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# The Hidden Gems of Catalyst Center

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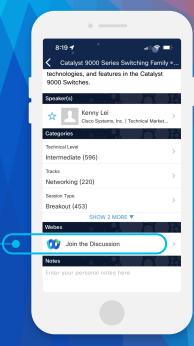
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### Session Assumptions and Objectives

- Catalyst Center 2.3.7.x, IOS-XE 17.12.x, and ISE 3.2
   Patch 3 or greater
- High level overview of features
  - NOT deep dive
- Focus on proper deployment of features
  - Step-through deployment examples
  - Demos



## Installation





#### Installation

- Cluster link
- DNS reachability
- SSL proxy



#### Installation - Cluster Link

- Cluster link must be ACTIVE at all times, even if standalone
  - Non-active cluster link results in installation/upgrade failures
- Applies to all form factors of Cisco DNA Center or Catalyst Center versions
  - ESXi VA form factor (2.3.7+ has built-in, always active cluster link)
- Fix/workaround:
  - Always ensure cluster link is active and has IP address, even if connected to non-existent network



#### Installation - DNS

- Non-airgap install requires DNS RESOLUTION of ciscoconnectdna.com domain
  - Resolution checked during initial system installation
  - Installation will fail if DNS resolution not successful
- Applies to all form factors of Cisco DNA Center or Catalyst Center versions
- Fix/workaround:
  - Create dummy DNS entry for ciscoconnectdna.com if necessary
  - If true Airgap environment, contact TAC for Airgap version of images



#### Installation - SSL Proxy

- SSL proxy interferes with initial installation or during upgrades
  - SSL proxy injects own certificate to Catalyst Center, which is not trusted
  - Check /etc/maglev/maglev-config-wizard.log for error
    - Get registry.ciscoconnectdna.com/v1/\_ping: x509: certificate signed by unknown authority
  - Result: installation or upgrade failures
  - CSCvi73428
- Applies to all form factors of Cisco DNA Center or Catalyst Center versions
- Fix/workaround:
  - Prevent network access to Catalyst Center during initial installation (keep in mind DNS resolution)
  - Install SSL proxy root CA onto Catalyst Center before upgrade (requires TAC due to Challenge Token)



# Settings





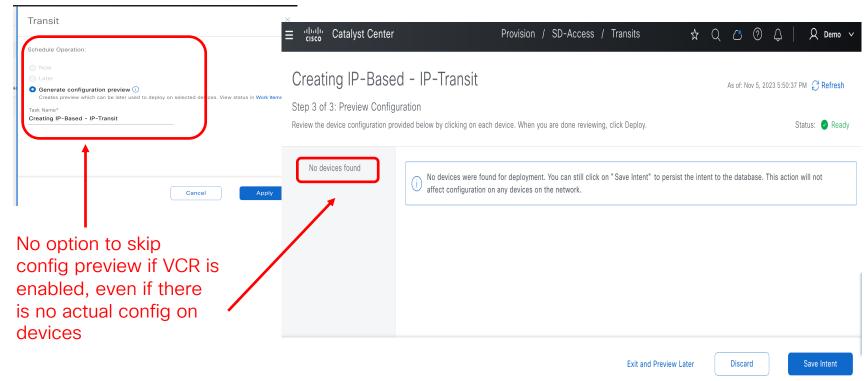
#### Settings

- Visibility and Control of Configurations
- SNMP polling

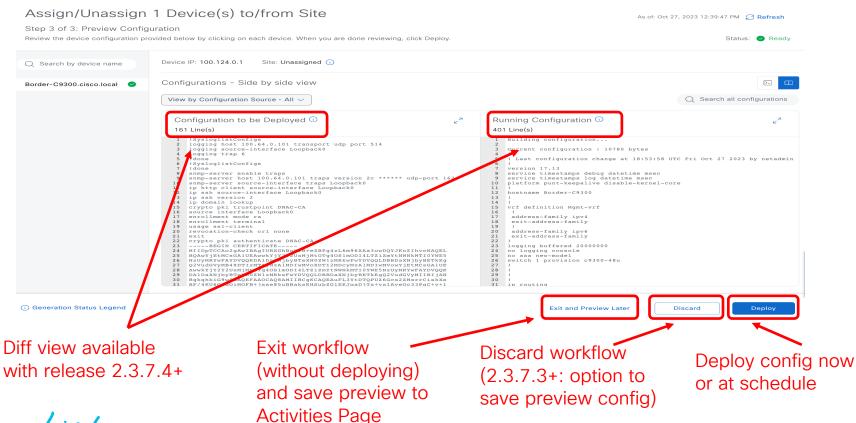


- Initially known as VCR (Visibility, Control and Rollback)
- Enabled by default with Catalyst Center 2.3.7.0+
- When VCR is enabled, nearly all workflows MUST have configuration preview
  - · Even workflows with no changes
- Suitable when ITSM and change management are company policy
- What if you don't want it...?

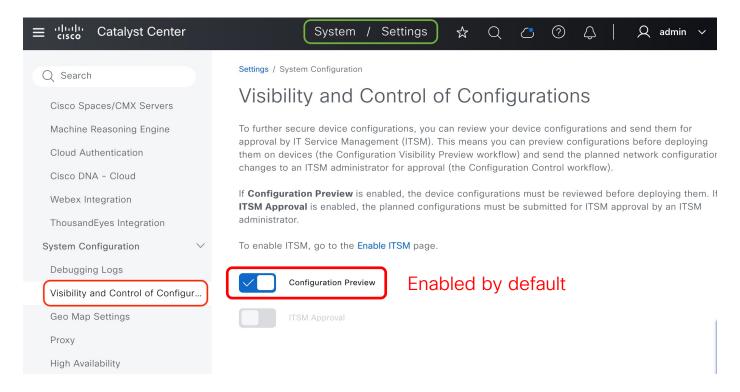








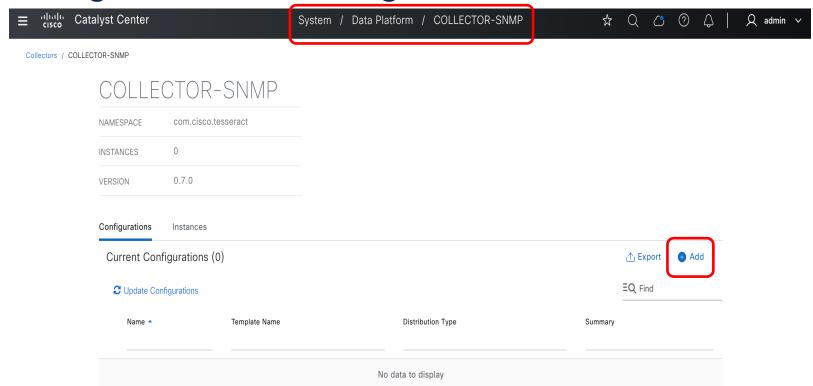




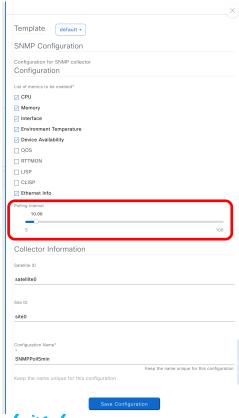


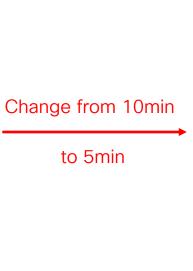
- Advanced features employ netconf-yang for telemetry (e.g. PoE stats, TrustSec data)
- Classic SNMP polling still dominant (e.g. system ID, interface MIB-II)
- By default, SNMP polling interval is 10min for most OIDs
- Modify default polling via new Collector-SNMP instance addition
- System Settings -> Data Platform -> Collectors

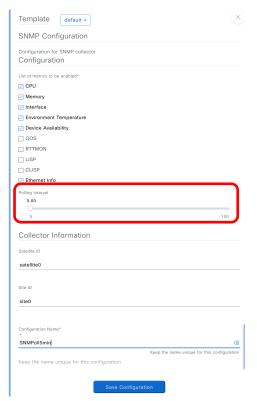




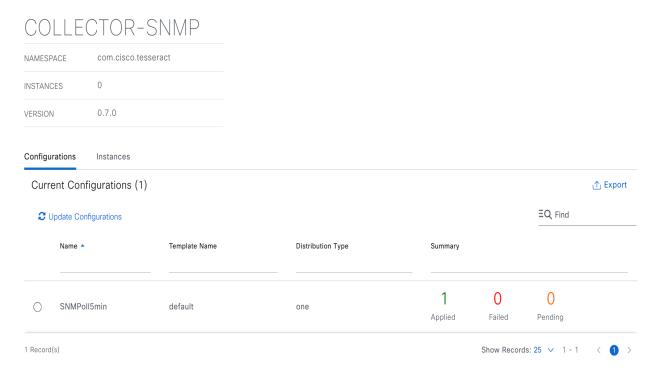








Collectors / COLLECTOR-SNMP





## Settings - SNMP Polling (Example)

#### Default Settings (output from "debug snmp packets"):

```
*Oct 30 21:05:57.000: SNMP: Response, reqid 1524744419, errstat 0, erridx 0 ciscoEnvMonTemperatureStatusEntry.3.1012 = 40 ciscoEnvMonTemperatureStatusEntry.2.1012 = Switch 1 - Inlet Temp Sensor

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## Settings - SNMP Polling (Example)

#### New Collector-SNMP instance with 5min interval added:

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# Navigation





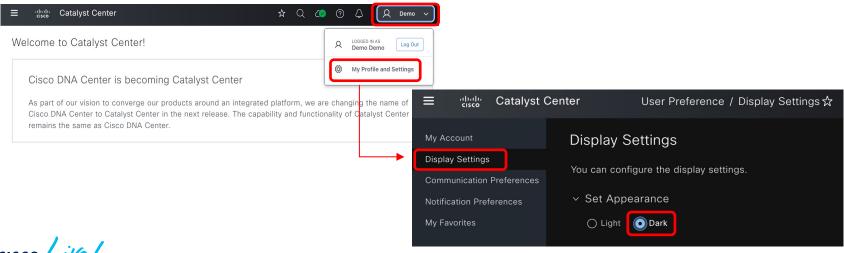
#### Navigation

- Dark mode
- Keyboard shortcuts
- Favorite Pages
- Inventory Focus customization
- SWIM
- PnP device onboarding



#### Navigation - Dark Mode

- Dark mode supported with 2.3.7.0+
  - Appliance, AWS: 2.3.7.0+
  - ESXi VA: 2.3.7.3+
- Enabled through My Profile and Settings



#### Navigation - Keyboard Shortcuts

- Keyboard shortcuts available for both appliance and VA form factors
- [Alt/Option]+/ = Keyboard shortcut window
- Q+T = Command Runner "terminal" window for quick checks for a device
- Q+D = List of recently accessed devices that have been viewed through Device Details or Compliance (for current web browser session only)
- Q+A = Status of Activities Task list (does not dynamically refresh)
- Q+F = List of favorite pages
- [Alt/Option]+S = Global search window
- Shift+Q+M = Maximize Network Hierarchy geomap window (Esc to exit)



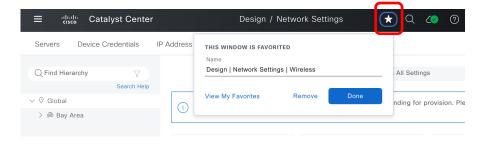
#### Navigation - Favorite Pages

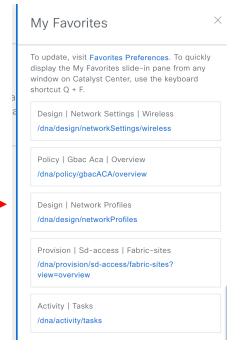
· Most commonly accessed pages can be added to Favorites list

Quicker access for common/repetitive tasks

 Add/remove page from Favorites list by "starring" it (bulk remove through My Profile -> My Favorites)

Q+F = List of favorite pages





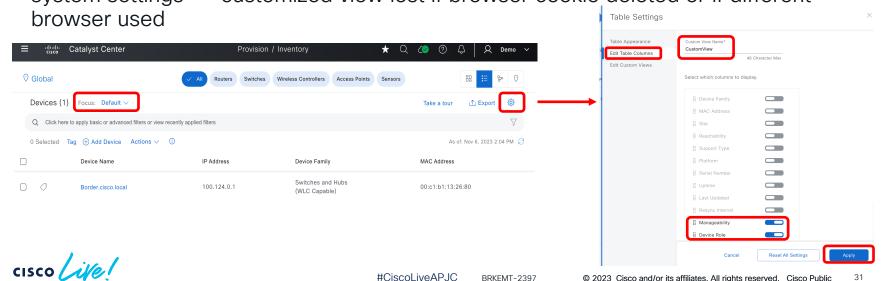


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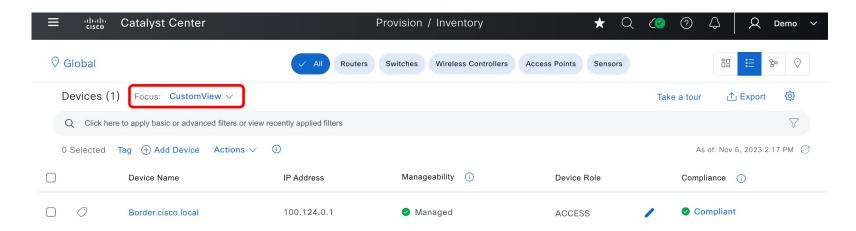
#### Navigation - Inventory Focus Customization

- Each Focus on Inventory page parlay different device status
- Customize Focus to show common or critical status

 Focus customization persists through browser cookie only, not on any Catalyst Center system settings -> customized view lost if browser cookie deleted or if different



#### Navigation - Inventory Focus Customization





# Navigation Demo



- High scalability of device upgrade
  - Scheduled 100 devices for upgrades with GUI (1000 with API)
  - Distributions and activations of image occur in batches of 40 devices at a time
- Simultaneous parallel and sequential upgrades (2.3.7.0+)
- NETCONF enablement on device recommended for SWIM
  - Improved SWIM transactions with device
- Software Image Management (SWIM) defaults to Global hierarchy view
  - · Be aware of hierarchy level when assigning image to device platform at lower hierarchy



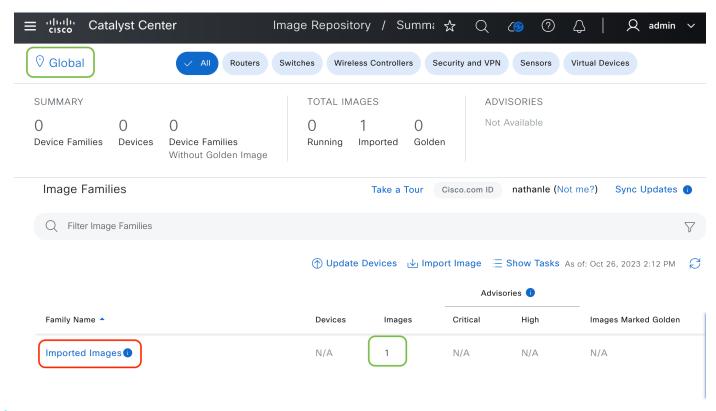
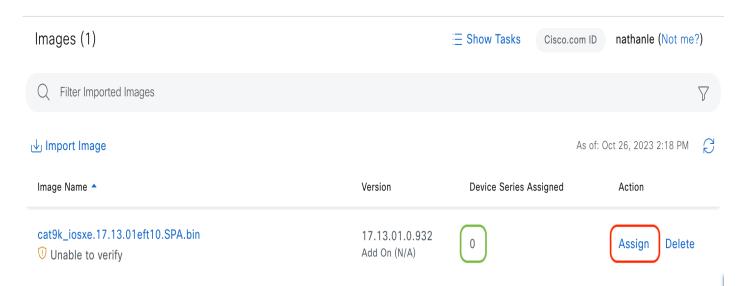




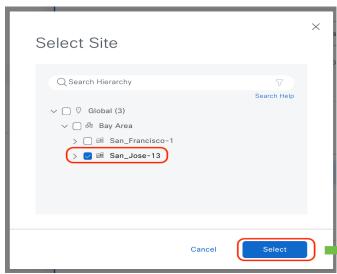
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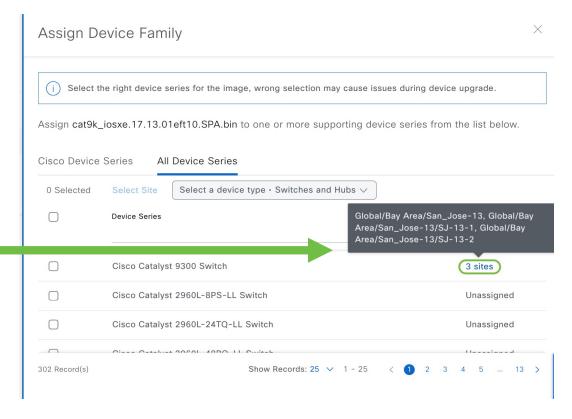




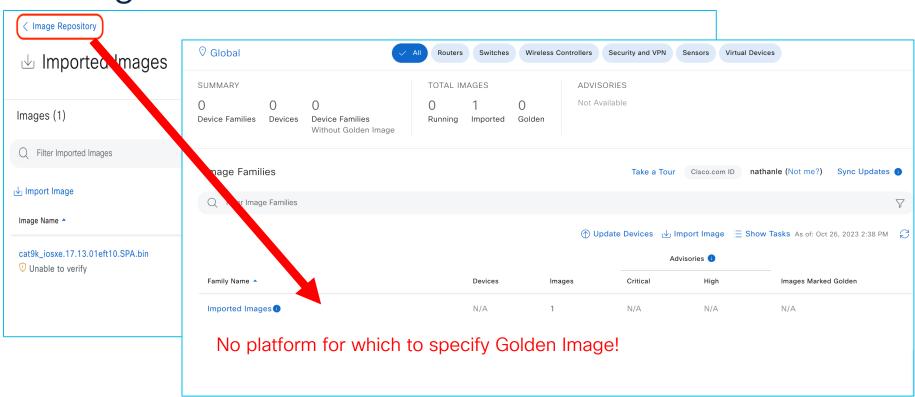
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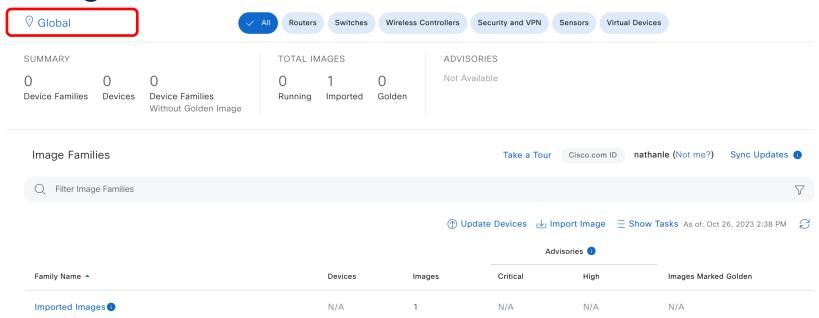




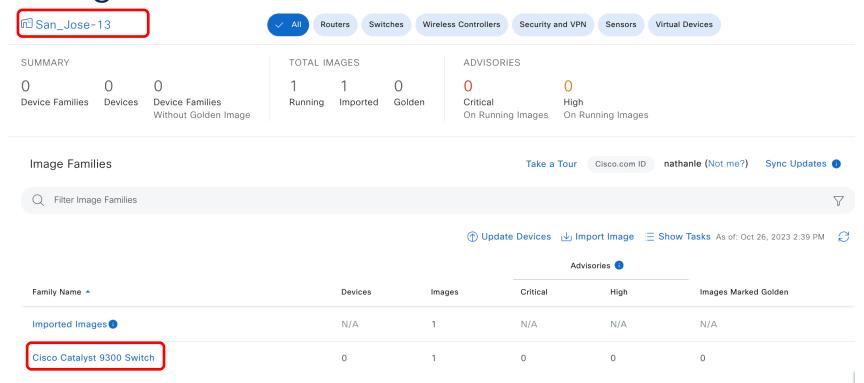










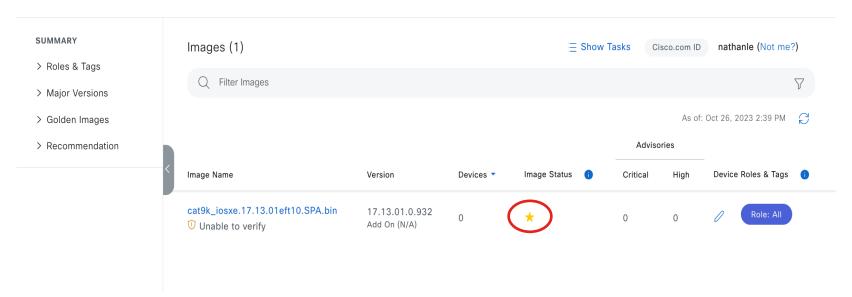




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#### Cisco Catalyst 9300 Switch





#### Navigation - PnP Device Onboarding

- General recommendations for Network Plug and Play (PnP)
  - Just cable up and power up-little reasons to connect to console of device
  - PnP support Stackwise switches (no support for Stackwise Virtual SWV)
  - SWIM with PnP for install mode only (not supported for bundle mode)
  - Leave PnP or LAN Auto running while resolving issues (e.g. network reachability, license level)
  - LAN Auto active + PnP of non-fabric devices = supported
  - LAN Auto active + SDA Extended Node onboarding = CONFLICT! NOT SUPPORTED!
  - "pnpa service reset no-prompt" = quick and easy reset of device for PnP, if absolutely needed
- But if problem is encountered, it's ok to connect to console of PnP device
  - · It's ok to get into config mode
  - It's possible to restart PnP process without rebooting device



### Navigation - PnP Restart Without Rebooting

- A. Delete device in Error state on Catalyst Center PnP page
- B. Connect to console port of PnP device and stop PnP service
  - Switch# pnp service discovery stop
- C. Delete existing PnP profile on device
  - Switch(config) # no pnp profile pnp-zero-touch
- D. Create new PnP profile on device
  - Switch(config) # pnp profile pnp-zero-touch
  - Switch(config) # transport http ipv4 {PnP-Server-IP} port 80
- E. Restart PnP service on device (optional)
  - Switch# pnp service discovery start
- F. Claim device on Catalyst Center PnP page



# PnP Demo



## Applications





### **Applications**

- App-hosting
- Application Telemetry and CBAR
- Al Endpoint and Trust Analytics

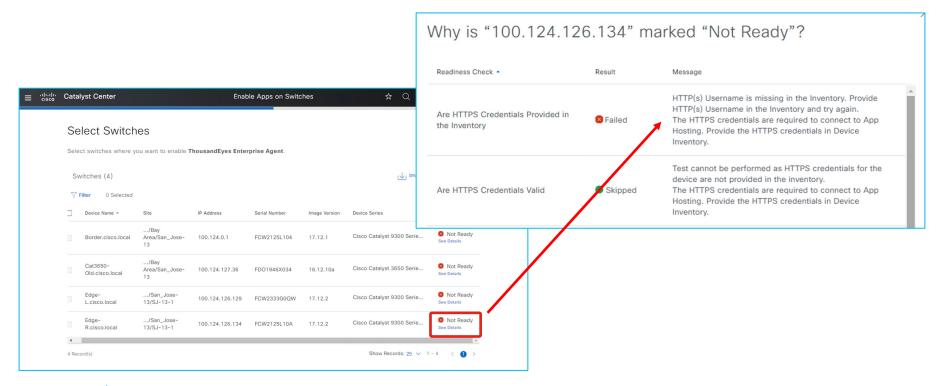


#### Applications - App-Hosting

- App-hosting uses RESTCONF from Catalyst Center
  - HTTPS server required to be enabled on switches
  - Should run versions of IOS-XE that address WebUI critical vulnerability
  - Use http access-class to limit web access to device (best practice)
- User credential for https must have level 15 privilege
  - Authentication can be local or through AAA
  - On Catalyst Center: HTTPS credential (and TCP port) added during discovery or under Inventory after onboarding
  - On IOS-XE switches: "ip http authentication {local|aaa}"

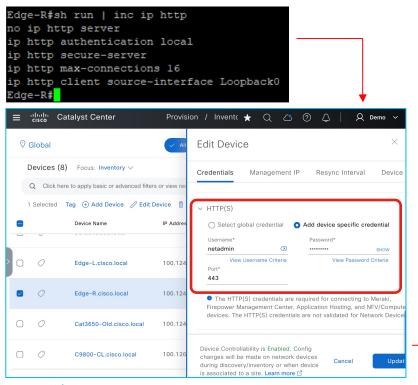


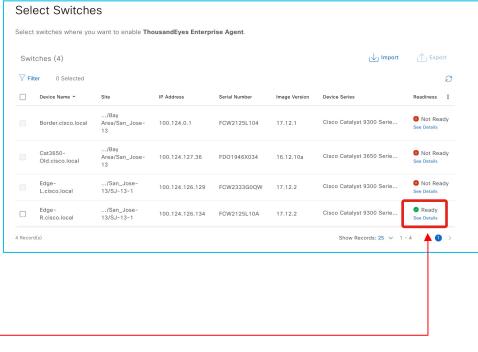
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### Application Telemetry?

Application Visibility?

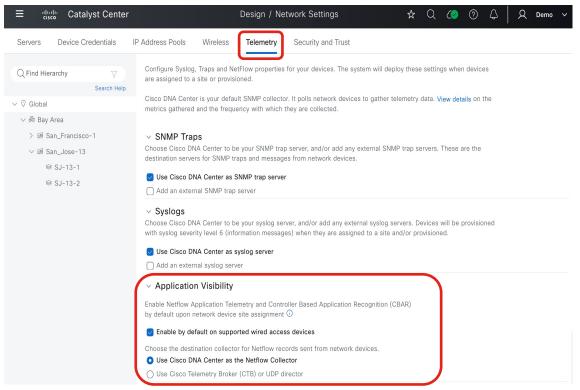
Application Experience?



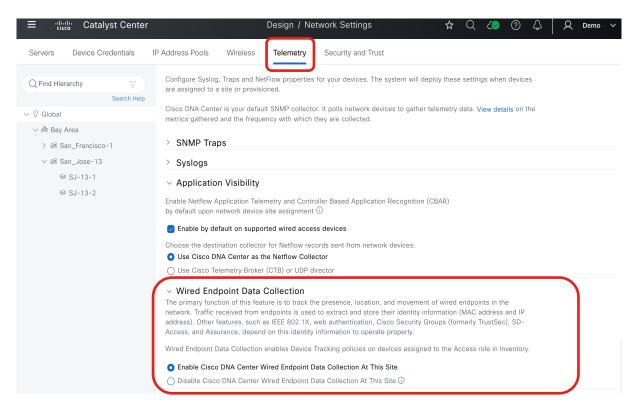
#### **Application Experience**

- Application Telemetry
  - Configuration on network devices orchestrated by Catalyst Center to send traffic telemetry to Catalyst Center or Cisco Telemetry Broker
  - NetFlow/IPFIX exports from devices
- Application Visibility
  - Classification of applications done locally on devices (NBAR) and/or on Catalyst Center (CBAR)
  - Classification export from devices on a separate stream from regular App Telemetry
- Application Experience
  - Term used to encompass Application Visibility and Control solution
  - Often used to describe qualitative Application Visibility (as opposed to quantitative AppViz)





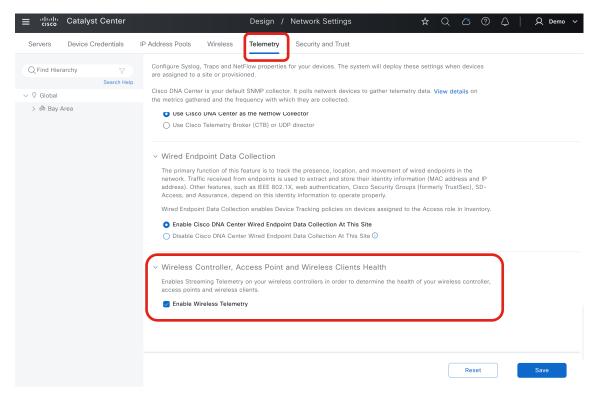
- Catalyst Center as NetFlow
  Collector enabled under Design > Network Settings -> Telemetry
- Alternative option to set Cisco Telemetry Broker (CTB) as NetFlow destination instead
- CTB as destination recommended when Secure Network Analytics (StealthWatch) is also deployed



## Strongly Recommended to enable Wired Data Endpoint Collection

- Provides granular client information for Assurance, ISE accounting, and other features
- Required setting for Software-Defined Access (SDA) fabric deployment
- Default setting is Enable on virtual form factor of Catalyst Center but Disable on physical appliance image





 Ensure telemetry for wireless networks is enabled (set by default)



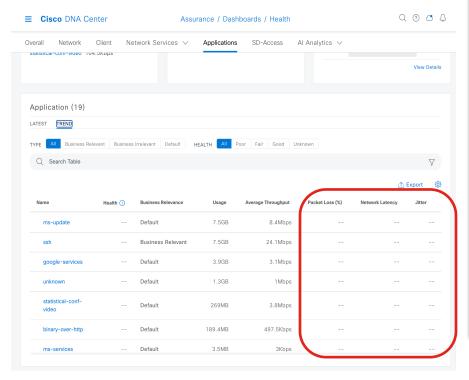
## Application Telemetry from Access Switches Overview

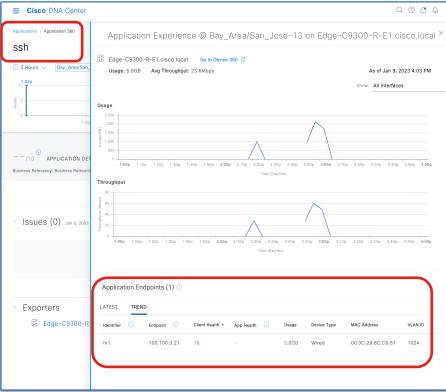
- Flexible NetFlow config to match applications orchestrated from Catalyst Center
- Supported for Software Defined Access (SDA) fabric or non-fabric
- Switches must be activated with DNA-Advantage licenses
- Quantitative visibility only no performance metric (loss, jitter, latency)
- Application customization through CBAR



#### Application Telemetry from Switches

 Switch-based Application Visibility does not include performance metrics





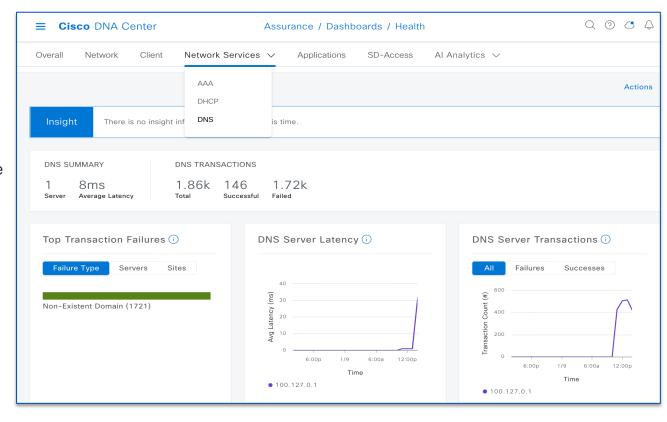
Client level Application usage visibility



#### Application Telemetry from Switches - DNS

#### **DNS Health Visibility**

- Utilize time travel feature to view DNS metrics at specific points in time
- View summary of all DNS servers and average latency
- View all successful and failed transactions
- Obtain Al insights into DNS events





#### Application Telemetry from Access Switches

#### **Deployment Considerations**

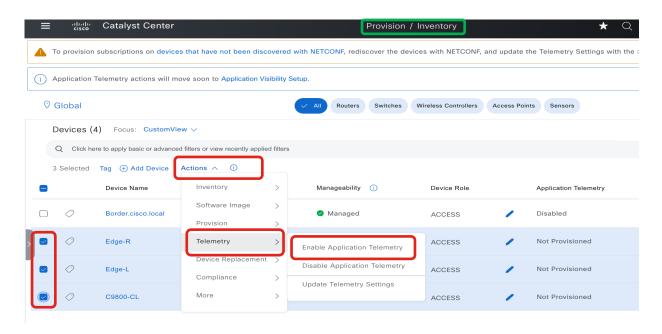
- Netconf Enablement on Switches Highly Recommended
  - Enable through Catalyst Center (PnP/LAN Auto onboarding or via Discovery tool)
  - Allows for additional telemetry info for PoE status, AAA/SGT counters, LISP status
- Enabling Application Telemetry pushes NetFlow monitor to ACCESS mode ports
  - Manually add keyword "lan" to interface description of desired interfaces to forcibly apply NF monitor
- Cannot incrementally enable Application Telemetry on new interfaces
  - Disable, then re-enable Application Telemetry for entire device
  - Alternatively, use Template or manual CLI to apply required configuration to new interfaces



Switches MUST be in Inventory Click on Pencil icon to change role Switches MUST in be Access Device Role ? Catalyst Center  $\equiv$ Provision / Inventory Demo ∨ O Global Switches Wireless Controllers Access Points Sensors Devices (3) Focus: CustomView V Take a tour ı ↑ Export Q Click here to apply basic or advanced filters or view recently applied filters 10 Tag (+) Add Device 0 Selected Actions ∨ Device Name IP Address Manageability Device Role Application Telemetry Compliance (i) Non-Compliant Border.cisco.local 100.124.0.1 Managed ACCESS Enabled Non-Compliant 100.124.126.129 Managed Not Provisioned Edge-R ACCESS Compliant Edge-L 100.124.126.134 Managed Not Provisioned **ACCESS** 

#### Catalyst Center 2.3.5.x and below

Initiate Application Telemetry via Provision -> Inventory







 NetFlow configuration pushed to Access Switches (IPv4) – Flow Record

#### flow record dnacrecord

match ipv4 version

match ipv4 protocol

match application name

match connection client ipv4 address

match connection server ipv4 address

match connection server transport port

match flow observation point

collect timestamp absolute first

collect timestamp absolute last

collect flow direction

collect connection initiator

collect connection client counter packets long

collect connection client counter bytes network long

collect connection server counter packets long

collect connection server counter bytes network long

collect connection new-connections

collect datalink mac source address input

#### flow record dnacrecord\_dns

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collect application dns requests

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collect application dns delay response sum





 NetFlow configuration pushed to Access Switches (IPv4) – Flow Exporter and Monitor

#### flow exporter dnacexporter

destination <Catalyst Center IPv4 address> source Loopback0 transport udp 6007 export-protocol ipfix option interface-table timeout 300 option vrf-table timeout 300 option sampler-table option application-table timeout 300 option application-attributes timeout 300

#### flow monitor dnacmonitor

exporter dnacexporter cache timeout inactive 10 cache timeout active 60 record dnacrecord

#### flow monitor dnacmonitor\_dns

exporter dnacexporter cache timeout inactive 10 cache timeout active 60 record dnacrecord\_dns





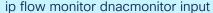
 NetFlow configuration pushed to Access Switches (IPv4) – Flow Interface Monitoring

#### interface GigabitEthernet1/0/1

- ip flow monitor dnacmonitor input
- ip flow monitor dnacmonitor\_dns input
- ip flow monitor dnacmonitor output
- ip flow monitor dnacmonitor\_dns output

#### interface GigabitEthernet1/1/2

description lan



ip flow monitor dnacmonitor\_dns input

ip flow monitor dnacmonitor output

ip flow monitor dnacmonitor\_dns output

keyword "lan" can be manually added to the interface description to forcefully apply NetFlow monitor to an interface not configured with "switchport mode access"





 NetFlow configuration pushed to Access Switches (IPv6) – Flow Record

#### flow record dnacrecord\_v6

match ipv6 version match ipv6 protocol

match application name

match connection client ipv6 address

match connection server ipv6 address

match connection server transport port

match flow observation point

collect timestamp absolute first

collect timestamp absolute last

collect flow direction

collect connection initiator

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collect connection client counter bytes network long

collect connection server counter packets long

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match ipv6 version

match ipv6 protocol

match connection client ipv6 address

match connection server ipv6 address

match flow observation point

match application dns qtype

match application dns rcode

collect datalink mac source address input

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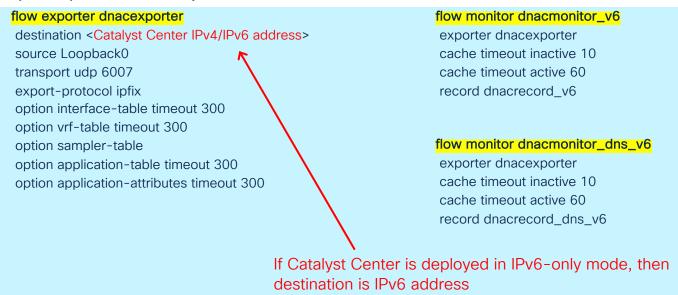
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collect application dns delay response sum





 NetFlow configuration pushed to Access Switches (IPv6) – Flow Exporter and Monitor







 NetFlow configuration pushed to Access Switches (IPv6) – Flow Interface Monitoring

#### interface GigabitEthernet1/0/1

ipv6 flow monitor dnacmonitor\_v6 input ipv6 flow monitor dnacmonitor\_dns\_v6 input ipv6 flow monitor dnacmonitor\_v6 output ipv6 flow monitor dnacmonitor dns v6 output

#### interface GigabitEthernet1/1/2

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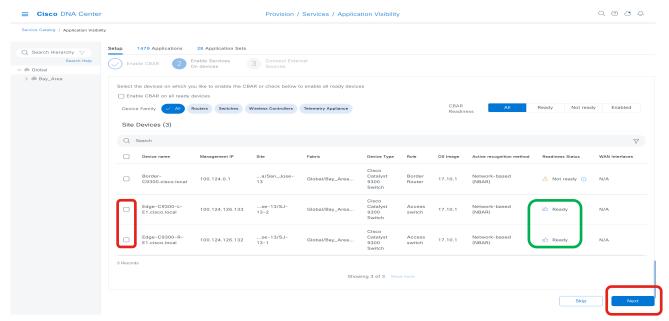
#### Application Visibility from Access Switches

- NBAR (Network-Based Application Recognition)
  - Application classification capability local to each device
- CBAR (Controller-Based Application Recognition)
  - Catalyst Center capability to share and dynamically update NBAR application signatures between network devices
- NBAR classifies >1400 apps natively (including encrypted ones)
- Expand list of 1400+ classified apps through discovered apps or customized apps via CBAR
- Separate feature from Application Telemetry
  - Enablement order does not matter (i.e. can enable NBAR/CBAR prior to App Telemetry)
  - However, requires Application Telemetry to export flow info via NetFlow
- Supported for Software Defined Access (SDA) fabric or non-fabric
- Switches must be activated with DNA-Advantage licenses
- Works in conjunction with Application QoS Policy to push configs for proper queuing policies for specified apps to network infrastructure



#### Catalyst Center 2.3.5.x and below

- Enable through Provision > Application Visibility
- Switches must be in Access Role to be "Ready"

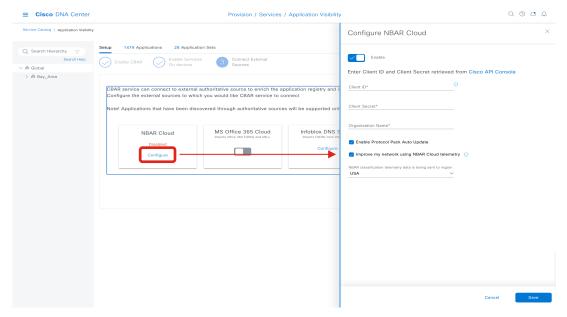




## Switch Application Visibility Deployment Catalyst Center 2.3.5.x and below



 Enhanced app classification and dynamic Protocol Pack updates through NBAR Cloud

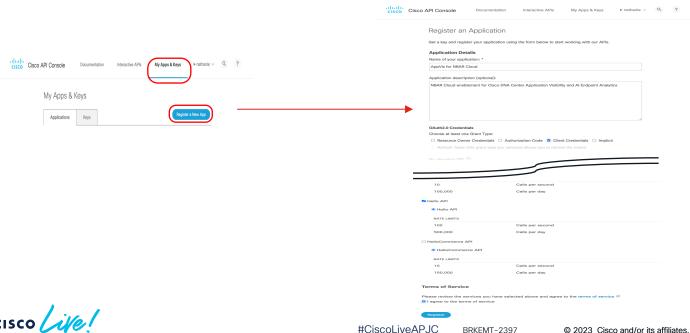




### For Your Reference

#### Catalyst Center 2.3.5.x and below

- Obtain credential for NBAR Cloud at Cisco API console
  - https://apiconsole.cisco.com/apps/myapps
  - Create app service tying in Client Credentials and at least Hello API



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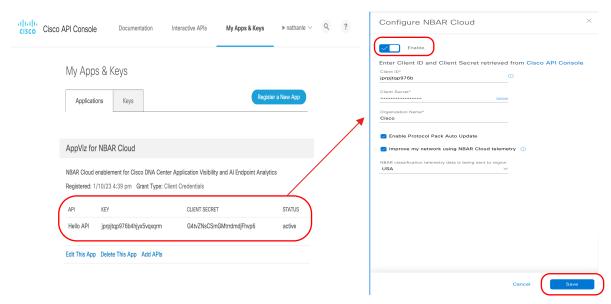


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Input obtained credential to enable NBAR Cloud

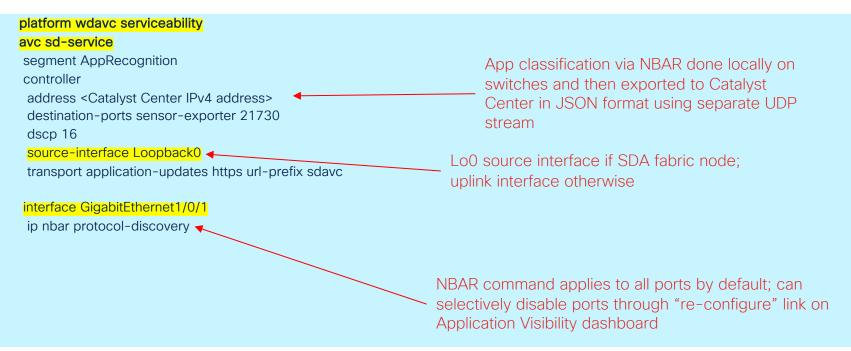


**API Console Portal** 

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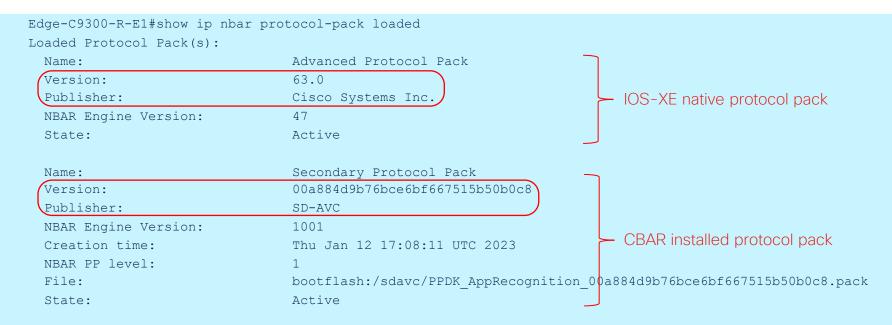


NBAR/CBAR configuration pushed to Switches





NBAR/CBAR verification on Switches





### Switch Application Visibility Deployment

NBAR/CBAR verification on Switches

```
Edge-C9300-R-E1#show avc sd-service info summary
                                                                                Edge-C9300-R-E1#sh avc sd-service info summary
Status: CONNECTED
                                                                                Status: CONNECTED
Device ID: Edge-C9300-R-E1.cisco.local
                                                                                Device ID: Edge-C9300-R-E1.cisco.local
Device segment name: AppRecognition
                                                                                Device segment name: AppRecognition
Device address: 100.124.126.132
                                                                                Device address: 100.124.126.132
Device OS version: 17.10.01
                                                                                Device OS version: 17.10.01
Device type: C9300-48U
                                                                                Device type: C9300-48U
Active controller:
                                                                                Active controller:
   Type : Primary
                                                                                           : Primary
         : 100.64.0.101
                                                                                   Address: 100.64.0.101
   Status: Connected
                                                                                   Status : Connected
                                                          Moments later
   Version : 4.4.0
                                                                                   Version
                                                                                                  • 4.4.0
   Last connection: 20:13:17.000 UTC Thu Jan 12 2023
                                                                                   Last connection: 22:30:35.000 UTC Thu Jan 12 2023
Active SDAVC import files:
                                                                                Active SDAVC import files:
    Protocol pack:
                             Not. loaded
                                                                                    Protocol pack:
                                                                                                             Not. loaded
    Secondary protocol pack:
                                                                                    Secondary protocol pack:
PPDK AppRecognition 00a884d9b76bce6bf667515b50b0c8.pack
                                                                                PPDK AppRecognition 00a884d9b76bce6bf667515b50b0c8.pack
    Rules pack:
                             Not loaded
                                                                                    Rules pack:
                                                                                pp update AppRecognition a v2 b31c143960al.pack
```



## Switch Application Visibility Deployment

NBAR/CBAR classified Top-N applications (reflected on Catalyst Center)

Edge-C9300-R-E1#sh ip nbar protocol-discovery top-n  GigabitEthernet1/0/1		
	Input	Output
Protocol	Packet Count	Packet Count
Processi		
	5min Bit Rate (bps)	Byte Count
		5min Max Bit Rate (bps)
ms-services	3915973	9324733
	261709271	11022843082
	3000	3000
	1649000	68846000
ssh	2030585	703017
	3068521966	53667192
	65800000	1175000
	65800000	1175000
google-services	1048736	2242508
	68295263	2290752005
	0	0
	486000	15529000
unknown	28192	79902
	1947180	103014893
	0	0



### Applications - Application Telemetry and CBAR

Catalyst Center 2.3.7.x and above

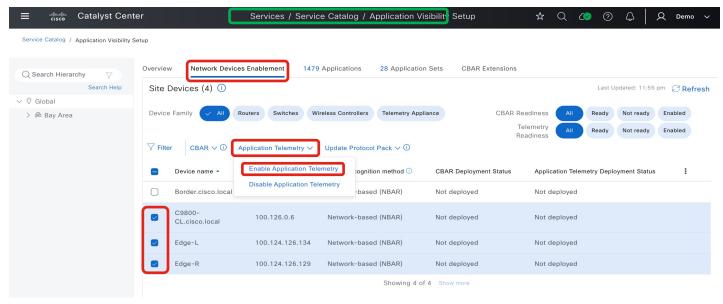
- Application Telemetry and CBAR AUTOMATICALLY enabled for devices in Access role, when assigned to network site (e.g. PnP onboarding, manual discovery with site assignment)
- To prevent Application Telemetry and CBAR from automatically enabled, do not assign device to site during Discovery or PnP onboarding
- To disable Application Telemetry and CBAR on devices, go to Provision -> Application Visibility Setup



### Applications - Application Telemetry and CBAR

Catalyst Center 2.3.7.x and above

 Disable (and Enable) Application Telemetry via Provision -> Application Visibility -> Network Devices Enablement

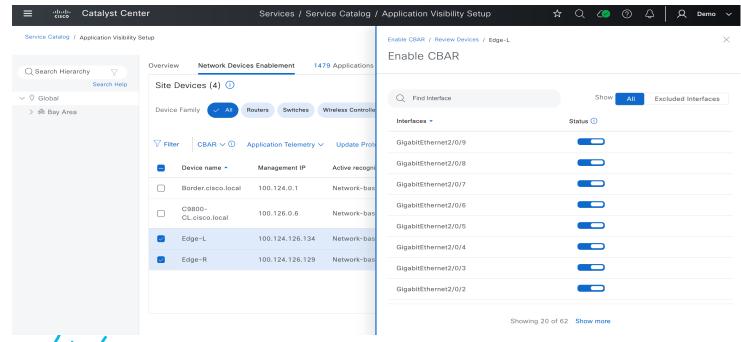




### Switch Application Visibility Deployment

### Catalyst Center 2.3.7.x and above

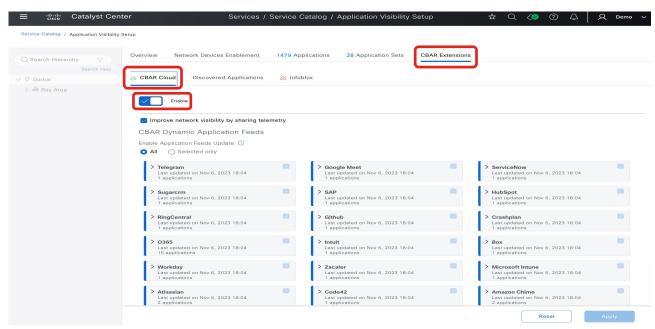
 Option to selectively enable NBAR/CBAR on selected interfaces (default is to enable on all access ports)



### Applications - Application Telemetry and CBAR

### Catalyst Center 2.3.7.x and above

 Enhanced app classification and dynamic Protocol Pack updates through CBAR Cloud

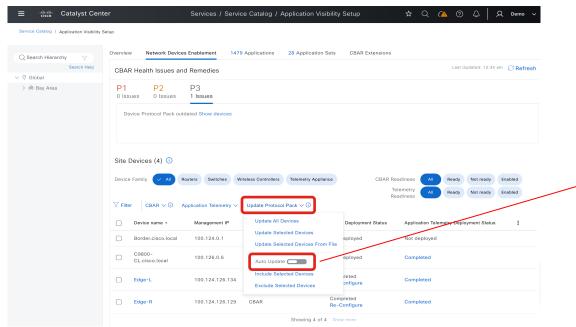


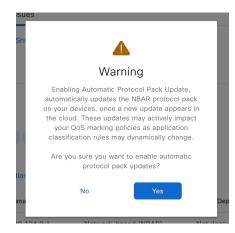


### Applications - Application Telemetry and CBAR

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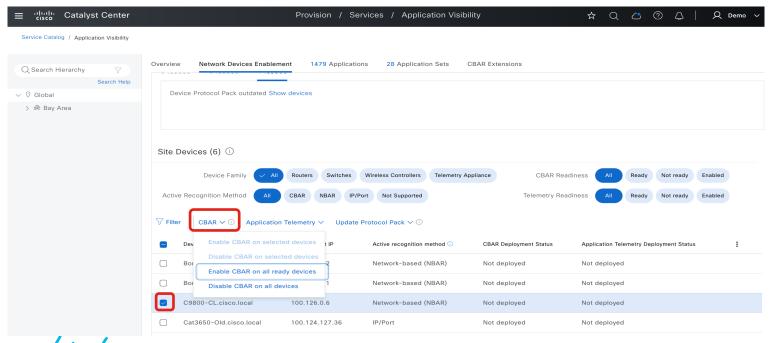
### Application Telemetry and Visibility for Wireless

- Application telemetry with performance metrics for wireless clients
- Supported for APs in local, Flex, and SDA Fabric deployment mode
  - Flex and SDA Fabric support requires minimum WiFi6 APs (C91xx) running IOS-XE 17.10.x and Cisco Catalyst Center 2.3.5.x
  - Support for Guest SSIDs, on top of previously supported Enterprise SSIDs, requires minimum Cisco Catalyst Center 2.3.5.x and IOS-XE 17.10.x
- All flavors of C9800 supported (virtual or physical appliance, embedded wireless controller on C9300/C9400 switches)
- Newly added SSIDs will not inherit Application Telemetry push
  - Forced Update of Telemetry in Inventory does not update App Telemetry
  - Need to disable Application Telemetry -> re-enable Application Telemetry
  - Disable/Enable App Telemetry causes existing wireless policy to bounce -> may affect wireless client connectivity momentarily
  - Can use Template or manual CLI to add NetFlow config to new wireless SSIDs



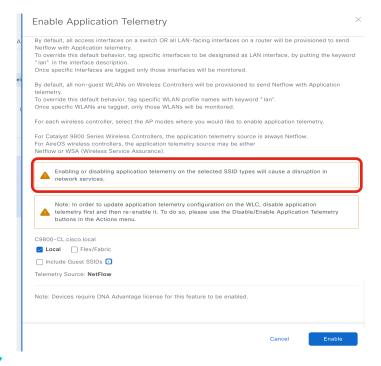
### Catalyst Center 2.3.7.x and above

- Enable through Provision > Application Visibility
- WLC must have WLAN and AP assigned to be "Ready" for CBAR



Catalyst Center 2.3.7.x and above

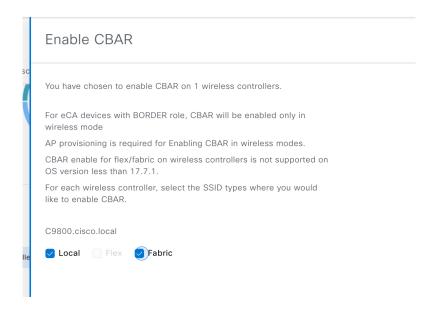
SSID will flap when Application Telemetry is enabled/disabled





Catalyst Center 2.3.7.x and above

Specify SSID type to enable CBAR







 NetFlow configuration pushed to standalone C9800 Wireless controller - Flow Exporter (SDA, Flex, Non-Fabric)

#### flow exporter avc\_exporter

destination <Catalyst Center IPv4 Address> source <Source-Interface> transport udp 6007

#### export-protocol ipfix

option vrf-table timeout 300 option ssid-table timeout 300 option application-table timeout 300 option application-attributes timeout 300

#### flow exporter avc\_local\_exporter

destination local wlc

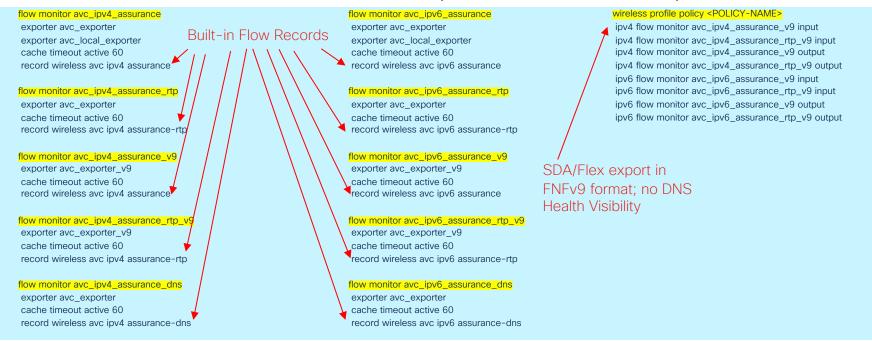
#### flow exporter avc\_exporter\_v9

destination <Cisco DNA Center IPv4 Address> source <Source-Interface> transport udp 6007 option vrf-table timeout 300 option ssid-table timeout 300 option application-table timeout 300 option application-attributes timeout 300





 NetFlow configuration pushed to standalone C9800 Wireless controller – Flow Record and Monitor (SDA or Flex Wireless)







 NetFlow configuration pushed to standalone C9800 Wireless controller – Flow Record and Monitor (Non-Fabric Wireless)

#### flow monitor avc\_ipv4\_assurance

exporter avc\_exporter exporter avc\_local\_exporter cache timeout active 60 record wireless avc ipv4 assurance

#### flow monitor avc\_ipv4\_assurance\_rtp

exporter avc\_exporter cache timeout active 60 record wireless avc ipv4 assurance-rtp

#### flow monitor avc\_ipv4\_assurance\_v9

exporter avc\_exporter\_v9
cache timeout active 60
record wireless avc ipv4 assurance

#### flow monitor avc ipv4 assurance rtp v9

exporter avc\_exporter\_v9 cache timeout active 60 record wireless avc ipv4 assurance-rtp

#### flow monitor avc ipv4 assurance dns

exporter avc\_exporter cache timeout active 60 record wireless avc ipv4 assurance-dns

#### flow monitor avc\_ipv6\_assurance

exporter avc\_exporter exporter avc\_local\_exporter cache timeout active 60 record wireless avc ipv6 assurance

#### flow monitor avc\_ipv6\_assurance\_rtp

exporter avc\_exporter cache timeout active 60 record wireless avc ipv6 assurance-rtp

#### flow monitor avc ipv6 assurance v9

exporter avc\_exporter\_v9
cache timeout active 60
record wireless avc ipv6 assurance

#### flow monitor avc\_ipv6\_assurance\_rtp\_v9

exporter avc\_exporter\_v9
cache timeout active 60
record wireless avc ipv6 assurance-rtp

#### flow monitor avc\_ipv6\_assurance\_dns

exporter avc\_exporter cache timeout active 60 record wireless avc ipv6 assurance-dns Non-fabric export in -IPFIX format and includes DNS Health

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Visibility

#### wireless profile policy <POLICY-NAME>

ipv4 flow monitor avc\_ipv4\_assurance input
ipv4 flow monitor avc\_ipv4\_assurance\_dns input
ipv4 flow monitor avc\_ipv4\_assurance\_rtp input
ipv4 flow monitor avc\_ipv4\_assurance output
ipv4 flow monitor avc\_ipv4\_assurance\_dns output
ipv4 flow monitor avc\_ipv4\_assurance\_rtp output
ipv6 flow monitor avc\_ipv6\_assurance\_input
ipv6 flow monitor avc\_ipv6\_assurance\_rtp input
ipv6 flow monitor avc\_ipv6\_assurance\_output
ipv6 flow monitor avc\_ipv6\_assurance output
ipv6 flow monitor avc\_ipv6\_assurance\_dns output
ipv6 flow monitor avc\_ipv6\_assurance\_rtp input
ipv6 flow monitor avc\_ipv6\_assurance\_rtp output
ipv6 flow monitor avc\_ipv6\_assurance\_rtp output





 NetFlow configuration pushed to embedded C9800 Wireless controller on C9300/C9400 - Flow Exporter (SDA Wireless)

#### flow exporter avc\_exporter\_v9

destination <Catalyst Center IPv4 Address> source Loopback0 transport udp 6007 option vrf-table timeout 300 option ssid-table timeout 300 option application-table timeout 300 option application-attributes timeout 300

Source is Loopback0 for embedded wireless controller on C9300/C9400





 NetFlow configuration pushed to embedded C9800 Wireless controller Reference on C9300/C9400 – Flow Record and Monitor (SDA Wireless)

#### flow monitor avc ipv4 assurance v9

exporter avc\_exporter\_v9
cache timeout active 60
record wireless avc ipv4 assurance

#### flow monitor avc ipv4 assurance rtp v9

exporter avc\_exporter\_v9 cache timeout active 60 record wireless avc ipv4 assurance-rtp

#### flow monitor avc\_ipv6\_assurance\_v9

exporter avc\_exporter\_v9 cache timeout active 60 record wireless avc ipv6 assurance

#### flow monitor avc\_ipv6\_assurance\_rtp\_v9

exporter avc\_exporter\_v9
cache timeout active 60
record wireless avc ipv6 assurance-rtp

SDA export in FNFv9 format; no DNS Health Visibility

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#### wireless profile policy <POLICY-NAME>

ipv4 flow monitor avc\_ipv4\_assurance\_v9 input ipv4 flow monitor avc\_ipv4\_assurance\_rtp\_v9 input ipv4 flow monitor avc\_ipv4\_assurance\_v9 output ipv4 flow monitor avc\_ipv4\_assurance\_rtp\_v9 output ipv6 flow monitor avc\_ipv6\_assurance\_v9 input ipv6 flow monitor avc\_ipv6\_assurance\_rtp\_v9 input ipv6 flow monitor avc\_ipv6\_assurance\_v9 output ipv6 flow monitor avc\_ipv6\_assurance\_rtp\_v9 output ipv6 flow monitor avc\_ipv6\_assurance\_rtp\_v9 output



## Wireless Application Visibility Deployment



NBAR/CBAR configuration pushed to Wireless Controllers

#### avc sd-service

segment AppRecognition controller address < Catalyst Center IPv4 address> destination-ports sensor-exporter 21730 dscp 16 source-interface < Source-Interface> transport application-updates https url-prefix sdavc

#### wireless profile policy <POLICY-NAME>

ip nbar protocol-discovery

NBAR command applies to wireless profile policy for each SSID



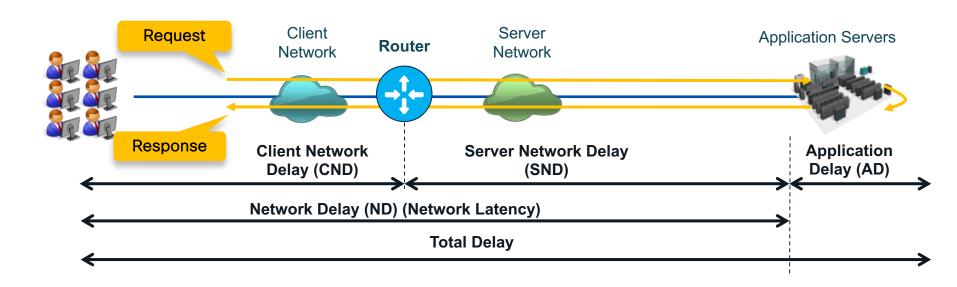
### Application Telemetry and Visibility from Routers

- Routers provide enhanced application performance metrics, e.g. loss, latency, jitter
- Performance monitor configuration orchestrated onto routers
- NetFlow export for data analysis
- Performance metrics only for TCP and RTP media applications
  - Quantitative-only metrics for UDP traffic
- Application Heath Scores calculated from performance metrics



### Application Telemetry and Visibility from Routers

- Application Response Time (ART) calculation broken into components
- Calculated response times provides insight into location of performance bottlenecks
- Latency calculated per application

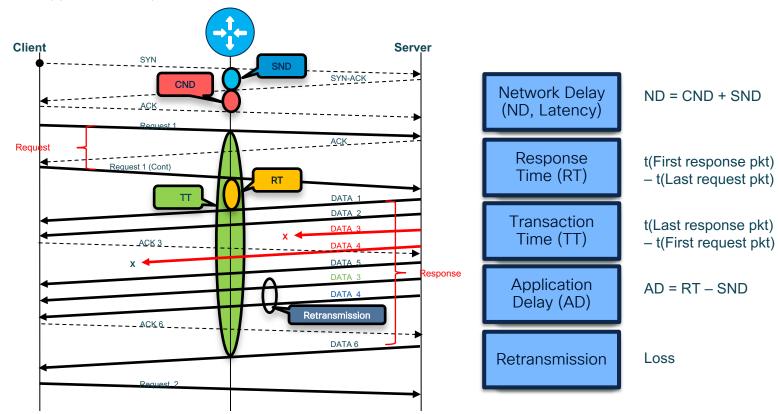




# Application Telemetry and Visibility from Routers

For Your Reference

• Application Response Time calculation for TCP traffic





### Application Telemetry from Routers



Flow Records (of type performance-monitor) for TCP, media apps and DNS queries

#### **Application Response** Media Monitoring Time RTP SSRC CND - Client Network Delay (min/max/sum) RTP Jitter (min/max/mean) SND - Server Network Delay (min/max/sum) Flow event Flow direction → ND - Network Delay (min/max/sum) Transport Counter (expected/loss) → AD - Application Delay (min/max/sum) Media Counter (bytes/packets/rate) Total Response Time (min/max/sum) Media Event Total Transaction Time (min/max/sum) Collection interval Number of New Connections TCP MSS Number of Late Responses TCP round-trip time Number of Responses by Response Time (7-bucket histogram) Number of Retransmissions Number of Transactions Client/Server Bytes Client/Server Packets

### Other Metrics

- L3 counter (bytes/packets)
- Client and server address
- Source and destination address
- Transport information
- Input and output interfaces
- L3 information (TTL, DSCP, TOS, etc.)
- Application information (from NBAR2)
- Monitoring class hierarchy
- DNS requests and responses

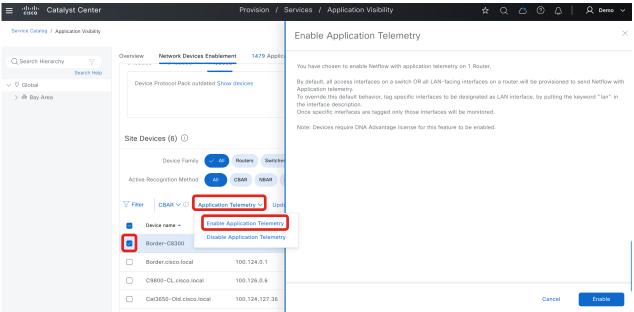
Latency, Application Delay, and Loss values shown on Cisco DNA Center Application Assurance



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### Catalyst Center 2.3.7.x and above

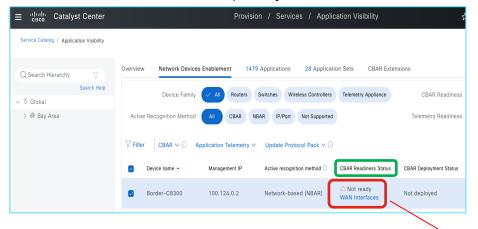
- Enable through Provision > Application Visibility
- For Telemetry, workflow enables all LAN facing ports on router for Telemetry -> Use 'lan" keyword if Telemetry not configured on desired interface

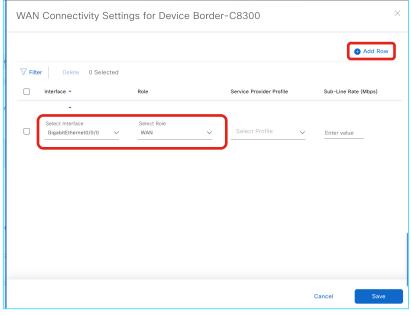




### Catalyst Center 2.3.7.x and above

For CBAR, need to specify at least one "WAN" interface









- Performance monitor configuration pushed on Router
- Flow records apply to both IPv4 and IPv6 traffic

#### performance monitor context tesseract profile application-assurance

exporter destination < Catalyst Center IPv4 address> source Loopback0 transport udp port 6007

traffic-monitor assurance-monitor

traffic-monitor assurance-rtp-monitor

traffic-monitor assurance-dns-monitor

#### interface GigabitEthernet0/0/1

description LAN Upstream to Enterprise performance monitor context tesseract

#### interface GigabitEthernet0/0/2

description Downstream to Access Network lan performance monitor context tesseract Keyword "lan" manually added to interface description to ensure performance monitor configuration pushed to appropriate interfaces





NetFlow verification – cache

```
C8300#show performance monitor context tesseract traffic-monitor assurance-dns-monitor cache
CONNECTION IPV4 INITIATOR ADDRESS:
                                          100.100.0.21
CONNECTION IPV4 RESPONDER ADDRESS:
                                          100.127.0.1
                                          4294967300
FLOW OBSPOINT ID:
APPLICATION DNS OTYPE:
APPLICATION DNS RCODE:
TP VERSTON:
IP PROTOCOL:
ip vrf id input:
                                                      (DEFAULT)
timestamp abs first:
                                          18:07:15.383
timestamp abs last:
                                          18:07:15.449
connection server packets counter:
connection client packets counter:
connection server network bytes counter:
connection client network bytes counter: 0
application dns requests:
application dns delay resp sum:
```





NetFlow verification – export (1)

```
C8300#show performance monitor context tesseract exporter
Flow Exporter tesseract-1:
  Description:
                             performance monitor context tesseract exporter
  Export protocol:
                             IPFIX (Version 10)
  Transport Configuration:
    Destination type:
                             TΡ
    Destination IP address: 100.64.0.101
    Source IP address:
                            100.124.0.2
    Source Interface:
                         Loopback0
    Transport Protocol:
                             UDP
    Destination Port:
                             6007
    Source Port:
                             49360
    DSCP:
                             0 \times 0
    TTL:
                             255
    Output Features:
                             Used
[...]
Flow Exporter tesseract-1:
  Packet send statistics (last cleared 1d09h ago):
                                                       (210868698 bytes)
    Successfully sent:
                               157584
```





NetFlow verification – export (2)

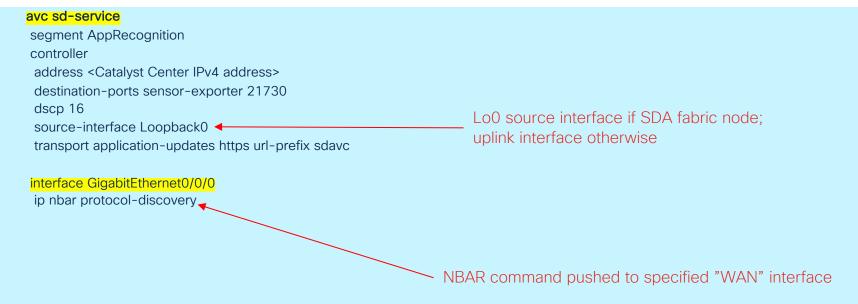
```
Client send statistics:
Client: Option options interface-table
     Records added:
                            5226
               5226
       - sent:
     Bytes added:
                         553956
                      553956
       - sent:
Client: Option options application-name
     Records added:
                            603402
                          603402
       - sent:
     Bytes added:
                     50082366
                        50082366
       - sent:
Client: Flow Monitor tesseract-app assurance ipv4
     Records added:
                           191695
                           191695
       - sent:
     Bytes added:
                           20319670
       - sent:
                            20319670
```



## Router Application Visibility Deployment



NBAR/CBAR configuration pushed to Routers

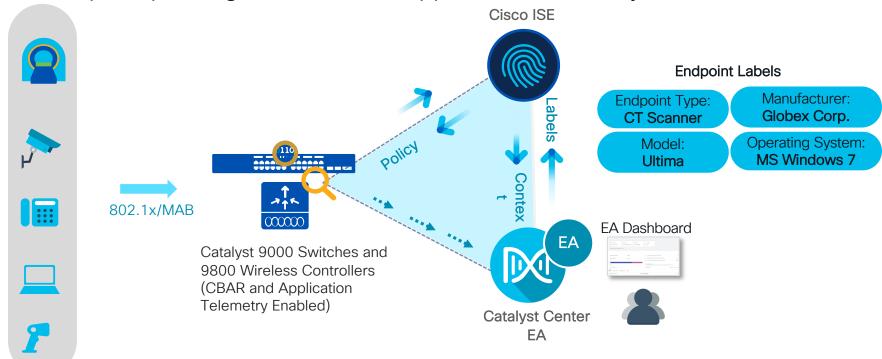




- NBAR deep packet inspection allows for initial identification and classification of connected endpoints
- Correlate data from multiple sources to enhance classification
- AI/ML capability to group new/unknown devices
- Custom device labeling and crowdsourcing
- NetFlow export required for Talos and IP Spoof Detection
- Dynamic Trust Score with continuous monitoring of device behavior

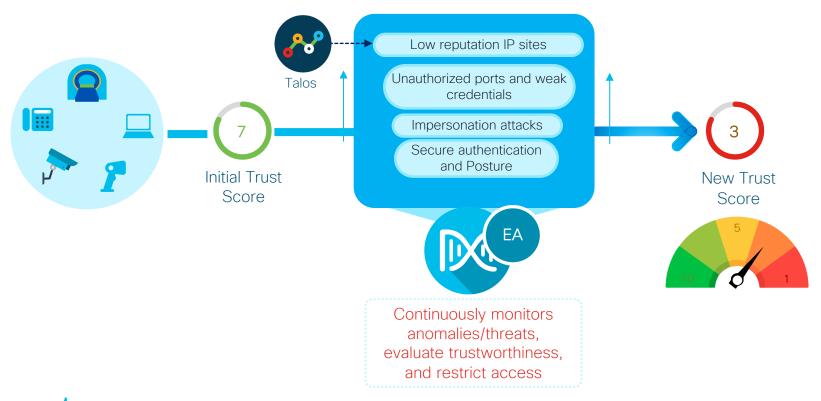


Endpoint profiling via CBAR and Application Telemetry



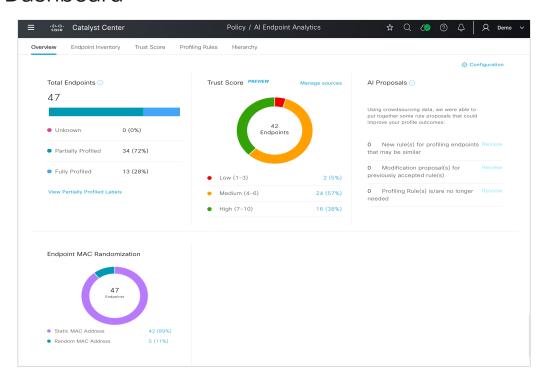


Continuous validation of endpoints for Trusted Access



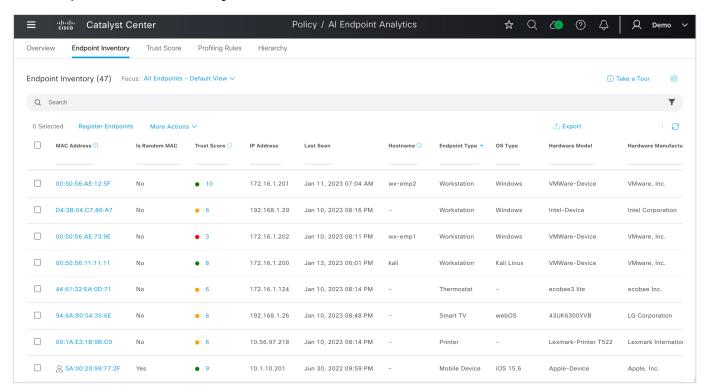


EA Dashboard

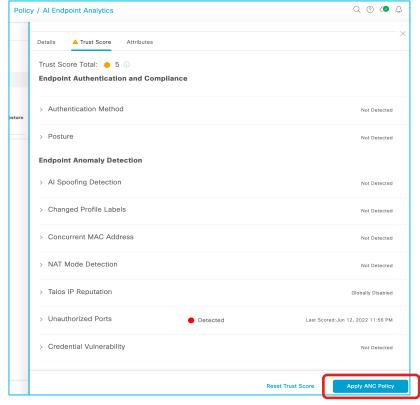




Endpoint Inventory



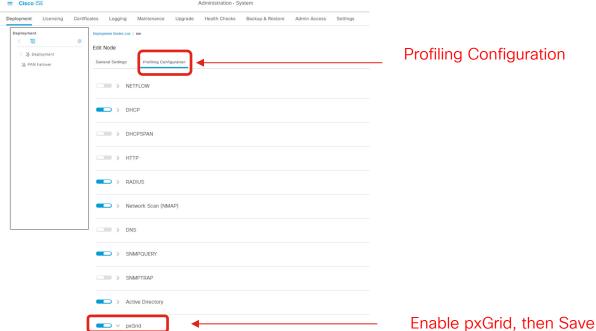
Trust Scores and Remediation through Adaptive Network Control via ISE





### Al Endpoint and Trust Analytics Deployment

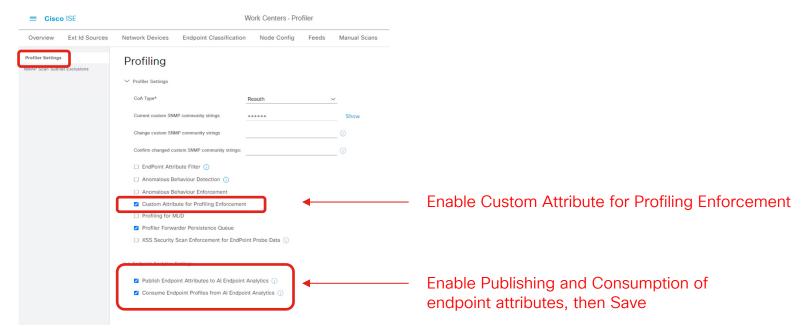
- On Cisco ISE, ensure pxGrid is enabled for Profiling
  - Access via Administration -> System -> Deployment -> <Edit ISE node> -> Profiling





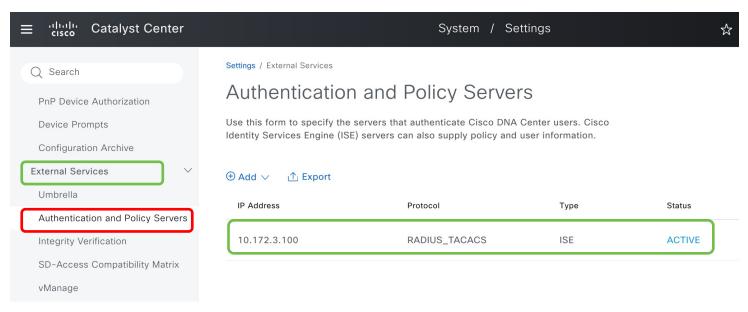
### Al Endpoint and Trust Analytics Deployment

- On Cisco ISE, enable attribute sharing and consumption for Endpoint Analytics
  - Access via Work Centers -> Profiler -> Settings





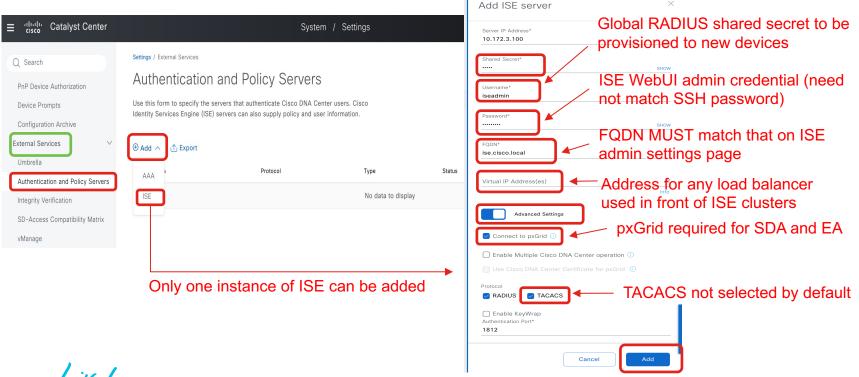
 Ensure Cisco ISE has been successfully added to Catalyst Center (see next slide if adding ISE to Catalyst Center for the first time)





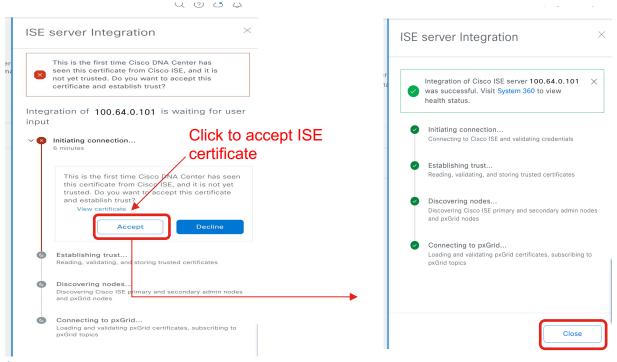


Adding Cisco ISE to Catalyst Center for the first time (1)





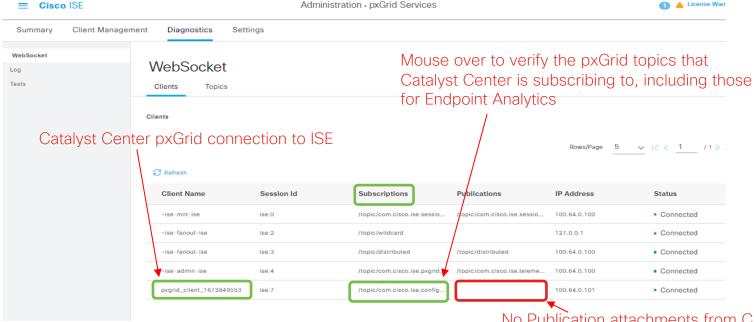
Adding Cisco ISE to Catalyst Center for the first time (2)







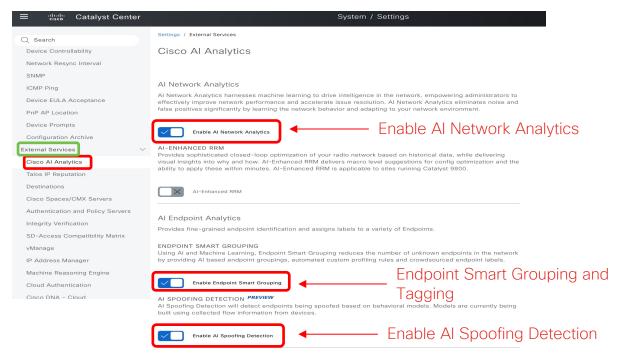
- On Cisco ISE, verify that Catalyst Center is SUBSCRIBING to Endpoint Analytics topic
  - Access via Administration -> pxGrid Services -> Diagnostics



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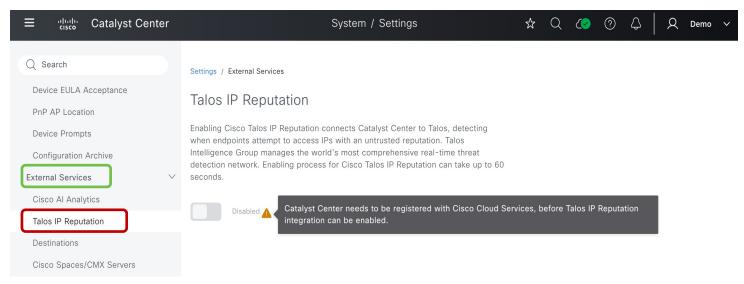
No Publication attachments from Catalyst Center, vet

 On Catalyst Center, enable Endpoint Smart Grouping and Al Spoofing Detection under System -> Settings -> Cisco Al Analytics



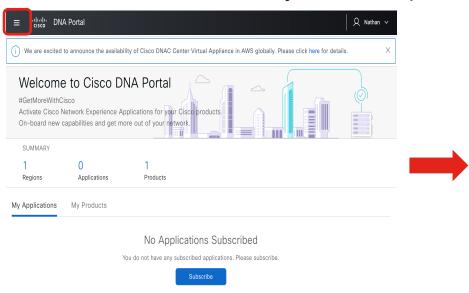


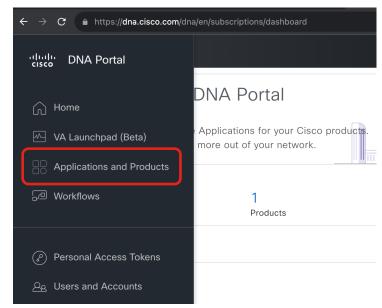
Talos IP Reputation requires integration with dna.cisco.com (Cisco Cloud Services)





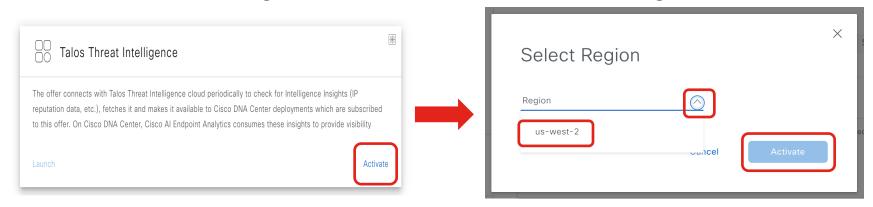
Log onto dna.cisco.com with CCO ID to register with cloud apps. Initial interaction with dna.cisco.com should be done from computer with direct access to Catalyst Center (for later steps)







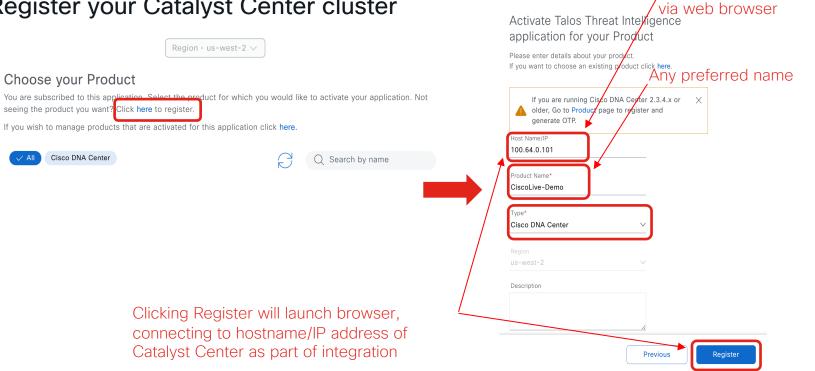
Select Talos offering and activate in the US-West-2 region \*



<sup>\*</sup> Talos service with Catalyst Center currently available only in AWS US-West-2 region



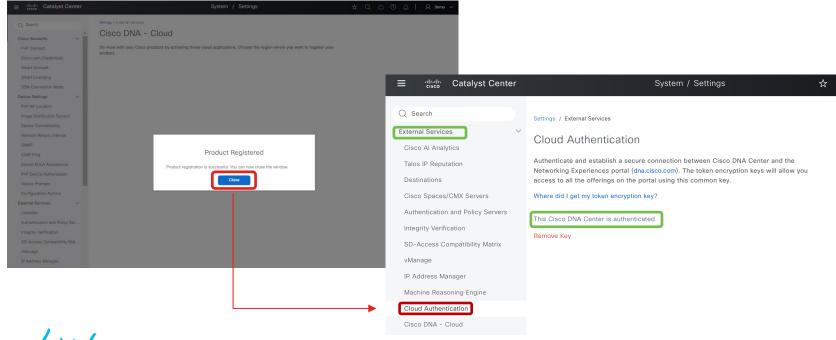
Register your Catalyst Center cluster





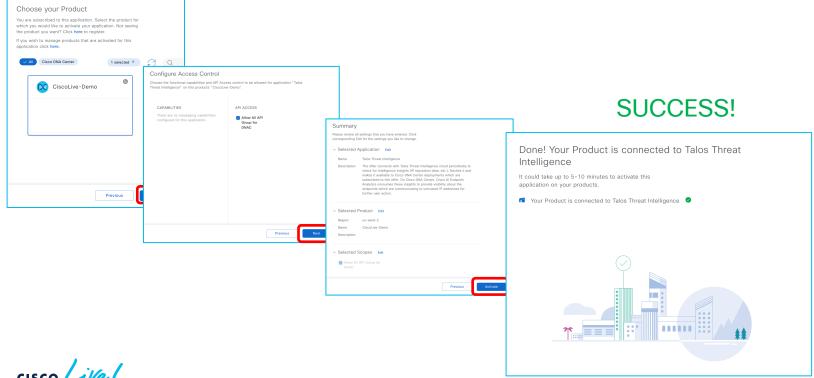
IP address reachable

 OTP Key automatically added to Catalyst Center after logging in on newly launched window

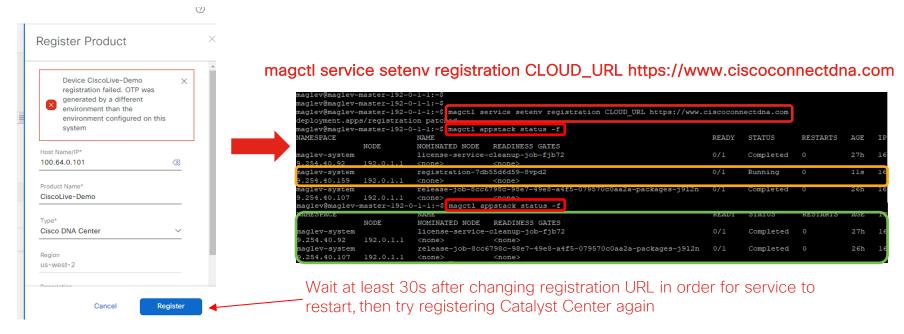




Continue Talos activation workflow on Cisco DNA Portal



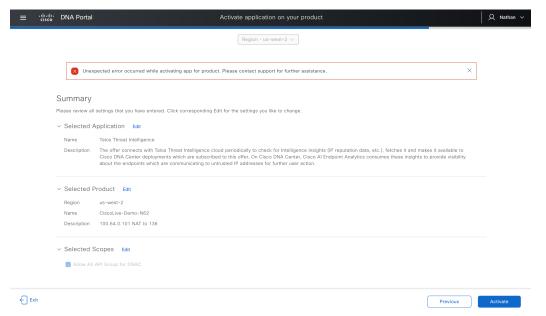
 If registration error due to "different environment" is encountered, then manually SSH into Catalyst Center to set proper cloud URL (case sensitive)





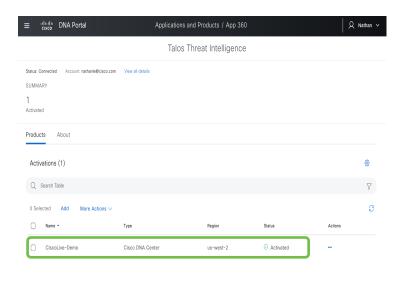
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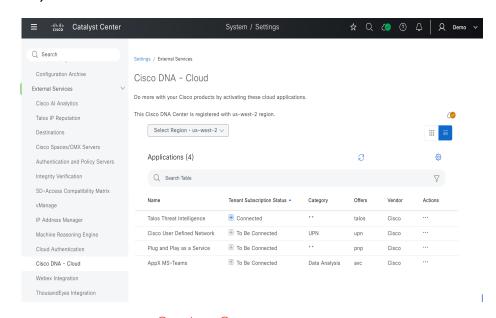
 If "unexpected error" occurs on Activation Summary screen, verify that the Smart Account associated with CCO ID has active Cisco DNA licenses. Contact TAC for resolution.





Successful registration confirmation to Cisco DNA Portal (may take more than 5 minutes after registration to show activation)



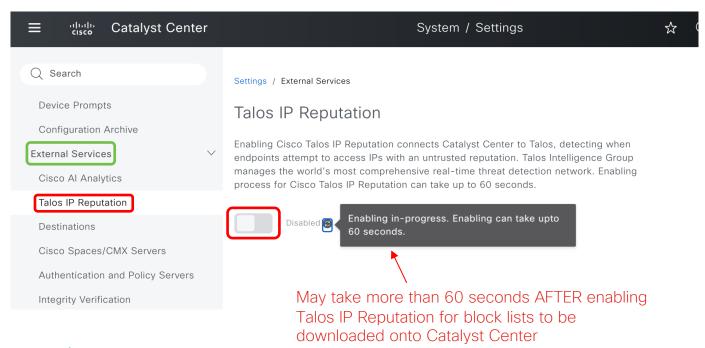


Cisco DNA Portal



Catalyst Center System Settings

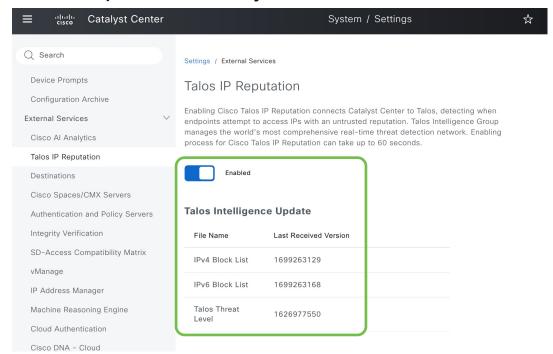
Talos IP Reputation can now be enabled





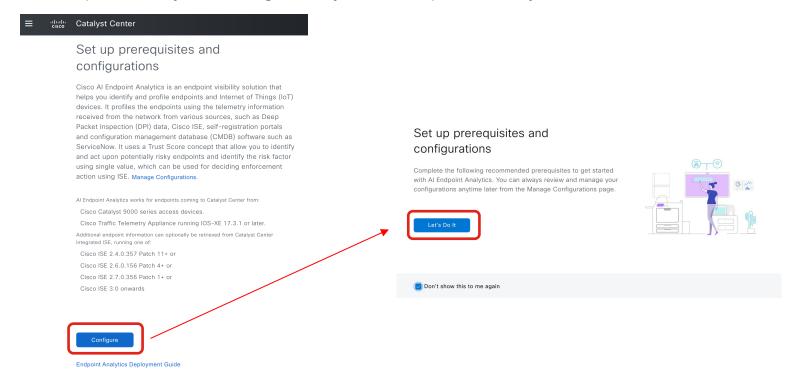
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Talos IP Reputation ready for service



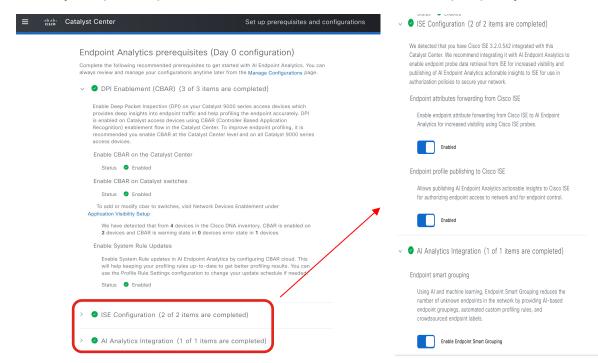


Enable Al Endpoint Analytics through Policy -> Al Endpoints Analytics





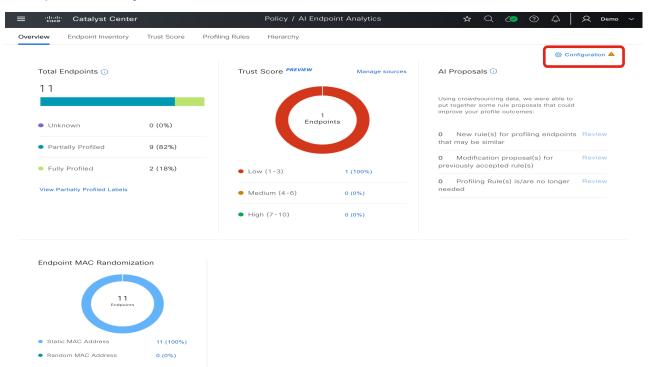
Verify all prerequisites are met for EA to function properly





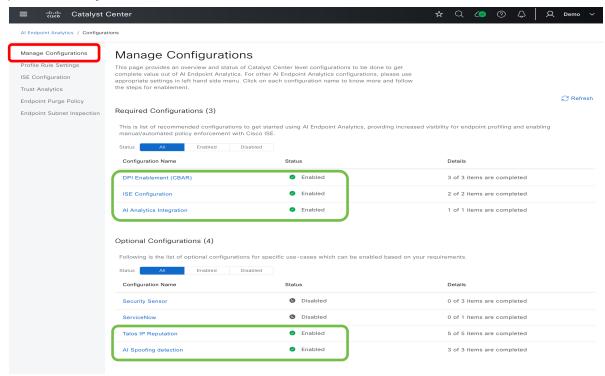


Al Endpoint Analytics functional state



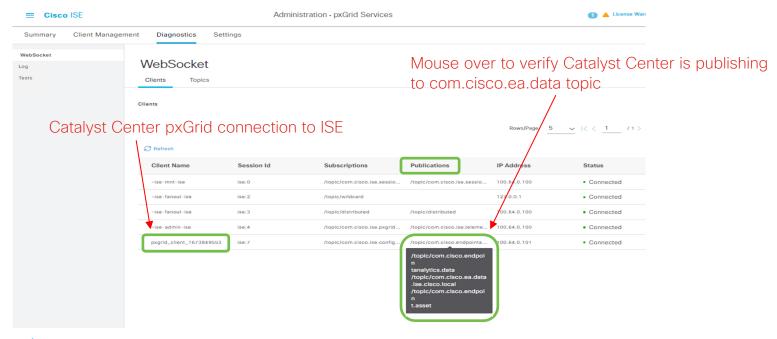


Endpoint Analytics functional state





- On Cisco ISE, verify that Catalyst Center is publishing to Endpoint Analytics topic
  - Access via Administration -> pxGrid Services -> Diagnostics





#### Take Aways

- 1. Efficient means of navigating and operating Catalyst Center
- 2. Leverage application gems to gain powerful utilization and insights of your network
- Check Release Notes/User Guides
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