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About Cisco Enterprise NFVIS

Cisco Enterprise Network Function Virtualization Infrastructure Software (Cisco Enterprise NFVIS) is a Linux-based infrastructure software designed to help service providers and enterprises to design, deploy and manage network services. Cisco Enterprise NFVIS helps dynamically deploy virtualized network functions, such as a virtual router, firewall, and WAN accelerator on supported Cisco devices. Such virtualized deployments of VNFs also leads to device consolidation. You no longer need separate devices. Automated provisioning and centralized management also eliminates costly truck rolls.

Cisco Enterprise NFVIS provides a Linux-based virtualization layer to the Cisco Enterprise Network Function Virtualization (ENFV) solution.

Cisco ENFV Solution Overview

The Cisco ENFV solution helps convert your critical network functions into a software which can deploy network services across dispersed locations in minutes. It provides a fully integrated platform that can run on top of a diverse network of both virtual and physical devices with the following primary components:

- Cisco Enterprise NFVIS
- VNFs
- Unified Computing System (UCS) and Enterprise Network Compute System (ENCS) hardware platforms
- Digital Network Architecture Center (DNAC)
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Benefits of Cisco Enterprise NFVIS

- Consolidates multiple physical network appliances into a single server running multiple virtual network functions.
- Deploys services quickly and in a timely manner.
- Cloud based VM life cycle management and provisioning.
- Life cycle management to deploy and chain VMs dynamically on the platform.
Supported Hardware Platforms

Depending on your requirement, you can install Cisco Enterprise NFVIS on the following Cisco hardware platforms:

- Cisco 5100 Series Enterprise Network Compute System (Cisco ENCS)
- Cisco 5400 Series Enterprise Network Compute System (Cisco ENCS)
- Cisco Catalyst 8200 Series Edge Universal CPE
- Cisco UCS C220 M4 Rack Server
- Cisco UCS C220 M5 Rack Server
- Cisco Cloud Services Platform 2100 (CSP 2100)
- Cisco Cloud Services Platform 5228 (CSP-5228), 5436 (CSP-5436) and 5444 (CSP-5444 Beta)
- Cisco ISR4331 with UCS-E140S-M2/K9
- Cisco ISR4351 with UCS-E160D-M2/K9
- Cisco ISR4451-X with UCS-E180D-M2/K9
- Cisco UCS-E160S-M3/K9 Server
- Cisco UCS-E180D-M3/K9
- Cisco UCS-E1120D-M3/K9

Cisco ENCS

The Cisco 5100 and 5400 Series Enterprise Network Compute System combines routing, switching, storage, processing, and a host of other computing and networking activities into a compact one Rack Unit (RU) box. This high-performance unit achieves this goal by providing the infrastructure to deploy virtualized network functions and acting as a server that addresses processing, workload, and storage challenges.

Cisco Catalyst 8200 Series Edge Universal CPE

The Cisco Catalyst 8200 Edge uCPE is the next generation of Cisco Enterprise Network Compute System 5100 Series that combines routing, switching and application hosting into a compact one rack unit device for the small and Medium Virtualized Branch. These platforms are designed to allow customers to run virtualized network functions and other applications as virtual machines on the same hardware platform powered by Cisco NFVIS hypervisor software. These devices are 8 Core x86 CPUs with HW Acceleration for IPSec crypto traffic with higher number of WAN ports. They have a NIM slot and a PIM slot to choose different WAN, LAN and LTE/5G modules for the Branch.

Cisco UCS C220 M4/M5 Rack Server

The Cisco UCS C220 M4 Rack Server is a high-density, general-purpose enterprise infrastructure and application server that delivers world class performance for a wide range of enterprise workloads, including virtualization, collaboration, and bare-metal applications.
Cisco CSP 2100-X1, 5228, 5436 and 5444 (Beta)

Cisco Cloud Services Platform is a software and hardware platform for data center network functions virtualization. This open kernel virtual machine (KVM) platform is designed to host networking virtual services. Cisco Cloud Services Platform devices enables network, security, and load balancer teams to quickly deploy any Cisco or third-party network virtual service.

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**Note**

CSP 5000 series devices support ixgbe drivers.

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**Caution**

If CSP platforms are running NFVIS, Return Material Authorization (RMA) is not supported.

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Cisco UCS E-Series Server Modules

The Cisco UCS E-Series Servers (E-Series Servers) are the next generation of Cisco UCS Express servers. E-Series Servers are a family of size, weight, and power efficient blade servers that are housed within the Generation 2 Cisco Integrated Services Routers (ISR G2), Cisco 4400, and Cisco 4300 Series Integrated Services Routers. These servers provide a general-purpose compute platform for branch office applications deployed either as bare metal on operating systems, such as Microsoft Windows or Linux; or as virtual machines on hypervisors.

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**Supported VMs**

Currently, Cisco Enterprise NFVIS supports the following Cisco VMs and third-party VMs:

- Cisco Catalyst 8000V Edge Software
- Cisco Integrated Services Virtual (ISRv)
- Cisco Adaptive Security Virtual Appliance (ASAv)
- Cisco Virtual Wide Area Application Services (vWAAS)
- Linux Server VM
- Windows Server 2012 VM
- Cisco Firepower Next-Generation Firewall Virtual (NGFWv)
- Cisco vEdge
- Cisco XE SD-WAN
- Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controller
- ThousandEyes
- Fortinet
- Palo Alto
- CTERA
Key Tasks You can Perform Using Cisco Enterprise NFVIS

- Perform VM image registration and deployment
- Create new networks and bridges, and assign ports to bridges
- Perform service chaining of VMs
- Perform VM operations
- Verify system information including CPU, port, memory, and disk statistics
- SR-IOV support on all interfaces of all platforms, with the exception of UCS-E backplane interface

The APIs for performing these tasks are explained in the API Reference for Cisco Enterprise NFVIS.

Note

NFVIS can be configured through Netconf interface, REST APIs and command-line interface as all the configurations are exposed through YANG models.

From a Cisco Enterprise NFVIS command-line interface, you can connect to another server and VMs remotely using the SSH client.
Set Up Cisco Enterprise NFVIS

This chapter provides information to unbox and configure Enterprise Network Compute System (ENCS) 5400 series platform devices to be accessed remotely over the WAN. You will provision a router VNF (Virtual Network Function) instance and further configure it to enable traffic flow from LAN to WAN.

This chapter covers the following use cases to set up the initial configuration:

- Set up using console serial cable.
- Set up using ethernet cable.

You should be able to complete the entire setup in 60 minutes.

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- Unpacking and Cabling ENCS 5400, on page 8
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Introduction to ENCS 5400 Platform Devices

Cisco Enterprise Network Compute System (ENCS) 5000 series is a family of compute appliances designed for a virtualized software-defined branch network architecture. ENCS is a purpose-built hybrid platform with a small infrastructure footprint that combines the functionality of a traditional router with a traditional server. It allows you to deploy network services, Virtual Network Functions (VNFs), within minutes. For more information on ENCS features and datasheet see, Cisco 5000 Series Enterprise Network Compute System.

This chapter introduces you to ENCS 5400 series devices and its key components. This series includes the following models:

- ENCS 5406
- ENCS 5408
- ENCS 5412
Installation Prerequisites

As a prerequisite, ensure that you have the following before getting started on the setup of the device:

- ENCS 5400 device with supporting power cables
- One console serial cable or two ethernet cables of suitable length
- Windows or Mac Laptop with Terminal software that supports serial port connections
- One available LAN IP address (10.29.43.84) to access the ENCS device on the LAN at this address for administration purposes.
- Subnet mask (255.255.255.0) and Gateway IP address (10.29.43.1) to manage the ENCS device on your LAN. Ask your local LAN administrator for your environment.

Components of ENCS 5400 Series

Hardware

Figure 1: Install hardware ports

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**Cisco IMC**

Cisco Integrated Management Controller (CIMC) is an out-of-band embedded management service that runs natively on the device. You can access Cisco IMC console either through serial console cable, or an ethernet cable. It supports multiple interfaces, including a web user interface, a command-line interface (CLI), and an XML API.

You can perform firmware upgrade, BIOS upgrade, install and upgrade operating system and so on from Cisco IMC. For more information see, CIMC Access Control.

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**Note**

In this guide we will not be using Cisco IMC to complete the minimal setup.

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**NFVIS**

Cisco Network Function Virtualization Infrastructure Software (NFVIS) is an operating system software for software-defined branch network virtualization deployments. NFVIS is the operating system for all ENCS series of devices. NFVIS is based on open source Kernel-based Virtual Machine (KVM) hypervisor.

NFVIS enables you to run one or more network services like router, firewall and so on as Virtual Machines (VMs) also known as Virtual Network Functions (VNFs) on a single hardware platform.

You can access NFVIS through:

- Serial console port using a serial console cable, or
- Dedicated NFVIS management ethernet port which gives you access to the web-based GUI console, or
This chapter includes instructions to setup an ENCS device using the GUI console.

For more information on NFVIS see, Enterprise NFV Infrastructure Software.

**VNFs**

Virtual Network Functions (VNFs), is a collective term used to describe virtualized network services such as a virtual router, a virtual firewall, a virtual load balancer and so on. VNF is synonymous to Virtual Machine (VM).

Every ENCS device comes pre-installed with a virtual appliance image file of Cisco virtual Integrated Services Router (ISRv). This chapter describes how to use this image file to create a router VNF instance and then configure it to enable traffic on the LAN to flow towards the WAN.

**Unpacking and Cabling ENCS 5400**

**Unpacking the Device**

The device, accessory kit, publications, and any optional units may be shipped in more than one container. When you unpack the containers, check the packing list to ensure that you have received all the items on the list.

Only unpack the product when you are ready to install it. This will help prevent accidental damage.

Remove the ENCS device from the shipping box and rack it up as per the instructions in the box.

**Cabling**

The device will automatically power-on when you connect the power cable to the device. Configure NFVIS management IP address on the device, so that it can be managed remotely over the LAN.

You can configure NFVIS management IP address on the device using:

- Serial console cable: Connect your laptop to the serial port on the device using a serial console cable and set up the NFVIS IP address. Also use the Ethernet cable to connect the device management Ethernet port to local management network and then access the device remotely for further configurations.

  To access the device over a dedicated management Ethernet port use the serial console cable to setup the device management IP address. You can then access the NFVIS portal using the configured device management IP address for the installation procedure.

  Connect one end of the serial console cable to the port labeled **CONSOLE** on the ENCS device and the other end to your laptop serial port or USB port.
• Ethernet cable: Connect your laptop to the management Ethernet port on the device using an Ethernet cable and set up the NFVIS IP address. To manage the device remotely over the management network, reconnect the management port to the local management network.

Connect one end of the Ethernet cable to the **MGMT CPU** port on the ENCS device and the other end to your laptop Ethernet port or local switch.

**Install NFVIS on ENCS 5400 Platforms**

After unboxing and cabling the ENCS device:

1. Set up the NFVIS management IP address to access the device remotely over LAN.
2. Create a VNF instance using Cisco ISRv router on NFVIS web-based GUI console.
3. Configure ISRv router to enable LAN to WAN connectivity.
4. Validate LAN to WAN connectivity.
Access NFVIS

1. For initial NFVIS login, the default username is **admin** and the default password is **Admin123#**.

   NFVIS Version: 3.12.3

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2. Immediately after the initial login, the system prompts you to change the default password. All other operations are blocked until default password is changed.

   You must adhere to the following rules to create a strong password:

   • Must contain at least one upper case and one lower case letter.
   • Must contain at least one number and one special character (# _ - *?).
   • Must contain seven characters or greater. Length should be between 7 and 128 characters.

3. After you change the password you will be at the nfvis prompt.
4. After you log into NFVIS, you can see the information about NFVIS version. You can then decide if you want to install or upgrade to a newer version.

```
admin connected from ::1 using ssh on nfvis
admin logged with default credentials
Setting admin password will disable zero touch deployment
Do you wish to proceed? [y or n] y
Please provide a password which satisfies the following criteria:
  1. At least one lowercase character
  2. At least one uppercase character
  3. At least one number
  4. At least one special character from # _ - * ?
  5. Length should be between 7 and 128 characters
Please reset the password:
Please reenter the password:

Resetting admin password

New admin password is set

nfvis#
System message at 2020-01-08 03:10:10 ...
Commit performed by system via system using system.

```

Configure the Device Management IP Address

1. Configure the device management IP address.

```
configure terminal
system settings mgmt ip address 10.29.43.84 255.255.255.0
bridges bridge wan-br no dhcp
bridges bridge wan2-br no dhcp
system settings default-gw 10.29.43.1
```
2. The device management IP address is now set to 10.29.43.84 and you can access NFVIS remotely at this address.

3. Use the `show system settings-native` command to confirm the settings and display the current values.

4. To logout from the system enter `Exit`.

**Access NFVIS Portal**

To access NFVIS portal:

1. Connect your laptop to the local ethernet management network. Enter https://10.29.43.84 in your web browser’s address bar. We recommend that you use Google Chrome.
2. To login to NFVIS portal, the username is **admin** and password is the new generated password. You will see the NFVIS dashboard which provides a summary of activities on the device.
Create and Deploy a Virtual Router

To deploy a virtual router on a factory shipped ENCS 5400 device:

1. Chose VM Life Cycle > Image Repository from the navigation tree on the left of the interface. Here you will see all the previously uploaded images in the device.

For a factory shipped ENCS 5400 device, in Images, the only available image is `isrv.tar.gz` and in Profiles, you can see `isrv-mini`, `isrv-small` and `isrv-medium` or `C8000V-mini`, `C8000V-small` and `C8000V-medium`. 
In Images you can see information about the available images and make a note of the version for an upgrade if required. The ACTIVE state of the image indicates that the image is registered and ready for deployment.

2. Chose VM Life Cycle > Deploy.
You can a catalog of various VNFs at the top of the page. The default configuration of the device at the center of the page has LAN, WAN, and WAN2 networks.

3. To create a router instance with a LAN and WAN connection click and drag ROUTER to the center of the page. To configure a connection to the WAN, click ROUTER on the page and drag it to the `wan-net` line.

Select the connected line to view the details. In the vNIC details pane you will see that the interface `GigabitEthernet2` is associated with the WAN (`wan-net`). Record this interface name to use the same name to configure the WAN subnet later.
To configure a LAN connection, click **ROUTER** again and this time drag it to the **lan-net** line.

Select the connected line to view the details. In the vNIC details pane you will see that interface **GigabitEthernet3** is associated with the LAN (**lan-net**). Record this interface name to use this same name to configure the local subnet later.
4. Click on ROUTER and enter the VM Details:

Profile: isrv-small  
SSH USERNAME: admin  
SSH PASSWORD: time44Fun  
Port Number: 22  
External Port Range: 2001  
Source Bridge: MGMT  
Deployment Disk: datastore1(internal)

These values indicate that the VM uses **isrv-small** profile which is has 2 CPUs, 4 GB of memory, and 8 GB of disk space. You can remotely login to this VM through SSH with the credentials specified in **SSH USERNAME** and **SSH PASSWORD**. The **Port Number** and **External Port Range** values maps port 2001 on the management network IP address to port number 22 in the VM, as required for SSH connectivity into the VM over the management network (Source Bridge = MGMT). This VNF will be stored in the default datastore named as datastore1(internal).
5. Click **Deploy** to deploy the VM and see the progress of the deployment on the right side of the page. A successful deployment is indicated through a pop-up message on the corner of the page.
6. To monitor the progress of the router VNF booting, choose **VM Life Cycle > Manage**.

The status of the deployment is displayed in **VM Status Overview**. Click on the refresh button to get the latest status.

7. When the router VNF is ready you can see all the data related to it.
You have now completed the creation and deployment of ISRv router VNF instance.

**LAN to WAN Connectivity**

After successfully creating and deploying the virtual router, configure the virtual router to enable traffic flow from the LAN network to the WAN. The following image shows the LAN to WAN connectivity through a virtual router:
The traffic flow from the laptop to WAN is through the physical 8-port embedded switch in ENCS and the OVS virtual switch lan-net. The laptop is connected to port GE1/0 on the embedded 8-port switch with an Ethernet cable. The laptop has 10.0.0.3 as static IP address, 10.0.0.1 as gateway IP address and subnet mask as 255.255.255.0.

By default, GE1/0 port is configured to be in access mode with VLAN tag 1, the internal virtual lan-net OVS switch is in trunk mode and the virtual router is configured to accept the untagged traffic.

The gateway IP address 10.0.0.1 is configured on the virtual router. The virtual router is connected to the external WAN port that enables traffic to flow to and from the WAN.

During the router VNF deployment, you need to set external port, and source-bridge pointing out same bridge that is used to provide access to the system, such as wan-br or lan-br. Now you should be able to SSH to this router VNF from your laptop on the management network. To login:
ssh admin@10.29.43.84:2001

Use the same password as what you had specified while creating the VNF instance:

time44Fun

Configure the LAN facing interface of the router to 10.0.0.1/24 subnet:

```plaintext
interface GigabitEthernet3
ip address 10.0.0.1 255.255.255.0
```

Configure the WAN side of the router:

```plaintext
interface GigabitEthernet2
ip address 172.16.1.10 255.255.255.0
```

Set the default route:

```plaintext
ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 172.16.1.1
```

Now from the laptop you should be able to reach any destination on the WAN.

You have now successfully deployed a virtual router on a factory shipped ENCS 5400 device. For further configurations, see Cisco Enterprise Network Function Virtualization Infrastructure Software Configuration Guide.
CHAPTER 3

Install Cisco Enterprise NFVIS

This chapter describes how to install Cisco NFVIS through Cisco IMC and USB for the supported hardware platforms.

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Install NFVIS Through CIMC

Install NFVIS on ENCS 5400 Platform

Software or hardware RAID controller setup is not supported on Cisco ENCS 5400 platform devices. NFVIS is not installed on RAID disk group. RAID disk group on ENCS 5400 platform devices is used for extdatastore only.

Step 1
Log into CIMC.
The recommended CIMC version for ENCS 5400 platforms is 3.2(7) or later version.

Step 2
To launch KVM Console, Select Launch KVM from the CIMC homepage.
You can choose Java or HTML based KVM. It is recommended to use HTML based KVM. Ensure that the pop-up blocker is disabled as KVM Console will open in a separate window.

Step 3
To map virtual media from the KVM Console:
a) Select Virtual Media and then Activate Virtual Devices.
b) Select Virtual Media again and then Map CD/DVD. Browse and select the Cisco Enterprise NFVIS ISO image. Click Open and Map Drive to mount the image.
c) Select Virtual Media again to ensure the NFVIS ISO image is now mapped to CD/DVD.

Step 4
To configure Boot Order:
a) From the CIMC Compute, select BIOS.
b) Select Configure Boot Order and the Configure Boot Order dialog box appears.
c) From the CD/DVD page, select Cisco vKVM-Mapped vDVD, and select Add.
d) From HDD, select RAID Adapter, and then select Add.
e) Set the boot order sequence using the **Up** and **Down** options. The **Cisco vKVM-Mapped vDVD** boot order must be the first choice. **Save Changes** to complete the boot order setup.

**Note** To configure Boot Order for UEFI through CIMC, the supported BIOS version is 2.10 or later. If any other BIOS version is used, you must configure UEFI Boot Order through the BIOS setup menu and set **BootOrderRules** to **Loose**.

To configure Boot Order for UEFI:

a) From the **CIMC Compute**, select **BIOS**.
b) Select **Configure Boot Order** and the **Configure Boot Order** dialog box appears.
c) Use >>, <<, up and down buttons to make **UEFI Image Map** as the first option in the right-hand column of the user interface.
d) Use the >>, <<, up and down buttons again to make **UEFI OS** as the second option in the right-hand column of the user interface.
e) Click **Save changes**.

You can also configure Boot Order for UEFI using CLI. The following is an example to configure Boot Order for UEFI using CLI:

```
Server# scope bios
Server /bios # set boot-order uefimap,uefios
To manage boot-order:
- Reboot server to have your boot-order settings take place
- Do not disable boot options via BIOS screens
- If a specified device type is not seen by the BIOS, it will be removed from the boot order configured on the BMC
- Your boot order sequence will be applied subject to the previous rule.
  The configured list will be appended by the additional device types seen by the BIOS
Server /bios *# commit
Server /bios # show detail
BIOS:
  BIOS Version:"UCSEDM3.2.10b5 (Build Date:02/27/2020)"
  Boot Order: UEFIMAP,UEFIOS
  FW Update/Recovery Status: None, OK
  Active BIOS on next reboot: main
  UEFI Secure Boot: enabled
```

**Step 5** Power cycle server to start the installation:

From CIMC homepage, select **Host Power**. Reboot the server by selecting the **Power Off** option. After the server is down, select the **Power On** option.

When the server reboots, the KVM console automatically installs Cisco Enterprise NFVIS from the virtual CD/DVD drive. The entire installation might take 30 minutes to one hour to complete.

**Step 6** For ENCS 5400 platforms, auto-upgrade the firmware.

Starting from NFVIS 3.8.x release, firmware auto-upgrade is supported. After the NFVIS installation is complete, BIOS or CIMC is upgraded to the corresponding versions automatically. CIMC and NFVIS is rebooted multiple times. The firmware upgrade might take 30 minutes to one hour to complete. Do not use the system during the firmware upgrade.

**Step 7** After the installation is complete, the system automatically reboots from the hard drive. Log into the system when the command prompt **nfvis login** is displayed after the reboot.

Use **admin** as the login name and **Admin123#** as the default password.
The system prompts you to change the default password at the first login attempt. You must set a strong password as per the on-screen instructions to proceed with the application. You cannot run API commands or proceed with any tasks unless you change the default password at the first login. API will return 401 unauthorized error if the default password is not reset.

**Step 8**  Verify the installation using the System API, CLI, or by viewing the system information from the Cisco Enterprise NFV portal.

**Step 9**  Configure hostname and assign a management IP address to access NFVIS.

Connect ethernet management port to the network for management access. To enable IP address based access over ethernet for NFVIS, use the serial console connection port.

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**Default System Configuration on the Cisco ENCS**

The diagram below illustrates the default network configuration of Cisco Enterprise NFVIS with the Cisco ENCS.

*Figure 6: Default Network Configuration of Cisco Enterprise NFVIS with the Cisco ENCS 5400*
LAN ports—Eight physical Gigabit Ethernet ports for inbound and outbound traffic.

WAN port—You can use one of the dual media Ethernet ports (wan-br and wan2-br) for DHCP connection.

Bridges—They form a Layer 2 domain between virtual network interface controllers (vNICs) of VMs. A vNIC is used by a virtual machine to provide virtual network interfaces by defining a range of MAC addresses. The default management IP address (192.168.1.1) for the NFVIS host is configured on the management port. Multiple VMs can use the same LAN port for local connectivity.

Network—it is a segment Layer 2 bridge domain where only the specific VLAN traffic is allowed.

Reserved VLANs in the LAN network on the ENCS 5400 platform—the VLAN range 2350-2449 is reserved for internal use and should not be used on the external switch ports and for virtual machines in the LAN ports. Note that this limitation doesn't apply to the WAN ports.

Internal 192.168.10.0/24 and 192.168.50.0/24 networks—The IP subnet 192.168.10.0/24 and 192.168.50.0/24 are used for the ENCS-5400 internal networks. A user should not use this IP subnet on the NFVIS management network. In the future NFVIS releases, this internal subnet will be isolated so that users can use this for NFVIS management.
The following networks and bridges are automatically configured. You can configure more as required.

- A LAN network (lan-net) and a LAN bridge (lan-br)
- A WAN network (wan-net) and a WAN bridge (wan-br)

wan2-net and wan2-br are the default configurations for ENCS 5400 and ENCS 5100.

Note

The default networks and bridges cannot be deleted.

Install NFVIS on USC C-Series Servers and CSP Platforms

UCS-C series devices has to configure RAID disk group before installing NFVIS. UCS-C supports only single RAID disk group for fresh installation.

Step 1
Log in to CIMC.

The recommended CIMC version for USC-C Series Servers and Cisco CSP platforms is 3.0(3c) or later version.

Step 2
To launch KVM Console, Select Launch KVM from the CIMC homepage.

You can choose Java or HTML based KVM. It is recommended to use HTML based KVM. Ensure that the pop-up blocker is disabled as KVM Console will open in a separate window.

Step 3
To map virtual devices from the KVM Console:

a) Select Virtual Media and then Activate Virtual Devices.
b) Select Virtual Media again and then Map CD/DVD. Browse and select the Cisco Enterprise NFVIS ISO image. Click Open and Map Drive to mount the image.
c) Select Virtual Media again to ensure the NFVIS ISO image is now mapped to CD/DVD.

Step 4
To configure boot order:

a) From the CIMC Compute, select BIOS.
b) Select Configure Boot Order and the Configure Boot Order dialog box appears.
c) Select Advanced.
d) The Add Boot Device page appears. Select Add Virtual Media, and the Add Virtual Media dialog box appears. Enter a name and select KVM Mapped DVD. Set state to Enabled and order as 1, and Save Changes.
f) The Add Boot Device page appears again, select Add Local HDD, and Add Virtual Media dialog box appears.
g) Enter a name, set state to Enabled and order as 2, and Save Changes.
h) Click Close.

Step 5
Power cycle server to start the installation:

From CIMC homepage, select Host Power. Reboot the server by selecting the Power Off option. After the server is down, select the Power On option.

When the server reboots, the KVM console automatically installs Cisco Enterprise NFVIS from the virtual CD/DVD drive. The entire installation might take 30 minutes to one hour to complete.

Step 6
After the installation is complete, the system automatically reboots from the hard drive. Log into the system when the command prompt nfvis login is displayed after the reboot.
Use `admin` as the login name and `Admin123#` as the default password.

**Note**  
The system prompts you to change the default password at the first login attempt. You must set a strong password as per the on-screen instructions to proceed with the application. You cannot run API commands or proceed with any tasks unless you change the default password at the first login. The API commands will return 401 unauthorized error if the default password is not reset.

**Step 7**  
Verify the installation using the System API, CLI, or by viewing the system information from the Cisco Enterprise NFV portal.

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**Default System Configuration on the Cisco UCS C220 M4 Server and Cisco CSP 2100**

Configuring the networks in Cisco Enterprise NFVIS allows inbound and outbound traffic and VMs to be service chained. The following diagram illustrates the default network configuration:

*Figure 8: Default Network Configuration with Cisco UCS C220 M4 and Cisco CSP 2100*

The following networks and bridges are created by default, and cannot be deleted. You can configure more as required.

- A LAN network (lan-net) and a LAN bridge (lan-br)—The default static management IP address (192.168.1.1) for the NFVIS host is configured on the LAN bridge. One of the ports for inbound and outbound traffic are associated with the LAN bridge. Any LAN port can be used to access the default static IP address. By default, the hostname is set to "nfvis".

- A WAN network (wan-net) and a WAN bridge (wan-br)—This is created with the "eth0" port, and is configured to enable the DHCP connection.

By default, the first port on the device is associated with the WAN bridge. One of the other ports on the device are associated with the LAN bridge.

For more details about the initial setup, see the Installing the Server chapter in the *Cisco UCS C220 M4 Server Installation and Service Guide* or *Cisco Cloud Services Platform 2100 Hardware Installation Guide*.

**Install NFVIS on UCS-E Series Servers**

- UCS-E Single-Wide supports only single RAID disk group for fresh installation. UCS-E Double-Wide series supports single or dual RAID disk groups for NFVIS 4.1 fresh installation, or one RAID disk group for NFVIS 3.X fresh installation.
• Single disk group (4 disks): RAID0/RAID1/RAID10/RAID5. If FDE disks are used, you can also enable Secured RAID0/RAID1/RAID10/RAID5.

• Dual disk groups (2 disks each): RAID0/RAID1 or Secured RAID0/RAID1 if FDE disks are used. NFVIS installation does not support any configuration with JBOD disk.

For more information, see Managing Storage Using RAID for UCS-E devices

• Configure the Gigabit Ethernet interface on the Cisco ISR router.

• Configure the UCS E interface on the Cisco ISR router. The following sample configuration shows the basic configuration performed on the Cisco ISR 4451 router with DHCP enabled.

Last configuration change at 02:36:37 UTC Thu Feb 18 2016
!
version 15.5
service timestamps debug datetime msec
service timestamps log datetime msec
no platform punt-keepalive disable-kernel-core
!
hostname NFVIS-ISR4451
!
boot-start-marker
boot system bootflash:isr4300-universalk9.03.16.01a.S.155-3.S1a-ext.SPA.bin
boot-end-marker
!
!
vrff definition Mgmt-intf
!
address-family ipv4
exit-address-family
!
address-family ipv6
exit-address-family
!
!
no aaa new-model
!
!
ip domain name cisco.com
!
!
sUBSCRIPTION templating
!
multilink bundle-name authenticated
!
!
license udi pid ISR4331/K9 sn FDO192207MN
!
!
ucse subslot 1/0
  imc access-port shared-lom console
  imc ip address 172.19.183.172 255.255.255.0 default-gateway 172.19.183.1
!
spanning-tree extend system-id
!
redundancy
mode none
!
!
vlan internal allocation policy ascending
!
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
  ip address 172.19.183.171 255.255.255.0
  media-type rj45
  negotiation auto
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/1
  no ip address
  shutdown
  negotiation auto
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/2
  no ip address
  shutdown
  negotiation auto
!
interface ucse1/0/0
  ip unnumbered GigabitEthernet0/0/0
  negotiation auto
  switchport mode trunk
  no mop enabled
  no mop sysid
!
interface ucse1/0/1
  no ip address
  no negotiation auto
  switchport mode trunk
  no mop enabled
  no mop sysid
!
interface GigabitEthernet0
  vrf forwarding Mgmt-intf
  no ip address
  shutdown
  negotiation auto
!
interface Vlan1
  no ip address
  shutdown
!
  ip default-gateway 172.19.183.1
  ip forward-protocol nd
  no ip http server
  no ip http secure-server
  ip tftp source-interface GigabitEthernet0
  ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 172.19.183.1
  ip route 172.19.183.172 255.255.255.255 ucse1/0/0
  ip ssh version 2
!
!
control-plane
!
!
line con 0
  stopbits 1
line aux 0
stopbits 1
line vty 0 4
password lab
login local
transport input all
transport output all
!
!
end

Note Ensure that following supported firmware versions or above are available:

- BIOS UCSED.2.5.0.3 or later for UCS-E160D-M2/K9 and UCS-E180D-M2/K9
- BIOS UCSES.1.5.0.5 or later for UCS-E140S-M2/K9
- BIOS UCSEM3_2.5 or later for UCS-E160S-M3
- BIOS UCSEDM3_2.5 or later for UCS-E180D-M3 and UCS-E1120D-M3

**Step 1**
Log in to CIMC.

**Note** The recommended CIMC version for USC-E Series Servers is 3.2(7) or later version.

**Step 2**
To launch KVM Console, Select Launch KVM from the CIMC homepage.

You can choose Java or HTML based KVM. It is recommended to use HTML based KVM. Ensure that the pop-up blocker is disabled as KVM Console will open in a separate window.

**Step 3**
To map virtual media from the KVM Console:

a) Select Virtual Media and then Activate Virtual Devices.

b) Select Virtual Media again and then Map CD/DVD. Browse and select the Cisco Enterprise NFVIS ISO image. Click Open and Map Drive to mount the image.

c) Select Virtual Media again to ensure the NFVIS ISO image is now mapped to CD/DVD.

**Step 4**
Configure boot order.

a) From the CIMC Compute, select BIOS.

b) Select Configure Boot Order and the Configure Boot Order dialog box appears.

c) From the CD/DVD page, select Cisco vKVM-Mapped vDVD, and select Add.

d) From HDD, select RAID Adapter, and then select Add.

e) Set the boot order sequence using the Up and Down options. The Cisco vKVM-Mapped vDVD boot order must be the first choice. Save Changes to complete the boot order setup.

**Note** To configure Boot Order for UEFI through CIMC, the supported BIOS version is 2.10 or later. If any other BIOS version is used, you must configure UEFI Boot Order through the BIOS setup menu and set BootOrderRules to Loose.

To configure Boot Order for UEFI:

a) From the CIMC Compute, select BIOS.
b) Select **Configure Boot Order** and the **Configure Boot Order** dialog box appears.

c) Use >>, <<, up and down buttons to make **UEFI Image Map** as the first option in the right-hand column of the user interface.

d) Use the >>, <<, up and down buttons again to make **UEFI OS** as the second option in the right-hand column of the user interface.

e) Click **Save changes**.

**Step 5**

Power cycle server to start the installation:

From CIMC homepage, select **Host Power**. Reboot the server by selecting the **Power Off** option. After the server is down, select the **Power On** option.

When the server reboots, the KVM console automatically installs Cisco Enterprise NFVIS from the virtual CD/DVD drive. The entire installation might take 30 minutes to one hour to complete.

**Step 6**

For ENCS 5000 series platforms, auto-upgrade the firmware.

Starting from NFVIS 3.8.x release, firmware auto-upgrade is supported. After the NFVIS installation is complete, BIOS or CIMC is upgraded to the corresponding versions automatically. CIMC and NFVIS is rebooted multiple times. The firmware upgrade might take 30 minutes to one hour to complete. Do not use the system during the firmware upgrade.

**Step 7**

After the installation is complete, the system automatically reboots from the hard drive. Log into the system when the command prompt **nfvis login** is displayed after the reboot.

Use **admin** as the login name and **Admin123#** as the default password.

**Note** The system prompts you to change the default password at the first login attempt. You must set a strong password as per the on-screen instructions to proceed with the application. You cannot run API commands or proceed with any tasks unless you change the default password at the first login. API will return 401 unauthorized error if the default password is not reset.

**Step 8**

Verify the installation using the System API, CLI, or by viewing the system information from the Cisco Enterprise NFV portal.

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**Default System Configuration on the Cisco UCS E-Series Servers**

*Figure 9: Default Network Configuration with a Cisco UCS E-Series Server*
The following networks and bridges are created by default, and cannot be deleted. You can configure more as required.

- A LAN network (lan-net) and a LAN bridge (lan-br)—The default static management IP address (192.168.1.1) for the NFVIS host is configured on the LAN bridge. All other ports for inbound and outbound traffic are associated with the LAN bridge. By default, the hostname is set to "nfvis".
- A WAN network (wan-net) and a WAN bridge (wan-br)—The physical WAN ports are on the Cisco ISR module. They are not externally available on the Cisco UCS E server. The WAN traffic comes from the ISR WAN ports, and goes through the backplane to the Cisco UCS-E server. The backplane has one internal WAN interface (GE0) to establish connection with the Cisco UCS-E server. By default, the "GE0" interface is enabled for the DHCP connection.

For more details on the initial setup, see the Getting Started Guide for Cisco UCS E-Series Servers and the Cisco UCS E-Series Network Compute Engine.

Install NFVIS Through USB

Install Cisco Enterprise NFVIS on Cisco ENCS 5104 and Cisco Catalyst 8200 UCPE

Before you begin

For Cisco Catalyst 8200 UCPE installation ensure that you install NFVIS only on one drive and only that drive be present at the time of installation.

For Cisco Catalyst 8200 UCPE, it is recommended to set the BIOS password after you log into NFVIS.

To set the BIOS password, use the `hostaction change-bios-password` command. Without this step, you will not be able to select the device to install NFVIS.

Step 1 Create bootable USB with NFVIS image.

In this example, we used Rufus utility in Windows environment. Rufus utility can be downloaded https://rufus.akeo.ie/.
For this example, following parameters were used to burn bootable NFVIS USB device:

- Device: USB stick
- Partition scheme: MBR
- Filesystem: FAT32
- Cluster size: use default
- Volume label: use default
- Quick format: checked
- Create bootable: select "ISO Image" and click next icon then choose NFVIS image.
- Create extended label: checked

Press Start and wait for completion.
Eject USB thumb drive

**Step 2** Insert USB device in one of USB slot in ENCS5104.

**Step 3** Power on system.

**Step 4** During system boot up, press F6 key.

Press <DEL> or <F2> to enter setup, <F6> Boot Menu, <F12> Network Boot in 5 seconds or press any key to continue.

**Step 5** Once you press F6, you will see the following screenshot to select which device you want to boot from. Select your USB device.

In the following screenshot example, there is STEC USB being used. That display will vary depending on your usb device vendor. Use the arrow key to select that device.
Step 6 Wait until installation is completed. System will be rebooted once installation is done.

Step 7 Log into the system with username admin and Admin123# as a default password.

Step 8 You will be prompted and asked to change password at the first login. You must set a strong password per the on-screen instruction to proceed.

Step 9 You can verify the installation status using the System API or command line interface per the NFVIS user guide.

What to do next
You can verify the default configuration, and set up initial IP configuration to launch the Cisco Enterprise NFV portal.

Default System Configuration on Cisco Catalyst 8200 UCPE

The diagram below illustrates the default network configuration of Cisco Enterprise NFVIS with the Cisco ENCS.
- NFVIS can be accessed by default through the WAN port or GE0/2 LAN port for management.
- WAN network (wannet and wan2net) and WAN bridge (wanbr and wan2br) are set to enable DHCP by default. GE0 is associated to WAN bridge and WAN2 bridge by default.
- The management IP address 192.168.1.1 on Cisco Catalyst 8200 UCPE is accessible through GE0/2.
- GE0/2 is associated to LAN bridge.
- An internal management network (int-mgmt-net) and bridge (int-mgmt-br) is created and internally used for system monitoring.
Upgrade Cisco NFVIS

Your Cisco NFVIS-enabled hardware comes preinstalled with NFVIS version <add version number here>. Follow the steps below to upgrade it to the latest version of the release.

The Cisco Enterprise NFVIS upgrade image is available as a .nfvispkg file. Currently, downgrade is not supported. All RPM packages in the Cisco Enterprise NFVIS upgrade image are signed to ensure cryptographic integrity and authenticity. In addition, all RPM packages are verified during Cisco Enterprise NFVIS upgrade.

Ensure that you copy the image to the Cisco Enterprise NFVIS server before starting the upgrade process. Always specify the exact path of the image when registering the image. Use the `scp` command to copy the upgrade image from a remote server to your Cisco Enterprise NFVIS server. When using the `scp` command, you must copy the image to the "/data/intdatastore/uploads" folder on the Cisco Enterprise NFVIS server. The following examples show how to use the `scp` command to copy the upgrade image:

**scp command from NFVIS CLI:**

```
nfvis# scp admin@192.0.2.9:/NFS/Cisco_NFVIS_BRANCH_Upgrade-351.nfvispkg intdatastore:/Cisco_NFVIS_BRANCH_Upgrade-351.nfvispkg
```

**scp command from remote linux:**

```
config terminal
system settings ip-receive-acl 0.0.0.0/0
service scpd action accept
commit

scp -P 22222 nfvis-351.nfvispkg admin@192.0.2.9:/data/intdatastore/uploads/nfvis-351.nfvispkg
```

Alternatively, you can upload the image to the Cisco Enterprise NFVIS server using the **System Upgrade** option from the Cisco Enterprise NFVIS portal.

**Note**

When the NFVIS upgrade is in progress, ensure that the system is not powered off. If the system is powered off during the NFVIS upgrade process, the system may become inoperable and you may need to reinstall the system.

The upgrade process comprises two tasks:

- Registering the image using the `system upgrade image-name` command.
- Upgrading the image using the `system upgrade apply-image` command.
Register an Image
To register an image:

```
configure terminal
system upgrade image-name nfvis-351.nfvispkg location /data/intdatastore/uploads
commit
```

You must verify the image registration status before upgrading the image using the `system upgrade apply-image` command. The package status must be valid for the registered image.

Note
Verify the Image Registration
Use the `show system upgrade reg-info` command in the privileged EXEC mode to verify the image registration.

```
nfvis# show system upgrade reg-info
PACKAGE
NAME LOCATION VERSION STATUS UPLOAD DATE
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
nfvis-351.nfvispkg /data/upgrade/register/nfvis-351.nfvispkg 3.6.1-722 Valid
2017-04-25T10:29:58.052347-00:00
```

Upgrade the Registered Image
To upgrade the registered image:

```
configure terminal
system upgrade apply-image nfvis-351.nfvispkg scheduled-time 5
commit
```

Verify the Upgrade Status
Use the `show system upgrade apply-image` command in the privileged EXEC mode

```
nfvis# show system upgrade apply-image
UPGRADE
NAME STATUS FROM UPGRADE TO
---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
nfvis-351.nfvispkg SUCCESS 3.5.0 3.5.1
```

The only upgrade supported when BIOS secured boot (UEFI mode) is enabled on ENCS 5400 platform is:
NFVIS 3.8.1 + BIOS 2.5(legacy) --&gt; NFVIS 3.9.1 + BIOS 2.6(legacy)
The following upgrade requires re-installation of NFVIS in UEFI mode:
NFVIS 3.8.1 + BIOS 2.5(legacy) --&gt; NFVIS 3.9.1 + BIOS 2.6(UEFI)
NFVIS 3.9.1 + BIOS 2.6(legacy) --&gt; NFVIS 3.9.1 + BIOS 2.6(UEFI)
Upgrade APIs and Commands

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Firmware Upgrade

Note

Firmware upgrade is supported only on ENCS 5400 series devices.

This feature was introduced in NFVIS 3.8.1 release as part of NFVIS auto-upgrade and it supports upgrade of selected firmwares on ENCS 5400 series devices. Firmware upgrade is triggered during NFVIS upgrade as part of the post reboot phase. To trigger the firmware upgrade refer to the NFVIS upgrade feature.

Starting from NFVIS 3.9.1 release, an on demand upgrade is supported which provides a separate firmware package (.fwpkg extension) to be registered and applied through NFVIS CLI. You can also upgrade to the latest firmware through a fresh installation of NFVIS.

The following firmwares can be upgraded:

• Cisco Integrated Management Controller (CIMC)
• BIOS
• Intel 710
• FPGA
Starting from NFVIS 3.12.3 release, the firmware upgrade script is changed from executable to module format. The code is modularized and each firmware can be individually upgraded. The shell commands are called with subprocess instead of os.system() calls. Each firmware upgrade call is monitored with a time limit. If the call is stuck, the process is killed and execution control will return back to the code flow with appropriate message.

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