



Managing VIM Connectors

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VIM Connectors Overview

The ETSI API creates VIM connectors during the processing of an LCM operation or uses an existing connector.

The Grant response or the LCM operation request from the NFVO supplies new *VimConnectionInfo* to the *VnfInstance*. During the processing of the LCM operation, ETSI synchronizes the new *VimConnectionInfo* with the VIM connectors in ESC.

A *VimConnectionInfo* is new if the *VnfInstance* does not have an existing *VimConnectionInfo* with the same id. Any *VimConnectionInfo* supplied that matches an existing *VimConnectionInfo* id stored against any *VnfInstance* as part of a LCM request uses the existing connector and ignore any changes submitted in the new request.

ESC creates a new VIM connector only if a matching VIM connector is not available.

The ETSI API allows only the existing *VimConnectionInfo*, and the associated VIM connector, to be updated via the Modify VNF information operation.

The Grant from the NFVO specifies the *vimConnectionId* for each resource. This value identifies the *VimConnectionInfo* and the associated VIM connector for creating the locator for each resource. The VIM specific *VimConnectionInfo.accessInfo* properties are set as additional properties in the locator.

VimConnectionInfo in OpenStack:

```
{
  "id": "435456",
  "vimType": "OPENSTACK_V3",
  "interfaceInfo": {
    "endpoint": "https://10.18.54.42:13001/v3/"
  },
  "accessInfo": {
    "username": "admin",
    "password": "bmkQJtyDrbPFnJT8ENdZw2Maw",
    "project": "cbamns0",
    "projectDomain": "Default",
    "userDomain": "Default",
  }
}
```

```

    "vim_project": "cbamns0"
  }
}

```

VimConnectionInfo in vCloud Director:

```

{
  "id": "435456",
  "vimType": "VMWARE_VCD",
  "interfaceInfo": {
    "endpoint": "https://10.85.103.150"
  },
  "accessInfo": {
    "username": "admin@cisco",
    "password": "bmkQJtyDrbPFnJT8ENDZw2Maw",
    "vim_project": "cbamns0",
    "vim_vdc": "vdc1"
  }
}

```

Creating New VIM Connectors

During the ETSI LCM operation, ESC checks each *VimConnectionInfo* against the *VnfInstance* to see if an existing VIM connector is available. If an existing VIM connector is not available, ESC creates a new VIM connector.

If the *VimConnectionInfo.vimId* is supplied, then this value is used as the id of the new VIM connector. If the *VimConnectionInfo.vimId* is not supplied, then an id is generated for the new VIM connector and this value is also set as the *VimConnectionInfo.vimId*.

To use an existing VIM connector, see [Using an Existing VIM Connector, on page 2](#).

Using an Existing VIM Connector

During an ETSI LCM operation, ESC checks for an existing *vimConnectionInfo* with a matching identifier stored against any *VnfInstance*.

Existing VIM connectors are found by:

- Matching the *VimConnectionInfo.vimId*, if supplied, to the id of a VIM connector.
- Matching the VIM specific properties of the *VimConnectionInfo* to a VIM connector.
 - OpenStack
 - vimType
 - interfaceInfo.endpoint
 - accessInfo.project
 - vCloud Director
 - vimType
 - interfaceInfo.endpoint

If a matching VIM connector is found, and the *VimConnectionInfo.vimId* is not set, then the *VimConnectionInfo.vimId* is set to the id of the VIM connector.

If an NFVO provides a *VimConnectionInfo* with *accessInfo* to stipulate some of the connection properties, we use the following keys to configure the VIM connectors:

OpenStack

- username
- password
- project
- projectDomain
- userDomain
- vim_project

vCloud Director

- username
- password
- vim_project
- vim_vdc

The ETSI specifications does not specify the keys to be used as part of the *accessInfo* attribute. In order to ease integration, in the event that an NFVO uses different keys, the *properties* file allows the user to specify a mapping from the third party keys to the ones that ESC understands.

- mapping.vimConnectionInfo.accessInfo.username
- mapping.vimConnectionInfo.accessInfo.password
- mapping.vimConnectionInfo.accessInfo.project
- mapping.vimConnectionInfo.accessInfo.projectDomain
- mapping.vimConnectionInfo.accessInfo.userDomain
- mapping.vimConnectionInfo.accessInfo.vim_project
- mapping.vimConnectionInfo.accessInfo.vim_vdc

To create a new VIM connector, see [Creating New VIM Connectors, on page 2](#).

Updating the VIM Connector

The ETSI API updates the existing *VimConnectionInfo*, and the associated VIM connector via the [Modifying Virtual Network Functions](#) operation. The *VimConnectionInfo* in the modify request payload is compared to the existing *VimConnectionInfo* stored against the *VnfInstance*.

If an existing *VimConnectionInfo* stored against any *VnfInstance* with a matching id is not found, then the *VimConnectionInfo* is added to the *VnfInstance*.

If an existing *VimConnectionInfo* stored against any VnfInstance with a matching id is found, then the *VimConnectionInfo* is updated. If the *VimConnectionInfo* has been modified and it has an associated VIM connector, then the VIM connector is also updated.

To create new VIM connectors, see [Creating New VIM Connectors, on page 2](#).