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ThousandEyes for Visibility into Cloud Collaboration

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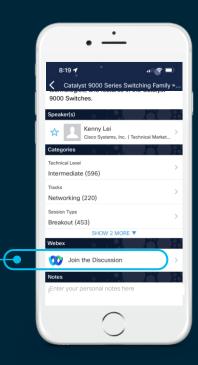
Questions?

Use Cisco Webex App to chat with the speaker after the session

How

- 1 Find this session in the Cisco Live Mobile App
- 2 Click "Join the Discussion"
- 3 Install the Webex App or go directly to the Webex space
- 4 Enter messages/questions in the Webex space

Webex spaces will be moderated by the speaker until June 17, 2022.



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Agenda

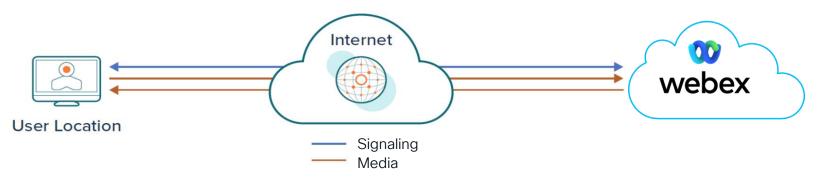
- Why ThousandEyes and Webex
- ThousandEyes Technical Overview
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 - Agents to Webex Cloud Agent
 - Endpoint Agent Automatic Session to Webex
- Case Studies
- Key Takeaways
- Appendix Control Hub Troubleshooting, other ThousandEyes use cases, etc



Why ThousandEyes and Webex



Why ThousandEyes and Webex?



- •Real-time media streams like audio and video are very sensitive to network conditions
- •ThousandEyes provide IT teams **network visibility** between user locations and Webex services
- Rapidly identify problem domains (application, network, or third-party)
- •Leverage insights from ThousandEyes and Webex Control Hub to optimize performance and ensure exceptional Webex user experiences



Why ThousandEyes and Webex?



Webex tools for performance and availability

Analytics in Control Hub

Troubleshooting in Control Hub

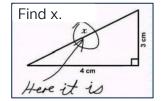
Reports in Control Hub

Webex App Health Checker

Webex Monitoring Service

https://status.webex.com

https://mediatest.webex.com/#/main







ThousandEyes facilitates

Visibility into the network path to Webex

Proactively simulate traffic

Easily share data with Service providers

Visualize forward and reverse network paths to isolate problem areas

Quick root cause analysis

$$3^2+4^2=x^2$$



ThousandEyes Technical Overview



Solution Components







1 Agents	2 Tests	3 Data
Strategic Vantage Points	Layer 3-7 Tests available	Dashboards
Enterprise, Cloud, Endpoint	Lower Layers Nested	Reports
Outside-In, Inside-Out view	Run at schedule intervals	Shareable snapshots

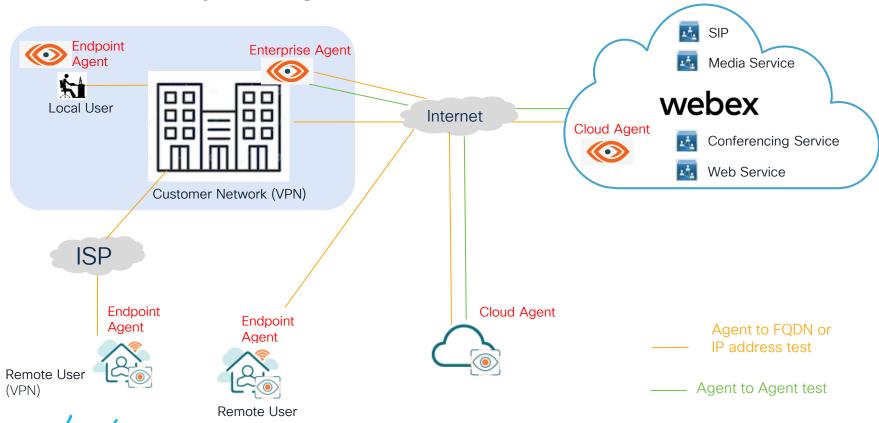


High Level Agent Comparison

ENTERPRISE AGENT CLOUD AGENT ENDPOINT AGENT Outside-In monitoring Inside-Out monitoring Last-mile monitoring 500+ Agents **Deployment Options** End-user desktops and laptops as test devices Tier 2 and 3 service OVA / Physical Appliance providers Linux Package Deployment Options thousandeves.com/map Cisco ASR 1k/ISR4k/CAT8K Operating Systems Cisco Nexus 9300 or 9500 Windows 8.1 or higher Catalyst 9000 MacOS 10.10 or higher Clusters **Browsers** Google Chrome 41+ Increase Capacity Internet Explorer 11+ Disaster Recovery Microsoft Edge 79+



ThousandEyes Agents



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Types of Tests



Enterprise/Cloud Agents to Webex Cloud Agent



Enterprise and Cloud Agent Tests

App Experience

Transaction scripting, page load

HTTP/FTP/DNS/RTP/SIP

HTTP Availability, response time, throughput

Network A2S or Agent to Agent

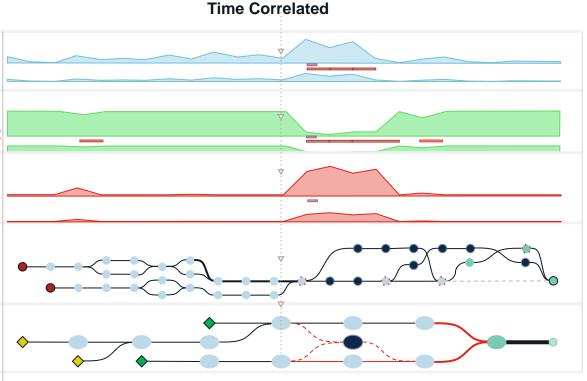
Packet Loss, Latency, Jitter

Path Visualization

- Hop-by-hop; multi-point; bidirectional
- Metrics and data per hop
- Integrated Outage Detection

BGP Monitoring

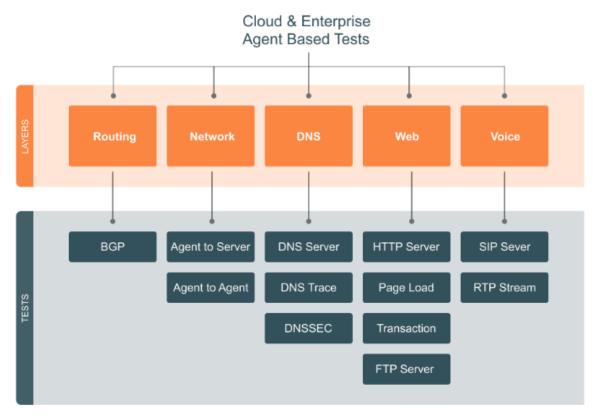
Reachability, path changes, updates





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Cloud and Enterprise Agent-Based Tests





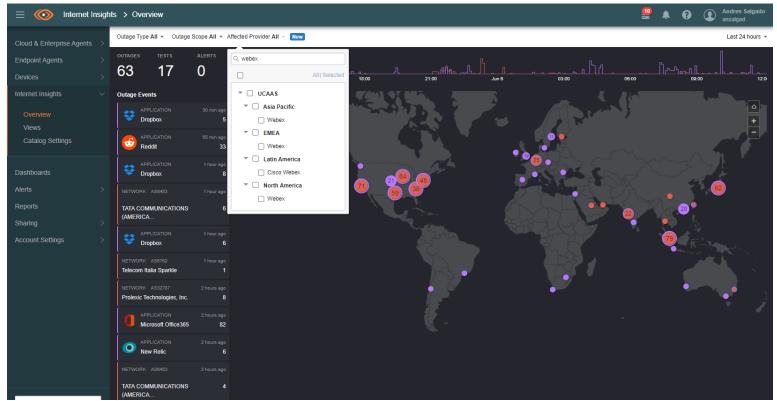
Test Best Practices for Monitoring Webex

Target	Test Type	Description	Source Agent
Web Zone - https:// <customer>.webex.com</customer>	НТТР	Front-end availability/performance	Enterprise, Cloud
Web Zone - https:// <customer>.webex.com</customer>	Web Transaction	Front-end availability and login performance	Enterprise, Cloud
Web Zone domain availability - <customer>.webex.com</customer>	DNS	DNS availability/performance	Enterprise, Cloud
Closest Webex Cloud Agent	RTP Stream Test (Agent-to-Agent) (UDP) 9000 and 5004, DSCP 46	One-way inbound performance of simulated voice traffic into the Webex Cloud environment.	-Enterprise -Cloud
Closest Webex Cloud Agent	Agent-to-Agent (Bidirectional) UDP 9000 and 5004, DSCP 34 Simulated, bidirectional performance of video-marke into Webex Cloud environment		-Enterprise -Cloud
Closest Webex Cloud Agent (Repeat the tests to the 2 nd closest Webex Cloud Agent, this should suffice as a backup test while limiting the number of tests created)	Agent-to-Agent (Bidirectional) UDP 9000 and 5004, DSCP 46	Simulated, bidirectional performance of audio-marked traffic into Webex Cloud environment	-Enterprise -Cloud



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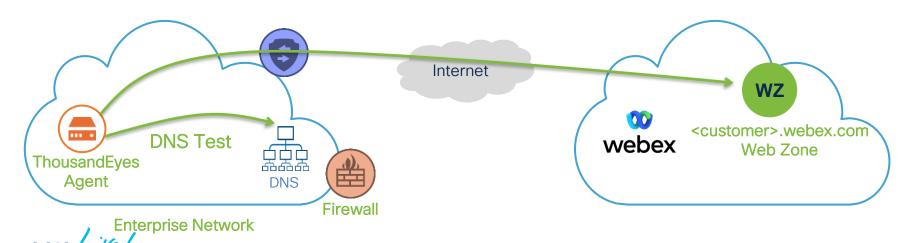
Internet Insights to Monitor Availability





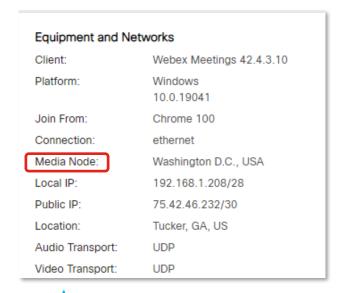
Webex Web Zone Availability Testing

- A set of tests per every office location
- HTTP Server tests against <customer>.webex.com Web Zone
 - Automatic DNS fallback to secondary Web Zone
 - If clients use HTTP proxy (on-prem or Umbrella), so does the test
- DNS Server test against Enterprise DNS servers for the <customer>.webex.com domain
- Tests global domain reachability as well as performance of the enterprise DNS infrastructure

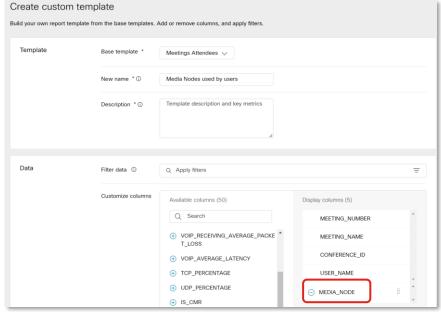


Finding Webex Media Node

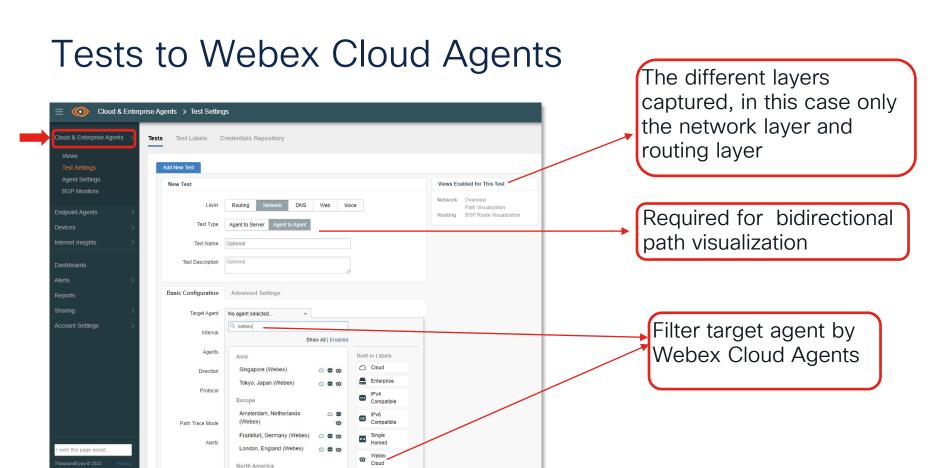
 In Control Hub under troubleshooting, after finding a meeting click on the participant details. This will show the media node location:



 In Control Hub under Reports, select Meeting Attendees report or create a Custom Template report that includes the Media Node field. This will show the media node location:



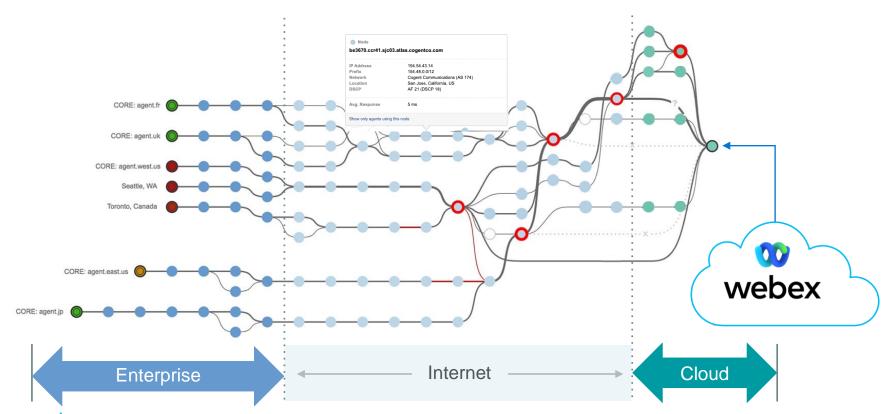






Correlated Visibility Into ALL Networks

Availability and Performance



Path Visualization components

Object Image	What it signifies	Comments
• • •	Agent location	The agent changes color based on the metric selected. The color scale goes from dark green (no loss, latency, jitter, etc.) to red (severe loss, latency, jitter, etc.)
	Enterprise Agent	The color of a Enterprise Agent is double-ringed, and changes color according to the same scale as a ThousandEyes Cloud Agent.
•	Identifiable node	A blue node indicates that IP information is available.
0	Unidentifiable node	A white node indicates that IP information is not available.
•	Node in local network	A dark blue node indicates that a node was identified inside the agent's source network.
•	Node in destination network	A node shaded in green indicates a node that was identified as inside the destination network, as specified by the Autonomous System of the customer.
0	Node with loss	A node circled in red indicates that loss is occurring at that point in the path, meeting the percentage threshold specified by the loss slider.

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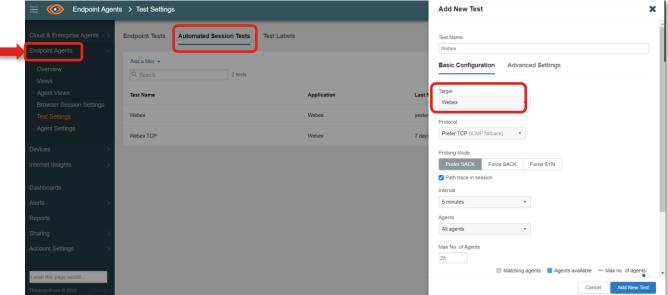
Object Image	What it signifies	Comments
•	Selected link	A link represented as a moving blue dashed line indicates that the link is selected.
3	Collapsed path	A path showing a dotted line indicates a path that was simplified for visualization purposes. Expand using the complexity slider, or by clicking the label indicating the number of hops that were collapsed.
	Split path	A path showing a split is an indication that there are multiple routes to the destination. All path visualization is based on a minimum of three tests running from each agent. When a path splits, the thickness of the line representing the link between the nodes shows how many of the tests traversed each link.
	Link with high delay	A red link indicates a delay that meets the threshold specified by the latency slider.
-0?	Unknown number of hops between nodes	A dotted link with a question mark indicates insufficient data to determine the number of hops separating these nodes. Typically, indicative of differing numbers of unresponsive nodes between responsive nodes, or an indication of path trace being unable to reach the destination when the end-to-end measurement was performed successfully.
••• ···· ×···· •	Unable to reach target node	A dotted link with an X symbol indicates a trace that was unable to be completed to the target due to 100% forwarding and 100% end-to-end loss.

Endpoint Agent Automatic Session Test to Webex



Endpoint Agent Automatic Session Test to Webex

- Measure the availability and performance of the user SaaS and internet experience, with views of any packet loss or latency and local network health
- ThousandEyes dynamically initiate a test when joining a Webex meeting and determines the destination IP address to monitor
- No need to manually configure a test with an IP address or hostname to Webex



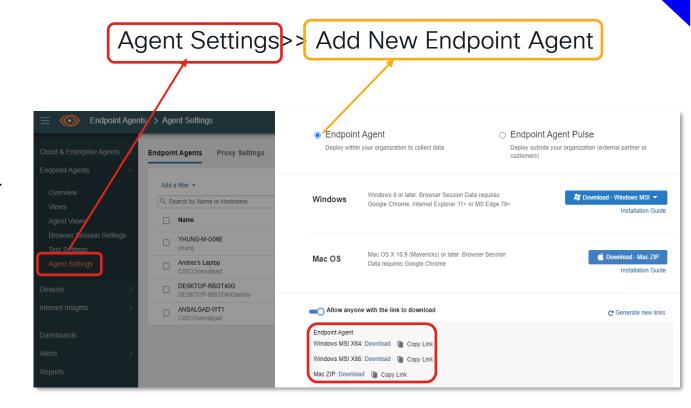


Install the Endpoint agent on a laptop with the problem

Reference

Endpoint Agent is supported on:

- Windows 8.1 or higher
- Windows Server
- 2012+ or higher.
- -MacOS 10.10
- (Yosemite), and higher

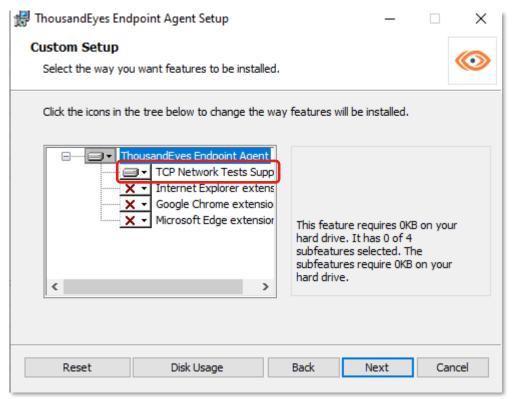




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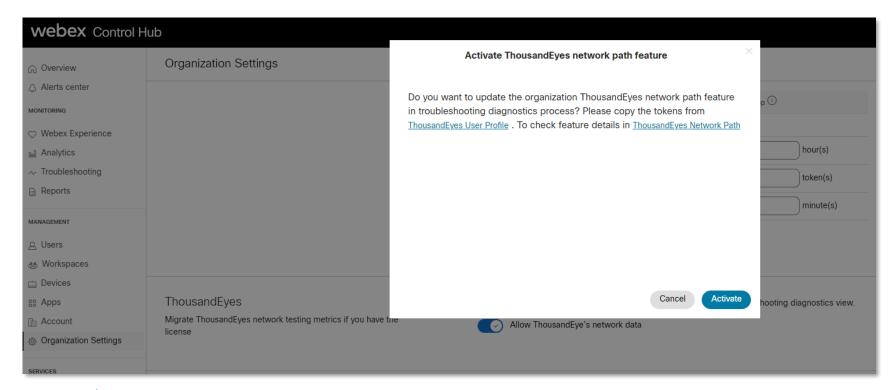
- Endpoint Agent installer automatically adds the standard NPCAP installer for Windows
- NPCAP Driver version must be v 1.10.
- Reboot the system to have the NPCAP driver installed.





Activate ThousandEyes in Control Hub

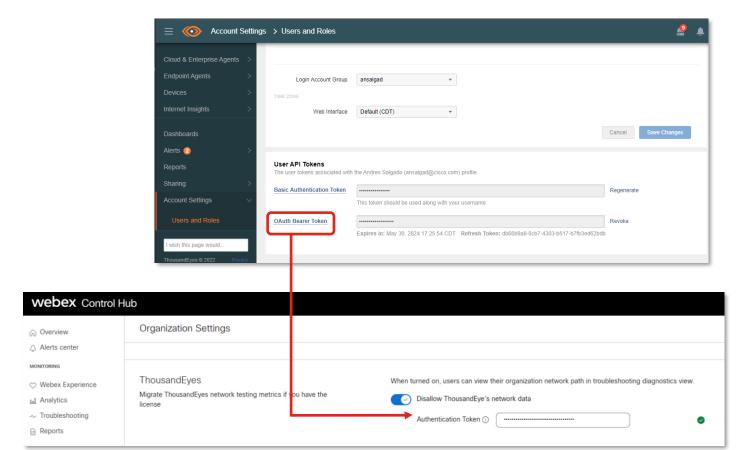
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Activate ThousandEyes in Control Hub

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Control Hub Troubleshooting

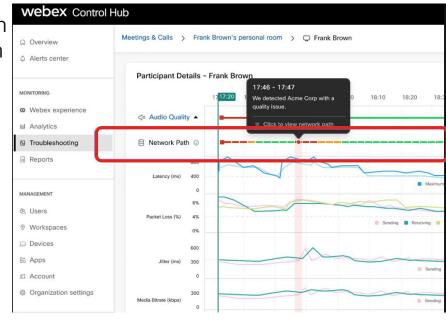
Integration with ThousandEves

Feature

Display participant network path details in Control Hub Troubleshooting, information provided by the ThousandEyes endpoint automated session testing for Webex.

Benefits

- Clear end to end network path, hop-byhop details
- Easily connect to ThousandEyes dashboard for more insights





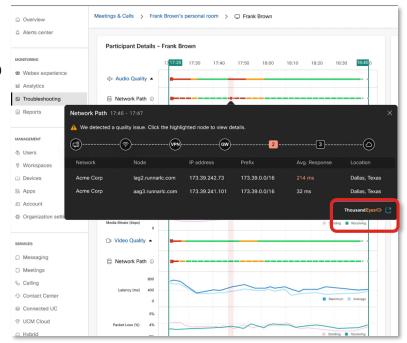
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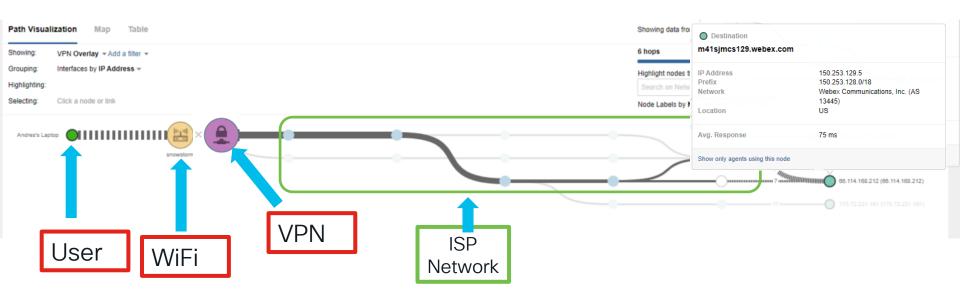
- Network path shows under Audio Quality
- Clear end to end network connectivity
- Hop-by-hop details

 Cross launch to ThousandEyes dashboard to further explore the issue

Control Hub Measurement	Threshold	Color
Latency	<300ms	— Good
	300ms<400ms	— Fair
	>400ms	— Poor
Packet Loss	<3%	— Good
	3%<5%	— Fair
	>5%	— Poor



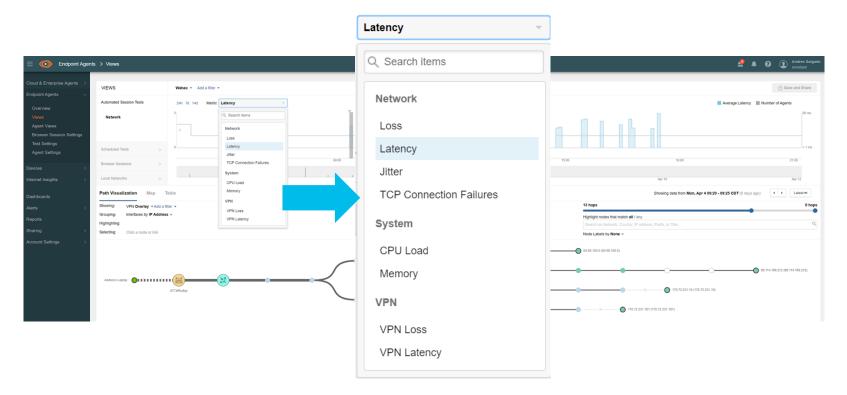
ThousandEyes Endpoint Agent Remote Worker Visibility



Remote worker experience End-to-End visibility to Webex

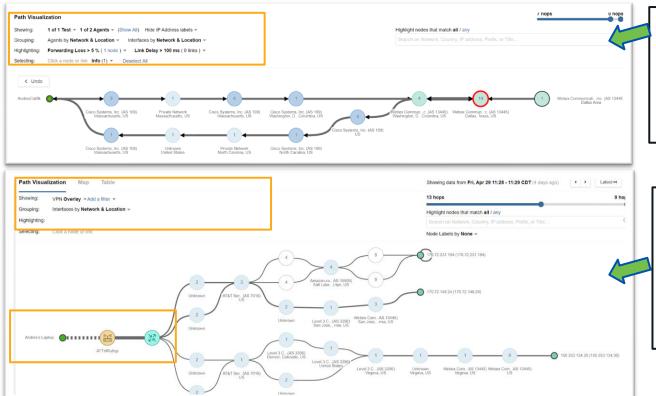


ThousandEyes Endpoint Agent metrics that can be monitored





Enterprise vs Endpoint Path Visualization



Enterprise and Cloud Agent Path Visualization

- Fliter by: source agent, target server, and test
- Filter by intermediary nodes by location, network.
- You can configure:
 - TCP or UDP
 - DSCP markings
 - Increase the traces per round from 3-10
 - Unidirectional or bidirectional

Endpoint Agent Path Visualization

- Monitoring VPN performance.
- Filter by: Agent, Connection type (Wired vs. Wireless), Network, Location, Platform(Windows vs. Mac), VPN vendor, etc.
- Clearly distinguished Icon for access point, gateway and VPN
- No DSCP marking evaluation
- 3 trace per round behavior is not modifiable here.
- Unidirectional







Case Study 1

Enterprise Agent to Webex Agent





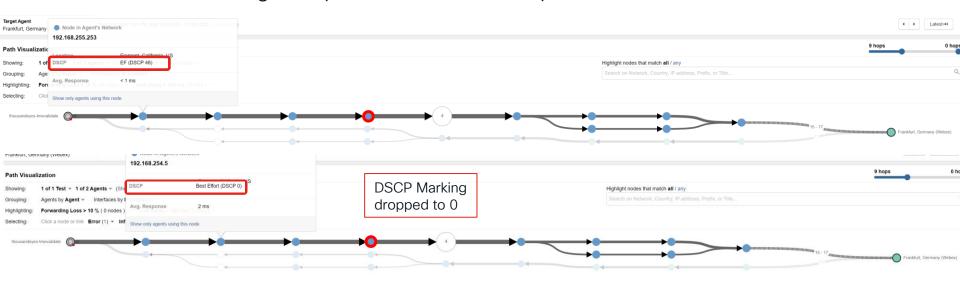
Case Study 1: Webex Board experiencing intermittent audio quality problems Steps to resolution

- Gather details to understand the problem better:
 - Username(s) and time of the problem
 - How did the user join the meeting?
 - · Was this working before, were there any changes? Is this reproducible?
 - Meeting ID / Conference ID from the problematic meeting?
 - · Who was experiencing quality problems, was it receiving or transmitting?
- From Control Hub
 - Check if the user with the problem uses UDP. If clients are connecting via TCP, it may not be the best media experience. Investigate why UDP 9000 or 5004 did not connect (e.g. Firewalls blocking UDP).
 - Check Media node for the participant
 - Check CPU utilization, Memory utilization
 - Check network connection type: WiFi or Ethernet
 - Check for Packet loss or Latency



Case Study 1: Webex Board experiencing intermittent audio quality problems Steps to resolution

- Make sure that the enterprise agent is installed in the same network as the Webex device
- Proactively monitor the Webex destination network
- Check QOS markings are preserved in the enterprise network



Case Study 2 Endpoint agent





Case Study 2: Webex remote user experiences audio and video quality issues intermittently Problem description

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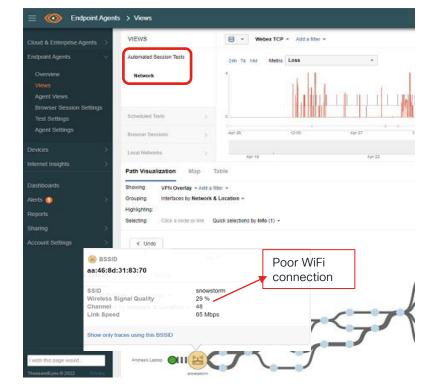
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Case Study 2: Webex APAC remote user experiences audio and video quality issues intermittently

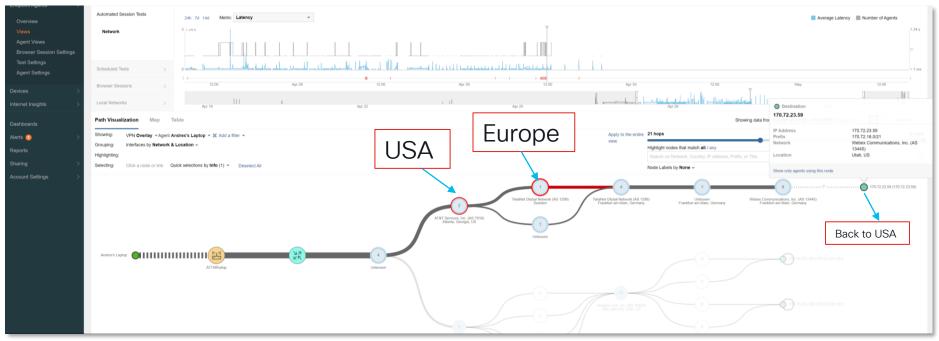
- Install the endpoint agent on the user PC with the problem if not already installed
- From ThousandEyes:
 - · Check Wireless signaling quality
 - VPN location connection, filter by VPN loss and VPN latency
 - Network path visualization





Case Study 2: Webex remote user experiences audio and video quality issues intermittently

Check if there is misrouting causing higher latency or packet loss.
 Create a sharable link to provide to the ISP



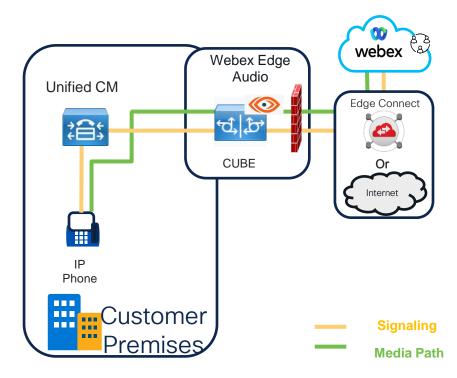






Case Study 3 Problem description

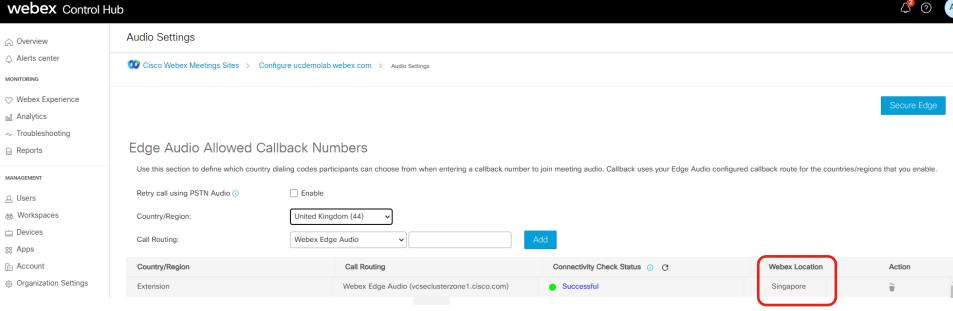
 Users using Dial-in and Callback with Webex Edge Audio are experiencing audio quality problems.





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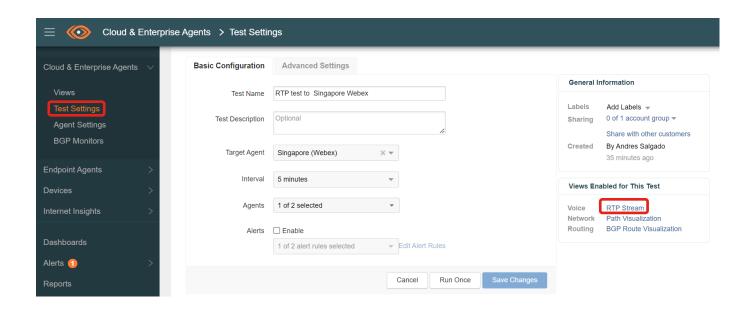
Find the Webex Data Center used for Webex Edge Audio Callback



Webex Edge Audio servers are not in the same location as Webex Meetings
ThousandEyes Cloud Agents but it can still be useful to provide visibility to a Webex
IP address connection

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Initiate a RTP test from ThousandEyes to Webex





ThousandEyes test for Edge Audio Dial-in

- Alternatively, we can point the network test to the media destination IP address.
- Find the Webex media
 IP address used
 - If CUBE, use debug ccsip message
 - If Expressway, Navigate to Maintenance > Diagnostics > Diagnostic logging

Example SIP response from Webex for dial-in

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May 9 22:08:28.163: //2380901/8B616E800000/SIP/Msg/ccsipDisplayMsg:
Received:
SIP/2.0 200 OK
Via: SIP/2.0/TLS 172.16.11.70:5061;branch=z9hG4bKD9DE326EA
Record-Route: <sip:rr$n=net me udp@207.182.174.102:5065;transport=tls;lr>
To: Cisco Webex <sip:41434569563@ecccx.amer.pub.webex.com>;tag=0-1f4d0782
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Key Takeaways





Key Takeaways

- ThousandEyes is an additional tool that can be used to optimize the Webex user experience
- Leverage Webex Cloud Agents to proactively monitor the network path from the enterprise to Webex
- Leverage Endpoint Agent automatic session testing to Webex is ideal for a faster resolution in troubleshooting remote workers network problems
- ThousandEyes data can be share easily with Service Providers, Network team, or any other stakeholder



Cisco Live Breakout sessions to check

- BRKCOL-2431 Diagnosing and Troubleshooting Meetings in Webex by Paul Giralt
- LABCOL-1004 Monitoring and Troubleshooting Webex Meetings Using ThousandEyes by Rafat Kuraishi
- BRKAPP-1012 ThousandEyes 101 by Jonathan Zarkower
- PSOAPP-1010- End User Experience in the Modern World by Alex Cruz Farmer
- BRKAPP-1010 Delivering Optimal App Experiences in a Complex Cloud Ecosystem by Chris Villemez
- BRKAPP-1003 Finding Needles in a Haystack: Using ThousandEyes Data for Root Cause Analysis by Prab Singh



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- Cloud agent's world Map
- Network Tests Explained
- View the ThousandEyes Getting Started tutorial.
- Automatic Session Testing
- Installing Enteprise Agent on Cat8K
- Webex Monitoring
- Reasons for Missing Information on the Visualization View

Technical Session Surveys

- Attendees who fill out a minimum of four session surveys and the overall event survey will get Cisco Live branded socks!
- Attendees will also earn 100 points in the Cisco Live Game for every survey completed.
- These points help you get on the leaderboard and increase your chances of winning daily and grand prizes.





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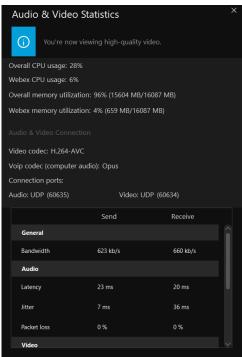


Supplementary Tools for Monitoring and Troubleshooting Webex



Webex App Health Checker

- Help > Health Checker > Audio and Video Statistics
- Indicates TCP or UDP w/ Source Port
- Latency / Packet Loss / Jitter
- CPU and Memory Utilization
- Current Video Resolutions (RX and TX)
- Sharing Content Statistics

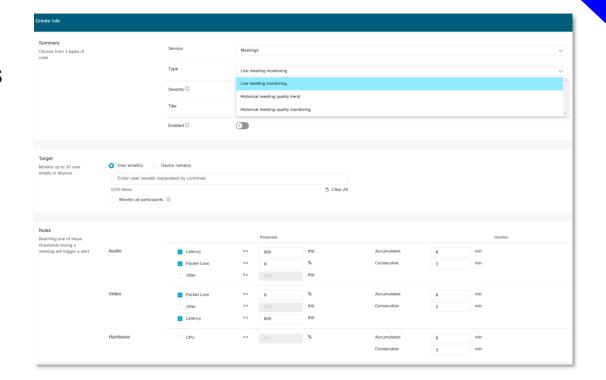




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Control Hub Alerts

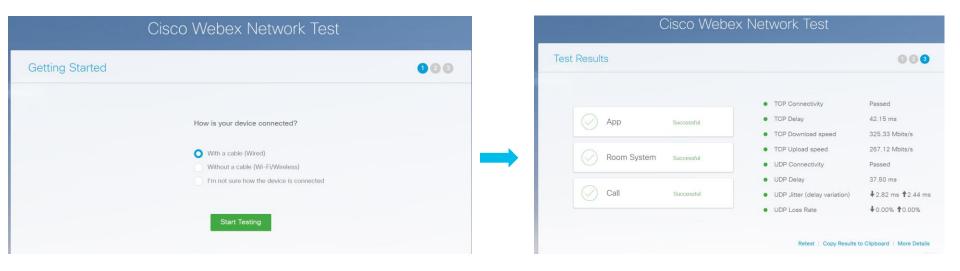
- Alerts allows us to get alerts live, on meetings with potential connection issues
- Quality threshold reached (packet loss, jitter, latency) or combination thereof
- Delivery Channel via email or Webex app integration.



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On demand media test to Webex

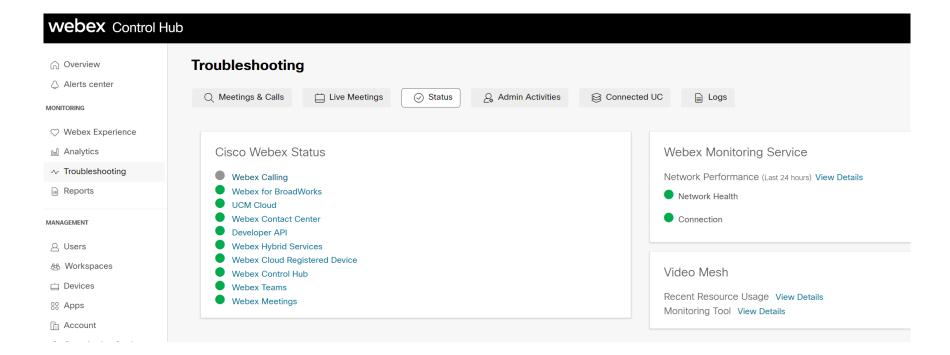
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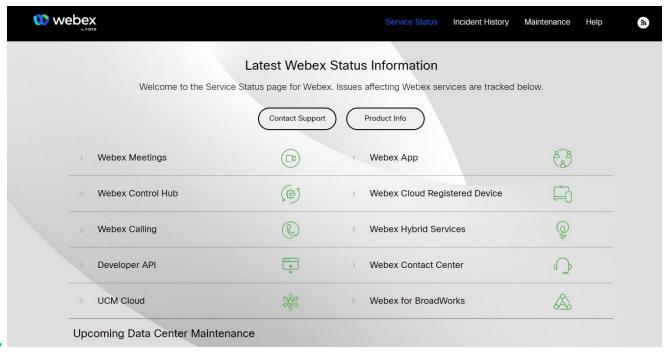
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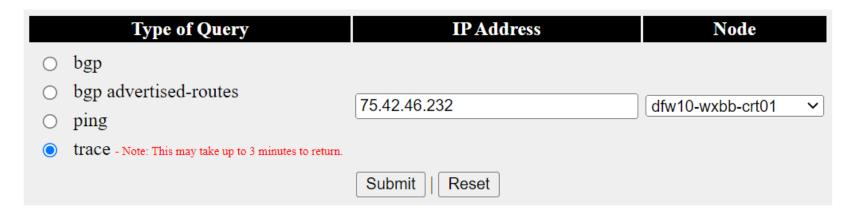




Looking Glass

Gives a trace result to the Enterprise Edge IP addresses https://lg.webex.com/

Looking Glass





Resolving Network-related Media Problems

- Enable QoS if possible
- Ensure UDP ports 5004 and 9000 are permitted
- Enable split tunnel if using VPN
- Check WiFi Connectivity, if possible, use Ethernet (at least to rule out WiFi)
- Check for routers with large buffers (dslreports.com speed test)
- Check CPU utilization
- Increase Internet service speeds for optimal experience
- Consider a direct peering link (Webex Edge Connect)



Other Collaboration Use Cases With ThousandEyes



Disclaimer

The following slides are meant to provide an idea of the ThousandEyes capabilities, but this does not mean that TAC or the Collaboration Business Unit supports the implementation and results of these Collaboration ThousandEyes tests.

Currently, ThousandEyes supports monitoring Webex Meetings through Webex Cloud Agents and Automatic Session testing to Webex IP addresses. For more information about the ThousandEyes capabilities please contact your ThousandEyes account team



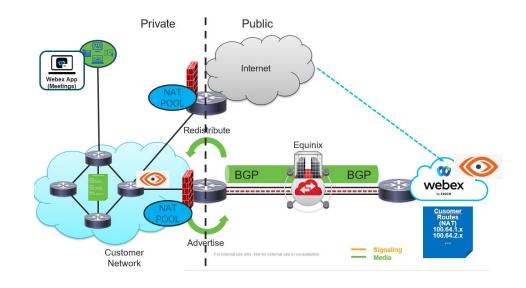
Webex Meetings Network Visibility Using ThousandEyes

Benefits

- Visualize both forward and reverse network paths to isolate problem areas
- Facilitate proactive remediation before significant broadcast events (e.g., investor calls, town halls, etc.)
- Receive alerts based on custom thresholds of conditions that could impact user experience
- Rapidly identify problem domains (application, network, or third-party)
- Generate reports and share data with your providers for faster Mean Time to Repair/Mean Time to Identify (MTTR/MTTI)

Limitations

 Currently there is no Opus Codec Support for RTP tests



ThousandEyes + Webex Meetings



Webex Calling Multi-Tenant Network Visibility Using ThousandEyes

Implementation

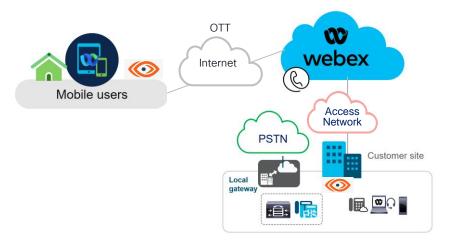
- Agent to Server Tests, no Webex Calling Cloud Agent
- Agent to Agent between branch offices

Benefits

- Visualize forward network paths to isolate problem areas
- Receive alerts based on custom thresholds of conditions that could impact user experience
- Rapidly identify problem domains
- Generate reports and share data with your providers for faster Mean Time to Repair/Mean Time to Identify (MTTR/MTTI)

Limitations

- Agent to Server Tests, no Webex Calling Cloud Agent
- No easy way to get the destination IP address. To find out the Cloud SBC IP address, you can view the Local Gateway(LGW) IP address destination using show call active voice brief or show voip rtp connections. Packet capture from the IP phone
- If not using LGW, packet captures can help to determine the outbound proxy IP address of the phones



ThousandEyes + Webex Calling Multi-Tenant



Webex Calling Dedicated Instance Network Visibility

Implementation

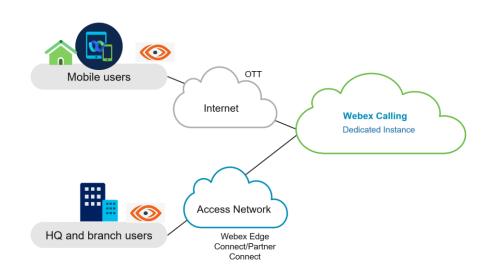
- Agent to Server Tests, no Webex Calling DI Cloud Agent
- Agent to Agent between branch offices
- Point the ThousandEyes agent test to Webex Calling DI Cloud SBCs and CUCM IP address for signaling

Benefits

- Visualize forward network paths to isolate problem areas
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- Rapidly identify problem domains
- Generate reports and share data with your providers for faster Mean Time to Repair/Mean Time to Identify (MTTR/MTTI)

Limitations

To find out the Cloud SBC IP address, you can view the Local Gateway(LGW) IP address destination using show call active voice brief or show voip rtp connections



Webex Contact Center Access Network Visibility

Implementation

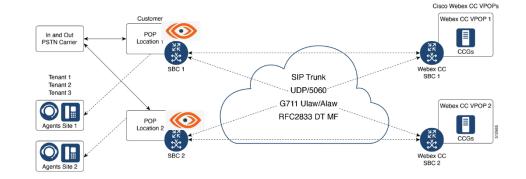
- Agent to Server Tests, no Webex Contact Center Cloud Agent
- Point the ThousandEyes agent test to Webex Contact Center SBCs

Benefits

- Visualize forward network paths to isolate problem areas
- Receive alerts based on custom thresholds of conditions that could impact user experience
- Rapidly identify problem domains
- Generate reports and share data with your providers for faster Mean Time to Repair/Mean Time to Identify (MTTR/MTTI)

Limitations

- ThousandEyes test do not resolve SRV records
- To find out the Cloud SBC IP address, you can view the cloud SBC IP address destination using show call active voice brief or show voip rtp connections



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ThousandEyes agent Collocation with CUBE

Implementation

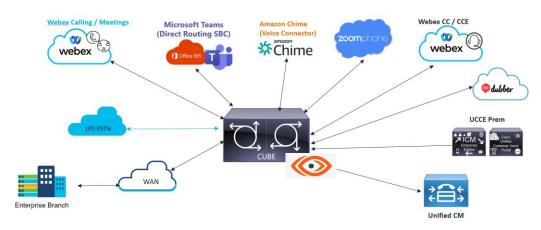
- Install ThousandEyes Agent on Cat8K
- Configure Agent to server network test or SIP test

Benefits

- Visualize forward network paths to isolate problem areas
- Receive alerts based on custom thresholds of conditions that could impact user experience
- Rapidly identify problem domains
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Limitations

- No MTLS support for SIP test
- Agent to server tests limited use TCP only



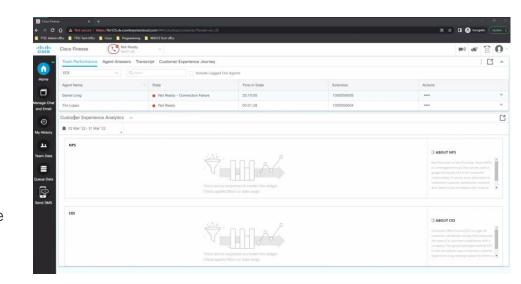
Deliver Finesse Agent Awareness of Network Traffic

Implementation

- Monitor Finesse using HTTP transaction tests
- Deploy ThousandEyes Enterprise Agent in the same network as the CC agent accessing Finesse

Benefits

Transaction tests measure Contact Center Agent web user experience using synthetic browser interactions. This type of test can uncover Web Page load times problems that aren't always apparent from the front



ThousandEyes + WCCE Finesse



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