



# **Cisco Optical Network Controller 25.1.x Installation Guide**

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# **Installation Requirements**

The following list contains the pre-requisites of Cisco Optical Network Controller installation.

• Before installing Cisco Optical Network Controller, you must first login in to the VMware customer center and download VMware vCenter server version 7.0, as well as vSphere server and client with version 7.0. Cisco Optical Network Controller is deployed on rack or blade servers within vSphere.



#### Attention

Upgrade to VMware vCenter Server 8.0 U2 if you are using VMware vCenter Server 8.0.2 or VMware vCenter Server 8.0.1.

- Install ESXi host version of 7.0 or higher on the servers to support creating Virtual Machines.
- You must have a DNS server. The DNS server can be an internal DNS server if the Cisco Optical Network Controller instance is not exposed to the internet.
- You must have an NTP server or NTP Pool for time synchronization. Configure the same NTP server or pool on Cisco Optical Network Controller and the PC or VM you use to access Cisco Optical Network Controller. Configure the ESXi host also with the same NTP configuration.
- Before the Cisco Optical Network Controller installation, three networks must be created.
  - Control Plane Network:

The control plane network helps in the internal communication between the deployed VMs within a cluster. If you are setting up a standalone system, this can refer to any private network.

VM Network or Northbound Network:

The VM network is used for communication between the user and the cluster. It handles all the traffic to and from the VMs running on your ESXi hosts and this is your Public network through which the UI is hosted.

#### • Eastbound Network:

The Eastbound Network helps in the internal communication between the deployed VMs within a cluster. If you are setting up a standalone system, this can refer to any private network.

- Accept the Self-Signed Certificate from the ESXi host.
- **1.** Access the ESXi host using your web browser.
- 2. If you receive a security warning indicating that the connection is not private or that the certificate is not trusted, proceed by accepting the risk or bypassing the warning.



Note

For more details on VMware vSphere, see VMware vSphere.

The minimum requirement for Cisco Optical Network Controller installation is given in the table below.

Table 1: Minimum Requirement

Sizing	СРИ	Memory	Disk
XS	16 vCPU	64 GB	800 GB
S	32 vCPU	128 GB	1536 GB
M	48 vCPU	256 GB	1536 GB



Note

Configure vCPU and memory according to the VM profile (XS=16vCPU+64GB, S=32vCPU+128GB) before you power on the VM in vCenter.

**vCPU to Physical CPU Core Ratio:** We support a vCPU to Physical CPU core ratio of 2:1 if hyperthreading is enabled and the hardware supports hyperthreading. Hyperthreading is enabled by default on Cisco UCS servers that support hyperthreading. In other cases, the vCPU to Physical CPU core ratio is 1:1.

The requirements based on type of deployment are given in the table below.

**Table 2: Deployment Requirements** 

Deployment Type	Requirements
Standalone (SA)	Control Plane Network: Can be a private network for standalone setups. Requires 1 IP address.  Gateway: Required. DNS Server: Should be an internal DNS if the node is not exposed to the internet; otherwise, an internet DNS can be used.  Northbound Network (VM Network): Should be a public network. All communication between the Cisco Optical Network Controller and devices will flow through this network. Requires 1 public IP address.  Gateway: Required. DNS Server:Required. Should be an internal DNS if the node is not exposed to the internet; otherwise, an internet DNS can be used.  Eastbound Network: Can be a private network for standalone setups. Requires 1 private IP address.  Gateway: Required. DNS Server:Required. Should be an internal DNS if the node is not exposed to the internet; otherwise, an internet DNS can be used.

To create the control plane and virtual management networks follow the steps listed below.

- 1. From the vSphere client, select the Datacenter where you want to add the ESXi host.
- 2. Right-click the server from the vCenter inventory and click **Add Networking**.
- **3.** To create a private network for Control Plane and Eastbound Networks, follow the wizard for a Standard Switch addition for each network.
  - a. In Select connection type, choose Virtual Machine Port Group for a Standard Switch and click Next.
  - b. In Select target device, select New Standard Switch (MTU 1500) and click Next.
  - **c.** In **Create a Standard Switch**, click **Next**, and confirm *There are no active physical network adapters for the switch*.
  - **d.** In **Connection settings** choose a network label (Control Plane or Eastbound) and select VLAN ID as None(0) click **Next**.
  - e. In Ready to complete, review your configuration and click Finish.

After adding the ESXi host, create the Control Plane, Northbound, and Eastbound Networks before deploying. This table lists the default port assignments.

**Table 3: Communications Matrix** 

Traffic Type	Port	Description
Inbound	TCP 22	SSH remote management
	TCP 8443	HTTPS for UI access

Traffic Type	Port	Description
Outbound	TCP 22	NETCONF to routers
	TCP 389	LDAP if using Active Directory
	TCP 636	LDAPS if using Active Directory
	Customer Specific	HTTP for access to an SDN controller
	User Specific	HTTPS for access to an SDN controller
	TCP 3082, 3083,	TL1 to optical devices
	2361, 6251	
Eastbound	TCP 10443	Supercluster join requests
	UDP 8472	VxLAN
syslog	User specific	TCP/UDP
Control Plane Ports (Internal network between cluster nodes, not exposed)	TCP 443	Kubernetes
	TCP 6443	Kubernetes
	TCP 10250	Kubernetes
	TCP 2379	etcd
	TCP 2380	etcd
	UDP 8472	VXLAN
	ICMP	Ping between nodes (optional)

# **SSH Key Generation**

For accessing SSH, ed25519 key is required. The ed25519 key is different from the RSA key.

Use the following CLI to generate the ed25519 key.

```
| =XX++=0 | | .o*#/X= | +----[SHA256]----+ | #Once created you can cat the file with .pub extension for the public key. (ex: <file-name-of-your-key>.pem.pub ) | cat <file-name-of-your-key>.pem.pub | #The above key has to be used in the deployment template (SSH Public Key) in the Deployment process
```

# Install Cisco Optical Network Controller Using VMware vSphere

The Cisco Optical Network Controller is distributed as a single OVA file, which is a disk image deployed using vCenter on any ESXi host. This OVA includes several components, such as a file descriptor (OVF) and virtual disk files that contain a basic operating system and the Cisco Optical Network Controller installation files. It can be deployed on ESXi hosts supporting standalone (SA) or supercluster deployment models.

To deploy the OVA template, follow the steps given below.

#### Before you begin



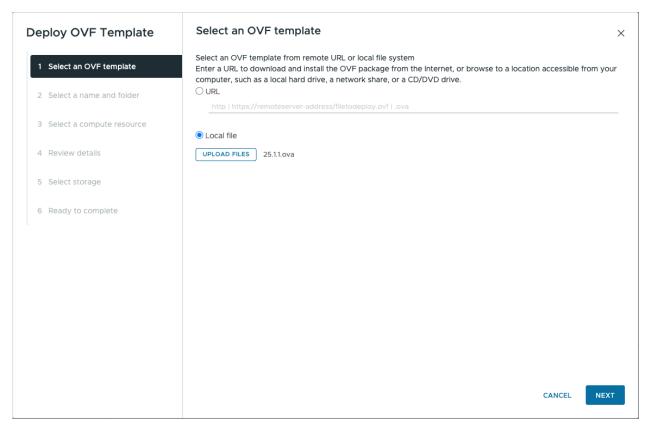
Note

During the OVF deployment, the deployment gets aborted if there is an internet disconnection.

#### **Procedure**

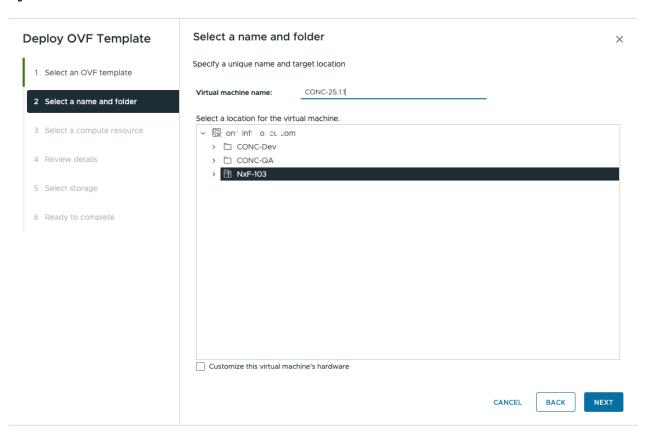
- Step 1 Right-click the ESXi host in the vSphere client screen and click **Deploy OVF Template**.
- In the **Select an OVF template** screen, select the **URL** radio button for specifying the URL to download and install the OVF package from the Internet or select the **Local file** radio button to upload the downloaded ova files from your local system and click **Next.**

Figure 1: Select an OVF Template



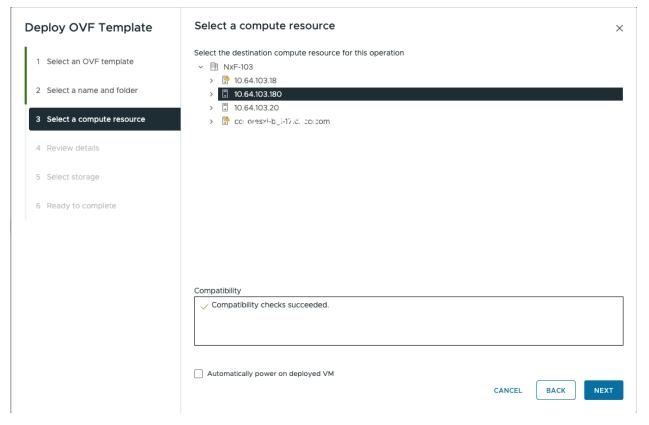
Step 3 In the Select a name and folder screen, specify a unique name for the virtual machine Instance. From the list of options, select the location of the VM to be used and click Next.

Figure 2: Select a name and folder



In the **Select a compute resource** screen, select the destination compute resource on which you want to deploy the VM and click **Next.** 

Figure 3: Select a Compute Resource

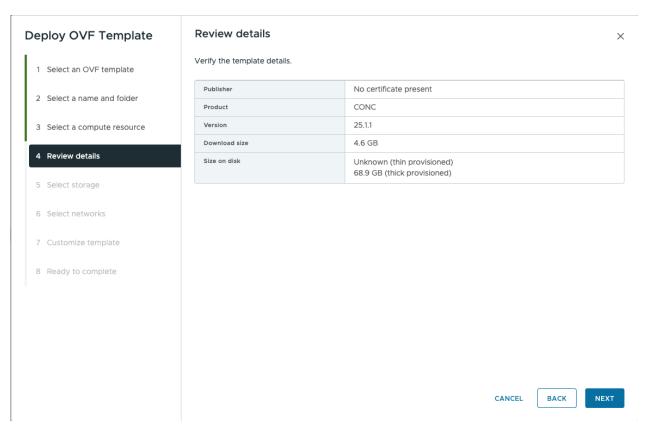


#### Note

While selecting the compute resource the compatibility check proceeds till it completes successfully.

**Step 5** In the **Review details** screen, verify the template details and click **Next**.

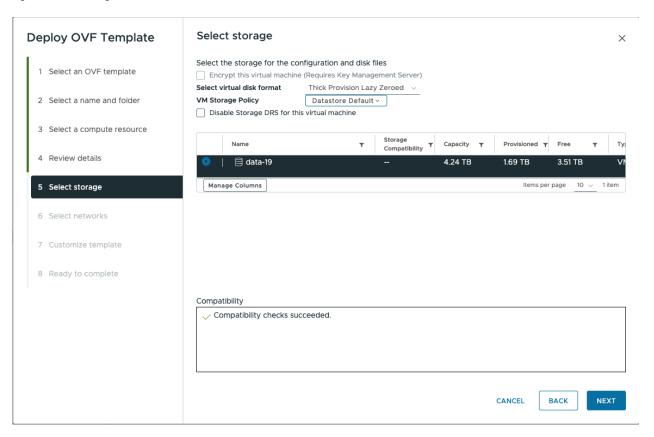
Figure 4: Review Details



Step 6 In the Select storage screen, select the virtual disk format based on provision type requirement. VM Storage Policy is set as *Datastore Default* and click Next. Select the virtual disk format as *Thin Provision*.

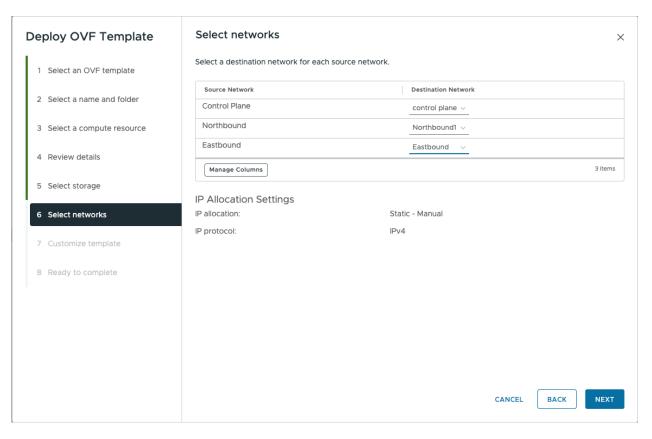
You must select "Thin provision" as the virtual disk format.

Figure 5: Select Storage



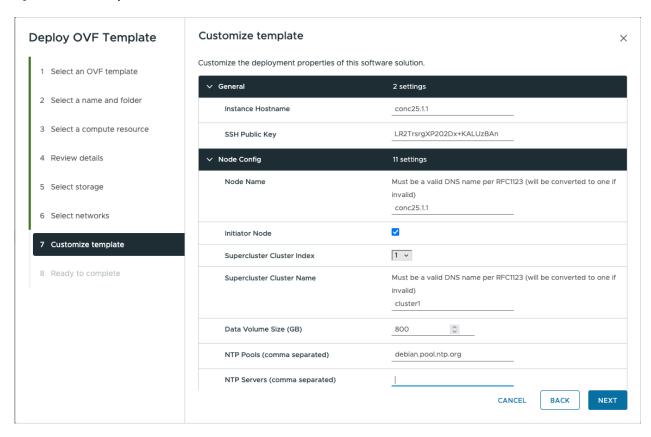
Step 7 In the Select networks screen, select the control and management networks as Control Plane, Eastbound, and Northbound from the networks created earlier and click Next.

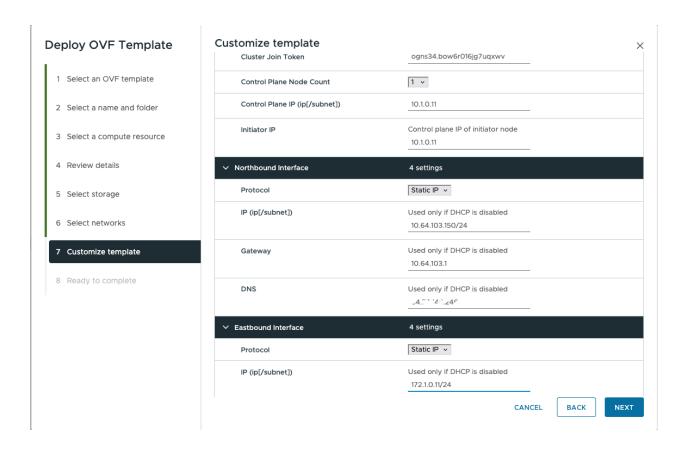
Figure 6: Select Networks



**Step 8** In the **Customize template** screen, set the values using the following table as a guideline for deployment.

Figure 7: Customize Template





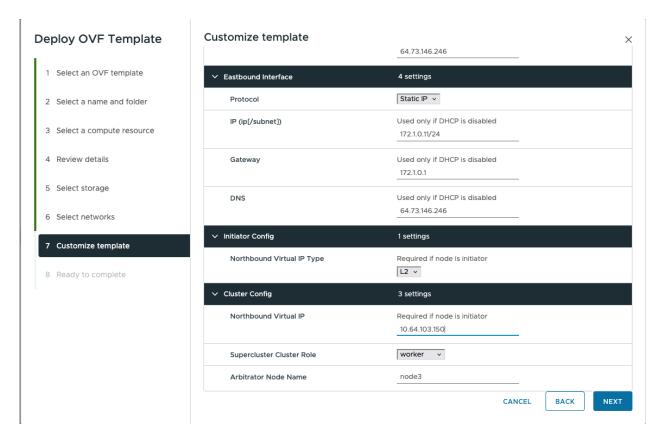


Table 4: Customize Template

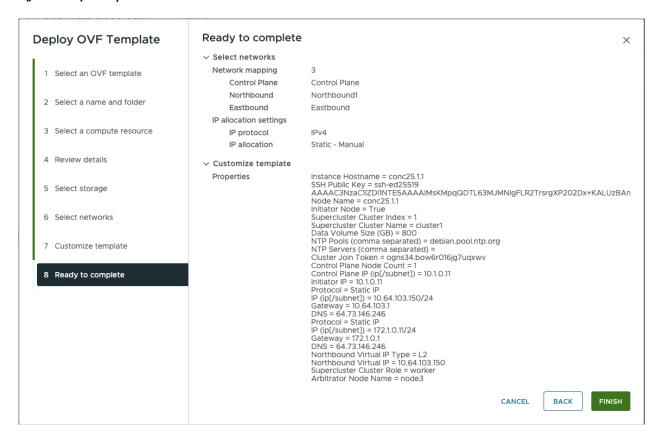
Key	Values
General	
Instance Hostname	<instance-name></instance-name>
	Must be a valid DNS name per RFC1123.1.2.4.
	• Contain at most 63 characters.
	Contain only lowercase alphanumeric characters or '-'
	Start with an alphanumeric character.
	• End with an alphanumeric character.
SSH Public Key	<ssh-public-key>. Used for SSH access that allows you to connect to the instances securely without the need to manage credentials for multiple instances. SSH public key must be a ed25519 key. See SSH Key Generation, on page 4.</ssh-public-key>
Node Config	
Node Name	Use the same name as <i>Instance Hostname</i>
Initiator Node	Select the check box

Key	Values
Supercluster Cluster Index	1
	If you want to add your Cisco Optical Network Controller instance to a geo-redundant SuperCluster in the future, use different Super Cluster Index values for each instance.
Supercluster Cluster Name	cluster1
	Must be a valid DNS name per RFC1123
	If you want to add your Cisco Optical Network Controller instance to a geo-redundant SuperCluster in the future, use unique Super Cluster Names for each instance.
Data Volume Size (GB)	Configure data volume according to the VM profile.
NTP Pools (comma separated)	(Optional) A comma-separated list of the NTP pools. For example, debian.pool.ntp.org
NTP Servers (comma separated)	(Optional) A comma-separated list of the NTP servers.
Cluster Join Token	Autogenerated value. Leave as is.
Control Plane Node Count	1
Control Plane IP (ip[/subnet])	<private for="" instance="" ip="" the=""> Control Plane Network</private>
Initiator IP	<same as="" control="" ip="" plane=""> Control Plane Network</same>
Northbound Interface	
Protocol	Static IP
IP (ip[/subnet]) - if not using DHCP	<public for="" instance="" ip="" the=""> Northbound Network</public>
Gateway - if not using DHCP	<gateway for="" instance="" ip="" the=""> Northbound Network</gateway>
DNS	DNS Server IP
<b>Eastbound Interface</b>	
Protocol	Static IP
IP (ip[/subnet]) - if not using DHCP	< IP for the Instance> Eastbound Network
Gateway - if not using DHCP	<gateway for="" ip="" network="" the=""> Eastbound Network</gateway>
DNS	DNS Server IP
Initiator Config	
Northbound Virtual IP Type	L3
Cluster Config	
Northbound Virtual IP	Same as Northbound IP
Supercluster Cluster Role	worker

Кеу	Values
Arbitrator Node Name	a unique node name
	Note If you have other instances of Cisco Optical Network Controller, ensure that the node name is unique across instances.

Step 9 In Review the details screen, review all your selections and click Finish. To check or change any properties from the review screen anytime, before clicking Finish click BACK to go back to the previous screen Customize template to add your changes.

Figure 8: Ready to Complete



After the VM is created, power-on the VM and try connecting to the VM using the pem key which was generated earlier, see *SSH Key Generation* above. For this, use the private key that is generated along with the public key during customizing the public key options.

#### **Attention**

Upon activation of the virtual machine (VM), it is designed not to respond to ping requests. However, you can log in using SSH if the installation has been completed successfully.

**Step 11** Log in to the VM using the private key.

Note:

- After the nodes are deployed, the deployment of OVA progress can be checked in the Tasks console of vSphere Client. After Successful deployment Cisco Optical Network Controller takes around 30 minutes to boot.
- By default, the user ID is admin, and only the password needs to be set. This username is to login to the web UI only. For ssh, the username is nxf.

## **Step 12 SSH to the node** and execute the following CLI command.

```
ssh -i [ed25519 Private key] nxf@<northbound-vip>
Enter passphrase for key '<file-name-of-your-key>.pem':
```

#### Note

Private key is created as part of the key generation with just the **.pem** extension, and it must be set with the least permission level before using it.

# **Step 13** After you SSH into the node, use the sedo system status command to check the status of all the pods.

sedo system status

System Status (Wed, 16 Apr 2025 10:16	:55 UTC)
OWNER NAME STARTED	NODE
onc   monitoring	vc39-es33-sa-169
onc onc-alarm-service 11 hours ago	vc39-es33-sa-169   Running   0
onc onc-apps-ui-service 17 hours ago	vc39-es33-sa-169   Running   0
onc onc-circuit-service 17 hours ago	vc39-es33-sa-169   Running   0
onc onc-collector-service hours ago	vc39-es33-sa-169   Running   0
onc onc-config-service hours ago	vc39-es33-sa-169   Running   0
onc onc-devicemanager-service la hours ago	vc39-es33-sa-169   Running   0
onc onc-inventory-service hours ago	
onc onc-nbi-service 17 hours ago	vc39-es33-sa-169   Running   0
17 hours ago	vc39-es33-sa-169   Running   0
onc onc-osapi-gw-service 17 hours ago	vc39-es33-sa-169   Running   0
onc   onc-pce-service 17 hours ago	vc39-es33-sa-169   Running   0
onc onc-pm-service 17 hours ago	vc39-es33-sa-169   Running   0
onc   onc-pmcollector-service	vc39-es33-sa-169   Running   0
onc onc-topology-service 17 hours ago	vc39-es33-sa-169
onc onc-torch-service 17 hours ago	vc39-es33-sa-169
system   authenticator 17 hours ago	vc39-es33-sa-169
system   controller 17 hours ago	vc39-es33-sa-169   Running   0

system   flannel	vc39-es33-sa-169
17 hours ago	
system ingress-proxy	vc39-es33-sa-169
17 hours ago	
system kafka	vc39-es33-sa-169
17 hours ago	
system   loki	vc39-es33-sa-169
17 hours ago	
system   metrics	vc39-es33-sa-169
17 hours ago	
system   minio	vc39-es33-sa-169
17 hours ago	
system   postgres	vc39-es33-sa-169
17 hours ago	
system   promtail-grp7c	vc39-es33-sa-169
17 hours ago	
<u> </u>	.l

#### Note

- The different pods along with their statuses including active and standby modes are all displayed in the different terminal sessions for each pod.
- All the services with owner onc must display the status as Running.

# **Step 14** You can check the current version using the **sedo version** command.

	<del></del>	
IMAGE NAME	VERSION	NODES
	'	·
<del> </del>		
docker.io/library/alpine	3.20.3	
vc39-es33-sa-169		
docker.io/rancher/local-path-provisioner	v0.0.30	
vc39-es33-sa-169		
quay.io/coreos/etcd	v3.5.15	
vc39-es33-sa-169		
registry.k8s.io/pause	3.10	
vc39-es33-sa-169		
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/alarmservice	25.1.1-2	
vc39-es33-sa-169		
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/circuit-service	25.1.1-2	
vc39-es33-sa-169		
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/collector-service	25.1.1-2	
vc39-es33-sa-169		
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vc39-es33-sa-169	1	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/monitoring	25.1.1-2	1
vc39-es33-sa-169	1 0= 4 4 5	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/nbi-service	25.1.1-2	1
vc39-es33-sa-169		

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vc39-es33-sa-169		
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vc39-es33-sa-169		
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/osapi-gw-service	25.1.1-2	
vc39-es33-sa-169		
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vc39-es33-sa-169		
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/topology-service	25.1.1-2	
vc39-es33-sa-169		
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/torch	25.1.1-2	
vc39-es33-sa-169		
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/authenticator	3.2-508	
vc39-es33-sa-169		
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/bgp	3.2-505	
vc39-es33-sa-169		
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/controller	3.2-533	
vc39-es33-sa-169		
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/firewalld	3.2-505	
vc39-es33-sa-169		
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/flannel	3.2-505	
vc39-es33-sa-169		
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vc39-es33-sa-169		
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/iptables	3.2-508	
vc39-es33-sa-169		
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/kafka	3.2-505	
vc39-es33-sa-169		
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vc39-es33-sa-169		
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/metrics-exporter	3.2-505	
vc39-es33-sa-169	1 0 0 505	1
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/minio	3.2-505	
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registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/service-proxy	3.2-508	
vc39-es33-sa-169	l a a 50a	ı
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/syslog-forwarder	3.2-503	
vc39-es33-sa-169   registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/timescale	3.2-515	1
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxi/timescale vc39-es33-sa-169	1 3.4-313	I
VCJ7-E5JJ-5d-107		

#### sedo version

Installer: 25.1.1					
NODE NAME	OS VERSION	KERNEL VERSION			
vc39-es33-sa-169	NxFOS 3.2-555 (93358ad257a6cf1e3da439144e3d2e8343b53008)	6.1.0-31-amd64			

IMAGE NAME	VERSION	NODES
docker.io/library/alpine	3.20.3	<u> </u>
vc39-es33-sa-169   docker.io/rancher/local-path-provisioner vc39-es33-sa-169	v0.0.30	1
dockerhub.cisco.com/cisco-onc-docker/dev/ciscotestautomation/pyats	23.7.1-bet	a5

220 - 222 - 2 160		
vc39-es33-sa-169     quay.io/coreos/etcd	v3.5.15	
vc39-es33-sa-169   registry.k8s.io/pause	3.10	ı
vc39-es33-sa-169   registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/alarmservice	25.1.1-2	i
vc39-es33-sa-169		
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/circuit-service vc39-es33-sa-169	25.1.1-2	- 1
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/collector-service vc39-es33-sa-169	25.1.1-2	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/config-service vc39-es33-sa-169	25.1.1-2	
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vc39-es33-sa-169   registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/torch	25.1.1-2	1
vc39-es33-sa-169	3.2-508	
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vc39-es33-sa-169   registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/ingress-proxy	3.2-508	1
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vc39-es33-sa-169   registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/minio	3.2-505	
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registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/syslog-forwarder	3.2-503	-

```
vc39-es33-sa-169 | registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/timescale | 3.2-515 | vc39-es33-sa-169 |
```

#### **Step 15** SSH to the node and set the initial UI password for the admin user.

```
sedo security user set admin --password
```

#### Note

The password policy for the system includes both configurable settings and non-configurable hard requirements to ensure security.

## **Password Requirements**

- The password must contain at least:
  - 1 uppercase letter
  - 1 lowercase letter
  - 1 number
  - 1 special character
- Must have a minimum length of 8 characters

#### **Configurable Requirements**

You can change the password policy settings using the sedo security password-policy set command. Specify the desired parameters to adjust the configuration:

```
sedo security password-policy set --expiration-days <number> --reuse-limit <number>
--min-complexity-score <number>
```

- Step 16 To check the default admin user ID, use the command sedo security user list. To change the default password, use the command sedo security user admin set --password on the CLI console of the VM or through the web UI.
- Use a web browser to access https://<virtual ip>:8443/ to access the Cisco Optical Network Controller Web UI. Use the admin id and the password you set to log in to Cisco Optical Network Controller.

#### Note

Access the web UI only after all the one services are running. Use the **sedo system status** to verify that all services are running.

# Upgrade a Standalone Deployment of Cisco Optical Network Controller to a new version

The following sections provide instructions for upgrading a standalone deployment of Cisco Optical Network Controller from Release 24.3.1 to 25.1.x and configuring the necessary networks to ensure seamless communication between nodes in a geo-redundant supercluster.

Cisco Optical Network Controller supports upgrades to 25.1.1 from previous releases except 24.3.2. This table lists the upgrade paths you must follow.

#### Table 5: Upgrade paths

Current version	Upgrade Path to 25.1.1
24.3.2	Unsupported
24.3.1	24.3.1 > 25.1.1



#### Restriction

- Cisco Optical Network Controller does not support downgrading to an older release. To go back to an older version, take a database backup using the SWIMU application and install the older version using the ova file for the release. After installation, restore the database.
- You can only revert to a previous version if you have created a copy of the target Cisco Optical Network Controller database before upgrading Cisco Optical Network Controller, as described in Backup and Restore Database.

Cisco Optical Network Controller does not support upgrades from 24.3.2 to 25.1.1.

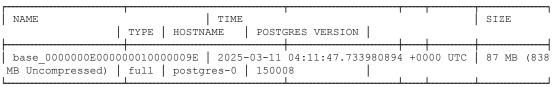
#### Before you begin

• Backup Creation: Ensure that a full system backup is created using the command sedo backup create full and exported for recovery if needed.

#### **Example:**

```
root@conc-1:~# sedo backup create full
Creating backup, this may take a while...
Done creating backup
```

root@conc-1:~# sedo backup list



root@conc-1:/data# scp /data/nxf-backup-3.0-1736872559.tar.gz <remote location>

- **Network Configuration**: Before the Cisco Optical Network Controller upgrade, three networks must be created.
  - **Control Plane Network:** The control plane network helps in the internal communication between the deployed VMs within a cluster.

- VM Network or Northbound Network: The VM network is used for communication between the user and the cluster. It handles all the traffic to and from the VMs running on your ESXi hosts. This network is your public network through which the UI is hosted. Cisco Optical Network Controller uses this network to connect to Cisco Optical Site Manager devices using Netconf/gRPC.
- Eastbound Network: The Eastbound Network helps in the internal communication between the deployed VMs within a cluster. If you are setting up a standalone system, this can refer to any private network.
- **VMware Setup:** Ensure that the vCenter has the required networks configured and attached correctly. Verify that physical adapters are correctly mapped for Northbound and Eastbound networks.
- Access and Permissions: Ensure you have the necessary permissions to execute commands and modify network settings on the nodes.

#### **Procedure**

**Step 1** Log in to the standalone node CLI using the private key.

#### **Example:**

```
ssh -i <private-key_file> nxf@<node_ip>
```

Step 2 Download or copy the 25.1.1 system pack system-pack-file.tar.gz to the NxF system running 24.3.1 and place it in the /tmp directory using curl or scp.

#### Example:

```
scp user@remote_server:/path/to/system-pack-file.tar.gz /tmp/
curl -o /tmp/system-pack-file.tar.gz http://example.com/path/to/system-pack-file.tar.gz
```

**Step 3** Upgrade the SA VM from 24.3.1 to 25.1.1 using the sedo system upgrade commands:

#### **Example:**

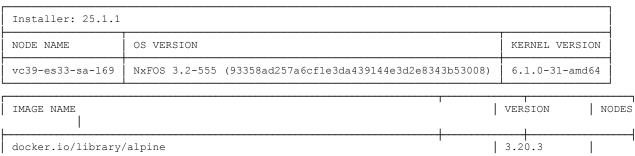
```
sedo system upgrade upload /tmp/system-pack-file.tar.gz
sedo system upgrade apply
reboot
```

The system reboots and upgrades. The system takes approximately 30 minutes to complete this.

Step 4 After the system reboots, verify the NxF version and system status. Use the sedo version and sedo system status commands.

#### Example:

sedo version



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vc39-es33-sa-169     docker.io/rancher/local-path-provisioner	-	v0.0.30	I
vc39-es33-sa-169   quay.io/coreos/etcd	Ι,	v3.5.15	ı
vc39-es33-sa-169			1
registry.k8s.io/pause vc39-es33-sa-169	'	3.10	ı
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registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/bgp vc39-es33-sa-169	;	3.2-505	
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/controllervc39-es33-sa-169	;	3.2-533	
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/firewalld	:	3.2-505	
vc39-es33-sa-169     registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/flannel	;	3.2-505	
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vc39-es33-sa-169		
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sedo syste	m status						
System S	tatus (Wed, 16 Apr 2025 10:16	: 5	5 UTC)				
OWNER	NAME		NODE		STATUS	RESTARTS	
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hours ago	onc-apps-ui-service		vc39-es33-sa-169	I	Running	0	17
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hours ago	onc-config-service		vc39-es33-sa-169		Running	0	17
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onc	onc-nbi-service		vc39-es33-sa-169		Running	0	17
onc	onc-netconfcollector-service		vc39-es33-sa-169		Running	0	17
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onc   hours ago	onc-topology-service		vc39-es33-sa-169		Running	0	17
onc   hours ago	onc-torch-service		vc39-es33-sa-169		Running	0	17
system   hours ago	authenticator		vc39-es33-sa-169		Running	0	17
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**Step 5** Verify onboarded sites and services by accessing the Cisco Optical Network Controller UI.

#### Example:

Use a web browser to access https://<virtual ip>:8443/to access the Cisco Optical Network Controller Web UI.

# Update time zone configuration in a standalone deployment

From Cisco Optical Network Controller Release 25.1.2, you can update the timezone configuration. Previously, only the UTC timezone was supported. Now you can configure Cisco Optical Network Controller in your preferred timezone.

For standalone deployments, you must use the command to update the timezone in the CLI for each VM and then restart the VM according to the steps in this procedure to ensure a seamless change into the new timezone configuration.

#### Limitations

- Alarms and logs are saved in UTC in the database, which minimizes impact during time zone transitions, although during the transition period, for example, during a switchover, you might briefly see alarms with different time zone stamps in the UI before the system converges to the final setting.
- Do not make timezone changes frequently as they might cause inconsistencies and require reboots of VMs/services.
- When cross-launching from Cisco Optical Network Controller, the time zone offset will remain the same, but the IANA time zone name displayed in the cross-launched application might differ from the one configured in Cisco Optical Network Controller. This discrepancy occurs because the same timezone offset can have multiple IANA timezone names.
- TAPI data and notifications continue to use UTC +0000.
- SNMP traps use epoch time without any time zone offset calculated on the epoch.
- Developer logs and techdump data uses UTC.

#### Before you begin

You must perform these pre-checks on each VM before changing the timezone.

• Make sure all the pods are running by running the kubectl get pods -A | grep onc command.

This example shows a sample output where all pods are running. Verify status of every pod is Running.

onc	onc-anne-ui	-service-6f95dfbc7c-60w87ne	2/2	Running
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onc 3 (51m ago)	onc-circuit 3h6m	-service-0	2/2	Running
onc 3 (51m ago)	onc-collect 3h6m	or-service-0	2/2	Running
onc 3 (51m ago)	onc-config- 3h6m	service-0	2/2	Running
onc 3 (51m ago)	onc-devicem 3h6m	anager-service-0	2/2	Running
onc 3 (51m ago)	onc-invento 3h6m	ry-service-0	2/2	Running
onc 3 (51m ago)	onc-nbi-ser 3h6m	vice-0	2/2	Running
onc 0	onc-netconf 21m	collector-service-85bd7c89bf-0	qc8pf 2/2	Running
onc 3 (51m ago)	onc-osapi-g 3h6m	w-service-0	2/2	Running
onc 3 (51m ago)	onc-pce-ser 3h6m	vice-0	2/2	Running
onc 3 (51m ago)	onc-pm-serv 136m	ice-0	2/2	Running
onc 0	onc-pmcolle 21m	ctor-service-86dbcbc87b-9cnhc	2/2	Running
onc 3 (51m ago)	onc-topolog 3h6m	y-service-0	2/2	Running
onc 3 (51m ago)	onc-torch-s 3h6m	ervice-0	2/2	Running

#### **Procedure**

## **Step 1** SSH into the VM and run this command.

### sudo timedatectl set-timezone timezone-name

## **Example:**

In the following example, we set the timezone to JST.

```
RTC time: Mon 2025-06-09 06:01:26

Time zone: Japan (JST, +0900)

System clock synchronized: yes

NTP service: active

RTC in local TZ: no
```

#### A few valid timezones are:

Asia/Kolkata Asia/Dubai Europe/Amsterdam Africa/Bujumbura

- **Step 2** Reboot the node using the **sudo reboot** command.
- **Step 3** Verify the node is up and running using these commands.
  - kubectl get pods -A | grep onc

Verify the timezone in one of the pods using these commands. See the offset after the time.

```
root@vm1-cluster1-node1:~# kubectl exec -ti onc-torch-service-0 -n onc -- bash
onc-torch-service-0:/$ date -R
Mon, 09 Jun 2025 15:22:42 +0900
```

Timezone configuration has been updated and Cisco Optical Network Controller webUI now displays time in the newly configured timezone.

The following screenshots show the difference between the behaviour in 25.1.1 and 25.1.2. Note that the timestamps are displayed differently with the timezone name and offset included in the timestamp in Release 25.1.2.

Figure 9: PM History in Release 25.1.2

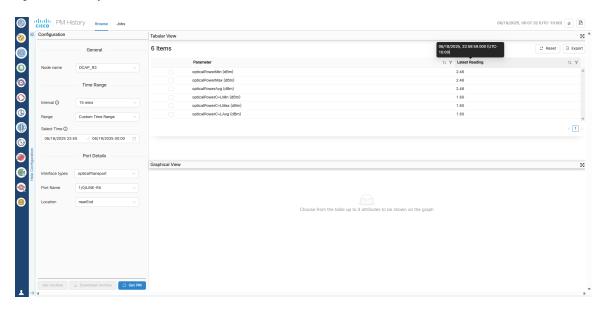


Figure 10: PM History in Release 25.1.1

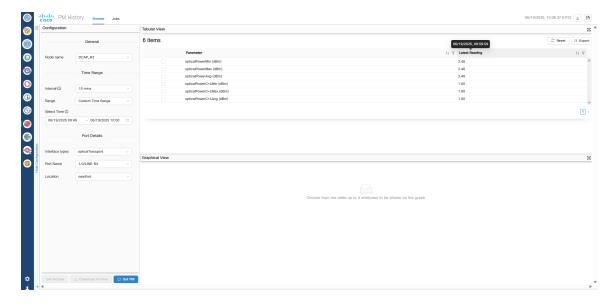


Figure 11: Nodes in Release 25.1.2

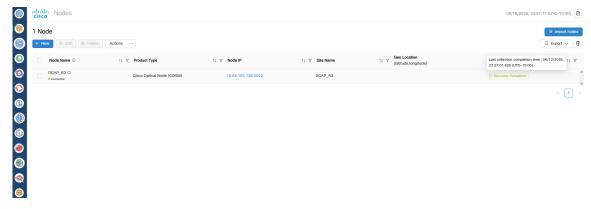


Figure 12: Nodes in Release 25.1.1



# **Revert to a Previous Version of Cisco Optical Network Controller**

This section describes how to revert to the previous version of Cisco Optical Network Controller after you have installed Cisco Optical Network Controller, for both geo-redundant and standalone deployments. This is a manual process—Automatic rollback is not supported. You cannot perform a revert from within Cisco Optical Network Controller.



#### Restriction

- Cisco Optical Network Controller does not support downgrading to an older release. To go back to an older version, take a database backup using the SWIMU application and install the older version using the ova file for the release. After installation, restore the database.
- You can only revert to a previous version if you have created a copy of the target Cisco Optical Network Controller database before upgrading Cisco Optical Network Controller, as described in Backup and Restore Database.

#### **Procedure**

#### **Step 1** For standalone deployments:

- a) Reinstall the previous version of Cisco Optical Network Controller—The version from which you did the backup. See Install Cisco Optical Network Controller Using VMware vSphere, on page 1.
- b) Follow the procedure to perform database restore from a backup. See Backup and Restore Database.

### **Step 2** For geo-redundant deployments:

- a) Reinstall the previous version of Cisco Optical Network Controller—The version from which you did the backup. See Install and Deploy Geo Redundant Cisco Optical Network Controller, on page 33.
- b) Follow the procedure to perform database restore from a backup. See Backup and Restore Database.

Revert to a Previous Version of Cisco Optical Network Controller



# Install and Deploy Geo Redundant Cisco Optical Network Controller

## Geo redundancy

Geo redundancy involves placing physical servers in geographically different data centers to safeguard against catastrophic events and natural disasters. Cisco Optical Network Controller can now be deployed with Geo-redundancy by connecting three distinct clusters into a Geo Super cluster.

Geo Redundant Deployment in Cisco Optical Network Controller allows the integration of multiple Cisco Optical Network Controller clusters into a single Geo Supercluster, facilitating services to be automatically deployed across multiple separated regions. This feature enhances availability and resilience by providing continuous service even if one region experiences an outage. Each region functions as a separate Kubernetes cluster.

For geo-redundancy you can deploy a supercluster in a 1+1+1 configuration, which includes:

- an active single-node (worker)
- a standby single-node (worker)
- a witness node (arbitrator)

The following image describes a high redundancy deployment of Cisco Optical Network Controller.

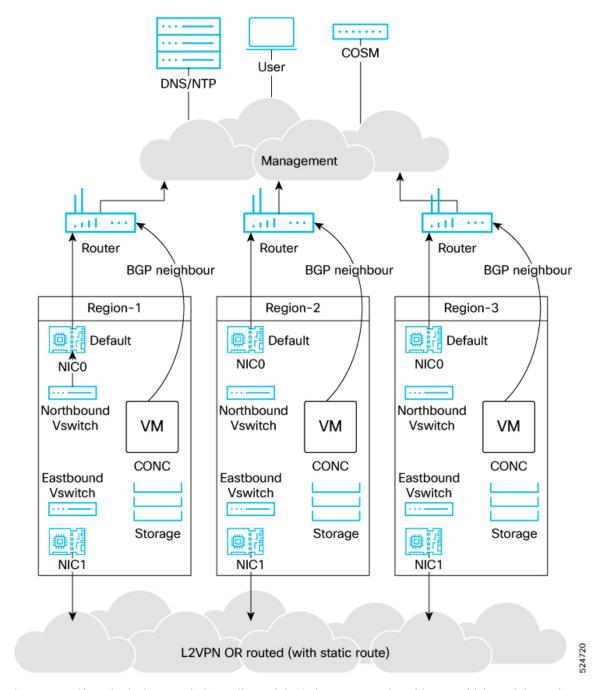


Figure 13: Cisco Optical Network Controller Deployment Infrastructure

2 VMs run Cisco Optical Network Controller and the 3rd VM acts as the arbitrator which participates in Active node selection using RAFT Algorithm.

The arbitrator runs only the OS and system services. Cisco Optical Network Controller microservices do not run on the arbitrator node. The arbitrator participates in the selection of the active node.

# Releases supporting geo-redundant deployments

Cisco Optical Network Controller 24.3.2

• Cisco Optical Network Controller 25.1.2

# **Information About Geo Redundant Deployment**

Geo redundancy involves asynchronous replication of services. This setup ensures that, during failover, services can continue operating from a standby region. The Supercluster formation involves establishing connections between regions, allowing for dynamic cluster enrollment and seamless IP connectivity.

# **Benefits of Geo-Redundant Deployment**

- Enhanced Availability: Ensures service continuity during regional outages.
- Resilience: Provides failover capabilities with asynchronous data replication, minimizing downtime.

# **Supported Scenarios**

The Geo Redundant Deployment is suitable for scenarios where continuous service is critical, such as:

- Enterprises with global operations requiring regional data centers.
- Services demanding high availability and disaster recovery setups.

# **Limitations of Geo-redundant Deployments**

• **Replication lag:** If a switchover occurs during an ongoing operation, there's a small risk of data loss if there are network latency issues. The new active database may not have the information about the ongoing operation due to the delay. If this issue arises, retry the request. Ensure that your Eastbound network maintains low latency to minimize the risk of data loss.

For example, during node or circuit delete operation, after Active completes the delete operation, and before a database transaction completes, a switchover or failover event occurs. The New Active continues to show the node/circuit. You must retry the delete operation.

- **Double failures:** If two out of 3 nodes are down or unreachable, the remaining node becomes a standby node. You will not be able to access Cisco Optical Network Controller using the virtual IP. Bring up at least one of the nodes to bring back the Supercluster to be able to use Cisco Optical Network Controller.
- **Northbound notification loss:** During a switchover or failover, the virtual IP interface is unreachable for a short amount of time. During this connectivity disturbance, event notifications to any hierarchical controllers are lost. In Releases 24.x.x and 25.x.x, Cisco Optical Network Controller does not support notification replay.
- **PM Loss:** The 15-minutes and 1-day PM buckets during a switchover or failover event is lost. The next PM bucket after the switchover or failover alarm clears, continues to work as expected.
- **SWIM Job Failures:** Any SWIMU ad hoc device configuration backup jobs that are in progress at the time of a switchover or failover move to the Failed state. You must create the job again to trigger backups. Scheduled SWIM jobs fail if they are in progress at the time of a switchover or failover. Scheduled jobs continue to run according to the schedule.
- Data Corruption during Restore Operations: Cisco Optical Network Controller supports database restore operations only on the active node. If a switchover or failover happens when a restore operation is ongoing, the data may get corrupted. In case of data corruption, Cisco Optical Network Controller services do not come back to the ready state. You must perform a restore again to recover the cluster.
- Switchover and Failover Duration: You must verify that all micro-services on both active and standby nodes are in ready state by running the sedo system status command. A manual switchover should be triggered only when all services are confirmed to be in ready state. Cisco Optical Network Controller

requires approximately 4 minutes to complete the switchover/failover procedure. During this period, do not initiate another switchover. After a node failover, the failed node requires approximately 15–20 minutes to be prepared for a second switchover/failover. A double failure may occur if a second switchover or failover occurs before the VMs are ready. When TAPI is enabled, the switchover time exceeds 4 minutes, depending on the scale of devices and circuits involved.

- Web UI Down During Failover: When a failover occurs, the WebUI is not accessible until the failover process completes. This delay is approximately 4 minutes. Access the web UI after 4 minutes by refreshing the browser. To confirm a failover, go to the Alarms app and look for the switchover alarm in Alarm History.
- Incomplete Circuit Configurations: If a network circuit is only partially set up with a few cross-connects and a switchover or failover occurs before database replication between active and standby nodes are complete, the system creates incomplete or unconnected configurations. You must manually clean them up using Cisco Optical Site Manager.

#### **Installation Files**

Cisco Optical Network Controller is released with a single VMware OVA file distribution. OVA is a disk image deployed using vCenter on any ESXi host. This OVA packages together several components including a file descriptor (OVF) and virtual disk files containing a basic operating system and the Cisco Optical Network Controller installation files. OVA can be deployed using vCenter on ESXi hosts supporting Standalone (SA) or supercluster deployment models.



Note

During the OVF deployment, the deployment gets aborted if there is an internet disconnection.

## Before you begin

• **Infrastructure**: VMware ESXi 7.0 and later releases, vCenter 7.0 and later releases, and adequate resources for VM deployment.



#### Attention

Upgrade to VMware vCenter Server 8.0 U2 if you are using VMware vCenter Server 8.0.2 or VMware vCenter Server 8.0.1.

- You need a VM for each cluster. You need 3 clusters.
- We recommend the VMs must be running at 3 different zones or regions to avoid a single point of failure. You need two out of 3 VMs up for Cisco Optical Network Controller to work. If you have two VMs in the same location, this location can become a single point of failure.
- Depending on your scale needs, you can choose from one of the 3 profiles from the following table.

Profile	CPU (in cores)		Memory (GB)		Disk (TB)
	Worker Node	Arbitrator Node	Worker Node	Arbitrator Node	
XS	16	8	64	32	0.8
S	32	8	128	32	1.5

M 48	8	256	32	1.5	

- vCPU to Physical CPU Core Ratio: We support a vCPU to Physical CPU core ratio of 2:1 if hyperthreading is enabled and the hardware supports hyperthreading. Hyperthreading is enabled by default on Cisco UCS servers that support hyperthreading. In other cases, the vCPU to Physical CPU core ratio is 1:1.
- Accept the Self-Signed Certificate from the ESXi host.
  - 1. Access the ESXi host using your web browser.
- 2. If you receive a security warning indicating that the connection is not private or that the certificate is not trusted, proceed by accepting the risk or bypassing the warning.
- Network: Before installing Cisco Optical Network Controller, create three networks.

#### Control Plane Network

The control plane network helps in the internal communication between the deployed VMs within a cluster.

#### VM Network or Northbound Network

The VM network is used for communication between the user and the cluster. It handles all the traffic to and from the VMs running on your ESXi hosts. This network is the public network through which the web UI is hosted. Cisco Optical Network Controller uses this network to connect to COSM devices using Netconf/gRPC.

## • Eastbound Network

The Eastbound Network helps in the internal communication between the deployed VMs within a supercluster. The active and standby nodes use this network to sync their databases. The postgres database is replicated across active and standby. MinIO is replicated on the arbitrator also.

**Bandwidth requirement:** The Eastbound network should have a bandwidth of 1 Gbps and a latency less than 100 ms.

You can configure the Eastbound network to be a flat Layer 2 network or an L2VPN where the Eastbound IPs of all the nodes are in the same subnet. If your Eastbound IPs are in different subnets, you must configure static routing between your nodes for the eastbound network.

• You must create three network interfaces within vCenter (Control Plane, Northbound, Eastbound) with specific IP configurations for each node in a 1+1+1 supercluster.

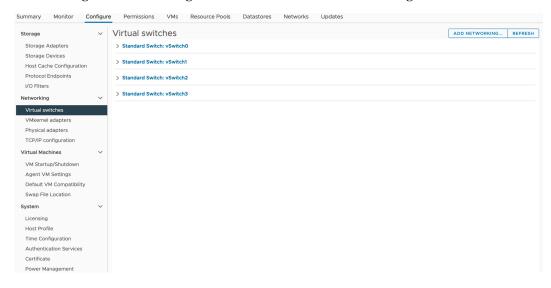
After adding the ESXi host to vCenter, create the Control Plane, Northbound, and Eastbound Networks before deploying. To create the Control Plane, Northbound, and Eastbound networks, perform the following steps:



# Restriction

Do not configure the Control Plane, Northbound and Eastbound networks in the same subnet or vlan segment. Use separate subnets and vlan segments for these networks.

1. Log in to the vCenter and Select the ESXi Host that you want to deploy GeoHA on.



# Select Configure > Networking > Virtual Switches > Add Networking

- 2. In Select connection type, choose Virtual Machine Port Group for a Standard Switch and click Next.
- 3. In Select target device, select New Standard Switch (MTU 1500) and click Next.
- **4.** In **Create a Standard Switch**, click **Next**, and confirm *There are no active physical network adapters for the switch*. for the Control Plane Network. For Northbound and Eastbound networks, choose the relevant adapter.
- **5.** In **Connection settings** choose the relevant network label (Control Plane, Northbound, or Eastbound) and select the relevant VLAN ID. Click **Next**.
- 6. In Ready to complete, review your configuration and click Finish.
- **Storage**: SSDs to meet the disk write latency requirement of  $\leq 100$  ms.
- BGP is used for traffic routing to the virtual IP from the various locations. You must configure the BGP router and configure the nodes as neighbors in the router. Contact your network admin to set up your BGP router.
- You need 3 separate VMs with separate Eastbound Network, Northbound network, and Control Plane network.
- You cannot remove nodes from or change roles of a cluster after a cluster joins a supercluster.

This table lists the default port assignments.

Table 6: Communications Matrix

Traffic Type	Port	Description
Inbound	TCP 22	SSH remote management
	TCP 8443	HTTPS for UI access

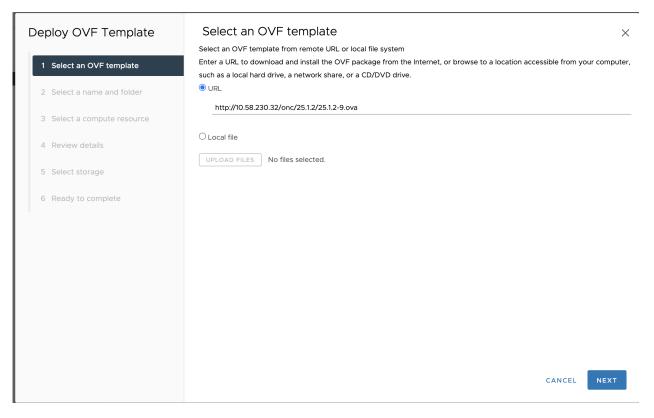
Traffic Type	Port	Description
Outbound	TCP 22	NETCONF to routers
	TCP 389	LDAP if using Active Directory
	TCP 636	LDAPS if using Active Directory
	Customer Specific	HTTP for access to an SDN controller
	User Specific	HTTPS for access to an SDN controller
	TCP 3082, 3083,	TL1 to optical devices
	2361, 6251	
Eastbound	TCP 10443	Supercluster join requests
	UDP 8472	VxLAN
syslog	User specific	TCP/UDP
Control Plane Ports	TCP 443	Kubernetes
(Internal network between cluster	TCP 6443	Kubernetes
nodes, not exposed)	TCP 10250	Kubernetes
	TCP 2379	etcd
	TCP 2380	etcd
	UDP 8472	VXLAN
	ICMP	Ping between nodes (optional)

# **Procedure**

**Step 1** Right-click the ESXi host in the vSphere client screen and click **Deploy OVF Template**.

In the **Select an OVF template** screen, select the **URL** radio button for specifying the URL to download and install the OVF package from the Internet or select the **Local file** radio button to upload the downloaded OVA files from your local system and click **Next.** 

Figure 14: Select an OVF Template

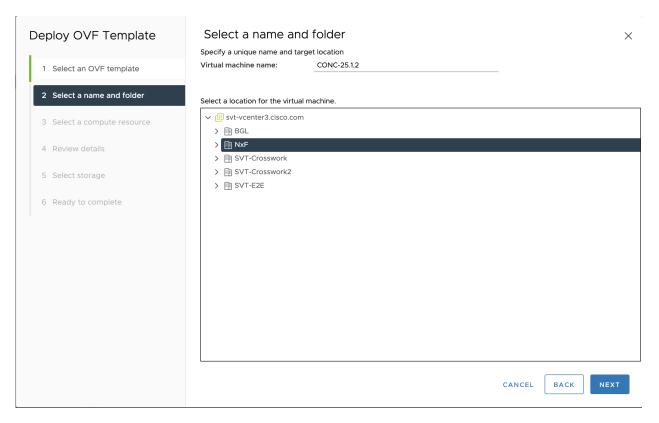


Step 3 In the Select a name and folder screen, specify a unique name for the virtual machine Instance. From the list of options, select the location of the VM to be used and click Next.

#### Note

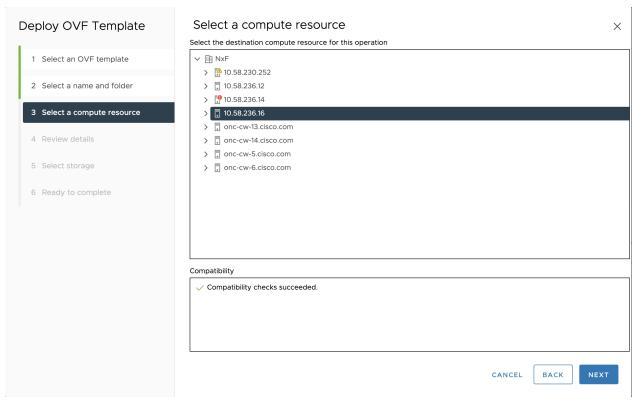
The data center and location of for each virtual machine for Geo Redundant deployment must be chosen according to the location where you want to deploy each VM. The compute resources in the next step are shown based on the selection in this screen.

Figure 15: Select a name and folder



In the **Select a compute resource** screen, select the destination compute resource on which you want to deploy the VM and click **Next.** 

Figure 16: Select a Compute Resource

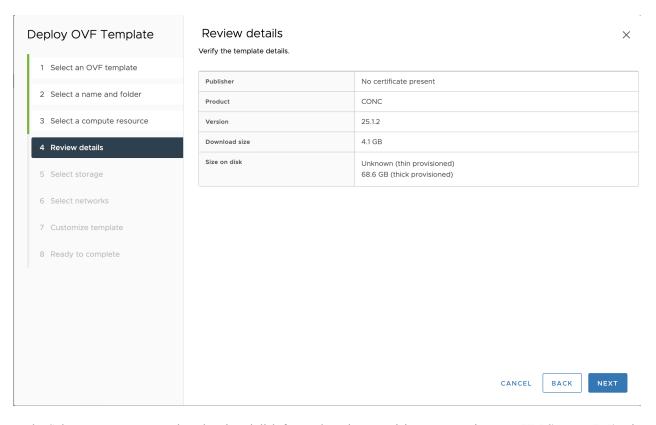


# Note

While selecting the compute resource the compatibility check proceeds till it completes successfully.

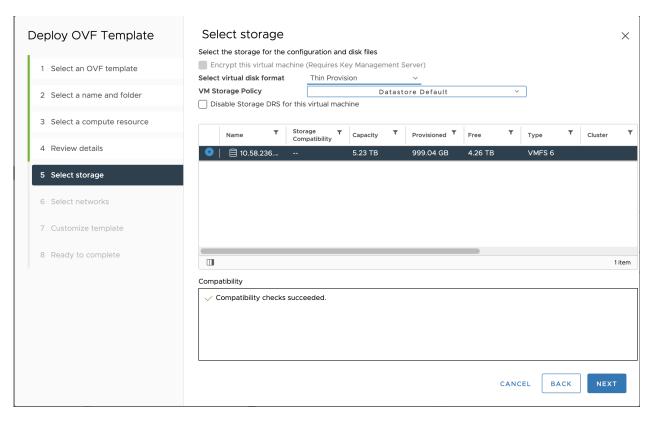
**Step 5** In the **Review details** screen, verify the template details and click **Next**.

Figure 17: Review Details



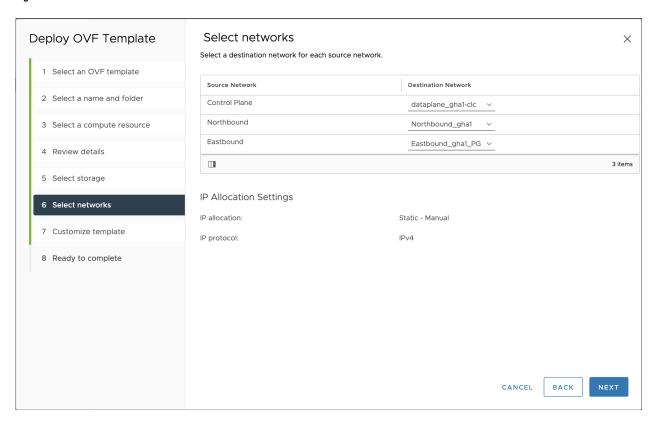
Step 6 In the Select storage screen, select the virtual disk format based on provision type requirement. VM Storage Policy is set as *Datastore Default* and click Next. Select the virtual disk format as *Thin Provision*.

Figure 18: Select Storage



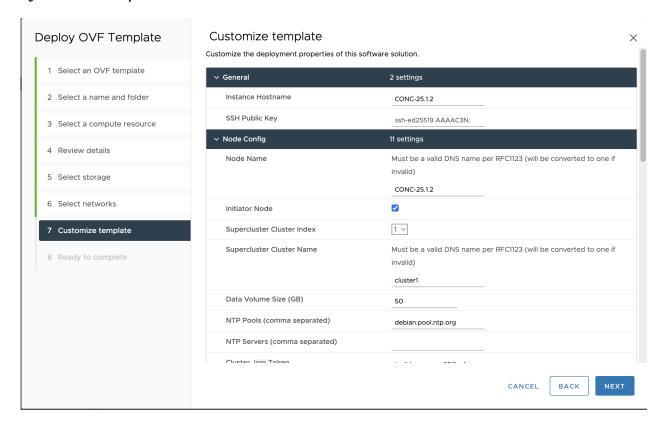
Step 7 In the Select networks screen, select the Control Plane, Eastbound, and Northbound networks you created for each VM and click Next.

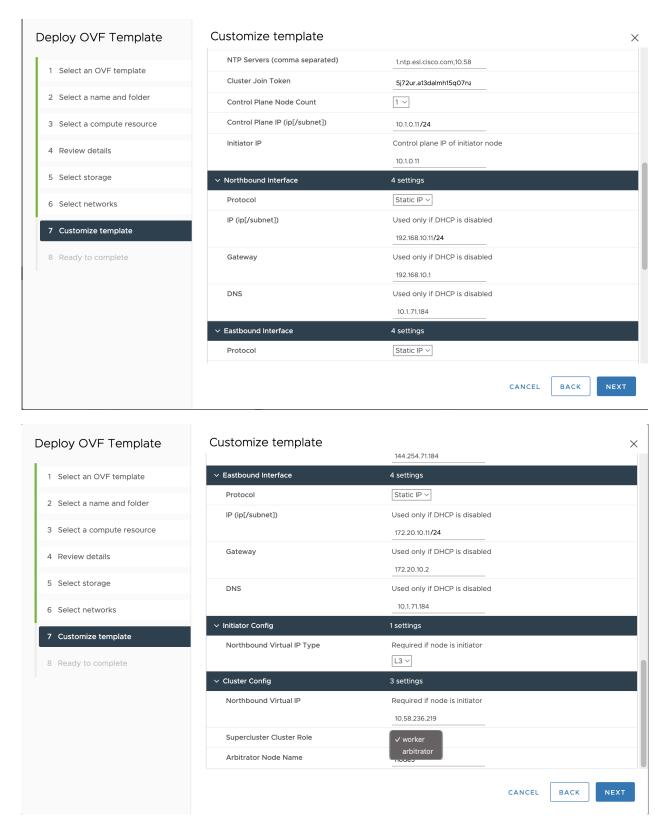
Figure 19: Select Networks



**Step 8** In the **Customize template** screen, set the values using the following table as a guideline for deployment.

Figure 20: Customize Template





For the arbitrator node, choose arbitrator as the Supercluster Cluster Role.

Table 7: Customize Template

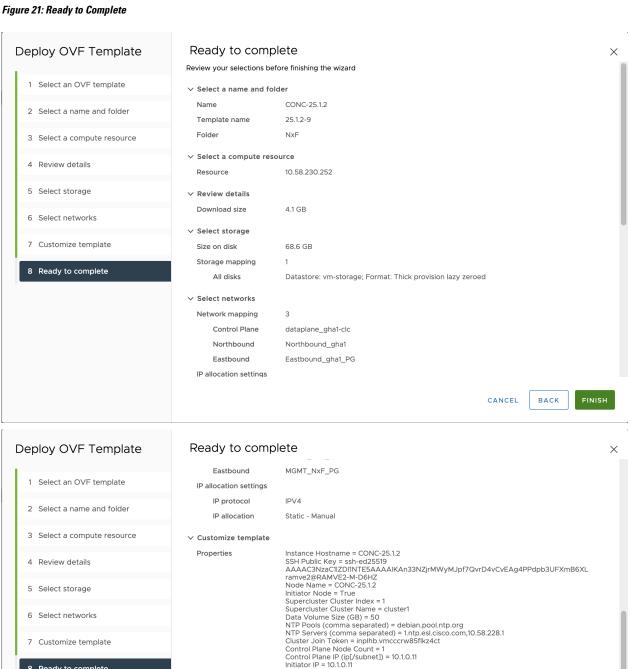
Key	Values	
General		
Instance Hostname	<instance-name></instance-name>	
	Must be a valid DNS name per RFC1123.1.2.4.	
	Contain at most 63 characters.	
	Contain only lowercase alphanumeric characters or '-'	
	Start with an alphanumeric character.	
	End with an alphanumeric character.	
SSH Public Key	<ssh-public-key>. Used for SSH access that allows you to connect to the instances securely without the need to manage credentials for multiple instances. SSH public key must be a ed25519 key. See SSH Key Generation, on page 4.</ssh-public-key>	
Node Config		
Node Name	Use the same name as Instance Hostname	
Initiator Node	Select the check box	
Supercluster Cluster Index	Set to 1 (active cluster), 2 (standby cluster), or 3 (arbitrator).	
Supercluster Cluster Name	Set to <b>cluster1</b> (active cluster), <b>cluster2</b> (standby cluster), or <b>cluster3</b> (arbitrator	
Data Volume Size (GB)	Configure data volume according to the VM profile.	
NTP Pools (comma separated)	(Optional) A comma-separated list of the NTP pools. For example, debian.pool.ntp.org	
NTP Servers (comma separated)	(Optional) A comma-separated list of the NTP servers.	
Cluster Join Token	Autogenerated value. Leave as is.	
Control Plane Node Count	1	
Control Plane IP (ip[/subnet])	<private for="" instance="" ip="" the=""> Control Plane Network</private>	
Initiator IP	<same as="" control="" ip="" plane=""> Control Plane Network</same>	
Northbound Interface		
Protocol	Static IP	
IP (ip[/subnet]) - if not using DHCP	<public for="" instance="" ip="" the=""> Northbound Network</public>	
Gateway - if not using DHCP	<gateway for="" instance="" ip="" the=""> Northbound Network</gateway>	
DNS	DNS Server IP	
<b>Eastbound Interface</b>		
Protocol	Static IP	

Key	Values
IP (ip[/subnet]) - if not using DHCP	< IP for the Instance> Eastbound Network
Gateway - if not using DHCP	
DNS	DNS Server IP
Initiator Config	
Northbound Virtual IP Type	L3
Cluster Config	
Northbound Virtual IP	Virtual IP for the SuperCluster
Supercluster Cluster Role	worker for primary and secondary nodes
	arbitrator for arbitrator node
Arbitrator Node Name	a unique node name.
	Attention     The arbitrator node name must not the same as any node in the supercluster. This field must not be the same as the node name of the arbitrator node either.      The arbitrator node name must be the same across all nodes in the supercluster.

# Restriction

Do not configure the Northbound and Eastbound networks in the same subnet or vlan segment. Use separate subnets and vlan segments for these networks.

Step 9 In Review the details screen, review all your selections and click Finish. To check or change any properties from the review screen anytime, before clicking Finish, click BACK to go back to the previous screen, Customize template, to make necessary changes.



**Step 10** Perform the previous steps 3 times to create the two worker node VMs (active and standby), and the arbitrator node VM.

#### Attention

- You can create the other nodes at a different data center, host, or vCenter instance according to your requirements. Ensure Eastbound and Northbound network connectivity between the nodes.
- Upon activation of the virtual machine (VM), it is designed not to respond to ping requests. However, you can log in using SSH if the installation has been completed successfully.

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# **Set Up the Supercluster**

#### Before you begin

You must have created 3 VMs for geo-redundant deployment of Cisco Optical Network Controller. See Install and Deploy Geo Redundant Cisco Optical Network Controller, on page 33

# **Procedure**

- **Step 1** After the VMs are created, try connecting to the VM using the pem key which was generated earlier, see *SSH Key Generation*. For this, use the private key that is generated along with the public key during customizing the public key options.
- **Step 2** Log in to each VM using the private key.

```
# ssh -i <private-key_file> nxf@<node_ip>
```

#### Note

- If you are prompted for a password, there might be a problem with the key. If your SSH key has a passphrase, the system prompts you for the passphrase. If you are prompted for a password even after entering your SSH key passphrase, your PEM key might be wrong or corrupted.
- If the command times out, check your network settings and make sure the node is reachable.
- After the nodes are deployed, the deployment of OVA progress can be checked in the Tasks console of vSphere Client. After Successful deployment, Cisco Optical Network Controller takes around 20 minutes to boot.

• The default user ID is admin. Use the sedo security user set admin --password command to set the password.

# **Step 3** If peer nodes Eastbound IPs are in different subnets, you must create static routes between the nodes for the eastbound traffic flow among the nodes. From each node, create routes to each of the two other nodes.

a) Navigate to the configuration directory.

```
cd /etc/systemd/network/
```

- b) Identify the Network Configuration File: Find the file associated with the eastbound interface *ens256*. The filename must be similar to *10-cloud-init-ens256.network*.
- c) Open the configuration file using a text editor like nano or vim with administrative privileges:
- d) Update the [Route] Section: Modify the [Route] section by adding the static routes using the following template. Ensure you replace placeholders with actual IP addresses and gateway information as necessary.

```
[Match]
Name=ens256

[Network]
DHCP=no
DNS=<dns-server-ip>

[Address]
Address=<cluster1-eastbound-ip>/<subnet-mask>

[Route]
Destination=<eastbound-subnet-of-cluster2>/<subnet-mask>
Gateway=<gateway-ip>

[Route]
Destination=<eastbound-subnet-of-cluster3>/<subnet-mask>
Gateway=<gateway-ip>
```

e) After editing, save the file and exit the text editor.

#### Example:

Here is a sample file.

```
#Example:

[Match]

Name=ens256

[Network]

DHCP=no

DNS=10.10.128.236

[Address]

Address=172.10.10.11/24

[Route]

Destination=172.10.20.0/24

Gateway=172.30.10.2

[Route]

Destination=172.10.30.0/24

Gateway=172.30.10.2
```

#### Note

- Ensure that the Name in the [Match] section corresponds to the correct network interface.
- Verify that the DNS and Gateway IPs are correctly assigned as per your network requirements.

- f) Use ping to verify connectivity between the nodes.
- **Step 4** Restart the **systemd-networkd** service to apply the changes.

#### Example:

sudo systemctl restart systemd-networkd

You have created routes for communication. Verify that the routes have been created using the **ip route** command.

- **Step 5** Configure BGP for virtual IP route advertisement.
  - a) Initialize BGP on each node.

```
sedo ha bgp init <CURRENT_NODE_NAME> <CURRENT_NODE_NORTHBOUND_IP> <CURRENT_NODE_AS> --nexthop
<CURRENT_NODE_NORTHBOUND_IP>
```

b) Add a BGP router to each node.

```
sedo ha bgp router add <CURRENT_NODE_NAME> <BGP_ROUTER_IP> <BGP_ROUTER_AS> <BGP_PASSWORD>
--enable-gtsm
```

#### Note

Collect the BGP router IP, Router autonomous system number, and the BGP password from your network admin. The BGP password must match the neighbor configuration on the router.

**Step 6** Retrieve Cluster ID: On each node, run the following command to retrieve the Cluster ID.:

sedo supercluster status

# Example:

sedo supercluster status
#Sample Output

Supercluster Status		
Cluster ID Cluster Name Cluster Role Peers Initialized	vk0uFBSwM1vX4_mC1BAabDxAKXYUTv1KH5dcCDawZw4 cluster1 worker <no peers=""> No</no>	

# Note

The cluster ID for each node is required in the following steps.

- **Step 7** Connect cluster1 to cluster2.
  - a) On cluster1, initiate the supercluster connection by running the following command.

sudo sedo supercluster wait-for -b <cluster1\_node\_eastboundIP>:10443 <cluster2\_node\_CLUSTER\_ID>

# Example:

```
#Sample Output sudo sedo supercluster wait-for -b 172.20.2.89:10443 uUD21AaV4cQ8CzZQf0E0YrGmALi0vHASpZI07YzcsQ Listening for join requests on 172.20.2.89:10443... Please run the following on peer node: $ sudo /usr/bin/sedo supercluster join Lh9Gv3FwSUsx7Gu_7EJoIMe4r5YE6ApyHqOEt83fko https://172.20.2.89:10443/join/g4jKVulJo74ptz82lMvngQ
```

b) On the Cluster2, execute the command that is generated from Cluster1 to join the supercluster.

# Example:

sudo /usr/bin/sedo supercluster join Lh9Gv3FwSUsx7Gu\_7EJoIMe4r5YE6ApyHq0Et83fko https://172.20.2.89:10443/join/g4jKVulJo74ptz82lMvngQ

## **Step 8** Connect cluster1 to cluster3.

a) On cluster1, initiate the supercluster connection by running the following command.

```
sudo sedo supercluster wait-for -b <cluster1 node eastboundIP>:10443 <cluster3 node CLUSTER ID>
```

b) On the Cluster3, execute the command that is generated from Cluster1 to join the supercluster.

# **Step 9** Connect cluster2 to cluster3.

a) On cluster2, initiate the supercluster connection by running the following command.

```
sudo sedo supercluster wait-for -b <cluster2 node eastboundIP>:10443 <cluster3 node CLUSTER ID>
```

b) On the Cluster3, execute the command that is generated from Cluster2 to join the supercluster.

# **Step 10** Check Cluster Connectivity: After all clusters are joined, verify connectivity using the following command:

sudo sedo supercluster connectivity

#### Note

Wait till all connections are successful. It typically takes about 5 minutes for the clusters to establish connectivity between each other.

#### Example:

sudo sedo supercluster connectivity

Supercluster Connectivity				
FROM	TO	RTT	RESULT	
cluster2/controller-0 cluster1/controller-0 cluster1/controller-0 cluster3/controller-0 cluster3/controller-0	cluster1/controller-0 cluster3/controller-0 cluster3/controller-0 cluster2/controller-0 cluster2/controller-0 cluster1/controller-0	14ms 15ms 12ms 12ms 13ms 13ms	Success Success Success Success Success	

# **Step 11** Start the Super-Cluster: Once connectivity is verified, start the supercluster using the following command:

sudo sedo supercluster start

### Note

The node on which you execute this comand becomes the active node and the other worker node becomes the standby node.

### Example:

sudo sedo supercluster start

Checking Supercluster connectivity...Passed Initiating Supercluster...Done

# **Step 12** Verify Super-Cluster Status: Check the status of the supercluster to ensure that all nodes are active and properly connected using the following command:

sedo supercluster status

# **Example:**

sedo supercluster status

Supercluster Status

```
Cluster ID
                   QgQV2uXgP1udqshlIssyTwf3LZzEyRh6I3z5MH8almA
Cluster Name
                   cluster1
Cluster Role
                   worker
                   cluster2 (worker, jaWeN9BdXUUTxvofwt6Hukt6OQXIUaqo4NxN6zHYDc)
Peers
                   cluster3 (arbitrator, SUCrwqQjXToG5GKBwckcg CtzgHstQigaEM1X0988E)
Mode
                   Running
Current Active
                   cluster1
Previous Active
Standby Clusters
                   cluster2
Last Switchover
Last Failover
                   controller-0.cluster2: 2025-03-19 11:16:57.051 +0000 UTC
Last Seen
                   controller-0.cluster3: 2025-03-19 11:16:57.047 +0000 UTC
                   controller-0.cluster1: 2025-03-19 11:16:57.051 +0000 UTC
Last Peer Error
Server Error
DB Replication
                   streaming
DB Lag
                   0 bytes
```

This sample output shows the output of the command on the standby node. The output shows the current active and standby clusters. When **DB replication** is streaming, and **DB Lag** is 0 bytes, the Geo-redundant Deployment is up and running.

**Step 13** Use the sedo system status command to check the status of all the pods.

sedo system status

System S	System Status (Fri, 20 Sep 2024 08:21:27 UTC)				
OWNER	NAME	NODE	STATUS	RESTARTS	STARTED
onc	monitoring	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-alarm-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-apps-ui-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-circuit-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-collector-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-config-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-devicemanager-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-inventory-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-nbi-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-netconfcollector-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-osapi-gw-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-pce-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-pm-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-pmcollector-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-topology-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-torch-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
system	authenticator	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	controller	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	flannel	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	ingress-proxy	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	kafka	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	loki	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	metrics	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	minio	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	postgres	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	promtail-cltmk	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	vip-add	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago

#### Note

• The different pods along with their statuses are displayed in the different terminal sessions for each node.

• The status of all the services must be Running.

# **Step 14** You can check the current version using the **sedo version** command.

IMAGE NAME	NODES	T	VERSION	
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# Set Up Web UI Access to Cisco Optical Network Controller

# **Procedure**

# **Step 1** Set the initial UI password for the admin user. Execute the following command.

# Example:

sedo security user set admin --password

#### Note

The password policy for the system includes both configurable settings and nonconfigurable hard requirements to ensure security.

# **Password Requirements**

- The password must contain at least:
  - 1 uppercase letter
  - 1 lowercase letter
  - 1 number
  - 1 special character
- Must have a minimum length of 8 characters.

# **Configurable Requirements**

You can change the password policy settings using the sedo security password-policy set command. Specify the desired parameters to adjust the configuration:

```
sedo security password-policy set --expiration-days <number> --reuse-limit <number>
--min-complexity-score <number>
```

- expiration-days: Default password expiration used when creating new users, in days (default 180)
- min-complexity-score: The password strength forced for local users can be enabled or disabled and can be set in scores of 1 to 5 (weak to strong). The password is checked against several dictionaries and common passwords lists, to ensure its complexity according to the selected score.(default 3)
- reuse-limit: Number of historical passwords that are retained and blocked from reuse when changing password (default 12)
- Step 2 To check the default admin user ID, use the command sedo security user list. To change the default password, use the command sedo security user admin set --password on the CLI console of the VM or through the web UI.
- Step 3 Use a web browser to access https://<virtual IP>:8443/ to access the Cisco Optical Network Controller Web UI. Use the admin user id and the password that you set to log in to Cisco Optical Network Controller.

#### Note

Access the web UI only after all the one services are running. Use the **sedo system status** command to verify that all services are running.

# Perform a Switchover in a Geo Redundant Cisco Optical Network Controller Deployment

To switch the active and standby clusters, perform the following steps.

#### Before you begin

You must have a Geo Redundant Cisco Optical Network Controller Deployment.

Run the **sedo supercluster status** command to view the supercluster status.

sedo supercluster status

Supercluster Stati	us
Cluster ID Cluster Name Cluster Role	QgQV2uXgP1udqshlIssyTwf3LZzEyRh6I3z5MH8almA cluster1 worker
Peers	cluster2 (worker, jaWeN9BdXUUTxvofwt6Hukt6OQXIUaqo4NxN6zHYDc) cluster3 (arbitrator, SUCrwqQjXToG5GKBwckcg_CtzgHstQigaEM1X0988E)
Mode   Current Active   Previous Active	Running cluster1
Standby Clusters Last Switchover Last Failover	cluster2
Last Seen	controller-0.cluster2: 2025-03-19 11:16:57.051 +0000 UTC controller-0.cluster3: 2025-03-19 11:16:57.047 +0000 UTC controller-0.cluster1: 2025-03-19 11:16:57.051 +0000 UTC

Last Peer Error	
Server Error	
DB Replication	streaming
DB Lag	0 bytes

## **Procedure**

**Step 1** Execute the **sedo supercluster switchover** < target-active-cluster-name > and confirm when prompted.

#### Example:

```
nxf@node:~$ sudo sedo supercluster switchover cluster2 Are you sure you want to initiate supercluster switchover to cluster "cluster2"? [y/n]y
```

The switchover takes place and the WebUI displays a message that says *Switchover happened. Please refresh the page*. The WebUI update takes about 20 seconds.

Step 2 SSH in to the new active node or using the Virtual IP. Run the **sedo supercluster status** command to view the supercluster status.

sedo supercluster status

```
Supercluster Status
Cluster ID
                  jaWeN9BdXUUTxvofwt6Hukt6OQXIUaqo4NxN6zHYDc
Cluster Name
                  cluster2
Cluster Role
                  worker
                  cluster1 (worker, QgQV2uXgP1udqshlIssyTwf3LZzEyRh6I3z5MH8almA)
Peers
                  cluster3 (arbitrator, SUCrwqQjXToG5GKBwckcg CtzgHstQigaEM1X0988E)
Mode
                 Running
                 cluster2
Current Active
Previous Active
                  cluster1
Standby Clusters
                  cluster1
Last Switchover
                  2025-03-19 11:20:49.705 +0000 UTC
Last Failover
                  controller-0.cluster1: 2025-03-19 11:24:07.056 +0000 UTC
Last Seen
                  controller-0.cluster2: 2025-03-19 11:24:07.058 +0000 UTC
                   controller-0.cluster3: 2025-03-19 11:24:07.058 +0000 UTC
Last Peer Error
Server Error
DB Replication
                   streaming
DB Lag
                   0 bytes
```

The DB replication status changes from Disconnected to Streaming as the switchover process progresses. Database replication is complete when the **DB Replication** status is streaming and **DB Lag** is 0 bytes.

#### Note

A switchover alarm is raised by Cisco Optical Network Controller during the switchover process. The alarm is cleared after the switchover. You can see the alarm details under Alarm History in the alarms app.

**Step 3** (Optional) Use the raft API to get the supercluster status.

# Example:

```
nxf@node:~$ kubectl exec -it onc-devicemanager-service-0 -- curl -X GET
http://controller.nxf-system.svc.cluster.local/api/v1/raft/status
```

The API response gives you the information from the **sedo supercluster status** command.

#### Restriction

- Do not perform a switchover until the **DB replication** status is Streaming and **DB Lag** is 0 bytes after the previous switchover. This typically takes five minutes.
- If you perform a switchover while a delete operation was in progress, you must repeat the deleted operation on the new active after the switchover. This restriction applies to node and circuit delete operations.
- If the active cluster goes down for some reason, a failover takes place. The web UI goes down for up to a minute during a failover. The switchover alarm is raised if a failover occurs.

# Upgrade a Standalone Deployment of Cisco Optical Network Controller to a Geo-Redundant Deployment

Cisco Optical Network Controller supports upgrades to 25.1.2 from previous releases. This table lists the upgrade paths you must follow.

#### Table 8: Upgrade paths

Current version	Upgrade Path to 25.1.2
24.3.2	24.3.2 > 25.1.2
25.1.1	25.1.1 > 25.1.2
24.3.1	24.3.1 > 24.3.2 > 25.1.2
	24.3.1 > 25.1.1 > 25.1.2

The following sections provide instructions for upgrading a standalone deployment of Cisco Optical Network Controller from Release 25.1.1 to 25.1.2 and configuring the necessary networks to ensure seamless communication between nodes in a geo-redundant supercluster.



#### Restriction

- Cisco Optical Network Controller does not support downgrading to an older release. To go back to an older version, take a database backup using the SWIMU application and install the older version using the ova file for the release. After installation, restore the database.
- You can only revert to a previous version if you have created a copy of the target Cisco Optical Network Controller database before upgrading Cisco Optical Network Controller, as described in Backup and Restore Database.

# Before you begin

• Backup Creation: Ensure that a full system backup is created. See Backup and Restore Database or use the sedo backup create full command and export the backup for recovery if needed. Use this backup to revert to the older version if your upgrade fails.

# **Example:**

```
root@conc-1:~# sedo backup create full
Creating backup, this may take a while...
Done creating backup
```

root@conc-1:~# sedo backup list

	NAME		TIME		r		SIZE	
ı		TYPE   HOSTNA	AME   POSTO	GRES VERSION			1	1
	base_0000000E00000				+0000	O UTC	87 MB	(838)
ı	MB Uncompressed)	full   postgi	res-0   15000	)8 	LL		Ĺ	

root@conc-1:/data# scp /data/nxf-backup-3.0-1736872559.tar.gz <remote location>

- Network Configuration: Before installing Cisco Optical Network Controller, three networks must be created.
  - **Control Plane Network:** The control plane network helps in the internal communication between the deployed VMs within a cluster.
  - VM Network or Northbound Network: The VM network is used for communication between the user and the cluster. It handles all the traffic to and from the VMs running on your ESXi hosts. This network is your public network through which the UI is hosted. Cisco Optical Network Controller uses this network to connect to Cisco Optical Site Manager devices using Netconf/gRPC.
  - Eastbound Network: The Eastbound Network helps in the internal communication between the deployed VMs within a supercluster. The active and standby nodes use this network to sync there databases. The postgres database is replicated across active and standby. MinIO is replicated on the arbitrator also.



Note

**Bandwidth requirement:** The Eastbound network should have a bandwidth of 1 Gbps and a latency less than 100 ms.

You can configure the Eastbound network to be a flat Layer 2 network or an L2VPN where the Eastbound IPs of all the nodes are in the same subnet. If your Eastbound IPs are in different subnets, you must configure static routing between your nodes for the eastbound network.

- **BGP Router Configuration:** Obtain the BGP router IP, Router autonomous system number, and BGP password from network administrators for configuration.
- VMware Setup: Ensure that the vCenter has the required networks configured and attached correctly. Verify that physical adapters are correctly mapped for Northbound and Eastbound networks.
- Access and Permissions: Ensure you have the necessary permissions to execute commands and modify network settings on the nodes.

#### **Procedure**

**Step 1** Log in to the standalone node CLI using the private key.

# **Example:**

```
ssh -i <private-key_file> nxf@<node_ip>
```

Step 2 Download or copy the 25.1.2 system pack system-pack-file.tar.gz to the NxF SA system running 25.1.1 and place it in the /tmp directory using curl or scp.

# **Example:**

```
scp user@remote_server:/path/to/system-pack-file.tar.gz /tmp/
curl -o /tmp/system-pack-file.tar.gz http://example.com/path/to/system-pack-file.tar.gz
```

**Step 3** Upgrade the SA VM from 25.1.1 to 25.1.2 using the sedo system upgrade commands:

# **Example:**

```
sedo system upgrade upload /tmp/system-pack-file.tar.gz
sedo system upgrade apply
rehoot
```

The system reboots and upgrades. The system takes approximately 30 minutes to complete this.

Step 4 After the system reboots, verify the NxF version and system status. Use the sedo version and sedo system status commands.

# **Example:**

sedo version

Installer: 24.3.2				
	NODE NAME	OS VERSION	KERNEL VERSION	
	node1-c1-sc2	NxFOS 3.2-555 (93358ad257a6cf1e3da439144e3d2e8343b53008)	6.1.0-31-amd64	

IMAGE NAME		1	VERSION	
	NODES		1 .21.0101	
docker.io/rancher/local-path	n-provisioner	ı	v0.0.30	
1	node1-c1-sc2		1	
dockerhub.cisco.com/cisco-or	nc-docker/dev/monitoring		dev latest	
•	node1-c1-sc2		' =	
quay.io/coreos/etcd			v3.5.15	
	node1-c1-sc2			
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443	3/cisco-onc-docker/dev/a	larmservice	24.3.2-5	
	node1-c1-sc2			
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443		ircuit-service	24.3.2-5	
	node1-c1-sc2			
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443		ollector-service	24.3.2-5	
	node1-c1-sc2		1	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443		onfig-service	24.3.2-5	
1	node1-c1-sc2		1	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443		evicemanager-service	24.3.2-5	
	node1-c1-sc2		1 04 0 0 5	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443	i i	nventory-service	24.3.2-5	
1	node1-c1-sc2		I 04 0 0 F	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443	s/cisco-onc-docker/dev/m	onitoring	24.3.2-5	

node1-c1-sc2	
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/nbi-service	24.3.2-5
node1-c1-sc2	24.3.2-3
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/netconfcollector-serv	ice   24 3 2-5
node1-c1-sc2	106   24.3.2 3
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/onc-apps-ui-service	24.3.2-5
node1-c1-sc2	24.3.2 3
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/onc-kafkarecap-service	<u> </u>
0.1.PR93-26c53efb0cf6ebc1f0c4a2aa226a0ab3751b9101   node1-c1-sc2	~ I
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/osapi-gw-service	24.3.2-5
node1-c1-sc2	1 21.0.2 0
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/pce service	24.3.2-5
node1-c1-sc2	1 21.0.2 0
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/pm-service	24.3.2-5
node1-c1-sc2	1
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/pmcollector-service	24.3.2-5
node1-c1-sc2	1
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/topology-service	24.3.2-5
node1-c1-sc2	1
registry.nxf-system.svc:8443/cisco-onc-docker/dev/torch	24.3.2-5
node1-c1-sc2	'
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/authenticator	3.2-508
node1-c1-sc2	'
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/bgp	3.2-505
node1-c1-sc2	'
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/controller	3.2-533
node1-c1-sc2	•
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/firewalld	3.2-505
node1-c1-sc2	•
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/flannel	3.2-505
node1-c1-sc2	
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/ingress-proxy	3.2-508
node1-c1-sc2	
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/kafka	3.2-505
node1-c1-sc2	
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/kubernetes	3.2-505
node1-c1-sc2	
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/loki	3.2-505
node1-c1-sc2	
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/metrics-exporter	3.2-505
node1-c1-sc2	
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/minio	3.2-505
node1-c1-sc2	
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/service-proxy	3.2-508
node1-c1-sc2	T
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/timescale	3.2-515
node1-c1-sc2	1
registry.sedona.ciscolabs.com/nxf/timescale	3.2-514
node1-c1-sc2	I
~	

# sedo system status

System Status (Fri, 20 Sep 2024 08:21:27 UTC)								
OWNER NAME NODE STATUS RESTAR				RESTARTS	STARTED			
onc monitoring		node1	Running	0	3 hours ago			
onc	onc-alarm-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago			
onc	onc-apps-ui-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago			
onc	onc-circuit-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago			
onc	onc-collector-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago			
onc	onc-config-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago			
onc	onc-devicemanager-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago			

onc	onc-inventory-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-nbi-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-netconfcollector-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-osapi-gw-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-pce-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-pm-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-pmcollector-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-topology-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
onc	onc-torch-service	node1	Running	0	3 hours ago
system	authenticator	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	controller	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	flannel	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	ingress-proxy	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	kafka	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	loki	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	metrics	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	minio	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	postgres	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	promtail-cltmk	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
system	vip-add	node1	Running	0	12 hours ago
		I	1		l I

**Step 5** Verify onboarded sites and services by accessing the Cisco Optical Network Controller UI.

#### Example:

Use a web browser to access https://<virtual ip>:8443/ to access the Cisco Optical Network Controller Web UI.

#### What to do next

Set Up Eastbound and Northbound Networks, on page 63

# **Set Up Eastbound and Northbound Networks**

# **Procedure**

Step 1 Verify the Eastbound (ens256) and Northbound (ens224) interfaces using the ip address command.

inet 172.10.10.11/24 brd 172.10.10.255 scope global ens256

valid\_lft forever preferred\_lft forever

# **Example:** ip address

```
3: ens224: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc mq state UP group default qlen 1000 link/ether 00:50:56:9c:16:fb brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
altname enp19s0 inet 192.168.10.11/24 brd 192.168.10.255 scope global ens224 valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever inet 10.64.103.73/32 scope global ens224 valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever inet 6e80::250:56ff:fe9c:16fb/64 scope link valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever

4: ens256: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc mq state UP group default qlen 1000 link/ether 00:50:56:9c:el:fc brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
altname enp27s0
```

```
inet6 fe80::250:56ff:fe9c:e1fc/64 scope link
  valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

#### Note

This sample output shows only the relevant part of the command output.

Step 2 Update the IP address for the northbound interface (ens224) by modifying the configuration file located at /etc/systemd/network/10-cloud-init-ens224.network.

#### **Example:**

```
[Address]
Address=<northbound-node1-ip-address>/<subnet>
[Match]
Name=ens224

[Network]
DHCP=no
DNS=<northbound-node1-dns>
[Route]
Destination=0.0.0.0/0
Gateway=<northbound-node1-gateway>
```

Step 3 Update the IP address of the Eastbound interface (ens256) by modifying the corresponding interface file located at /etc/systemd/network/10-cloud-init-ens256.network.

# **Example:**

```
[Address]
Address=<eastbound-node1-ip-address>/<subnet>
[Match]
Name=ens256

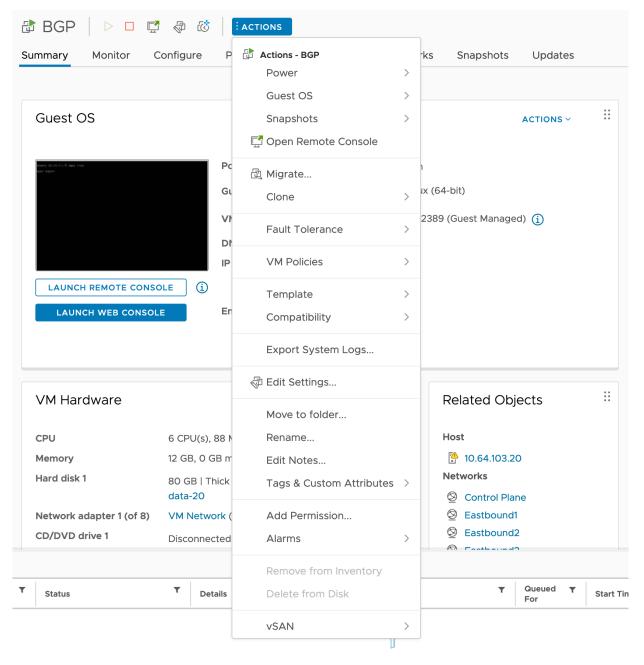
[Network]
DHCP=no
DNS=<eastbound-node1-dns>
# Optional - when static route is needed for eastbound network
[Route]
Destination=<network address need to be routed>/<subnet>
Gateway=<eastbound network gateway>
```

**Step 4** Restart the network service to apply the changes.

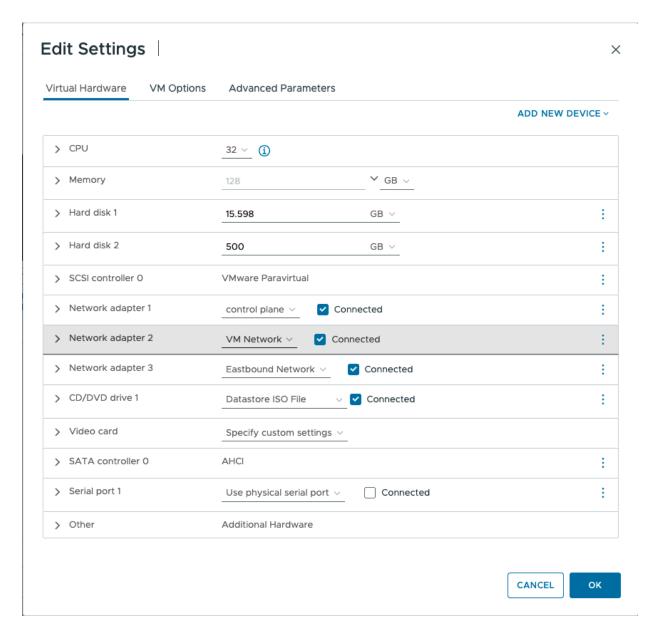
#### Example:

```
sudo systemctl restart systemd-networkd
```

- **Step 5** Verify and correct northbound and eastbound network settings for the node in vCenter.
  - a) In vCenter, click ACTIONS in the node screen.



- b) Click Edit Settings in the drop-down list.
- c) Update the Northbound and Eastbound network which you have created for the supercluster.



**Step 6** SSH into the upgraded node usinf the new northbound IP and run the following command.

 ${\bf sedo} \ {\bf system} \ {\bf set\text{-}eastbound} eastbound\text{-}interface$ 

# Example:

sedo system set-eastbound ens256

# What to do next

Bring up a Worker Node and an Arbitrator Node.

# **Bring Up a Worker Node and an Arbitrator Node**

#### **Procedure**

**Step 1** Follow the instructions at Install and Deploy Geo Redundant Cisco Optical Network Controller to create two more Cisco Optical Network Controller nodes for Geo-redundancy.

Create a worker node and an arbitrator node.

**Step 2** (Optional) Create static routes between the nodes for the Eastbound network if the Eastbound interfaces for the nodes are in different subnets. Modify the interface file located at /etc/systemd/network/10-cloud-init-ens256.network.

# **Example:**

```
# Optional - when static route is needed for eastbound network
[Route]
Destination=<network address need to be routed>/<subnet>
Gateway=<eastbound network gateway>
```

Add the preceding section with the necessary IP addresses to add static routes.

**Step 3** (Optional) Restart the network service to apply the changes.

## **Example:**

sudo systemctl restart systemd-networkd

## What to do next

Set Up the Supercluster, on page 51

# Update Timezone Configuration in a Geo-redundant Deployment

From Cisco Optical Network Controller Release 25.1.2, you can update the timezone configuration. Previously, only the UTC timezone was supported. Now you can configure Cisco Optical Network Controller in your preferred timezone.

For geo-redundant deployments, you must use the command to update the timezone in the CLI for each VM and then restart each VM according to the steps in this procedure to ensure a seamless change into the new timezone configuration. You must configure the same timezone in all three VMs. If the time zone configuration is different between VMs there may be discrepancy in the time after a failover or switchover.

#### Limitations

- Alarms and logs are saved in UTC in the database, which minimizes impact during time zone transitions, although during the transition period, for example, during a switchover, you might briefly see alarms with different time zone stamps in the UI before the system converges to the final setting.
- Do not make timezone changes frequently as they might cause inconsistencies and require reboots of VMs/services.

- When cross-launching from Cisco Optical Network Controller, the time zone offset will remain the same, but the IANA time zone name displayed in the cross-launched application might differ from the one configured in Cisco Optical Network Controller. This discrepancy occurs because the same timezone offset can have multiple IANA timezone names. For example, IANA names Asia/Colombo and Asia/Kolkata are both UTC +05:30.
- TAPI data and notifications continue to use UTC +0000.
- SNMP traps use epoch time without any time zone offset calculated on the epoch.
- Developer logs and techdump data uses UTC.

# Before you begin

You must perform these pre-checks on each VM before changing the timezone.

• Make sure all the pods are running by running the kubectl get pods -A | grep onc command. This example shows a sample output where all pods are running. Verify status of every pod is Running.

root@vm1-clust	er1-node1:~# kubectl get pods -A   grep onc		
onc 0	monitoring-0 21m	2/2	Running
onc 3 (51m ago)	onc-alarm-service-0 3h6m	2/2	Running
onc 3 (51m ago)	onc-apps-ui-service-6f95dfbc7c-60w87r3h6m	ne 2/2	Running
onc 3 (51m ago)	onc-circuit-service-0 3h6m	2/2	Running
onc 3 (51m ago)	onc-collector-service-0 3h6m	2/2	Running
onc 3 (51m ago)	onc-config-service-0 3h6m	2/2	Running
onc 3 (51m ago)	onc-devicemanager-service-0 3h6m	2/2	Running
onc 3 (51m ago)	onc-inventory-service-0 3h6m	2/2	Running
onc 3 (51m ago)	onc-nbi-service-0 3h6m	2/2	Running
onc 0	onc-netconfcollector-service-85bd7c89	9bf-qc8pf 2/2	Running
onc 3 (51m ago)	onc-osapi-gw-service-0 3h6m	2/2	Running
onc 3 (51m ago)	onc-pce-service-0 3h6m	2/2	Running
onc 3 (51m ago)	onc-pm-service-0 136m	2/2	Running
onc 0	onc-pmcollector-service-86dbcbc87b-9c21m	cnhc 2/2	Running

```
onc onc-topology-service-0 2/2 Running 3 (51m ago) 3h6m

onc onc-torch-service-0 2/2 Running 3 (51m ago) 3h6m
```

• Ensure that any previous switchover or failover is complete and data replication across active and standby nodes is complete. Use the **sedo supercluster status** to see the supercluster status. Make sure DB replication status is streaming and DB Lag is 0.

```
sedo supercluster status
```

```
Supercluster Status
Cluster ID
                 QCTdDdt_rlRd9lgzRM15vSeb0r1tkLMkfCK4DoAy1aw
Cluster Name
                 cluster1
Cluster Role
                 worker
Peers
                 cluster2 (worker, rabSbdhIWtq1qzhW11ZTm0Hu5_tIxOFZgDyWr5pac90)
                 cluster3 (arbitrator, XxHjr5wMmDyiYW6jbvaCcGZW8VIasb4sBv8x0B15DYk)
Mode
                  Running
Current Active
                 cluster1
Previous Active | cluster2
| Standby Clusters | cluster2
Last Switchover | 2025-06-09 00:34:46.826 -0500 CDT
Last Failover
Last Seen
                 controller-0.cluster3: 2025-06-09 00:58:23.636 -0500 CDT
                 controller-0.cluster2: 2025-06-09 00:58:23.641 -0500 CDT
                 controller-0.cluster1: 2025-06-09 00:58:23.641 -0500 CDT
```

```
Last Peer Error

| Server Error |
| DB Replication | streaming |
| DB Lag | 0 bytes |
```

# **Procedure**

**Step 1** SSH into each of the 3 VMs and run this command.

sudo timedatectl set-timezone timezone-name

# **Example:**

In the following example, we set the timezone to JST.

# A few valid timezones are:

Asia/Kolkata Asia/Dubai Europe/Amsterdam Africa/Bujumbura

- **Step 2** Reboot the standby cluster using the **sudo reboot** command.
- **Step 3** Verify the standby is up and running using these commands.
  - kubectl get pods -A | grep onc
  - sedo supercluster status

Verify the timezone in one of the pods using these commands. See the offset after the time.

```
root@vm1-cluster1-node1:~# kubectl exec -ti onc-torch-service-0 -n onc -- bash
onc-torch-service-0:/$ date -R
Mon, 09 Jun 2025 15:22:42 +0900
```

**Step 4** Perform a manual switchover using the **sedo supercluster switchover** *cluster* command. Wait for the switchover and data replication to complete.

```
\label{localizer} $$\operatorname{root@vm1-cluster1-node1:}$ $$\sim $\#$ sedo supercluster switchover cluster2$ $$ Are you sure you want to initiate supercluster switchover to cluster "cluster2"? [y/n] y $$ Make sure DB replication status is streaming and DB Lag is 0.
```

root@vm1-cluster1-node1:~# sedo supercluster status

		٦
Supercluster Statu	as	1
	Г	4
Cluster ID	QCTdDdt_rlRd9lgzRM15vSeb0r1tkLMkfCK4DoAy1aw	1
Cluster Name	cluster1	1
Cluster Role	worker	1
Peers	cluster2 (worker, rabSbdhIWtq1qzhW11ZTm0Hu5_tIxOFZgDyWr5pac90)	
1	cluster3 (arbitrator, XxHjr5wMmDyiYW6jbvaCcGZW8VIasb4sBv8x0B15DYk)	1
Mode	Running	1
Current Active	cluster2	
Previous Active	cluster1	1
Standby Clusters	cluster1	
Last Switchover	2025-06-09 15:23:29.686 +0900 JST	
Last Failover		
Last Seen	controller-0.cluster3: 2025-06-09 15:23:34.277 +0900 JST	
1	controller-0.cluster2: 2025-06-09 15:23:34.418 +0900 JST	
1	controller-0.cluster1: 2025-06-09 15:23:34.418 +0900 JST	1
Last Peer Error		
Server Error		
DB Replication	streaming	
DB Lag	0 bytes	
L	L	

root@vm109-cluster2-node1:~# kubectl get pods -A | grep onc

onc 50m	monitoring-0	2/2	Running	0
onc 4h23m	onc-alarm-service-0	2/2	Running	16 (65m ago)
onc 4h23m	onc-apps-ui-service-6c474df87d-6aq3bqd	2/2	Running	15 (65m ago)
onc 4h23m	onc-circuit-service-0	2/2	Running	15 (65m ago)
onc 4h23m	onc-collector-service-0	2/2	Running	15 (65m ago)
onc 4h23m	onc-config-service-0	2/2	Running	15 (65m ago)
onc 4h23m	onc-devicemanager-service-0	2/2	Running	17 (65m ago)
onc 4h23m	onc-inventory-service-0	2/2	Running	15 (65m ago)
onc 4h23m	onc-nbi-service-0	2/2	Running	15 (65m ago)
onc 3m18s	onc-netconfcollector-service-59b855956b-hrbbb	2/2	Running	0
onc 4h23m	onc-osapi-gw-service-0	2/2	Running	15 (65m ago)
onc 4h23m	onc-pce-service-0	2/2	Running	15 (65m ago)
onc 3h34m	onc-pm-service-0	2/2	Running	13 (65m ago)
onc 50m	onc-pmcollector-service-785669f8b7-7ndn4	2/2	Running	0
onc 4h23m	onc-topology-service-0	2/2	Running	15 (65m ago)
onc 4h23m	onc-torch-service-0	2/2	Running	16 (65m ago)

- **Step 5** Repeat steps 2 and 3 for the new standby VM.
- **Step 6** Repeat steps 2 and 3 for the arbitrator VM.
- **Step 7** Repeat step 4 if you want to make the original active VM the active VM again.

Timezone configuration has been updated and Cisco Optical Network Controller webUI now displays time in the newly configured timezone.

The following screenshots show the difference between the behaviour in 25.1.1 and 25.1.2. Note that the timestamps are displayed differently with the timezone name and offset included in the timestamp in Release 25.1.2.

Figure 22: Alarms in Release 25.1.2

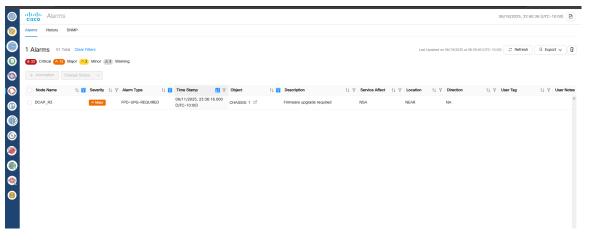


Figure 23: Alarms in Release 25.1.1



Figure 24: PM History in Release 25.1.2

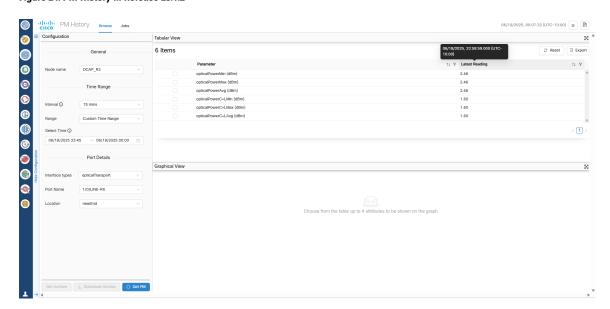


Figure 25: PM History in Release 25.1.1

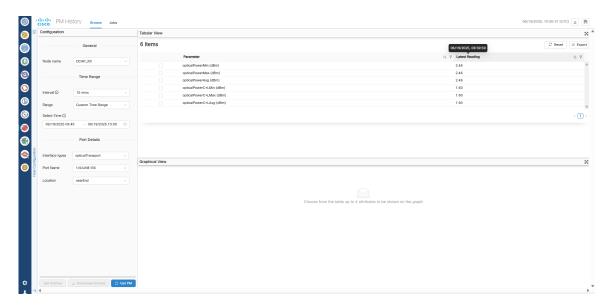


Figure 26: Nodes in Release 25.1.2

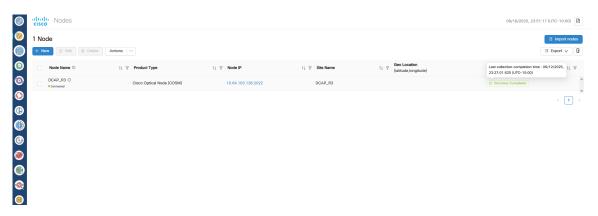


Figure 27: Nodes in Release 25.1.1



# **Revert to a Previous Version of Cisco Optical Network Controller**

This section describes how to revert to the previous version of Cisco Optical Network Controller after you have installed Cisco Optical Network Controller, for both geo-redundant and standalone deployments. This is a manual process—Automatic rollback is not supported. You cannot perform a revert from within Cisco Optical Network Controller.



#### Restriction

- Cisco Optical Network Controller does not support downgrading to an older release. To go back to an older version, take a database backup using the SWIMU application and install the older version using the ova file for the release. After installation, restore the database.
- You can only revert to a previous version if you have created a copy of the target Cisco Optical Network
  Controller database before upgrading Cisco Optical Network Controller, as described in Backup and
  Restore Database.

#### **Procedure**

# **Step 1** For standalone deployments:

- a) Reinstall the previous version of Cisco Optical Network Controller—The version from which you did the backup. See Install Cisco Optical Network Controller Using VMware vSphere, on page 1.
- b) Follow the procedure to perform database restore from a backup. See Backup and Restore Database.

# **Step 2** For geo-redundant deployments:

- a) Reinstall the previous version of Cisco Optical Network Controller—The version from which you did the backup. See Install and Deploy Geo Redundant Cisco Optical Network Controller, on page 33.
- b) Follow the procedure to perform database restore from a backup. See Backup and Restore Database.

Revert to a Previous Version of Cisco Optical Network Controller