Service Desk Integration Guide

Setup steps, API authentication, and a working MCP server for every supporting system in the autonomous service-desk architecture — ServiceNow, NetBox, Zabbix, Grafana, Batfish, Ansible, Cisco ISE, Cisco Nexus Dashboard, Cisco Firepower Management Center, Cisco Catalyst Center, VMware Aria, Microsoft SCOM, Azure Monitor, MECM, and Red Hat Satellite — plus the nine domain-agent target systems

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1. How to read this guide

The architecture blueprint's "Supporting systems" table names fourteen tools and what role each plays. This document is the "now actually build it" version of that table: for each one, from-scratch setup, how a domain agent authenticates to its API, and a small MCP server that exposes that system's operations as callable tools — the same shape for every system. Section 9 does this in the most depth for Cisco ISE specifically.

> Every hostname, token, and IP address in the code below is a placeholder. This document holds no live credentials to any of these systems and doesn't attempt to acquire any — see "What this is and isn't" in the architecture blueprint, which applies here without exception. Endpoint paths reflect each product's API surface as of this writing; confirm against your own instance's API docs before running anything, since vendors do rev these.

Every code block below assumes the credential-scoping guardrail from the architecture document: nothing calls a vendor API with a static, standing credential. `get_scoped_credential()` stands in for a real vault client — it checks out a credential scoped to one system and one short TTL, and the lease expires whether or not the calling code remembers to revoke it.

2. The MCP integration pattern every system follows

Model Context Protocol (MCP) is the wire format each domain agent uses to call a supporting system: one small MCP server per system, one Python process, tools scoped to exactly what that system class needs. The orchestrator never imports a vendor SDK directly — it holds an MCP client session per domain agent, and every tool call flows through the same request → plan → tier → (approval) → execute → verify lifecycle from the architecture document.

```
 from mcp.server.fastmcp import FastMCP
from vault_client import get_scoped_credential

def build_agent_server(name: str, system_class: str) -> FastMCP:
    server = FastMCP(name)
    server.system_class = system_class
    return server

def audit(tool: str, args: dict, result: dict, ticket_id: str) -> None:
    """Every tool call appends here before returning."""
    ...
```

Three conventions hold across every server in this guide:

- **Tool docstrings state the tier** — the orchestrator reads a tool's docstring to route it through the correct approval path.
- **Every tool call is auditable independent of the MCP transport** — `audit()` runs inside the tool, not as a transport-level wrapper.
- **Mutating tools take a `ticket_id` and verify it server-side** — a tool that changes state without a linked, approved ticket is the "second door around the gate" the architecture rules out.

3. ServiceNow — intake & system of record

Setup, from scratch:

1. Provision a ServiceNow instance (a free Personal Developer Instance is enough to build and test this whole guide against).
2. Create a dedicated integration service account with `rest_api_explorer`, `itil`, and `approval_admin` roles, no more.
3. Register an OAuth inbound client (*System OAuth → Application Registry*) for the orchestrator — prefer OAuth over Basic auth beyond a lab instance.
4. Enable the Table API and Import Set API plugins; confirm `/api/now/table/incident` responds for the integration account.
5. Build the Zabbix → ServiceNow webhook target: a scripted REST endpoint that creates an Incident from a Zabbix trigger payload.

API auth & a scoped call (OAuth client-credentials grant):

```
 import httpx

TOKEN_URL = "https://yourinstance.service-now.com/oauth_token.do"
API_BASE = "https://yourinstance.service-now.com/api/now"

def get_token(client_id: str, client_secret: str) -> str:
    resp = httpx.post(TOKEN_URL, data={
        "grant_type": "client_credentials",
        "client_id": client_id,
        "client_secret": client_secret,
    })
    resp.raise_for_status()
    return resp.json()["access_token"]

def create_incident(token: str, short_description: str, cmdb_ci: str) -> dict:
    headers = {"Authorization": f"Bearer {token}", "Content-Type": "application/
json"}
    body = {"short_description": short_description, "cmdb_ci": cmdb_ci, "category":
"monitoring"}
    resp = httpx.post(f"{API_BASE}/table/incident", json=body, headers=headers)
    resp.raise_for_status()
    return resp.json()["result"]
```

servicenow_mcp_server.py:

```
 from shared.mcp_base import build_agent_server, audit
from shared.vault_client import get_scoped_credential
import httpx

mcp = build_agent_server("servicenow-intake", system_class="servicenow")
BASE = "https://yourinstance.service-now.com/api/now"

def _client() -> httpx.Client:
    cred = get_scoped_credential(system="servicenow", ttl_seconds=300)
    return httpx.Client(base_url=BASE, headers={"Authorization": f"Bearer
{cred.token}"})

@mcp.tool()
def get_ticket(ticket_id: str) -> dict:
    """Tier 0 -- read a ticket's current fields."""
    with _client() as c:
        r = c.get(f"/table/incident/{ticket_id}")
        r.raise_for_status()
        return r.json()["result"]

@mcp.tool()
def create_approval(ticket_id: str, plan_summary: str, dry_run_ref: str) -> dict:
    """Tier 2-3 -- opens a native ServiceNow Approval on the ticket."""
    with _client() as c:
        body = {"source_table": "incident", "sysapproval": ticket_id,
                "comments": plan_summary, "u_dry_run_ref": dry_run_ref}
        r = c.post("/table/sysapproval_approver", json=body)
        r.raise_for_status()
        result = r.json()["result"]
        audit("create_approval", locals(), result, ticket_id)
        return result

if __name__ == "__main__":
    mcp.run()
```

4. NetBox — inventory & IPAM/DCIM

Setup, from scratch:

1. Deploy via `netbox-community/netbox-docker` (Postgres + Redis + the app).
2. Create the site/region/rack hierarchy before importing any device.
3. Mint separate API tokens for the orchestrator's read path and the Network agent's write path.

4. Bulk-import existing inventory via CSV import; use the API for ongoing sync afterward.

```
 import pynetbox

nb = pynetbox.api("https://netbox.internal.example.com",
token="REPLACE_WITH_VAULT_LEASE")

def get_device_by_name(name: str):
    return nb.dcim.devices.get(name=name)

def next_available_ip(prefix: str) -> str:
    p = nb.ipam.prefixes.get(prefix=prefix)
    return str(p.available_ips.create())
```

netbox_mcp_server.py:

```
 import pynetbox
from shared.mcp_base import build_agent_server, audit
from shared.vault_client import get_scoped_credential

mcp = build_agent_server("netbox-inventory", system_class="netbox")

def _nb():
    cred = get_scoped_credential(system="netbox", ttl_seconds=300)
    return pynetbox.api("https://netbox.internal.example.com", token=cred.token)

@mcp.tool()
def lookup_device(hostname: str) -> dict:
    """Tier 0 -- inventory lookup the Network agent reads before it writes."""
    dev = _nb().dcim.devices.get(name=hostname)
    return dict(dev) if dev else {}

@mcp.tool()
def onboard_device(hostname: str, device_type: str, site: str, ticket_id: str) ->
dict:
    """Tier 1 -- registers a new device record; inventory bookkeeping, not a
    config push."""
    result = dict(_nb().dcim.devices.create(
        name=hostname, device_type=device_type, site=site, status="active"))
    audit("onboard_device", locals(), result, ticket_id)
    return result

if __name__ == "__main__":
    mcp.run()
```

Device onboarding steps (per device):

1. Create the device-type record first if it doesn't exist.
2. Create the device against a site and rack position, then attach its interfaces.
3. Assign IPs from the correct IPAM prefix and mark the primary IP.
4. Tag the device with its risk-tier default and owning team.

5. Zabbix — monitoring & alerting

Setup, from scratch:

1. Deploy Zabbix server + frontend + Postgres/MySQL (the official Docker Compose stack); install agents on managed hosts.
2. Create an API-only user with a role scoped to the needed host groups, not Super Admin.
3. Define host groups mirroring the domain-agent boundaries.
4. Build the outbound webhook media type that POSTs trigger events to the ServiceNow scripted REST endpoint from Section 3.

```
import httpx

ZBX = "https://zabbix.internal.example.com/api_jsonrpc.php"

def zbx_call(method: str, params: dict, auth: str = None) -> dict:
    payload = {"jsonrpc": "2.0", "method": method, "params": params, "id": 1}
    if auth:
        payload["auth"] = auth
    r = httpx.post(ZBX, json=payload, headers={"Content-Type": "application/json-
rpc"})
    r.raise_for_status()
    return r.json()["result"]

def login(user: str, password: str) -> str:
    return zbx_call("user.login", {"username": user, "password": password})
```

zabbix_mcp_server.py:

```
from shared.mcp_base import build_agent_server, audit
from shared.vault_client import get_scoped_credential
import httpx
```

```
mcp = build_agent_server("zabbix-monitoring", system_class="zabbix")
ZBX = "https://zabbix.internal.example.com/api_jsonrpc.php"

def _call(method: str, params: dict) -> dict:
    cred = get_scoped_credential(system="zabbix", ttl_seconds=300)
    payload = {"jsonrpc": "2.0", "method": method, "params": params, "id": 1,
"auth": cred.token}
    r = httpx.post(ZBX, json=payload)
    r.raise_for_status()
    return r.json()["result"]

@mcp.tool()
def host_problems(host: str) -> list:
    """Tier 0 -- Platform Ops's heartbeat/health source."""
    hosts = _call("host.get", {"filter": {"host": [host]}})
    if not hosts:
        return []
    return _call("problem.get", {"hostids": [hosts[0]["hostid"]], "recent": True})

@mcp.tool()
def ack_problem(event_id: str, message: str, ticket_id: str) -> dict:
    """Tier 1 -- acknowledges an event, linking it to the orchestrator's ticket."""
    result = _call("event.acknowledge", {"eventids": [event_id],
                    "message": message, "action": 6})
    audit("ack_problem", locals(), result, ticket_id)
    return result

if __name__ == "__main__":
    mcp.run()
```

6. Grafana — dashboards

Setup, from scratch:

1. Deploy Grafana OSS and add Zabbix as a data source via the community Zabbix plugin.
2. Add a second data source pointed at the audit log store.
3. Create a service account with the Viewer role and mint a scoped API token from it.
4. Build the health dashboard: per-agent heartbeat, open-ticket-by-tier, config-drift-vs-NetBox panels.

```
 from shared.mcp_base import build_agent_server
from shared.vault_client import get_scoped_credential
import httpx
```

```
mcp = build_agent_server("grafana-dashboards", system_class="grafana")
GRAFANA = "https://grafana.internal.example.com"

@mcp.tool()
def dashboard_snapshot_link(uid: str) -> str:
    """Tier 0 -- generates a shareable snapshot URL, so an approval record can
    link the exact state a human saw when they approved."""
    cred = get_scoped_credential(system="grafana", ttl_seconds=300)
    headers = {"Authorization": f"Bearer {cred.token}", "Content-Type":
"application/json"}
    r = httpx.post(f"{GRAFANA}/api/snapshots",
                   json={"dashboard": {"uid": uid}, "expires": 3600},
                   headers=headers)
    r.raise_for_status()
    return r.json()["url"]

if __name__ == "__main__":
    mcp.run()
```

7. Batfish — pre-change network verification

Setup, from scratch:

1. Run the `batfish/allinone` Docker image.
2. Export current running configs into a snapshot directory in Batfish's expected layout.
3. Initialize a snapshot and confirm it parses cleanly before trusting any diff.
4. Re-initialize a fresh snapshot on every proposed change rather than mutating one in place.

```
 from pybatfish.client.session import Session
from pybatfish.question import bfq

bf = Session(host="batfish.internal.example.com")
bf.set_network("prod-campus")
bf.init_snapshot("/snapshots/2026-08-26-pre-change", name="pre_change",
overwrite=True)

def acl_diff(pre: str, post: str, filter_name: str):
    bf.set_snapshot(pre)
    before = bfq.filterLineReachability(filters=filter_name).answer()
    bf.set_snapshot(post)
```

```
    after = bfq.filterLineReachability(filters=filter_name).answer()
    return before, after
```

batfish_mcp_server.py:

```
 from shared.mcp_base import build_agent_server, audit
from pybatfish.client.session import Session

mcp = build_agent_server("batfish-verify", system_class="batfish")
bf = Session(host="batfish.internal.example.com")

@mcp.tool()
def dry_run_config_diff(network: str, pre_snapshot: str, post_snapshot: str,
ticket_id: str) -> dict:
    """Tier 0 -- the mandatory dry-run for Tier >=2 network changes: a
    modeled diff against a real topology copy, computed before anything
    touches a live device."""
    bf.set_network(network)
    bf.set_snapshot(pre_snapshot)
    before_routes = bf.q.routes().answer().frame()
    bf.set_snapshot(post_snapshot)
    after_routes = bf.q.routes().answer().frame()
    diff = {"routes_added": len(after_routes) - len(before_routes)}
    audit("dry_run_config_diff", locals(), diff, ticket_id)
    return diff

if __name__ == "__main__":
    mcp.run()
```

8. Ansible — execution engine

Setup, from scratch:

1. Stand up Ansible Automation Platform (or `ansible-core` + `ansible-runner`) on an isolated execution segment.
2. Build a dynamic inventory source from NetBox (the `netbox.netbox` inventory plugin).
3. Write playbooks idempotently and pair every mutating playbook with an explicit rollback playbook.
4. Scope service-account/Job Template access to specific playbooks and limited inventory.

```
import ansible_runner
```

```
def run_playbook(playbook: str, inventory: str, host_limit: str, extravars: dict):
    return ansible_runner.run(
        private_data_dir="/opt/agent-runspace",
        playbook=playbook,
        inventory=inventory,
        limit=host_limit,
        extravars=extravars,
        quiet=True,
    )
```

ansible_mcp_server.py:

```
 from shared.mcp_base import build_agent_server, audit
import ansible_runner

mcp = build_agent_server("ansible-exec", system_class="ansible")

@mcp.tool()
def check_mode_diff(playbook: str, host_limit: str, ticket_id: str) -> dict:
    """Tier 0 -- runs the playbook with --check --diff, Ansible's own dry-run
    mode."""
    result = ansible_runner.run(private_data_dir="/opt/agent-runspace",
        playbook=playbook, limit=host_limit, cmdline="--check --diff", quiet=True)
    out = {"status": result.status, "rc": result.rc}
    audit("check_mode_diff", locals(), out, ticket_id)
    return out

@mcp.tool()
def execute_playbook(playbook: str, host_limit: str, ticket_id: str) -> dict:
    """Tier 1-2 depending on playbook -- only ever called after
    check_mode_diff has been reviewed or approved."""
    result = ansible_runner.run(private_data_dir="/opt/agent-runspace",
        playbook=playbook, limit=host_limit, quiet=True)
    out = {"status": result.status, "rc": result.rc}
    audit("execute_playbook", locals(), out, ticket_id)
    return out

if __name__ == "__main__":
    mcp.run()
```

9. Cisco ISE — network access control, worked in full

9.1 — Setup, from scratch:

1. Deploy ISE (appliance, OVA, or cloud image) as at least a two-node deployment — Primary Administration Node and Policy Service Node.
2. Under *Administration → System → Settings → ERS Settings*, enable the External RESTful Services (ERS) API — off by default. Distinct from ISE's newer Open API; ERS remains the broadest-coverage API for identity/endpoint operations as of this writing.
3. Create an ERS-admin API user under *Administration → System → Admin Access → Administrators*, in the `ERS-Admin` (or narrower `ERS-Operator`) group.
4. Add each network access device (switch, WLC) as a NAD under *Administration → Network Resources → Network Devices*, with its RADIUS shared secret from vault, matching the device-side config.
5. Build the authentication and authorization policy sets (*Policy → Policy Sets*) defining what "Quarantine" restricts — typically a downloadable ACL or a redirect ACL to a remediation portal.
6. For real-time session visibility beyond ERS polling, enable pxGrid (*Administration → pxGrid Services*) and register a pxGrid client certificate.

9.2 — API authentication & a call (ERS API):

```
 import httpx

ISE_BASE = "https://ise01.internal.example.com:9060/ers/config"

def ise_client(username: str, password: str) -> httpx.Client:
    return httpx.Client(
        base_url=ISE_BASE,
        auth=(username, password),
        headers={"Accept": "application/json", "Content-Type": "application/json"},
        verify="/etc/pki/ise-ca-bundle.pem",
    )

def get_endpoint(client: httpx.Client, mac_address: str) -> dict:
    r = client.get("/endpoint", params={"filter": f"mac.EQ.{mac_address}"})
    r.raise_for_status()
    return r.json()
```

9.3 — MCP server (the Identity agent's ISE-facing tools):

```
 from shared.mcp_base import build_agent_server, audit
from shared.vault_client import get_scoped_credential
import httpx

mcp = build_agent_server("cisco-ise-nac", system_class="cisco-ise")
ISE_BASE = "https://ise01.internal.example.com:9060/ers/config"

def _client() -> httpx.Client:
    cred = get_scoped_credential(system="cisco-ise", ttl_seconds=300)
    return httpx.Client(base_url=ISE_BASE, auth=(cred.username, cred.password),
                        verify="/etc/pki/ise-ca-bundle.pem")

@mcp.tool()
def endpoint_status(mac_address: str) -> dict:
    """Tier 0 -- read-only lookup of an endpoint's identity group and
    posture status."""
    with _client() as c:
        r = c.get("/endpoint", params={"filter": f"mac.EQ.{mac_address}"})
        r.raise_for_status()
        return r.json()

@mcp.tool()
def quarantine_endpoint(mac_address: str, ticket_id: str) -> dict:
    """Tier 2 -- moves an endpoint into the Quarantine identity group via
    ISE's Adaptive Network Control (ANC) API. Checks the ticket's approval
    state server-side before calling ISE."""
    with _client() as c:
        approved = c.get(f"/servicenow-relay/ticket/{ticket_id}/approved").json()
        if not approved.get("approved"):
            raise PermissionError(f"ticket {ticket_id} is not in an approved
state")
        body = {"OperationAdditionalData": {"additionalData": [
            {"name": "macAddress", "value": mac_address},
            {"name": "ancPolicy", "value": "Quarantine"},
        ]}}
        r = c.put("/ancendpoint/apply", json=body)
        r.raise_for_status()
        result = r.json()
        audit("quarantine_endpoint", locals(), result, ticket_id)
        return result

@mcp.tool()
def unquarantine_endpoint(mac_address: str, ticket_id: str) -> dict:
    """Tier 1 -- clearing a quarantine can only restore prior access, not
    remove it, so it carries a lighter tier than imposing one."""
```

```
    with _client() as c:
        r = c.put("/ancendpoint/clear", json={"OperationAdditionalData":
            {"additionalData": [{"name": "macAddress", "value": mac_address}]}})
        r.raise_for_status()
        result = r.json()
        audit("unquarantine_endpoint", locals(), result, ticket_id)
        return result

if __name__ == "__main__":
    mcp.run()
```

9.4 — Onboarding one more device once ISE itself is running:

1. Add the switch/WLC as a Network Device in ISE with its RADIUS shared secret.
2. On the device, point AAA at the ISE Policy Service Node(s) and enable 802.1X on the relevant interfaces or SSID.
3. Confirm a test endpoint authenticates and lands in the expected identity group in *Operations → RADIUS → Live Logs*.
4. Only after manual confirmation, register the device's identity-group expectations in the Identity agent's policy config.

10. Cisco Nexus Dashboard — DC fabric

Setup, from scratch:

1. Deploy the Nexus Dashboard cluster (a 3-node cluster is the supported minimum for production) and add it to the fabric's management network.
2. Install the specific services needed on top of the platform — Nexus Dashboard Orchestrator for multi-fabric config/telemetry, Insights for anomaly detection.
3. Create a local user or bind to your identity provider, then generate a REST API bearer token scoped to the Network agent's DC-fabric role.
4. Onboard each fabric/site into the Orchestrator before any automation references it by name.

API paths below are representative — confirm exact paths against your installed version's API docs, since these have moved across ND releases.

```
 import httpx

ND_BASE = "https://nd.internal.example.com/api/v1"
```

```
def login(username: str, password: str) -> str:
    r = httpx.post(f"{ND_BASE}/login", json={"userName": username, "userPasswd":
password})
    r.raise_for_status()
    return r.json()["token"]

def fabric_health(token: str, fabric_name: str) -> dict:
    r = httpx.get(f"{ND_BASE}/insights/fabric/{fabric_name}/health",
                  headers={"Authorization": f"Bearer {token}"})
    r.raise_for_status()
    return r.json()
```

11. Cisco Firepower Management Center — firewall fleet policy

Setup, from scratch:

1. Deploy FMC and register every managed FTD/ASA device to it — a device left in "pending registration" won't accept a deployed policy.
2. Create a dedicated API-only user with the minimum role (Access Admin, or custom, scoped to access-control-policy read/write).
3. Enable the REST API (*System → Configuration → REST API Preferences*); confirm at `/api/fmc_platform/v1/info`.
4. Give the Firewall agent its own dedicated access-control-policy layer for temporary rule adds, so rollback is "remove this layer's rules."

```
import httpx

FMC_BASE = "https://fmc.internal.example.com/api"

def login(username: str, password: str) -> tuple[str, str]:
    r = httpx.post(f"{FMC_BASE}/fmc_platform/v1/auth/generatetoken",
auth=(username, password))
    r.raise_for_status()
    return r.headers["X-auth-access-token"], r.headers["DOMAIN_UUID"]
```

fmc_mcp_server.py:

```
from shared.mcp_base import build_agent_server, audit
from shared.vault_client import get_scoped_credential
import httpx
```

```
mcp = build_agent_server("firewall-fmc", system_class="cisco-fmc")
FMC_BASE = "https://fmc.internal.example.com/api"

def _session() -> tuple[str, str]:
    cred = get_scoped_credential(system="cisco-fmc", ttl_seconds=300)
    r = httpx.post(f"{FMC_BASE}/fmc_platform/v1/auth/generatetoken",
                   auth=(cred.username, cred.password))
    r.raise_for_status()
    return r.headers["X-auth-access-token"], r.headers["DOMAIN_UUID"]

@mcp.tool()
def add_temporary_rule(policy_id: str, rule: dict, ticket_id: str) -> dict:
    """Tier 3 -- adds a rule to the Firewall agent's dedicated temporary-rule
    layer. Needs two-person approval and a dry-run diff before it's called."""
    token, domain = _session()
    r = httpx.post(f"{FMC_BASE}/fmc_config/v1/domain/{domain}"
                   f"/policy/accesspolicies/{policy_id}/accessrules",
                   json=rule, headers={"X-auth-access-token": token})
    r.raise_for_status()
    result = r.json()
    audit("add_temporary_rule", locals(), result, ticket_id)
    return result

if __name__ == "__main__":
    mcp.run()
```

12. Cisco Catalyst Center — SD-Access campus/branch

Setup, from scratch:

1. Deploy the Catalyst Center appliance (formerly DNA Center) and onboard against your fabric's underlay before importing any device.
2. Add devices via *Inventory → Add Device* or auto-discovery so they show as "Managed."
3. Split a read-only (assurance/health) role from a provision (template deployment) role.
4. Generate a token via `POST /dna/system/api/v1/auth/token` for every subsequent Intent API call.

```
 import httpx

DNAC_BASE = "https://catalyst-center.internal.example.com"

def get_token(username: str, password: str) -> str:
```

```
    r = httpx.post(f"{DNAC_BASE}/dna/system/api/v1/auth/token", auth=(username,
password))
    r.raise_for_status()
    return r.json()["Token"]
```

catalyst_center_mcp_server.py:

```
 from shared.mcp_base import build_agent_server
from shared.vault_client import get_scoped_credential
import httpx

mcp = build_agent_server("network-catalyst-center", system_class="catalyst-center")
DNAC_BASE = "https://catalyst-center.internal.example.com"

@mcp.tool()
def fabric_health(site_id: str) -> dict:
    """Tier 0 -- SD-Access fabric/site health, the campus/branch counterpart
    to Nexus Dashboard's DC-fabric role above."""
    cred = get_scoped_credential(system="catalyst-center", ttl_seconds=300)
    r = httpx.post(f"{DNAC_BASE}/dna/system/api/v1/auth/token",
auth=(cred.username, cred.password))
    r.raise_for_status()
    token = r.json()["Token"]
    r = httpx.get(f"{DNAC_BASE}/dna/intent/api/v1/network-health",
                  params={"siteId": site_id}, headers={"X-Auth-Token": token})
    r.raise_for_status()
    return r.json()

if __name__ == "__main__":
    mcp.run()
```

13. VMware Aria — capacity analytics & automation

Setup, from scratch:

1. Deploy Aria Operations (formerly vRealize Operations) for read-only capacity data; Aria Automation only if the agent will also trigger workflows.
2. Bind to existing SSO or create a local user scoped to the read-only "Content Consumer" role.
3. Register the target vCenter(s) as a data source before querying any object's metrics.
4. Publish only the specific catalog items the VMware agent may trigger, scoped to a dedicated service-account entitlement.

```
import httpx

ARIA_OPS_BASE = "https://aria-ops.internal.example.com/suite-api/api"

def login(username: str, password: str) -> str:
    r = httpx.post(f"{ARIA_OPS_BASE}/auth/token/acquire",
                   json={"username": username, "password": password})
    r.raise_for_status()
    return r.json()["token"]
```

vmware_aria_mcp_server.py:

```
from shared.mcp_base import build_agent_server
from shared.vault_client import get_scoped_credential
import httpx

mcp = build_agent_server("vmware-aria", system_class="vmware-aria")
ARIA_OPS_BASE = "https://aria-ops.internal.example.com/suite-api/api"

@mcp.tool()
def resource_capacity(resource_id: str) -> dict:
    """Tier 0 -- trend-based capacity/performance data for one VM or cluster,
    above raw vCenter API's point-in-time state."""
    cred = get_scoped_credential(system="vmware-aria", ttl_seconds=300)
    r = httpx.post(f"{ARIA_OPS_BASE}/auth/token/acquire",
                   json={"username": cred.username, "password": cred.password})
    r.raise_for_status()
    token = r.json()["token"]
    r = httpx.get(f"{ARIA_OPS_BASE}/resources/{resource_id}/stats",
                  headers={"Authorization": f"vRealizeOpsToken {token}"})
    r.raise_for_status()
    return r.json()

if __name__ == "__main__":
    mcp.run()
```

14. Microsoft SCOM — on-prem monitoring

Setup, from scratch:

1. Deploy the SCOM management group and import only the management packs actually needed.

2. Enable the SCOM REST API (built into SCOM 2019+); confirm at `/OperationsManager/authenticate`.
3. Create a SCOM Operator-role account for read access — never Administrator for a read-only integration.
4. Build the SCOM → ServiceNow alert connector via a Notification Channel webhook, mirroring Zabbix's path from Section 3.

```
import httpx

SCOM_BASE = "https://scom.internal.example.com/OperationsManager"

def authenticate(username: str, password: str) -> httpx.Cookies:
    r = httpx.post(f"{SCOM_BASE}/authenticate", auth=(username, password))
    r.raise_for_status()
    return r.cookies
```

scom_mcp_server.py:

```
from shared.mcp_base import build_agent_server
from shared.vault_client import get_scoped_credential
import httpx

mcp = build_agent_server("scom-monitoring", system_class="scom")
SCOM_BASE = "https://scom.internal.example.com/OperationsManager"

@mcp.tool()
def active_alerts(criteria: str = "ResolutionState = '0'") -> dict:
    """Tier 0 -- current unresolved SCOM alerts, feeding Platform Ops the
    same way a Zabbix trigger does for the mixed/legacy Microsoft estate."""
    cred = get_scoped_credential(system="scom", ttl_seconds=300)
    r = httpx.post(f"{SCOM_BASE}/authenticate", auth=(cred.username,
cred.password))
    r.raise_for_status()
    r = httpx.get(f"{SCOM_BASE}/data/alert", cookies=r.cookies, params={"criteria":
criteria})
    r.raise_for_status()
    return r.json()

if __name__ == "__main__":
    mcp.run()
```

15. Azure Monitor — cloud monitoring

Setup, from scratch:

1. Register an app in Microsoft Entra ID and grant it Monitoring Reader, scoped to the specific subscription or resource group.
2. For Log Analytics queries, also grant "Log Analytics Reader" on the specific workspace.
3. Onboard hybrid hosts via Azure Arc so the same Monitor pipeline covers them.
4. Build the Azure Monitor → ServiceNow path via an Action Group webhook action.

```
 import httpx

TENANT_ID = "your-tenant-id"

def get_token(client_id: str, client_secret: str) -> str:
    r = httpx.post(f"https://login.microsoftonline.com/{TENANT_ID}/oauth2/v2.0/
token",
        data={"grant_type": "client_credentials", "client_id": client_id,
              "client_secret": client_secret, "scope": "https://
management.azure.com/.default"})
    r.raise_for_status()
    return r.json()["access_token"]
```

azure_monitor_mcp_server.py:

```
 from shared.mcp_base import build_agent_server
from shared.vault_client import get_scoped_credential
import httpx

mcp = build_agent_server("azure-monitor", system_class="azure-monitor")
TENANT_ID = "your-tenant-id"

def _token() -> str:
    cred = get_scoped_credential(system="azure-monitor", ttl_seconds=300)
    r = httpx.post(f"https://login.microsoftonline.com/{TENANT_ID}/oauth2/v2.0/
token",
        data={"grant_type": "client_credentials", "client_id": cred.client_id,
              "client_secret": cred.client_secret, "scope": "https://
management.azure.com/.default"})
    r.raise_for_status()
    return r.json()["access_token"]
```

```
@mcp.tool()
def resource_metrics(resource_id: str, metric: str) -> dict:
    """Tier 0 -- cloud-native metrics for one Azure or Arc-connected resource,
    the cloud counterpart to SCOM/Zabbix above."""
    r = httpx.get(f"https://management.azure.com{resource_id}/providers/
microsoft.insights/metrics",
                  params={"api-version": "2018-01-01", "metricnames": metric},
                  headers={"Authorization": f"Bearer {_token()}"})
    r.raise_for_status()
    return r.json()

if __name__ == "__main__":
    mcp.run()
```

16. Microsoft MECM — on-prem endpoint lifecycle

Setup, from scratch:

1. Install the MECM (formerly SCCM) admin console; confirm the site server's WMI provider is reachable — MECM's automation surface is WMI/PowerShell-based, and the newer AdminService REST endpoint covers only a subset of operations.
2. Confirm AdminService REST is enabled at `/AdminService/wmi/` for the operations it does cover.
3. Create a "Read-only Analyst" account for query paths and a narrower custom role (software-update deployment only) for the write path.
4. Build a dedicated collection the Desktop agent may target, not "All Systems."

```
 import httpx
from requests_negotiate_sspi import HttpNegotiateAuth

MECM_BASE = "https://mecm.internal.example.com/AdminService/wmi"

def device_compliance(collection_id: str) -> dict:
    r = httpx.get(f"{MECM_BASE}/SMS_CollectionMember_a",
                  params={"$filter": f"CollectionID eq '{collection_id}'"},
                  auth=HttpNegotiateAuth())
    r.raise_for_status()
    return r.json()
```

mecm_mcp_server.py:

```
 from shared.mcp_base import build_agent_server, audit
from shared.vault_client import get_scoped_credential
import httpx
from requests_negotiate_sspi import HttpNegotiateAuth

mcp = build_agent_server("desktop-mecm", system_class="mecm")
MECM_BASE = "https://mecm.internal.example.com/AdminService/wmi"

@mcp.tool()
def deploy_update(collection_id: str, update_group_id: str, ticket_id: str) ->
dict:
    """Tier 2 -- deploys a software update group to a scoped collection;
    covers the on-prem/co-managed half of the Windows fleet Intune doesn't
    reach on its own (see Section 18's domain-agent table)."""
    cred = get_scoped_credential(system="mecm", ttl_seconds=300)
    r = httpx.post(f"{MECM_BASE}/SMS_UpdateGroupAssignment",
                   json={"CollectionID": collection_id, "AssignedUpdateGroup":
update_group_id},
                   auth=HttpNegotiateAuth())
    r.raise_for_status()
    result = r.json()
    audit("deploy_update", locals(), result, ticket_id)
    return result

if __name__ == "__main__":
    mcp.run()
```

17. Red Hat Satellite — RHEL fleet lifecycle

Setup, from scratch:

1. Deploy Satellite Server and register it against your Red Hat subscription manifest.
2. Register each RHEL host as a Satellite content host (`subscription-manager register --org ... --activationkey ...`).
3. Create an API-only user scoped to "View hosts" and "Manage content views/lifecycle environments" separately from a full Administrator.
4. Build lifecycle environments (Library → Dev → Test → Prod) so a patch promotion is "promote this content view," not a per-host `yum update`.
5. Note: Red Hat's Cockpit web console runs per-host and doesn't go through Satellite — a human break-glass path, not something this agent automates against.

```
 import httpx

SAT_BASE = "https://satellite.internal.example.com/api/v2"

def list_content_hosts(username: str, password: str, org_id: int) -> dict:
    r = httpx.get(f"{SAT_BASE}/hosts", params={"organization_id": org_id},
auth=(username, password))
    r.raise_for_status()
    return r.json()
```

rh_satellite_mcp_server.py:

```
 from shared.mcp_base import build_agent_server, audit
from shared.vault_client import get_scoped_credential
import httpx

mcp = build_agent_server("linux-satellite", system_class="rhsatellite")
SAT_BASE = "https://satellite.internal.example.com/api/v2"

@mcp.tool()
def promote_content_view(content_view_id: int, environment_id: int, ticket_id: str)
-> dict:
    """Tier 2 -- promotes a content view to the next lifecycle environment,
    the fleet-wide patch-staging step the Linux Server agent's mandatory
    dry-run wraps around before this runs against anything but Library."""
    cred = get_scoped_credential(system="rhsatellite", ttl_seconds=300)
    r = httpx.post(f"{SAT_BASE}/content_view_versions/{content_view_id}/promote",
                   json={"environment_id": environment_id},
                   auth=(cred.username, cred.password))
    r.raise_for_status()
    result = r.json()
    audit("promote_content_view", locals(), result, ticket_id)
    return result

if __name__ == "__main__":
    mcp.run()
```

18. Domain-agent target systems, at a glance

The fourteen systems above are the supporting cast; the actual write targets are the nine domain agents' own systems, each following the identical MCP pattern from Section 2.

DOMAIN AGENT	API SURFACE	MCP AUTH PATTERN
Network	NETCONF/RESTCONF (IOS-XE) or Ansible for classic IOS/NX-OS	`ncclient` over an SSH cert checked out per action
Identity & AD	Microsoft Graph API or PowerShell over WinRM	Graph app registration, client-credentials grant, scoped permissions
Windows Server	WinRM, PowerShell DSC	Kerberos WinRM session via a gMSA scoped to target OU
Linux Server	SSH + Ansible	vault-issued short-lived SSH certificate
Database	native drivers, read-replica first	vault dynamic database credential
Firewall	vendor REST API (PAN-OS/FortiOS/ASA)	API key scoped to a change-with-expiry admin profile
Voice / collaboration	Cisco CUCM AXL SOAP API	AXL service account, standard-role-scoped
VMware	vCenter REST API / `pyvmomi`	vCenter SSO token scoped to a custom role
Desktop	Intune Graph endpoints; Jamf Pro API	Graph app registration / Jamf API client OAuth

identity_ad_mcp_server.py — worked in full since it's the most common integration question:

```
 from shared.mcp_base import build_agent_server, audit
from shared.vault_client import get_scoped_credential
import httpx

mcp = build_agent_server("identity-ad", system_class="entra-ad")
GRAPH = "https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0"

def _token() -> str:
    cred = get_scoped_credential(system="entra-ad", ttl_seconds=300)
    r = httpx.post(f"https://login.microsoftonline.com/{cred.tenant_id}/oauth2/
v2.0/token",
        data={"grant_type": "client_credentials", "client_id": cred.client_id,
              "client_secret": cred.client_secret, "scope": "https://
graph.microsoft.com/.default"})
    r.raise_for_status()
    return r.json()["access_token"]

@mcp.tool()
def get_account_status(user_principal_name: str) -> dict:
    """Tier 0 -- read account state (locked, disabled, last sign-in)."""
    headers = {"Authorization": f"Bearer {_token()}"}
    r = httpx.get(f"{GRAPH}/users/{user_principal_name}"
                  "?$select=accountEnabled,userPrincipalName,signInActivity",
```

```
headers=headers)
    r.raise_for_status()
    return r.json()

@mcp.tool()
def reset_password(user_principal_name: str, ticket_id: str) -> dict:
    """Tier 1 -- forces a temporary password and sign-in-required flag.
    High volume, low blast radius, clean rollback (re-reset)."""
    headers = {"Authorization": f"Bearer {_token()}", "Content-Type": "application/
json"}
    body = {"passwordProfile": {"forceChangePasswordNextSignIn": True,
                                "password": get_scoped_credential(system="temp-
pw-gen").token}}
    r = httpx.patch(f"{GRAPH}/users/{user_principal_name}", json=body,
headers=headers)
    r.raise_for_status()
    result = {"status": r.status_code}
    audit("reset_password", locals(), result, ticket_id)
    return result

if __name__ == "__main__":
    mcp.run()
```

19. Build order — mapping back to the phased rollout

This document is the "how" for the "what" in the architecture blueprint's phased deployment guide — use that guide's phase table for sequencing (audit log and monitoring first, one Tier 1 agent before the rest, approval mechanism before any Tier 2 agent goes live) and this document for the actual setup/API/MCP steps each phase's numbered build step refers to. Concretely: Phase 0 steps 1–3 map to Sections 1–3, 5, and 6 above; Phase 1 step 7 maps to Section 18's Identity agent; Phase 2 steps 12 and 14 map to Sections 7 and 9. Sections 11–17 (Firepower Management Center, Catalyst Center, Aria, SCOM, Azure Monitor, MECM, and Satellite) each slot into the phase of whichever domain agent or supporting-monitoring role they extend, with the same burn-in discipline as everything else in that phase. Nothing here changes the tier assignments, the approval gate, or the deny-list from the architecture blueprint — this is implementation detail underneath decisions that document already made.