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The Cisco Modeling Labs client is a cross-platform, point-and-click GUI that simplifies topology creation and initial device configurations and permits access to the Cisco Modeling Labs server. You can interact directly with your running simulations from this GUI. Additionally, the Cisco Modeling Labs client provides the functionality to generate default router configurations before simulating your topology.

This chapter introduces the main areas and capabilities of the Cisco Modeling Labs client.

Navigating Within the Cisco Modeling Labs Client

This section describes the functionality of the Cisco Modeling Labs client, which comprises a workbench containing a menu bar, a toolbar, multiple editors, multiple perspectives, and multiple views.

- **Workbench**: Refers to the Cisco Modeling Labs client desktop environment. Each time the workbench is exited, it is automatically saved, including all the open perspectives, views, and editors. When the workbench is reopened, it appears exactly as it was when last closed.

Figure 1: Cisco Modeling Labs Workbench
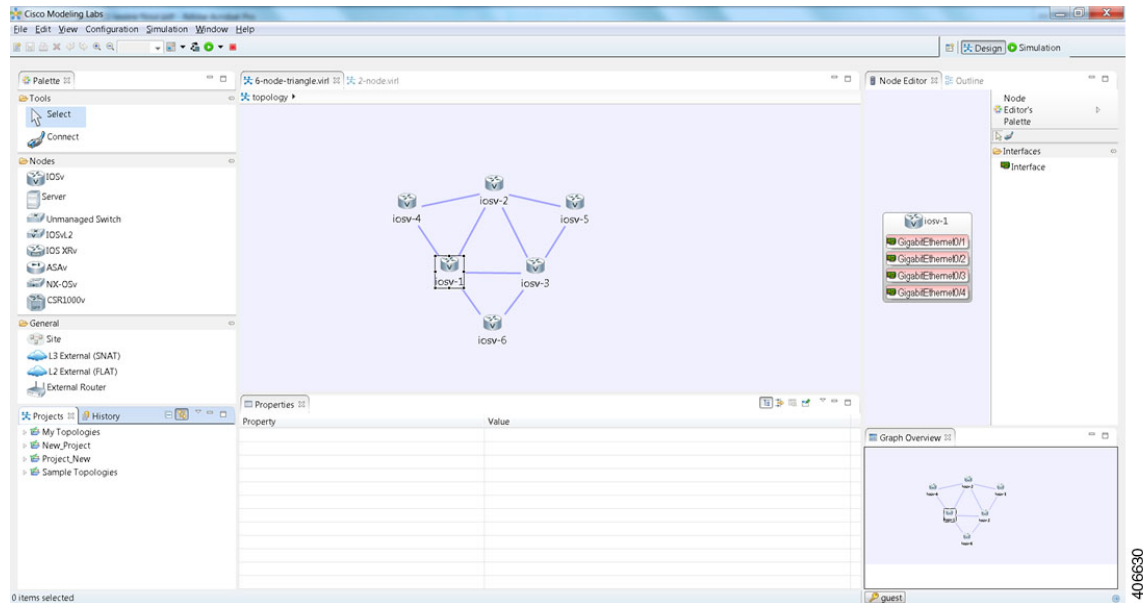
- **Menu Bar**: References all the actions that can be performed when using the Cisco Modeling Labs client.

Figure 2: Menu Bar

- **Toolbar**: Contains a set of icons representing commands. The toolbar provides shortcuts to actions that are used most often from the menu bar.

Figure 3: Toolbar

- **Cisco Modeling Labs Client Perspectives**: Identifies the **Design** and **Simulation** perspectives, each of which is associated with an initial set of views and editors in your workbench.

Figure 4: Perspectives

◦ From the **Design** perspective, you can design your network topology, build the node configurations, and check routing protocols. The **Design** perspective is the default perspective if you are launching the Cisco Modeling Labs client for the first time.

◦ From the **Simulation** perspective, you can enable devices and modify configurations to run the simulations. When the nodes in your topology are fully initialized, you can connect to the consoles as you would connect to a router console.

- **Cisco Modeling Labs Client Editors**: Provides alternative components within the Cisco Modeling Labs client from which you can create and edit topologies. Two editors are provided: **Node Editor** and **Topology Editor**.

  ◦ The **Node Editor** shows the interface details for selected elements in the **Topology Editor**.
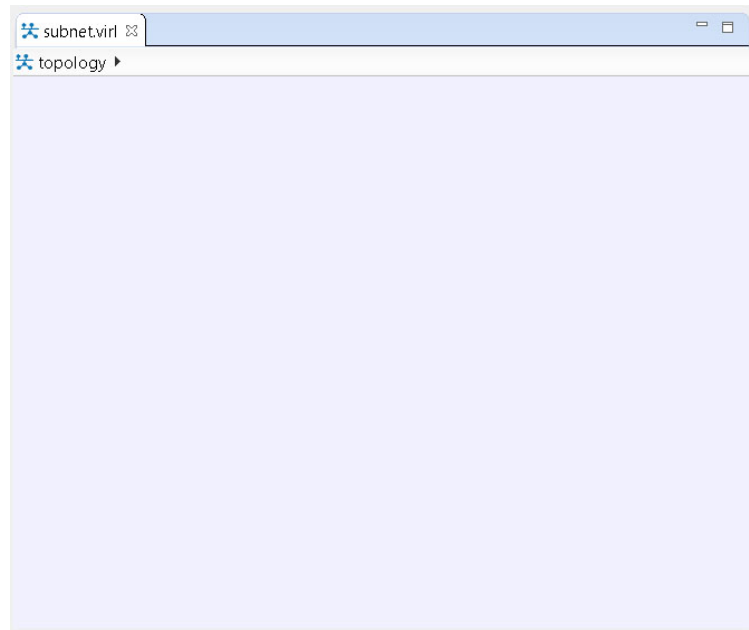
Figure 5: Node Editor

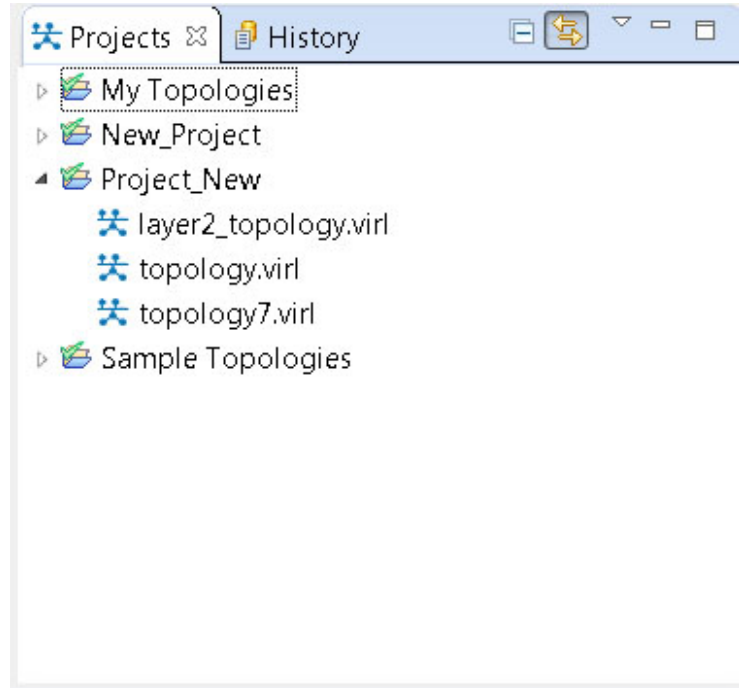◦ The **Topology Editor** comprises the **Palette** view

Figure 6: Palette
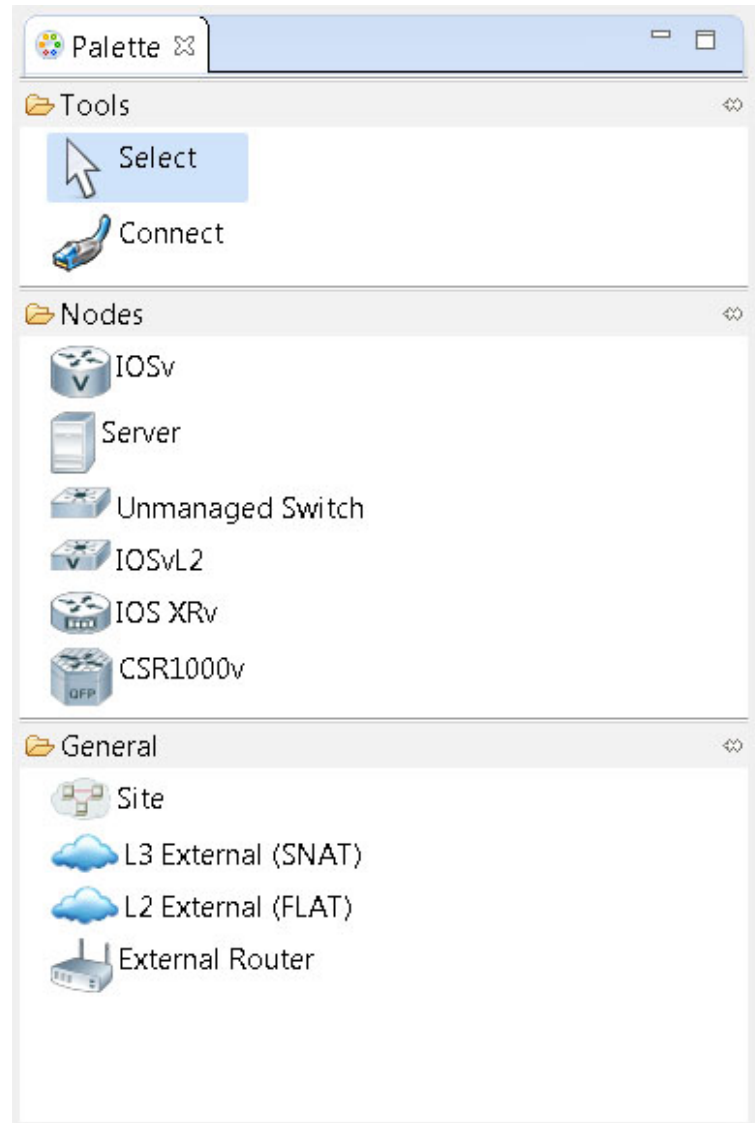
and the canvas.

Figure 7: Canvas

• **Cisco Modeling Labs Client Views**: Provides alternative presentations of your topology and methods for navigating the information in your workbench.

Figure 8: Views

• **Cisco Modeling Labs Client Layout**: Enables you to personalize your workbench, allowing you to rearrange, resize, reset, and move between views.

Menu Bar

The menu bar provides access to the complete list of actions that are possible in the Cisco Modeling Labs client.

Table 1: Menu Bar Items

Menu	Action(s)
File	Enables you to perform actions on a topology .virl file, set preferences for resources, and exit the Cisco Modeling Labs client. • **New**: Creates a new topology project folder, topology project, or topology .virl file. See Design a Topology Overview for more information. • **Save**: Saves the current **Topology Editor** contents. • **Save As**: Saves the current **Topology Editor** contents to a new file. • **Save All**: Saves all **Topology Editor** contents to a new file. • **Print**: Prints the current **Topology Editor** design. • **Import**: Imports a resource type (for example, a topology .virl file) into the Cisco Modeling Labs client. See Importing a Topology File, on page 10 for more information. • **Export**: Exports a resource type (for example, a topology .virl file) from the Cisco Modeling Labs client. See Exporting a Topology File, on page 10 for more information. • **Close**: Closes the current editor. • **Close All**: Closes all open editors. • **Preferences**: Opens the **Preferences** dialog box, where you can update the settings for the Cisco Modeling Labs client. See Setting Preferences for the Cisco Modeling Labs Client, on page 56 for more information. • **Switch Workspace**: Allows you to select a workspace folder to use for your session. • **Exit**: Exits the Cisco Modeling Labs client.

Menu	Action(s)
Edit	Enables you to manipulate resources on the canvas. • **Undo**: Cancels the most recent change. • **Redo**: Applies the most recent change that was removed. • **Copy**: Places a copy of the topology on the clipboard. • **Paste**: Pastes the topology from the clipboard to the canvas at the current cursor location. • **Delete**: Deletes the current topology. • **Search**: Enables you to perform topology searches and text searches within work spaces, topology projects, files, and working sets. • **Select All**: Selects all objects in the current topology canvas. • **Grid**: Provides three options for displaying nodes on the canvas: **Display Grid**, **Snap to Grid**, and **Distribute Nodes**. • **Reset Node Subtype**: Enables you to redefine a virtual node on the canvas. When **Reset All Interface Names** is selected, the interface IDs are reset sequentially, starting from the minimum range. • **Distribute Nodes**: Aligns the nodes on the canvas evenly, either vertically or horizontally. (This feature is disabled when **Show Map Background** is chosen.) • **Layout Nodes**: Places nodes on the canvas in a tree layout or an F-R layout. (This feature is disabled when **Show Map Background** is selected.) • **Alignment**: Aligns the nodes on the canvas. Options are: left, center, right, top, middle, or bottom. (This feature is disabled when **Show Map Background** is selected.) • **Group to Site**: Groups two or more nodes within a site. • **Ungroup Site**: Ungroups nodes from within a site, removing one layer of nesting.

Menu	Action(s)
View	Enables you to manipulate the Cisco Modeling Labs client. • **Zoom In**: Allows you to zoom in on the canvas, increasing the topology view. This is also available on the toolbar. • **Zoom Out**: Allows you to zoom out on the canvas, reducing the topology view. This is also available on the toolbar. • **Highlight Connection**: Highlights all connections to and from the selected node. • **Show/Hide Map Background**: Displays a map background for the topology. Choose Hide to disable the feature.(You must have Internet access to use this feature.) • **Topology Labels**: Displays the IPv4 and IPv6 loopback addresses on the canvas. Click **Show Topology Labels** to turn on this functionality. Toggle between **Node loopback IPv4** and **Node loopback IPv6** to see the applicable addresses on the node(s) on the canvas.
Configuration	Enables you to generate node configurations. • **Build Initial Configurations**: Creates initial node configurations.
Simulation	Enables you to start and stop simulations. • **Launch Simulation**: Starts a simulation. • **Launch Simulation (with time limit)** : Starts a simulation for a specified time period. • **Stop Simulations**: Stops a running simulation.
Window	Enables you to manage perspectives in the Cisco Modeling Labs client. • **Open Perspective**: Opens the selected perspective. • **Show View** : Displays the selected view. • **Reset Perspective**: Resets the perspective to the initial login perspective. • **Save Perspective As**: Saves the current perspective to a specified name. • **Close Perspective**: Closes the open perspective.

Menu	Action(s)
Help	Displays the help topics for using the Cisco Modeling Labs client in a separate browser window. • **Help Contents**: Opens the Cisco Modeling Labs client support documentation. • **Cheat Sheets**: Helps you in completing a task. • **Generate Problem Report**: Generates a detailed report of a problem, which can be submitted to Cisco Technical Assistance Center (Cisco TAC) for further investigation. See Generate Problem Reports, on page 11 for more information. • **About Cisco Modeling Labs**: Identifies version information and displays details pertaining to software installations.

Importing a Topology File

Step 1 From the menu bar, choose **File** > **Import**.
The **Import** dialog box appears.

Step 2 From the drop-down list, choose **Topology** > **Import Topology file from File System**, and click **Next**.

Step 3 Click **Browse** to locate the applicable .virl file.

Step 4 In the right pane, check the check box for the applicable .virl file.

Step 5 Click **Finish** to import the topology file.

Exporting a Topology File

Step 1 From the menu bar, choose **File** > **Export**.

> **Note** To export a topology file, it must be open on the canvas of the **Topology Editor**.

The **Export** dialog box appears.

Step 2 From the drop-down list, choose **Topology** > **Export Topology file to File System**, and click **Next**.

Step 3 Click **Browse** to select the directory to export the topology file to.

Step 4 Click **Finish** to export the topology file.

Generate Problem Reports

The Cisco Modeling Labs client provides functionality that allows you to generate problem reports for any problems encountered in your topology. It is accessible from the menu bar under **Help** > **Generate Problem Report**.

While all options are preselected, you can individually select the information you want to include in the report.

Note When generating a problem report for your topology, you must have the topology containing the problem open on the canvas.

Option	Description
Log File	User interface .log file from the user's workspace.
Consoles' Content	Current content from the **Console** view messages. These are messages from the server in response to AutoNetkit and simulation launch actions.
Topology Editor Contents	Contents of the currently open topology file in the **Topology Editor** canvas.
Screenshot of the User Interface	Screenshot showing the state of the user interface when the problem occurred.
Web Services Setting	Report of the web services details and errors.
Additional Information	Any additional information that users can provide to describe the problem.

The generated problem report is saved to a .zip file, where you can check the contents before sending it to Cisco TAC for investigation.

Toolbar

The toolbar is a compilation of icons representing commonly used actions. The toolbar is arranged below the menu bar and offers the same actions as the menu bar in a single click. The following table outlines the actions that can be performed using the Cisco Modeling Labs client toolbar.

Table 2: Toolbar Options

Icon	Function	Description
	New Topology File	Creates a new topology file. A topology file is a .virl file where the network arrangement is designed.
	Save	Saves the current topology.

Icon	Function	Description
	Print	Prints the current topology.
	Delete	Deletes the currently selected element within the topology.
	Undo	Undoes the most recent action.
	Redo	Redoes the most recent undone action.
	Zoom In	Enlarges the topology view on the canvas.
	Zoom Out	Decreases the topology view on the canvas.
	Show Topology Labels	Displays either IPv4 or IPv6 loopback addresses configured manually or by AutoNetkit for the topology on the canvas.
	Build Initial Configurations	Generates initial node configurations for the topology.
	Launch Simulation	Launches a simulation indefinitely or for a user-specified time period.
	Stop Simulations	Stops all running simulation(s).

Cisco Modeling Labs Client Components

The three main components of the Cisco Modeling Labs client are described in the following sections:

Cisco Modeling Labs Client Editors

Editors are visual components within the Cisco Modeling Labs client. Currently, two editors are available:

- **Topology Editor**: Shows the entire topology (or sites). The **Topology Editor** comprises the **Palette** view and the canvas.

- **Node Editor**: Shows the interface details for the currently selected elements in the **Topology Editor**.

Note   Selecting a connection in the **Topology Editor** shows the details of both the endpoints in the **Node Editor**.

Topology Editor

The **Topology Editor** allows you to:

- Add, move, group, rename, delete nodes, and sites on the canvas, or change the properties.

- Create or remove connections between nodes.

- Use GPS coordinates to map your topology to precise geographic locations.

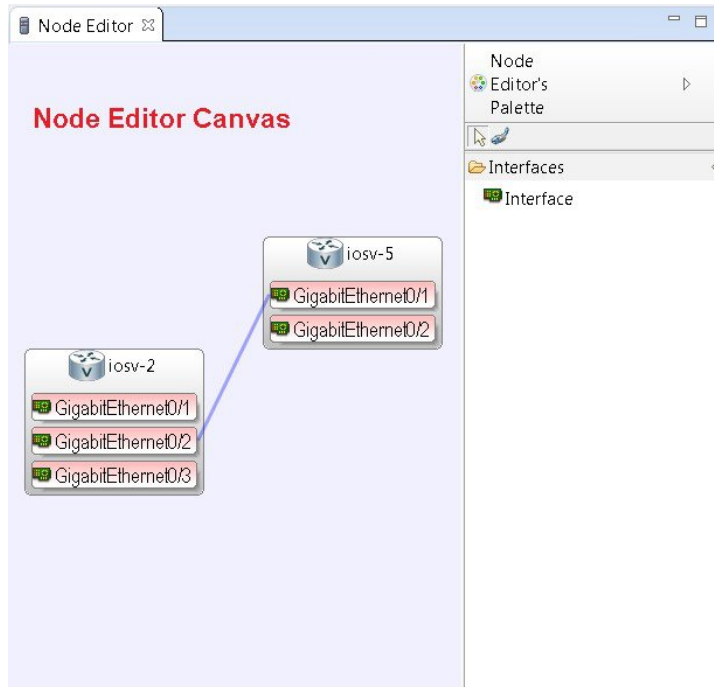**Figure 9: Topology Editor**
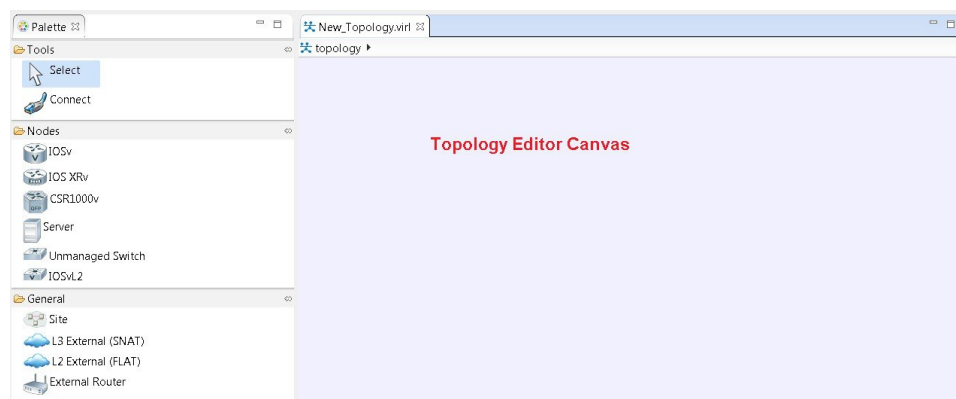
Node Editor

The **Node Editor** allows you to:

- Add interfaces to a node.

- Add connections to the interfaces on a node.

- View nodes, their connections, and all the interfaces on the nodes.

- Specify which interface the connection connects to on each node.

- Update properties for interfaces.

Figure 10: Node Editor

Cisco Modeling Labs Client Perspectives

A perspective defines the initial set and layout of views and editors in the workbench. The Cisco Modeling Labs client provides two perspectives. However, you can customize your own user-defined perspectives for use, which can be saved or deleted as needed.

The two perspectives provided in the Cisco Modeling Labs client are **Design** and **Simulation**.

- **Design**: Allows you to create and design your topologies, for example, adding devices and defining interfaces and adding connections to devices within your network. If you are using the Cisco Modeling Labs client for the first time, the **Design** perspective opens by default.

- **Simulation**: Allows you to simulate running configurations that are generated from Cisco IOSv versions.

Note   The **Design** and **Simulation** perspectives that are built into the Cisco Modeling Labs client cannot be deleted.

One or more perspectives can exist in a single workspace. If multiple perspectives are opened at the same time, you can choose whether to layer them or open them in a separate workspace.

Working with Perspectives

You can manage the various perspectives defined in the workbench by choosing **File** > **Preferences** > **General** > **Perspectives**.

Figure 11: Perspectives Preferences
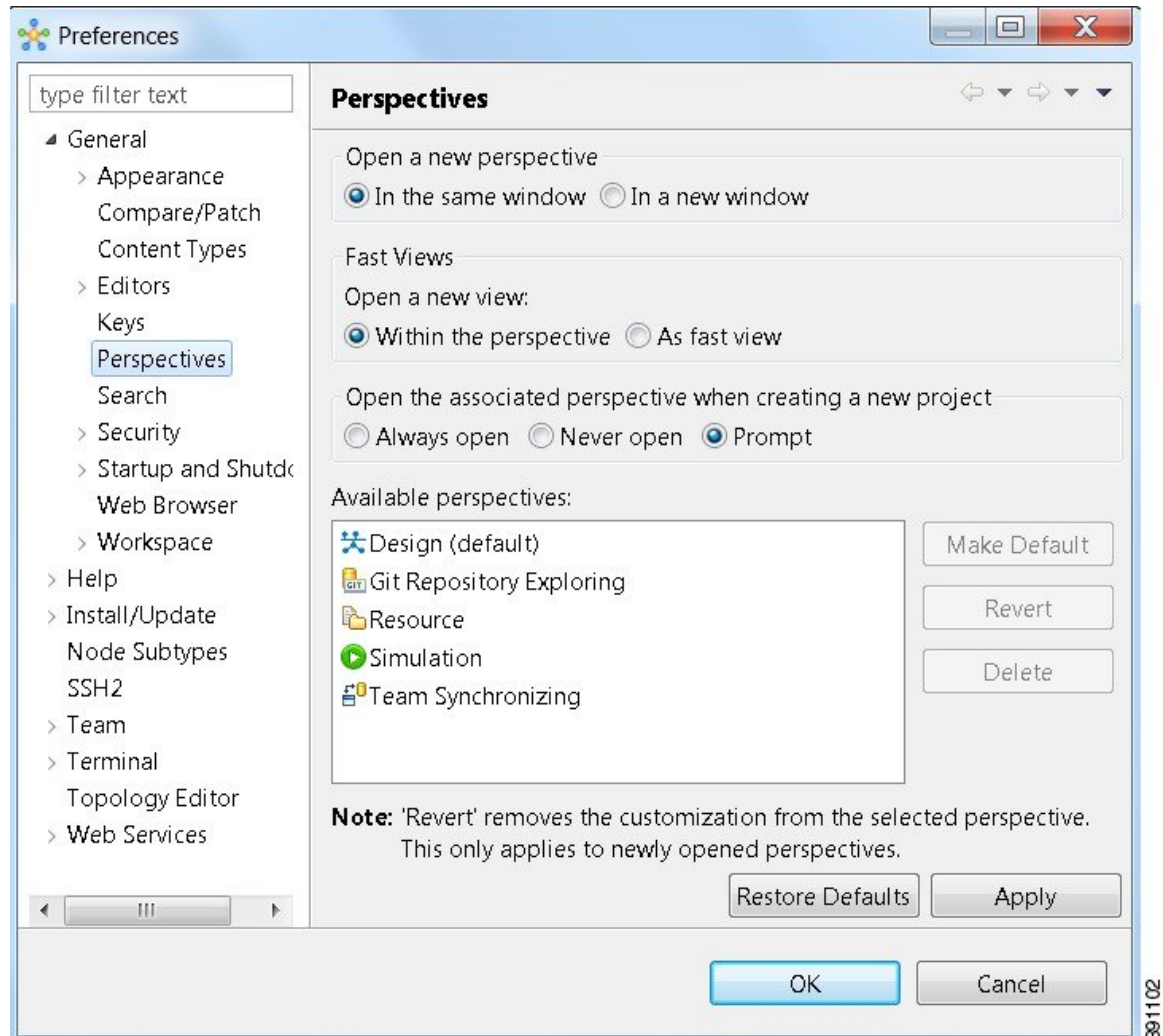
The following table describes the **Perspectives** options:

Table 3: Perspectives Options

Option	Description
Open a new perspective	Defines whether a new perspective opens in the current workbench or opens in a new window. By default, a new perspective opens in the current workbench.

Option	Description
Open a new view	Defines whether a new view opens within the current perspective or opens docked beside the current perspective (fast view). By default, a new view opens within the current perspective.
New project options	Defines perspective behavior when a new project is created. By default, a new project opens the perspective in the same workbench.

The following table describes the **Available perspectives** options:

Table 4: Available Perspectives Options

| Option	Description
Make Default	Sets the selected perspective as the default perspective.
Revert	Resets the definition of the selected perspective to the default configuration. This option is only applicable to system-defined perspectives.
Delete	Deletes the selected perspective. This option is only applicable to user-defined perspectives. (System-defined perspectives cannot be deleted.)

Customize Perspectives

Cisco Modeling Labs provides two perspectives for use in the workspace: the **Design** perspective and the **Simulation** perspective. These perspectives display various views and settings that cannot be changed, nor can they be deleted from the Cisco Modeling Labs client. You can, however, customize additional **Design** and **Simulation** perspectives for your specific needs.

From the **View** menu, you can open additional views and arrange them in your perspective. The views can be arranged by dragging them around the workspace. When finished, you can save the perspective.

Note   Right-click the applicable perspective tab to open the context menu, and then click **Show Text**. The **Design** perspective and the **Simulation** perspective buttons will be displayed as text labels instead of icons only.

Step 1   Open the **Design** perspective or **Simulation** perspective in your workspace.
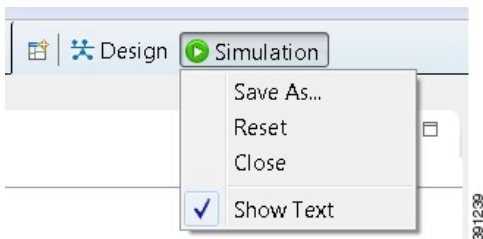
Use this as an initial template from which to create a customized perspective.

Step 2   To add new views, choose **Window** > **Show View** > **Other** and the **Show View** dialog box is displayed listing all views for use.
Views already in use are shown as dimmed in the list.

Step 3   To add node information, double-click a node to add a **Node Editor** in the perspective.

Step 4   Click and drag the views and **Node Editors** to different positions within the workspace. For example, you can move each node's **Console** view so they are either side by side or stacked in tabs.

Step 5   When you are finished arranging the workspace, right-click the applicable perspective button, and then click **Save As**. You are prompted to name the new perspective.

Step 6   Enter a name for the perspective and click **OK**.

Design Perspective

The **Design** perspective allows you to create and design your topologies. By default, the **Design** perspective incorporates the components listed here because they are the most widely used. However, you can customize a **Design** perspective to include a different set of components.

- **Palette** view: Provides the node types, connection types, and sites used to design a topology.

- **Projects** view: Lists topology projects, subfolders, and files defined from the workbench.

- **History** view: Lists changes made to a file based on date and time stamp.

- **Properties** view: Identifies node and interface properties.

- **Node Editor**: Identifies nodes, node connections, and node interfaces.

- **Topology Editor**: Develops a network topology.

- **Graph Overview**: Provides methods for viewing a network topology.

To customize a new **Design** perspective, choose the desired components from the **View** menu (for example, **View** > **Other** > **Cisco Terminal**), and then drag that component view to the desired location within the workbench. When you are done adding components to the workbench and the component views are laid out as desired, right-click the **Design** perspective button, select **Save As**, and enter a name for the new **Design** perspective.

From the **Design** perspective, right-click the **Design** icon. This displays the following menu options:

Table 5: Design Perspective Context Menu Options

Operation	Description
Save As	Saves the customized workbench layout, views, and editors as a new **Design** perspective.
Reset	Resets the current perspective to display the workbench design that was used when the workbench was first opened. **Note** Any open editors, for example, **Node Editor**, are not closed when a perspective is reset. You must close them manually.

Operation	Description
Close	Closes the current perspective. You can reopen it using the **Open Perspective** tool, which is located at the upper right corner of the window.
Show Text	When selected, shows perspective names in the toolbar instead of icons. When deselected, shows perspective icons in the toolbar instead of names.

Simulation Perspective

The **Simulation** perspective opens after you launch a simulation; you are prompted to switch to the **Simulation** perspective. Switching to the **Simulation** perspective means that you can now connect to your running nodes in the **Simulations** view. By default, it incorporates the **Topology Editor**, **Projects** view, **Simulations** view, **Console** view, and **Terminal** view.

From the **Simulation** perspective, right-click the **Simulation** icon. This displays the following menu options:

Table 6: Simulation Perspective Context Menu Options

Operation	Description
Save As	Saves the current perspective.
Reset	Resets the current perspective to its original configuration (when the workbench opened initially). **Note** Any open editors, for example, **Topology Editor**, are not closed when a perspective gets reset to its original configuration. They are stacked as tabs in the default editor area for that perspective.
Close	Closes the current perspective. (Reopen it using the **Open Perspective** tool.)
Show Text	When selected, shows perspective names in the toolbar instead of icons. When deselected, shows perspective icons in the toolbar instead of names.

Cisco Modeling Labs Client Views

Views provide alternative methods for presenting topology information and navigating within your workbench. You can drag the view windows and position them anywhere within the workbench. Some views have their own toolbars, and some of the tools on these toolbars are specific to the views being presented.

The most commonly used views within the Cisco Modeling Labs client are listed in the following table:

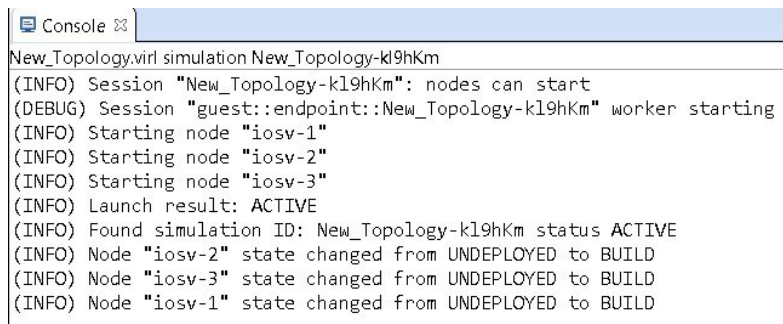*Table 7: Commonly Used Views in the Cisco Modeling Labs Client*

View Name	Perspective Where Used	Description
Console view	**Design** and **Simulation**	**Design**—Displays messages from AutoNetkit when it is used to generate router configurations. **Simulation**—Displays message streams from the Cisco Modeling Labs server after a simulation is launched. For more information, see Console View, on page 20.
Graph Overview	**Design**	Provides you with the ability to view a scaled-down version of your entire topology. For more information, see Graph Overview, on page 21.
History view	**Design**	Provides a history of changes made to a file and enables you to select a previous file version from the list. For more information, see History View, on page 22.
Outline view	**Design**	Shows a list of the nodes in the topology and their interface connections. For more information, see Outline View, on page 24.
Palette view	**Design**	Allows you to add devices and interface connections to your topology. For more information, see Palette View, on page 25.
Problems view	**Design**	Displays errors, warnings, and other information that was detected within the **Topology Editor**. For more information, see Problems View, on page 27.
Projects view	**Design** and **Simulation**	Provides a hierarchical view of topology projects, folders, and topologies in the workbench. For more information, see Projects View, on page 32.
Properties view	**Design**	Displays names and properties of nodes and interfaces. For more information, see Properties View, on page 33.
Search view	**Design**	Displays the results of a search, which can be based on text strings, regular expressions, patterns, whole words, and case-sensitive characters. For more information, see Search View, on page 46.
Simulations view	**Simulation**	Displays information on all running simulations. For more information, see Simulations View, on page 49.

View Name	Perspective Where Used	Description
Terminal view	**Simulation**	Displays console information when you use Telnet or SSH to connect to a node. For more information, see Terminal View, on page 55.

Console View

The **Console** view displays message streams from the Cisco Modeling Labs server after a simulation is launched. It also displays messages from AutoNetkit when it is used to generate router configurations.

Figure 12: Console View

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Console ⊠
New_Topology.virl simulation New_Topology-kl9hKm
(INFO) Session "New_Topology-kl9hKm": nodes can start
(DEBUG) Session "guest::endpoint::New_Topology-kl9hKm" worker starting
(INFO) Starting node "iosv-1"
(INFO) Starting node "iosv-2"
(INFO) Starting node "iosv-3"
(INFO) Launch result: ACTIVE
(INFO) Found simulation ID: New_Topology-kl9hKm status ACTIVE
(INFO) Node "iosv-2" state changed from UNDEPLOYED to BUILD
(INFO) Node "iosv-3" state changed from UNDEPLOYED to BUILD
(INFO) Node "iosv-1" state changed from UNDEPLOYED to BUILD
```

The **Console** view toolbar contains the following tools:

Figure 13: Console View Toolbar

Table 8: Available Tools

Icon	Function	Description
	Clear Console	Removes all the information from the **Console** view.
	Scroll Lock	Switches scrolling on and off.
	Pin Console	Pins the **Console** view to the workbench so that subsequent message streams are shown in another **Console** view. The pinned view remains unchanged.

| Icon	Function	Description
	Display Selected Console	Displays the **Console** view for the selected simulation.
	Open Console	Opens a new **Console** view.
	Minimize	Reduces the size of the **Console** view.
	Maximize	Increases the size of the **Console** view.

Note When several simulations are running, use the toolbar button **Display Selected Console** to toggle between the **Console** views for the different simulations.

Graph Overview

Graph Overview enables you to view a scaled-down version of your entire topology. A blue rectangle (representing an overlay) is used to indicate a portion of the topology that is currently being displayed in the **Topology Editor**. Using this overlay, you can easily see where the displayed portion sits in relation to the entire topology.

The **Graph Overview** also allows you to navigate around a large topology when it is either too large to fit into the canvas or is zoomed in and not fully displayed on the canvas.

Figure 14: Graph Overview
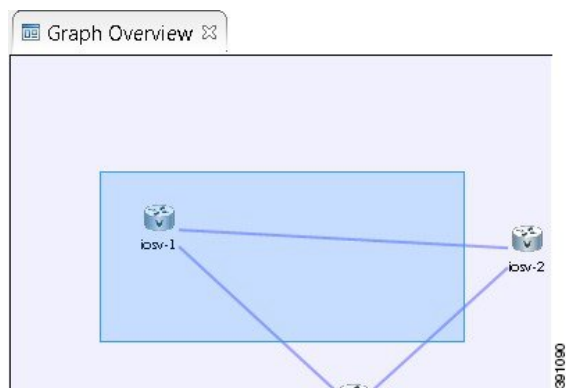
From the **Graph Overview**, click and drag the overlay to pan around your topology. As you drag the overlay, the corresponding content is reflected in the **Topology Editor**.
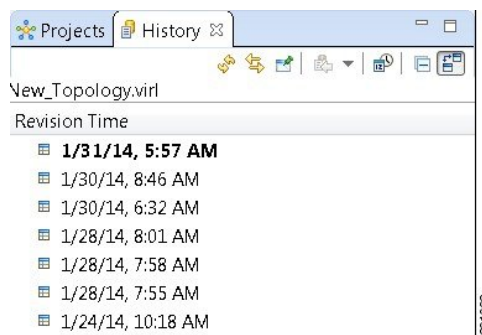
History View

When you create or modify a file, a history of record is maintained and a copy of the modified file is stored locally. This allows you to replace the current file with a previous version or restore a file that has been deleted. You can also use the **History** view to compare the changes that were made to the local files. Each file's history, which is stored locally, is uniquely represented by the date and time at which the file was saved.

Note   Only changes made to topology files (.virl) are retained locally; changes made to projects and folders are not.

Figure 15: History View

To view the changed history of a file, in the **Projects** view, right-click the applicable file and choose **Team > Show Local History**.

The **History** view displays a list of revision times; the most recent revision time is highlighted at the top of the list.

Note   If you have a .virl file opened in the workbench, click the **History** tab to view the list of changes made to the file.

The **History** view toolbar contains the following tools:

Figure 16: History View Toolbar

Table 9: Available Tools

Icon	Function	Description
	Refresh	Refreshes the contents of the view, retrieving the latest history information for a file from the system.
	Link with Editor and Selection	Toggles when the **History** view selection is linked to the active editor. When this option is selected, changing the active editor automatically updates the **History** view selection to the project, folder, and file being edited.
	Pin this History View	Pins the view to the workbench and captures a snapshot of the file history information. New requests for file history are opened in a new instance of the **History** view.
	Group Revisions by Date	Sorts all history items by date. Options are: • **Today** • **Yesterday** • **This Month** • **Previous**
	Collapse All	Collapses all the history items listed in the hierarchical view.
	Compare Mode	Opens the compare editor for file comparison.

Outline View

The **Outline** view shows a list of the nodes in the topology and their interface connections. Node connectivity is shown through their interface connections.

Figure 17: Outline View
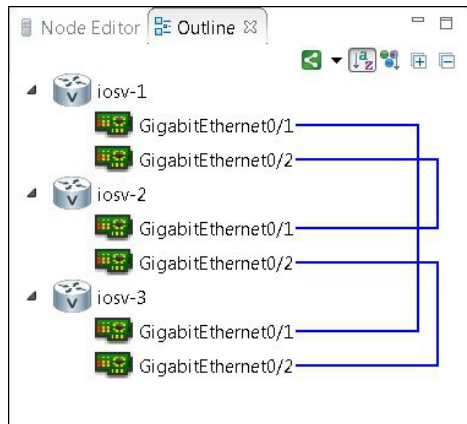
The **Outline** view toolbar contains the following tools:

Figure 18: Outline View Toolbar

Table 10: Available Tools

Icon	Function	Description
	Change Display Mode of Connection	Allows you to choose various options when displaying connections: • **Hide Connections**—No connections are shown. **Show Selected Connections**—Displays only the connections that are selected in the **Topology Editor**. • **Show Intra-Topology Connections**—Displays only the connections between the sites in the topology. • **Show Inter-Topology Connections**—Displays only the connections that are within a site. • **Show All Connections**—Displays all the connections for all the nodes in the topology.
	Sort Alphabetically	Sorts and lists the node names in alphabetical order.

Icon	Function	Description
	Sort By Node Type	Sorts and lists the node types in alphabetical order.
	Expand All	Expands nodes, interfaces, and connections in the hierarchical view.
	Collapse All	Collapses all of the items in the hierarchical view.

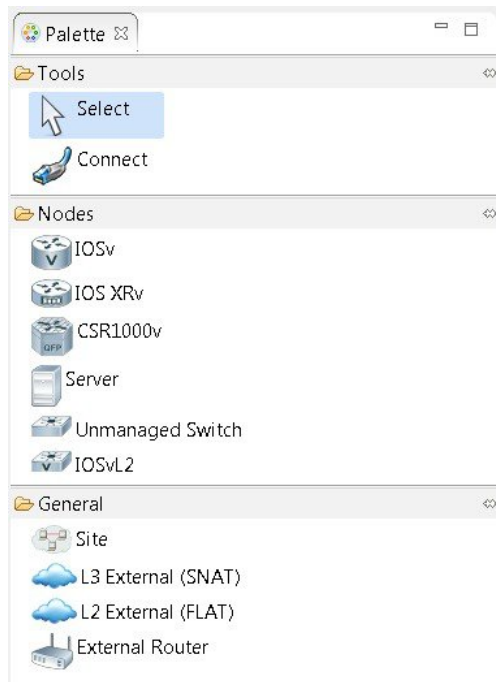## Palette View

The **Palette** view allows you to add devices and interface connections to your topology. Using the **Palette** view, you can:

- Add nodes, Layer 3 external Secure Network Address Translation (SNAT) connections, and Layer 2 external (FLAT) connections to your topologies.

- Select nodes and connections for repositioning on the canvas.

- Create connections between node interfaces.

• Group nodes into sites.

Figure 19: Palette View

The **Palette** view is divided into the following categories:

• **Tools**: Contains the **Select** and **Connect** tools. The **Select** tool allows you to select nodes, Layer 3 external (SNAT) connections, and Layer 2 external (FLAT) connections on the **Topology Editor** canvas. The **Connect** tool creates connections between node interfaces.

> **Note** The **File** > **Preferences** > **Topology Editor** setting affects how the nodes and connections are placed on the canvas. If you check the **Revert back to the palette's default tool** check box, you must click a node, connection, or other object each time you place an object on the canvas. If the **Revert back to the palette's default tool** check box is not checked, each time you click the canvas, an object is placed until you click the **Select** tool (the default palette tool).

• **Nodes**: Contains the node types available for use in topologies. Currently, Cisco Modeling Labs, Release 1.1 includes the following:

 • Cisco IOSv Software Release15.4(3)M

 • Cisco IOSv Layer 2

 • Ubuntu 14.04 Cloud

Note	Additional node subtypes can be installed separately. See *Release Notes for Cisco Modeling Labs Release 1.1* for the most up-to-date list of supported virtual images.

- **General**: Contains the different types of connection functions that are supported for nodes. Options are:

  ◦ Layer 3 external connections

  ◦ Layer 2 external connections

You can also create sites.

The **Palette** view toolbar contains the following tools:

Figure 20: Palette View Toolbar

Table 11: Available Tools

Icon	Tool	Description
	Minimize	Reduces size of **Palette** view.
	Maximize	Increases size of **Palette** view.

Problems View

The **Topology Editor** automatically detects errors, warnings, and other information displayed on the topology elements in the **Topology Editor** and **Node Editor**. These markers can be viewed in the **Problems** view.

Note   By default, the **Problems** view displays all the errors and warnings for all the topologies in the **Projects** view, not just the currently open topology. From the **Problems** view toolbar, choose **View Menu** > **Show** > **Errors/Warnings on Project** to filter only those errors and warnings that are applicable to the current project. Alternatively, you can also use the **Configure Contents** dialog box, which is accessible from the **View Menu** option, to filter warnings and errors associated with a particular topology or topology project.

Figure 21: Problems View

The **Problems** view groups errors and warnings by severity, with the most critical issues listed first.

Double-click the problem marker in the **Problems** view, which opens the appropriate editor in the Cisco Modeling Labs client. If the problem relates to an XML file, the XML file opens in a text editor. The problem is highlighted, allowing you to quickly identify the issue and correct it.

Figure 22: Problem Example
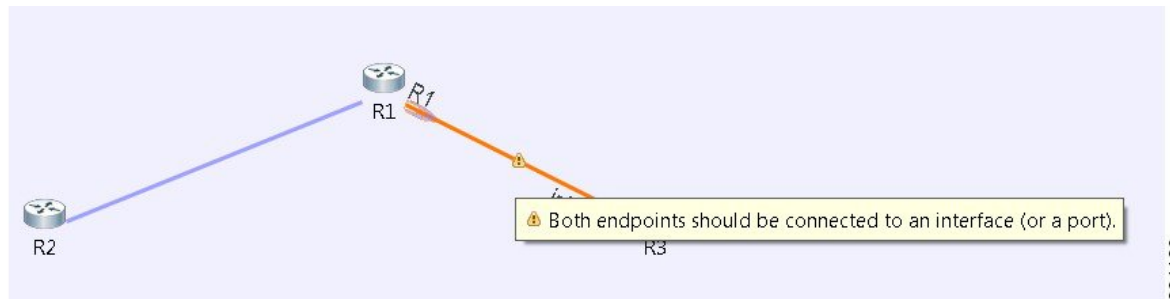
The **Problems** view toolbar contains the following tools:

Figure 23: Problems View Toolbar

Table 12: Available Tools

| Icon	Function	Description
	View Menu	The **View** menu has the following options: • **Show**: Displays errors and warnings. • **Group By**: Groups problems under the headings **Type**, **Severity**, and **None**. The default is **Severity**. • **Sort By**: Sorts problems under the following headings: 　◦ **Description**: Details the problem encountered. 　◦ **Resource**: Displays the name of the .virl file where the problem has occurred. 　◦ **Path**: Displays the applicable project folder. 　◦ **Location**: Displays the location in the .virl file where the problem has occurred. 　◦ **Type**: Displays the type of problem, for example, XML problem. • **New Problems View**: Opens a new **Problems** view on the workbench. • **Configure Contents**: Opens the **Configure Contents** dialog box, where you can add multiple filters to the **Problems** view and enable or disable them. Filters can either be additive or exclusive. The **All Errors/Warnings on Selection** filter is provided by default. • **Configure Columns**: Opens the **Configure Columns** dialog box, where you can choose to hide or show specific information about the problem encountered, as shown in the **Sort By** option. Options are: 　◦ **Creation Time**: Displays the time when the problem occurred. 　◦ **Description, ID**: Displays the system-generated ID for the problem, location, path, resource, and type.
	Minimize	Reduces the size of the **Problems** view.
	Maximize	Increases the size of the **Problems** view.

The Quick Fix Option

Problems displayed in the **Problems** view are provided with a **Quick Fix** option if available. A quick fix is indicated by a light bulb icon that is visible on the marker. When this option is selected, you are presented with one or more possible fixes.

We recommend that you use **Quick Fix** to resolve the errors discovered unless the errors have been deliberately created for testing purposes.

Figure 24: Quick Fix
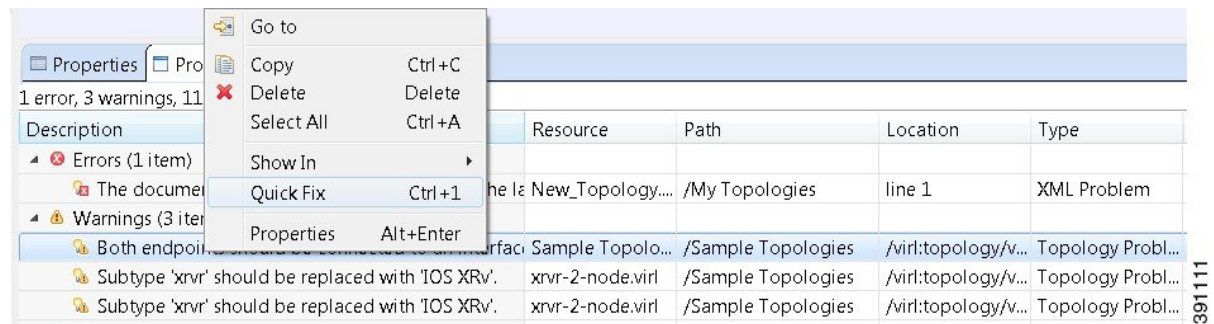
To fix a problem:

1   Right-click the line containing the problem, and select **Quick Fix**.

The **Quick Fix** dialog box displays a list of possible solutions.

Figure 25: Quick Fix Dialog Box
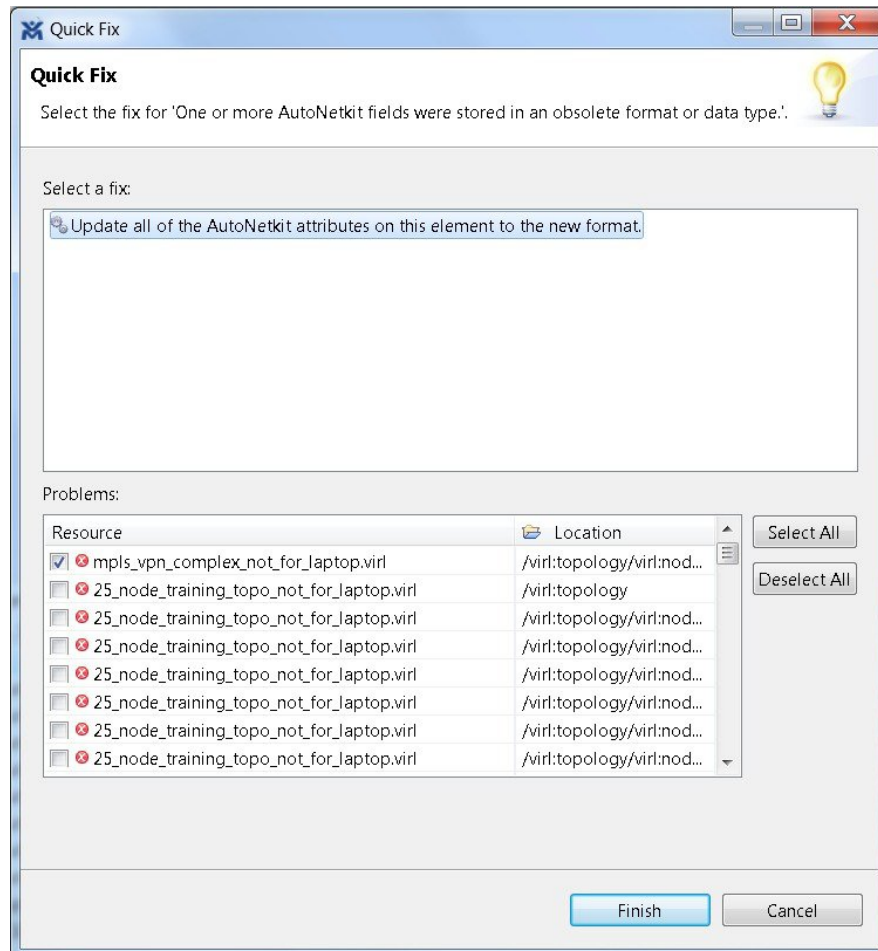
2   Select a fix from the list, and then check the check box of any of the resources listed in the **Problems** area. You can click **Select All** to apply the quick fix to all the resources listed. Alternatively, you can click **Deselect All** to clear all selections.

3   Click **Finish**.

Note   Once a problem has been fixed using the **Quick Fix** option, the action cannot be undone.

Projects View

The **Projects** view provides a hierarchical view of topology projects, folders, and topologies in the workbench. From here, you can open topologies for editing or select resources for operations, such as exporting.

Figure 26: Projects View
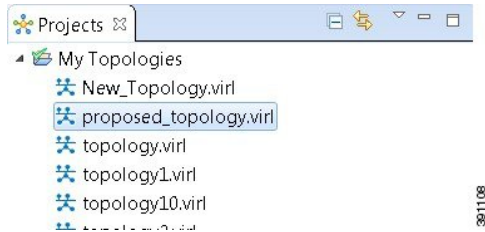
Right-click any topology in the **Projects** view to open a context menu. In this context menu, you can copy, move, and create new topology files, view comparison files, and so on.

The **Projects** view toolbar contains the following tools:

Figure 27: Projects View Toolbar

Table 13: Available Tools

Icon	Function	Description
	Collapse All	Collapses the hierarchy of all the resources in the **Projects** view.
	Link with Editor	Links the **Projects** view with an active editor. A change to an active editor automatically updates the **Projects** view and allows you to toggle between the two views.
	View Menu	Provides options for customizing the content displayed in the **Projects** view. Options are: • **Sort by filters** • **Sort by content**
	Minimize	Reduces the size of the **Projects** view.

Icon	Function	Description
	Maximize	Increases the size of the **Projects** view.

The **Projects** view displays several icons on the toolbar:
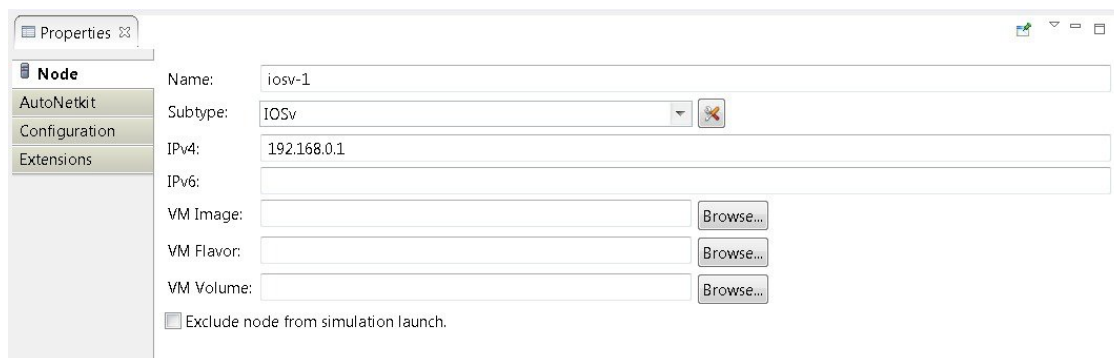
Table 14: Projects View Icons

Icon	Name	Description
	Topology Project	Indicates an open topology project.
	Folder	Indicates an open folder. Folders are created within a topology project so that topology files can be organized into separate areas for greater accessibility.
	Topology	Indicates a topology file.

Properties View

The **Properties** view displays the names and properties of nodes and interfaces. If no specific node or interface is selected, the **Properties** settings apply globally to all the nodes and interfaces within a topology. If a specific node or interface is selected, the **Properties** settings apply to only that node or interface.

Figure 28: Properties View

The **Properties** view toolbar contains the following tools:

Figure 29: Properties View Toolbar

Table 15: Available Tools

Icon	Function	Description
	Show Categories	Shows the available properties categories.
	Show Advanced Properties	Shows all advanced properties.
	Restore Default Value	Restores the default value for the property.
	Pin to Selection	Pins this properties view to the current selection.
	View Menu	Displays menu items that allow you to: • Open a new properties view. • Pin the properties view to the current selection.
	Minimize	Reduces the size of the **Properties** view.
	Maximize	Increases the size of the **Properties** view.

The properties in the **Properties** view are discussed in the following sections:

Node Properties

When you select a node on the canvas, the properties for that node are displayed in the **Properties** view.

Figure 30: Node Properties

Under the **Node** tab, you can perform the following tasks:

Table 16: Node Properties

Property	Description
Name	Specify a name for the node. **Note** Use only alphanumeric and special characters for node names. Node names must be unique across the entire topology. Duplicate node names cause the build to fail when the configuration is autogenerated. If a duplicate node name is defined, a marker is shown in the **Problems** view. Unicode is not supported for node names. The use of a period in a node name may cause the node name to wrap when viewing the hierarchy from the Cisco Modeling Labs server. When you update a node name in the **Properties** > **Node** view, the node name is not updated in the **Node Editor**.

Subtype	Specify a subtype from the list. Cisco Modeling Labs 1.1 includes the following images built into the Cisco Modeling Labs client:
	
	    • Cisco IOSv Software Release 15.4(3)M
	
	    • Cisco IOSv Layer 2 switch
	
	    • Ubuntu 14.04 Cloud
	
	Additional Cisco virtual images are available for use. However, they must be installed separately. For a list of supported subtypes, see *Release Notes for Cisco Modeling Labs 1.1*.
	Note When changing a node subtype after it is initially configured using AutoNetkit, for example, changing a Cisco IOSv subtype to a Cisco IOS XRv subtype, you need to revalidate the AutoNetkit properties for the new node subtype.

Property	Description
IPv4	Specify an IPv4 loopback address. The loopback address is added to the router as interface loopback0. Enter a valid IP address in the correct format.
IPv6	Specify an IPv6 loopback address. The loopback address is added to the router as interface loopback0. Enter a valid IP address in the correct format.
VM Image	Specify a VM image other than the default. Click **Browse** to choose a valid VM image from the **Select VM Image** dialog box.
VM Flavor	Specify a VM flavor other than the default. Click **Browse** to choose a valid VM flavor from the **Select VM Flavor** dialog box.

The property **Exclude Node from Simulation Launch** is set on a per-node basis. When it is enabled for a node, the node is not launched when the simulation is launched. However, the node can later be booted and configured and automatically join a running simulation.

Under the **AutoNetkit** tab, when you check the **Auto-generate the configuration based on these attributes** check box, the AutoNetkit generates the configuration for your topology when you click the **Build Initial Configurations** icon on the toolbar.

Note Any preexisting configuration for a node is overwritten when you choose **Build Initial Configurations** from the toolbar. Uncheck this **Auto-generate the configuration based on these attributes** check box if you do not want the router configuration for a node updated by AutoNetkit.

Using the properties listed, you can perform the following tasks:

Table 17: AutoNetkit Properties

Property	Fields	Description
General	**ASN**	Specify the autonomous system number, which is used to infer IGP and BGP. This can be any valid integer.
IGP	**IGP**	Configure an internal routing protocol. Options are: • **Not specified** • **OSPF** • **ISIS** • **EIGRP** • **RIP-V2** The default value is **Not specified**.
	OSPF Area	Configure an OSPF area. The default value is **0**.

Property	Fields	Description
iBGP	**iBGP Role**	Configure an iBGP role from the list and use it to create an iBGP topology. Options are: • **Not specified** • **Disabled** • **Peer** • **RR** (route reflector) • **HRR**(hierarchical route reflector) • **RRC**(route reflector client) The default value is **Peer**.
	RR Cluster	Specify the RRC as a name or number. Should be an alphanumeric string.
	HRR Cluster	Specify the HRR cluster. Should be an alphanumeric string.
Custom Configuration	**Global**	In this section, users can specify their own configuration text for inclusion in the appropriate section of the node configuration. **Note** The following fields do not apply to external routers. Note too that text entered is not syntactically checked, so ensure that the text is valid.
	Physical Interfaces	Specify a custom configuration for the physical interfaces.
	Loopback Zero	Specify a custom configuration for loopback zero.
	OSPF	Specify a custom configuration for OSPF.
	IS-IS	Specify a custom configuration for IS-IS.
	EIGRP	Specify a custom configuration for EIGRP.
	RIP-V2	Specify a custom configuration for RIPv2.
	BGP	Specify a custom configuration for BGP.
MPLS	**VRF Name**	Specify an MPLS VPN name for VRF MPLS VPNs.
	LDP	Enable Cisco MPLS Label Distribution Protocol. Options are: • **Not specified** • **True** • **False** The default value is **False**.

Property	Fields	Description
	Enable MPLS TE	Enable Cisco MPLS Traffic Engineering. Options are: • **Not specified** • **True** • **False** The default value is **False**.
External BGP	**IPv4 Address**	**Note** This property only applies to external routers. Specify the IPv4 address of the remote router. Enter a valid IP address in the correct format.
	IPv6 Address	Specify an IPv6 address of the remote router. Enter a valid IP address in the correct format.
	Remote ASN	Specify the AS number of the remote router. This is used when trying to establish a BGP connection to a remote device. The value range is 1 to 65535.
	MD5 Password	Specify the MD5 password to use to secure the BGP session to the remote router.
	Multihop	Enable BGP multihop. When the remote router is directly adjacent (Layer 3 adjacent), this field is set to **False**; otherwise it is set to **True**. Options are: • **Not specified** • **True** • **False** The default value is **True**.
External L2TPv3	**Remote Loopback IPv4 Address**	Specify a remote loopback IPv4 address.
	Local Endpoint IPv4 Address	Specify a local endpoint IPv4 address.
	Local Endpoint IPv4 Netmask	Specify a local endpoint IPv4 netmask.
	PseudoWire ID	Specify a pseudowire ID.

Property	Fields	Description
GRE Tunnel	**IPv4 Tunnel Enabled**	Enable IPv4 GRE tunneling. Options are: • **Not specified** • **True** • **False** The default value is **False**.
	Tunnel IPv4 Address	Specify a tunnel IPv4 address to use, which is the IP address of the far-end node terminating the GRE tunnel itself.
	Tunnel IPv4 Netmask	Specify a tunnel IPv4 netmask to use.
	IPv6 Tunnel Enabled	Enable IPv6 GRE tunneling. Options are: • **Not specified** • **True** • **False** The default value is **False**.
	Tunnel IPv6 Address	Specify a tunnel IPv6 address to use, which is the IP address of the far-end node terminating the GRE tunnel itself.
	Tunnel IPv6 Netmask	Specify a tunnel IPv6 netmask to use.

For this release, RIP-V2 has been added as an IGP in addition to IS-IS, OSPF, and EIGRP. You can specify the IGP on a per-node basis, which takes precedence over the global IGP setting. Additionally, you can specify LDP enabled/disabled per node, which allows LDP to be enabled directly, rather than only when VRFs are specified.

Per interface you can specify a VLAN. This is specified on the destination interface and determines the VLAN a node belongs to. This is used in the Cisco IOSvL2 configuration. See Assign VLANs for more information

Information displayed under the **Configuration** tab depends on whether the **Auto-generate the configuration based on these attributes** check box under the **AutoNetkit** tab is checked.

- When checked, AutoNetkit generates the configuration and displays it under the node's **Configuration** tab.

- When unchecked, no configuration information is created for the node. You must configure the node manually or cut and paste the existing configuration information into this area.

Under the **Extensions** tab, all the extensions used to generate the configuration are listed with the **Key**, **Value**, and **Type** attributes.

Topology Properties

When you select an area on the canvas other than a node, the properties for that topology are displayed in the **Properties** view.

Figure 31: Topology Properties
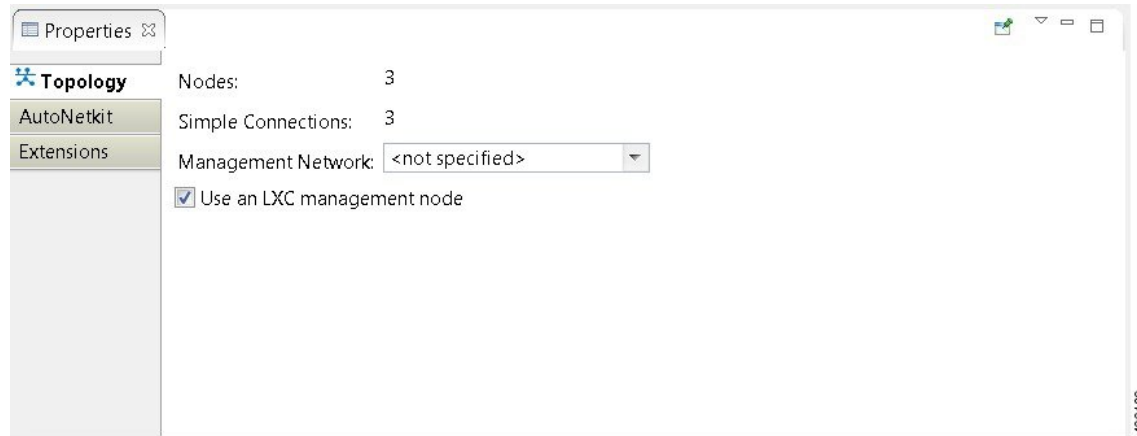
Under the **Topology** tab, you can perform the following tasks:

Table 18: Topology Properties

Property	Description
Management Network	Specify the type of out-of-band (OOB) external network access. Options are: • **Not specified** • **Private simulation network**: Creates a per-simulation Linux container (LXC). The LXC is automatically connected into the OOB management network to which all VMs in your simulation are connected, enabling you to connect into each VM via its management Ethernet port. This removes the need to use the console port connection method. See the section Linux Container (LXC) for more information. • **Shared flat network**: Enables OOB external network access to all devices in the topology. • **Private project network**: Enables OOB private access to all simulations running within the user space.

The **Nodes** and **Simple Connections** properties are for information purposes only and are useful when comparing the size of the topology to your current user quotas, licensing limits, or both.

Note In this instance, **Nodes** include node subtypes and FLAT and SNAT port groups.

The **Use an LXC management node** check box is used to enable the management node as a Linux container. See the section Linux Container (LXC) for more information.

Under the **AutoNetkit** tab, you can perform the following tasks:

Table 19: AutoNetkit Properties

Property	Fields	Description
General	**Enable CDP**	Enable the Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP). Options are: • **Not specified** • **True** • **False** The default value is **False**.
	Enable OnePK	Enable the Cisco One Platform Kit (OnePK). Options are: • **Not specified** • **True** • **False** The default value is **False**.
Addressing	**IP Address Family**	Configure a routing session to use IPv4 address prefixes, IPv6 address prefixes, dual stack (includes both native IPv4 and IPv6), or none. Options are: • **Not specified** • **None** • **v4** • **v6** • **Dual_stack**
	IPv4 Infrastructure Subnet	Specify the address to use for IPv4 infrastructure address allocations. This is the address assigned to the interface created on the router. The default value is **10.0.0.0**. Enter a valid IP address in the correct format.
	IPv4 Infrastructure Prefix	Specify the prefix to use for IPv4 infrastructure address allocations. The default value is **8**.
	IPv4 Loopback Subnet	Specify the address to use for IPv4 loopback address allocations. The default value is **192.168.0.0**. Enter a valid IP address in the correct format.
	IPv4 Loopback Pool Prefix	Specify the prefix size to use for IPv4 loopback address allocations. The default value is **22**.

Property	Fields	Description
	IPv4 VRF Subnet	Specify the address to use for IPv4 VRF address allocations when specifying the address range for MPLS VRF. The default value is **172.16.0.0**. Enter a valid IP address in the correct format.
	IPv4 VRF Prefix	Specify the prefix to use for IPv4 VRF address allocations. The default value is **24**.
	IPv6 Infrastructure Subnet	Specify the address to use for IPv6 infrastructure address allocations. This is the address assigned to the interface created on the router. The default value is **0:0:0:a::**. Enter a valid IP address in the correct format.
	IPv6 Infrastructure Prefix	Specify the prefix to use for IPv6 infrastructure address allocations. The default value is **64**.
	IPv6 Loopback Subnet	Specify the address to use for IPv6 loopback address allocations. The default value is **0:0:0:b::**. Enter a valid IP address in the correct format.
	IPv6 Loopback Pool Prefix	Specify the prefix size to use for IPv6 loopback address allocations. The default value is **64**.
	IPv6 VRF Subnet	Specify the address to use for IPv6 VRF address allocations when specifying the address range for MPLS VRF. The default value is **0:0:0:c::**. Enter a valid IP address in the correct format.
	IPv6 VRF Prefix	Specify the prefix to use for IPv6 VRF address allocations. The default value is **64**.
Routing	**Enable Routing Protocols**	Configure routing protocols (BGP and IGP). Options are: • **Not specified** • **True** • **False** The default value is **True**. If you specify **False**, there will be no router configuration for any of the routing protocols.

Property	Fields	Description
	IGP	Configure the Cisco IGP. Options are: • **Not specified** • **OSPF** • **ISIS** • **EIGRP** • **RIP-V2** The default value is **OSPF**.
MPLS	Enable MPLS OAM	Enable Cisco MPLS OAM for all routes on the topology. Options are: • **Not specified** • **True** • **False** The default value is **False**.

The following table shows the default IP address values used by Cisco Modeling Labs. You can update these values as required.

Table 20: IP Address Default Values

Viewed from	Option	Default Value	Optional Value(s)
Topology > AutoNetkit > Addressing	IP Address Family	v4	Not specified, None, v6, dual_stack
	IPv4 Infrastructure Subnet	10.0.0.0	Address to use.
	IPv4 Infrastructure Prefix	8	Prefix to use.
	IPv4 Loopback Subnet	192.168.0.0	Address to use.
	IPv4 Loopback Pool Prefix	22	Prefix to use.
	IPv4 VRF Subnet	172.16.0.0	Address to use.
	IPv4 VRF Prefix	24	Prefix to use.
	IPv6 Infrastructure Subnet	0:0:0:a::	Address to use.
	IPv6 Infrastructure Prefix	64	Prefix to use.
	IPv6 Loopback Subnet	0:0:0:b::	Address to use.

Viewed from	Option	Default Value	Optional Value(s)
	IPv6 Loopback Pool Prefix	64	**Prefix to use.**
	IPv6 VRF Subnet	0:0:0:c::	**Address to use.**
	IPv6 VRF Prefix	64	**Prefix to use.**

The following table shows the default routing protocols used by Cisco Modeling Labs. You can update these values as required.

Table 21: Routing Protocols Default Values

Viewed from	Option	Default Value	Optional Value(s)
Topology > AutoNetkit > General	**Enable CDP**	**false**	**true**, **Not specified**
	Enable OnePK	**false**	**true**, **Not specified**
Topology > AutoNetkit > Routing	**Enable Routing Protocols**	**true**	**false**, **Not specified**
	IGP	**OSPF**	**ISIS**, **EIGRP**, **RIPv2**, **Not specified**
Topology > AutoNetkit > MPLS	**Enable MPLS OAM**	**false**	**true**, **Not specified**
Node > AutoNetkit > General	**ASN**	**1**	**None or any valid integer**
Node > AutoNetkit > IGP	**IGP**	**OSPF**	**ISIS**, **EIGRP**, **RIPv2**, **Not specified**
	OSPF Area	**0**	**None or valid OSPF area number**
Node > AutoNetkit > iBGP	**iBGP Role**	**Peer**	**Disabled**, **RRC**, **HRR**, **RR**, **Not specified**
	RR Cluster	**No default value**	**None or alphanumeric string**
	HRR Cluster	**No default value**	**None or alphanumeric string**
Node > AutoNetkit > Custom Configuration	**Global**	**No default value**	**Specify a custom configuration for the global stanza.**

Viewed from	Option	Default Value	Optional Value(s)
	Physical Interfaces	**No default value**	**Specify a custom configuration for the physical interfaces.**
	Loopback Zero	**No default value**	Specify a custom configuration for loopback zero.
	OSPF	**No default value**	**Specify a custom configuration for OSPF.**
	IS-IS	**No default value**	**Specify a custom configuration for IS-IS.**
	EIGRP	**No default value**	**Specify a custom configuration for EIGRP.**
	RIP-V2	**No default value**	**Specify a custom configuration for RIP-V2.**
	BGP	**No default value**	**Specify a custom configuration for BGP.**
Node > AutoNetkit > MPLS	**VRF Name**	**No default value**	**None or alphanumeric string**
	Enable MPLS TE	**false**	**true**, **Not specified**
Node > AutoNetkit > External BGP	**Multihop**	**true**	**false**, **Not specified**
Node > AutoNetkit > GRE Tunnel	**IPv4 Tunnel Enabled**	**false**	**true**, **Not specified**
	IPv6 Tunnel Enabled	**false**	**true**, **Not specified**

Under the **Extensions** tab, all the extensions used to generate the configuration are listed with the **Key**, **Value**, and **Type** attributes.

Interface Properties

In the **Node Editor**, selecting an interface on the canvas displays properties for the interface in the **Properties** view.

Under the **Interface** tab, you can perform the following tasks:

Table 22: Interface Properties

Property	Description
Name	Specify a name for the interface.
IPv4	Specify an IPv4 interface address and an IPv4 subnet prefix length.
IPv6	Specify an IPv6 interface address and an IPv6 subnet prefix length.

Note   To delete an interface from the **Node Editor** canvas, select the interface, right-click, and choose **Delete** from the context menu.

Under the **Extensions** tab, all the extensions used to generate the configuration are listed with the **Key**, **Value**, and **Type** attributes.

Connection Properties

When you select a connection on the canvas, the properties of that connection are displayed in the **Properties** view.

From the **Connection** tab, you can associate a line style design with a connection between nodes. Line styles are visual aids that help you identify the connections used in your topology design.

Search View

To search for text string and files, from the toolbar choose **Edit** > **Search**. The **Search** dialog box is displayed. Enter criteria for your search and click **Search**. The **Search** view displays the results of the search. A file search can be based on text strings, regular expressions, and patterns, in addition to whole words and case-sensitive characters. The scope of a file search can encompass a workspace, selected resources, or projects.

Note   Text searches are only performed on expressions contained in files with the extension .virl.

The **Search** view also displays the results of a Git search, which can be based on the same criteria as noted in a file search. However, the scope of a Git search, can encompass a particular message, resource, or identification number in the code.

Search criteria can be based on either a file or Git. The scope of a search can be general to all the topologies that are defined on Cisco Modeling Labs client or specific to a particular project or file.

Figure 32: Search View
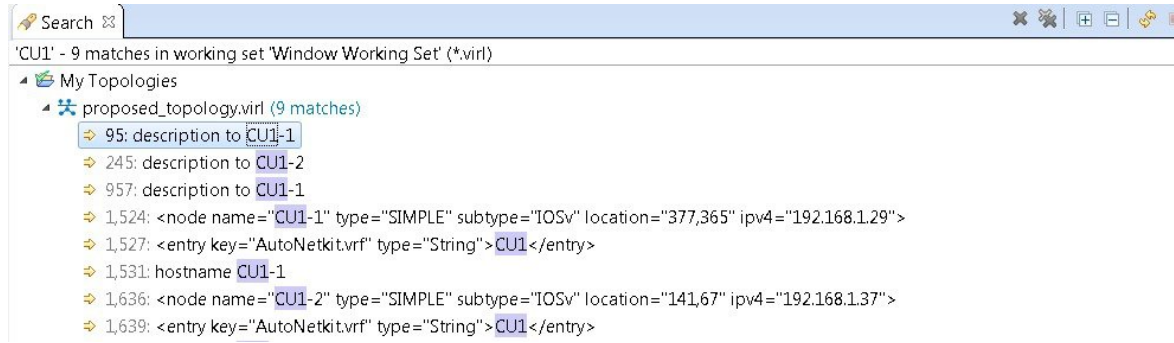
To use the search functionality, perform the following tasks:

1 From the Cisco Modeling Labs client toolbar, click **Search** > **File**.
The **Search** dialog box appears.

2 In the **Containing text** field, enter the text string to search for. The **Containing text** field displays a list of recently performed searches to select from. Leave this field empty if you want to search for files only. Check or uncheck the **Case sensitive** check box depending on whether a case-sensitive search is to be performed. You can also check the **Regular expression** check box to enable more powerful searching capabilities. Check the **Whole word** check box if you want to search for whole words that are identical to the text string. Specify the types of files to include in the search in the **File name patterns** field.

3 Click **Choose** to open the **Select Types** dialog box. This dialog box provides a quick way to select from a list of valid extensions.

4 In the **Scope** area, specify the files and folders to include in the search. Valid options are:

- The entire workspace.

- The currently selected resources in the workspace.

- A named working set.

- A customized group of files and folders. Use the **Customize** option to define the type of available searches from the **Search Page Selection** dialog box.

5 Click **Search** to begin your search.
The **Search** view appears with the results of the search listed. You can click the **Cancel** tool in the **Search** view to cancel your search while it is still in progress.

The **Search** view toolbar contains the following tools:

Figure 33: Search View Toolbar

Table 23: Available Tools

Icon	Function	Description
	Remove Selected Matches	Deletes all the highlighted matches from the search results.
	Remove All Matches	Deletes all the matches from the search results.
	Expand All	Expands each item in the **Search** view.
	Collapse All	Collapses each item in the **Search** view.
	Run the Current Search Again	Reruns the current search to retrieve previous search results or to reflect recent changes.
	Cancel Current Search	Cancels the search currently running.
	Show Previous Searches	Browses previously conducted searches and selects a previous search from the drop-down menu to repeat a previous search. You can also clear the search history.
	Pin the Search View	Pins the **Search** view so that subsequent search results are displayed in a separate **Search** view while the pinned view remains unchanged. This allows for a comparison of results.
	View Menu	Displays the search results as a tree or a list, filters the results using the **Filters** option, and sets the overall preferences for searches using the **Preferences** option.
	Minimize	Reduces the size of the **Search** view.
	Maximize	Increases the size of the **Search** view.

Simulations View

The **Simulations** view displays information about all the running simulations, including:

• Name of the user running the simulation

• Name of the topology

• Number of nodes in the running simulation

• Current state of each node

Figure 34: Simulations View
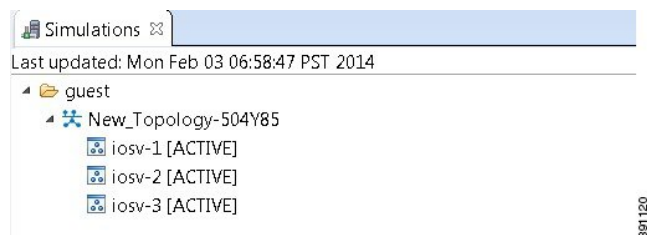
Possible simulation states are:

Table 24: Simulation States

State	Description
ACTIVE	Indicates that the launch worker process has successfully made all requests to OpenStack to deploy all simulation nodes.
DONE	Indicates that a simulation has been successfully stopped and no longer exists in the STD database.
INIT	Indicates that the simulation has just been created and is being launched.
STOP	Indicates that a stop simulation request has been received.

Possible node states are:

Table 25: Node States

State	Description
ACTIVE	Indicates that the VM process is successful. It may take a few minutes for the node to boot up and configure.
ABSENT	Indicates that the VM is not currently deployed.
BUILDING	Indicates that the VM is starting but the router image has not yet loaded.

State	Description
ERROR	Indicates that the VM process failed.
PAUSED and **SUSPENDED**	These two states can occur when: • The host environment is rebooted. • The node itself shuts down. • The operating system of the node crashes. • The virtualization process running the node crashes. In such instances, the appropriate action is to stop the nodes and then start the nodes again. **Note** All configuration changes to the nodes are lost.
TERMINATING	Indicates that a request to stop the VM process has been received, without regard to the current state of the VM.
SHUTOFF	Indicates that the VM is deployed but not actually running. This state can occur when: • The host environment is rebooted. • The node itself shuts down. • The operating system of the node crashes. • The virtualization process running the node crashes. In such instances, the appropriate action is to stop the nodes and then start the nodes again. **Note** All configuration changes to the nodes are lost.
UNKNOWN	Indicates that OpenStack is unresponsive and retrieval of node states' fails.

The **Simulations** view toolbar contains the following tools:

Figure 35: Simulations View Toolbar

Table 26: Available Tools

Icon	Function	Description
	Refresh the List	Refreshes the list of simulations displayed in the **Simulations** view.

Icon	Function	Description
	Minimize	Reduces the size of the **Simulations** view.
	Maximize	Increases the size of the **Simulations** view.

Topology Options

The following operations are available when you right-click the topology name in the **Simulations** view:
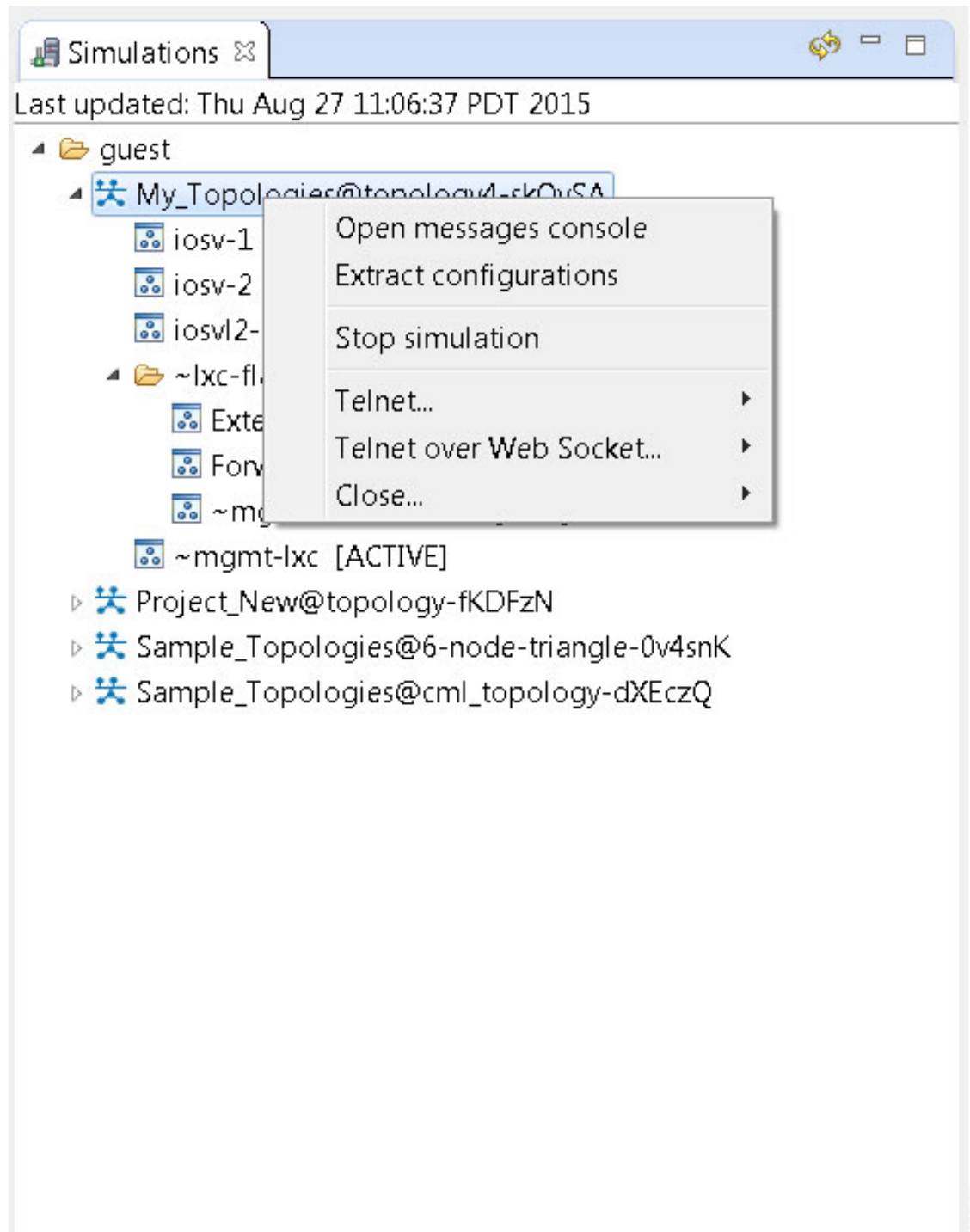
Figure 36: Topology Options

Table 27: Topology Options

Operation	Description
Open Messages Console	Opens the **Console** view, showing the message stream from Cisco Modeling Labs server for the selected topology. Message streams contain information on the topology launch, such as the name of the launched topology, the date and time of the launch, and the current status of each node in the topology.
Extract Configurations	Extracts all the routers' configurations to a locally saved file. **Note** All active console connections are automatically disconnected by Cisco Modeling Labs. All external Telnet connections to the console ports must be closed manually. The **Stop simulation** operation cannot be selected prior to the **Extract configurations** operation.
Stop Simulation	Stops the running simulation. See Simulate the Topology Overview for more information on stopping and starting simulations.
Telnet	Allows you to use Telnet to connect to ports on a node.
Telnet over WebSocket	Allows you to use Telnet to connect over WebSockets to ports on a node. WebSockets provide full-duplex communications channels over a single connection.
Close	Closes all port connections.

Node Options

The following operations are available when you right-click the node name in the **Simulations** view:
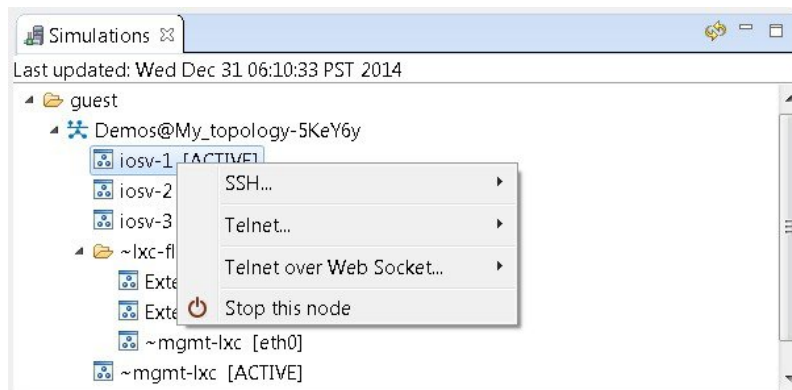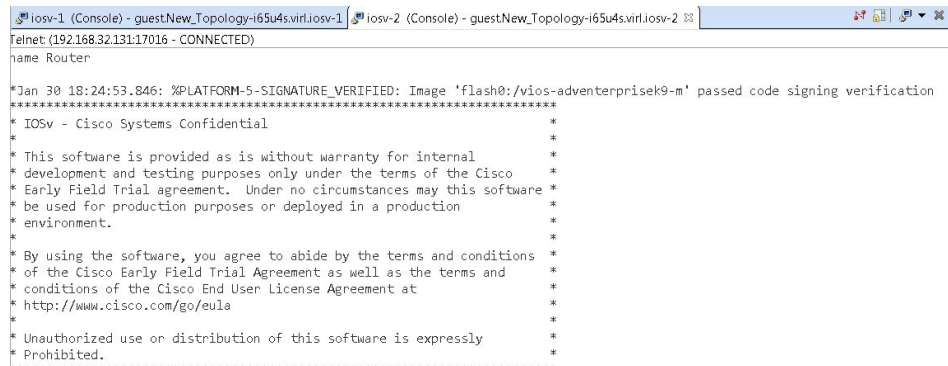
Figure 37: Node Options

Table 28: Node Options

Operation	Description
SSH	Allows you to use SSH to connect to ports on a node; this is available when the **Management Network** option **Private Simulation Network** is selected for the topology.
Telnet	Allows you to use Telnet to connect to ports on a node.
Telnet over Web Socket	Allows you to use Telnet to connect over WebSocket to ports on a node. WebSocket provides full-duplex communications channels over a single connection.
Stop this Node	Stops the selected node.
Start this Node	Starts the selected node.

Terminal View

The **Terminal** view is displayed when you connect via Telnet to a node. Using the **Terminal** view, you can communicate with and control the operating system running on the node.

Figure 38: Terminal View

The **Terminal** view toolbar contains the following tools:

Figure 39: Terminal View Toolbar

Table 29: Available Tools

Icon	Function	Description
	Disconnect	Disconnects the terminal connection to the node.

Icon	Function	Description
	Scroll Lock	Sets scrolling on and off.
	Display Selected Connections	Allows you to select a connection from the list of active terminal connections.
	Remove Terminal	Closes the Terminal view.
	Set Terminal Font	Allows you to set the font to be used in the terminal, from the **Colors and Fonts** dialog box. **Note** You can also access the **Colors and Fonts** dialog box by choosing **File** > **Preferences** > **General** > **Appearance** > **Colors and Fonts**.

Setting Preferences for the Cisco Modeling Labs Client

For the Cisco Modeling Labs client to operate, you must first identify certain setting preferences. These preferences are available from the menu bar under **File** > **Preferences**:

These are discussed in the following sections.

Node Subtypes Setting

A node subtype defines a VM running a particular operating system. For example, Cisco IOSv, Cisco IOSv Layer 2 switch software releases, and an Ubuntu 14.4.2 LTS Cloud-init image are installed with Cisco Modeling Labs 1.1. Additionally, Cisco IOS XRv Software Release 5.1.3 and Cisco CSR1000v Software Release 3.1.6 demonstration images are included in the build. Cisco ASAv Software Release 9.3.2 production image is available to purchase separately.

This setting allows you to add and remove node subtypes for use with the Cisco Modeling Labs 1.1 client.

See the *User Workspace Management* chapter in the *Cisco Modeling Labs Corporate Edition System Administrator Installation Guide, Release 1.1* for information on installing VM images on the Cisco Modeling Labs server.

Figure 40: Node Subtypes Setting
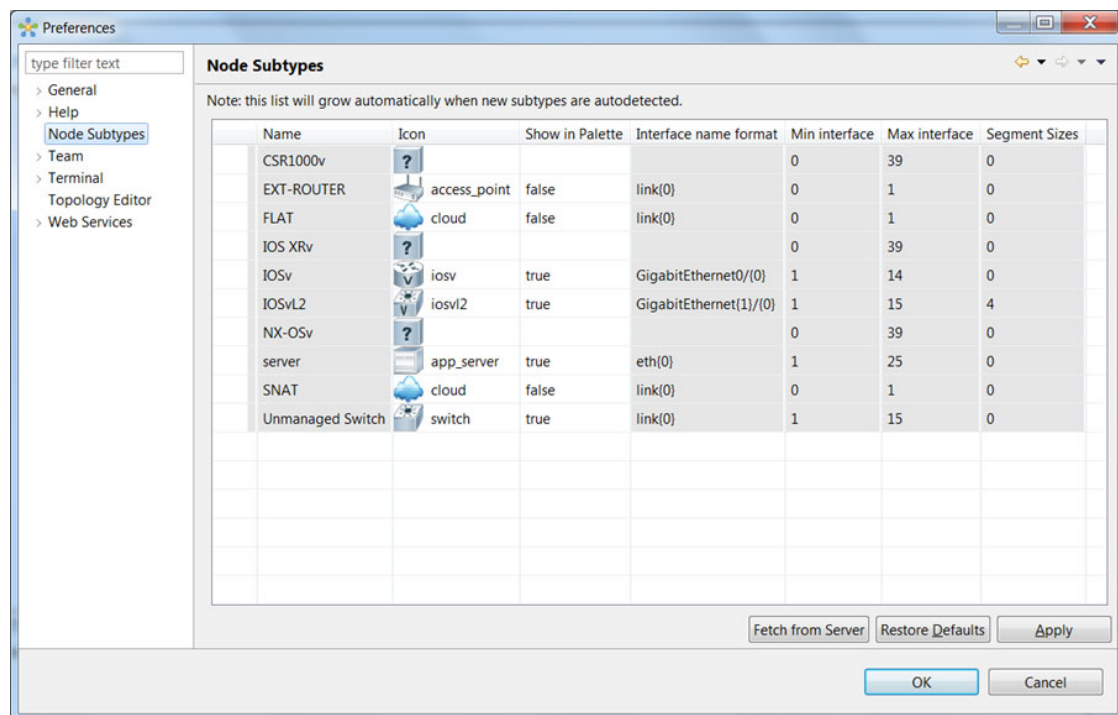
The available operations for this setting are:

Table 30: Node Subtypes Setting Operations

Operation	Description
Fetch from Server	Updates the local subtypes based on the currently configured Cisco Modeling Labs server. All the subtypes supported on Cisco Modeling Labs server are available with this operation. See Fetch Node Subtypes from the Cisco Modeling Labs Server, on page 58.
Restore Defaults	Reverts to the original list of subtypes.
Apply	Applies changes.

Fetch Node Subtypes from the Cisco Modeling Labs Server

To fetch new node subtypes from the Cisco Modeling Labs server, perform the following tasks:

Step 1 Click **File** > **Preferences** > **Node Subtypes**.

Step 2 Click the **Fetch from Server** button.
The **Confirm** dialog box is displayed.

Step 3 Click **OK** to update the list of node subtypes.

Figure 41: Fetch Node Subtypes from Server
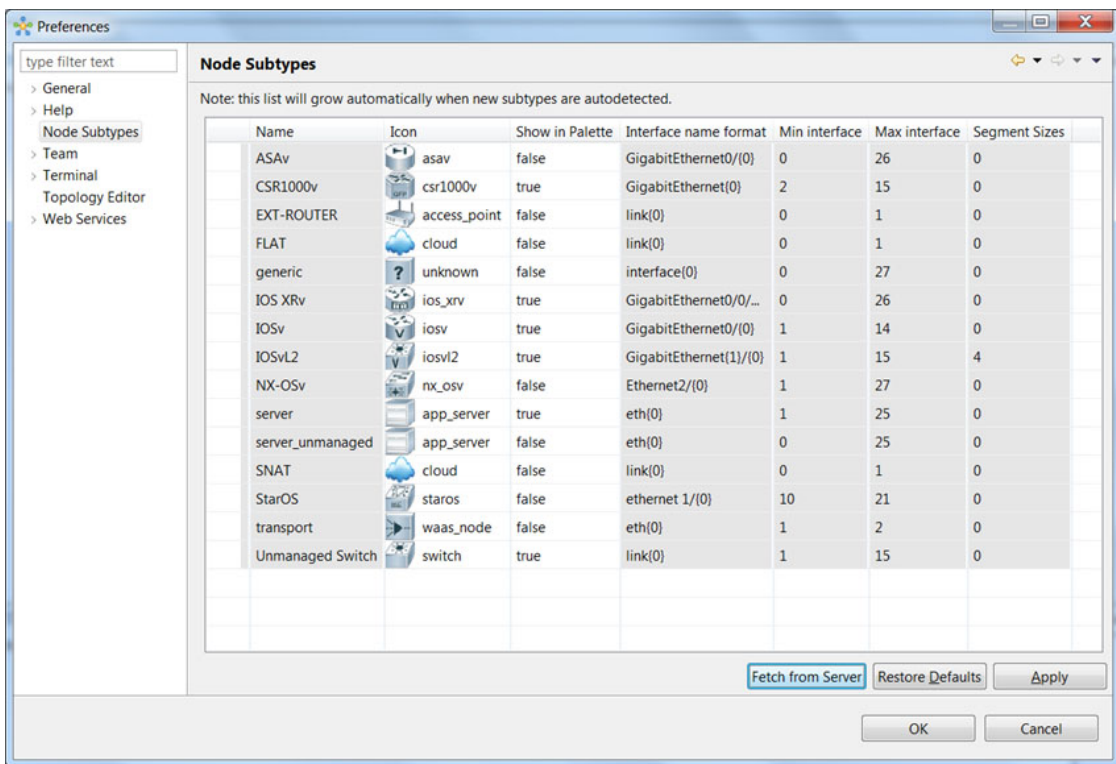
Step 4 Click **OK** to finish.

The updated list of node subtypes is available for use in the **Palette** view.
Contact your system administrator if a specific node subtype is missing from the list, as the system administrator is responsible for adding new node subtypes to the Cisco Modeling Labs server.

Terminal Setting

This setting allows you to launch an external terminal application, such as SecureCRT or PuTTY, or use the internal Cisco Modeling Labs client **Terminal** view in a separate window.

Note
- If you are using the internal Cisco Modeling Labs **Terminal** view, the views are visible from both the **Design** and **Simulation** perspectives. However, a detached view is only visible from the perspective in which it was detached.

- If you are using an external terminal application, you must specify both Telnet and SSH run commands. You must also ensure that the title format includes the percentage (%) character. Omission of either of these requirements will impede your ability to save your setting preferences.

- When you specify to use an external terminal via **File** > **Preferences** > **Terminal** > **Cisco Terminal** and then Telnet over WebSocket to a VM, the terminal opens internally, not externally as specified.

Figure 42: Terminal Setting
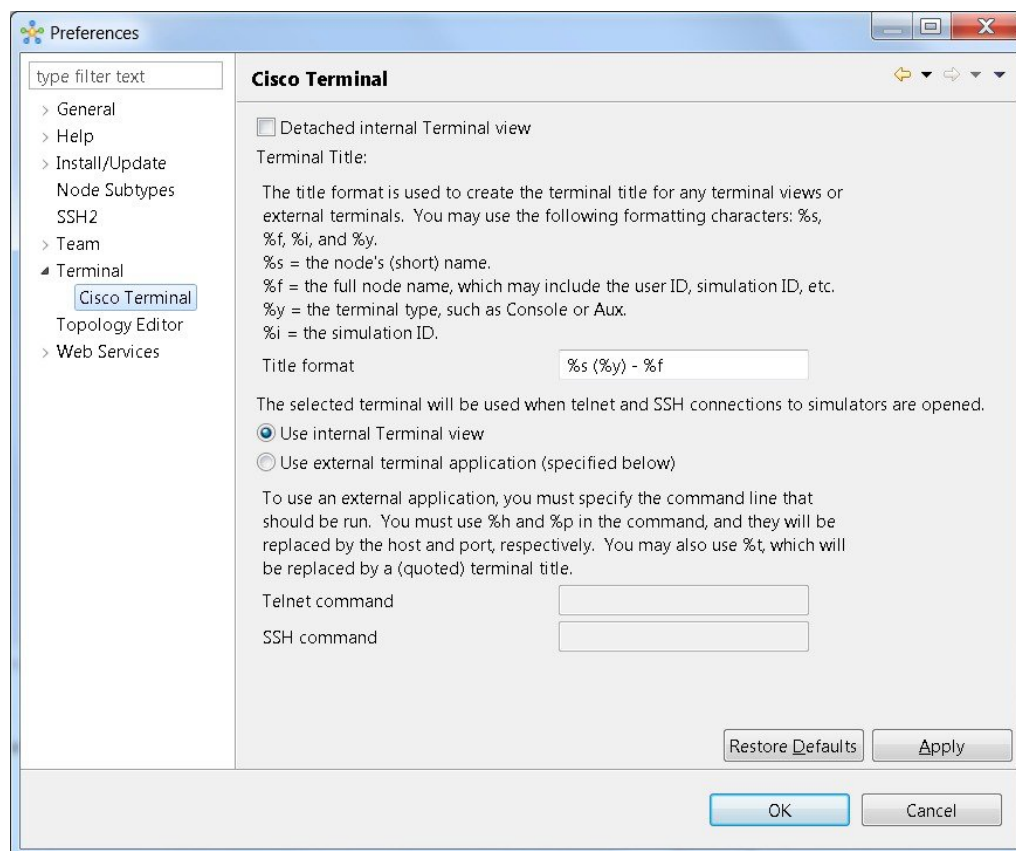
The available operations for this setting are:

Table 31: Terminal Setting Operations

Operation	Description
Detached Internal Terminal View	Launches the **Terminal** view in a separate window.

Operation	Description
Title Format	Allows you to add a **Terminal** view title using the required formatting characters.
Use Internal Terminal View	Uses the Cisco Modeling Labs internal **Terminal** view.
Use External Terminal Application (specified below)	Uses an external terminal application, such as SSH or PuTTY.
Telnet Command	Specifies the Telnet command to run if you are using an external terminal application.
SSH Command	Specifies the SSH command to run if you are using an external terminal application.
Restore Defaults	Removes settings specified for an external terminal application and restores terminal settings to the Cisco Modeling Labs internal **Terminal** view.
Apply	Applies changes.

Setting Up an External Terminal

This section outlines the steps involved in setting up an external terminal on Windows and OS X.

Windows

Under **File > Preferences > Terminal > Cisco Terminal**, update the terminal settings for connection to an external program. For example, for a PuTTY installation, configure the putty.exe binary file as the terminal program.

Note   The complete PATH must be specified.

Table 32: PuTTY Command-Line Options

Command-Line Option	Description
ssh	Opens an SSH connection
telnet	Opens a Telnet connection
%h	Specifies the host to connect to (the Cisco Modeling Labs client will not allow an external program to be set without having **%h** in the command line)
%p	Specifies the host to connect to (the Cisco Modeling Labs client will not allow an external program to be set without having **%p** in the command line)

For an external terminal on Windows, the commands to enter are:

- Telnet command: `"C:\Program Files (x86)\PuTTY\putty.exe" -telnet %h %p`

• SSH command: `"C:\Program Files (x86)\PuTTY\putty.exe" -ssh %h %p`

Note The double quotes (" ") must enclose the PATH to allow the use of spaces within the PATH. Select the **Use external terminal application (specified below)** radio button to use an external terminal.

Figure 43: Specify an External Terminal Application for Use
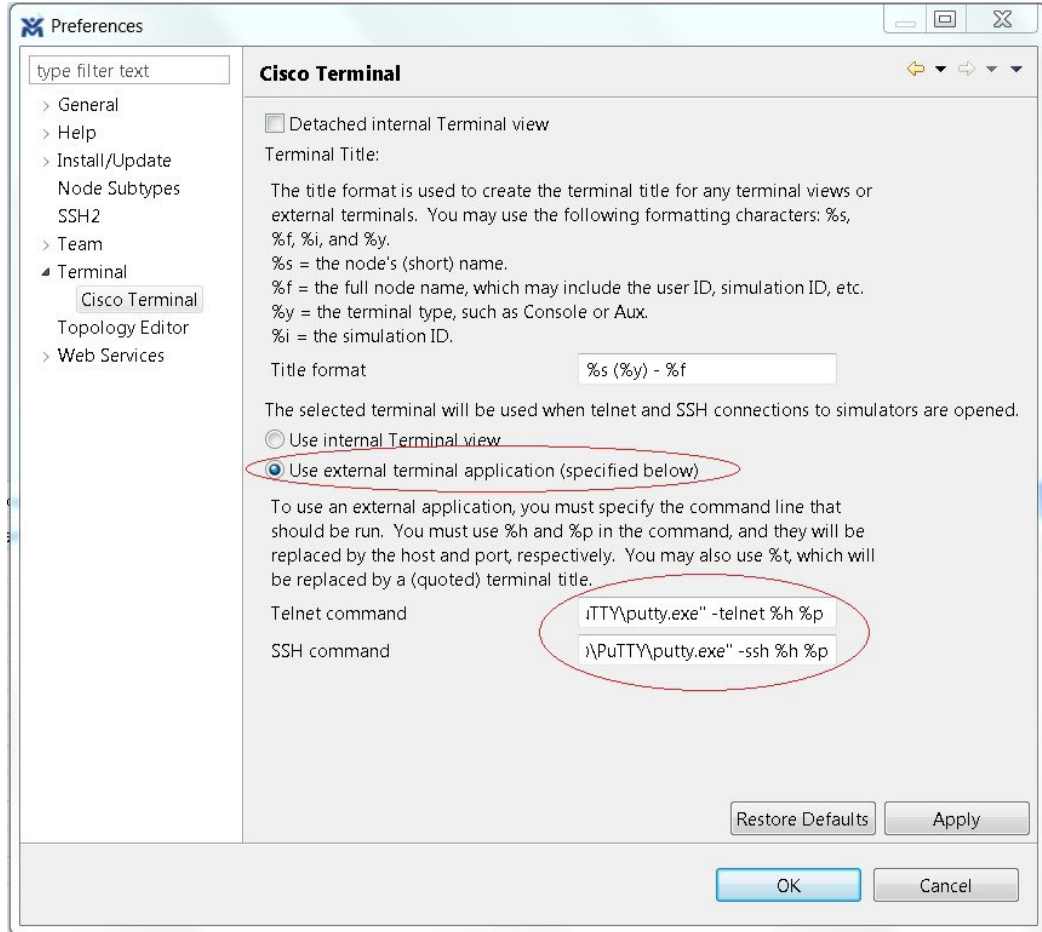
The following table lists other terminal programs that can be used.

Table 33: Additional Terminal Programs

Terminal Program	Connection Type	Command to Use
Xshell	**Telnet**	`"C:\Program Files (x86)\NetSarang\Xshell 4\xshell.exe" -url telnet://%h:%p -newtab %t`

Terminal Program	Connection Type	Command to Use
SecureCRT	**Telnet**	`"C:\Program Files\VanDyke Software\SecureCRT\SecureCRT.exe"` `/T /TELNET %h %p` **Note** The **/T** option ensures SecureCRT creates a tab for new sessions instead of opening a new window. Ensure to validate the path of the binary.

OS X

The procedure is more complex on OS X since command-line parameters are not as easy to use on this platform. Two additional components are required. These are:

- AppleScript: A program used to start applications and interact with them; some examples are open windows, start new sessions, paste keyboard input into a session, and so on.

- /usr/bin/osascript: A built-in OS X command-line utility used to execute AppleScript and other OSA language scripts. This is configured in the Cisco Modeling Labs client; it is essentially the glue between the Cisco Modeling Labs client and the terminal application.

The following table lists iTerm and the built-in Terminal.app programs that can be used on OS X.

Table 34: Additional Terminal Programs for OS X

Terminal Program	Connection Type	Command to Use
iTerm	**Telnet**	`/usr/bin/osascript /Users/your-user-id/iterm.scpt telnet %h %p %t`
	SSH	`/usr/bin/osascript /Users/your-user-id/iterm.scpt telnet %h %p %t`
Terminal.app	**Telnet**	`/usr/bin/osascript /Users/your-user-id/iterm.scpt ssh %h %p %t`
	SSH	`/usr/bin/osascript /Users/your-user-id/terminal.scpt ssh %h %p %t`

The following are AppleScript scripts that are used to set up an external terminal.

iTerm
```
on run argv
    tell application "iTerm"
        activate
        if current terminal exists then
            set t to current terminal
        else
            set t to (make new terminal)
        end if

        tell t
            launch session "Default Session"
```

```
        tell the current session
            write text "/usr/bin/" & item 1 of argv & " " & item 2 of argv & " " & item
 3 of argv
            set name to item 4 of argv
        end tell
    end tell
    end tell
end run
```

Terminal.app
```
on run argv
    tell application "Terminal"
        activate
        -- open a new Tab - there is no method
        tell application "System Events"
            keystroke "t" using {command down}
        end tell
        repeat with win in windows
            try
                if get frontmost of win is true then
                    set cmd to "/usr/bin/" & item 1 of argv & " " & item 2 of argv & " " &
 item 3 of argv
                    do script cmd in (selected tab of win)
                    set custom title of (selected tab of win) to item 4 of argv
                end if
            end try
        end repeat
    end tell
end run
```

Topology Editor Setting

This setting allows you to customize the **Topology Editor** in the Cisco Modeling Labs client.

Figure 44: Topology Editor Setting
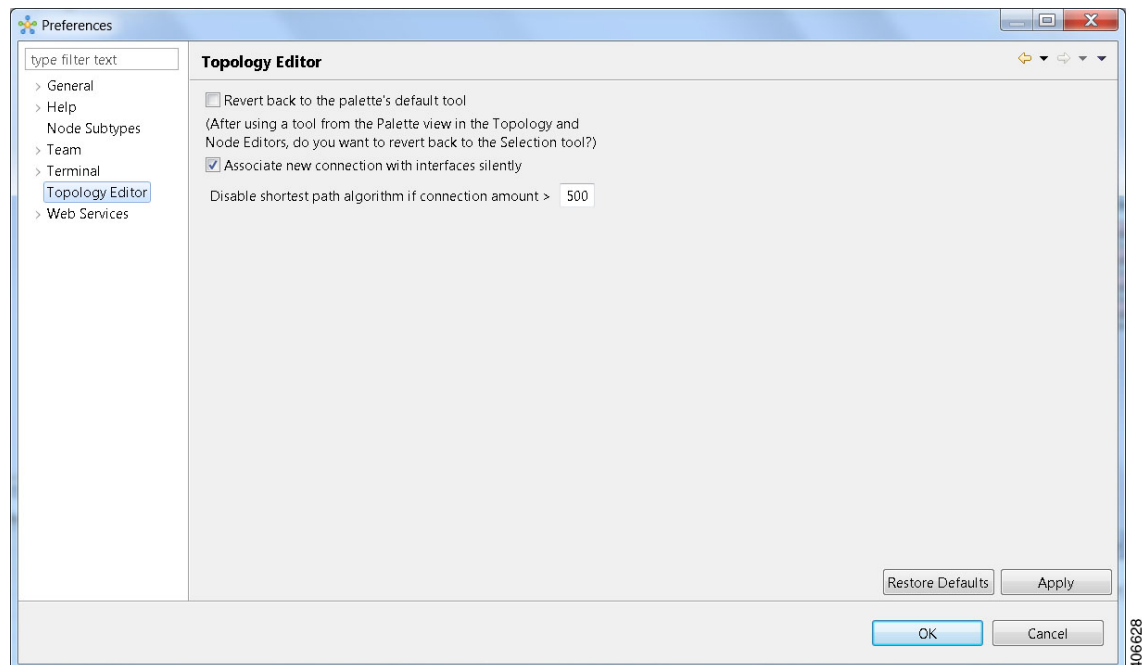
The available operations for this setting are:

Table 35: Topology Editor Setting Operations

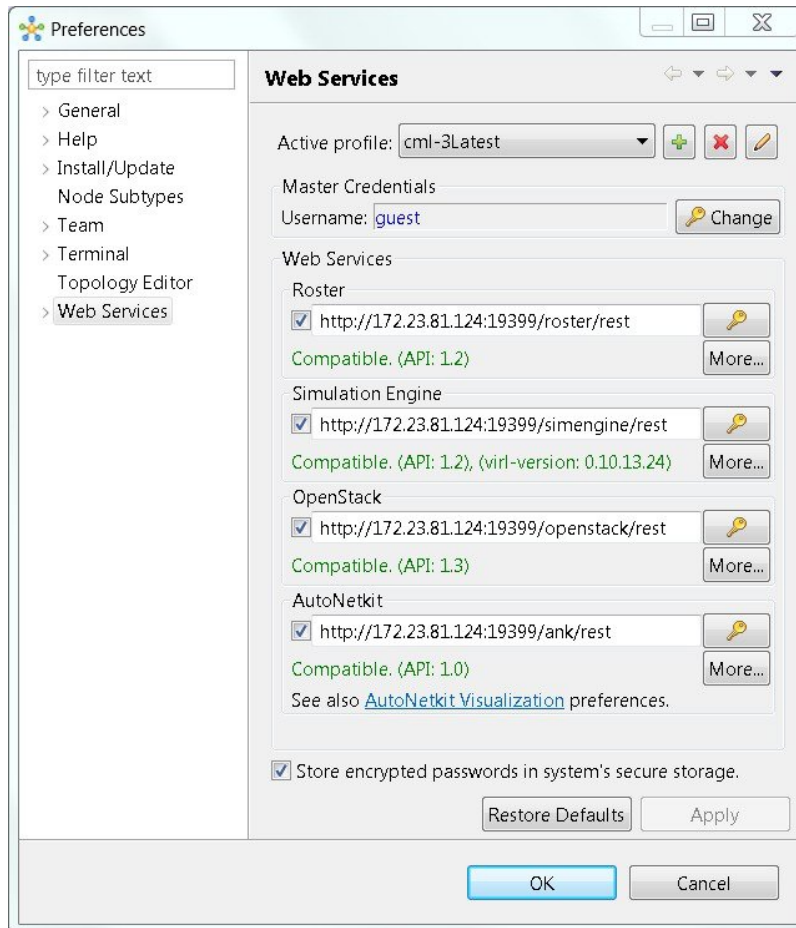| Operation	Description
Revert Back to the Palette's Default Tool	Resets the definition of the **Palette** view tools **Select** and **Connect** to their default configuration. This option is disabled by default.
Associate New Connection with Interfaces Silently	Enables the following: • When selected, interfaces are automatically assigned to connections between nodes. • When deselected, you are presented with a list of available interfaces.
Disable Shortest Path Algorithm if Connection Amount > (Greater than)	Enables the following: • When the number of connections in the topology exceeds the value set in this field, the internal algorithm used to connect nodes will not be the shortest path algorithm.
Restore Defaults	Restores settings to the initial default state.
Apply	Applies changes.

Web Services Setting

This setting allows you to configure the Cisco Modeling Labs client to communicate with the Cisco Modeling Labs server. When you first launch the Cisco Modeling Labs client, the **Active profile** is not specified and the web services that are listed display **Unauthorized** in red. This message relates to the **Master Credentials**

field, which must be set before the Cisco Modeling Labs client can communicate with the Cisco Modeling Labs server.

Figure 45: Web Services Setting

The available operations for this setting are:

Table 36: Web Services Setting Operations

Operation	Description
Active Profile	Identifies an active profile that has been defined on the Cisco Modeling Labs client. You can define a new active profile and edit or delete an existing active profile.
Master Credentials	Specifies a username and password for accessing the Cisco Modeling Labs server. These credentials are provided by the system administrator.

Operation	Description

Web Services	Lists the web services needed for the Cisco Modeling Labs server and the Cisco Modeling Labs client to communicate with each other. The web services listed are:
	
	    • **Roster**
	
	    • **Simulation Engine**
	
	    • **OpenStack**
	
	    • **AutoNetkit**
	
	Note After you have set up your profile with the correct base URI, each of the web services will display **Compatible** in green, indicating that the Cisco Modeling Labs client can communicate with the Cisco Modeling Labs server.

Store Encrypted Passwords in System's Secure Storage	Encrypts passwords and stores them locally on the Cisco Modeling Labs client. To change the settings for managing the encrypted passwords, choose **File** > **Preferences** > **General** > **Security** > **Secure Storage**. See Secure Storage Setting, on page 70 for more information.
Restore Defaults	Restores settings to the initial default state.
Apply	Applies changes.

AutoNetkit Visualization Setting

The AutoNetkit visualization feature is available only when node configurations are built using the parameters defined in AutoNetkit. If AutoNetkit visualization is turned off, you cannot get a true representation of your topology.

AutoNetkit visualization is used to determine how AutoNetkit presents graphical representations of topology-specific attributes, such as nodes, links, and interfaces, during the build phase. The graphical representations can be presented as a physical perspective of a network topology or based on a protocol perspective.

For AutoNetkit visualization to operate, the Cisco Modeling Labs client must be connected to the Cisco Modeling Labs server. The nodes in the network topology must be set to open AutoNetkit visualization either automatically or after receiving a prompt.

To access this setting, choose **File** > **Preferences** > **Web Services** > **AutoNetkit Visualization**.

Figure 46: AutoNetkit Visualization Setting
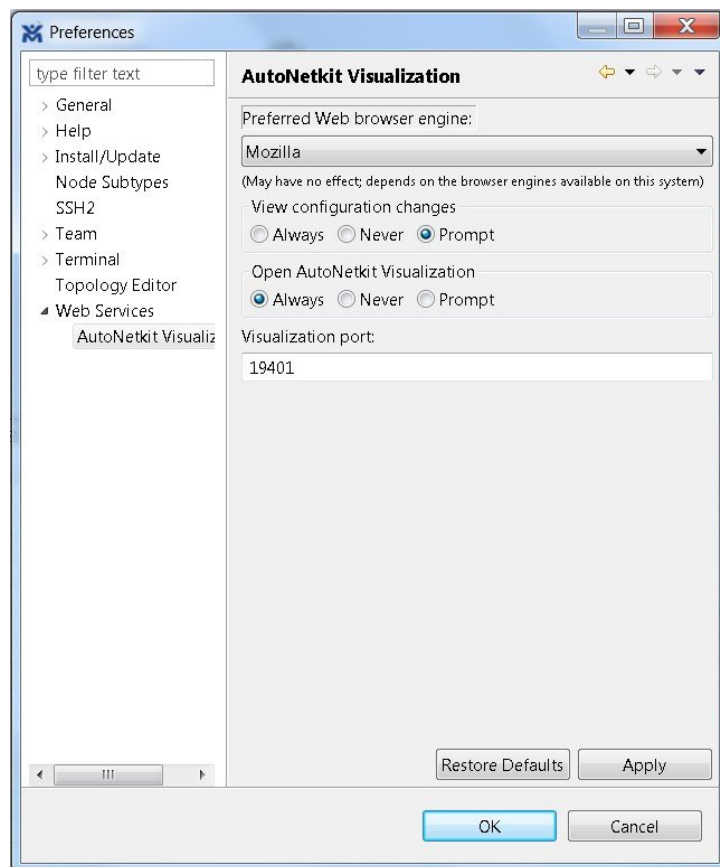
The available operations for this setting are:

Table 37: AutoNetkit Visualization Setting Operations

Operation	Description
Preferred Web Browser Engine	Specifies the external web browser to use when displaying AutoNetkit visualization results. Options are: • **Default**: The default system browser • **WebKit**: Based on the Safari web browser • **Mozilla** **Note** You are required to use Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, or Apple Safari as your default web browser. Internet Explorer is not supported for AutoNetkit visualization or for the **User Workspace Management** interface.

Operation	Description
View Configuration Changes	Specifies whether to view configuration changes after a new build is generated. Options are: • **Always** • **Never** • **Prompt** The default value is **Prompt**.
Open AutoNetkit Visualization	Specifies when to open a browser window to display AutoNetkit visualization. Options are: • **Always** • **Never** • **Prompt** The default value is **Prompt**.
Visualization Port	Assigns a port value to the web service supporting AutoNetkit visualization. The default port is **19401**. However, the port might need to be changed depending on your network, for example, if a firewall is blocking that port. The port value should be provided by the system administrator. **Note** If an incorrect port value is entered, you will be prompted with an error during the build stage.
Restore Defaults	Restores the default state for the preferred web browser engine and restores the default port value assigned to AutoNetkit visualization.
Apply	Applies changes.

Web Browser Setting

This setting allows you to add, remove, or edit installed browsers. The selected browser is used by default when web pages are opened in the Cisco Modeling Labs client for AutoNetkit visualization.

Figure 47: Web Browser Setting
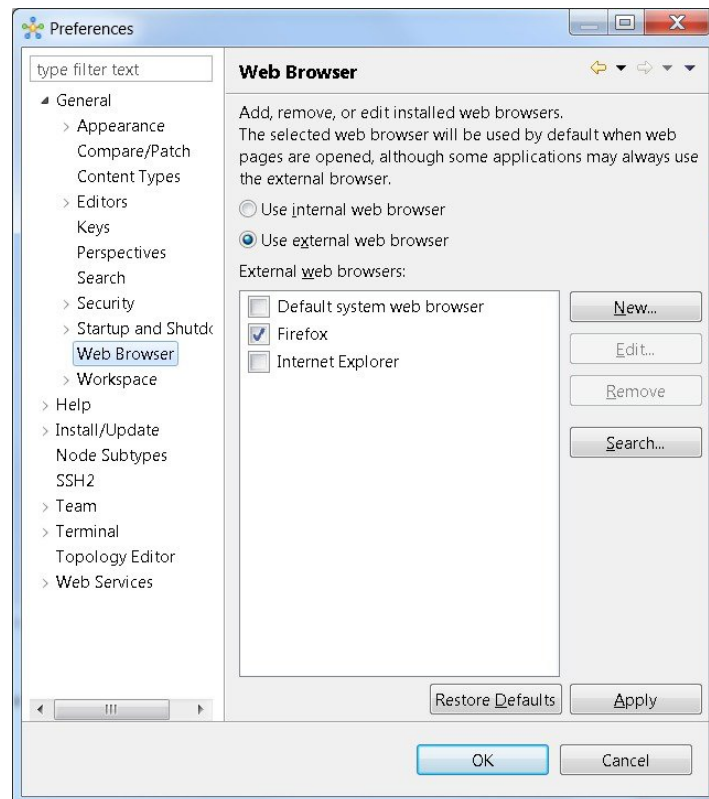
The available operations for this setting are:

Table 38: Web Browser Setting Operations

Operation	Description
Use Internal Web Browser	Allows you to use an internal web browser built into the Cisco Modeling Labs client to view AutoNetkit visualization.
Use External Web Browser	Allows you to use an external web browser. You can add new browsers, delete or edit existing browsers, or search for new browsers to use. **Note** You are required to use Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, or Apple Safari as your default web browser. Internet Explorer is not supported for AutoNetkit visualization or for the **User Workspace Management** interface.
Restore Defaults	Restores settings to the initial default state.
Apply	Applies changes.

Secure Storage Setting

This setting configures security preferences and encryption requirements for storing system passwords.

Figure 48: Secure Storage Setting
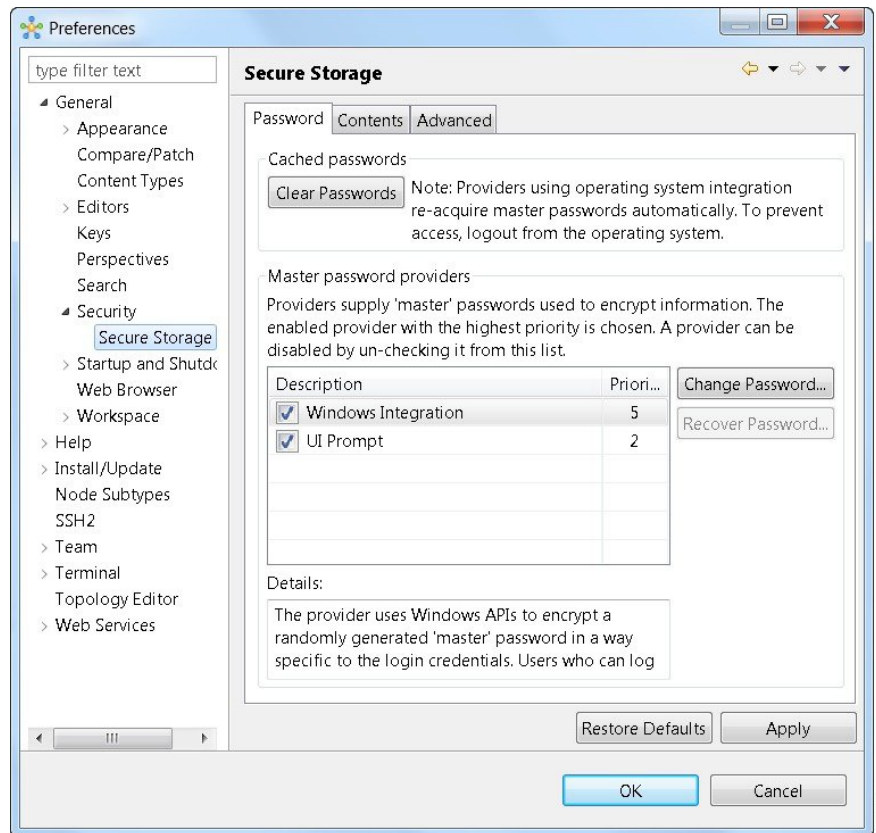
The **Password** tab pools functionality related to the master password life cycle and password providers.

The available options are:

Table 39: Password Tab Options

Option	Description
Clear Passwords	Clears cached master passwords from memory.

Option	Description
Master Password Providers	Lists the currently available password providers. By default, the enabled provider with the highest priority is used to encrypt the data added to secure storage. The priority range is from 0 to 10, with 10 being the highest priority. **Note** Data can only be decrypted by the same provider that encrypted the data. By default, all password providers are enabled. Each password provider that has been used at least once will have a master password associated with it. The **Details** text box provides information on the master password providers.
Change Password	Changes the master password of the selected password provider.
Recover Password	Opens the **Password Recovery** dialog box. Use this option if you have forgotten the master password and have configured password recovery questions. The button is disabled if the password recovery setup was cancelled when the master password was created. **Note** The answers for the password recovery questions must be entered exactly as they were during the password recovery setup. Answers are case sensitive, and white space inside answers are relevant.
Restore Defaults	Restores to the initial default state.
Apply	Applies changes.

The **Contents** tab displays contents of the default secure storage. Secure storage is organized as a tree, where nodes represent the context of information and values associated with each node. Selecting a node in the tree displays a table of values associated with that node. Values stored in a nonencrypted form will be displayed; the encrypted values will be shown as *********. At the bottom of this tab, you will find the actual file location used to persist secure storage data. To force the changes to the contents of secure storage to be saved, click **Save**.

To delete stored data in order to recover from an error or to reflect a change in the setup, click **Delete**. This deletes the contents of secure storage. In some cases, other parts of the application may depend on the contents of secure storage that you deleted.

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Caution To avoid unexpected errors, we recommend that you restart the application after secure storage has been deleted.

The **Advanced** tab provides a list of algorithms to further configure secure storage. Changes in the encryption algorithm are applied only to the data stored after a change. If you have already created a secure storage, you must first delete it and then recreate it to use the newly selected encryption algorithm.

Resetting the Secure Storage Password

When the Secure Storage feature is used for the first time, it generates a master password that is used to encrypt the data. In the future, this same master password will be required to retrieve the data from secure storage. If the master password becomes unavailable, the Secure Storage feature provides optional support for password recovery.

Two methods are used to reset the password for the secure storage feature.

Method 1

1 From within Cisco Modeling Labs client, choose **File > Preferences > General > Security > Secure Storage**.
2 Click **Change Password**. The **Secure Storage** dialog box appears.
3 Click **Yes**. The **Password Recovery** dialog box appears.
4 Enter details in both Question fields and provide answers for both questions. Take note of the answers you provide, as these are treated as secondary passwords.
5 Click **OK**.

Method 2

If you are unable to access the Cisco Modeling Labs client due to a lost or forgotten password for the secure storage feature, complete the following steps:

1 Move to the **<user-home>/.eclipse/org.eclipse.equinox.security** folder.
2 Delete the file **secure_storage**.
3 Open Cisco Modeling Labs client to provide details for the password for the secure storage feature when prompted.