**Foreman - Feature #9169**

**Option for DHCP proxy to not override next-server**

01/29/2015 04:29 PM - Tim Rudolph

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**Pull request:** https://github.com/theforeman/foreman/pull/6987

**Fixed in Releases:** 1.24.0

**Found in Releases:** 1.15.6

**Description**

The scenario is a DHCP server & TFTP server that is multihomed and listens on multiple networks for DHCP requests. For a build outside of Foreman, requests coming in on an interface result in the server being built connected to the TFTP server on that interface. For example, a request coming received on 10.0.10.50 (eth0), the TFTP server returned is 10.0.10.50. If the request comes in on 10.0.20.100 (eth1), the TFTP server used is 10.0.20.100.

Foreman and the smart-proxy are setting a "supersede next-server" option in DHCP that overrides this behavior and points all builds to 10.0.10.50. The relevant code is in : app/models/concerns/orchestration/dhcp.rb. The boot_server method uses the tftp_bootserver value in settings.yml or does a host lookup of the proxy server's hostname. The ability to have a third option, no "supersede next-server", would be helpful.

Another scenario where this would be an issue is if the next-server option was explicitly set in the dhcpd config for a subnet block.

**Related issues:**

- Related to Foreman - Bug #12619: multiple interfaces on on tftp smarthost

**Associated revisions**

- Revision 99f3d23f - 09/16/2019 11:28 AM - Lukas Zapletal
  
  Fixes #9169 - None loader no override nextserver

**History**

**#1 - 10/20/2015 05:29 AM - Lukas Zapletal**

Foreman configures the boot_server option on Smart Proxy (YAML configuration file) automatically via the installer, this can be modified with --foreman-proxy-tftp-servername option.

When this configuration value is not present, Foreman uses Smart Proxy hostname as the boot server entry. It converts it to IP address, therefore DNS configuration must be correctly setup on the Server.

We will likely implement it as an option for subnet "Do not pass next-server". When checked, all new reservations for this subnets will not include "supersede server.next-server" option. Does this work for you? Or would you like to have this on per-host level?

**#2 - 10/20/2015 05:30 AM - Lukas Zapletal**

- Bugzilla link set to 1240629

**#3 - 10/22/2015 03:08 PM - Tim Rudolph**

Lukas Zapletal wrote:

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--foreman-proxy-tftp-servername option.

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Option for the subnet would work just fine.

#4 - 11/27/2015 03:24 AM - Dominic Cleal
- Related to Bug #12619: multiple interfaces on on tftp smarthost added

#5 - 03/23/2016 05:40 AM - The Foreman Bot
- Status changed from New to Ready For Testing
- Pull request https://github.com/theforeman/foreman/pull/3360 added

#6 - 03/23/2016 05:41 AM - The Foreman Bot
- Pull request https://github.com/theforeman/smart-proxy/pull/398 added

#7 - 09/29/2016 04:13 AM - Dominic Cleal
- Status changed from Ready For Testing to New

#8 - 04/26/2017 02:37 PM - Thomas Saquet

Hello,

I have the same problem today. Is there a workaround to use the next-server option defined in my dhcpd conf ?
I tried to remove the option from settings, the behaviour does not change.

Thank you in advance for your help :) 
Thomas

#9 - 04/23/2018 05:13 PM - Chris B

I've run into this issue as well and do not see a feature in 1.15.6 to allow disabling of Foreman adding the next-server directive.

I have resorted to commenting out line 45 of /usr/share/foreman-proxy/modules/dhcp_common/isc/omapi_provider.rb to resolve this on my end for now:

#statements << bootServer(options[:nextServer]) if options[:nextServer]
Hello all, it is now possible to prevent Foreman from sending DHCP filename option. This can be done easily by using PXE Loader flag set to "None". Then filename option will be used as defined in the dhcpd.conf on global level.

I am closing this since this is available in Foreman 1.15+.

Hmm, perhaps I'm misunderstanding, but this feature doesn't quite seem to align with request. I did verify that using PXE Loader = None the filename will use global, but nextServer is still set which is what I understood this issue to be about.

I still had to use the workaround of manually adjusting the template to comment out nextServer in order to get my setup to boot and use global next-server, although my root cause was slightly different than OP.

I can confirm, I misread it. Valid feature request. If you grep for nextServer string in Foreman core code base, you will find here:

```
app/models/concerns/orchestration/dhcp.rb
120:      dhcp_attr[:nextServer] = boot_server
```

A host variable can be introduced to skip this line, smart-proxy will then skip adding it into the conf file. Feel free to send a PR it is easy to do, just add a test.

Isn't it sufficient to not select a TFTP proxy? My reading of the boot_server function is that it then returns nil and the smart proxy will not write the entry. Note that I didn't test this.
Well, it does not work and the bug is valid. I have tried this today with develop, created a host with None PXELoader and the entry was created with next-server:

```bash
host mac52c613dd1542.nat.lan {
    dynamic;
    hardware ethernet 52:c6:13:dd:15:42;
    fixed-address 192.168.99.221;
    supersede server.next-server = c0:a8:64:01;
    supersede host-name = "mac52c613dd1542.nat.lan";
}
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#15 - 08/20/2019 11:24 AM - The Foreman Bot
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- Status changed from New to Ready For Testing
- Pull request https://github.com/theforeman/foreman/pull/6987 added

#16 - 09/16/2019 11:28 AM - The Foreman Bot
- Fixed in Releases 1.24.0 added

#17 - 09/16/2019 12:01 PM - Lukas Zapletal
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Applied in changeset 99f3d23f9487f2559b1a5a37930138ccdba8880.