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Securing vShield Zones CLI user accounts and the Privileged mode



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The CLI `admin` account and password are separate from the vShield Manager user interface `admin` account and password. You should create a new CLI user account and remove the `admin` account to secure access to the CLI.

Also, you should change the Privileged mode password for each vShield Zones virtual appliance. The CLI `admin` account password and the Privileged mode password are managed separately. The Privileged mode password is the same for each CLI user account.

IMPORTANT: Each vShield Zones virtual appliance has two built-in CLI user accounts for system use: `nobody` and `vs_comm`. Do not delete or modify these accounts. If these accounts are deleted or modified on a vShield Zones virtual appliance, the virtual appliance will not work.

Solution

User account management in the vShield Zones CLI conforms to the following rules:

- You can create CLI user accounts. Each created user account has administrator-level access to the CLI.
- You cannot change the password for any CLI user account. If you need to change a CLI user account password, you must delete the user account, and then re-add it with a new password.

You can change the Privileged mode password at any time.

To secure CLI access to each vShield Zones virtual appliance, you should add a user account with a secure password and delete the `admin` account on each vShield Zones virtual appliance.

1. Log in to the vSphere Client
2. Select a vShield Zones virtual appliance from the inventory.
3. Click the **Console** tab to open a CLI session.
4. Log in by using the `admin` account.


```
manager login: admin
password:
```
5. Enable Privileged mode.


```
manager> enable
password:
```
6. Enable Configuration mode.


```
manager# configure terminal
```
7. Add a new user account. The following command creates the user account `root` with the password `abcd1234`.


```
manager(config)# user root password plaintext abcd1234
```
8. Save the configuration.


```
manager(config)# write memory
Building Configuration...
Configuration saved.
[OK]
```
9. Run the `exit` command twice to log out of the CLI.


```
manager(config)# exit
manager# exit
```
10. Log in to the CLI by using the `root` user account.
11. Enable Privileged mode.
12. Enable Configuration mode.
13. Delete the `admin` user account.


```
manager(config)# no user admin
```
14. Save the configuration.
15. Run the `exit` command twice to log out of the CLI.

To change the Privileged mode password:

1. Log in to the vSphere Client.
2. Select a vShield Zones virtual appliance from the inventory.
3. Click the **Console** tab to open a CLI session.
4. Log in to the CLI.
5. Enable Privileged mode.
6. Enable Configuration mode.
7. Change the Privileged mode password. The following command changes the password to `abcd1234`.

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```
manager(config)# enable password plaintext abcd1234
```

8. Save the configuration.
9. Run the exit command twice to log out of the CLI.
10. Log in to the CLI.
11. Enable Privileged mode by using the new password.

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