SMO - Service Management and Orchestration

Please see new O-RAN-SC Project: Service Management and Orchestration (SMO) ...

... and consider this page as outdated.

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From O-RAN point of view, the SMO terminates O1, O2 interfaces, and the A1 interface (in the Non-RealTime RIC).

The O2 interface was out of scope of this page previously, but is considered in scope as of the July 2020 train. (Please update, if you have publicly available information, it is assumed that all SMO software components can be deployed as docker containers. Larger SMO deployments may use kubernetes, smaller may use docker-compose)

- A1 termination: is covered by the O-RAN-SC Non-RT-RIC project
- O1 termination is covered by the O-RAN-SC OAM project

While A1 uses REST as communication protocol, O1 uses NetConf/YANG for configuration (GET and SET) and REST/VES for asynchronous notifications from O-RAN components.

Therefore we can say that as a bare minimum an SMO for O-RAN includes:

- A1 termination (REST Client)
- O1 NetConf/YANG termination (NetConf-Client)
- O1 VES termination (HTTP/REST/VES-server also called VES collector)

All these O-RAN interface terminations on the SMO require communication between each other. In order to avoid the architectural and maintenance complexity of several point-to-point interfaces, a message bus between the SMO components is preferred. In order to view details and function, several dashboards would be beneficial and also a persistent database cluster and a certification server and logging capabilities. All the mentioned components should be dockerized for easy deployment and dynamic scaling.

SMO internal software components and its mapping to existing open-source project - proposed components for an O-RAN-SC SMO distribution highlighted.

SMO component	Protocol		Target release for deployment	O-RAN	MANO	OpenNMS	ONAP	others
A1 Policy Agent		mand atory	Bronze OAM-31 - What is an SMO? DONE	Non-RT-RIC				
A1 REST client	REST client	mand atory	Bronze AM-31 - What is an SMO? DONE	Non-RT-RIC			ODL/CCSDK /SDNC (Amber)	
A1 dashboard	Web application	prefer red	Bronze OAM-31 - What is an SMO? DONE	RIC dashboard (non-rt-ric, near-rt-ric)				
O1 NetConf/YANG termination	NetConf /YANG client	mand atory	Bronze OAM-31 - What is an SMO? DONE				ODL/CCSDK /SDNC	OpenDaylight Apache Karaf
O1 VES termination	VES server	mand atory	Bronze OAM-31 - What is an SMO? DONE				VES collector HV-VES collector (optional)	
O1 dashboard	Web application	prefer red	Bronze AM-31 - What is an SMO? DONE				ODLUX	
Message bus		mand atory	Bronze AM-31 - What is an SMO? DONE		Apache Kafka	Apache Kafka	DMaaP	Apache Kafka
Persistent database	database cluster (no-sql, sql)	mand atory	Bronze OAM-31 - What is an SMO? DONE		Mongo DB mySql	ElasticSearch	ElasticSearch for FCAPS mariaDB in general	ElasticSearch mariaDB
Service provisioning		prefer red	Cherry or later				SO	
Optimization		prefer red	Cherry or later				OOF	

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Policy		prefer red	Cherry or later		Policy	
Data analytics		prefer red	Cherry or later		DCAE	Acumos
Inventory	REST (AAI- API)	prefer red	Cherry or later		A&AI	ElasticSearch
Certification server		prefer red	Cherry or later	keystore	AAF	
Logging		prefer red	Bronze OAM-48 - Add Eleasticsearch and Kibana to SMO Development DONE		Elastic	ElasticSerach, Kibana
Logging dashboard	Web application	prefer red	Bronze OAM 48 - Add Eleasticsearch and Kibana to SMO Development DONE		Kibana	