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New and Changed Information

The following table provides an overview of the significant changes up to the current release. The table does not provide an exhaustive list of all changes or of the new features up to this release.

New Features and Changed Behavior in the Cisco Nexus Dashboard Insights

Feature	Description	Release	Where Documented
Terminology change	The term "sites" is renamed to "fabrics" .	6.5.1	Entire document

This document is available from your Nexus Insights GUI as well as online at www.cisco.com. For the latest version of this document, visit [Cisco Nexus Dashboard Insights Documentation](#).

Overview

Journey

In Nexus Dashboard Insights, use the Journey map to get started. Navigate to **Overview > Global View > Journey: Getting Started** to access the Journey map.

Let's learn about the various milestones that you will come across in your Nexus Dashboard Insights journey.

When you first log in to Nexus Dashboard Insights, you will click through the **Meet Nexus Dashboard Insights**, where you're introduced to some of our terminology, and you're walked through a couple of the features to get an overview of what all Nexus Dashboard Insights has to offer. Keep going until you get to the You're ready! page.

Finally you see the **Journey Map: Getting Started**, where by now you've already completed the first step in the map! As you complete each step, the map will show you the next step to complete. The **My Progress** displays your progress as a percentage of tasks and the number of steps you've completed.

Click **Tell Me More** for a brief description about what you will achieve with each step.

Click **Go** to jump directly to a section.

The following section helps understand the various steps on your Journey of getting started with Nexus Dashboard Insights.

- **Meet Insights:** Tour Nexus Dashboard Insights.
- **Enable Insights on your Fabrics:** Onboard and enable your fabrics.
- **Fabric Details:** Use this step to make sure you're ready to optimize your fabrics with Nexus Dashboard Insights. If you don't have telemetry streaming and the right software version, you will only get advisories and basic inventory information as part of your Fabric Details. Make sure you don't miss out on topology, anomalies, sustainability and more. You can access this step after at least one fabric is added.
- **Global View:** A bird's eye view of all your fabrics. You can access this step after at least one fabric is added. After you add the first fabric, Global View becomes the default tab whenever you launch Nexus Dashboard Insights.
- **Topology:** Visualize your endpoints, fabrics, switches, and the links between them. You can access this step after at least one fabric is added.
- **You're all set:** When you're done with your journey, you see You're all set! Now you can continue to explore on your own.

After you add the first fabric, **Global View** becomes the default tab whenever you launch Nexus Dashboard Insights. To learn more see, [Global View](#).

Global View

In Nexus Dashboard Insights Global View displays all your fabric details and key health metrics in a single place. Navigate to **Overview > Global View** to access Global View. Nexus Dashboard Insights helps aggregate your most important details from fabric health to traffic all under Global View.

After you add the first fabric, **Global View** is your first view every time you launch Nexus Dashboard Insights. You'll get a bird's eye view of your global network infrastructure for all your fabrics and the key health metrics. Nexus Dashboard Insights helps aggregate your most important details from fabric health to inventory use and access it all by scrolling down.

For multi-cluster deployments see [Multi-Cluster Connectivity](#).

There are two views to the global view, **Online Fabrics** and **Snapshot Fabrics**. The map visually shows the physical location and total number of your fabrics in each location. If only one fabric is present in any location, the name, and type of the fabric is displayed, however if there are multiple fabrics in a location, only the total number of fabrics is displayed. The list of fabrics in that particular location can be viewed by hovering over the number displayed. Click a fabric to view the details for that fabric, or scroll down to the Fabrics area to navigate to your fabric. You can also use the zoom control icons in the page to change your view of the map.

You can find more aggregated information about the fabrics right below the map.

Anomaly Level Critical shows the aggregated number of anomalies across fabrics at the maximum level of severity at that time, including how many occurred in the last week. You can view the anomalies at a glance or you can click the card to view the details. You can click **View all anomalies** to see all the anomalies with different severities.

Advisory Level Critical shows the aggregated number of advisories across fabrics at the maximum level of severity at that time, including how many occurred in the last week. You can view the advisories at a glance or you can click the card to view the details. You can click **View all advisories** to see all the advisories with different severities. Note:



The Anomaly Level Critical and Advisory Level Critical is not available for snapshot fabrics.

Continue scrolling down in Global View to see more. As you scroll further down from the aggregated information you can see how many of the total fabrics have anomalies and the number of fabrics which have critical level anomalies.

Below this you can see an at-a-glance summary for each individual fabric. It includes their anomaly and advisory health levels, external traffic with total data transferred in the last week, connectivity data for endpoints and Layer 3 neighbors and inventory data with the total number of controllers and switches for that fabric. Click **Fabric Details** to view more details about a specific fabric. See [Fabrics](#).



Connectivity data is not available for snapshot fabrics.

The Anomalies area shows details about the anomaly count and trend. See The Advisories area shows details about the advisory count and trend. [Anomalies and Advisories](#).

Below the at-a-glance summary for each fabric, you can now view a Trend Chart for Anomalies and Advisories. You can click on either one to view the trend for the last 7 days. The Now bar explains the

number of anomalies per severity that are active right now. The various severity levels are Critical, Major, Warning, and Healthy. They are visible by hovering over the bar.

The bars for the last 6 days displays the number of anomalies that were active by the end of that day. So if yesterday at 8 am we had 2 Critical and 3 Warnings and by 11:59 pm, we had 1 Critical and 1 Warning, the bar for yesterday would display 1 Critical and 1 Warning.

It also mentions if the overall trend for Anomalies or Advisories has been up or down.



Trend Chart is not available for snapshot fabrics.

You can see the External Traffic that your fabrics have sent and received in the last 7 days. In addition, it tells you the total number of fabrics sending and receiving traffic. The donut helps view the how much traffic is sent and received by each fabric. Click information icon to view more information about what External Traffic is and how it can be measured for the different types of fabrics.

Inventory displays a status of your inventory for controllers, switches, software, and conformance. Messages could include warnings related to hardware or whether your software requires an update. Click **Open Inventory** view detailed information. See [Inventory](#).

You're caught up! This concludes all we have in Global View. If you'd like to explore more, you can dive into the other sections of Nexus Dashboard Insights for details.

Configuring the Time Zone for Nexus Dashboard Insights

By default the Nexus Dashboard Insights GUI displays the user's local time zone date and time. You can configure your time zone setting to a different time zone in Nexus Dashboard's Admin Console. The time zone feature is available per user and is stored in your user preferences.

The time zone that you select will be reflected in the time values displayed in your GUI. All the detection timelines and timestamps that are shown in the GUI will be reflect the time values for the time zone you have selected.

Procedure

1. Log in to Nexus Dashboard's Admin Console.
2. Click the User icon on the top right and choose **User Preferences**.
3. In the **User Preferences** page, in the **Time Zone** area, the default time zone value is selected as **Automatic**.

This is the user's local time zone.

4. In the **Time Zone Preference** field, choose **Manual**.
5. In the **Nearest City** field, enter your preferred city to populate the appropriate time zone in the **Time Zone** field.

Alternatively, you can drag the pin in the map to the city of your choice, and it will populate the fields for **Nearest City** and **Time Zone**.

6. Click **Save**.

The time zone that you select will be reflected in the time values displayed in your Nexus Dashboard Insights GUI. All the detection timelines and timestamps that are displayed in the Nexus Dashboard Insights GUI will reflect the time values for the time zone you have selected.

Custom Dashboard

Custom Dashboard

The custom dashboard allows you to organize and collect all your ideas in one place. You can create a custom dashboard and add widgets on to the custom dashboard. The custom dashboard displays the top level information about each widget pinned to the dashboard.

Create a Custom Dashboard

1. Navigate to **Overview > Custom Dashboards > Add New Dashboard**.
2. Click **Let's get started!**.
3. Enter the Name and Description.
4. Click **Next step > Go to my Dashboard**.
5. Navigate to the page you would like to pin to the custom dashboard.
6. Select a particular object to view the detail page.
7. Click the pin icon.
8. Select the applicable dashboards.
9. Click **Save**.

View a Widget added to a Custom Dashboard

1. Navigate to **Overview > Custom Dashboards**
2. Click any pinned view.

Each view in the custom dashboard saves the entire snapshot of the page including the user selected time range for any specific object.

Delete a Widget from a Custom Dashboard

1. Navigate to **Overview > Custom Dashboards**
2. Select any pinned widget in the custom dashboard.
3. Click the ellipsis icon to delete the widget from the custom dashboard.

Multi-Cluster Connectivity

Multi-Cluster Connectivity

In Cisco Nexus Dashboard, the **Multi-cluster Connectivity** allows you to connect multiple clusters together for a Single Pane of Glass (SPOG) view and administration of the clusters and their fabrics, services, and configurations. When you add a second cluster, a group of clusters is formed. The cluster from which you create the group becomes the "primary" cluster with a number of unique characteristics that do not apply to other clusters in the group.

See [Cisco Nexus Dashboard Infrastructure Management](#) for information on Multi-cluster Connectivity.

View Multi-Cluster Connectivity

In Nexus Dashboard Insights, the **Cluster** drop-down displays the name of the currently viewed cluster. This is enabled for multi-cluster deployments only and allows you to quickly switch to another connected cluster.

In Nexus Dashboard Insights, Global View displays all your fabric details, cluster name, and key health metrics in a single place.

Navigate to **Overview > Global View** to access Global View. Nexus Dashboard Insights helps aggregate your most important details from fabric health to active issues and access it all by scrolling down.

The map visually shows the physical location, total number of your fabrics, and cluster name in each location. If only one fabric is present in any location, the name, and type of the fabric is displayed, however if there are multiple fabrics in a location, only the total number of fabrics is displayed. The list of fabrics in that particular location can be viewed by hovering over the number displayed. You can also use the zoom control icons in the page to change your view of the map.

- Click a fabric to view the summary details for that fabric in the cluster. You can also navigate to **Manage > Fabrics** to view all the fabrics in the cluster.
- From the Actions menu, select **View Details** to view additional details overview, inventory, connectivity, anomalies, and advisories, and integrations. In this view you cannot perform any operations on the fabric.
- Click **View in Cluster** to perform operations on a fabric such as Analyze now, Edit Fabric, Pause Data Collection. See [Fabrics](#).

Anomaly Level Critical shows the aggregated number of anomalies across fabrics at the maximum level of severity at that time. You can click the card to view the anomalies across all the fabrics in the cluster. Click fabric name to view all the anomalies with different severities.

Advisory Level Critical shows the aggregated number of advisories across fabrics at the maximum level of severity at that time. You can click the card to view the advisories across all the fabrics in the cluster. Click fabric name to view all the advisories with different severities.



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Next to **Advisory Level Critical**, you can see the total number of clusters, fabrics, and endpoints.

Continue scrolling down in Global View to see more. The **Active Issues at a Glance** area displays the active anomalies and advisories across the clusters.

- In the Active Anomalies area use the drop-down list to view the active anomalies per level or category. In the Top Fabrics by Active Anomalies click the fabric to view the anomalies for the selected fabric. Click **See All Fabrics** view the anomalies across all the fabrics in the cluster. Click fabric name to view all the anomalies with different severities.
- In the Active Advisories area use the drop-down list to view the active advisories per level or category. In the Top Fabrics by Active Advisories click the fabric to view the anomalies for the selected fabric. Click **See All Fabrics** view the advisories across all the fabrics in the cluster. Click fabric name to view all the advisories with different severities.

See [Anomalies and Advisories](#).

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Guidelines and Limitations

- The names of the fabrics onboarded in the clusters that you plan to connect together must be unique across those clusters.
- If there are any duplicate fabric names, then you have to delete the fabric and create a new fabric with a different name in Nexus Dashboard's Admin Console.
- Multi-Cluster connectivity is supported for remote users only.
- Multi-cluster connectivity between a Nexus Dashboard cluster hosting Nexus Dashboard Insights service and a Nexus Dashboard cluster hosting NDFC service is not supported if at least one fabric managed by NDFC is also operated by Nexus Dashboard Insights.
- Multi-Cluster Connectivity is supported on Nexus Dashboard Insights release 6.3.1.40 and later.
- When you upgrade a cluster to Nexus Dashboard Insights Release 6.4.1, Multi-Cluster Connectivity is not supported if any other cluster is running Nexus Dashboard Insights release 6.3.1.15. But Multi-Cluster Connectivity is supported if any other cluster is running Nexus Dashboard Insights release 6.3.1.40 and later.
- Multi-Cluster connectivity scale limits:
 - Clusters connected via multi-cluster connectivity - 10
 - Fabrics across all clusters connected via multi-cluster connectivity - 20
 - Switches across all clusters connected via multi-cluster connectivity - 1500

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