

Chapter 3

Planning a Deployment of C-series Platforms

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Components in an SRC Deployment

Using C-series platforms that run the SRC software simplifies planning, deployment, configuration, and management of an SRC environment. The software on a C-series platform provides an embedded data repository and the following SRC core components:

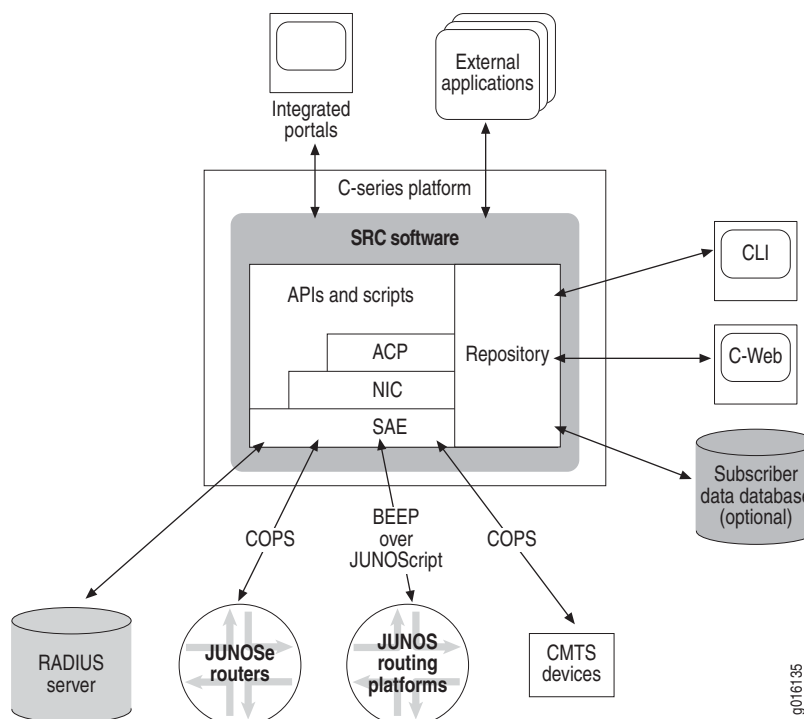
- Admission Control Plug-in
- Juniper Policy Server
- Network information collector
- Redirect server
- SAE
- SNMP agent
- Policies, services, subscribers, and subscriptions management

Applications that you develop and Web-based applications such as the Enterprise Manager Portal, SRC SOAP Gateway (SRC-SG) applications, and residential portals run on other systems. You configure these applications to communicate with the SRC software. Although the software on C-series platforms provides a small Web application server, this server is for testing or demonstration purposes only; it is not designed to be used in a production environment.

You can integrate Juniper Networks routing platforms, cable modem termination system, Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service (RADIUS) servers, and databases that contains subscriber information into your SRC environment.

Figure 13 illustrates the interaction of the various components in an SRC environment that includes a C-series platform.

Figure 13: C-series Platform and Related Components



Considerations When Planning a Deployment of C-series Platforms

When you plan an SRC deployment, take into consideration requirements for security and high availability to comply with your organization's standard practices:

- **Hardware redundancy**—Because each C-series platform contains all SRC core components, the platforms can provide redundancy for each other. If a C-series platform is inaccessible, other platforms can manage the routers, services, and subscribers.

In the event of a hardware failure, one C-series platform can be replaced with another one. The Juniper Networks database and the SAE synchronize with the software on other platforms. During routine system maintenance and software upgrades, a C-series platform can be taken out of service then returned to service and the data synchronized.

- High availability for the Juniper Networks database—The database provides a robust redundancy scheme that you can customize for your deployment. The configuration lets you specify which databases are primary and which are secondary, and how data is propagated among a number of databases.
- High availability for SRC components —Components such as SAE and NIC let you configure high availability separately for each software component, which means that software redundancy can be configured as a mesh over a number of C-series platforms.
- Secure remote access—Remote access to the SRC CLI can be set up through Telnet or SSH and to the C-Web interface through http or https.
- Directory connections—You can secure connections between the directory and other applications through secure LDAP.
- Web applications—Applications can leverage the security configured for your Web application server.
- RADIUS server—Because RADIUS is stateless, you can configure a sufficient number of RADIUS servers for the load, and you can configure both the routers and the SAE to load balance across them.
- Common Open Policy Service (COPS) connections— The JUNOSe routers can be configured with primary, secondary, and tertiary COPS servers, so it is possible to configure many failover schemes. This flexibility lets you locate backup SAEs remotely to provide geographical redundancy or close to the routers they manage to improve network performance.

It is also possible for SAE servers to redirect existing and new COPS connections to other, more lightly loaded SAE servers. This COPS connection redirection can be triggered manually during a scheduled maintenance window or automatically based on SAE load monitoring.

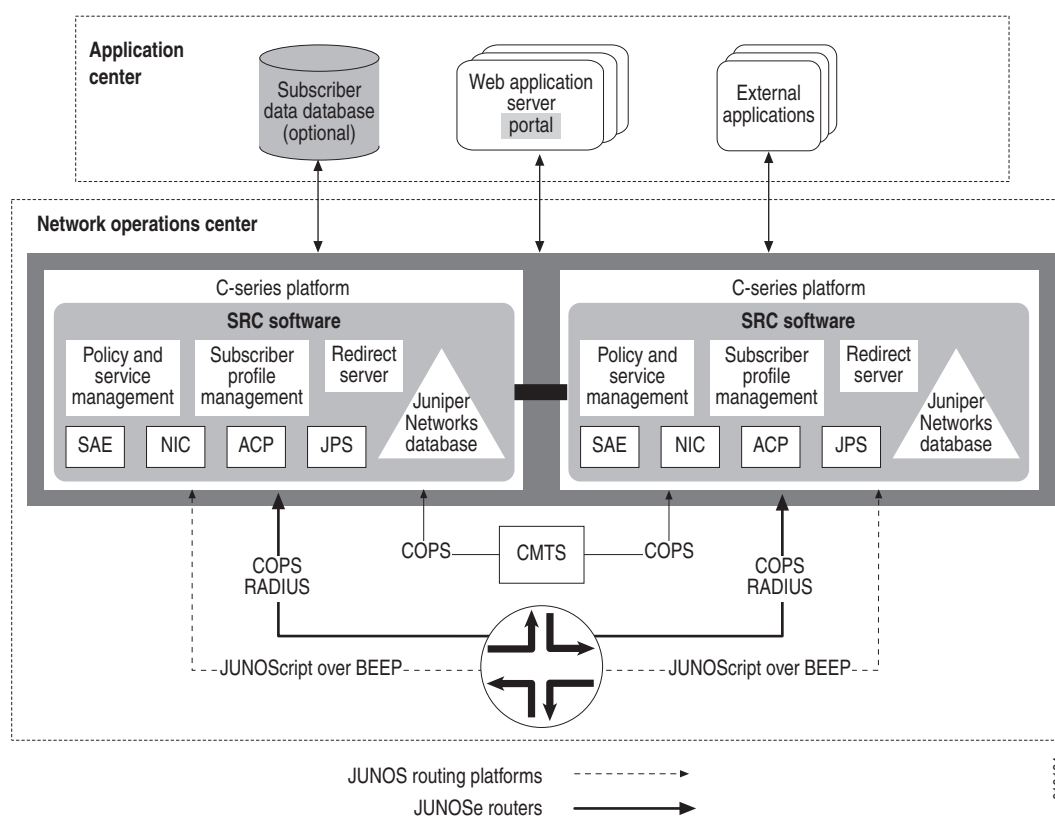
- Load balancing for the network information collector (NIC)—You can provide load balancing for the NIC in the following ways:
 - Deploy two or more NIC hosts that each have the same configuration, and then configure NIC proxies to load balance across the NIC hosts.
 - Run the NIC hosts locally in the Dynamic Service Activator (DSA).
 - For NIC scenarios that require an SAE plug-in to track data about individual subscribers for a deployment in a large network, deploy NIC hosts to handle parts of the network with a different set of NIC hosts to aggregate requests.

Deployment Scenario

Typically, C-series platforms reside in network operations centers, in a scenario that affords the systems the same physical security as other network devices. Routing platforms, RADIUS servers, and CMTS devices may also reside at the same site or at another location. Subscriber databases and external applications probably reside on servers located with other servers external to a network operations center.

Figure 14 shows how C-series platforms can be deployed. The example shows two platforms in a network operations center. Any number of C-series platforms can be deployed at one or more sites.

Figure 14: Deployment Scenario for C-series Platforms



Juniper Networks Professional Services can assist you in determining the best deployment scenario for your environment.