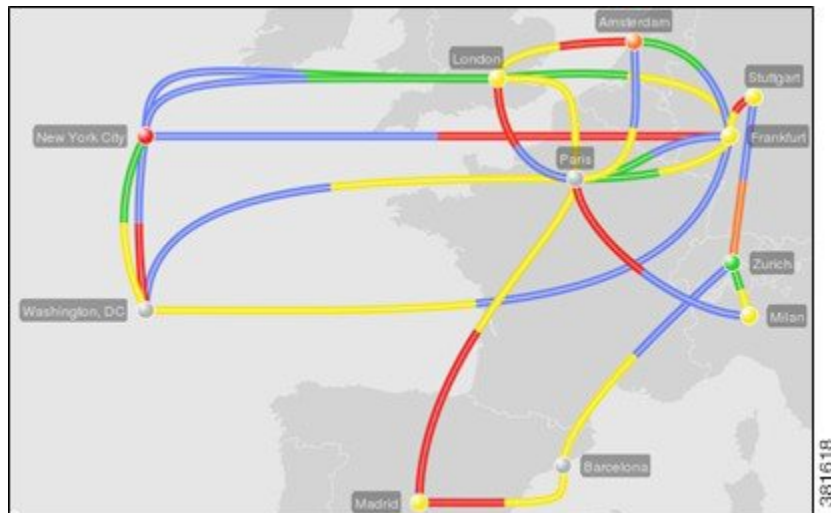




Viewing Network Health and Weathermaps

Access: **WAE Live > Map**

The Map page provides a high-level view of the current network health through a near-realtime weathermap and health panels of critical peering traffic and network issues. Because the information is current and highly visual, you can see at a glance whether and where there are problems in the network, such as congestion. Because the Map and Explore capabilities are tightly coupled, you can immediately drill down to detailed information to troubleshoot network issues.



WAE Live weathermaps are generated by the network topology and traffic information that WAE Server discovers. This information is stored in a series of plan files called *snapshots* that are navigable by date.

The Peering and Events panels offer immediate information on network health. The Peering panel lets you monitor top peers and verify traffic is balanced across peers and sites. The Events panel lists the predominate types of network concerns, such as interfaces down, so you can determine how many there are total and how many have changed since the last snapshot.

To view a weathermap for a specific network, choose it from the Network menu (top left). If there is only one network configured, the word “default” appears.



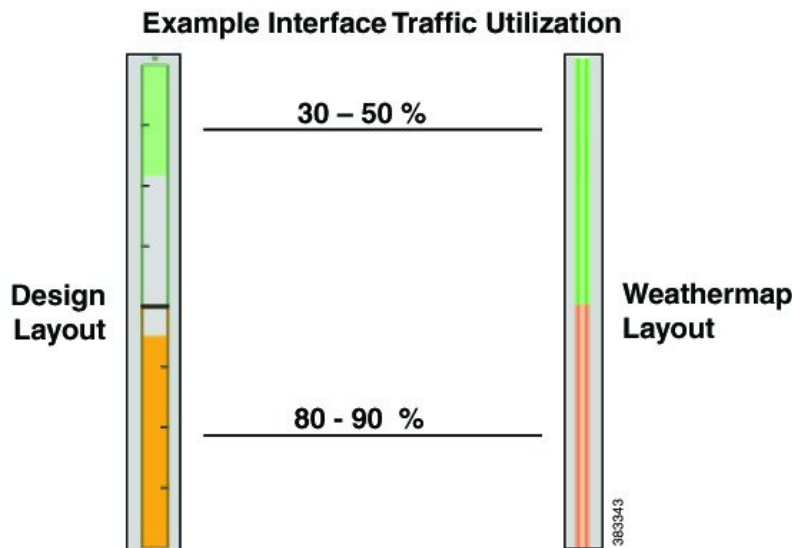
Note The visualization of the weathermap is based on how your administrator laid out the template. For detailed descriptions of the objects, backgrounds, and traffic utilization colors, see the Cisco WAE Network Visualization Guide.

This section contains the following topics:

- [Assessing Traffic Utilization, on page 2](#)
- [Weathermap, on page 6](#)

Assessing Traffic Utilization

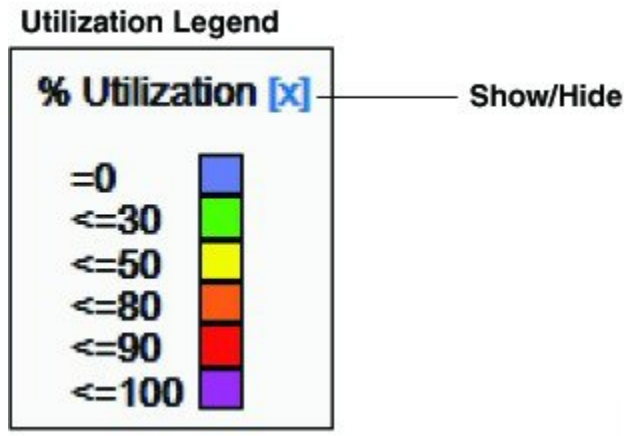
WAE Live offers multiple ways to quickly assess network health. The most immediate way is to look at the color of the interfaces, nodes, and sites in the weathermap and to look at the color of the peer icons in the Peering health panel. These colors represent the outbound traffic utilization on the interface. If parallel circuits¹ have been grouped, these utilizations represent the average of the grouped interfaces.



Default utilization colors depends on how your administrator set up the visualization of the plan file. This visualization might be either in a Design or Weathermap color scheme. Default colors are blue, green, yellow, orange, red, and purple (Design) or magenta (Weathermap), and sequentially each of these colors represents increased utilization.

Note these colors are configurable in the WAE Design GUI where the administrator creates the template for the WAE Live plan files. The utilization legend at the bottom of the weathermap identifies the template's utilization colors and their values.

¹ Each circuit connects a pair of interfaces on different nodes. Circuits are parallel if they have the same source node and same destination node as each other.



Peering Health Panel

The Peering health panel is based on BGP information. It shows the highest traffic utilization per peer and per site. This panel lets you monitor critical peers and their growth so that you can quickly detect and overcome congestion issues.

The far left column lists the peers, while each top column lists the associated sites. The icons represent the traffic flowing between the two. While the color gives you a visual indication of traffic, hovering the mouse over each icon lists the numeric values.



To navigate to graphs for all interfaces connected to that peer, click the icon. Graphs appear for only those interfaces connecting this peer on its associated site. To go to the associated Explore page for these interfaces, click the All Interfaces link at the top of the graphs.



Note The administrator can configure this panel name to something other than “Peering.”

Events Health Panel

The Events health panel lists the number of current events and the number of changes since the last plan file was received.

- Event—The event being tracked. The default set is as follows, though these can be configured differently.
 - Circuits down
 - Nodes down

- Interfaces errors/drops
- External (peering) interfaces over 80%
- Internal (non-peering) interfaces over 80%
- Count—The number of objects of that event type.

Example: If there are 10 nodes total that are down, the Nodes Down Count is 10.

- Last Delta—How many objects have changed their state since the last snapshot was taken.

Example: If 4 nodes came up since the last snapshot, and 3 nodes went down, the Last Delta column would show +4/-3. Note, if the Count was previously 10, it would now be 11.

Events	Count	Last Δ
Nodes Down	11	+4/-3

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Note The administrator can configure this panel name to something other than “Events” and can configure a different set of events to appear in this panel.

Navigating to Related Explore Information

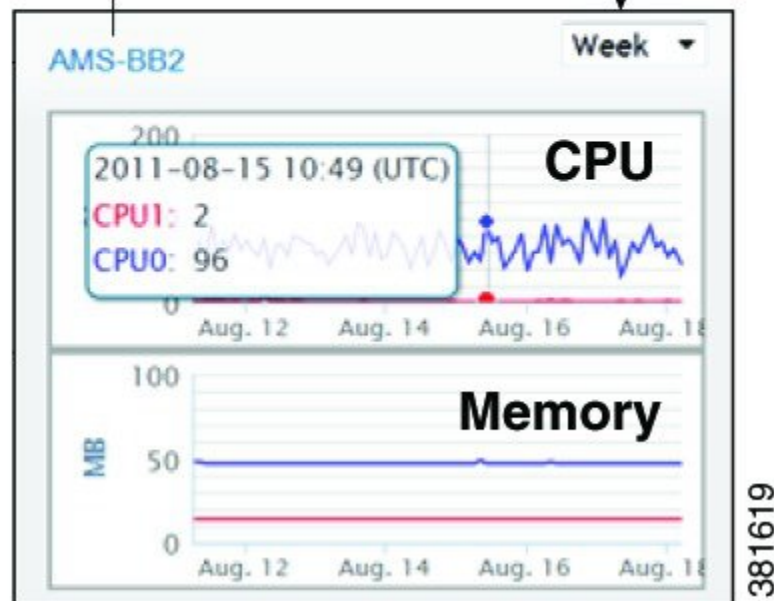
From a weathermap, you can navigate to related Explore information for nodes and interfaces. Note that regardless of the plan file date, the resulting Explore information is the most recent. For more information on Explore capabilities, see [Exploring Network Data](#).

Graphing Node CPU and Memory Usage

To graph node CPU and memory usage, click its parent site. From here you can graph usage for this particular node, or you can go to the Explore tables for one or more nodes in the site.

**Go to Explore
Single Node**

**Change Graph
Time Frame**



Graph Node CPU and Memory Usage	View Node Tables
<p>Click a node in the site view.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The top pane graphs both CPU0 (blue) and CPU1 (red). • The lower pane graphs both Memory0 (blue) and Memory1 (red). • To view the numeric values, move the cursor over the graph, and a tooltip lists the values. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To view an Explore table for a single node, open its graph and click its name link. • To view an Explore table containing data for all nodes in a site, click the All Nodes link in the site view.

Graphing Interface Traffic In/Traffic Out

To graph the traffic coming into an interface and leaving it, click the interface. The height of the interface is in relationship to the capacity so you can see how close the interface is to being filled. If the weathermap is displaying an interface group, all interfaces within it appear in the graph.

From here you can go to the Explore tables for one or more interfaces in the group by clicking on name of the interface.

Graph Interface Traffic In/Traffic Out	View Interface Tables
<p>Click an interface or set of grouped interfaces. (Interfaces with a common source and destination are sometimes grouped in the template to improve visualization.) A single interface and grouped interfaces look the same in the weathermap.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you click an interface group, multiple graphs appear. • The Traffic In (ingress) is green, and the Traffic Out (Egress) is blue. • To view the numeric values, move the cursor over the graph, and a tooltip lists the values. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To view an Explore table for a single interface, open its graph and click its name link. • To view an Explore table for all interfaces in a group, open its graph and click the All Interfaces link. • To view an Explore table for all interfaces in a site, click the site to open it. Then click the All Interfaces link in the site view.

Go to Explore All Interfaces in a Group

Go to Explore Single Interface

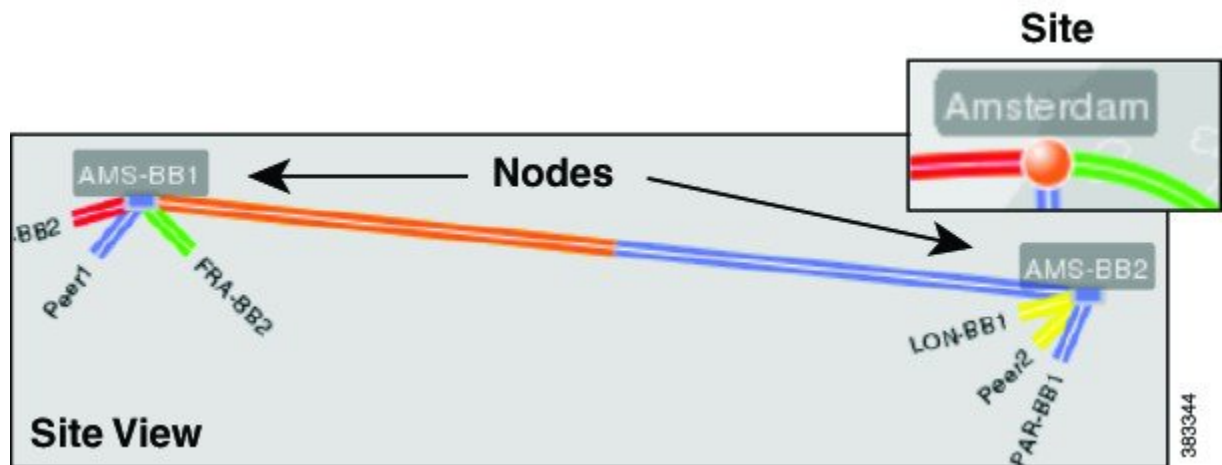


Weathermap

By default, the weathermap shows the current topology. The control panel at the top lets you navigate to different snapshots (plan files from different times and dates), view different QoS service classes and layouts, view specific plots, and change the manner in which circuits are displayed (Plot Options). From the weathermap and from its sites, you can navigate to more specific information about interfaces and nodes as described in [Navigating to Related Explore Information, on page 4](#).

Map Objects

The objects appearing in on the Map page represent the network topology. How they appear can differ depending on how the layout was set up to visualize the network.



- A node (router) appears as either a disk or a rectangle. Nodes can reside inside and outside of sites.
- A site is a WAE construct to make visualization of networks easier to read. Sites appear as either a square (which is a peer or non-peer site), a circle (non-peer site), or cloud (peer site).

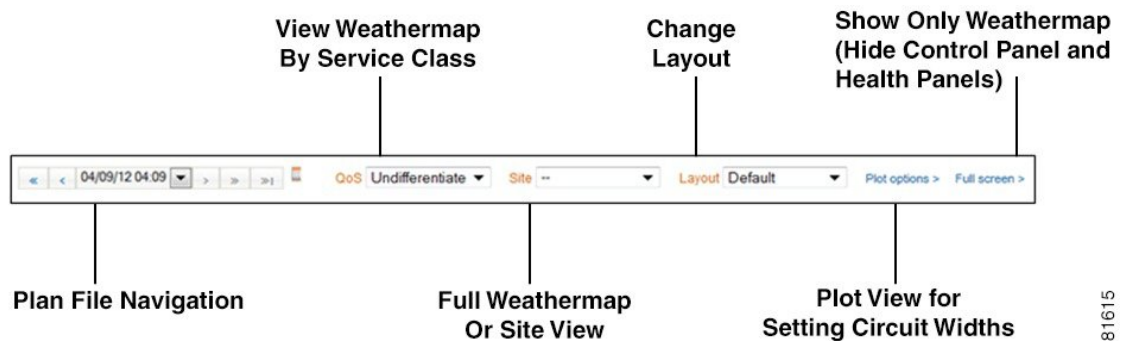
Unless a site is empty, there is a hierarchy of the sites and nodes that a site contains. A site can be both a parent and a child site. A site that contains another site is called a *parent* site. The contained nodes and sites are called *children*. Often the child nodes and sites are geographically co-located. For example, a site might be a PoP where the routers reside.

- In the weathermap, the parent site shows all egress inter-site interfaces of all nodes contained within it, no matter how deeply the nodes are nested. Similarly, this is true for each child site view within it.
- In a site view, the “All Nodes” and “All Interfaces” links show a count for (and filter to) all nodes and interfaces directly within that site. That is, it does not show nodes and interfaces for nested sites.
- To open a site view, choose a site from the Site drop-down list in the control panel, or double-click a site in the weathermap.
- Interface—Each pair of interfaces connects two different nodes. Their colors represent the outbound traffic utilization. For more information, see [Assessing Traffic Utilization, on page 2](#).

Control Panel Options

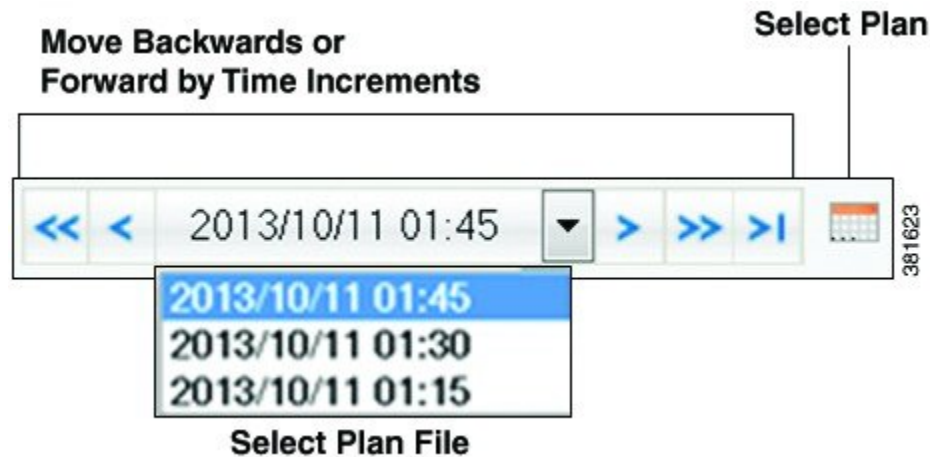
- Plan File Navigation—Click to save the file to a location of your choice. See [Navigating to a Specific Weathermap, on page 8](#).
- QoS—Displays the type of traffic to view in the weathermap as differentiated by the QoS model. Note that if you navigate to an Explore page while displaying QoS traffic, the Explore page shows only undifferentiated traffic.
 - Undifferentiated traffic—Aggregate traffic on an interface.
 - Service class—Administratively defined classification of traffic that is not discovered.
 - Queue—Interface traffic belonging to the selected queue. Queues and their traffic are discoverable by WAE Collector.

- – They can be manually created and configured during the snapshot process to be associated with a set of user-defined QoS parameters that specify how these queues are prioritized and what percentage of traffic they carry.
 - – Queue names are preceded by a “Q:” in the list.
 - Site—Displays a list of sites available for viewing, as well as the entire weathermap. If you click on a site, the weathermap shows the nodes and intrasite circuits within the site.
 - Layout—The manner in which plan files are laid out to visualize the network is called a *layout*. This option displays a list of available weathermap layouts. Example layouts might include schematic layouts, geographic layouts, or separate layouts for different continents.
- The default layout is configurable by the administrator. Upon first opening WAE Live, this is the layout that you see. However, the last layout viewed before closing the browser is the one that appears the next time you open WAE Live provided you are using the same browser.
- Plot Options—Let you modify visual circuit attributes of the weathermap. See [Set Plot Options, on page 9](#).
 - Full Screen—Lets you view an enlarged weathermap without the control panel and without the health panels.



Navigating to a Specific Weathermap

By default, the weathermap shows the most recent snapshot (plan file) taken. You can, however, navigate to plan files created at different times and on different days.



Plan File Navigation Options

- Single forward and back arrows—Move forwards or backwards by one increment in time.
- Double left arrow—View a plan file from yesterday.
- Double right arrow—View a plan file for the next day (assuming you are not on the current day).
- Double arrow with a bar—View the most recent plan file.
- Drop-down list—Choose a different plan file based on its date and time from the date drop-down list.
- Calendar icon—Show a calendar wherein you can navigate to the desired month, and choose the desired date.

Set Plot Options

To modify the visual attributes of the circuits, click **Plot Options**. Options are retained for future sessions. To restore values to the system defaults, click **Reset to Defaults**.

The circuit width is based on its capacity (the higher the capacity, the wider the circuit). Using these options, you can set the minimum width and the capacity it represents, as well as how fast the width grows as the capacity grows.

