

Novell Certificate Login (NCL) 2.0

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Overview

Novell® Certificate Login (NCL) 2.0 provides secure, advanced authentication services to network resources using x.509 certificates. NCL 2.0 fully supports smart card hardware and middleware from Common Access Card (CAC) issued by the United States Department of Defense as well as other vendors. Features include the new Novell Enhanced Smart Card Method (NESCM), reduced sign-on to network services, disconnected mode support, and secure event auditing.

1.0 Documentation

Documentation for each component of this solution is included in the software build. There is a \documentation directory on the following CDs:

- ◆ CD 1 - NCL Server Components
- ◆ CD 2 - NCL Client Components

Both \documentation directories hold the exact same content. This is so you have a second access point to the documentation if you are using one of the CDs to do an installation.

The \documentation directory contains a folder for each of the NCL products. Inside these folders are PDF files of the corresponding product documentation. The *NCL Installation Guide* (nclinstall.pdf) and the *NCL Readme* (readme.html) exist at the root of the \documentation directory.

We recommend that you read the *NCL Installation Guide* and *NCL Readme* before installing the solution.

Documentation for each product can also be found at [Novell's Documentation Web site \(http://www.novell.com/documentation/\)](http://www.novell.com/documentation/).

For the latest NCL installation information and readme file, see the [NCL Documentation Web site \(http://www.novell.com/documentation/ncl20/index.html\)](http://www.novell.com/documentation/ncl20/index.html).

2.0 Known Issues

2.1 English-Only Release

This release is an English-only release. This means that this solution has been tested only on Windows* 2000 Server SP4 or later, Windows 2003 Server SP1 or later, and Windows XP SP2 or later (English versions only).

2.2 Localized License Agreements

You can view localized versions of the NCL license agreement on CD 1 and CD 2 in the \licenseagreement directory.

2.3 Web Browser Support

This release supports Internet Explorer only.

2.4 Enrolling a Gemplus Card

This release does not support enrolling a Gemplus card using the card reader. You can enroll the Gemplus card by either reading the certificate from a file or entering the subject name manually. See the *NCL Installation Guide* for more details.

2.5 Nsure Audit Platform Agent - Slow Login

During a disconnected login, the NCL client records a login audit event. If NSure[®] Audit Server connectivity isn't available, the audit agent on the client machine can take up to 25 seconds to cache the audit record. This significantly increases workstation login and unlock times. The default client install will not install the audit agent, which means disconnected login events will not be audited. Install the NSure Audit Platform Agent only if disconnected login events are desired and the 25-second delay is acceptable. This issue will be fixed in NSure Audit in a future release.

2.6 Nsure Audit Platform Agent - Events Not Generated

When a user mistypes the username and/or password, no Login Failed events are generated. The NESCM even for Local Logins is generated. This will be fixed in a future release of NSure Audit.

2.7 Identity Manager - Disable the Default Password Creation Policy

Before starting the Active Directory driver for the first time, you must disable the default password creation policy to ensure that the User objects migrated to eDirectory do not have the default password set to the Active Directory user's surname. This is a documented step in Chapter 6 of the *NCL Installation Guide*.

2.8 Password Generation Service - Install requires Administrator Rights

You need to be authenticated as an Active Directory user with Administrator rights to the Active Directory domain before running this install. This is because the Password Generation Service and the Password Generation Policy need access to the Active Directory domain. This is a documented note in Chapter 3 or the *NCL Installation Guide*.

2.9 Updates

Updates to this solution will be released on a quarterly basis on CD only. Users should not download and deploy updates from Novell's Web site. This solution has been tested only with the products bundled on the CD (see [Products](#) below).

2.10 Security Considerations

To maximize the security of NCL, make sure you do the following:

- ◆ When sending data across untrusted networks, configure and use SSL or VPNs to encrypt data and protect its integrity.
- ◆ Follow the recommended backup and maintenance procedures for your read/write partitions and root partition. See the *Novell eDirectory 8.7.3 Administration Guide*.
- ◆ Ensure that your NCL servers are properly secured against physical attacks and shielded from network intrusions.

3.0 Products

The following products are included with Novell Certificate Login 2.0:

- ◆ Novell eDirectory™ 8.7.3
- ◆ eDirectory patch IR6 and Security Update - includes Novell Modular Authentication Services (NMAS™) 2.3.8 Server and Novell Certificate Server™ 2.7.7
- ◆ Novell Nsure Identity Manager Pro 2.0.1
- ◆ Novell iManager 2.5
- ◆ Nsure Audit 1.0.3
- ◆ Novell Client™ 4.9.1- includes NMAS 2.7 Client
- ◆ Novell Enhanced Smart Card Method (NESCM)
- ◆ Novell SecretStore® 3.3.4
- ◆ Password Generation Service
- ◆ Novell International Cryptography Infrastructure (NICI) 2.6.7

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