



Cisco Nexus Dashboard Insights
Software Management, Release 6.5.x -
For Cisco NDFC or Standalone NX-OS

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

Software Management

Software Management

Before performing an upgrade there are multiple validations that need to be performed. Similarly after an upgrade process, multiple checks help to determine the changes and the success of the upgrade procedure.

The Software Management feature suggests an upgrade path to a recommended software version and determines the potential impact of upgrade impact. It also helps with the pre-upgrade and post-upgrade validation checks.

The Software Management feature offers the following benefits:

- Assists in preparing and validating a successful upgrade of the network.
- Provides visibility on the pre-upgrade checks.
- Provides visibility on the post-upgrade checks and the status after the upgrade.
- Minimizes the impact to the production environment.
- Provides visibility if the upgrade process is a single step or multiple steps.
- Displays the bugs applicable to a specific firmware version.

In general, we recommend that you upgrade to the latest maintenance release and patch for a particular long-lived release. If you need features that were introduced after that release, you can upgrade to the latest release.

Guidelines and Limitations

Before running a post-upgrade analysis, ensure that all the nodes are already upgraded.

View Software Management Jobs

1. Navigate to **Manage > Fabric Software Management**.

Software Management

Software Management Jobs 🕒 Last week

Refresh

New Analysis

Filter

Job Status



Status	Name	Fabric	Node Target Firmware	Devices	Start Time	End Time	
Analysis Failed	test-demo	ndfc129	9.3(12)	ni-dcnm-switch1	Feb 09 2024 09:54:49.457 AM	Feb 09 2024 09:58:33.564 AM	
Analysis Failed	demo1	ndfc129	10.2(6)M	ni-dcnm-switch1	Feb 09 2024 10:09:56.556 AM	Feb 09 2024 10:13:51.061 AM	
Analysis Complete	test-ua-sa	aci130	16.0(4c)	aci-switch-103	Feb 08 2024 11:18:51.663 AM	Feb 08 2024 11:30:30.962 AM	
Analysis Complete	demo	aci130	16.0(4c)	aci-switch-103	Feb 09 2024 10:27:15.766 AM	Feb 09 2024 10:39:17.362 AM	

- Use the Time selector, to select the time range.
 - The Software Management page displays the job status for your fabrics based on the selected time range.
 - Use the filter bar to filter the jobs by status.
 - The Job Status donut chart displays the number of jobs along with their status.
 - In the Jobs table you view the information for the software management jobs such as status, name, fabric, node target firmware, devices, start time, end time
- Click the gear icon to configure the columns in the Jobs table.

Creating Software Management

Procedure

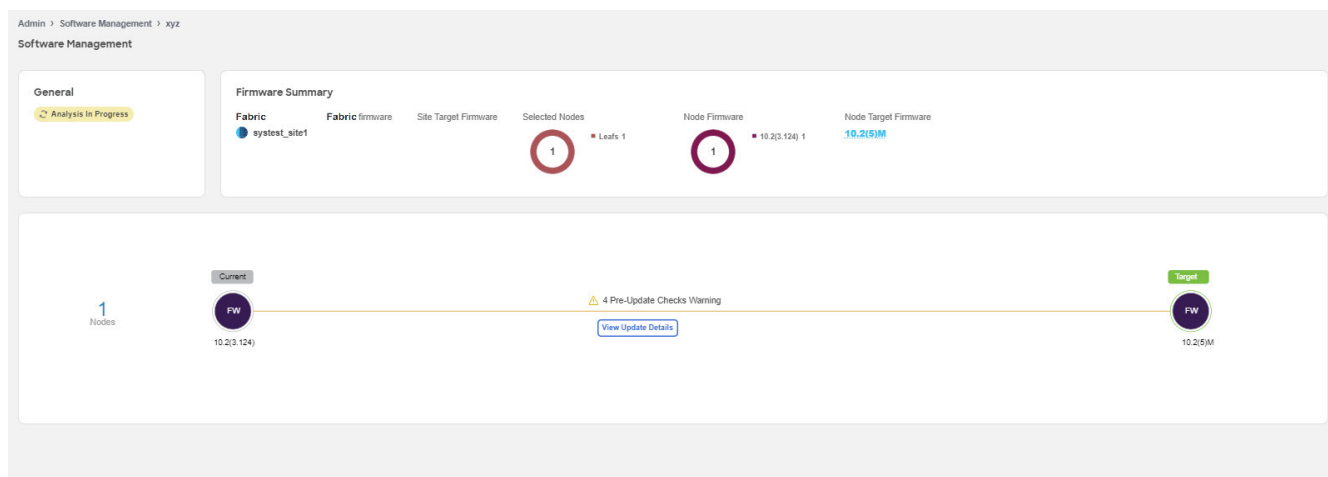
- Choose **Manage > Fabric Software Management > New Analysis**.
- Enter the analysis name.
- Select a fabric. Click **Next**.
- Select the firmware. Cisco recommended release and the latest firmware release are displayed.

You can also choose to skip this step.

- Click **Select Nodes**.
 - Select the nodes. Only the nodes that are required to be updated are displayed. You can only select 10 nodes at a time per analysis.
 - Click **Add**.
- Click Create Job. The job is displayed in the **Software Management** Dashboard.
- Click **View Update Details** to view the pre-update analysis and post update analysis for the firmware or node.

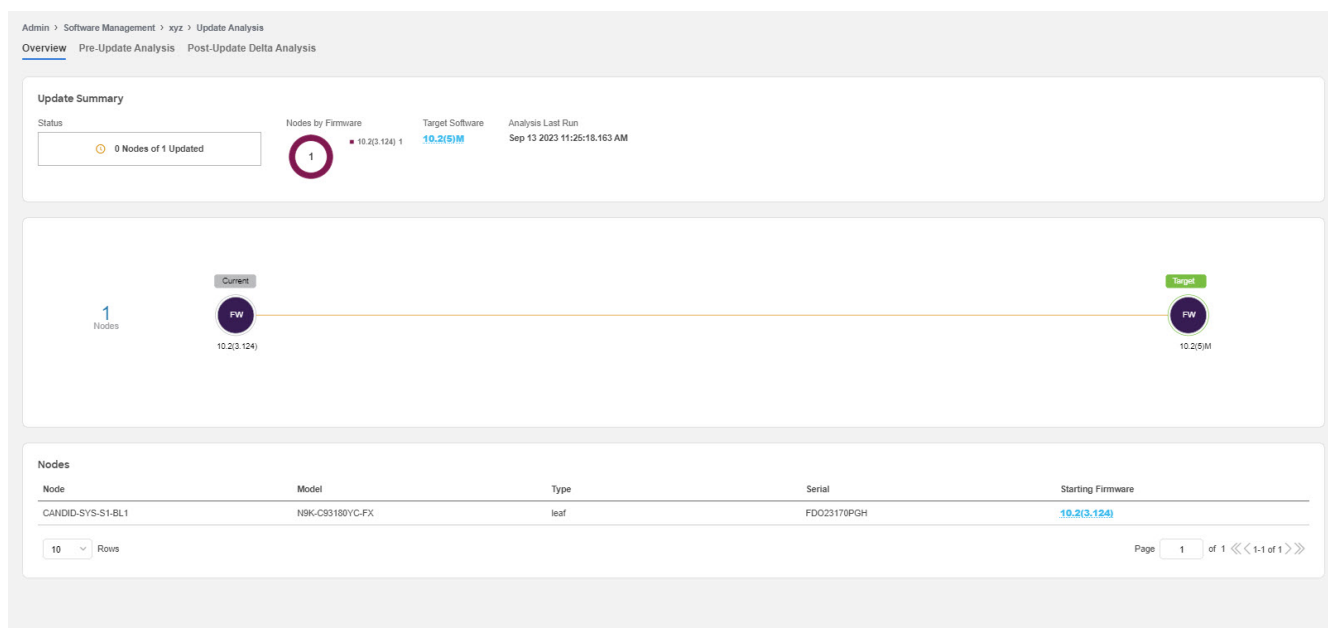
Analysis Detail

- General - This shows if the analysis status
- Firmware summary - This shows fabric, fabric firmware, fabric target firmware, selected nodes, node firmware and node target firmware
- Upgrade path for the firmware and node. The upgrade path for firmware and node is displayed separately if the firmware is selected.



Overview

This displays the update summary, the upgrade path and the list of nodes in a tabular form.



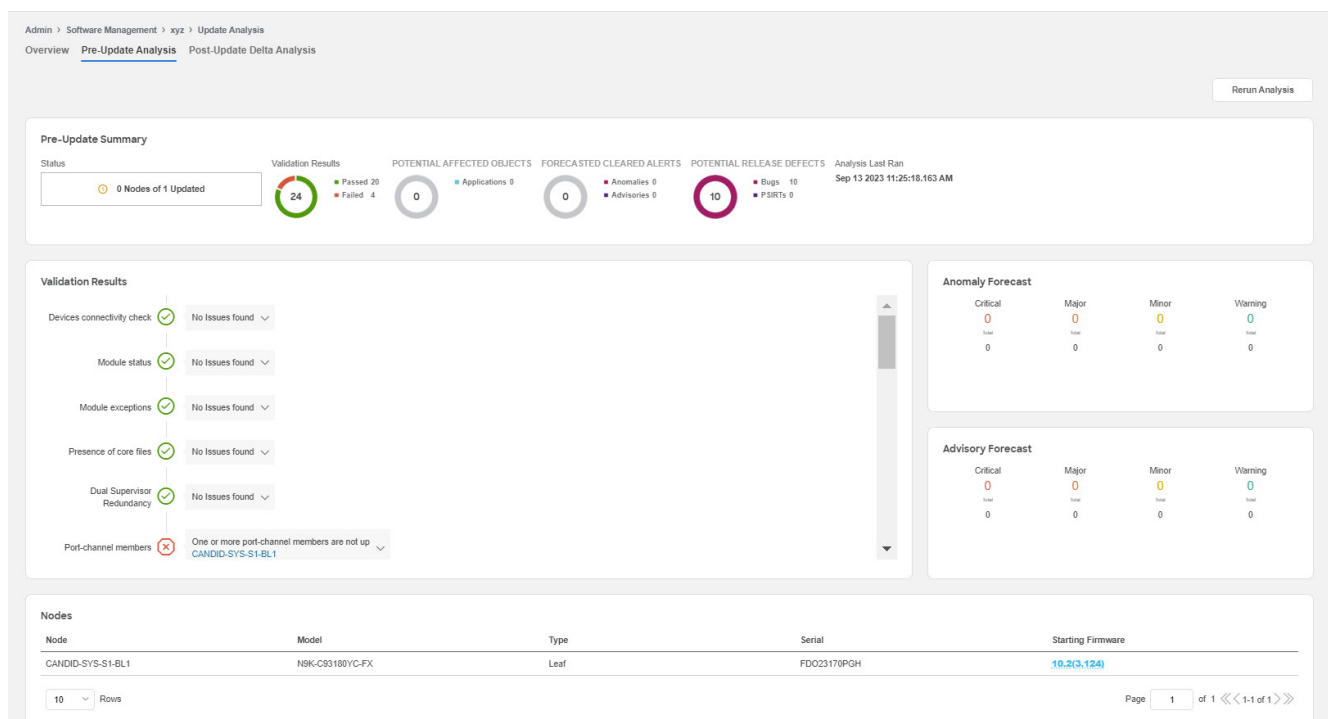
Pre-Update Analysis

This displays details such as node status, validation results, potential affected objects, forecasted clear alerts after the upgrade, and potential release defects applicable after the upgrade. This also shows the anomaly and advisory forecast. After fixing any of the issues highlighted in the **Validation Results** area, click **Rerun Analysis**. Click the drop down button to view pre-update validation criteria and the issues detected for each criteria. See [Pre-Validation Criteria for NDFC](#).



We recommend you to run the python script again, upload the file and then run the

assurance analysis again to check if the changes had effect on the pre-upgrade validation.



Post-Update Analysis

This displays the post-update analysis details. The post-update summary displays the status of the upgrade.

- Click **Health Delta** to view the difference in the anomalies between the pre-upgrade and post-upgrade analysis.
- Click **Operational Delta** to view the difference in the operational resources between the pre-upgrade and post-upgrade analysis.
- Click **Rerun Analysis**.

View Active and Susceptible Bugs



Ensure that Bug Scan is enabled for all fabrics.

1. Navigate to **Manage > Fabric Software Management**.
2. In the Software Management Jobs table click an analysis.

In the Firmware Summary area, hover on the Node Target Firmware and click **View Bugs** to view the active and susceptible bugs for that particular software version on that fabric. See [Bug Scan](#).

3. From the Actions dropdown menu click **Run Bug Scan** to run an on-demand Bug Scan.

Pre-Validation Criteria for NDFC

Pre-Validation Criteria	Description	Release
Could not connect to devices	This validation checks if all devices are connected.	6.0.1
Check if modules are in ok/active/standby state	This validation checks if all modules are online.	6.0.1
Found exception log messages in module	This validation checks for non-user initiated resets.	6.0.1
Found core files on devices	This validation checks for core files.	6.0.1
Found active supervisor without HA standby	This validation checks the redundancy status on dual supervisor systems.	6.0.1
One or more port-channel members are not up	This validation checks if all port-channel members are in Up state.	6.0.1
Found non user-initiated system resets	This validation checks if system reset is due to reasons other than user-initiated.	6.0.1
Found non user-initiated module resets	This validation checks if module reset is due to reasons other than user-initiated.	6.0.1
Found modules not in ok state and without backup power	This validation checks if all modules are in ok state and if backup power present.	6.0.1
Found FAILURE/ABORT/INCOMPLETE/ErrorDisabled in module	This validation checks for FAILURE/ABORT/INCOMPLETE/ErrorDisabled results in any module.	6.0.1
Found vPC status is not in Up state	This validation checks if vPC status is in Up state.	6.0.1
Found vPC sticky bit is false	This validation checks if vPC sticky bit is false.	6.0.1
Found vPC role is not secondary	This validation checks if vPC role is secondary.	6.0.1
Found OSPF is in FULL FULL/DR state	This validation checks for OSPF interfaces and process uptime stability (12 hours).	6.0.1
Found BGP session are not in Up state	This validation checks for BGP neighbors up time stability (12 hours).	6.0.1

Pre-Validation Criteria	Description	Release
Found HSRP MGO state is not Active/Standby	This validation checks if HSRP MGO state is Active/Standby.	6.0.1
Found ARPs are in Incomplete state	This validation checks if ARPs are in Incomplete state.	6.0.1
Not enough free space to continue	This validation checks if bootflash free space is greater than threshold of 5GB.	6.0.1
Found filesystems with usage higher than 85%	This validation checks if all filesystems usage is equal to or below 85%.	6.0.1
Found console register bits are not RTS or DTR or DSR	This validation checks if console register bits are RTS or DTR or DSR.	6.0.1
Found Severity 1, 2 or 3 messages	This validation checks for Severity 1, 2 or 3 messages.	6.0.1
ISSU impact check was disruptive	This validation checks if ISSU is disruptive or non-disruptive.	6.0.1
All spines are selected in same upgrade group or no redundant spine available for some nodes	This validation checks if spine nodes are upgraded with at least two separate groups to avoid traffic loss.	6.0.2
Endpoint network redundancy	This validation checks if nodes have non-redundant connected endpoints to avoid traffic loss during the reboot of nodes.	6.0.2

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