web Keys (JWK) that can be used for verifying the JWT signature.

On each request, APIcast does the following:

```
Authorization: Bearer <JWK>
```

Example:

```
Authorization: Bearer eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3MiOiJodHRwczovL2lkcC5leGFtcGxlLmNvbSlIsInN1YiI6ImFiYzEyMyIsIm5iZiI6MTUzNzg5MjQ5NCwiZXhwIjoxNTM3ODk2MDk0LCJpYXQiOjE1Mzc4OTI0OTQsImlmaOiI6M1s6MTIzNDU2IiwidHlwIjoiQmVhcmVyIn0.oKwz0DDQmbGQq94qP88OQ4v885y3Q-
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1. Verifies the JWT token using the public key.

2. Validates the claims \texttt{nbf} and \texttt{exp}.

3. Verifies that the issuer specified in the claim \texttt{iss} (Issuer) is the same as the one configured in the \texttt{OpenID Connect Issuer} field.

4. Extracts the value of the \texttt{azp} or \texttt{aud} claim and uses it as the Client ID that identifies the application in 3scale to authorize the call through the Service Management API.

If any of the JWT validation or the authorization checks fail, APIcast returns an \texttt{Authentication failed} error. Otherwise, APIcast proxies the request to the API backend. The \texttt{Authorization} header remains in the request, so the API backend can also use the JWT token to check the user and client identity.

12.2. CLIENT CREDENTIALS SYNCHRONIZATION BY ZYNC-QUE

3scale synchronizes the client (application) credentials between 3scale and the RH-SSO server when you are using the \texttt{zync-que} component. Configure this through the \texttt{OpenID Connect Issuer} setting.

When you create, update, or delete a service configured to use OpenID Connect, \texttt{zync-que} receives the corresponding event and communicate the change to the RH-SSO instance using RH-SSO API.

The Integration of 3scale with Red Hat Single Sign-On section provides the steps required to ensure that \texttt{zync-que} has the correct credentials to use the RH-SSO API.

12.3. INTEGRATION OF 3SCALE WITH RED HAT SINGLE SIGN-ON

As an API provider, integrating 3scale with Red Hat Single Sign-On (RH-SSO) as the identity provider (IdP) is an option for authenticating API requests. Integration consists of configuring the following elements:

- RH-SSO to enable operation with 3scale
- 3scale to work with RH-SSO

12.3.1. Configuring Red Hat Single Sign-On

Procedure

1. Create a realm (<\texttt{realm_name}>).

2. Create a client:
   a. Specify a client ID.
   b. In the \texttt{Client Protocol} field, select \texttt{openid-connect}.

3. To configure the client permissions, set the following values:
   a. \texttt{Access Type} to \texttt{confidential}.
   b. \texttt{Standard Flow Enabled} to \texttt{OFF}.
   c. \texttt{Direct Access Grants Enabled} to \texttt{OFF}.
d. *Service Accounts Enabled* to **ON**.

4. Set the service account roles for the client:
   a. Navigate to the *Service Account Roles* tab of the client.
   b. In the *Client Roles* dropdown list, click *realm-management*.
   c. In the *Available Roles* pane, select the *manage-clients* list item and assign the role by clicking *Add selected***.

5. Note the client credentials:
   a. Make a note of the client ID (<client_id>).
   b. Navigate to the *Credentials* tab of the client and make a note of the *Secret* field (<client_secret>).

6. Add a user to the realm:
   a. Click the *Users* menu on the left side of the window.
   b. Click *Add user*.
   c. Type the username, set the *Email Verified* switch to **ON**, and click *Save*.
   d. On the *Credentials* tab, set the password. Enter the password in both the fields, set the *Temporary* switch to **OFF** to avoid the password reset at the next login, and click *Reset Password*.
   e. When the pop-up window displays, click *Change password*.

### 12.3.2. Configuring 3scale with Red Hat Single Sign-On

After you have created and configured the client in Red Hat Single Sign-On (RH-SSO), you must configure 3scale to work with RH-SSO.

#### Prerequisites
- Configure RH-SSO

#### Procedure

1. Enable OpenID Connect:
   a. Select the service on which you want to enable the OpenID Connect authentication, navigate to [your_product_name] > Integration > Settings
   b. Under the *Authentication* options, select *OpenID Connect Use OpenID Connect for any OAuth 2.0 flow*.

2. Edit the APIcast Configuration. Once you select the option for OpenID Connect, you will see a new section **OpenID Connect (OIDC) Basics**:
   a. Choose the *OpenID Connect Issuer Type*. 
b. Specify the OpenID Connect Issuer field, enter the previously noted client credentials with the URL of your RH-SSO server, located at host `<rhsso_host>` and port `<rhsso_port>`, as indicated in the following URL template:

   https://<client_id>:<client_secret>@<rhsso_host>:
   <rhsso_port>/auth/realms/<realm_name>

c. To save the configuration, click Update Product.

### 12.4. CONFIGURE HTTP INTEGRATION WITH THIRD-PARTY IDENTITY PROVIDERS

You can configure HTTP integration of OpenID Connect (OIDC) to facilitate syncing credentials with third-party identity providers (IdPs). This means that it is possible to integrate different IdPs other than Red Hat Single Sign-On (RH-SSO), by implementing the OpenAPI specifications we provide.

#### 12.4.1. Prerequisites

- Enable OIDC as authentication mode, as indicated in Configuring 3scale with Red Hat Single Sign-On
- Zync
- Integration with Zync for client synchronization between chosen IdP and 3scale

#### 12.4.2. Procedure

To configure HTTP integration of OIDC with third-party identity providers, follow these steps in the Admin Portal:

1. Navigate to [Your_product_name] > Integration > Settings

2. Under AUTHENTICATION, select OpenID Connect Use OpenID Connect for any OAuth 2.0 flow.

3. Under AUTHENTICATION SETTINGS indicate the OpenID Connect (OIDC) Basics
   a. In OpenID Connect Issuer Type, specify the type of your OpenID Provider.
   b. In OpenID Connect Issuer, indicate the location of your OpenID Provider.

4. To save your changes, click Update Product.

#### 12.4.3. Zync REST API example

This example project implements Zync REST API protocol to synchronize OAuth2.0 clients. When a 3scale application is created, updated or deleted Zync tries to replicate that change to http://example.com/api.

#### 12.4.3.1. Prerequisites

3scale must be configured to use:

- OIDC as the authentication mode
12.4.3.2. Creating, updating and deleting clients

Zync makes the following requests to create, update or delete clients:

- Create and update → \texttt{PUT /clients/:client_id}
- Delete → \texttt{DELETE /clients/:client_id}

All endpoints must reply with a \texttt{2xx} status code. Otherwise, the request will be retried.

12.4.3.3. Payload

The request payload in case of create and update is \texttt{application/json}:

```json
{
    "client_id": "ee305610",
    "client_secret": "ac0e42db426b4377096c6590e2b06aeb",
    "client_name": "oidc-app",
    "redirect_uris": ["http://example.com"],
    "grant_types": ["client_credentials", "password"]
}
```

The request to delete a client has no payload.

12.4.3.4. Using OAuth2 authentication

Zync sends GET requests to the \texttt{/well-known/openid-configuration} endpoint and expects an \texttt{application/json} response. The response payload should contain the following:

```json
{
    "token_endpoint": "http://idp.example.com/auth/realm/token"
}
```

With the OAuth2 protocol, Zync uses \texttt{token_endpoint} to exchange the \texttt{client_id} and \texttt{client_secret} provided in the OpenID Connect Issuer address, in order to request an access token. If the API responds with an unsuccessful response, Zync will fallback to HTTP Basic/Digest authentication using the provided credentials.

12.5. OAuth 2.0 Supported Flows

The API clients must get access tokens from the OpenID Connect (OIDC) issuer configured in 3scale, using any OAuth 2.0 flow that is supported by this OpenID provider. In case of Red Hat Single Sign-On (RH-SSO), the following flows are supported (the terms used in RH-SSO clients are specified in parenthesis):

- Authorization Code (Standard Flow)
- Resource Owner Password Credentials (Direct Access Grants Flow)
- Implicit (Implicit Flow)
Client Credentials (Service Accounts Flow)

In 3scale, if you create a client for which OIDC authentication is enabled, the corresponding clients created by Zync in RH-SSO have only the Authorization Code flow enabled. This flow is recommended as the most secure and suitable for most cases. However, it is possible to enable other flows.

12.5.1. How OAuth 2.0 supported flows work

The client gets the access token using the authorization request, or the token request, or both. The URLs that receive these requests can be discovered using the .well-known/openid-configuration endpoint of the OpenID provider, in the "authorization_endpoint" and "token_endpoint", accordingly.


12.5.2. Configuring OAuth 2.0 supported flows

You can configure allowed OAuth 2.0 flows for the 3scale API in the Admin Portal. When you create a new application, the basic integration is finished, including the OpenID Connect (OIDC) configuration.

To configure OAuth 2.0 supported flows, perform these steps:

1. Navigate to the Authentication Settings section: [Your_product_name] > Integration > Settings
2. Under AUTHENTICATION, choose OpenID Connect Use OpenID Connect for any OAuth 2.0 flow. The corresponding flows are enabled:
   - standardFlowEnabled (Authorization Code flow) [selected by default]
   - implicitFlowEnabled (Implicit flow)
   - serviceAccountsEnabled (Service Accounts Flow)
   - directAccessGrantsEnabled (Direct Access Grant Flow)
3. Choose one or multiple flows.
4. To save your changes, click Update Product.

12.6. TEST THE INTEGRATION

To test the integration, you must perform the steps listed in the following sections.

12.6.1. Test the client synchronization

To test the client synchronization, take the following steps:

1. Create an application for the service where you configured the OpenID Connect integration.
2. Note the client ID and the client Secret of the generated application.
3. Verify that the client with the same client ID and client secret is now present in the configured Red Hat Single Sign-On realm.
4. Update the Redirect URL of the application in the 3scale admin portal. Redirect URLs should be as specific as possible.
5. Verify that the Valid Redirect URIs field of the client in Red Hat Single Sign-On has been updated accordingly.

12.6.2. Test the API authorization flow

To test the API authorization flow, take the following steps:

1. Get the access token from the Red Hat Single Sign-On server using an OAuth 2.0 flow that is enabled on the corresponding RH-SSO client.

2. Use the value of the access_token retrieved from RH-SSO in the Authorization header as follows: Authorization: Bearer <access_token>

If the token is correct and the corresponding application in 3scale is authorized, APIcast gateway returns a response from the API backend.

12.7. EXAMPLE OF THE INTEGRATION

The service "API" in 3scale is configured to use the OpenID Connect authentication. The Public Base URL on the service "API" is configured to be https://api.example.com and the Private Base URL is configured to be https://internal-api.example.com.

The OpenID Connect Issuer field is set to https://zync:41dbb98b-e4e9-4a89-84a3-91d1d19c4207@idp.example.com/auth/realms/myrealm in the API integration and the client zync in the realm myrealm has the correct Service Account roles.

In 3scale, there is an application having the myclientid client ID, myclientsecret client secret, and a https://myapp.example.com Redirect URL. In Red Hat Single Sign-On, in the myrealm realm, there also exists a client having a myclientid client ID, myclientsecret secret, and https://myapp.example.com Valid Redirect URIs. Standard Flow is enabled on this client. There is a user configured in the myrealm realm having the myuser username and mypassword password.

The flow is as follows:

1. Using the endpoint https://idp.example.com/auth/realms/myrealm/protocol/openid-connect/auth, the application sends an Authorization request to RH-SSO. Within the request, the application provides these parameters: myclientid client ID, and https://myapp.example.com Redirect URL.

2. RH-SSO shows the login window, where the user must provide the user’s credentials: Username myuser and password mypassword.

3. Depending on the configuration, and if it is the first time that the user is authenticating in this specific application, the consent window displays.

4. After the user is authenticated, the application sends a Token request to RH-SSO using the endpoint https://idp.example.com/auth/realms/myrealm/protocol/openid-connect/token and providing the client ID myclientid, client secret myclientsecret and Redirect URL https://myapp.example.com.

5. RH-SSO returns a JSON with an "access_token" field eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsInR5cCIgOiAiSldUIiwia2lk...xBArNhqF-A.

6. The application sends an API request to https://api.example.com with the header Authorization: Bearer eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsInR5cCIgOiAiSldUliwia2lk...xBArNhqF-A.
7. The application should receive a successful response from https://internal-api.example.com.