



Managing Blueprints

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Blueprints

Blueprints contain the configuration metadata required to deploy an OpenStack system through a Cisco VIM pod in Cisco VIM Unified Management. You can create a blueprint in Cisco UM or you can upload a yaml file that contains the metadata for a blueprint. You can also create a blueprint from an existing OpenStack system that you are configuring as a Cisco VIM pod.

The configuration in the blueprint is specific to the type of Cisco UCS server that is in the OpenStack system. A blueprint for a C-Series server-based OpenStack system cannot be used to configure a B-Series server-based OpenStack system. Cisco UM displays an error if the blueprint does not match the configuration of the OpenStack system.

The blueprint enables you to quickly change the configuration of an OpenStack system. While only one blueprint can be active, you can create or upload multiple blueprints for a Cisco VIM pod. If you change the active blueprint for a pod, you have to update the configuration of the OpenStack system to match the new blueprint.



Note You can modify and validate an existing blueprint, or delete a blueprint. However, you cannot modify any of the configuration metadata in the active blueprint for a Cisco VIM pod.

Blueprint Activation

A blueprint becomes active when you use it in a successful installation for a Cisco VIM pod. Other blueprints that you created or uploaded to that pod are in nonactive state.

Uploading or creating a blueprint does not activate that blueprint for the pod. Install a blueprint through the **Cisco VIM Suite** wizard. If the installation is successful, the selected blueprint becomes active.



Note If you want to activate a new blueprint in an existing pod, you have to delete certain accounts and the credential policies for that pod before you activate the blueprint. See [Activating a Blueprint in an Existing Pod with OpenStack Installed, on page 3](#).

Viewing Blueprint Details

To view blueprint details:

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- Step 1** Log in to Cisco VIM Insight as pod user.
 - Step 2** Choose the Cisco VIM pod with the blueprint that you want to view.
 - Step 3** Click **Menu** at the top left corner to expand the navigation pane.
 - Step 4** Choose **Pre-Install > Blueprint Management**.
 - Step 5** Choose a blueprint from the list.
 - Step 6** Click **Preview and Download YAML**.
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Creating a Blueprint Using Upload Functionality

Before you begin

- You must have a YAML file (B series or C Series) on your system.
- Only one blueprint can be uploaded at a time. To create a blueprint off-line, refer to the `setup_data.yaml.B_Series_EXAMPLE` or `setup_data.yaml.C_Series_EXAMPLE`.
- The respective keys in the sample YAML have to match or the corresponding pane does not get populated during the upload.

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- Step 1** Log in to **Cisco VIM UM**.
 - Step 2** In the navigation pane, expand the **Pre-Install** section and click **Blueprint** setup.
 - Step 3** Click the **Browse** in the **Blueprint Initial Setup**.
 - Step 4** Click **Select**.
 - Step 5** Click **Load** in the **Insight UI Application**.
All the fields present in the YAML file is uploaded to the respective fields in the UI.
 - Step 6** Provide a **Name for the Blueprint**.
While saving the blueprint name has to be unique.
 - Step 7** Click **Offline Validation**.

- If all the mandatory fields in the UI are populated, then Offline Validation of the Blueprint commences, or else a pop up message indicating the section of Blueprint creation that has missing information error shows up.

Step 8 On Offline Blueprint Validation being successful, **Save Blueprint** and **Cancel** is enabled.

Note If the Blueprint Validation Fails, only the **Cancel** button is enabled.

Activating a Blueprint in an Existing Pod with OpenStack Installed

Before you begin

You must have a POD which has an active Installation of OpenStack. If the OpenStack installation is in Failed State, then UM UI will not be able to fetch the Blueprint.

Step 1 Go to the **Landing page** of the UM Log in.

Step 2 Click **Register Management Node**.

Step 3 Enter the following details:

- Management Node IP Address.
- Management Node Name (Any friendly Name).
- REST API Password (/opt/cisco/ui_config.json).
- Description about the Management Node.
- POD Admin's Email ID.

A notification email is sent to the email id entered during registration.

Step 4 Log in using the same email id and password.

Step 5 In the navigation pane, click **Pre-Install > Blueprint Management**.

Choose the **NEWSETUPDATA** from the **Blueprint Management** pane.

This is the same setup data which was used by ciscovimclient, to run the installation on the Management Node.

Blueprint Management



Note You must have at least one blueprint (In any state Active or In-Active or In-progress), in the Blueprint Management Pane.

The screenshot shows the Cisco VIM Unified Management interface. The top navigation bar includes the Cisco logo, 'VIM Unified Management', the user 'Calsoft' with IP '10.30.116.244', and the role 'Full-Pod-Access' for user 'roshar'. A sidebar on the left contains navigation options: Dashboard, Pre-Install, Blueprint Setup (with sub-option 'Blueprint Management' selected), Post-Install, View Topology, and Pod User Administration. The main content area is titled 'Blueprints Management' and features a table with columns: Blueprint Title, Modified Date, Status, and Action. The table contains four rows of data. Below the table is a pagination control showing '1' items per page.

Blueprint Title	Modified Date	Status	Action
Test	4/3/2018, 2:55:18 PM	Invalid	[Edit] [Delete] [Download]
5555	4/2/2018, 9:27:07 PM	Invalid	[Edit] [Delete] [Download]
NEWSETUPDATA	4/3/2018, 5:15:25 PM	Deployed	[Edit] [Delete] [Download]
56646	4/2/2018, 9:29:00 PM	Invalid	[Edit] [Delete] [Download]

Blueprint Management grid contains the list of all the blueprints that are saved. You can save the blueprint even if it is failed in the Blueprint Setup. However, you will not be allowed to deploy those Blueprints.

Blueprint Management table provides the following information:

- Blueprint Name
- Modified Date
- Edit, Remove, and Download Blueprint
- Search Blueprint

Blueprint Name: It shows the name of the Blueprint. You cannot edit this field. It shows the name of the blueprint that is saved after Offline Validation.



Note No two blueprints can have the same Blueprint name.

Modified Date: This shows when blueprint was last modified.

Blueprint Status: There are 6 total status for the Blueprint.

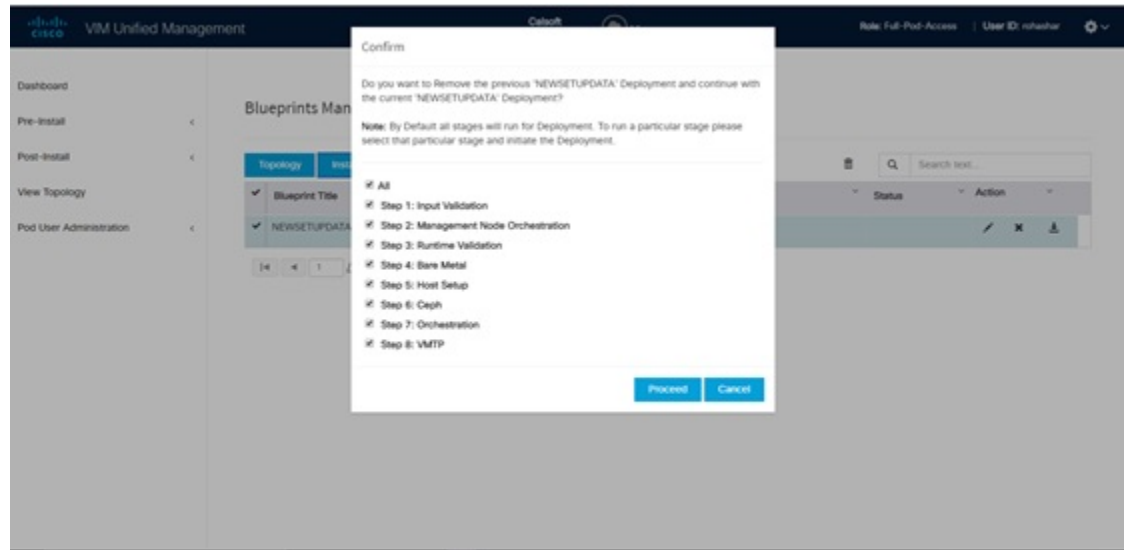
- Valid: Blueprint that is saved after offline validation success.
- Invalid: Blueprint that is saved after Offline Validation failure.
- Inprogress: Blueprint that is saved without running Offline Validation.
- Deployed: Blueprint that is used to bring up cloud without failures.
- Installing: Blueprint that is used to initiate the cloud deployment.

- Failed: Blueprint that is used to deploy the cloud which eventually failed.

With every blueprint record, there are some operations associated that you can perform by using the buttons – Topology, Install, and Remove.

Topology

Topology allows you to view graphical representation of the control, compute, and storage node that is associated with the various network segments.



Install Button

Click **Install**, a confirmation message is generated requesting to initiate the deployment with the stages you want to run. By default all stages are selected but you can also do an incremented install. In case of Incremented Install, you have to choose stages in the order. For Example: If you choose Validation Stage then the 2nd stage Management Node Orchestration is enabled. You cannot skip stages and run a deployment. Once you click **Proceed**, the Cloud Deployment is initiated and the progress can be viewed from the Dashboard.

Remove Button

Choose the blueprint and click **Remove** to remove the blueprint. A confirmation message appears. If you click **Proceed**, the blueprint removal operation is initiated.

Edit, Remove, and Download Blueprint

You can edit or delete a Blueprint which is not in Deployed State. If you want to take a backup of the Blueprint locally, click *Download* icon which generates the preview to download the Blueprint.

Following are the ways to deploy a Blueprint:

- If there is no Blueprint in Deployed state, then you can choose any Valid Blueprint from the list.
- If there is a Blueprint in a Failed state, then you can choose another Valid Blueprint but Insight asks you to remove the previous deployment before proceeding.
- If there is a Blueprint in Deployed state, then you can choose another Valid Blueprint but Insight asks you to remove the previous deployment before proceeding.

The deployment of Blueprint occurs stepwise and if any one step fails for some reason, a **Play** button is displayed on that particular step. You can click a **Play** button and begin the installation for that particular state.



Note There is always one blueprint in Deployed state. You cannot deploy multiple blueprints in the cloud.

Search Blueprint: Search box is displayed on top-right of the table which facilitates you to lookup for Blueprint by their name or status. Navigate to **Topology** and choose a Blueprint which redirects you to the default blueprint, the one which is selected in the Blueprint Management pane.



Note During the various operations across the application the cloud icon in the center of the header changes its color which is based on the following table.

Table 1:

POD Operation	Status	Icon or Color
Management Node Registered, No Active Deployment	Pending	Gray
Cloud Up And Running, No Failure	Active	Green
Cloud Installation/ Any Operation In Progress	In-Progress	Blue
Cloudpulse Failed	Critical Warnings	Red
Pod Operation Failed	Warning	Amber
Software Update (Auto) Rollback Failed	Critical Warnings	Red
Uncommitted Software Update	Warning	Amber
Reconfigure Openstack Password	Critical Warning	Red
Reconfigure CIMC Password	Warning	Amber
Reconfigure Optional Features/ OS	Critical Warning	Red
Power Management Operation Fails	Warning	Amber
Management Not-Reachable	Not-Reachable	Red

Downloading Blueprint

Before you begin

You must have atleast one blueprint (In any state Active/In-Active or In-progress), in the **Blueprint Management Page**.

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- Step 1** Log in to **CISCO VIM Insight**.
 - Step 2** In the navigation pane, expand the **Pre-Install Section**.
 - Step 3** Click **Blueprint Management**.
 - Step 4** Go-to **Download** for any Blueprint under Action title. (**Download Button** > **Downward Arrow** (with tooltip Preview & Download YAML).
 - Step 5** Click the **Download** icon.
A pop to view the Blueprint in the YAML format is displayed.
 - Step 6** Click the **Download** button at the bottom left of the pop-up window.
YAML is saved locally with the same name of the Blueprint.
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Validating Blueprint

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- Step 1** Log in to **CISCO VIM Insight**.
 - Step 2** In the **Navigation** pane, expand the **Pre-Install Section**.
 - Step 3** Click **Blueprint Creation**.
 - Step 4** Upload an existing YAML, or create a **New Blueprint**.
Fill all the mandatory fields so that all Red Cross changes to **Green Tick**.
 - Step 5** Enter the name of the Blueprint.
 - Step 6** Click **Offline Validation**.
Only, if the Validation is successful, the Insight allows you to save the blueprint.
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What to do next

If you see any errors, a hyperlink is created for those errors. Click the link to be navigated to the page where error has been encountered.

Managing Post Install Features

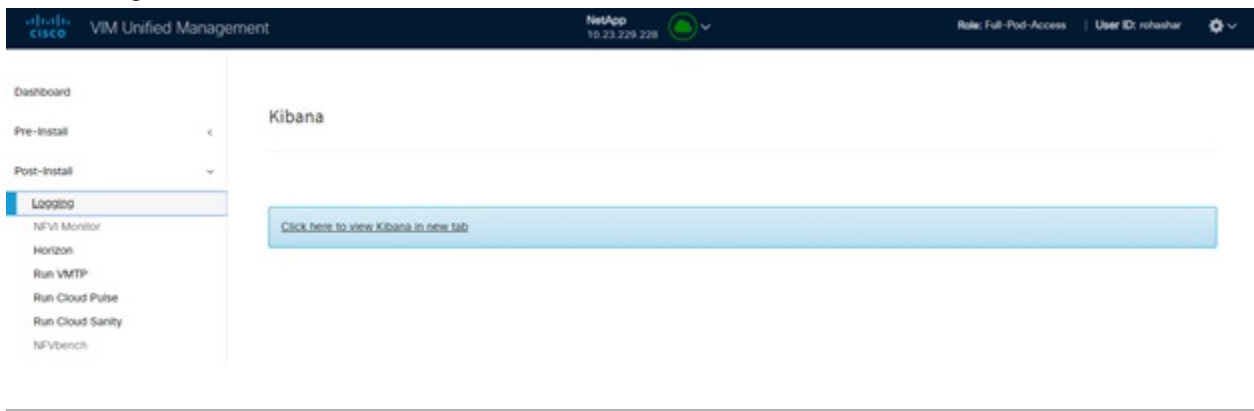
Cisco VIM provides an orchestration that helps in lifecycle management of a cloud. VIM is responsible for pod management activities which includes fixing both hardware and software issues with one-touch automation. VIM Insight provides the visualization of the stated goal. As a result, it integrates with POST install features that Cisco VIM offers through its Rest API. These features are enabled only if there is an active Blueprint deployment on the pod.

Monitoring the Pod

Cisco VIM uses EFK (Elasticsearch, Fluentd, and Kibana) to monitor the OpenStack services, by cross-launching the Kibana dashboard.

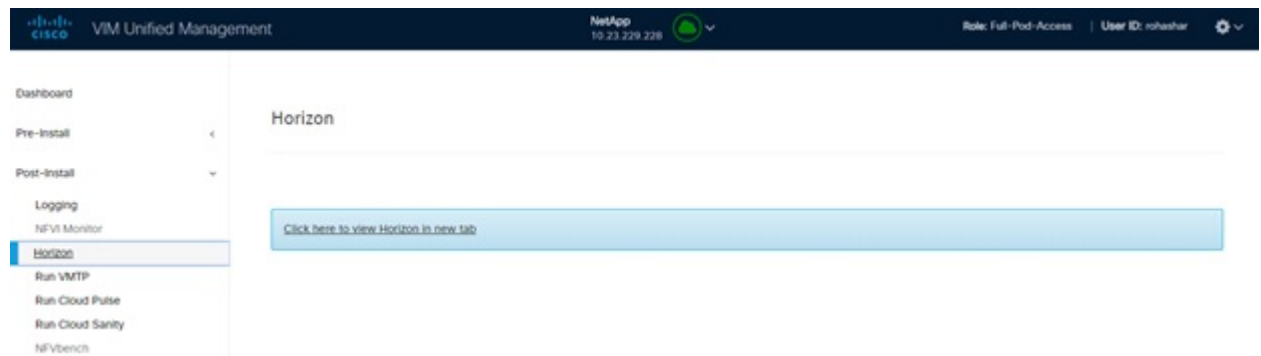
To cross launch Kibana, complete the following instructions:

- Step 1** In the navigation pane, click **Post-Install > Logging**.
- Step 2** Click **Click here to view Kibana in new tab**.
- Step 3** Enter the **Username** as Admin.
- Step 4** Enter the **Kibana_PASSWORD** password that is obtained from `/root/installer-<tagid>/openstack-configs/secrets.yaml` in the management node.



Cross Launching Horizon

Horizon is the canonical implementation of OpenStack's Dashboard, which provides a web-based user interface to OpenStack services including Nova, Swift and, Keystone.



- Step 1** In the navigation pane, click **Post-Install > Horizon**.
- Step 2** Click the link **Click here to view Horizon logs in new tab**. You will be redirected to Horizon landing page in a new tab.
- Step 3** Enter the **ADMIN_USER_PASSWORD** obtained from `/root/installer-<tagid>/openstack-configs/secrets.yaml` in the management node.

NFVI Monitoring

NFVI monitoring is the Cross launch browser same as Horizon. NFVI monitoring link is available in the post install only if the setupdata has NFVI Monitoring configuration during the cloud deployment. NFVI Monitoring checks the status of **Collector VM1 Info** and **Collector VM2 Info** .

Step 1 In the navigation pane, click **Post-Install > NFVI Monitoring**.

Step 2 Click the link **Click here to view NFVI monitoring**.

You will be redirected to NFVI Monitoring page.

Run VMTP

Run VMTP is divided in two sections:

- **Results for Auto Run:** This shows the results of VMTP which was run during the cloud deployment (Blueprint Installation).
- **Results for Manual Run:** Run the VMTP on demand. To run VMTP on demand, click **Run VMTP**.



Note If VMTP stage was skipped or has not-run during Blueprint Installation, this section of POST Install would be disabled for the user.

Run CloudPulse

In VIM 2.0 and later, we provide an integrated tool, called Cloud Pulse, that periodically checks the cloud services endpoint. The results of these tests are reflected under the Cloud Pulse link. Also, you can run these API endpoint tests on demand, and fetch the result of these tests by refreshing the table.

OpenStack CloudPulse tool is used to verify Cisco NFVI health. CloudPulse servers are installed in containers on all Cisco NFVI control nodes and CloudPulse clients are installed on the management node.

CloudPulse has two test sets: endpoint scenario (runs as a cron or manually) and operator test (run manually).

Following are the tests which are supported in CloudPulse:

Endpoint tests include

- cinder_endpoint
- glance_endpoint
- keystone_endpoint
- nova_endpoint
- neutron_endpoint

Operator tests include

- ceph_check

- docker_check
- galera_check
- node_check
- rabbitmq_check

The screenshot shows the Cisco VIM Unified Management interface. The main content area is titled "CloudPulse" and displays "Cloudpulse Monitoring for : Fixdent-BP". A dropdown menu is set to "cinder_endpoint" and a "Run Tests" button is present. Below this is a table with the following data:

Name	Result	State	Test Type	Created Date	Updated Date
neutron_endpoint	success	success	periodic	05/04/2018, 11:51:28	05/04/2018, 11:51:29
docker_check	All docker containers are ...	success	periodic	05/04/2018, 11:55:17	05/04/2018, 11:55:20
nova_endpoint	success	success	periodic	05/04/2018, 11:51:29	05/04/2018, 11:51:30
cinder_endpoint	success	success	periodic	05/04/2018, 11:55:20	05/04/2018, 11:55:27
keystone_endpoint	success	success	periodic	05/04/2018, 11:55:20	05/04/2018, 11:55:28
rabbitmq_check	Running Nodes : [rabbit...	success	periodic	05/04/2018, 11:55:20	05/04/2018, 11:55:27
galera_check	Active Nodes : 10.10.35...	success	periodic	05/04/2018, 11:55:22	05/04/2018, 11:55:25
glance_endpoint	success	success	periodic	05/04/2018, 11:55:28	05/04/2018, 11:55:28
neutron_endpoint	success	success	periodic	05/04/2018, 11:55:28	05/04/2018, 11:55:29
nova_endpoint	success	success	periodic	05/04/2018, 11:55:29	05/04/2018, 11:55:30

To run a cloud pulse test, choose a particular test from the dropdown and click **Run Test**. Once the test is in progress, Click (**Spin/refresh**) icon to fetch the latest result. This grid does not fetch the latest result automatically.

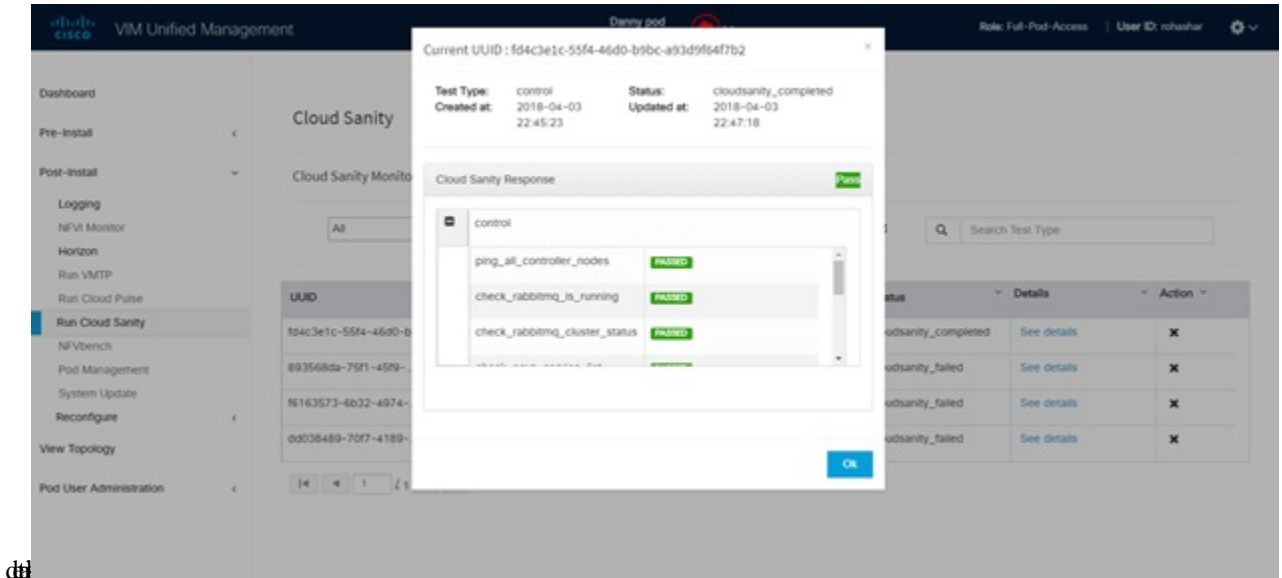
Run Cloud Sanity Test

You can use the cloud sanity tool to test the Cisco NFVI pod and cloud infrastructure (host connectivity, basic mraiadb, rabbit, ceph cluster check, and RAID disks).

Following are the test available to run from insight.

- Control
- Compute
- Cephmon
- Cephosd
- Management
- All

- Step 1** To run a Cloud sanity test choose a particular test from the dropdown.
- Step 2** Click **Run Test** to proceed with the operation. Once the test is completed, click **See Details** for more



Run NFV Bench

You can **Run NFV Bench** for **B** and **C** series Pod, through Cisco VIM Insight. On a pod running with CVIM, choose a *NFVbench* link on the NAV-Menu.

You can run either fixed rate test or NDR/PDR test. As the settings and results for the test types differ, the options to run these tests are presented in two tabs, with its own settings and results.

NDR/PDR Test

- Step 1** Log in to **CISCO VIM Insight**.
- Step 2** In the Navigation pane, click **Post-Install** >Run NFV Bench.
- Step 3** Click NDR/PDR test and complete the following fields

Name	Description
Iteration Duration	Choose duration from 10 to 60 sec. Default is 20 sec.
Frame Size	Choose the correct frame size to run.
Run NDR/PDR test	Click Run NDR/PDR test . After, completion it displays each type of test with its own settings and results.

Reconfiguring CIMC Password Through Unified Management

Update the `cimc_password` in the `CIMC-COMMON` section, or the individual `cimc_password` for each server and then run the update password option.

To update a password, you have to follow the password rules:

- Must contain at least one lower-case letter.
- Must contain at least one upper-case letter.
- Must contain at least one digit between 0 to 9.
- One of these special characters `!$#@%^_+*=&`
- Your password has to be 8 to 14 characters long.

Before you begin

You must have a C-series pod up and running with Cisco VIM to reconfigure CIMC password.



Note Reconfigure CIMC password section is disabled if the pod is in failed state as indicated by `ciscovim install-status`.

Step 1 Log in to **CISCO VIM Insight**.

Step 2 In the navigation pane, choose **Post-Install**

Step 3 Click **Reconfigure CIMC Password**.

Step 4 On the Reconfigure CIMC Password page of the Cisco VIM UM, complete the following fields:

Name	Description
<code>CIMC_COMMON</code> old Password	<code>CIMC_COMMON</code> old password field cannot be edited.
<code>CIMC-COMMON</code> new Password	Enter the <code>CIMC-COMMON</code> password. Password has to be alphanumeric according to the password rule.
Click Update	Old <code>CIMC-COMMON</code> password can be updated with new <code>CIMC-COMMON</code> password.