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Performing disaster recovery with Identity Management

Recovering IdM after a server or data loss
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Abstract

Server and data loss scenarios, for example due to a hardware failure, are the highest risks in IT environments. In case of such an event in a Red Hat Identity Management (IdM) environment, the recovery process depends on the type of problem, the IdM topology, and the actions that have been taken to mitigate such situations. For example, you can recover single and multiple servers in an IdM replication topology, and you can recover data by using IdM backups and snapshots. During or after the recovery, it can be necessary to adjust client settings, such as DNS servers and the Kerberos configuration.
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There are two main classes of disaster scenarios: server loss and data loss.

Table 1.1. Server loss vs. data loss

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<tr>
<th>Disaster type</th>
<th>Example causes</th>
<th>How to respond</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Server loss</strong>: The IdM deployment loses one or several servers.</td>
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| **Data loss**: IdM data is unexpectedly modified on a server, and the change is propagated to other servers. | ● A user accidentally deletes data
● A software bug modifies data | ● Recovering from data loss with VM snapshots
● Recovering from data loss with IdM backups
● Managing data loss |
CHAPTER 2. RECOVERING A SINGLE SERVER WITH REPLICATION

If a single server is severely disrupted or lost, having multiple replicas ensures you can create a replacement replica and quickly restore the former level of redundancy.

If your IdM topology contains an integrated Certificate Authority (CA), the steps for removing and replacing a damaged replica differ for the CA renewal server and other replicas.

2.1. RECOVERING FROM LOSING THE CA RENEWAL SERVER

If the Certificate Authority (CA) renewal server is lost, you must first promote another CA replica to fulfill the CA renewal server role, and then deploy a replacement CA replica.

Prerequisites

- Your deployment uses IdM’s internal Certificate Authority (CA).
- Another Replica in the environment has CA services installed.

WARNING

An IdM deployment is unrecoverable if:

1. The CA renewal server has been lost.
2. No other server has a CA installed.
3. No backup of a replica with the CA role exists.
   It is critical to make backups from a replica with the CA role so certificate data is protected. For more information about creating and restoring from backups, see Preparing for data loss with IdM backups.

Procedure

1. From another replica in your environment, promote another CA replica in the environment to act as the new CA renewal server. See Changing and resetting IdM CA renewal server.

2. From another replica in your environment, remove replication agreements to the lost CA renewal server. See Removing server from topology using the CLI.

3. Install a new CA Replica to replace the lost CA replica. See Installing an IdM replica with a CA.

4. Update DNS to reflect changes in the replica topology. If IdM DNS is used, DNS service records are updated automatically.

5. Verify IdM clients can reach IdM servers. See Adjusting IdM clients during recovery.

Verification steps
1. Test the Kerberos server on the new replica by successfully retrieving a Kerberos Ticket-Granting-Ticket as an IdM user.

```
[root@server ~]# kinit admin
Password for admin@EXAMPLE.COM:
```

```
[root@server ~]# klist
Ticket cache: KCM:0
Default principal: admin@EXAMPLE.COM
Valid starting          Expires               Service principal
10/31/2019 15:51:37    11/01/2019 15:51:02  HTTP/server.example.com@EXAMPLE.COM
10/31/2019 15:51:08    11/01/2019 15:51:02  krbtgt/EXAMPLE.COM@EXAMPLE.COM
```

2. Test the Directory Server and SSSD configuration by retrieving user information.

```
[root@server ~]# ipa user-show admin
User login: admin
Last name: Administrator
Home directory: /home/admin
Login shell: /bin/bash
Principal alias: admin@EXAMPLE.COM
UID: 1965200000
GID: 1965200000
Account disabled: False
Password: True
Member of groups: admins, trust admins
Kerberos keys available: True
```

3. Test the CA configuration with the `ipa cert-show` command.

```
[root@server ~]# ipa cert-show 1
Issuing CA: ipa
Certificate: MIIEgjCCAuqgAwIBAgIjoSIP...
Subject: CN=Certificate Authority,O=EXAMPLE.COM
Issuer: CN=Certificate Authority,O=EXAMPLE.COM
Not After: Mon Oct 31 19:43:29 2039 UTC
Serial number: 1
Serial number (hex): 0x1
Revoked: False
```

Additional resources

- Using IdM CA renewal server

### 2.2. RECOVERING FROM LOSING A REGULAR REPLICA

To replace a replica that is not the Certificate Authority (CA) renewal server, remove the lost replica from the topology and install a new replica in its place.

**Prerequisites**
The CA renewal server is operating properly. If the CA renewal server has been lost, see Recovering from losing the CA renewal server.

**Procedure**

1. Remove replication agreements to the lost server. See Uninstalling an IdM server.

2. Deploy a new replica with the desired services (CA, KRA, DNS). See Installing an IdM replica.

3. Update DNS to reflect changes in the replica topology. If IdM DNS is used, DNS service records are updated automatically.

4. Verify IdM clients can reach IdM servers. See Adjusting IdM clients during recovery.

**Verification steps**

1. Test the Kerberos server on the new replica by successfully retrieving a Kerberos Ticket-Granting-Ticket as an IdM user.

   ```
   [root@newreplica ~]# kinit admin
   Password for admin@EXAMPLE.COM:
   
   [root@newreplica ~]# klist
   Ticket cache: KCM:0
   Default principal: admin@EXAMPLE.COM
   
   Valid starting       Expires              Service principal
   10/31/2019 15:51:37  11/01/2019 15:51:02  HTTP/server.example.com@EXAMPLE.COM
   10/31/2019 15:51:08  11/01/2019 15:51:02  krbtgt/EXAMPLE.COM@EXAMPLE.COM
   ```

2. Test the Directory Server and SSSD configuration on the new replica by retrieving user information.

   ```
   [root@newreplica ~]# ipa user-show admin
   User login: admin
   Last name: Administrator
   Home directory: /home/admin
   Login shell: /bin/bash
   Principal alias: admin@EXAMPLE.COM
   UID: 1965200000
   GID: 1965200000
   Account disabled: False
   Password: True
   Member of groups: admins, trust admins
   Kerberos keys available: True
   ```
CHAPTER 3. RECOVERING MULTIPLE SERVERS WITH REPLICATION

If multiple servers are lost at the same time, determine if the environment can be rebuilt by seeing which one of the following five scenarios applies to your situation.

3.1. RECOVERING FROM LOSING MULTIPLE SERVERS IN A CA-LESS DEPLOYMENT

Servers in a CA-less deployment are all considered equal, so you can rebuild the environment by removing and replacing lost replicas in any order.

Prerequisites

- Your deployment uses an external Certificate Authority (CA).

Procedure

- See Recovering from losing a regular replica.

3.2. RECOVERING FROM LOSING MULTIPLE SERVERS WHEN THE CA RENEWAL SERVER IS UNHARMED

If the CA renewal server is intact, you can replace other servers in any order.

Prerequisites

- Your deployment uses the IdM internal Certificate Authority (CA).

Procedure

- See Recovering from losing a regular replica.

3.3. RECOVERING FROM LOSING THE CA RENEWAL SERVER AND OTHER SERVERS

If you lose the CA renewal server and other servers, promote another CA server to the CA renewal server role before replacing other replicas.

Prerequisites

- Your deployment uses the IdM internal Certificate Authority (CA).
- At least one CA replica is unharmed.

Procedure

1. Promote another CA replica to fulfill the CA renewal server role. See Recovering from losing the CA renewal server.

2. Replace all other lost replicas. See Recovering from losing a regular replica.
3.4. RECOVERING FROM LOSING ALL CA REPLICA

Without any Certificate Authority (CA) replicas, the IdM environment has lost the ability to deploy additional replicas and rebuild itself.

Prerequisites

- Your deployment uses the IdM internal Certificate Authority (CA).

Procedure

- This situation is a total loss.

Additional resources

- To prepare for total infrastructure loss, see Preparing for data loss with VM snapshots.

3.5. RECOVERING FROM A TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE LOSS

If all servers are lost at once, and there are no Virtual Machine (VM) snapshots or data backups to restore from, this situation is unrecoverable.

Procedure

- This situation is a total loss.

Additional resources

- Preparing for data loss with VM snapshots.
CHAPTER 4. RECOVERING FROM DATA LOSS WITH VM SNAPPERS

If a data loss event occurs, you can restore a Virtual Machine (VM) snapshot of a Certificate Authority (CA) replica to repair the lost data, or deploy a new environment from it.

4.1. RECOVERING FROM ONLY A VM SNAPSHOT

If a disaster affects all IdM servers, and only a snapshot of an IdM CA replica virtual machine (VM) is left, you can recreate your deployment by removing all references to the lost servers and installing new replicas.

Prerequisites

- You have prepared a VM snapshot of a CA replica VM. See Preparing for data loss with VM snapshots.

Procedure

1. Boot the desired snapshot of the CA replica VM.

2. Remove replication agreements to any lost replicas.

   [root@server ~]# ipa server-del lost-server1.example.com
   [root@server ~]# ipa server-del lost-server2.example.com
   ...

3. Install a second CA replica. See Installing an IdM replica.

4. The VM CA replica is now the CA renewal server. Red Hat recommends promoting another CA replica in the environment to act as the CA renewal server. See Changing and resetting IdM CA renewal server.

5. Recreate the desired replica topology by deploying additional replicas with the desired services (CA, DNS). See Installing an IdM replica.

6. Update DNS to reflect the new replica topology. If IdM DNS is used, DNS service records are updated automatically.

7. Verify that IdM clients can reach the IdM servers. See Adjusting IdM Clients during recovery.

Verification steps

1. Test the Kerberos server on every replica by successfully retrieving a Kerberos ticket-granting ticket as an IdM user.

   [root@server ~]# kinit admin
   Password for admin@EXAMPLE.COM:

   [root@server ~]# klist
   Ticket cache: KCM:0
   Default principal: admin@EXAMPLE.COM
Valid starting       Expires              Service principal
10/31/2019 15:51:37  11/01/2019 15:51:02  HTTP/server.example.com@EXAMPLE.COM
10/31/2019 15:51:08  11/01/2019 15:51:02  krbtgt/EXAMPLE.COM@EXAMPLE.COM

2. Test the Directory Server and SSSD configuration on every replica by retrieving user information.

   [root@server ~]# ipa user-show admin
   User login: admin
   Last name: Administrator
   Home directory: /home/admin
   Login shell: /bin/bash
   Principal alias: admin@EXAMPLE.COM
   UID: 1965200000
   GID: 1965200000
   Account disabled: False
   Password: True
   Member of groups: admins, trust admins
   Kerberos keys available: True

3. Test the CA server on every CA replica with the ipa cert-show command.

   [root@server ~]# ipa cert-show 1
   Issuing CA: ipa
   Certificate: MIIEgjCCAuqgAwIBAgIjoSIP...
   Subject: CN=Certificate Authority,O=EXAMPLE.COM
   Issuer: CN=Certificate Authority,O=EXAMPLE.COM
   Not After: Mon Oct 31 19:43:29 2039 UTC
   Serial number: 1
   Serial number (hex): 0x1
   Revoked: False

Additional resources

- Planning the replica topology.

4.2. RECOVERING FROM A VM SNAPSHOT AMONG A PARTIALLY-WORKING ENVIRONMENT

If a disaster affects some IdM servers while others are still operating properly, you may want to restore the deployment to the state captured in a Virtual Machine (VM) snapshot. For example, if all Certificate Authority (CA) Replicas are lost while other replicas are still in production, you will need to bring a CA Replica back into the environment.

In this scenario, remove references to the lost replicas, restore the CA replica from the snapshot, verify replication, and deploy new replicas.

Prerequisites

- You have prepared a VM snapshot of a CA replica VM. See Preparing for data loss with VM snapshots.
Procedure

1. Remove all replication agreements to the lost servers. See Uninstalling an IdM server.

2. Boot the desired snapshot of the CA replica VM.

3. Remove any replication agreements between the restored server and any lost servers.

   ```
   [root@restored-CA-replica ~]# ipa server-del lost-server1.example.com
   [root@restored-CA-replica ~]# ipa server-del lost-server2.example.com
   ...
   ```

4. If the restored server does not have replication agreements to any of the servers still in production, connect the restored server with one of the other servers to update the restored server.

   ```
   [root@restored-CA-replica ~]# ipa topologysegment-add
   Suffix name: domain
   Left node: restored-CA-replica.example.com
   Right node: server3.example.com
   Segment name [restored-CA-replica.com-to-server3.example.com]: new_segment
   ---------------------------
   Added segment "new_segment"
   ---------------------------
   Segment name: new_segment
   Left node: restored-CA-replica.example.com
   Right node: server3.example.com
   Connectivity: both
   ```

5. Review Directory Server error logs at /var/log/dirsrv/slapd-YOUR-INSTANCE/errors to see if the CA replica from the snapshot correctly synchronizes with the remaining IdM servers.

6. If replication on the restored server fails because its database is too outdated, reinitialize the restored server.

   ```
   [root@restored-CA-replica ~]# ipa-replica-manage re-initialize --from server2.example.com
   ```

7. If the database on the restored server is correctly synchronized, continue by deploying additional replicas with the desired services (CA, DNS) according to Installing an IdM replica.

Verification steps

1. Test the Kerberos server on every replica by successfully retrieving a Kerberos ticket-granting ticket as an IdM user.

   ```
   [root@server ~]# kinit admin
   Password for admin@EXAMPLE.COM:
   ```

   ```
   [root@server ~]# klist
   Ticket cache: KCM:0
   Default principal: admin@EXAMPLE.COM
   ```
Valid starting  Expires  Service principal  
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2. Test the Directory Server and SSSD configuration on every replica by retrieving user information.

```
[root@server ~]# ipa user-show admin
User login: admin
Last name: Administrator
Home directory: /home/admin
Login shell: /bin/bash
Principal alias: admin@EXAMPLE.COM
UID: 1965200000
GID: 1965200000
Account disabled: False
Password: True
Member of groups: admins, trust admins
Kerberos keys available: True
```

3. Test the CA server on every CA replica with the `ipa cert-show` command.

```
[root@server ~]# ipa cert-show 1
Issuing CA: ipa
Certificate: MIIEgjCCAuqgAwIBAgIjoSIP...
Subject: CN=Certificate Authority,O=EXAMPLE.COM
Issuer: CN=Certificate Authority,O=EXAMPLE.COM
Not After: Mon Oct 31 19:43:29 2039 UTC
Serial number: 1
Serial number (hex): 0x1
Revoked: False
```

Additional resources
- Recovering from a VM snapshot to establish a new IdM environment.

4.3. RECOVERING FROM A VM SNAPSHOT TO ESTABLISH A NEW IDM ENVIRONMENT

If the Certificate Authority (CA) replica from a restored Virtual Machine (VM) snapshot is unable to replicate with other servers, create a new IdM environment from the VM snapshot.

To establish a new IdM environment, isolate the VM server, create additional replicas from it, and switch IdM clients to the new environment.

Prerequisites
- You have prepared a VM snapshot of a CA replica VM. See Preparing for data loss with VM snapshots.

Procedure
1. Boot the desired snapshot of the CA replica VM.

2. Isolate the restored server from the rest of the current deployment by removing all of its replication topology segments.
   
   a. First, display all domain replication topology segments.

   ```
   [root@restored-CA-replica ~]# ipa topologysegment-find
   Suffix name: domain
   ------------------
   8 segments matched
   ------------------
   Segment name: new_segment
   Left node: restored-CA-replica.example.com
   Right node: server2.example.com
   Connectivity: both
   ...
   ------------------
   Number of entries returned 8
   ------------------
   ```
   
   b. Next, delete every domain topology segment involving the restored server.

   ```
   [root@restored-CA-replica ~]# ipa topologysegment-del
   Suffix name: domain
   Segment name: new_segment
   ------------------
   Deleted segment "new_segment"
   ------------------
   ```
   
   c. Finally, perform the same actions with any ca topology segments.

   ```
   [root@restored-CA-replica ~]# ipa topologysegment-find
   Suffix name: ca
   ------------------
   1 segments matched
   ------------------
   Segment name: ca_segment
   Left node: restored-CA-replica.example.com
   Right node: server4.example.com
   Connectivity: both
   ------------------
   Number of entries returned 1
   ------------------
   ```
   
   ```
   [root@restored-CA-replica ~]# ipa topologysegment-del
   Suffix name: ca
   Segment name: ca_segment
   ------------------
   Deleted segment "ca_segment"
   ------------------
   ```
3. Install a sufficient number of IdM replicas from the restored server to handle the deployment load. There are now two disconnected IdM deployments running in parallel.

4. Switch the IdM clients to use the new deployment by hard-coding references to the new IdM replicas. See Adjusting IdM clients during recovery.

5. Stop and uninstall IdM servers from the previous deployment. See Uninstalling an IdM server.

Verification steps

1. Test the Kerberos server on every new replica by successfully retrieving a Kerberos ticket-granting ticket as an IdM user.

```
[root@server ~]# kinit admin
Password for admin@EXAMPLE.COM:

[root@server ~]# klist
Ticket cache: KCM:0
Default principal: admin@EXAMPLE.COM

Valid starting      Expires               Service principal
10/31/2019 15:51:37 11/01/2019 15:51:02  HTTP/server.example.com@EXAMPLE.COM
10/31/2019 15:51:08 11/01/2019 15:51:02  krbtgt/EXAMPLE.COM@EXAMPLE.COM
```

2. Test the Directory Server and SSSD configuration on every new replica by retrieving user information.

```
[root@server ~]# ipa user-show admin
User login: admin
Last name: Administrator
Home directory: /home/admin
Login shell: /bin/bash
Principal alias: admin@EXAMPLE.COM
UID: 1965200000
GID: 1965200000
Account disabled: False
Password: True
Member of groups: admins, trust admins
Kerberos keys available: True
```

3. Test the CA server on every new CA replica with the ipa cert-show command.

```
[root@server ~]# ipa cert-show 1
Issuing CA: ipa
Certificate: MIIEgjCCAuqgAwIBAgIjoSIP...
Subject: CN=Certificate Authority,O=EXAMPLE.COM
Issuer: CN=Certificate Authority,O=EXAMPLE.COM
Not After: Mon Oct 31 19:43:29 2039 UTC
Serial number: 1
Serial number (hex): 0x1
Revoked: False
```
CHAPTER 5. RECOVERING FROM DATA LOSS WITH IDM BACKUPS

You can use the `ipa-restore` utility to restore an IdM server to a previous state captured in an IdM backup.

5.1. WHEN TO RESTORE FROM AN IDM BACKUP

You can respond to several disaster scenarios by restoring from an IdM backup:

- **Undesirable changes were made to the LDAP content** Entries were modified or deleted, replication carried out those changes throughout the deployment, and you want to revert those changes. Restoring a data-only backup returns the LDAP entries to the previous state without affecting the IdM configuration itself.

- **Total Infrastructure Loss, or loss of all CA instances** If a disaster damages all Certificate Authority replicas, the deployment has lost the ability to rebuild itself by deploying additional servers. In this situation, restore a backup of a CA Replica and build new replicas from it.

- **An upgrade on an isolated server failed** The operating system remains functional, but the IdM data is corrupted, which is why you want to restore the IdM system to a known good state. Red Hat recommends working with Technical Support to diagnose and troubleshoot the issue. If those efforts fail, restore from a full-server backup.

**IMPORTANT**

The preferred solution for hardware or upgrade failure is to rebuild the lost server from a replica. For more information, see Recovering a single server with replication.

5.2. CONSIDERATIONS WHEN RESTORING FROM AN IDM BACKUP

If you have a backup created with the `ipa-backup` utility, you can restore your IdM server or the LDAP content to the state they were in when the backup was performed.

The following are the key considerations while restoring from an IdM backup:

- You can only restore a backup on a server that matches the configuration of the server where the backup was originally created. The server **must** have:
  - The same hostname
  - The same IP address
  - The same version of IdM software

- If one IdM server among many is restored, the restored server becomes the only source of information for IdM. All other servers **must** be re-initialized from the restored server.

- Since any data created after the last backup will be lost, do not use the backup and restore solution for normal system maintenance.

- If a server is lost, Red Hat recommends rebuilding the server by reinstalling it as a replica, instead of restoring from a backup. Creating a new replica preserves data from the current working environment. For more information, see Preparing for server loss with replication.
The backup and restore features can only be managed from the command line and are not available in the IdM web UI.

You cannot restore from backup files located in the `/tmp` or `/var/tmp` directories. The IdM Directory Server uses a `PrivateTmp` directory and cannot access the `/tmp` or `/var/tmp` directories commonly available to the operating system.

**TIP**

Restoring from a backup requires the same software (RPM) versions on the target host as were installed when the backup was performed. Due to this, Red Hat recommends restoring from a Virtual Machine snapshot rather than a backup. For more information, see Recovering from data loss with VM snapshots.

5.3. RESTORING AN IDM SERVER FROM A BACKUP

The following procedure describes restoring an IdM server, or its LDAP data, from an IdM backup.

**Figure 5.1. Replication Topology used in this example**

**Table 5.1. Server naming conventions used in this example**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Server host name</th>
<th>Function</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>server1.example.com</code></td>
<td>The server that needs to be restored from backup.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>caReplica2.example.com</code></td>
<td>A Certificate Authority (CA) replica connected to the <code>server1.example.com</code> host.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>replica3.example.com</code></td>
<td>A replica connected to the <code>caReplica2.example.com</code> host.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Prerequisites**

- You have generated a full-server or data-only backup of the IdM server with the `ipa-backup` utility. See Creating a backup.
- Your backup files are not in the `/tmp` or `/var/tmp` directories.
- Before performing a full-server restore from a full-server backup, uninstall IdM from the server and reinstall IdM using the same server configuration as before.

**Procedure**

1. Use the `ipa-restore` utility to restore a full-server or data-only backup.
If the backup directory is in the default /var/lib/ipa/backup/ location, enter only the name of the directory:

[root@server1 ~]# ipa-restore ipa-full-2020-01-14-12-02-32

If the backup directory is not in the default location, enter its full path:

[root@server1 ~]# ipa-restore /mybackups/ipa-data-2020-02-01-05-30-00

**NOTE**

The `ipa-restore` utility automatically detects the type of backup that the directory contains, and performs the same type of restore by default. To perform a data-only restore from a full-server backup, add the `--data` option to the `ipa-restore` command:

[root@server1 ~]# ipa-restore --data ipa-full-2020-01-14-12-02-32

2. Enter the Directory Manager password.

   Directory Manager (existing master) password:

3. Enter `yes` to confirm overwriting current data with the backup.

   Preparing restore from /var/lib/ipa/backup/ipa-full-2020-01-14-12-02-32 on server1.example.com
   Performing FULL restore from FULL backup
   Temporary setting umask to 022
   Restoring data will overwrite existing live data. Continue to restore? [no]: yes

4. The `ipa-restore` utility disables replication on all servers that are available:

   Each master will individually need to be re-initialized or re-created from this one. The replication agreements on masters running IPA 3.1 or earlier will need to be manually re-enabled. See the man page for details.
   Disabling all replication.
   Disabling replication agreement on server1.example.com to caReplica2.example.com
   Disabling CA replication agreement on server1.example.com to caReplica2.example.com
   Disabling replication agreement on caReplica2.example.com to server1.example.com
   Disabling replication agreement on caReplica2.example.com to replica3.example.com
   Disabling CA replication agreement on caReplica2.example.com to server1.example.com
   Disabling replication agreement on replica3.example.com to caReplica2.example.com

   The utility then stops ldM services, restores the backup, and restarts the services:

   Stopping IPA services
   Systemwide CA database updated.
   Restoring files
   Systemwide CA database updated.
   Restoring from userRoot in EXAMPLE-COM
   Restoring from ipaca in EXAMPLE-COM
Restarting GSS-proxy
Starting IPA services
Restarting SSSD
Restarting oddjobd
Restoring umask to 18

The ipa-restore command was successful

5. Re-initialize all replicas connected to the restored server:
   
a. List all replication topology segments for the domain suffix, taking note of topology segments involving the restored server.

   ```bash
   [root@server1 ~]# ipa topologysegment-find domain
   -------------------
   2 segments matched
   -------------------
   Segment name: server1.example.com-to-caReplica2.example.com
   Left node: server1.example.com
   Right node: caReplica2.example.com
   Connectivity: both
   
   Segment name: caReplica2.example.com-to-replica3.example.com
   Left node: caReplica2.example.com
   Right node: replica3.example.com
   Connectivity: both
   -------------------
   Number of entries returned 2
   -------------------
   ```

   b. Re-initialize the domain suffix for all topology segments with the restored server.
      In this example, perform a re-initialization of caReplica2 with data from server1.

   ```bash
   [root@caReplica2 ~]# ipa-replica-manage re-initialize --from=server1.example.com
   Update in progress, 2 seconds elapsed
   Update succeeded
   ```

   c. Moving on to Certificate Authority data, list all replication topology segments for the ca suffix.

   ```bash
   [root@server1 ~]# ipa topologysegment-find ca
   -------------------
   1 segment matched
   -------------------
   Segment name: server1.example.com-to-caReplica2.example.com
   Left node: server1.example.com
   Right node: caReplica2.example.com
   Connectivity: both
   -------------------
   Number of entries returned 1
   -------------------
   ```

   d. Re-initialize all CA replicas connected to the restored server.
      In this example, perform a csreplica re-initialization of caReplica2 with data from server1.
6. Continue moving outward through the replication topology, re-initializing successive replicas, until all servers have been updated with the data from restored server `server1.example.com`. In this example, we only have to re-initialize the domain suffix on `replica3` with the data from `caReplica2`:

```
[root@caReplica2 ~]# ipa-csreplica-manage re-initialize --from=server1.example.com
Directory Manager password:
Update in progress, 3 seconds elapsed
Update succeeded
```

```
[root@caReplica3 ~]# ipa-replica-manage re-initialize --from=caReplica2.example.com
Directory Manager password:
Update in progress, 3 seconds elapsed
Update succeeded
```

7. Clear SSSD’s cache on every server to avoid authentication problems due to invalid data:
   a. Stop the SSSD service:

```
[root@server ~]# systemctl stop sssd
```

   b. Remove all cached content from SSSD:

```
[root@server ~]# sss_cache -E
```

   c. Start the SSSD service:

```
[root@server ~]# systemctl start sssd
```

d. Reboot the server.

Additional resources

- The `ipa-restore` man page also covers in detail how to handle complex replication scenarios during restoration.

### 5.4. RESTORING FROM AN ENCRYPTED BACKUP

This procedure restores an IdM server from an encrypted IdM backup. The `ipa-restore` utility automatically detects if an IdM backup is encrypted and restores it using the GPG2 root keyring.

**Prerequisites**

- A GPG-encrypted IdM backup. See Creating encrypted IdM backups.
- The LDAP Directory Manager password
- The passphrase used when creating the GPG key

**Procedure**
1. If you used a custom keyring location when creating the GPG2 keys, verify that the $GNUPGHOME environment variable is set to that directory. See Creating a GPG2 key.

```
[root@server ~]# echo $GNUPGHOME
/root/backup
```

2. Provide the `ipa-restore` utility with the backup directory location.

```
[root@server ~]# ipa-restore ipa-full-2020-01-13-18-30-54
```

a. Enter the Directory Manager password.

```
Directory Manager (existing master) password:
```

b. Enter the passphrase you used when creating the GPG key.

```
Please enter the passphrase to unlock the OpenPGP secret key: 
"GPG User (first key) <root@example.com>" 
2048-bit RSA key, ID BF28FFA302EF4557, 
created 2020-01-13.

Passphrase: <passphrase>
```

3. Re-initialize all replicas connected to the restored server. See Restoring an IdM server from backup.
CHAPTER 6. RESTORING IDM SERVERS USING ANSIBLE PLAYBOOKS

Using the ipabackup Ansible role, you can automate restoring an IdM server from a backup and transferring backup files between servers and your Ansible controller.

This section covers the following topics:

- Preparing your Ansible control node for managing IdM
- Using Ansible to restore an IdM server from a backup stored on the server
- Using Ansible to restore an IdM server from a backup stored on your Ansible controller
- Using Ansible to copy a backup of an IdM server to your Ansible controller
- Using Ansible to copy a backup of an IdM server from your Ansible controller to the IdM server
- Using Ansible to remove a backup from an IdM server

6.1. PREPARING YOUR ANSIBLE CONTROL NODE FOR MANAGING IDM

As a system administrator managing Identity Management (IdM), when working with Red Hat Ansible Engine, it is good practice to do the following:

- Create a subdirectory dedicated to Ansible playbooks in your home directory, for example ~/MyPlaybooks.
- Copy and adapt sample Ansible playbooks from the /usr/share/doc/ansible-freeipa/* and /usr/share/doc/rhel-system-roles/* directories and subdirectories into your ~/MyPlaybooks directory.
- Include your inventory file in your ~/MyPlaybooks directory.

By following this practice, you can find all your playbooks in one place and you can run your playbooks without invoking root privileges.

NOTE

You only need root privileges on the managed nodes to execute the ipaserver, ipareplica, ipaclient, ipabackup, ipasmartcard_server and ipasmartcard_client ansible-freeipa roles. These roles require privileged access to directories and the dnf software package manager.

Follow this procedure to create the ~/MyPlaybooks directory and configure it so that you can use it to store and run Ansible playbooks.

Prerequisites

- You have installed an IdM server on your managed nodes, server.idm.example.com and replica.idm.example.com.
You have configured DNS and networking so you can log in to the managed nodes, server.idm.example.com and replica.idm.example.com, directly from the control node.

You know the IdM admin password.

Procedure

1. Create a directory for your Ansible configuration and playbooks in your home directory:

   $ mkdir ~/MyPlaybooks/

2. Change into the ~/MyPlaybooks directory:

   $ cd ~/MyPlaybooks

3. Create the ~/MyPlaybooks/ansible.cfg file with the following content:

   [defaults]
   inventory = /home/your_username/MyPlaybooks/inventory

   [privilege_escalation]
   become=True

4. Create the ~/MyPlaybooks/inventory file with the following content:

   [ipaserver]
   server.idm.example.com

   [ipareplicas]
   replica1.idm.example.com
   replica2.idm.example.com

   [ipacluster:children]
   ipaserver
   ipareplicas

   [ipacluster:vars]
   ipaadmin_password=SomeADMINpassword

   [ipaclients]
   ipaclient1.example.com
   ipaclient2.example.com

   [ipaclients:vars]
   ipaadmin_password=SomeADMINpassword

   This configuration defines two host groups, eu and us, for hosts in these locations. Additionally, this configuration defines the ipaserver host group, which contains all hosts from the eu and us groups.

5. [Optional] Create an SSH public and private key. To simplify access in your test environment, do not set a password on the private key:

   $ ssh-keygen
6. Copy the SSH public key to the IdM admin account on each managed node:

```
$ ssh-copy-id admin@server.idm.example.com
$ ssh-copy-id admin@replica.idm.example.com
```

You must enter the IdM admin password when you enter these commands.

Additional resources

- Installing an Identity Management server using an Ansible playbook.
- How to build your inventory.

### 6.2. USING ANSIBLE TO RESTORE AN IDM SERVER FROM A BACKUP STORED ON THE SERVER

The following procedure describes how to use an Ansible playbook to restore an IdM server from a backup stored on that host.

**Prerequisites**

- You have configured your Ansible control node to meet the following requirements:
  - You are using Ansible version 2.14 or later.
  - You have installed the `ansible-freeipa` package on the Ansible controller.
  - The example assumes that in the `~/.MyPlaybooks/` directory, you have created an Ansible inventory file with the fully-qualified domain name (FQDN) of the IdM server.
  - The example assumes that the `secret.yml` Ansible vault stores your `ipaadmin_password`.
  - The target node, that is the node on which the `ansible-freeipa` module is executed, is part of the IdM domain as an IdM client, server or replica.
  - You know the LDAP Directory Manager password.

**Procedure**

1. Navigate to the `~/.MyPlaybooks/` directory:

```
$ cd ~/.MyPlaybooks/
```

2. Make a copy of the `restore-server.yml` file located in the `/usr/share/doc/ansible-freeipa/playbooks` directory:

```
$ cp /usr/share/doc/ansible-freeipa/playbooks/restore-server.yml restore-my-server.yml
```

3. Open the `restore-my-server.yml` Ansible playbook file for editing.

4. Adapt the file by setting the following variables:
   a. Set the `hosts` variable to a host group from your inventory file. In this example, set it to the `ipaserver` host group.
b. Set the `ipabackup_name` variable to the name of the `ipabackup` to restore.

c. Set the `ipabackup_password` variable to the LDAP Directory Manager password.

```yaml
---
- name: Playbook to restore an IPA server
  hosts: ipaserver
  become: true

vars:
  ipabackup_name: ipa-full-2021-04-30-13-12-00
  ipabackup_password: <your_LDAP_DM_password>

roles:
  - role: ipabackup
    state: restored
```

5. Save the file.

6. Run the Ansible playbook specifying the inventory file and the playbook file:

   ```bash
   $ ansible-playbook --vault-password-file=password_file -v -i ~/MyPlaybooks/inventory restore-my-server.yml
   ```

Additional resources

- The `README.md` file in the `/usr/share/doc/ansible-freeipa/roles/ipabackup` directory.
- The `/usr/share/doc/ansible-freeipa/playbooks/` directory.

6.3. USING ANSIBLE TO RESTORE AN IDM SERVER FROM A BACKUP STORED ON YOUR ANSIBLE CONTROLLER

The following procedure describes how to use an Ansible playbook to restore an IdM server from a backup stored on your Ansible controller.

Prerequisites

- You have configured your Ansible control node to meet the following requirements:
  - You are using Ansible version 2.14 or later.
  - You have installed the `ansible-freeipa` package on the Ansible controller.
  - The example assumes that in the `~/MyPlaybooks/` directory, you have created an Ansible inventory file with the fully-qualified domain name (FQDN) of the IdM server.
  - The example assumes that the `secret.yml` Ansible vault stores your `ipaadmin_password`.
- The target node, that is the node on which the `ansible-freeipa` module is executed, is part of the IdM domain as an IdM client, server or replica.
- You know the LDAP Directory Manager password.
**Procedure**

1. Navigate to the `~/MyPlaybooks/` directory:
   
   ```
   $ cd ~/MyPlaybooks/
   ```

2. Make a copy of the `restore-server-from-controller.yml` file located in the `/usr/share/doc/ansible-freeipa/playbooks` directory:
   
   ```
   $ cp /usr/share/doc/ansible-freeipa/playbooks/restore-server-from-controller.yml restore-my-server-from-my-controller.yml
   ```

3. Open the `restore-my-server-from-my-controller.yml` file for editing.

4. Adapt the file by setting the following variables:
   a. Set the `hosts` variable to a host group from your inventory file. In this example, set it to the `ipaserver` host group.

   ```yaml
   hosts:
       ipaserver
   ```

   b. Set the `ipabackup_name` variable to the name of the `ipabackup` to restore.

   ```yaml
   ipabackup_name: server.idm.example.com_ipa-full-2021-04-30-13-12-00
   ```

   c. Set the `ipabackup_password` variable to the LDAP Directory Manager password.

   ```yaml
   ipabackup_password: <your_LDAP_DM_password>
   ```

5. Save the file.

6. Run the Ansible playbook, specifying the inventory file and the playbook file:

   ```
   $ ansible-playbook --vault-password-file=password_file -v -i ~/MyPlaybooks/inventory restore-my-server-from-my-controller.yml
   ```

**Additional resources**

- The **README.md** file in the `/usr/share/doc/ansible-freeipa/roles/ipabackup` directory.
- The `/usr/share/doc/ansible-freeipa/playbooks` directory.

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**6.4. USING ANSIBLE TO COPY A BACKUP OF AN IDM SERVER TO YOUR ANSIBLE CONTROLLER**
The following procedure describes how to use an Ansible playbook to copy a backup of an IdM server from the IdM server to your Ansible controller.

Prerequisites

- You have configured your Ansible control node to meet the following requirements:
  - You are using Ansible version 2.14 or later.
  - You have installed the **ansible-freeipa** package on the Ansible controller.
  - The example assumes that in the ~/`MyPlaybooks/` directory, you have created an Ansible inventory file with the fully-qualified domain name (FQDN) of the IdM server.
  - The example assumes that the `secret.yml` Ansible vault stores your `ipaadmin_password`.
  - The target node, that is the node on which the `ansible-freeipa` module is executed, is part of the IdM domain as an IdM client, server or replica.

Procedure

1. To store the backups, create a subdirectory in your home directory on the Ansible controller.
   ```
   $ mkdir ~/ipabackups
   ```

2. Navigate to the ~/`MyPlaybooks/` directory:
   ```
   $ cd ~/MyPlaybooks/
   ```

3. Make a copy of the `copy-backup-from-server.yml` file located in the `/usr/share/doc/ansible-freeipa/playbooks` directory:
   ```
   $ cp /usr/share/doc/ansible-freeipa/playbooks/copy-backup-from-server.yml copy-backup-from-my-server-to-my-controller.yml
   ```

4. Open the `copy-my-backup-from-my-server-to-my-controller.yml` file for editing.

5. Adapt the file by setting the following variables:
   - a. Set the `hosts` variable to a host group from your inventory file. In this example, set it to the `ipaserver` host group.
   - b. Set the `ipabackup_name` variable to the name of the `ipabackup` on your IdM server to copy to your Ansible controller.
   - c. By default, backups are stored in the present working directory of the Ansible controller. To specify the directory you created in Step 1, add the `ipabackup_controller_path` variable and set it to the `/home/user/ipabackups` directory.

   ```
   ---
   - name: Playbook to copy backup from IPA server
     hosts: ipaserver
     become: true
     vars:
       ipabackup_name: ipa-full-2021-04-30-13-12-00
   ```
ipabackup_to_controller: yes
ipabackup_controller_path: /home/user/ipabackups

roles:
- role: ipabackup
  state: present

6. Save the file.

7. Run the Ansible playbook, specifying the inventory file and the playbook file:

```bash
$ ansible-playbook --vault-password-file=password_file -v -i ~/MyPlaybooks/inventory copy-backup-from-my-server-to-my-controller.yml
```

**NOTE**

To copy all IdM backups to your controller, set the `ipabackup_name` variable in the Ansible playbook to `all`:

```yaml
vars:
ipabackup_name: all
ipabackup_to_controller: yes
```

For an example, see the `copy-all-backups-from-server.yml` Ansible playbook in the `/usr/share/doc/ansible-freeipa/playbooks` directory.

Verification steps

- Verify your backup is in the `/home/user/ipabackups` directory on your Ansible controller:

  ```bash
  [user@controller ~]$ ls /home/user/ipabackups
  server.idm.example.com_ipa-full-2021-04-30-13-12-00
  ```

Additional resources

- The `README.md` file in the `/usr/share/doc/ansible-freeipa/roles/ipabackup` directory.
- The `/usr/share/doc/ansible-freeipa/playbooks/` directory.

### 6.5. USING ANSIBLE TO COPY A BACKUP OF AN IDM SERVER FROM YOUR ANSIBLE CONTROLLER TO THE IDM SERVER

The following procedure describes how to use an Ansible playbook to copy a backup of an IdM server from your Ansible controller to the IdM server.

**Prerequisites**

- You have configured your Ansible control node to meet the following requirements:
  - You are using Ansible version 2.14 or later.
  - You have installed the `ansible-freeipa` package on the Ansible controller.
The example assumes that in the ~/MyPlaybooks/ directory, you have created an Ansible inventory file with the fully-qualified domain name (FQDN) of the IdM server.

- The example assumes that the secret.yml Ansible vault stores your ipaadmin_password.
- The target node, that is the node on which the ansible-freeipa module is executed, is part of the IdM domain as an IdM client, server or replica.

Procedure

1. Navigate to the ~/MyPlaybooks/ directory:

   $ cd ~/MyPlaybooks/

2. Make a copy of the copy-backup-from-controller.yml file located in the /usr/share/doc/ansible-freeipa/playbooks directory:


3. Open the copy-my-backup-from-my-controller-to-my-server.yml file for editing.

4. Adapt the file by setting the following variables:
   
   a. Set the hosts variable to a host group from your inventory file. In this example, set it to the ipaserver host group.

   b. Set the ipabackup_name variable to the name of the ipabackup on your Ansible controller to copy to the IdM server.

   ```
   ---
   - name: Playbook to copy a backup from controller to the IPA server
     hosts: ipaserver
     become: true

     vars:
     ipabackup_name: server.idm.example.com_ipa-full-2021-04-30-13-12-00
     ipabackup_from_controller: yes

     roles:
     - role: ipabackup
       state: copied
   ```

5. Save the file.

6. Run the Ansible playbook, specifying the inventory file and the playbook file:

   $ ansible-playbook --vault-password-file=password_file -v -i ~/MyPlaybooks/inventory copy-backup-from-my-controller-to-my-server.yml

Additional resources

- The README.md file in the /usr/share/doc/ansible-freeipa/roles/ipabackup directory.
- The /usr/share/doc/ansible-freeipa/playbooks/ directory.
6.6. USING ANSIBLE TO REMOVE A BACKUP FROM AN IDM SERVER

The following procedure describes how to use an Ansible playbook to remove a backup from an IdM server.

**Prerequisites**

- You have configured your Ansible control node to meet the following requirements:
  - You are using Ansible version 2.14 or later.
  - You have installed the `ansible-freeipa` package on the Ansible controller.
  - The example assumes that in the `~/MyPlaybooks/` directory, you have created an Ansible inventory file with the fully-qualified domain name (FQDN) of the IdM server.
  - The example assumes that the `secret.yml` Ansible vault stores your `ipaadmin_password`.
- The target node, that is the node on which the `ansible-freeipa` module is executed, is part of the IdM domain as an IdM client, server or replica.

**Procedure**

1. Navigate to the `~/MyPlaybooks/` directory:
   ```bash
   $ cd ~/MyPlaybooks/
   ```
2. Make a copy of the `remove-backup-from-server.yml` file located in the `/usr/share/doc/ansible-freeipa/playbooks` directory:
   ```bash
   $ cp /usr/share/doc/ansible-freeipa/playbooks/remove-backup-from-server.yml remove-backup-from-my-server.yml
   ```
3. Open the `remove-backup-from-my-server.yml` file for editing.
4. Adapt the file by setting the following variables:
   a. Set the `hosts` variable to a host group from your inventory file. In this example, set it to the `ipaserver` host group.
   b. Set the `ipabackup_name` variable to the name of the `ipabackup` to remove from your IdM server.

   ```yaml
   ---
   - name: Playbook to remove backup from IPA server
     hosts: ipaserver
     become: true
     
     vars:
     ipabackup_name: ipa-full-2021-04-30-13-12-00
     
     roles:
     - role: ipabackup
       state: absent
   ```
5. Save the file.

6. Run the Ansible playbook, specifying the inventory file and the playbook file:

   ```bash
   $ ansible-playbook --vault-password-file=password_file -v -i ~/MyPlaybooks/inventory remove-backup-from-my-server.yml
   ```

**NOTE**

To remove all IdM backups from the IdM server, set the `ipabackup_name` variable in the Ansible playbook to `all`:

```yaml
vars:
  ipabackup_name: all
```

For an example, see the `remove-all-backups-from-server.yml` Ansible playbook in the `/usr/share/doc/ansible-freeipa/playbooks` directory.

**Additional resources**

- The `README.md` file in the `/usr/share/doc/ansible-freeipa/roles/ipabackup` directory.
- The `/usr/share/doc/ansible-freeipa/playbooks/` directory.
CHAPTER 7. MANAGING DATA LOSS

The proper response to a data loss event will depend on the number of replicas that have been affected and the type of lost data.

7.1. RESPONDING TO ISOLATED DATA LOSS

When a data loss event occurs, minimize replicating the data loss by immediately isolating the affected servers. Then create replacement replicas from the unaffected remainder of the environment.

Prerequisites

- A robust IdM replication topology with multiple replicas. See Preparing for server loss with replication.

Procedure

1. To limit replicating the data loss, disconnect all affected replicas from the rest of the topology by removing their replication topology segments.
   a. Display all domain replication topology segments in the deployment.

   ```
   [root@server ~]# ipa topologysegment-find
   Suffix name: domain
   ---------------
   8 segments matched
   ---------------
   Segment name: segment1
   Left node: server.example.com
   Right node: server2.example.com
   Connectivity: both
   ...
   ---------------------------------------
   Number of entries returned 8
   ---------------------------------------
   ```

   b. Delete all domain topology segments involving the affected servers.

   ```
   [root@server ~]# ipa topologysegment-del
   Suffix name: domain
   Segment name: segment1
   ---------------
   Deleted segment "segment1"
   ---------------
   ```

   c. Perform the same actions with any ca topology segments involving any affected servers.

   ```
   [root@server ~]# ipa topologysegment-find
   Suffix name: ca
   ---------------
   1 segments matched
   ---------------
   ```
Segment name: ca_segment
Left node: server.example.com
Right node: server2.example.com
Connectivity: both

Number of entries returned 1

[root@server ~]# ipa topologysegment-del
Suffix name: ca
Segment name: ca_segment

Deleted segment "ca_segment"

2. The servers affected by the data loss must be abandoned. To create replacement replicas, see Recovering multiple servers with replication.

7.2. RESPONDING TO LIMITED DATA LOSS AMONG ALL SERVERS

A data loss event may affect all replicas in the environment, such as replication carrying out an accidental deletion among all servers. If data loss is known and limited, manually re-add lost data.

Prerequisites

- A Virtual Machine (VM) snapshot or IdM backup of an IdM server that contains the lost data.

Procedure

1. If you need to review any lost data, restore the VM snapshot or backup to an isolated server on a separate network.

2. Add the missing information to the database using ipa or ldapadd commands.

Additional resources

- Recovering from data loss with VM snapshots.
- Backing Up and Restoring IdM.

7.3. RESPONDING TO UNDEFINED DATA LOSS AMONG ALL SERVERS

If data loss is severe or undefined, deploy a new environment from a Virtual Machine (VM) snapshot of a server.

Prerequisites

- A Virtual Machine (VM) snapshot contains the lost data.

Procedure

1. Restore an IdM Certificate Authority (CA) Replica from a VM snapshot to a known good state, and deploy a new IdM environment from it. See Recovering from only a VM snapshot.
2. Add any data created after the snapshot was taken using \texttt{ipa} or \texttt{ldapadd} commands.

Additional resources
- Recovering from data loss with VM snapshots.
CHAPTER 8. ADJUSTING IDM CLIENTS DURING RECOVERY

While IdM servers are being restored, you may need to adjust IdM clients to reflect changes in the replica topology.

Procedure

1. Adjusting DNS configuration:
   a. If /etc/hosts contains any references to IdM servers, ensure that hard-coded IP-to-hostname mappings are valid.
   b. If IdM clients are using IdM DNS for name resolution, ensure that the nameserver entries in /etc/resolv.conf point to working IdM replicas providing DNS services.

2. Adjusting Kerberos configuration:
   a. By default, IdM clients look to DNS Service records for Kerberos servers, and will adjust to changes in the replica topology:
      ```bash
      [root@client ~]# grep dns_lookup_kdc /etc/krb5.conf
      dns_lookup_kdc = true
      ```
   b. If IdM clients have been hard-coded to use specific IdM servers in /etc/krb5.conf:
      ```bash
      [root@client ~]# grep dns_lookup_kdc /etc/krb5.conf
      dns_lookup_kdc = false
      ```
      make sure kdc, master_kdc and admin_server entries in /etc/krb5.conf are pointing to IdM servers that work properly:
      ```yaml
      [realms]
      EXAMPLE.COM = {
        kdc = functional-server.example.com:88
        master_kdc = functional-server.example.com:88
        admin_server = functional-server.example.com:749
        default_domain = example.com
        pkinit_anchors = FILE:/var/lib/ipa-client/pki/kdc-ca-bundle.pem
        pkinit_pool = FILE:/var/lib/ipa-client/pki/ca-bundle.pem
      }
      ```

3. Adjusting SSSD configuration:
   a. By default, IdM clients look to DNS Service records for LDAP servers and adjust to changes in the replica topology:
      ```bash
      [root@client ~]# grep ipa_server /etc/sssd/sssd.conf
      ipa_server = _srv_, functional-server.example.com
      ```
   b. If IdM clients have been hard-coded to use specific IdM servers in /etc/sssd/sssd.conf, make sure the ipa_server entry points to IdM servers that are working properly:
      ```bash
      [root@client ~]# grep ipa_server /etc/sssd/sssd.conf
      ipa_server = functional-server.example.com
      ```
4. Clearing SSSD’s cached information

- The SSSD cache may contain outdated information pertaining to lost servers. If users experience inconsistent authentication problems, purge the SSSD cache:

  [root@client ~]# sss_cache -E

Verification steps

1. Verify the Kerberos configuration by retrieving a Kerberos Ticket-Granting-Ticket as an IdM user.

   [root@client ~]# kinit admin
   Password for admin@EXAMPLE.COM:

   [root@client ~]# klist
   Ticket cache: KCM:0
   Default principal: admin@EXAMPLE.COM

   Valid starting       Expires              Service principal

2. Verify the SSSD configuration by retrieving IdM user information.

   [root@client ~]# id admin
   uid=1965200000(admin) gid=1965200000(admins) groups=1965200000(admins)