

Ngenea Hub

Ngenea Hub harnesses the power of [Ngenea](#) to provide global workflows, enabling your data to be where you need it, when you need it.

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Installation

A deployment of Ngenea Hub comprises two main components:

- **[Ngenea Hub](#)** - the central management point, from which all tasks are managed
- **[Ngenea Workers](#)** - worker agents, installed on individual Ngenea servers, that execute the Ngenea tasks

Ngenea Workers are installed on one or more nodes in a *Site*, which typically represents a single Ngenea cluster or location.

The *Ngenea Hub* needs to be accessible from all *Ngenea Workers* on the following ports:

- 6379/tcp

- 5672/tcp

Installing Ngenea Hub

Ngenea Hub can be installed in a number of ways, use one of the methods described below.

CentOS / Redhat - Online Installation

Configure Docker Authentication

Note:

This step is not required on PixStor systems

Configure Docker authentication for `eurepo.arcapix.com`.

```
docker login eurepo.arcapix.com
```

Installing Ngenea Hub

Transfer the `ngenea-hub` rpm to the target system.

Install the `ngenea-hub` package via yum.

```
yum install ngenea-hub-<version>.rpm
```

Create an initial Ngenea Hub configuration file at `/etc/sysconfig/ngeneahub`. This file contains the credentials which will be required for deploying workers.

```
ngeneahubctl createconfig
```

Enable and start the `ngeneahub` service.

```
systemctl enable --now ngeneahub
```

Check the status of the service with

```
ngeneahubctl status
```

CentOS / Redhat - Offline installation

The `ngeneahub` service will attempt to pull the required docker images from the Ngenea software repository servers. In situations where this is not possible (due to network restrictions, for instance), the containers can be installed via additional RPM: `ngenea-hub-images`, available at the same location as the main RPM.

Once the RPMs are transferred to the target system, they can be installed using `rpm`.

```
rpm -ivh ngenea-hub-<version>.rpm ngenea-hub-images-  
<version>.rpm
```

Cloud Deployment

Coming soon: image-based deployment of Ngenea Hub in the cloud.

Container Native Deployment

It is possible to deploy Ngenea Hub using standard container management tools and processes.

Please [contact us](#) to discuss.

Ngenea Worker

Pre-requisite:

Ngenea HSM Server software installed and configured

Configure the `ngenea-worker` yum repository.

```
# cat /etc/yum.repos.d/ngenea-worker.repo  
[ngenea-worker]  
skip_if_unavailable=1  
gpgcheck=0  
sslverify=1  
baseurl=https://$apuser@eurepo.arcapix.com/pulp/repos/ngenea-  
worker/  
name=Ngenea Worker repository  
enabled=1
```

Install the `ngenea-worker` package via yum.

```
yum install ngenea-worker
```

Add the Ngenea Hub access details to `/etc/ngenea/ngenea-worker.conf`. The initial access credentials can be found in the `/etc/sysconfig/ngeneahub` configuration file on the Ngenea Hub server. By default, the `BROKER_PASSWORD` is used for both the `broker_url` and the `result_backend` passwords, and the `BROKER_USER` is used for the `broker_url` username.

Enable and start the `ngenea-worker@SITENAME.target` service. Replace `SITENAME` with the reference which will be used for this site.

```
systemctl enable --now ngenea-worker@SITENAME.target
```

Configuration

Initial Configuration

Once all services are up, create an admin user with:

```
ngeneahubctl adduser
```

Register an initial *site* (replacing `SITENAME`) (see [Worker Installation](#) for enabling a *site*'s worker agents).

```
ngeneahubctl addsite SITENAME
```

Log into the UI at <http://server.address:8000>.

Configuration

Settings

The main configuration file for Ngenea Hub is at `/etc/sysconfig/ngeneahub`. This is an environment file which holds the information required for connecting to the various backend services.

Mandatory Settings

Setting	Description
POSTGRES_DB	Internal database name

Setting	Description
POSTGRES_USER	Internal database username
POSTGRES_PASSWORD	Internal database password
BROKER_USER	Queue username
BROKER_PASSWORD	Queue password

Optional settings

Setting	Description
RABBITMQ_USER	User to use when connecting to the rabbitmq broker. Overrides BROKER_USER.
RABBITMQ_PASSWORD	Password to use when connecting to the rabbitmq broker. Overrides BROKER_PASSWORD.
RABBITMQ_HOST	Address of the RabbitMQ broker service. Defaults to the container service address.
REDIS_PASSWORD	User to connect to the rabbitmq broker. Overrides BROKER_PASSWORD.
REDIS_HOST	Address of the Redis queue results store. Defaults to the container service address.
RABBITMQ_DEFAULT_USER	Username to use when initializing the RabbitMQ broker. Not used after the service has been initialised.
RABBITMQ_DEFAULT_PASS	Password to use when initializing the RabbitMQ broker. Not used after the service has been initialised. Overrides BROKER_PASSWORD.

Docker Compose configuration

The `docker-compose` file is stored in `/usr/share/ngeneahub/docker/docker-compose.yml`.

This can be extended by creating an override file at `/usr/share/ngeneahub/docker/docker-compose.override.yml`.

Usage

API

Reference

The API reference can be found at your Ngenea Hub install at `/api/docs/`. This section does not attempt to duplicate the reference, but instead provide some usage examples.

Authentication

Authentication to the API can be performed in one of three ways

- Session Authentication
- JWT Authentication
- Client Keys

The first two, are for interacting with the API interactively and are therefore most likely not suitable for building automated workflows. On the other hand, client keys are valid until they are revoked and are more suitable for automation

Client Keys

Creating Client Keys

Note:

The UI does not currently support creating client keys and therefore have to be done via the API directly

Before we can authenticate using the client key, we need to temporarily authenticate using JWT to be able to create a client key.

To get a valid JWT access token using curl and jq:

```
JWT_TOKEN=$(curl -s -X POST 'http://example.com/api/auth/token/' -H 'Accept: application/json' -H 'Content-Type: application/json' -d '{"username": "dfoster", "password": "*****"}' | jq -r .access)
```

This can now be used to create a client key:

```
curl -s -X POST 'http://example.com/api/auth/clientkeys/' -H 'Accept: application/json' -H 'Content-Type: application/json' -H 'Authorization: Bearer $TOKEN' -d '{"name":
```

```
"my_automation_key"}'
```

```
{"url":"http://localhost:8000/api/auth/clientkeys/1/","id":1,"name":"my_automation_key","api_key":"e10Vrtr3.smFadImw4chb615qN5RLCh0HHqIGyb2bq"}
```

Warning:

This is the only time the client key will be visible, make sure it is recorded.

Using Client Keys

The key created in the previous section can now be used by setting the header `Authorization: Api-Key YOUR_API_KEY` against an API endpoint. For example:

```
curl -s -X GET 'http://example.com:8000/api/jobs/' -H 'Accept: application/json' -H 'Content-Type: application/json' -H "Authorization: Api-Key pmS09XLj.3r1G557hnF0ixCabZktMy9SZwTPt24Ur" | jq
{
  "count": 0,
  "next": null,
  "previous": null,
  "results": [],
  "stats": {
    "type": {
      "migrate": 0,
      "premigrate": 0,
      "recall": 0
    },
    "state": {
      "SUCCESS": 0,
      "FAILURE": 0,
      "STARTED": 0,
      "PENDING": 0,
      "ERROR": 0
    },
    "created": {},
    "site": {}
  }
}
```

Submitting Workflow

Migrate

Using a Client Key stored in a environment variable `TOKEN`, the following is an example of migrating a file using curl.

```
curl -s -X POST 'http://example.com/api/file/workflow/' -H 'Accept: application/json' -H 'Content-Type: application/json' -H 'Authorization: Api-Key $TOKEN' -d '{"paths": ["/mmfs1/data/sample_data.tgz"], "site": "dfoster1", "workflow": "migrate"}'
```

Monitoring and Management

systemd service

Ngeneahub is controlled via the `ngeneahub` systemd service

ngeneahub cli tool

The `ngeneahub` tool can be used to manually stop/start the services, outside of systemd, for debugging

Docker containers

Ngeneahub uses a collection of docker containers, which can be managed by standard Docker monitoring/management tools and processes:

Container Name	Description
<code>ngeneahub_app_1</code>	Web application
<code>ngeneahub_jobrefresh_1</code>	Maintenance task controller
<code>ngeneahub_db_1</code>	Application database (Postgres)
<code>ngeneahub_rabbitmq_1</code>	Task queue broker
<code>ngeneahub_redis_1</code>	Task results backend

Custom Workflows

Defining workflows

It's possible to define custom workflows which use pre-defined steps as building blocks to create your workflow.

Note:

Custom workflows are not currently exposed via the UI. Use the API / `api/workflows/` endpoint to create custom workflows

A workflow definition requirements the following parameters:

name	description
<code>name</code>	The unique name for this workflow. For easy of submission again the API, this should not contain spaces.
<code>label</code>	The human readable name for this workflow, can contain spaces.
<code>icon</code>	A HTML representation of an icon to display in the UI. Font Awesome is useful here.
<code>steps</code>	A list of steps to perform. Described in more detail below.
<code>fields</code>	A list of runtime fields. Described in more detail below.

Steps

Steps are defined in JSON. Steps is a list of individual steps that will be perform serially.

Each step is a defined as a dict. The following fields are in defined

- `name` *[required]*: The name of the task to run, e.g. `dynamo.tasks.migrate`
- `site` *[optional]*: The name of the site to run against. Default: The site associated with the initial filelist provided to the workflow.

Any other fields are passed as `kwargs` to the task.

Example 1 - Send to a site

```
[
  {
    "name": "dynamo.tasks.migrate"
  },
  {
    "name": "dynamo.tasks.recall",
    "site": "london"
  }
]
```

Runtime fields

A workflow needs to be able to accept parameters as it submitted. Taking example #1 above, “london” doesn’t want to be hardcoded as the destination site, as that would mean a new workflow would need to be defined for each possible destination.

Instead, fields can be defined, that in turn will need to be provided at workflow submission time. Fields are defined as a dict with the following keys:

- `name` *[required]*: The name of the field.
- `label` *[required]*: The fiendly name for this field, used for presenting in the UI
- `type` *[required]*: The type of the field. Valid options are:
 - `string` - a free text field
 - `int` - a free text field that will be validated a integer
 - `bool` - a checkbox
 - `enum[enum_type]` - A dropdown box representing a choice of option, populated from `enum_type`. `enum_type` can be one of the following
 - `site` - A list of all the sites Ngenea Hub has defined

Example 3 - Custom fields

```
[
  {
    "name": "target_site",
    "label": "Site to migrate to",
    "type": "enum[site]"
  },
  {
    "name": "delete",
    "label": "Delete from source",
    "type": "bool"
  }
]
```

Back in the definition of a step, any value that is prefixed with a `&` will be used as a field name and the value replaced instead of a literal string.

The following example, modifies example #1 to use the custom field as defined in example #3:

Example 4 - Using custom fields

```
[
  {
    "name": "dynamo.tasks.migrate"
  },
  {
    "name": "dynamo.tasks.recall",
    "site": "&target_site"
  }
]
```

Running Workflows

Note:

Workflows that define runtime fields cannot be submitted via the UI currently.

A workflow is run via the `/api/file/workflow/` endpoint and expects the following parameters.

name	description
<code>paths</code>	A list of paths to perform the workflows against
<code>site</code>	The site to perform the workflow against

Reference

Workflow Steps

This section documents all the currently supported steps in ngenea hub. See [Custom Workflows](#) for guidance on how to use these steps in your own workflows.

dynamo.tasks.migrate

Migrates a list of files to a pre-defined remote target using Ngenea.

Argument	Type	Default	Description
preigrate	bool	False	retain the content of every migrated file and do not set the OFFLINE flag for the file.migrating.
stub_size	int	0	retain a segment of every migrated file starting from its beginning and having a specified approximate length in bytes.
overwrite	bool	False	overwrite remote objects if they already exist-do not create remote object instances with various UUID suffixes

dynamo.tasks.recall

Recalls a list of files to a pre-defined remote target using Ngenea.

Argument	Type	Default	Description
skip_hash	bool	False	If the recall should skip checking the hash of the file

dynamo.tasks.reverse_stub

Recalls a list of files to a pre-defined remote target using Ngenea.

Argument	Type	Default	Description
hydrate	bool	False	If the file should be premigrated instead of a regular stub
stub_size	int	0	The max file size before files will be stubbed for this task
skip_hash	bool	False	If the recall should skip checking the hash of the file
overwrite	bool	False	overwrite local files if they already exist.

dynamo.tasks.delete_paths_from_gpfs

Removes a list of files from a GPFS filesystem.

This step takes no additional arguments.

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Changelog

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DYNAMOHUB-187 `api/users/` endpoint throwing error when a username containing “.” exists
DYNAMOHUB-186 “failed to acquire a DMAPI lock EXCL immediately; keeping trying...” is treated as an error
DYNAMOHUB-185 Job reporting not providing correct counts
DYNAMOHUB-184 Resubmit button should not be enabled when not usable
DYNAMOHUB-177 Using UI to trigger workflow fails
DYNAMOHUB-171 Attempting to post to `/api/file/workflow` with only a token causes 500
DYNAMOHUB-170 Bug when a directory is in intermediate selection state and closed
DYNAMOHUB-124 Send data between different sites via the UI
DYNAMOHUB-115 Rework ngene output parsing
DYNAMOHUB-103 Rebuild UI using React
DYNAMOHUB-188 Improve stat task to make directory handling explicit
DYNAMOHUB-176 step argument: skip-check-hash
DYNAMOHUB-175 step argument: overwrite-remote
DYNAMOHUB-174 step argument: overwrite-local
DYNAMOHUB-173 step argument: stub-size
DYNAMOHUB-166 React 404 should not change URL
DYNAMOHUB-164 Support file delete workflow
DYNAMOHUB-147 Recent jobs list should show the most recent jobs, nevermind what state they are in
DYNAMOHUB-84 Job reporting scaling improvements

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- [DYNAMOHUB-148] Fix bug where sub-directories can fail to be processed
- [DYNAMOHUB-142] recursive_action failures report as success
- [DYNAMOHUB-151] Allow overriding the site on a per-step basis
- [DYNAMOHUB-150] Submission time arguments to workflow support
- [DYNAMOHUB-136] Validate runtime fields

- [DYNAMOHUB-156] Show verbose error information on failure
- [DYNAMOHUB-155] New task: reverse stub
- [DYNAMOHUB-152] Report task types with more meaningful names

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- [DYNAMOHUB-144] Fixed an issue with submitting workflows with Client Key
- [DYNAMOHUB-133] Fixed warnings generated from auto field
- [DYNAMOHUB-140] Refactor existing ngeneahub tasks to message passing format
- [DYNAMOHUB-137] Support static arguments to a step
- [DYNAMOHUB-131] Provide existing actions as default workflows
- [DYNAMOHUB-134] enable easy access to dbshell
- [DYNAMOHUB-132] Workflows are now defined dynamically.
- [DYNAMOHUB-141] Allow users to create (API) client keys

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- [DYNAMOHUB-90] Expose JWT Login API endpoints
- [DYNAMOHUB-94] Add Swagger API Documentation
- [DYNAMOHUB-85] Validate that site names do not end with the suffix we use to identify queue types
- [DYNAMOHUB-83] Allow middle-click/right-click to open navbar links in new tabs
- [DYNAMOHUB-81] Ship ngeneahub cli tool as a venv with docker-compose included
- [DYNAMOHUB-56] Improve performance of job page by doing pagination server-side
- [DYNAMOHUB-72] Package up rabbitmq and redis in the deployment
- [DYNAMOHUB-65] Provide systemd unit

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4.7 Without prejudice to clause 4.6, where the API interacts with any software or system which is not provided by us, we are not responsible and shall have no liability in any way for such software or system.

5 Termination

5.1 We may terminate this EULA immediately by written notice to you if you commit a breach of this EULA which you fail to remedy (if remediable) within 14 days after the service of written notice requiring you to do so. Without prejudice to our rights under this clause 5.1, your rights under this EULA will terminate automatically without the need for notice if you commit a material breach of any of the terms of this EULA.

5.2 On termination for any reason:

5.2.1 all rights granted to you under this EULA shall cease;

5.2.2 you must immediately cease all activities authorised by this EULA; and

5.2.3 you must immediately and permanently delete or remove the Work from all computer equipment in your possession, and immediately destroy or return to us (at our option) all copies of the Work then in your possession, custody or control and, in the case of destruction, certify to us that you have done so.

6 Communications between us

6.1 We may update the terms of this EULA at any time on notice to you in accordance with this condition 6. Your continued use of the Work following the deemed receipt and service of the notice under condition 6.3 shall constitute your acceptance to the terms of this EULA, as varied. If you do not wish to accept the terms of the EULA (as varied) you must immediately stop using and accessing the Work on the deemed receipt and service of the notice.

6.2 If we have to contact you, we will do so by email or by pre-paid post to the address you provided in accordance with your order for or registration of the Work.

6.3 Note that any notice:

6.3.1 given by us to you will be deemed received and properly served 24 hours after it is first posted on our website, 24 hours after an email is sent, or three days after the date of posting of any letter; and

6.3.2 given by you to us will be deemed received and properly served 24 hours after an email is sent, or three days after the date of posting of any letter.

6.4 In proving the service of any notice, it will be sufficient to prove, in the case of posting on our website, that the website was generally accessible to the public for a period of 24 hours after the first posting of the notice; in the case of a letter, that such letter was properly addressed, stamped and placed in the post to the address of the recipient given for these purposes; and, in the case of an email, that such email was sent to the email address of the recipient given for these purposes.

7 Events outside our control

7.1 We will not be liable or responsible for any failure to perform, or delay in performance of, any of our obligations under this EULA that is caused by an Event Outside Our Control.

An Event Outside Our Control is defined below in condition 7.2.

7.2 An Event Outside Our Control means any act or event beyond our reasonable control, including without limitation failure of public or private telecommunications networks.

7.3 If an Event Outside Our Control takes place that affects the performance of our obligations under this EULA:

7.3.1 our obligations under this EULA will be suspended and the time for performance of our obligations will be extended for the duration of the Event Outside Our Control; and

7.3.2 we will use our reasonable endeavours to find a solution by which our obligations under this EULA may be performed despite the Event Outside Our Control.

8 Third Party Software

8.1 Any part or component of the Software which has been contributed or created by any third party (including any open-source software) and which is not owned by us (Third Party Software) shall be deemed to be incorporated within the Software for the purposes of this EULA (except where expressly provided to the contrary) and use of the Third Party Software shall be subject to (and you shall comply with) such additional terms as relate to such Third Party Software from time to time (Third Party Additional Terms), and such Third Party Additional terms shall take precedence over this EULA in relation to such Third Party Software. You shall indemnify and hold us harmless against any loss or damage which we may suffer or incur as a result of your breach of any Third Party Additional Terms howsoever arising, and we may treat your breach of any Third Party Additional Terms as a material breach of this EULA.

8.2 For the avoidance of doubt, the performance of, and any issues caused by or arising from, any Third Party Software shall be considered an Event Outside Our Control and (without prejudice to the provisions of this EULA in relation to warranties regarding the Software generally) all Third Party Software is provided on an "AS IS" basis and without conditions, warranties, representations or other terms of any kind, either express or implied (and any such implied conditions, warranties, representations or other terms, whether implied by statute, common law or otherwise, are excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law), including, without limitation, any conditions, warranties, representations or other terms relating to title, non-infringement, merchantability, or fitness for a particular purpose.

9 Other important terms

9.1 We may transfer our rights and obligations under this EULA to another organisation, but this will not affect your rights or our obligations under this EULA.

9.2 You may only transfer your rights or your obligations under this EULA to another person if we agree in writing.

9.3 This EULA and any document expressly referred to in it constitutes the entire agreement between us and supersedes and extinguishes all previous agreements, promises, assurances, warranties, representations and understandings between us, whether written or oral, relating to its subject matter. You agree that you shall have no remedies in respect of any statement, representation, assurance or warranty (whether made innocently or negligently) that is not set out in this EULA or any document expressly referred to in it. You agree that you shall have no claim for innocent or negligent misrepresentation or negligent misstatement based on any statement in this EULA or any document expressly referred to in it.

9.4 If we fail to insist that you perform any of your obligations under this EULA, or if we do not enforce our rights against you, or if we delay in doing so, that will not mean that we have waived our rights against you and will not mean that you do not have to comply with those obligations. If we do waive a default by you, we will only do so in writing signed by us, and that will not mean that we will automatically waive any later default by you.

9.5 Each of the conditions of this EULA operates separately. If any court or competent authority decides that any of them are unlawful or unenforceable, the remaining conditions will remain in full force and effect.

9.6 This EULA, its subject matter and its formation (and any non-contractual disputes or claims) are governed by English law. We both irrevocably agree to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.