

# Cisco Telemetry Broker

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# Introduction

This guide provides a reference for the Cisco Telemetry Broker manager web interface.

Cisco Telemetry Broker enables you to ingest network telemetry from many inputs, transform the telemetry format, and forward that telemetry to one or multiple destinations.

### **Audience**

This guide is designed for the person responsible for maintaining network telemetry flow and monitoring network telemetry.

# Configure Accessibility Features

In order to have access to configure available website accessibility features, you must use Chrome as your browser when using the Cisco Telemetry Broker manager web interface. Following are examples of some accessibility features you won't have the ability to configure if you use a browser other than Chrome. (This list is not comprehensive.)

The ability to do the following:

- Highlight each item on a web page
- Show color in compact tab bar
- Specify to never use certain font sizes

### **Common Abbreviations**

The following abbreviations appear in this guide:

Abbreviation	Description
DMZ	Demilitarized Zone (a perimeter network)
DNS	Domain Name Server
FC	Flow Collector
FS	Flow Sensor
FTP	File Transfer Protocol
Gbps	Gigabits per second

Abbreviation	Description
HTTPS	Hypertext Transfer Protocol (Secure)
ISE	Identity Services Engine
Mbps	Megabits per second
NAT	Network Address Translation
NIC	Network Interface Card
NTP	Network Time Protocol
PCle	Peripheral Component Interconnect Express
SNMP	Simple Network Management Protocol
SPAN	Switch Port Analyzer
SSH	Secure Shell
TAP	Test Access Port
UDPD	UDP Director
UPS	Uninterruptible Power Supply
URL	Universal Resource Locator
USB	Universal Serial Bus
VLAN	Virtual Local Area Network

# Common Terms

The following terms appear in this guide:

Abbreviation	Description
Destinations	Locations to which Cisco Telemetry Broker forwards telemetry. Cisco

Abbreviation	Description
	Telemetry Broker supports multiple types of destinations.
Exporters	Devices on a customer's network that forward traffic to an Input on the Cisco Telemetry Broker. Exporters are typically defined by an IP address.
Inputs	Ways in which Cisco Telemetry Broker collects or receives telemetry from a customer network. Cisco Telemetry Broker supports multiple types of inputs.
Rules	User-defined logic that tells Cisco Telemetry Broker how to forward telemetry from a single input to a single destination.
Telemetry	Any type of data that the Customer produces that is useful for analytical purposes. Examples include UDP packets, IPFIX, syslog, and json.

### Status Indicators

When one or more alerts or warnings exist for an entity (any configured destination, input, or broker node), a red indicator is displayed next to the associated main menu heading along with a number. This number reflects the number of entities in that entity category that have an alert or warning. The status indicators for the Inputs page are further broken down by each of the Input's three sub pages: UDP Inputs, Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) Flow Logs, and Microsoft Network Security Group (NSG) Flow Logs. On each of those pages, a status indicator is displayed for each entity that has an issue.

When an entity has multiple issues (for example, a destination simultaneously being unreachable and not having any rules, or an input not have any destinations and also being inactive), Cisco Telemetry Broker considers this one issue. It does not calculate the number of issues based on the individual number of existing issues. So, for example, if an entity has 5 different issues, Cisco Telemetry Broker considers this 1 issue, not 5 issues.

# Status Indicator severity levels

Refer to the following table to learn the definition for each severity level.

Severity Level	Description
	The only events that Cisco Telemetry Broker assigns a critical alert for are the following:
Red (Critical)	Destination Unreachable
	Broker Node No Data
	Broker Node Dropping Packets
Orange (Warning)	All other events that Cisco Telemetry Broker deems necessary for which to provide a warning.

# Overview

This page provides a snapshot of the configuration settings, system health, main metrics, and licensing information for your Cisco Telemetry Broker system.

# Access the Overview Page

From the Cisco Telemetry Broker main menu, choose **Overview**, or click the Cisco logo (in the upper left corner of the page).

# View the Following Components

### Inputs

This component displays telemetry for the last 24 hours for the following information:

- The number of inputs that have been configured in Cisco Telemetry Broker.
- The amount of telemetry received from all inputs.
- The average daily rate of telemetry received from all inputs. The average value is calculated from the last 30 days of telemetry.
- The number of inputs for which no rule has been configured. This number is represented by the number in the **No Destination** field.
- Each segment on the doughnut chart displays the amount of telemetry received from each input. When you hover your cursor over a segment of this chart, you can view the following information:
  - o the input name
  - the amount of telemetry received from this specific input for the last 24 hours

#### **Destinations**

This component displays telemetry for the last 24 hours for the following information:

- The number of destinations that have been configured in Cisco Telemetry Broker.
- The amount of telemetry sent to all destinations.
- The average daily rate of telemetry sent to all destinations. The average value is calculated from the last 30 days of telemetry.
- The number destinations not accepting telemetry that is being sent to them (represented by the number in the Unreachable field). When you click this number,

the Destinations page opens. The list of destinations that are unreachable are listed here.

- Each segment on the doughnut chart displays the amount of telemetry sent to each destination. When you hover your cursor over a segment of this chart, you can view the following information:
  - the destination name
  - the amount of telemetry sent to this specific destination for the last 24 hours

#### **Broker Nodes**

This section is grouped by cluster, under the associated cluster name. If no high availability clusters exist, all broker nodes are grouped under the "No Cluster" subheading.

 Each arc shows the percentage of the broker node's received rate against the node's theoretical capacity. The arc is marked with the applicable color. Refer to the following table for an explanation of an arc's color.

Color	Definition
Red (Critical)	The percentage of capacity reached for the broker node is 100%.
Orange (Warning)	The percentage of capacity reached for the broker node is from 80% to 99.99%.
Blue (Informational)	The percentage of capacity reached for the broker node is < (less than) 80%.

- To access a broker node's page, click the node's name.
- If a broker node has any alerts, they are displayed underneath the node. They are marked by a white *X* on a red background with a short explanation.

#### **Alerts**

The Alerts component lists the last 10 alerts that have either occurred and are still active, or that have been resolved. Alerts in red are still active, and alerts in gray have been resolved. The list begins with the newest alert at the top and ends with the oldest alert at the bottom. To view additional alerts, click the **See more...** link at the bottom of the list.

- Under each alert is information about the associated entity (for example, broker node or destination) as well as the time the alert occurred.
- When an alert is no longer valid (has been resolved), the alert is
  - dimmed
  - marked with a check mark, and
  - noted with the time it was resolved.
- When you click a link that appears under each alert name, either the associated Broker Node page or the Destinations page opens, depending on the alert type.
- To see the list of Unresolved alerts, click the Unresolved filter option at the top of the component. The number of unresolved alerts is displayed in the filter heading.

#### **CPU**

For both the Manager node and each broker node, this component shows telemetry for the last 30 days for the following information:

- Number of CPUs available.
- Percentage used of the available CPUs (represented by the bar color).
- The 1-minute load average per the number of available CPUs for each broker node (to see this data, hover over the broker node name.)

Refer to the following table for an explanation of the color displayed on each bar.

Color	Definition
Red (Critical)	The percentage of maximum CPU load reached for the node is 100%.
Orange (Warning)	The percentage of maximum CPU load reached for the node is from 80% to 99.99%.
Blue (Informational)	The percentage of maximum CPU load reached for the node is < (less than) 80%.

## Licensing

This component displays telemetry for the last 14 days.

- The dotted blue line shows the average GB per day for the last 7 days. To see this
  number, hover your cursor over the dotted line. This number is the entitlement
  number sent to Smart Software Licensing for calculating license fees, and it will
  match the value displayed on the Telemetry Broker Smart Licensing page.
- Each bar in the chart represents a different day. The bar at the rightmost side of the chart represents the previous day and then proceeds to each prior day as you move to the left.
- To see the exact amount of GB received for a specific day, hover your cursor over the associated bar. The date associated with this bar is also displayed.
- If a product is not yet registered, a warning displays in the upper right corner showing how many days remain until the trial license expires.

### Telemetry Flows

This component displays telemetry for the last 24 hours.

- The different types of telemetry received by all inputs (represented by telemetry on the left side of the chart) and sent to all destinations (represented by telemetry on the right side).
- To show the exact value for a flow, hover your cursor over the flow to open its tooltip.

#### **Metrics**

The tables in this component display the following data for the last 24 hours:

**Total Received Rate** The total amount of telemetry received from all inputs.

**Total Sent Rate** The total amount of telemetry sent to all destinations.

## **Destinations**

Cisco Telemetry Broker supports sending telemetry to the following types of destinations:

- **UDP Destinations** A destination that receives UDP data at a specific IP address and port.
- **SCA Destinations** A destination that points data to a customer-owned Secure Cloud Analytics account.

Cisco Telemetry Broker sends telemetry to destinations. A rule describes the telemetry that a destination would like to receive from a particular telemetry stream.

The Cisco Telemetry Broker Destinations page shows graphs of all your destinations. For each destination you can see the following:

- Destination name
- IP address and port (for UDP destinations only)
- Telemetry received over the past day
- If the destination is actively receiving telemetry and is reachable by the manager
- Inputs and exporters sending telemetry to the destination

From this page, you can add additional destinations as well as modify and update them. For each destination, you can add additional rules and receive telemetry from different telemetry inputs. You can configure multiple rules (1 telemetry input per rule) per destination.

#### View Details of a Destination

You can view more detailed information about a particular destination. To view the details of a destination, do the following:

 On the Destinations tab, click the desired destination name located in the upper left corner of its row.

The Destination Details page for that destination opens.

On this page you can view the following information:

- Destination name, IP address, and port over which it receives telemetry (for UDP destinations only)
- Type of destination (for SCA destinations only)
- Status of the destination and the last time it received telemetry
- Number of telemetry inputs from which this destination is receiving telemetry
- Bytes received from Cisco Telemetry Broker and the rate (in bits per second) at which it was received
- The rules configured for this destination with details for each rule, including the number of exporters assigned to each rule

In the Metrics section you will see a Sent Rate table. This table shows telemetry that this destination has received over time per the following filters you can use to filter the telemetry (you can choose more than one option from each drop-down list):



For SCA destinations, you can filter the telemetry in this table only per broker node or per the total amount received.

- Per Telemetry Type
- Per Input

- Per Exporter
- Per Broker Node
- Total

You can view these metrics over several time frames by clicking any of the following desired time frames in the upper right corner of the Metrics table:

- · Last hour
- Last 4 hours
- Last day
- Last week
- Last month

#### Add a Destination

#### Add a UDP Destination

- On the Destinations tab, in the upper right corner of the page, click Add Destination
   UDP Destination.
- 2. Enter a destination Name.
- 3. Enter a **Destination IP Address** and **Destination UDP Port** for this destination.
- 4. Enable Check Destination Reachability if you want to establish an inactivity interval between the broker node and the destination. This allows you to identify when a destination is nonresponsive or not receiving telemetry. See General Settings for more information.
- The Check Destination Reachability feature is available only for non-Secure Cloud Analytics destinations.
- Click Save.

Add a Secure Cloud Analytics (SCA) Destination

- In Cisco Telemetry Broker, you can add only 1 SCA Destination per system.
- Cisco Telemetry Broker extracts flow data from NetFlow V5, NetFlow V9, and IPFIX packets, and sends this data to Secure Cloud Analytics.
- If your Cisco Telemetry Broker deployment contains light telemetry, it may take up to 20 minutes for telemetry to appear on the Destinations page after you add an SCA destination.

Before you add an SCA destination, you need to obtain an SCA Service Key and the SCA Host URL. Secure Cloud Analytics uses this key to authenticate Cisco Telemetry Broker, and Cisco Telemetry Broker uses the URL to send telemetry to Secure Cloud Analytics.

#### Locate the key and the URL

- 1. Log in to Secure Cloud Analytics.
- 2. From the main menu, click **Settings > Sensor**.
- 3. Locate and copy the Service key and the Service host at the bottom of the page.

#### Add the SCA destination

- 1. Log in to Cisco Telemetry Broker.
- 2. In the upper right corner of the page, click **Add Destination** > **SCA Destination**.
- 3. Enter a destination Name.
- 4. Enter the **SCA Service Key**. Ensure that you paste the entire key.
- 5. Enter the **SCA Host URL**. Ensure that you paste the entire URL.
- 6. Click Save.

Once you've configured Secure Cloud Analytics as a Cisco Telemetry Broker destination, you should be able to see telemetry from Cisco Telemetry Broker in the Secure Cloud Analytics Event Viewer within 30 minutes. If you do not, please contact swatchcsupport@cisco.com with your portal URL for assistance.

#### Edit a Destination

- 1. On the Destinations tab, click the (Edit) icon for the applicable destination.
- 2. Update the following fields:
  - •For UDP Destinations: **Destination Name** and the **Check Destination Availability** toggle switch. You cannot edit the Destination IP Address and Destination UDP Port fields.
  - •For SCA Destinations: **Destination Name**, **SCA API Key**, and **SCA URL**.
- 3. Click Save.

#### Remove a Destination

- 1. On the Destinations tab, click the (Edit) icon for the applicable destination.
- 2. In the Configure Destination dialog that opens, click **Remove**.

#### Add a Rule for a Destination



- A rule always consists of just 1 input and 1 destination. However, note that an input can send data to more than one particular destination. You would simply create another rule to do that.
- You cannot add IPv6 subnets when adding a rule for an SCA destination.
- 1. On the Destinations tab, in the lower left corner of the applicable destination summary, click **+ Add Rule**.
- 2. From the **Select Input** drop-down list, choose the desired input name.
- 3. (Conditional) If you choose a UDP input, the Track data received against these subnets field opens. This field serves as a filter mechanism to determine which traffic is sent to the destination. Only traffic coming from exporter IPs within the specified subnet will be forwarded. Enter the subnets over which this destination will receive the applicable telemetry. Separate entries with a comma.

If you leave the **Track data received against these subnets** field empty, it will default to a single subnet that includes all traffic.

- •For IPv4 IP subnets, the CIDR IP address range will be 0.0.0.0/0.
- •For IPv6 IP subnets, the CIDR IP address range will be ::/0.
- 4. Click Add Rule.

#### Edit a Rule

- 1. On the Destinations tab, click the applicable destination name.
- 2. In the Rules table, click the (Edit) icon in the Actions column.
- 3. Add or delete any subnets. You cannot edit the input that you previously chose when you configured this rule.
- 4. Click Save.

#### Remove a Rule

- 1. On the Destinations tab, click the applicable destination name.
- 2. In the Rules table, click the **Trash** icon in the Actions column.

# Importing UDP Director Configuration

From either the UDP Director, or the Manager that manages the UDP Director, you can export your current UDP Director destination and rule configuration as an XML file and import it into Cisco Telemetry Broker.



Importing a UDP Director configuration overwrites your current Cisco Telemetry Broker configuration, including all currently configured destinations and rules.



Once you have created your first destination, you no longer have the option to 🛕 import a UDP Director destination and rule configuration. This applies even if you have already created one or more inputs or rules.

#### **Export Your UDP Director Configuration**

- 1. Log in to the UDP Director console as an admin.
- 2. Click the **Configuration** tab.
- 3. Click Forwarding Rules.
- 4. Choose Export (Export the configuration file to local system).
- 5. Save the file to your workstation.

### Export Your UDP Director Configuration From a Manager

- 1. Log in to the Web App as **sysadmin**.
- 2. Click the \* (Global Settings) icon.
- 3. From the drop-down menu, choose **UDP Director Configuration**.
- 4. Click the **Actions** menu.
- 5. Choose Export Forwarding Rules.
- 6. Click Save.

### Import Your UDP Director Configuration into Cisco Telemetry Broker

You can import your UDP Director Configuration only before you configure any destinations.

- 1. Log in to the Cisco Telemetry Broker Manager node.
- 2. Click the **Destinations** tab.
- 3. Click Upload XML File.
- 4. Choose the applicable file and click **Open**.

# **Check Destination Reachability**

The Check Destination Reachability feature alerts the operator to the unreachability of a destination so that they can mitigate any network damage caused by the forwarding of telemetry to a non-existent destination.

The feature crafts zero-length UDP packets and sends them to the configured UDP port of the destination. The broker nodes then listens for ICMP Host Unreachable or Port Unreachable responses to determine if the destination is unreachable. The absence of any response indicates that the destination is most likely receiving telemetry.

You can disable this feature on a per destination basis.

# Inputs

Cisco Telemetry Broker supports sending telemetry from the following types of inputs:

- UDP Inputs An input that consumes UDP telemetry and sends it to our destinations.
- VPC Flow Logs An input that consumes Amazon Web Services (AWS) VPC Flow Logs from an s3 bucket, transforms them into IPFIX, and sends the IPFIX to your destinations.
- NSG Flow Logs An input that consumes Azure NSG Flow Logs from an Azure Storage Account, transforms them into IPFIX, and sends the IPFIX to your destinations.

To access the various Input tabs, from the Cisco Telemetry Broker main menu, choose **Inputs**.



To begin collecting telemetry, you first need to create one or more Inputs within the Cisco Telemetry Broker.

You need to configure inputs based on the type of telemetry that you want Cisco Telemetry Broker to process. For example, if you are interested in collecting UDP packets on port 2055 on all broker nodes, you should create a UDP Input configured to listen on port 2055. Alternatively, if you are only interested in processing VPC Flowlog Telemetry, you should create a VPC Flowlog Input.

# View Inputs

- 1. From the Cisco Telemetry Broker main menu, choose **Inputs**.
- 2. Click the applicable tab to view any of the following:
  - UDP Inputs
  - VPC Flow Logs
  - NSG Flow Logs

# **UDP Inputs**

Cisco Telemetry Broker enables you configure UDP inputs to listen on specific UDP ports for incoming UDP telemetry. You can see the following information on the Input tab:

- Input name, input port, and type of telemetry received
- Status of the input and the last time it received telemetry
- Assigned broker nodes and clusters

- · Number of destinations configured for this input
- Bytes received and the rate (in bytes per second) for the last 24 hours

You can view this telemetry over the following time frames. Simply choose one of these options from the drop-down menu in the upper right corner of the page.

- Most Received Last 24h
- Most Recently Seen
- Most Destinations
- · Highest Received Rate

### Add a UDP Input

- 1. On the Inputs page, click the **UDP Inputs** tab.
- 2. In the upper right corner of the page, click **Add UDP Input**.

The ADD UDP Input dialog opens.

- 3. In the UDP Port field, enter the UDP port that will listen for UDP telemetry.
- 4. In the UDP Input name, enter the name for this input.
- 5. Cisco Telemetry Broker tracks every exporter that sends telemetry to a UDP input. However, when you have many unique exporters sending telemetry to a single UDP input, you may need to disable exporters tracking to ensure the system does not suffer performance issues. To disable exporters tracking, check the **Disable**Exporters Tracking checkbox in the Add UDP Input dialog (the dialog that opens in Step 3). When you disable Exporter Tracking, you can still view the aggregate metrics being processed by the UDP input, but your system will have the following limitations:
  - Overview page The Telemetry Flows section no longer displays data counts for any UDP inputs where exporter tracking has been disabled.
  - Destinations Details page
    - The Exporters count in the Inputs section no longer includes exporters from any UDP Inputs where exporter tracking has been disabled.
    - In the Rules section, the number of exporters associated with a rule will display 0 (zero) if the input from the subscription is a UDP input and exporter tracking has been disabled.
    - The Per Telemetry Type and the Per Exporter drop-down lists for the

Sent Rate graph no longer include data counts from any UDP inputs where exporter tracking has been disabled.

- Input Details page The Exporters section no longer displays per-exporter data metrics. (This page opens when you click an input name on the UDP Inputs tab.)
- **Broker Nodes Details page** The Per Exporter drop-down list for the Received Rate graph no longer includes exporters from any UDP Inputs where exporter tracking has been disabled. (This page opens when you click a broker node name on the Broker Nodes tab.)
- 5. In the Assign HA Clusters section, check the applicable check boxes for the HA clusters to which you want this input added.
- 6. In the Assign Broker Nodes section, check the applicable check boxes for the nodes to which you want this input added.
- If a node is included in an HA Cluster option in the Assign HA Cluster section on this dialog, it will not be listed in the Assign Broker Nodes section, and vice versa.
- 7. Click **Add UDP Input** to save this configuration.

### Edit a UDP Input

- 1. On the Inputs page, click the **UDP Inputs** tab.
- 2. Click the (Edit) icon for the applicable UDP Input.
- i You cannot edit the UDP port.

# Remove a UDP Input



When you delete an input, Cisco Telemetry Broker stops receiving telemetry on the specified port and deletes any rules associated with this input.

- 1. On the Inputs page, click the **UDP Inputs** tab.
- 2. Click the **Trash** icon for the applicable UDP Input.

# View Details of a UDP Input

- 1. On the Inputs page, click the **UDP Inputs** tab.
- 2. In the table, click the applicable UDP Input name.

You can view the following information:

#### General

- UDP Input's display name, the receiving UDP port, and its assigned broker nodes and clusters.
- UDP Input's status (this indicates whether or not this UDP Input's port is currently receiving telemetry)
- Number of destinations assigned to the UDP Input
- Bytes received from Cisco Telemetry Broker and the rate (in bytes per second) for the last 24 hours

#### Rules

The list of rules assigned to this UDP Input, including the IP address and port of the destination in each rule. Note that an IP address is not listed for a rule that is associated with an SCA destination.

#### Exporters

You can view the following information about individual exporters which are assigned to a specific port:

- Exporter name
- Type of telemetry received
- Exporter's status (this indicates whether or not this UDP input's port is currently receiving telemetry from the exporter)
- Number of destinations assigned to the exporter
- Bytes received and the rate (in bytes per second) for the last 24 hours

#### Received rate

In the Metrics section you will see a Received Rate table. This table shows telemetry that destinations have received from this UDP input over time per the following filters you can use to filter the telemetry. You can choose more than one option from each drop-down list.

- Per Exporter
- Per Broker Node

You can view these metrics over several time frames by clicking any of the following desired time frames in the upper right corner of the Metrics table:

- · Last hour
- Last 4 hours
- Last day
- Last week
- Last month

# **VPC Flow Logs**

Cisco Telemetry Broker enables you to configure VPC Flow Log inputs to consume AWS VPC Flow Logs from an s3 bucket, transform them into IPFIX, and send the IPFIX to your destinations. You can manage these inputs from the table on the VPC Flow Logs tab, where you can view each existing input in the system and related information, including the following:

- Input name and S3 bucket name
- Status of the input and the last time it received telemetry
- · Number of destinations configured for this input
- Bytes received and the rate (in bytes per second) for the last 24 hours

You can view this telemetry over the following time frames. Simply choose one of these options from the Drop-down menu in the upper right corner of the page.

- Most Received Last 24h
- Most Recently Seen
- Most Destinations
- · Highest Received Rate

# Add and Edit a VPC Flow Log

For information on how to add and edit a VPC Flog Log, see the **Integrations** section.

## Remove a VPC Flow Log

- 1. On the Inputs page, click the **VPC Flow Logs** tab.
- 2. Click the **Trash** icon for the applicable VPC Flow Log.

# View Details of a VPC Flow Log

- 1. On the Inputs page, click the **VPC Flow Logs** tab.
- 2. In the table, click the applicable Flow Log name.

#### General

You can view the following information:

- Input name, S3 bucket, region, and if applicable, assigned broker nodes used to receive telemetry
- · Status of the input and the last time it received telemetry
- Number of destinations configured for this input
- Bytes received and the rate (in bytes per second) for the last 24 hours

#### Rules

The list of rules assigned to this VPC Flow Log, including the IP address and port of the destination in each rule. Note that an IP address is not listed for a rule that is associated with an SCA destination.

#### Received rate

In the Metrics section you will see a Received Rate table. This table shows telemetry that destinations have received from this VPC Flow Log over time per the following filters you can use to filter the telemetry. You can choose more than one option from each dropdown list.

- Per Broker Node
- The received rate over these different time frames:
  - Last hour
  - Last 4 hours
  - Last day
  - Last week
  - Last month

# **NSG Flow Logs**

Cisco Telemetry Broker enables you to configure NSG Flow Log inputs to consume Azure NSG Flow Logs from an Azure Storage Account, transform them into IPFIX, and send the IPFIX to your destinations. You can manage these inputs from the table on the NSG Flow Logs tab, where you can view each existing input in the system and related information, including the following:

- Input name and Blob Service SAS URL
- Status of the input and the last time it received telemetry

- · Number of destinations configured for this input
- Bytes received and the rate (in bytes per second) for the last 24 hours

You can view this telemetry over the following time frames. Simply choose one of these options from the Drop-down menu in the upper right corner of the page.

- Most Received Last 24h
- Most Recently Seen
- Most Destinations
- Highest Received Rate

### Add an NSG Flow Log



In this section we assume you have set up your Azure account to enable NSG Flow Logs. For instructions on configuring your Azure account, refer to Azure Configuration.

- 1. On the Inputs page, click the **NSG Flow Logs** tab.
- 2. In the upper right corner of the page, click **Add NSG Flow Log**.
- 3. In the **Blob Service SAS URL** field, enter the Azure sas\_url you obtained when you configured NSG Flow Logs for your Azure account.
- 4. In the **Input Name** field, enter the input IP address name.
- 5. In the **Input IP Address** field, enter the input IP address to assign to this Flow Log. Cisco Telemetry Broker uses this IP address as the input address when sending IPFIX generated from the NSG Flow Log. It should be an internal IP address and should not conflict with other IP addresses on your network.

Cisco Telemetry Broker places the following restrictions on the Input IP address value to ensure proper brokering of packets. If any of the following conditions are not met, Cisco Telemetry Broker displays the following error message:

- Input IP address must not overlap with the subnet of the Assigned Node's telemetry interface.
- Input IP address must not conflict with any existing input IP addresses in the system.
- Input IP address must not conflict with any destination IP addresses in the system.

- 6. From the **Assigned Broker Node** drop-down list, choose the assigned broker node. This broker node processes all Flow Log telemetry from the storage account.
- 7. Choose one or more destinations to ingest the Flow Log telemetry. Note that Cisco Telemetry Broker transforms NSG Flow Logs to IPFIX.

### Edit an NSG Flow Log

- 1. On the Inputs page, click the **NSG Flow Logs** tab.
- 2. Click the (Edit) icon for the applicable Flow Log.

# Remove an NSG Flow Log

- 1. On the Inputs page, click the **NSG Flow Logs** tab.
- 2. Click the **Trash** icon for the applicable NSG Flow Log.

### View Details of an NSG Flow Log

- 1. On the Inputs page, click the **NSG Flow Logs** tab.
- 2. In the table, click the applicable Flow Log name.

#### General

You can view the following information:

- Input name, Blob Service SAS URL, URL expiration date, and if applicable, assigned broker nodes used to receive telemetry
- Status of the input and the last time it received telemetry
- Number of destinations configured for this input
- Bytes received and the rate (in bytes per second) for the last 24 hours

#### Rules

The list of rules assigned to this NSG Flow Log, including the IP address and port of the destination in each rule. Note that an IP address is not listed for a rule that is associated with an SCA destination.

#### Received rate

In the Metrics section you will see a Received Rate table. This table shows telemetry that destinations have received from this NSG Flow Log over time per the following filters you can use to filter the telemetry. You can choose more than one option from each dropdown list.

- Per Broker Node
- The received rate over these different time frames:
  - Last hour
  - Last 4 hours
  - Last day
  - Last week
  - Last month

# **Broker Nodes**

The Cisco Telemetry Broker Nodes Overview shows details about all of your broker nodes, including the following:

- · Broker node name and IP address
- Telemetry interface IP address
- · Capacity of the broker node
- The associated cluster name
- Received and Sent rate in bps
- Status of the broker node and the last time the manager communicated with it
- Which high availability clusters the broker node belongs to, if any

By default, the Broker Nodes table is filtered by Highest Received Rate. You can also filter it by Most Recently Seen. To do this, from the Highest Received Rate drop-down list, choose **Most Recently Seen**.

# View Details of a Broker Node

To view the details of a broker node, do the following:

 On the Broker Nodes page, in the Broker Nodes table, click the applicable broker node name.

You can view the following information in the General section:

- Host name and management network IP address
- Status of the input and the last time it received telemetry
- Received rate (in bytes per second) for the last 24 hours
- Sent rate (in bytes per second) for the last 24 hours

The Telemetry Interface section contains the following information:

- Interface index
- · Interface name
- MAC Address
- PCI Address
- Capacity in bps
- IPv4 address/mask

- IPv4 gateway address
- IPv6 address/mask
- IPv6 gateway/address

# Edit the Telemetry Interface

To edit a broker node, click the **(Edit)** icon in the Telemetry Interface section and make your desired changes.

### Add a Cluster

For cluster-related information and tasks, see High Availability Clusters.

### Remove a Broker Node

- 1. From the Cisco Telemetry Broker main menu, choose **Broker Nodes**.
- 2. Click the row that contains the broker node you want to delete.

  The page for that broker node opens.
- 3. In the upper right corner, click Remove Broker Node.

#### **Metrics**

Details of the Metrics information are described below. The Metrics section shows telemetry this broker node receives over time, both by input and by destination.

#### Received Rate table

This table shows telemetry that this broker node has received over time, per the following filters you can use to filter the telemetry. You can choose more than one option from each drop-down list.

- Per Input
- Per Exporter
- When the **Compare to Capacity Toggle** icon is disabled ( ), you can view the current Received Rate values (in 1-minute intervals) for telemetry received from the applicable input(s). (You must first click **Last 1h** from the time frame options bar in the upper right corner of the table.) Move your cursor over the x\_axis (the horizontal line that reflects the time) to find a specific minute in time.
- When the Compare to Capacity Toggle icon is enabled ( ), you can view the Received Rate values as they compare to the threshold. Rates that exceed the 90

percent threshold need to be investigated, as these are cause for concern.

You can view these metrics over several time frames by clicking any of the following desired time frames in the upper right corner of the table:

- Last hour
- Last 4 hours
- Last day
- Last week
- Last month

#### Sent Rate table

This table shows telemetry that this broker node has sent over time from this broker node to the destination(s) you select from the **Per Destination** drop-down list.

- When the **Compare to Capacity Toggle** icon is disabled ( ), you can view the current Sent Rate values (in 1-minute intervals) for telemetry sent to the applicable destination(s). (You must first click **Last 1h** from the time frame options bar in the upper right corner of the table.) Move your cursor over the x\_axis (the horizontal line that reflects the time) to find a specific minute in time.
- When the Compare to Capacity Toggle icon is enabled (
  ), you can view the
  Sent Rate values as they compare to the threshold. Rates that exceed the 90
  percent threshold need to be investigated, as these are cause for concern.



If the received rate or sent rate are exceeding the threshold, add an additional broker node to increase capacity.

You can view these metrics over several time frames by clicking any of the following desired time frames in the upper right corner of the table:

- Last hour
- Last 4 hours
- Last day
- Last week
- Last month

## 1-Minute Load Average table

CPU load average of the chosen broker node over 1-minute intervals of time. (You must first click **Last 1h** from the time frame options bar in the upper right corner of the table.) Move your cursor over the x\_axis (the horizontal line that reflects the time) to find a

specific minute in time. When the load average exceeds the threshold, which is set to the number of CPUs (the value represented by the y\_axis), your network telemetry flow rate slows down.

## Memory Usage table

Memory consumption and total available memory over 3-minute intervals of time. (You must first click **Last 1h** from the time frame options bar in the upper right corner of the table.) Move your cursor over the x\_axis (the horizontal line that reflects the time) to find a specific 3-minute interval in time. Rates that exceed the 80 percent threshold need to be investigated, as these are cause for concern.

### Disk Storage table

Disk storage used and total available storage over 3-minute intervals of time. (You must first click **Last 1h** from the time frame options bar in the upper right corner of the table.) Move your cursor over the x\_axis (the horizontal line that reflects the time) to find a specific 3-minute interval in time. Rates that exceed the 80 percent threshold need to be investigated, as these are cause for concern.



If you find that the load average, memory usage, or disk storage are exceeding the associated threshold, expand the resource allocation for your VM.

# High Availability Clusters

Cisco Telemetry Broker high availability provides highly available IPv4 and IPv6 virtual IP addresses to be targets for your inputs, ensuring reliable delivery of telemetry from inputs to destinations.

To establish Broker Node high availability, you can create high availability clusters and assign multiple broker nodes to each. In each cluster, one broker node is designated *Active*, meaning it passes telemetry and serves metrics to Cisco Telemetry Broker, and the rest are designated *Passive*, meaning they are not passing telemetry or serving metrics currently. If an Active broker node stops passing telemetry or otherwise loses connectivity with Cisco Telemetry Broker, one of the Passive broker nodes is promoted to Active broker node and starts passing telemetry.

Note the following about clusters:

- Each broker node can only belong to one cluster at a time.
- You cannot choose which broker node is active in a given cluster.
- If an Active broker node for a Virtual IP address fails, one of the Passive broker nodes in the same cluster becomes the Active broker node for the Virtual IP address. When the failed broker node comes back up again, it remains a Passive broker node. If you want to make that node active again, you will need to do so manually using the provided commands. (To view these commands, see the "Move a VIP to a Specific Node" section in the Cisco Telemetry Broker Virtual Appliance Deployment and Configuration Guide.)
- You can create a cluster with only one broker node, but if this broker node fails, no
  clusters within the broker node can be promoted to Active broker node. Similarly, if
  all broker nodes within a cluster fail, no broker node can be promoted to Active
  broker node. If a broker node fails, bring it back online as soon as possible.
- You can create a cluster with no broker nodes, then add broker nodes later.
- You can assign either a virtual IPv4 or virtual IPv6 address, or both, to a cluster.
   Cisco Telemetry Broker uses this virtual IP address to communicate with the cluster and promote Passive broker nodes to Active broker nodes when an Active broker node loses connectivity with Cisco Telemetry Broker.



For information about how HA clusters are updated during the Cisco Telemetry Broker software update process, see **Software Update**.

# View Cluster Details

In the High Availability Clusters section on the Broker Nodes page, you can view the following data:

- · All configured clusters
- IPv4 address for each cluster
- · Broker nodes that belong to each cluster

#### Add a Cluster

- 1. From the Cisco Telemetry Broker main menu, choose **Broker Nodes**.
- 2. Click + Add Cluster.
- 3. Enter a descriptive cluster name.
- 4. Choose one or more broker nodes to include in the cluster.
- 5. Enter a cluster virtual IPv4 Address, IPv6 Address, or both.
- 6. Click Add Cluster.
  - It can take up to 3 minutes for the configuration to propagate and for the VIP addresses to become available on your network.



- A cluster can contain just 1 broker node.
- The +Add Cluster button is disabled when no broker nodes are available to be assigned to a cluster.

# Modify a Cluster's Configuration

- 1. From the Cisco Telemetry Broker main menu, choose **Broker Nodes**.
- 2. In the Cluster column, click the applicable cluster.
- 3. Click the (Edit) icon for a cluster. You can edit the IP and Gateway addresses.

# Remove a Cluster

- 1. From the Cisco Telemetry Broker main menu, choose **Broker Nodes**.
- 2. In the High Availability Clusters section, click the **(Trash)** icon for the cluster you want to delete.
- For information about managing clusters, refer to the "Manage High Availability Clusters" section in the Cisco Telemetry Broker Virtual Deployment Guide.

# Manager Node

The Cisco Telemetry Broker Manager view shows metrics for your Cisco Telemetry Broker manager. You can view the following information:

- Hostname and Management Network IP address
- Current memory use and total memory available
- Current disk storage use and total disk storage space available

### 1-Minute Load Average table

CPU load average of the chosen broker node over 1-minute intervals of time. (You must first click **Last 1h** from the time frame options bar in the upper right corner of the table.) Move your cursor over the x\_axis (the horizontal line that reflects the time) to find a specific minute in time. When the load average exceeds the threshold, which is set to the number of CPUs (the value represented by the y\_axis), your network telemetry flow rate slows down.

### Memory Usage table

Memory consumption and total available memory over 1-minute intervals of time. (You must first click **Last 1h** from the time frame options bar in the upper right corner of the table.) Move your cursor over the x\_axis (the horizontal line that reflects the time) to find a specific 3-minute interval in time. Any rate that exceeds the 80 percent threshold need to be investigated, as these are cause for concern.

# Disk Storage table

Disk storage used and total available storage over 3-minutes intervals of time. (You must first click **Last 1h** from the time frame options bar in the upper right corner of the table.) Move your cursor over the x\_axis (the horizontal line that reflects the time) to find a specific 3-minute interval in time. Any rate that exceeds the 80 percent threshold need to be investigated, as these are cause for concern.



If you find that the load average, memory usage, or disk storage are exceeding the associated threshold, expand the resource allocation for your VM.

You can view these metrics over several time frames by clicking any of the following desired time frames in the upper right corner of the Metrics table:

- Last hour
- Last 4 hours
- Last day

- Last week
- Last month

# Integrations

The Cisco Telemetry Broker Integrations shows information about your VPC Flow Logs. You can configure your AWS deployment to export VPC Flow Logs to Cisco Telemetry Broker, then configure Cisco Telemetry Broker to transform the VPC Flow Logs to IPFIX for ingestion by destinations.

## View Integration Information

From the Cisco Telemetry Broker main menu, choose **Integrations**.

## **AWS** Configuration

## AWS Configuration - Part 1

#### **Enable Flow Logging**

To enable flow logging for one or more VPCs, then send the flow logs to an S3 bucket, complete the following steps.

- 1. From the AWS VPC main menu, choose Your VPCs.
- 2. Right-click a VPC, then choose **Create Flow Log**.
- From the Filter drop-down, choose All to log accepted and rejected telemetry, or Accept to log only accepted telemetry.
- 4. Choose Send to an S3 bucket destination.
- 5. Enter an **S3 bucket ARN** in which you want to store flow log telemetry.
- 6. Click Create.

#### Create an IAM User

To create an IAM user that has access to the S3 bucket and record the access key ID and Secret access key, complete the following steps.

- 1. From the AWS IAM main menu, choose **Users > Add user**.
- 2. Enter a **User Name**.
- 3. Choose **Programmatic access**.
- 4. Click Next: Permissions.
- 5. Click Next: Tags.
- 6. Click Next: Review.
- 7. Click Create User.
- 8. For both the access key ID and the secret access key, click **Show**.

9. Record your Access key ID and Secret access key or click **Download** and save the keys in a secure location.

## Cisco Telemetry Broker Configuration - Part 1

#### Upload Your AWS Access

To upload your AWS access and secret access keys to Cisco Telemetry Broker, complete the following steps.

- 1. From the Cisco Telemetry Broker main menu, choose **Integrations**.
  - The AWS tab opens.
- 2. Click **Add AWS Credentials** (located above the AWS Credentials table in the upper right corner).
- 3. Enter a descriptive **Credentials Name**.
- 4. Enter the AWS Access Key ID and AWS Secret Access Key.
- 5. Click Save.
- 6. If you have additional S3 credentials, repeat Step 1 through Step 5.

#### Configure the VPC Flow Log Input

To configure the VPC Flow Log input and upload the bucket policy to AWS, complete the following steps.

- 1. From the Cisco Telemetry Broker main menu, choose Inputs > VPC Flow Logs tab.
- 2. Click **Add VPC Flow Log** (located above the Inputs table in the upper right corner).

  The **Add VPC Flow Log** dialog opens.
- 3. In the **S3 Bucket Path** field, enter your s3 bucket name and path. For example,

```
[bucket-name]/[path]
```

- 4. In the **Region Code** field, enter the AWS region where you created the S3 bucket.
- 5. Choose your **Credentials** based on the access key and secret access key that you uploaded.
- 6. Click the arrow in the next field down to expand the pane. From this pane, copy the S3 bucket policy and use it for S3 Bucket configuration in AWS.
- 7. Keep this dialog open and continue to the next section, AWS Configuration Part 2.

## AWS Configuration - Part 2

#### Create the S3 Bucket Policy

- 1. From the AWS IAM main menu, choose **Policies**.
- 2. Click Create policy.
- 3. Select the JSON tab.
- 4. Paste the policy you copied from Cisco Telemetry Broker into the JSON editor.
- 5. Click **Review policy**.
- 6. In the **Name** field, enter a unique name to identify the policy (for example, **ctb\_ policy**).
- 7. Enter a description, such as **Policy to allow Cisco Telemetry Broker access to VPC Flow Logs**.
- 8. Click Create Policy.

#### Create a User Group

To create a user group, assign the policy to an IAM group, and add your IAM user to the IAM group, complete the following steps.

- 1. From the AWS IAM main menu, choose **Groups > Create New Group**.
- 2. Enter the **group name**.
- 3. Click **Next Step**.
- 4. Select the Cisco Telemetry Broker policy that you created.
- 5. Click **Next Step**.
- 6. Click Create Group.
- 7. From the IAM console, choose **Groups > [Group Name]**.
- 8. Click the **Users** tab.
- 9. Click Add Users to Group and choose your Cisco Telemetry Broker user.
- 10. Click Add Users.

## Cisco Telemetry Broker Configuration - Part 2

Register AWS Flow Log in Cisco Telemetry Broker.

To configure Cisco Telemetry Broker to process the VPC Flow Log telemetry and transform it into IPFIX, do the following:

- Return to the dialog that you partially completed in Cisco Telemetry Broker Configuration - Part 1 (refer to the Configure the VPC Flow Log Input section).
- 2. In the **Input Name** field, enter the input IP address name.
- 3. In the **Input IP Address** field, enter the input IP address to assign to this Flow Log. Cisco Telemetry Broker uses this IP address as the input address when sending IPFIX generated from the VPC Flow Log. It should be an internal IP address and should not conflict with other IP addresses on your network.

Cisco Telemetry Broker places the following restrictions on the Input IP value to ensure proper brokering of packets. If any of the following conditions are not met, Cisco Telemetry Broker displays an error message:

- Input IP must not overlap with the subnet of the Assigned Node's telemetry interface.
- Input IP must **not** conflict with any existing input IPs in the system.
- Input IP must not conflict with any destination IPs in the system.
- 4. From the **Assigned Broker Node** drop-down list, choose the assigned broker node. This broker node will process all flow log telemetry from the S3 bucket.
- 5. Choose one or more destinations to ingest the flow log telemetry. Note that Cisco Telemetry Broker transforms VPC Flow Logs to IPFIX.
- 6. Click Add VPC Flow Log.
- 7. If you have multiple VPC Flow Logs to configure, complete the following steps, in order, for each VPC Flow Log you configure:
  - a. Repeat every step in Configure the VPC Flow Log Input.
  - Repeat every step in Create the S3 Bucket Policy.
  - c. Repeat every step in Create a User Group.
  - d. Repeat Step 1 through Step 5 in this section.

## **Azure Configuration**

The following instructions detail how to set up a monitoring application that will collect telemetry from your Azure environment for analysis. We recommend that you follow these instructions as a user assigned the *Global Administrator AD* and *Owner* roles for all subscriptions that need monitoring.

If this isn't possible, contact your Azure AD administrator to ensure that for each subscription to be monitored, the user has access to the following Azure resources: authorization, network, storage accounts, and monitoring. For this to occur, you must assign the user the *User access administrator* and *Contributor* roles.

## **Prerequisites**

Before configuring NSG Flow Logs, complete the following steps:

- Connect to Azure Access your Azure portal and follow the instructions to sign in.
   For command line access, launch a bash console using the console icon located
   next to the search bar.
- 2. **Set up Network Watcher** Set up the Network Watcher service for the regions in which you have resource groups to monitor:
  - a. From the main menu, choose **Network Watcher > Overview**.
  - b. Click the \*\*\* (Ellipsis) icon and choose Enable Network Watcher, either at the subscription level or on target regions.
- 3. **Create Storage Accounts** To store NSG Flow Logs, you'll need storage accounts in the same locations (e.g. East US) as your target resource groups. If you don't already have storage accounts in the target locations, you'll need to create some with Blob storage capabilities (StorageV2 or BlobStorage).

#### **Enable NSG Flow Logs**

For the NSGs you want to monitor, you'll need to enable Flow Logging by completing the following steps:

- From the main menu, choose Network Watcher > NSG Flow Logs. The list of Network Security Groups appears.
- 2. To display the Flow Logs settings screen, from the main menu choose an NSG.
- 3. Complete the form, entering the following settings:
  - Status: On
  - Flow Logs version: Version 2
  - Storage account: Select the storage account you created earlier.
  - Retention: Microsoft currently has a known issue with Flow Logs Retention.
     For more information, refer to the note at Step 11 of the "Enable NSG Flow Log section" in the Microsoft documentation.
  - Traffic Analytics status: Off (optionally, you may enable this)
- 4. Click **Save** and repeat the Flow Logs setup for each NSG.
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You need to enable NSG Flow Logs for any new Resource Group you create that you want to monitor.

5. In the Azure portal, from the main menu, choose Storage Accounts > Select Your Account > Containers. Verify that you see the insights-logs-networksecuritygroupflowevent entry in the Containers list. It may take a few minutes for it to appear.

#### Obtain Blob Service SAS URL

To generate the Blob Service SAS URL that Cisco Telemetry Broker requires, complete the following steps:

- In the Azure portal, from the main menu, choose Storage Accounts > Select Your Account > Shared Access Signature. The form that opens should contain the following entries:
  - Allowed Services: Blob
  - Allowed Resource Types: Service, Container, Object
  - Allowed Permissions: Read, List
  - Start and Expiry Times: Set to an interval that you will allow Cisco Telemetry Broker to access
- 2. Choose **Generate SAS > the connection string**.
- 3. Copy the Blob Service SAS URL.
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Provide the Blob Service SAS URL when adding the NSG Flow Log to Cisco Telemetry Broker.

## Register Azure Flow Log in Cisco Telemetry Broker

To configure Cisco Telemetry Broker to process the VPC Flow Log telemetry and transform it into IPFIX, complete the following steps. (refer to Step 2 in Configure the VPC Flow Log Input):

- 1. Return to Cisco Telemetry Broker.
- 2. From the Cisco Telemetry Broker main menu, click the **Inputs > NSG Flow Logs** tab
- 3. Click **Add NSG Flow Log** (located above the Inputs table in the upper right corner).

  The **Add NSG Flow Log** dialog opens.
- 4. In the **Input Name** field, enter the input IP address name.
- 5. In the **Input IP Address** field, enter the input IP address to assign to this Flow Log. Cisco Telemetry Broker uses this IP address as the input address when sending

IPFIX generated from the VPC Flow Log. It should be an internal IP address and should not conflict with other IP addresses on your network.

Cisco Telemetry Broker places the following restrictions on the Input IP value to ensure proper brokering of packets. If any of the following conditions are not met, Cisco Telemetry Broker displays an error message:

- Input IP must **not** overlap with the subnet of the Assigned Node's telemetry interface.
- Input IP must not conflict with any existing input IPs in the system.
- Input IP must not conflict with any destination IPs in the system.
- 6. From the **Assigned Broker Node** drop-down list, choose the assigned broker node. This broker node will process all flow log telemetry from the S3 bucket.
- 7. Choose one or more destinations to ingest the flow log telemetry. Note that Cisco Telemetry Broker transforms VPC Flow Logs to IPFIX.
- 8. Click Add VPC Flow Log.
- 9. If you have multiple VPC Flow Logs to configure, complete the following steps, in order, for each VPC Flow Log you configure:
  - a. Repeat every step in **Azure Configuration**.
  - b. Repeat every step in **Azure Configuration**.
  - c. Repeat every step in **Azure Configuration**.
  - d. Repeat Step 1 through Step 5 in this section.

# **Application Settings**

The Application Settings control your Cisco Telemetry Broker deployment. The following settings are available:

**General Settings** 

**Software Update** 

**Smart Licensing** 

**TLS Certificate** 

**User Management** 

#### General

Click the **☼ (Settings)** icon.

The Application Settings page opens.

2. Click the **General** tab.

#### Configure Inactivity Interval

The telemetry inputs configuration allows you to configure the amount of time before Cisco Telemetry Broker marks a telemetry input as inactive.

- 1. In the Inputs section, choose an **Inactivity Interval** in minutes from the Inactivity interval drop-down list.
- 2. Click Save.

## Configure HTTPS Proxy

The HTTPS Proxy configuration allows you to configure HTTPS proxy server settings if Cisco Telemetry Broker connects to the internet using an HTTPS proxy.

- i Cisco Telemetry Broker does not support using HTTP proxy servers.
- 1. In the HTTPS Proxy section, enable **Use HTTPS proxy**.
- 2. Enter an IP Address and Port.
- 3. Click Save.

## Software Update

The Software Update page shows the current Cisco Telemetry Broker version of your Manager node and broker nodes, and it allows you to upgrade to the current released

#### version.

The update upgrades your manager and all of your managed broker nodes to the newest version. Before performing the update, we recommend that you take a VM snapshot of your Cisco Telemetry Broker VMs. You can use this snapshot to revert to the current state in case you receive an unexpected error.

The system is unresponsive during the update process. First it updates your manager, and then it updates the broker nodes. While your manager updates, you may not see the proper state of your Cisco Telemetry Broker deployment. While your broker nodes update, they may not properly pass sent telemetry to destinations.

The Cisco Telemetry Broker HA cluster is designed to ensure there is no down time during an upgrade; therefore, in an HA cluster, the manager always updates only one node at a time. When updating an HA cluster, the Manager node updates nodes in that cluster by order of creation. When a node starts to update, it first puts itself into standby mode. If this is the active node, the Cisco Telemetry Broker functionality is transferred to the alternate node. This occurs before the previously active node stops processing telemetry. This ensures that there is minimal to no telemetry loss during an upgrade.

## Upgrade Your Cisco Telemetry Broker Deployment

#### Download the Update File

- 1. Go to Cisco Software Central.
- 2. In the Download and Upgrade section, choose **Access Download**.
- 3. Type **Cisco Telemetry Broker** in the search field.
- 4. Choose the **Manager Node Software**.
- 5. Download the CTB Update Bundle file.

#### Upload the Update File

1. In the Cisco Telemetry Broker manager, click the 🌣 (Settings) icon.

The Application Settings page opens.

- 2. Click the **Software Update** tab.
- 3. In the upper right corner of the page, click **Upload an Update File**.
- 4. Choose the file you downloaded.

You may need to wait several minutes for the upload to finish, based on the time estimates displayed. After the file is uploaded, you will receive a message informing you that a software update is now available.

5. Click **Update Cisco Telemetry Broker**.

You will not be able to navigate within Cisco Telemetry Broker while the Manager node is updated to the latest version. The update process takes about 10 minutes.

6. When the update has completed, you will be prompted to log back in to Cisco Telemetry Broker.

A loading indicator will appear next to each broker node that is being updated.

## **Smart Licensing**

The Smart Software Licensing page shows the state of your Cisco Telemetry Broker Smart Licensing.

Cisco Telemetry Broker licensing is based on GB ingested by your broker nodes per day.

1. Click the **(Settings)** icon.

The Application Settings page opens.

2. Click the **Smart Licensing** tab.

## **User Management**

1. Click the **Settings** icon.

The Application Settings page opens.

2. Click the User Management tab.

#### Add a User

- 1. Click Add User.
- 2. Enter the user's **First Name** and **Last Name**.
- 3. Enter the **Username**. Neither you or the user can change this username once it is created.
- 4. Enter a password in the **New Password** field and enter it again in the **Confirm Password** field. Make sure to adhere to the password guidelines.
- 5. Click + Add User.

#### Edit a User

- In the row that contains the user you want to edit, click the \*\*\* (Actions) icon > Edit
   Profile.
- 2. Complete your edits.
- 3. Click Save.

#### Remove a User

- In the row that contains the user you want to remove, click the **Actions** icon > **Remove User**.
- 2. Click Remove.

## Change a User's Password

- 1. In the row that contains the user whose password you want to change, click the **Actions** icon > **Change Password**.
- 2. Enter a new password in the **Password** field, and enter it again in the **Confirm Password** field.
- 3. Click Change Password.

## **TLS Certificate**

- The certificate and the private key must be PEM-encoded.
- ⚠ The private key file cannot be password-protected.

## **Upload TLS Certificate**

1. Click the 🌣 (Settings) icon.

The Application Settings page opens.

- 2. Click the **TLS Certificate** tab.
- 3. In the upper right corner of the page, click **Upload TLS Certificate**.
- 4. In the Upload TLS certificate dialog that opens, click **Choose File** for each certificate and each private key you want to upload.

Certificate details are displayed beneath the associated files so you can verify that all related information is correct.

5. Click Upload.

## Re-register Broker Nodes

After you upload the appropriate TLS certificates, you need to enable the connection between the Manager node and the broker nodes by re-registering each broker node.

- 1. Use SSH or the VM server console to log in to the appliance as admin.
- 2. Enter this command:

sudo ctb-manage

You are informed that a manager configuration already exists.

3. Choose Option C "Re-fetch the manager's certificate but keep everything else".

# **Syslog Notifications**

1. Click the 🌣 (Settings) icon.

The Application Settings page opens.

2. Click the **Notifications** tab.

You can direct Cisco Telemetry Broker to send syslog notifications when any of the following alerts are generated.

Alert	Description
Broker Node No Data	The associated node hasn't transferred any telemetry for the last [x] minutes.
Broker Node Dropping Packets	Received Rate is higher than capacity.
Destination Unreachable	Destination has sent a "destination unreachable" ICMP message.
Appliance Disk Full	The appliance's disk has reached its capacity.
Appliance Disk Space Critically Full	The appliance's disk has less than 1 G of free space available. System operation is degraded and metrics metadata is no longer being captured.

Currently you cannot configure custom alert types.

## Configure the Syslog Server

First, you need to configure the Syslog server settings.

- 1. In the Syslog Server Address field, click **Configure**.
- 2. Enter the applicable Syslog server address (this can be an IP address or a DNS name) and port number.
- 3. Click Save.

## Enable the Syslog Server to Receive Notifications

Next, do the following:

Enable the Send Syslog Notifications toggle (

After you configure the Syslog server, you must enable this toggle, or the Syslog server will not receive notifications. Once you have enabled this toggle, then when your Cisco Telemetry Broker triggers an alert, it immediately sends a syslog notification to the Syslog server.

## Send a Test Syslog Notification

Whenever you choose to do so, you can manually send a test syslog notification to the syslog server. This test notification checks that the Syslog server is successfully receiving syslog messages.

Every time you send a test syslog notification, a copy of the message appears under the **Sent Test** button. This enables you to compare the sent message with the message that the Syslog server receives.

If you log out of Cisco Telemetry Broker, when you log in again the messages will no longer be displayed.



You must manually check the syslog server to verify that a test notification was received.

To send a test syslog notification, complete the following steps:

- 1. Enable the **Send Syslog Notifications** toggle (<).
- 2. Click Send Test.
- 3. In the confirmation dialog, click **Send**.

## Severity and Facility Values

Telemetry Broker hardcodes the severity value to warning and the facility value to local0.

## **Email Notifications**

1. Click the **⇔(Settings)** icon.

The Application Settings page opens.

2. Click the **Notifications** tab.

You can direct Cisco Telemetry Broker to send email notifications when any of the following alerts are generated.

Alert	Description
Broker Node No Data	The associated node hasn't transferred any telemetry for the last [x] minutes.
Broker Node Dropping Packets	Received Rate is higher than capacity.
Destination Unreachable	The receiving destination hasn't replied to the heartbeat for the last [x] minutes.
Appliance Disk Full	The appliance's disk has reached its capacity.
Appliance Disk Space Critically Full	The appliance's disk has less than 1 G of free space available. System operation is degraded and metrics metadata is no longer being captured.



Currently you cannot configure custom alert types.

## Configure the SMTP Server

First, you need to configure the SMTP server settings.

- 1. In the SMTP Server field, click **Configure**.
- 2. Enter the applicable SMTP server address (this can be an IP address or a DNS name), port number, and the email address from which the alerts will be sent.
- 3. Designate whether or not you want to require authentication. If you do, enter the SMTP server's username and password into the associated fields.
- 4. Choose the encryption type.
- 5. Click Save.

#### Enable a User to Receive Email Notifications

After you configure the SMTP server, you must enable Cisco Telemetry Broker to send email notifications, or the designated users will not receive notifications.

Enable the Send Email Notifications toggle (

- 2. In the Recipients field, click Edit.
- 3. In the Edit Recipients dialog that opens, choose every user whom you want to have the ability to receive email notifications.

The current user's name appears at the top of the list. The user name for any user whose profile is missing an email address is displayed at the bottom of the list in a dimmed state.

4. Click Save.

#### Send a Test Email Notification

Whenever you choose to do so, you can manually send a test email notification for all alerts. This test email notification checks that the SMTP server has been correctly configured and that all appropriate users will successfully receive email notifications for any alerts (to which they are assigned) that occur.

- 1. Enable the **Send Email Notifications** toggle (

  ).
- 2. Click Send Test.
- 3. If you need to edit the list of users who will receive this test email notification, then in the Send Test dialog that opens, click **Choose** and make your edits.

The current user's name appears at the top of the list. The user name for any user whose profile is missing an email address is displayed at the bottom of the list in a dimmed state.

4. Click Send.

# **Profile Settings**

## **Edit Your Personal Information**

1. Click the **L** (User) icon.

The Profile Settings page opens.

- 2. In the Personal Information section, click the (Edit) icon.
- 3. Complete your edits.
- 4. Click Save.

## Change Your Password

1. Click the User icon.

The Profile Settings page opens.

- 2. In the Password section, click **Change Password**.
- 3. Enter a new password in the **Password** field, and enter it again in the **Confirm Password** field.
- 4. Click Change Password.

# Expand Cisco Telemetry Broker Manager and Broker Node Disk Size

With Cisco Telemetry Broker, you can expand the disk size of both the manager and any broker node.

## 1. Back Up the Partition Table Information

Log in to the appliance and run the following command.

```
admin@ctb-nfik72TO:~$ sudo sgdisk -p /dev/sda > partition_table_ (date +'%Y %m %d %H %M %S').txt
```

This creates a file similar to the partition\_table\_2021\_07\_09\_15\_51\_04.txt file, with contents similar to the following:

```
Disk /dev/sda: 81920000 sectors, 39.1 GiB
Model: Virtual disk
Sector size (logical/physical): 512/512 bytes
Disk identifier (GUID): B078BED8-2BD0-4EEA-9149-BA93FC8A299D
Partition table holds up to 128 entries
Main partition table begins at sector 2 and ends at sector 33
First usable sector is 34, last usable sector is 81919966
Partitions will be aligned on 2048-sector boundaries
Total free space is 4029 sectors (2.0 MiB)
Number Start (sector) End (sector) Size
                                                Code Name
                             4095 1024.0 KiB EF02
               4096
                           491519 238.0 MiB 8300
            491520
                          3844095 1.6 GiB
                                                8200
           3844096
                          33767423 14.3 GiB
                                                8300
           33767424
                          63690751 14.3 GiB
                                                8300
           63690752
                          81917951 8.7 GiB
                                                8300
```



The total size of the disk (/dev/ada) is 39.1 GB and the size of the Cisco Telemetry Broker application partition (/dev/sda6) is 8.7 GB.

## 2. Delete All Existing VM Snapshots for the Appliance

You cannot resize the ESXi VM disk when snapshots exist. In order to increase the disk size we need to delete all existing snapshots.

- 1. Log in to the ESXi console (vSphere or Web Client).
- 2. Right-click the VM and choose **Snapshots > Manage Snapshots > Delete All**.

## 3. Increase the Disk Size of the Appliance

- 1. Log in to the ESXi console (vSphere or Web Client).
- 2. From the list of VMs in the left panel, select the appliance.
- 3. From the toolbar at the top of the page, click the (Edit) icon.
- 4. In the Hard Disk 1 row, increase to the desired size.
- 5. Reboot the VM.
- 6. Log in and verity that the new size has been applied by running this command:

```
$ sudo sgdisk -p /dev/sda
Disk /dev/sda: 125829120 sectors, 60.0 GiB
Model: Virtual disk
Sector size (logical/physical): 512/512 bytes
Disk identifier (GUID): B078BED8-2BD0-4EEA-9149-BA93FC8A299D
Partition table holds up to 128 entries
Main partition table begins at sector 2 and ends at sector 33
First usable sector is 34, last usable sector is 81919966
Partitions will be aligned on 2048-sector boundaries
Total free space is 4029 sectors (2.0 MiB)
Number Start (sector) End (sector) Size
                                                     Code Name
               2048
4096
  1
                               4095 1024.0 KiB EF02
                               491519 238.0 MiB 8300
            491520 3844095 1.6 GiB
3844096 33767423 14.3 GiB
33767424 63690751 14.3 GiB
63690752 81917951 8.7 GiB
                                                      8200
            3844096
                                                      8300
           33767424
                                                      8300
                                                      8300
```

## 4. Run ctb-part-resize.sh Script

- 1. Take a snapshot of the VM.
- 2. Run the following command:

```
$ sudo /opt/titan/bin/ctb-part-resize.sh

WARNING
This program will update /dev/sda6 to use the full remaining free space
available on /dev/sda.

It is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that you take a backup of any important data/configuration
before proceeding.

Do you wish to proceed?y
<134>Mar 8 15:35:30 ctb-disk-resize: Moving the partition table header to the end of the
disk(/dev/sda)
```

```
Warning: The kernel is still using the old partition table.
The new table will be used at the next reboot or after you
run partprobe(8) or kpartx(8)
The operation has completed successfully.
<134>Mar 8 15:35:31 ctb-disk-resize: Deleting CTB application partition (/dev/sda6)
Warning: The kernel is still using the old partition table.
The new table will be used at the next reboot or after you
run partprobe(8) or kpartx(8)
The operation has completed successfully.
<134>Mar 8 15:35:32 ctb-disk-resize: Creating the CTB application partition (/dev/sda6)
Warning: The kernel is still using the old partition table.
The new table will be used at the next reboot or after you
run partprobe(8) or kpartx(8)
The operation has completed successfully.
<134>Mar 8 15:35:33 ctb-disk-resize: Updating kernel partition tables
<134>Mar 8 15:35:34 ctb-disk-resize: Resizing /dev/sda6
resize2fs 1.44.5 (15-Dec-2018)
Filesystem at /dev/sda6 is mounted on /var/lib/titan; on-line resizing required
old_desc_blocks = 2, new_desc_blocks = 2
The filesystem on /dev/sda6 is now 2412283 (4k) blocks long.
```

## 5. Verify that Space has been Allocated

#### Run the following command:

```
$ df -h /dev/sda
Filesystem    Size    Used Avail Use% Mounted on
/dev/sda4         14G    5.6G    7.7G    42% /
/dev/sda2         227M    80M    132M    38% /boot
/dev/sda5         14G    41M    14G    1% /mnt/alt_root
/dev/sda6         8.5G    172M    7.9G    3% /var/lib/titan
```

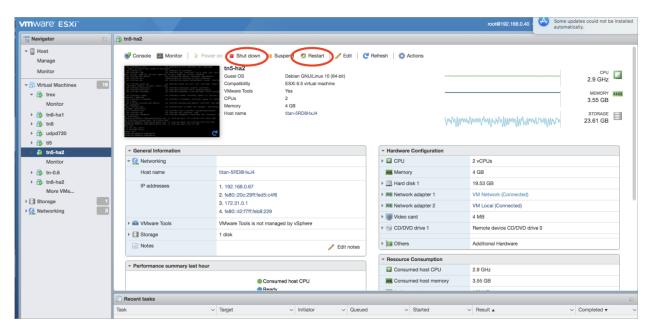
# Shut Down or Reboot Cisco Telemetry Broker

If at some point you need to shut down or reboot Cisco Telemetry Broker, complete the following steps:

- 1. Log in to the CTB Manager or CTB Broker Node via ssh or the console with the user name **admin**.
  - To shut down, enter sudo shutdown now
  - To reboot, enter sudo shutdown -r now
- 2. Log in to the VMWare console and verify that the VM has completed the shutdown or has rebooted properly.

Optionally, you can also shut down or reboot using VMWare. To do this, complete the following steps:

- 1. Log in to the VMWare console and select the applicable VM.
- 2. Depending on if you want to shut down or reboot, click one of the following options displayed at the top of the page:



# **Contacting Support**

If you need technical support, please do one of the following:

- Contact your local Cisco Partner
- Contact Cisco Support
- To open a case by web: <a href="http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/index.html">http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/index.html</a>
- To open a case by email: tac@cisco.com
- For phone support: 1-800-553-2447 (U.S.)
- For worldwide support numbers: https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/web/tsd-cisco-worldwide-contacts.html

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