



## vCenter Plug-in

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Use this chapter to troubleshoot the vCenter Plug-in functionality.

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### Information About vCenter Plug-in

The Cisco Nexus 1000V is a software-based Layer 2 switch for the virtualized server environments that are running VMware ESX. The Cisco Nexus 1000V provides a consistent networking experience across the physical and the virtual environments. It consists of two components: the Virtual Ethernet Module (VEM) that is embedded in the hypervisor and a Virtual Supervisor Module (VSM) that manages the networking policies and the quality of service QoS for the virtual machines.

With earlier releases of the Cisco Nexus 1000V, the system administrators had no visibility into the networking aspects of the Cisco Nexus 1000V. Starting with Cisco NX-OS Release 4.2(1)SV2(1.1), the Cisco Nexus 1000V Plug-in for the VMware vCenter Server (vCenter Plug-in) is supported on the Cisco Nexus 1000V. It provides the server administrators with a holistic view of the virtual network and a visibility into the networking aspects of the Cisco Nexus 1000V.

Starting with Cisco NX-OS Release 4.2(1)SV2(1.1), the vCenter Plug-in is supported on the vSphere Web Clients only. The VMware vSphere Web Client enables you to connect to a VMware vCenter Server system to manage a Cisco Nexus 1000V through a browser. The vCenter Plug-in is installed as a new tab called Cisco Nexus 1000v as part of the user interface in the vSphere Web Client.

With the vCenter Plug-in, the server administrators can export the networking details from the vCenter server, investigate the root cause of and prevent the networking issues, and deploy the virtual machines with the policies. The server administrators can monitor and manage the resources effectively with the network details provided in the vCenter Plug-in.

### Prerequisites for VMware vSphere Web Client

Refer to the following prerequisites before configuring the vCenter Plug-in functionality on the Cisco Nexus 1000V:

- VMware vCenter Server 5.0 and/or later release.

- VMware vCenter Web Client 5.1. The vCenter Plug-in does not work with the vSphere 5.0 Web Client.
- The following browsers are supported for version 5.1 of the vSphere Web Client:
  - Microsoft Internet Explorer 7, 8, and 9.
  - Mozilla Firefox 3.6 and later.
  - Google Chrome 14 and later.
- vSphere Web Client requires the Adobe Flash Player version 11.1.0 or later to be installed.
- Make sure that Cisco Nexus 1000V Release 4.2(1)SV2(1.1) is installed and configured to a vCenter.

## Generating a Log Bundle

You can collect the diagnostic information for VMware vCenter Server by collecting vSphere log files into a single location.

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**Step 1** Log in to the Windows server where the VMware vCenter Server is installed.

**Step 2** Choose **Start > All Programs > VMware > Generate vSphere Web Client Log Bundle**.

You can use this step to generate the vSphere Web Client log bundles even when you are not able to connect to the vCenter Server using the vSphere Client. The log bundle is generated as a .zip file. See VMware documentation *Collect vSphere Log Files* for more information about collecting the log files.

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Currently the login to the vCenter Plug-in is available through the administrator account only.

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