

# CSM To xCAT2 Migration

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## 1.0 Migrating CSM to xCAT2

This document provides instructions to migrate from IBM Cluster System Management (CSM) to xCAT2. For the migration, you should have a second machine to be used as the xCAT2 Management Node (MN), not the machine that is your CSM Management Server (MS). Your CSM MS should not be defined as a node in the xCAT cluster. In xCAT your xCAT MN should not be defined as a node in the xCAT cluster. Since xCAT requires no xCAT code on the cluster nodes, the migration is only the migration from the CSM Management Server to the xCAT management Node.

Become familiar with xCAT, there are many documents linked from the [xCAT website](#). A good place to start is in the [document repository](#) the [xCAT Top Doc "Intro to the Cookbooks"](#). It will give you basic information about the xCAT product and links to other valuable documents. From the website you can : (1) Join the mailing list. Many xCAT developers were formerly CSM developers and can answer your questions. (2) You can hire support from IBM. The support team for xCAT was

also a support team for CSM, so they can be a great help.

Check the supported Operating Systems and Hardware in [https://sourceforge.net/apps/mediawiki/xcat/index.php?title=XCAT\\_Features](https://sourceforge.net/apps/mediawiki/xcat/index.php?title=XCAT_Features) to make sure xcat supports your hardware and OS. If your current CSM cluster is using the High Performance Switch (HPS) then this will need to be replaced with another type of high-speed interconnect, because there is no support for the HPS on xCAT 2.

Finally, think positive, the transition is not that bad.

The entire CSM cluster should be ready to be moved to xCAT. CSM activity should have been stopped. With two Management nodes, one running CSM and one running xCAT, it is still recommended to transition all your nodes to the new xCAT MN at the same time.

We are not addressing the move of a CSM hierarchical cluster to an xCAT hierarchical cluster, that is CSM install nodes to xCAT service nodes.

Since we are documenting only one scenario, you will have to extrapolate to your specific situation, read the xCAT docs, and post to the mailing list specific questions.

There are two RedBooks that discuss CSM to xCAT Migration as part of their general information comparing CSM to xCAT for the CSM admin. There are also good discussions about the difference that the admin may expect moving from CSM to xCAT.

- 1) [The xCAT2 Guide for the System Administrator](#) ( For Linux) (chapter 3)

The csm2xcatdb routine should not be used. Use the csm2xcat routine shipped with xCAT.

- 2) [Configuring and Managing AIX Clusters Using xCAT2](#) (chapter 4)

The xcfmupdate tool referenced in this document is not supported. Please follow the instructions in Migrating your CFM setup to xCAT for moving your CFM configuration to xCAT.

**Note:** you may find more inaccuracies in the two RedBooks, new function has been implemented in xCAT, since the RedBooks were written.

For example, dynamic groups are now supported.

## 1.1 Installing the xCAT 2 Management Node

The [xCAT top document](#) gives you instructions for installing and setting up the xCAT Linux

Management Node. For installing an AIX Management Node, use [xCAT2 on AIX, Creating an xCAT management Node](#). Reference these documents to setup your Management Node, stopping at the point where you would normally start adding nodes to the database. We will provide you tools in the following sections to aid in moving your node definitions from CSM to xCAT.

At this time you should setup your cluster network for the xCAT MN to access the cluster nodes, switches, HMCs, AMM, etc before the install. xCAT will initialize an xCAT networks table for you during the install of the Management Node on Linux. It will also initialize the networks table on AIX, if you install xCAT2.4. Do not detach the cluster from the CSM MN, you will still need to access the nodes from the CSM MS to run some of the migration tools.

xCAT defaults to use the ssh remote shell for both AIX and Linux. If you are using rsh, it is recommended that you move to ssh, although rsh is supported by xCAT on AIX. xCAT will automatically perform all the ssh setup (key generation and exchange) needed on your xCAT Management Node, and compute nodes for system administration using ssh.

## 1.2 Overview: Transition CSM Management Server to the xCAT Management Node

The following steps outline the process to take during this migration. First you should prepare your CSM cluster for the transition. A good check list is outlined in chapter 4.2.1 whether you are migrating from AIX or Linux in [Configuring and Managing AIX Clusters Using xCAT2](#).

1. Ensure your CSM cluster is stable. Have all the nodes in the cluster that you are planning to migrate defined, powered up and accessible by ssh.
2. Setup the Remote Shell on the xCAT MN. See instructions in Set up Remote Shell on xCAT MN. See also CSM dsh to xCAT xdsh Migration.
3. Migrate your users to the xCAT MN. See instructions in Setting up Users and Groups.
4. On the CSM Management Node backup CSM using csmbackup. You may want to run csmsnap, just to have a snapshot of what the CSM cluster contained. This is good to do even though you have a new node as the xCAT MN. It could provide you information in the future for reference.
5. On the CSM MS, run csm2xcat , to capture the CSM database to be copied to the xCAT database. See instructions in Migrating the CSM database to the xCAT database.
6. On the CSM MS, run cfm2xcat, to capture the CFM database information to be copied to the xCAT MN. See instructions in Migrating your CFM setup to xCAT.

7. On the CSM MS, capture your RMC monitoring Conditions, EventResponses and Sensors to be copied to the xCAT MN. See Migrating the CSM Monitoring setup to xCAT.
8. Perform the necessary network connectivity for the new xCAT2 MN to be able to access the nodes in the cluster.
9. On the xCAT MN, Setup Name resolution for the cluster. See Setting up Name Resolution to the xCAT Cluster.
10. Verify you have name resolution and network connectivity and remote shell setup to all your cluster nodes, devices, AMM, HMC, etc.
  - You can use xdsh or psh to the cluster nodes, AMMs and HMCs , should not be prompted for a password, if ssh keys are correctly established.
11. On the CSM MS, you should remove CSM from the cluster nodes before migrating them to the xCAT MN. See Uninstalling CSM from your Cluster Nodes.
12. Test Hardware Control to the Cluster Nodes from the xCAT MN. See Verify Hardware Control .
13. Perform the necessary remaining setup of the xCAT Management Node for install. See instructions for an AIX MN in Additional xCAT setup for Cluster Install on AIX. Instructions for a Linux MN in Additional xCAT setup for Cluster Install on Linux.
14. When you are satisfied that your migration is complete, you can uninstall CSM from the CSM Management Server. See Uninstalling CSM from your Management Server.

### **1.3 Set up Remote Shell on xCAT MN**

If your ssh keys for root are already set up on your CSM MS, you can copy those keys to root on the xCAT MN and replace those generated during the xCAT install. The advantage of this is that you will still be set up to ssh to your HMCs, MMs, Switches, and cluster nodes as you did from your CSM MN.

If you want to use the new root ssh keys generated by xCAT, then the xCAT software will automatically setup your cluster nodes with the keys during node installation. Additionally, at any time you can run `xdsh <noderange> -K` to set up the keys to the cluster nodes or to other device-types such as the IB switch. To set up the ssh keys on the HMC(s) or the AMM (s), you can use the xCAT `rspconfig` command. See Setting up ssh keys to your AMMs and HMCs.

The `known_hosts` file from the CSM MS will work initially, but as xCAT installs nodes a new host key will be generated and your entries will have to be replaced with the new node ssh hostkeys. If you install all the nodes, this can be done one time after the installation by running the

makeknownhosts <all>, where all is a group of all cluster nodes to create a new known\_hosts file for root.

Only ssh is supported on Linux, but if you want to use rsh on AIX, you need to change the following site table attribute:

```
chdef -t site useSSHonAIX=no
```

## 1.4 Stop CSM Services

To allow the xCAT MN to take over managing your cluster, you should now stop the dhcpd daemon on the Linux CSM MN and start it on the xCAT MN. On AIX, you will need to stop the bootpd daemon, and start it on the xCAT MN.

## 1.5 CSM dsh to xCAT xdsh Migration

Although you will find the xdsh/xdcp commands similar to the dsh/dcp command in CSM, they do not support all the function that the CSM command supported and they support some function that the CSM commands did not support.

- xdsh/xdcp no longer supports the following:
  - Contexts, the only context is the default xCAT
  - Interactive input
  - -a,-A option, you can define a group “all” in xCAT
  - Syntax has changed, see xdsh/xdcp man page
    - -n, -N, -d , -D flags are no longer used
  - ssh is the default for AIX and Linux. You can set up rsh on AIX.
  - Many input environment variables have been dropped. If you use them in xdsh/xdcp you will get a warning. You can compare the xdsh/xdcp manpage to the dsh/dcp manpage.
- xdsh/xdcp new support includes the following:
  - You can xdcp/xdcp hierarchically via service nodes to cluster nodes. The cluster nodes do not have to be directly attached to the xCAT MN.
  - You can use xdcp to rsync your files locally and hierarchically to service nodes and cluster nodes.
  - You can use xdcp and xdsh to update and run commands on install images on your xCAT MN.
  - You can use xdsh to set up ssh keys to cluster nodes for root and userids and set up ssh keys to IB Switch.

On AIX, to aid in the migration of your scripts that have dsh or dcp calls, we have provided a tool [groupfiles4dsh](#) that will set up group definitions (including -a ) from the xCAT database that you can use run dsh or dcp shipped with AIX , until you are able to convert to the xCAT xdsh/xdcp.

## 1.6 Setting up Users and Groups

Copy the following files from the CSM MS to the xCAT2 MN to replicate your user definitions on the new xCAT2 MN.

For AIX,

- /etc/passwd
- /etc/group
- /etc/security/passwd
- /etc/security/group
- /etc/security/user
- /etc/security/limits

For Linux,

- /etc/passwd
- /etc/group
- /etc/shadow
- /etc/gshadow
- /etc/default/useradd
- /etc/skel
- /etc/login.defs

## 1.7 Migrating the CSM database to the xCAT database

xCAT2 has provided a tool to help migrate the database on your CSM cluster to the xCAT database. The tool [csm2xcat](#) is in your xCAT install in the /opt/xcat/share/xcat/tools directory. This tool should be copied to your CSM Management Server (MS) and run.

On the CSM MS:

```
./.../csm2xcat -p <path to directory to store the data>
```

For example: `csm2xcat --dir /tmp/mydir`

The tool creates two stanza files:

- 1) `node.stanza` – stanza info to update node info in the the xCAT database.
- 2) `device.stanza` – device info to update node info in the xCAT database.

Check the two stanza files and edit out any information you do not want put in the xCAT database. Then copy them to some directory on the xCAT MN.

On the xCAT MN run the following:

```
cat node.stanza | chdef -z to update the xCAT database with node info.  
cat device.stanza | chdef -z to update the xCAT database with device info.
```

At this point, you will have primed the xCAT database with the CSM database information. This is just a starting point for populating the needed xCAT tables to run hardware control and install.

You can inspect the tables that have been updated from CSM. Whether these tables contain information depends on your hardware and OS.

- `tabdump` will give you a list of all the tables
- `tabdump -d <tablename>` will give you the definition of the attributes in the table

Specific of tables of interest are the following:

- `tabdump nodelist`
- `tabdump noderes`
- `tabdump mac`
- `tabdump nodehm`
- `tabdump nodetype`
- `tabdump nodegroup`
- `tabdump ppc`
- `tabdump mp`

- `tabdump mpa`
- `tabdump ipmi`

You can dump the entire xCAT database to readable files by running:

```
dumpxCATdb -p /tmp/<your dir>
```

You can then edit the files. This is a good backup procedure, if you want to start removing things but have a way to return to the original setup.

To restore run:

```
restorexCATdb -p /tmp/<your dir>
```

You can check your node definitions in the database, to see what has been set up for you.

```
lsdef <node1>
```

There are several commands for editing and listing the xCAT database table information. For editing, you can use the `tabedit`, `nodech`, `chdef`. xCAT has provide several commands depending on what level you would like to access the database tables. The `tab*` and `node*` command require you to have more knowledge of the xCAT database schema. The `*def` command, are more abstract and allow you to not to input actual table names. Similarly, we have the `tabdump`, `nodels`, `lsdef` command for listing out the database information. Review the manpages for these commands.

### 1.7.1 Setting up the `passwd` and `ppchcp` table

You will need to set up the passwords and userids needed in the system, in the xCAT `passwd` and the `ppchcp` table.

Run `tabdump -d passwd` on the xCAT MN for information on the contents of the `passwd` table.

Some of the common `passwd` table entries are :

- `system` - assigned to the root id when a node is installed
- `blade` - the MM userid and password
- `ipmi` - the BMC userid and password
- `hmc` - the hmc userid and password

So you can define the system default root password as follows:

```
chtab key=system passwd.username=root passwd.password=cluster
```

And your `hmc` default id and password as follows:



```
chdef -t node -o hmc1 username=hscroot password=abc1234
```

Another option is to put your HMC and IVM userids in the ppchcp table, instead of the passwd table. If you have HMC's run `tabdump -d ppchcp` on xCAT MN for information.

You can check the definition of your HMC or AMM in the xCAT database:

```
lsdef hmc01
```

```
Object name: hmc01
groups=hmc,all
mgt=hmc
nodetype=hmc
password=abc123
username=hscroot
status=defined
```

```
lsdef bca01
```

```
Object name: bca01
groups=mm
mgt=blade
mpa=bca01
postscripts=syslog,remoteshell
status=defined
```

## 1.7.2 Setting up ssh keys to your AMMs and HMCs

If you have new root ssh keys on your xCAT MN, not copied from the CSM MN, then you will have to set up the new keys on the AMMs or HMCS. The xCAT `rspconfig` command will do this for you.

Note: the passwd table must be set up with the AMMs and HMCs userids and passwords. See Setting up the passwd and ppchcp table.

For example to set up the HMC:

```
rspconfig hmc01 sshcfg=enable
```

to set up the AMM:

```
rspconfig bca01 snmpcfg=enable sshcfg=enable
rspconfig bca01 pd1=redwoperf pd2=redwoperf
rpower bca01 reset
```

Test the ssh set up on the AMM with:

```
psh -l USERID bca01 info -T mm[1]
```

## 1.8 Setting up Name Resolution to the xCAT Cluster

The nodes, devices, MM, switches, etc that are being migrated to the new xCAT Management Node, need to be added to /etc/hosts on the xCAT MN. If they are defined in the /etc/hosts on the CSM MS, then just copy those entries into the /etc/hosts on the xCAT MN. If a DNS server is used, then set up the new xCAT MN to resolve hostnames using the same DNS server as was set up on the CSM MN by putting the nameservers in /etc/resolv.conf on the MN and setting site.nameservers to the list of nameservers

## 1.9 Uninstalling CSM from your Cluster Nodes

Uninstall CSM from your managed nodes before starting to manage them with xCAT. CSM provides the rmnode script to cleanup CSM on the nodes. The rmnode function runs on the CSM MS, and removes the node definitions from the CSM database. The -a flag will remove all nodes, and the -u flag will additionally go out to the nodes and cleanup CSM from the nodes. See manpage for rmnode.

```
rmnode -a -u
```

## 1.10 Verify Hardware Control

Adding the CSM data to the xCAT database, setting up ssh and adding passwords to the passwd and/or pphcp table; should have defined enough information for you to run hardware control to the cluster nodes. Now is time to test, if you can run hardware control commands, to the nodes.

On the xCAT MN:

```
rpower <nodename> stat  
rpower <nodename> off  
rpower <nodename> on
```

## 1.11 Additional xCAT setup for Cluster Install on AIX

With Hardware Control established, it is time to now set up the xCAT MN to install your AIX cluster. In this document, you will have done some of the setup by migrating from CSM. It is good to review the entire document listed below to make sure the transition did not miss some of the required setup.

- For AIX installation, see [Installing AIX Standalone Nodes](#).
- For more references to AIX Cluster install setup, return to [Creating an AIX Management Node](#).

## 1.12 Additional xCAT setup for Cluster Install on Linux

With Hardware Control established, it is now time to set up the xCAT MN to install your Linux cluster. There are several documents available, depending on the Linux OS and the hardware type. In these documents, you will have done some of the setup by migrating from CSM. It is good to review the entire install document you use to make sure the transition did not miss some of the required setup.

- For Linux on pSeries, see [xCAT 2 Cookbook for Linux on IBM System P](#).
- For Linux on xSeries, see [xCAT 2 BladeCenter HowTo](#)
- For IDataplex, see [xCAT2 IDataplex Cookbook](#)

## 1.13 Migrating your CFM setup to xCAT

xCAT2 has a different implementation of file synchronization than the CFM function available in CSM. To migrate your CFM setup, to the new sync file function in xCAT, we have provided the [cfm2xcat](#) in the `/opt/xcat/share/xcat/tools` directory.

Copy `cfm2xcat` to your CSM Management Server. Build the sync files for xCAT by running:

```
cfm2xcat -i /tmp/cfm/cfmdistfiles -o /tmp/cfm/rsyncfiles
```

Copy the `/tmp/cfm` directory to your xCAT Management Node. You can use this directory of files with the `xhcp -F` command to perform the CFM function in xCAT.

The ways you can set up to synchronize files from the Management Node to the nodes in xCAT are explained in the following [“How to Sync Files in xCAT.”](#) documentation.

## 1.14 Migrating the CSM Monitoring setup to xCAT

Check to see what Monitoring has been configured in the CSM cluster. To check the current monitoring configuration, run `lscondresp` and `lssensor` on the CSM MS and the nodes. This will display the current conditions and responses that are associated and whether they are Active or Not active.

You can create a copy of your defined Sensor, Conditions and Responses by running the following RSCT command on your CSM MS which creates a file that can be used to make the Sensor, Condition and Response on your new xCAT AIX Management Node.

```
lsrsrc -i IBM.Sensor > /tmp/xcat/IBM.Sensor.rdef
```

```
lsrsrc -i IBM.Condition | grep -v NodeNameList > /tmp/xcat/IBM.Condition.rdef
```

```
lsrsrc -i IBM.EventResponse | grep -v NodeNameList > /tmp/xcat/IBM.EventResponse.rdef
```

Set up RMC monitoring on your xCAT MN. Use steps outlined in either of the following two references.

- [Configuring and Managing AIX Clusters Using xCAT2](#) (chap2 “Monitoring Infrastructure” and chap 4 “Configure RMC Monitoring”)
- [xCAT2 Monitoring How-To](#)

Copy the `/tmp/xcat` directory of files to your AIX xCAT MN, and run the following RSCT commands, to recreate the Sensors, Conditions and Responses:

```
mkrsrc -f /tmp/xcat/IBM.Sensor.rdef IBM.Sensor
```

```
mkrsrc -f /tmp/xcat/IBM.Condition.rdef IBM.Condition
```

```
mkrsrc -f /tmp/xcat/IBM.EventResponse.rdef IBM.EventResponse
```

The associations (which conditions are active and associated with what responses) must be added manually on the xCAT MN using the `startcondresp` command

## 1.15 Testing your xCAT Cluster

Once your cluster is setup, you should test to see that it can perform the functions you need before shutting down your CSM MS.

- Make sure the remote commands `xdsh`, `xdcp`, `psh`, etc work to the cluster nodes.
- Make sure your hardware control commands `rpower`, `rinv`, etc work to the cluster nodes.

- Make sure you can install your nodes.
- Run `updatenode` to the nodes, to update software, and sync files. See the following docs:
  - [xCAT 2 How to Install Additional Software](#)
  - [Updating AIX cluster nodes](#)
  - [How to sync files in xCAT](#)

## 1.16 Uninstalling CSM from your Management Server

Uninstall CSM from the CSM Management Server, when you have finished your migration, using the `uninstallms` command, which will remove CSM from the MS, its cluster definitions, log files, predefined conditions and responses. See `man uninstallms` for details.

```
uninstallms
```

## 2.0 References

- [XCAT Top Doc](#) – installing a Linux MN and pointer to additional xCAT documentation.
- [Creating an AIX MN](#) – installing an AIX MN and pointer to additional AIX xCAT docs.

## 3.0 Appendix A: xCAT Migration Tools

These tools can aid in your migration from CSM to xCAT2.

- [csm2xcat](#) - Migrates a CSM database to a xCAT database.
- [cfm2xcat](#) – Migrates a CSM CFM setup to the `syncfile` function in xCAT.
- [groupfiles4dsh](#) - Creates a directory of `nodegroup` files to be used with AIX `dsh`. This will allow your scripts to continue to run `dsh/dcp` shipped with AIX, while you convert them to use the new `xdsh/xdcp`.