



CHAPTER 7

VSM and VEM Modules

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Information About Modules

Cisco Nexus 1000V manages a data center defined by a VirtualCenter. Each server in the data center is represented as a module in Nexus 1000V and can be managed as if it were a module in a physical Cisco switch.

The Cisco Nexus 1000V implementation has 2 parts:

- Virtual supervisor module (VSM) – This is the control software of the Cisco Nexus 1000V distributed virtual switch. It runs on a virtual machine (VM) and is based on NX-OS software.
- Virtual Ethernet module (VEM) – This is the part of Cisco Nexus 1000V that actually switches data traffic. It runs on a VMware ESX 4.0 host. Several VEMs are controlled by one VSM. All the VEMs that form a switch domain should be in the same virtual Data Center as defined by VMware VirtualCenter.

Troubleshooting a Module Not Coming Up on the VSM

This section describes the process you can use when a module does not come up on the VSM. This section includes the following topics:

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Guidelines for Troubleshooting Modules

Follow these guidelines when troubleshooting a module controlled by the VSM.

- You must have a VSM VM and a VEM up and running.
- Make sure you are running compatible versions of vCenter Server and VSM.
For more information, see the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Compatibility Information, Release 4.2(1)SV2(1.1)*.
- To verify network connectivity between the VSM and vCenter Server, ping the IP address of the vCenter Server. If you are using a domain name service (DNS) name, use the DNS name in the ping. If a ping to the vCenter Server fails, check to see if you can ping the gateway. Otherwise, check the mgmt0 interface configuration settings.
- Make sure the firewall settings are OFF on the vCenter Server. If you want the firewall settings, then check to see if these ports are open.
 - Port 80
 - Port 443
- If you see the following error, verify that the VSM extension was created from vCenter Server.
 - ERROR: [VMware vCenter Server 4.0.0 build-150489]
Extension key was not registered before its use

To verify that the extension or plugin was created, see the [“Finding the Extension Key Tied to a Specific DVS” procedure on page 3-8](#).

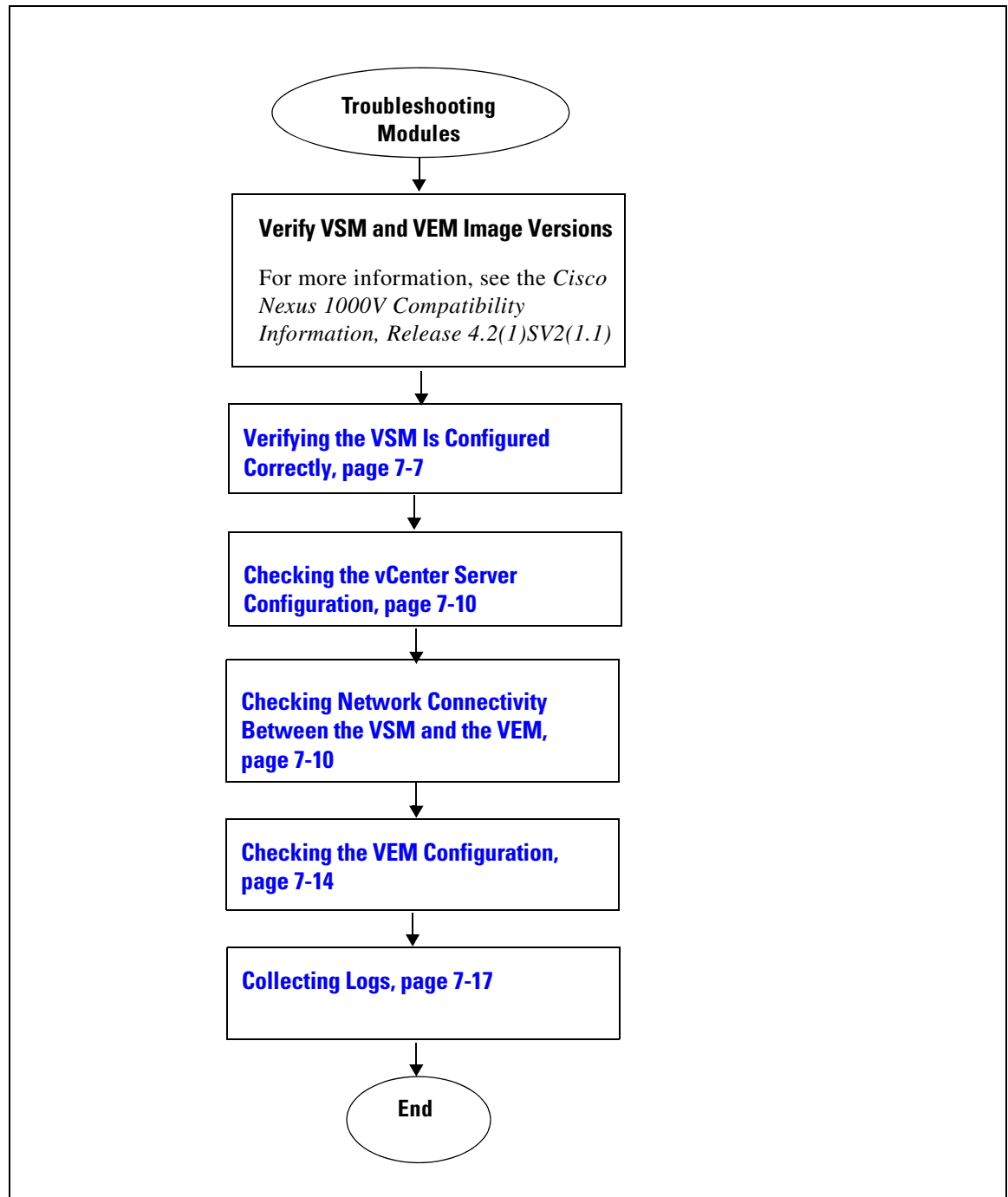
For more information about extension keys or plugins, see the [“Managing Extension Keys” section on page 3-6](#).
- If you see the following error, see the [“Checking the vCenter Server Configuration” procedure on page 7-10](#).
 - ERROR: Datacenter not found
- For a list of terms used with Cisco Nexus 1000V, see the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Getting Started Guide, Release 4.2(1)SV1(5.1)*.

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Flow Chart for Troubleshooting Modules

Use the following flowchart to troubleshoot modules.

Flowchart: Troubleshooting Modules



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Problems with the VSM

The following are symptoms, possible causes, and solutions for problems with the VSM.

Table 7-1 Problems with the VSM

Symptom	Possible Causes	Solution
<p>You see the following error on the VSM:</p> <pre>ERROR: [VMware vCenter Server 4.0.0 build-150489] Extension key was not registered before its use</pre>	A extension or plug-in was not created for the VSM.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Verify that the extension or plugin was created. “Finding the Extension Key Tied to a Specific DVS” procedure on page 3-8 If the plug-in is not found, then create one using the following procedure in the <i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Getting Started Guide, Release 4.2(1)SV1(5.1)</i>: Creating a Cisco Nexus 1000V Plug-In on the vCenter Server
<p>Following a reboot of the VSM, the system stops functioning in one of the following states and does not recover on its own. Attempts to debug fail.</p>		
<p>After boot, VSM in loader prompt.</p>	Corrupt VSM kickstart image.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Boot the VSM from the CD ROM. From the CD Boot menu, choose Option 1, Install Nexus1000v and bring up new image. Follow the VSM installation procedure.
	Boot variables are not set.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Boot the VSM from the CD ROM. From the CD Boot menu, choose Option 3, Install Nexus1000v only if the disk unformatted and bring up new image. Set the boot variables used to boot the VSM: boot system bootflash:system-boot-variable-name boot kickstart bootflash:kickstart-boot-variable-name Reload the VSM. reload
<p>After boot, VSM in boot prompt.</p>	Corrupt VSM system image.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Boot the VSM from the CD ROM. From the CD Boot menu, choose Option 1, Install Nexus1000v and bring up new image. Follow the VSM installation procedure.

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Table 7-1 Problems with the VSM (continued)

Symptom	Possible Causes	Solution
After boot, VSM re-configured.	Startup configuration is deleted.	<p>Do one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have a saved backup copy of your configuration file, restore the configuration on the VSM. copy source filesystem: filename system:running-config If not, reconfigure the VSM using the following section in the <i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Getting Started Guide, Release 4.2(1)SV1(5.1)</i>: Setting Up the Software
After boot, VSM stopped at “Loader Loading.”	Corrupt boot menu file.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Boot the VSM from the CD ROM. From the CD Boot menu, choose Option 3, Install Nexus1000v only if the disk unformatted and bring up new image. Do one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have a saved backup copy of your configuration file, restore the configuration on the VSM. copy source filesystem: filename system:running-config If not, reconfigure the VSM using the following section in the <i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Getting Started Guide, Release 4.2(1)SV1(5.1)</i>: Setting Up the Software
After boot, secondary VSM reboots continuously.	Control VLAN or control interface down	Check control connectivity between the active and standby VSM.
	Active and standby VSMs fail to synchronize.	<p>From active VSM, check gsyncstats to identify which application caused the failure.</p> <p>show logging</p>
After a host reboot, the absence of a VLAN, or the wrong system VLAN on the VSM management port profile, the control and management connectivity of the VSM is lost.	The VSM is running on a VEM that it manages, but the VSM ports are not configured with system port profiles.	<p>Run the VEM connect script locally in the ESX host where the VEM is running. Then go to the VSM and configure the system VLANs in the port profile used for management.</p> <p>“Recovering Management and Control Connectivity of a Host when a VSM is Running on a VEM” section on page 7-12</p>

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Verifying the VSM Is Connected to the vCenter Server

You can use the following procedure to verify that the VSM is connected to the vCenter Server.

Step 1 Verify the connection between the VSM and vCenter Server.

show svcs connections

The output should indicate that the operational status is **Connected**.

Example:

```
n1000v# show svcs connections
connection vc:
  ip address: 172.23.231.223
  protocol: vmware-vim https
  certificate: user-installed
  datacenter name: hamilton-dc
  DVS uuid: 92 7a 14 50 05 11 15 9c-1a b0 f2 d4 8a d7 6e 6c
  config status: Disabled
  operational status: Disconnected
```

Step 2 Do one of the following:

- If the status is **Connected**, then return to the [Flowchart: Troubleshooting Modules, page 7-3](#).
- If not, then continue with the next step.

Step 3 Connect to the vCenter Server.

config t

svcs connection *connection_name*

connect

Example:

```
n1000v# conf t
n1000v(config)# svcs connection HamiltonDC
n1000v(config-svs-conn)# connect
```

Example:

```
n1000v# conf t
n1000v(config)# svcs connection HamiltonDC
n1000v(config-svs-conn)# connect
ERROR: [VMWARE-VIM] Extension key was not registered before its use.
```

Step 4 Do one of the following:

- If you see an error message about the Extension key, continue with the next step [Table 7-1](#).
- If not, go to [Step 6](#).

Step 5 Do the following and then go to [Step 6](#).

- Unregister the extension key using the “[Unregister the Extension Key in the vCenter Server](#)” procedure on page 3-12.
- Install a new extension key using the following procedure in the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Getting Started Guide, Release 4.2(1)SV1(5.1)*.
 - [Creating a Cisco Nexus 1000V Plug-In on the vCenter Server](#)

Step 6 Verify the connection between the VSM and vCenter Server.

show svcs connections

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  operational status: Disconnected
```

Step 7 Do one of the following:

- If the status is **Connected**, then you have completed this procedure.
- If not, then return to the [Flowchart: Troubleshooting Modules, page 7-3](#).

Verifying the VSM Is Configured Correctly

This section includes the following procedures to verify the VSM configuration.

- [Verifying the Domain Configuration, page 7-7](#)
- [Verifying the System Port Profile Configuration, page 7-8](#)
- [Verifying the Control and Packet VLAN Configuration, page 7-8](#)

Verifying the Domain Configuration

You can use the following procedure to verify the domain configuration.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you should know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- The output of the `show svcs domain` command should indicate the following:
 - The presence of a control VLAN and a packet VLAN.
 - The domain configuration was successfully pushed to VC.

Step 1 On the VSM, verify the domain configuration.

show svcs domain

Example:

```
n1000v# show svcs domain
SVS domain config:
  Domain id:      682
  Control vlan:  3002
  Packet vlan:   3003
  L2/L3 Control VLAN mode: L2
  L2/L3 Control VLAN interface: mgmt0
  Status: Config push to VC successful
```

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Verifying the System Port Profile Configuration

You can use the following procedure to verify the port profile configuration.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you should know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- The output of the **show port-profile name** command should indicate the following:
 - The control and packet VLANs are assigned.
 - The port profile is enabled.
 - If you have configured a non-default system mtu setting, then it is of the correct size.

Step 1 On the VSM, verify the system port profile configuration.

show port-profile name *system-port-profile-name*

Example:

```
n1000v# show port-profile name SystemUplink
port-profile SystemUplink
  description:
  type: ethernet
  status: enabled
  capability 13control: no
  pinning control-vlan: -
  pinning packet-vlan: -
  system vlans: 114,115
  port-group: SystemUplink
  max ports: 32
  inherit:
  config attributes:
    switchport mode trunk
    switchport trunk allowed vlan all
    system mtu 1500
    no shutdown
  evaluated config attributes:
    switchport mode trunk
    switchport trunk allowed vlan all
    no shutdown
  assigned interfaces:
```

Verifying the Control and Packet VLAN Configuration

You can use the following procedure to verify that the control and packet VLANs are configured on the VSM.



Note

The procedure documented is for troubleshooting VSM and VEM connectivity with layer 2 mode.

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you should know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- The output of the **show running-config** command should show control and packet VLAN ID numbers among the VLANs configured,

Step 1 On the VSM, verify that the control and packet VLANs are present.

```
n1000v# show running-config vlan 260-261
version 4.0(4)SV1(3)
vlan 260
  name cp_control
vlan 261
  name cp_packet
```

```
n1000v#
```

Step 2 Find the AIPC MAC address of the VSM by running **show svcs neighbors** on the VSM.

```
switch(config-svs-domain)# show svcs neighbors
```

```
Active Domain ID: 27
```

```
AIPC Interface MAC: 0050-56bc-74f1 <-----
Inband Interface MAC: 0050-56bc-62bd
```

Src MAC	Type	Domain-id	Node-id	Last learnt (Sec. ago)
0050-56bc-6a3d	VSM	27	0201	771332.97
0002-3d40-1b02	VEM	27	0302	51.60
0002-3d40-1b03	VEM	27	0402	51.60

Step 3 Find the DPA MAC address of the VEM by running **vemcmd show card** on the ESX host.

```
# vemcmd show card
Card UUID type 2: 24266920-d498-11e0-0000-00000000000f
Card name:
Switch name: Nexus1000v
Switch alias: DvsPortset-0
Switch uuid: ee 63 3c 50 04 b1 6d d6-58 61 ff ba 56 05 14 fd
Card domain: 27
Card slot: 3
VEM Tunnel Mode: L2 Mode
VEM Control (AIPC) MAC: 00:02:3d:10:1b:02
VEM Packet (Inband) MAC: 00:02:3d:20:1b:02
VEM Control Agent (DPA) MAC: 00:02:3d:40:1b:02 <-----
VEM SPAN MAC: 00:02:3d:30:1b:02
Primary VSM MAC : 00:50:56:bc:74:f1
Primary VSM PKT MAC : 00:50:56:bc:62:bd
Primary VSM MGMT MAC : 00:50:56:bc:0b:d5
Standby VSM CTRL MAC : 00:50:56:bc:6a:3d
Management IPv4 address: 14.17.168.1
Management IPv6 address: 0000:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000
Primary L3 Control IPv4 address: 0.0.0.0
Secondary VSM MAC : 00:00:00:00:00:00
Secondary L3 Control IPv4 address: 0.0.0.0
Upgrade : Default
Max physical ports: 32
Max virtual ports: 216
Card control VLAN: 168
```

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```
Card packet VLAN: 168
Control type multicast: No
Card Headless Mode : No
    Processors: 16
    Processor Cores: 8
    Processor Sockets: 2
    Kernel Memory: 25102148
Port link-up delay: 5s
Global UUPB: DISABLED
Heartbeat Set: True
PC LB Algo: source-mac
Datapath portset event in progress : no
Licensed: Yes
```

Step 4 Check the upstream switches for these MAC addresses in the correct VLANs.

```
switch1 # show mac address-table | grep 1b02
* 168      0002.3d20.1b02    dynamic    20          F      F      Veth854
* 168      0002.3d40.1b02    dynamic    0           F      F      Veth854
* 1        0002.3d40.1b02    dynamic    1380       F      F      Veth854

switch2 # show mac address-table | grep 74f1
* 168      0050.56bc.74f1    dynamic    0           F      F      Eth1/1/3
```

Checking the vCenter Server Configuration

You can use the following procedure from vSphere client to verify the configuration on the vCenter Server.

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- Step 1** Confirm that the host is added to the data center and the Cisco Nexus 1000V DVS in that data center.
 - Step 2** Confirm that at least one pnic of the host is added to the DVS, and that pnic is assigned to the **system-uplink** profile.
 - Step 3** Confirm that the three VSM vnics are assigned to the port groups containing the control VLAN, packet VLAN, and management network.
-

Checking Network Connectivity Between the VSM and the VEM

You can use the following procedure to verify Layer 2 network connectivity between the VSM and VEM.

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- Step 1** On the VSM, find its MAC address.

show svcs neighbors

The VSM MAC address displays as the AIPC Interface MAC.

The user VEM Agent MAC address of the host displays as the Src MAC.

Example:

```
n1000v# show svcs neighbors
```

```
Active Domain ID: 1030
```

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```
AIPC Interface MAC: 0050-568e-58b7
Inband Interface MAC: 0050-568e-2a39
```

Src MAC	Type	Domain-id	Node-id	Last learnt (Sec. ago)
0002-3d44-0602	VEM	1030	0302	261058.59

Step 2 Do one of the following:

- If the output of the **show vsm neighbors** command in [Step 1](#) does not display the VEM MAC address, then there is a problem with connectivity between the server hosting the VSM and the upstream switch. Recheck the VSM configuration and vCenter Server configuration.
- Otherwise, continue with the next step.

Step 3 On the VEM, run the vem-health script using the VSM MAC address you found in [Step 1](#).



Note If the vem-health script is not in the PATH, you can find it under `/usr/lib/ext/cisco/nexus/vem*/sbin/`.

vem-health check *vsm_mac_address*

The vem-health script output shows the cause of the connectivity problem and recommends next steps in troubleshooting.

Example:

```
~ # vem-health check 00:50:56:a3:36:90
VSM Control MAC address: 00:50:56:a3:36:90
Control VLAN: 90
DPA MAC: 00:02:3d:40:5a:03
```

```
VSM heartbeats are not reaching the VEM.
Your uplink configuration is correct.
Recommended action:
Check if the VEM's upstream switch has learned the VSM's Control MAC.
```

Step 4 Do one of the following:

- If the VEM health check in [Step 3](#) indicates a problem with connectivity to the upstream switch, continue with the next step.
- Otherwise, go to [Step 7](#).

Step 5 On the upstream switch, display the MAC address table to verify the network configuration.

Example:

```
switch# show mac address-table interface Gi3/1 vlan 3002
Legend: * - primary entry
age - seconds since last seen
n/a - not available
```

vlan	mac address	type	learn	age	ports
* 3002	0050.56be.7ca7	dynamic	Yes	0	Gi3/1

```
switch# show mac address-table interface Gi3/2 vlan 3002
Legend: * - primary entry
age - seconds since last seen
n/a - not available
```

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```

      vlan   mac address      type   learn   age           ports
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----
Active Supervisor:
* 3002   00:02:3d:40:0b:0c   dynamic Yes           0   Gi3/2

```

Step 6 Do one of the following:

- If the output from [Step 5](#) does not display the MAC address of the VSM, then there is a problem with connectivity between the server hosting the VSM and the upstream switch. Recheck the VSM configuration and vCenter Server configuration.
- Otherwise, continue with the next step.

Step 7 On the VEM, enter the following commands to verify that the VSM MAC appears in the control and packet VLANs.

config t

module vem *module_number* execute vemcmd show l2 *control_vlan_id*

module vem *module_number* execute vemcmd show l2 *packet_vlan_id*

The VSM eth0 and eth1 MAC addresses should display in the host control and packet VLANs.

Example:

```

n100v# config t
n1000v(config)# module vem 3 execute vemcmd show l2 3002
Bridge domain 3002 brtmax 100, brtcnt 3, timeout 120
  Dynamic MAC 00:50:56:be:7c:a7 LTL 16 pvlan 0 timeout 110
  Dynamic MAC 00:02:3d:40:0b:0c LTL 10 pvlan 0 timeout 110

n1000v(config)# module vem 3 execute vemcmd show l2 3003
Bridge domain 3002 brtmax 100, brtcnt 3, timeout 120
  Dynamic MAC 00:50:56:be:7c:a7 LTL 16 pvlan 0 timeout 110
  Dynamic MAC 00:02:3d:20:0b:0c LTL 10 pvlan 0 timeout 110

```

Step 8 Do one of the following:

- If the MAC address of the VSM does not appear in the output of [Step 7](#), then check the VEM configuration as explained in [“Checking the VEM Configuration”](#) section on page 7-14.
- Otherwise, you have completed this procedure.

Recovering Management and Control Connectivity of a Host when a VSM is Running on a VEM

When the VSM is running on a VEM that it manages, but the VSM ports are not configured with system port profiles, the control and management connectivity of the VSM can be lost after a host reboot or similar event. To recover from the loss, you can run the VEM connect script locally in the ESX host where the VEM is running. Then go to the VSM and configure the system VLANs in the port profile used for management.

Using the VEM Connect Script

The VEM connect script sets a given VLAN as a system VLAN on the vmknic that has the given IP address, and also sets the VLAN on all the required uplinks.

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If no uplink is carrying this VLAN, you also need to specify the uplink (vmmicN) on which this VLAN needs to be applied. The uplink can be a single port or a port-channel member. If it is the latter, then the script will apply the VLANs as a system VLAN to all member uplinks of that port channel.

vem-connect -i <ip_address> -v <vlan> [-p <vmmicN>]

The -p parameter to the script is optional. If you run the script without the -p parameter, it will try to locate an uplink that carries this VLAN. If no such uplink exists, it will report this as an error. You need to specify the -p parameter and re-run the script.

You can use the following procedure to recover management and control connectivity of a host when a VSM is running on a VEM.

SUMMARY

Step 1 Enter the following command to display the VEM ports:

vemcmd show port

Example:

```
~ # vemcmd show port
LTL    VSM Port  Admin Link  State  PC-LTL  SGID  Vem Port  Type
  18    Eth9/2    UP   UP    F/B*   305    1    vmmic1
  20    Eth9/4    UP   UP    F/B*   305    3    vmmic3
  49    Veth1     UP   UP    FWD    0      3    VM-T-125.eth0
  50    Veth10    UP   UP    FWD    0      1    vmk1
 305    Po2       UP   UP    F/B*   0
```

* F/B: The port is blocked on some of the VLANs.



Note

The output *F/B The port is blocked on some of the VLANs means that the trunk is not forwarding all vlans. This may be normal depending on the port profile allowed VLAN list. Compare the output of the `vemcmd show port vlans` against the list of allowed VLANs in the trunk port profile. If the lists match, then all of the expected VLANs are forwarding and the Cisco Nexus 1000V is blocking non-allowed VLANs.

Step 2 Enter the following command to display details about the system VLANs:

vemcmd show port vlans system

Example:

```
~ # vemcmd show port vlans system
LTL    VSM Port  Mode  Native VLAN  Allowed
      Vlan/  State  Vlans/SegID
      SegID
  6    Internal  A      1    FWD    1
  8    Internal  A     3969  FWD   3969
  9    Internal  A     3969  FWD   3969
 10    Internal  A     210   FWD   210
 11    Internal  A     3968  FWD   3968
 12    Internal  A     211   FWD   211
 13    Internal  A      1    BLK    1
 14    Internal  A     3971  FWD   3971
 15    Internal  A     3971  FWD   3971
 16    Internal  A      1    FWD    1
 18    Eth9/2    T      1    FWD   210-211
 20    Eth9/4    T      1    FWD   210-211
 49    Veth1     A      1    FWD    1
 50    Veth10    A      1    FWD    1
```

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```
305      Po2  T          1  FWD  210-211
```

Step 3 Enter the following command to recover connectivity:

```
vem-connect -i <ip_address> -v <vlan> [ -pnic <vmnicN> ]
```

Example:

```
~ # vem-connect -i 172.23.232.67 -v 232 -p vmnic3
ltl 50 and veth Veth10 vmk1
Uplink port Po2 carries vlan 232
Set System Vlan 232 port Po2 305
Uplink port Eth9/2 carries vlan 232
Set System Vlan 232 port Eth9/2 18
Uplink port Eth9/4 carries vlan 232
Set System Vlan 232 port Eth9/4 20
Set System 232 for vmk
```

Step 4 Enter the following command to confirm management connectivity:

```
vemcmd show port vlans system
```

Example:

```
~ # vemcmd show port vlans system
```

LTL	VSM Port	Mode	Native VLAN/ SegID	VLAN State	Allowed Vlans/SegID
6	Internal	A	1	FWD	1
8	Internal	A	3969	FWD	3969
9	Internal	A	3969	FWD	3969
10	Internal	A	210	FWD	210
11	Internal	A	3968	FWD	3968
12	Internal	A	211	FWD	211
13	Internal	A	1	BLK	1
14	Internal	A	3971	FWD	3971
15	Internal	A	3971	FWD	3971
16	Internal	A	1	FWD	1
18	Eth9/2	T	1	FWD	210-211,232
20	Eth9/4	T	1	FWD	210-211,232
49	Veth1	A	1	FWD	1
50	Veth10	A	232	FWD	232
305	Po2	T	1	FWD	210-211,232

Checking the VEM Configuration

You can use the following procedure to verify that the ESX host received the VEM configuration and setup.

Step 1 On the ESX host, use the following command to confirm that the VEM Agent is running, and that the correct host uplinks are added to the DVS.

```
vem status
```

Example:

```
~ # vem status
VEM modules are loaded
```

Switch Name	Num Ports	Used Ports	Configured Ports	MTU	Uplinks
vSwitch0	64	3	64	1500	vmnic0

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DVS Name	Num Ports	Used Ports	Configured Ports	Uplinks
n1000v	256	9	256	vmnic1 VEM Agent is running

- Step 2** Use the following commands to restore connectivity that is lost due to an incorrect MTU value on an uplink:

```
vemcmd show port port-LTL-number
```

```
vemcmd set mtu value ltl port-LTL-number
```

Example:

```
~ # vemcmd show port 48
LTL   IfIndex  Vlan   Bndl  SG_ID Pinned_SGID  Type  Admin State  CBL Mode Name
. . . .
17    1a030100    1 T   304    1          32  PHYS    UP    UP    1  Trunk vmnic1
~# vemcmd set mtu 9000 ltl 17
```



Note Use these **vemcmds** only as a recovery measure and then update the MTU value in the port profile configuration for system uplinks or in the interface configuration for non-system uplinks.

- Step 3** Use the following command to verify that the domain ID, control VLANs, and packet VLANs are configured correctly on the host.

```
vemcmd show card
```

Example:

```
~ # vemcmd show card
Card UUID type 2: 58f8afd7-e1e3-3c51-85e2-6e6f2819a7b8
Card name: sfish-srvr-1
Switch name: n1000v
Switch alias: DvsPortset-0
Switch uuid: 56 e0 36 50 91 1c 32 7a-e9 9f 31 59 88 0c 7f 76
Card domain: 1024
Card slot: 4
VEM Control (Control VLAN) MAC: 00:02:3d:14:00:03
VEM Packet (Inband) MAC: 00:02:3d:24:00:03
VEM Control Agent (DPA) MAC: 00:02:3d:44:00:03
VEM SPAN MAC: 00:02:3d:34:00:03
Management IP address: 172.23.232.102
Max physical ports: 32
Max virtual ports: 216
Card control VLAN: 3002
Card packet VLAN: 3003
    Processors: 4
    Processor Cores: 4
    Processor Sockets: 2
    Physical Memory: 4290351104
```

- Step 4** Use the following command to verify that the ports of the host added to the DVS are listed, and that the ports are correctly configured as access or trunk on the host.

```
vemcmd show port
```

Example:

```
~ # vemcmd show port
LTL   IfIndex  Vlan   Bndl  SG_ID Pinned_SGID  Type  Admin State  CBL Mode  Name
8     0    3969    0     2     2  VIRT    UP    UP    1 Access 120
9     0    3969    0     2     2  VIRT    UP    UP    1 Access 121
10    0    3002    0     2     2  VIRT    UP    UP    1 Access 122
11    0    3968    0     2     2  VIRT    UP    UP    1 Access 123
12    0    3003    0     2     2  VIRT    UP    UP    1 Access 124
13    0     1     0     2     2  VIRT    UP    UP    0 Access 125
```

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```
14          0 3967          0      2          2 VIRT      UP      UP      1 Access 126
16 1a030100          1 T      0      2          2 PHYS      UP      UP      1 Trunk vmn1c1
```

The last line of output indicates that vmn1c1 should be in Trunk mode, with the CBL value of 1. The CBL value of the native VLAN does not have to be 1. It will be 0 if it is not allowed, or 1 if it is VLAN 1 and not allowed. This is not an issue unless the native VLAN is the Control VLAN. The Admin state and Port state should be UP.

Step 5 Use the following commands to verify that the vmn1c port that is supposed to carry the control VLAN and packet VLAN is present.

```
vemcmd show bd control_vlan
vemcmd show bd packet_vlan
```

Example:

```
~ # vemcmd show bd 3002
BD 3002, vdc 1, vlan 3002, 2 ports
Portlist:
   10 122
   16 vmn1c1
~ # vemcmd show bd 3003
BD 3003, vdc 1, vlan 3003, 2 ports
Portlist:
   12 124
   16 vmn1c1
```

Step 6 Use the **vemcmd show trunk** command to verify the following:

- The control and packet VLANs are shown in the command output, indicating that the DV port groups are successfully pushed from the vCenter Server to the host.
- The correct physical trunk port vmn1c is used.

Example:

```
~ # vemcmd show trunk
Trunk port 16 native_vlan 1 CBL 1vlan(1) cbl 1, vlan(3002) cbl 1, vlan(3003) cbl 1,
```

At least one physical uplink must be carrying the control and packet VLANs. If more than one uplink is carrying the control and packet VLANs, the uplinks must be in a port channel profile. The port channel itself would not be visible because the VEM is not yet added to the VSM.

Step 7 Use the following commands to restore connectivity that is lost due to incorrect port and system VLAN settings:

```
vemcmd show port port-ltl-number
vemcmd set system-vlan vlan_id ltl port-ltl-number
```

Example:

```
~ # vemcmd show port 48
LTL   IfIndex  Vlan   Bndl  SG_ID  Pinned_SGID  Type  Admin  State  CBL  Mode  Name
. . .
48    1b030000  1      0     32     1 VIRT    UP    DOWN  0    Access vnk1
~ # vemcmd set system-vlan 99 ltl 48
```



Note Use these **vemcmds** only as a recovery measure and then update the port profile configuration with correct system VLANs.

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Collecting Logs

After you have verified network connectivity between the VEM and the VSM, you can use the following procedure to collect log files to help identify the problem.

Step 1 On the VEM, use the following command to verify its UUID.

vemcmd show card info

Example:

```
~ # module vem 3 vemcmd show card info
Card UUID type 0: 4908a717-7d86-d28b-7d69-001a64635d18
Card name: sfish-srvr-7
Switch name: N1000v
Switch uuid: 50 84 06 50 81 36 4c 22-9b 4e c5 3e 1f 67 e5 ff
Card domain: 11
Card slot: 12
Control VLAN MAC: 00:02:3d:10:0b:0c
Inband MAC: 00:02:3d:20:0b:0c
SPAN MAC: 00:02:3d:30:0b:0c
USER DPA MAC: 00:02:3d:40:0b:0c
Management IP address: 172.28.30.56
Max physical ports: 16
Max virtual ports: 32
Card control VLAN: 3002
Card packet VLAN: 3003
```

Step 2 On the VSM, use the following command to verify the module number to which the corresponding UUID entry is mapped.

show module vem mapping

Example:

```
n1000v# show module vem mapping
Mod      Status           UUID                                     License Status
---      -
60       absent           33393935-3234-5553-4538-35314e355400  unlicensed
66       powered-up       33393935-3234-5553-4538-35314e35545a  licensed
n1000v#
```

Step 3 Using the module number from [Step 2](#), collect the output of the following commands:

- **show platform internal event-history module 13**
- **show module internal event-history module 13**
- **show system internal im event-history module 13**
- **show system internal vmm event-history module 13**
- **show system internal ethpm event-history module 13**



Note

If you need to contact Cisco TAC for assistance in resolving an issue, you will need the output of the commands listed in [Step 3](#).

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VSM and VEM Troubleshooting Commands

You can use the commands in this section to troubleshoot problems related to VSM.

Command	Description
show svcs neighbors	Displays all svcs neighbors. See Example 7-1 on page 7-19 .
show svcs connections	Displays the Cisco Nexus 1000V connections. See Example 7-2 on page 7-20 .
show svcs domain	Displays the domain configuration. See Example 7-3 on page 7-20 .
show port-profile name <i>name</i>	Displays the configuration for a named port profile. See Example 7-4 on page 7-20 .
show running-config vlan <i>vlanID</i>	Displays the VLAN information in the running configuration. See Example 7-5 on page 7-20 .
vem-health check <i>vsm_mac_address</i>	Displays the cause of a connectivity problem and recommends next steps in troubleshooting. See Example 7-6 on page 7-21 .
show mac address-table interface	Displays the MAC address table on an upstream switch to verify the network configuration. See Example 7-7 on page 7-21 .
module vem <i>module_number</i> execute vemcmd show 12 [<i>control_vlan_id</i> <i>packet_vlan_id</i>]	Displays the VLAN configuration on the VEM to verify that the VSM MAC appears in the control and packet VLANs. See Example 7-8 on page 7-21 .
vem status	Displays the VEM status to confirm that the VEM Agent is running, and that the correct host uplinks are added to the DVS. See Example 7-9 on page 7-21 .
vemcmd show card	Displays information about cards on the VEM to verify that the domain ID, control VLANs, and packet VLANs are configured correctly on the host. See Example 7-10 on page 7-21 .
vemcmd show port [<i>port-LTL-number</i>]	Displays information about ports on the VEM to verify that the ports of the host added to the DVS are listed, and that the ports are correctly configured as access or trunk on the host. See Example 7-11 on page 7-22 . See Example 7-12 on page 7-22 .

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Command	Description
vemcmd show bd [<i>control_vlan_id</i> <i>packet_vlan_id</i>]	Displays configured information on the VEM to verify that the VM NIC port that is supposed to carry the control VLAN and packet VLAN is present. See Example 7-14 on page 7-23 .
vemcmd show trunk	Displays configured information on the VEM to verify that the DV port groups are successfully pushed from the vCenter Server to the host and that the correct physical trunk port VM NIC is used. See Example 7-15 on page 7-23 .
vem-connect -i < <i>ip_address</i> > -v < <i>vlan</i> > [-pnic < <i>vmnicN</i> >]	Recovers management and control connectivity of a host when a VSM is running on a VEM.
show module vem mapping	Displays information about the VEM a VSM maps to, including VEM module number, status, UUID, and license status See Example 7-16 on page 7-23 .
show platform internal event-history module <i>module-number</i>	Displays platform FSM event information.
show module internal event-history module <i>module-number</i>	Displays the event log for a module.
show system internal im event-history module <i>module-number</i>	Displays the module IM event logs for the system.
show system internal vmm event-history module <i>module-number</i>	Displays the module VMM event logs for the system.
show system internal ethpm event-history module <i>module-number</i>	Displays the module Ethernet event logs for the system.
show system internal ethpm event-history int <i>type slot</i>	Displays the Ethernet interface logs for the system.

Example 7-1 show svcs neighbors

```
n1000v# show svcs neighbors

Active Domain ID: 113

AIPC Interface MAC: 0050-56b6-2bd3
Inband Interface MAC: 0050-56b6-4f2d

Src MAC           Type   Domain-id   Node-id   Last learnt (Sec. ago)
-----
0002-3d40-7102    VEM    113         0302     71441.12
0002-3d40-7103    VEM    113         0402     390.77

n1000v#
```

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Example 7-2 show svcs connections

```
n1000v# show svcs connections
connection vc:
  ip address: 172.23.231.223
  protocol: vmware-vim https
  certificate: user-installed
  datacenter name: hamilton-dc
  DVS uuid: 92 7a 14 50 05 11 15 9c-1a b0 f2 d4 8a d7 6e 6c
  config status: Disabled
  operational status: Disconnected
```

Example 7-3 show svcs domain

```
n1000v# show svcs domain
SVS domain config:
  Domain id: 682
  Control vlan: 3002
  Packet vlan: 3003
  L2/L3 Control VLAN mode: L2
  L2/L3 Control VLAN interface: mgmt0
  Status: Config push to VC successful
```

Example 7-4 show port-profile

```
n1000v# show port-profile name SystemUplink
port-profile SystemUplink
  description:
  type: ethernet
  status: enabled
  capability l3control: no
  pinning control-vlan: -
  pinning packet-vlan: -
  system vlans: 114,115
  port-group: SystemUplink
  max ports: 32
  inherit:
  config attributes:
    switchport mode trunk
    switchport trunk allowed vlan all
    system mtu 1500
    no shutdown
  evaluated config attributes:
    switchport mode trunk
    switchport trunk allowed vlan all
    no shutdown
  assigned interfaces:
```

Example 7-5 show running-configuration vlan

```
n1000v# show running-config vlan 260-261
version 4.0(4)SV1(3)
vlan 260
  name cp_control
vlan 261
  name cp_packet

n1000v#
```

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Example 7-6 vem-health check

```
~ # vem-health check 00:50:56:a3:36:90
VSM Control MAC address: 00:50:56:a3:36:90
Control VLAN: 90
DPA MAC: 00:02:3d:40:5a:03
```

VSM heartbeats are not reaching the VEM.
Your uplink configuration is correct.
Recommended action:
Check if the VEM's upstream switch has learned the VSM's Control MAC.

Example 7-7 show mac address-table interface

```
switch# show mac address-table interface Gi3/1 vlan 3002
Legend: * - primary entry
age - seconds since last seen
n/a - not available
```

vlan	mac address	type	learn	age	ports
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----					
Active Supervisor:					
* 3002	0050.56be.7ca7	dynamic	Yes	0	Gi3/1

Example 7-8 module vem execute vemcmd show l2

```
n1000v# config t
n1000v(config)# module vem 3 execute vemcmd show l2 3002
Bridge domain 3002 brtmax 100, brtcnt 3, timeout 120
    Dynamic MAC 00:50:56:be:7c:a7 LTL 16 pvlan 0 timeout 110
    Dynamic MAC 00:02:3d:40:0b:0c LTL 10 pvlan 0 timeout 110

n1000v(config)# module vem 3 execute vemcmd show l2 3003
Bridge domain 3002 brtmax 100, brtcnt 3, timeout 120
    Dynamic MAC 00:50:56:be:7c:a7 LTL 16 pvlan 0 timeout 110
    Dynamic MAC 00:02:3d:20:0b:0c LTL 10 pvlan 0 timeout 110
```

Example 7-9 vem status

```
~ # vem status
VEM modules are loaded
```

Switch Name	Num Ports	Used Ports	Configured Ports	MTU	Uplinks
vSwitch0	64	3	64	1500	vmnic0
DVS Name	Num Ports	Used Ports	Configured Ports	Uplinks	
n1000v	256	9	256	vmnic1 VEM Agent is running	

Example 7-10 vemcmd show card

```
~ # vemcmd show card
Card UUID type 2: 58f8afd7-e1e3-3c51-85e2-6e6f2819a7b8
Card name: sfish-srvr-1
Switch name: n1000v
Switch alias: DvsPortset-0
Switch uuid: 56 e0 36 50 91 1c 32 7a-e9 9f 31 59 88 0c 7f 76
Card domain: 1024
Card slot: 4
VEM Control (Control VLAN) MAC: 00:02:3d:14:00:03
VEM Packet (Inband) MAC: 00:02:3d:24:00:03
VEM Control Agent (DPA) MAC: 00:02:3d:44:00:03
VEM SPAN MAC: 00:02:3d:34:00:03
```

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```

Management IP address: 172.23.232.102
Max physical ports: 32
Max virtual ports: 216
Card control VLAN: 3002
Card packet VLAN: 3003
    Processors: 4
    Processor Cores: 4
Processor Sockets: 2
Physical Memory: 4290351104

```

Example 7-11 `vemcmd show port`

```

~ # vemcmd show port
LTL   IfIndex  Vlan   Bndl  SG_ID Pinned_SGID  Type  Admin State  CBL Mode  Name
8     0    3969   0     2     2    VIRT  UP    UP    1 Access 120
9     0    3969   0     2     2    VIRT  UP    UP    1 Access 121
10    0    3002   0     2     2    VIRT  UP    UP    1 Access 122
11    0    3968   0     2     2    VIRT  UP    UP    1 Access 123
12    0    3003   0     2     2    VIRT  UP    UP    1 Access 124
13    0     1     0     2     2    VIRT  UP    UP    0 Access 125
14    0    3967   0     2     2    VIRT  UP    UP    1 Access 126
16   1a030100  1 T    0     2     2    PHYS  UP    UP    1 Trunk vmnic1

```

Example 7-12 `vemcmd show port`

```

~ # vemcmd show port 48
LTL   IfIndex  Vlan   Bndl  SG_ID Pinned_SGID  Type  Admin State  CBL Mode
Name  . . .
17   1a030100  1 T    304   1     32    PHYS  UP    UP    1 Trunk vmnic1

```

Example 7-13 `vemcmd show port`

```

~ # module vem 5 e vemcmd show port
LTL   VSM Port  Admin Link  State  PC-LTL  SGID  Vem Port
17    Eth5/1   UP    UP    FWD    305    0    vmnic0
18    Eth5/2   UP    UP    FWD    305    1    vmnic1
49    Veth11   UP    UP    FWD    0      0    vmk0
50    Veth14   UP    UP    FWD    0      1    vmk1
51    Veth15   UP    UP    FWD    0      0    vswif0
305   Po1      UP    UP    FWD    0      0

```

* F/B: Port is BLOCKED on some of the vlans.
Please run "vemcmd show port vlans" to see the details.

```

~ # module vem 5 e vemcmd show port vlans
Native VLAN  State  Allowed
LTL   VSM Port  Mode  VLAN  State  Vlans
17    Eth5/1   T     1     FWD    1,100,119,219,319
18    Eth5/2   T     1     FWD    1,100,119,219,319
49    Veth11   A     119   FWD    119
50    Veth14   A     119   FWD    119
51    Veth15   A     119   FWD    119
305   Po1      T     1     FWD    1,100,119,219,319

```



Note

The output *F/B The port is blocked on some of the VLANs means that the trunk is not forwarding all vlans. This may be normal depending on the port profile allowed VLAN list. Compare the output of the `vemcmd show port vlans` against the port profile trunk allowed VLANs. If the lists match, then all of the expected VLANs are forwarding and the Cisco Nexus 1000V is blocking non-allowed VLANs.

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Example 7-14 vemcmd show bd

```
~ # vemcmd show bd 3002
BD 3002, vdc 1, vlan 3002, 2 ports
Portlist:
    10 122
    16 vmn1c1
```

Example 7-15 vemcmd show trunk

```
~ # vemcmd show trunk
Trunk port 16 native_vlan 1 CBL 1vlan(1) cbl 1, vlan(3002) cbl 1, vlan(3003) cbl 1,
```

Example 7-16 show module vem mapping

```
n1000v# show module vem mapping
Mod      Status          UUID                                     License Status
---      -
60       absent          33393935-3234-5553-4538-35314e355400  unlicensed
66       powered-up      33393935-3234-5553-4538-35314e35545a  licensed
n1000v#
```

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