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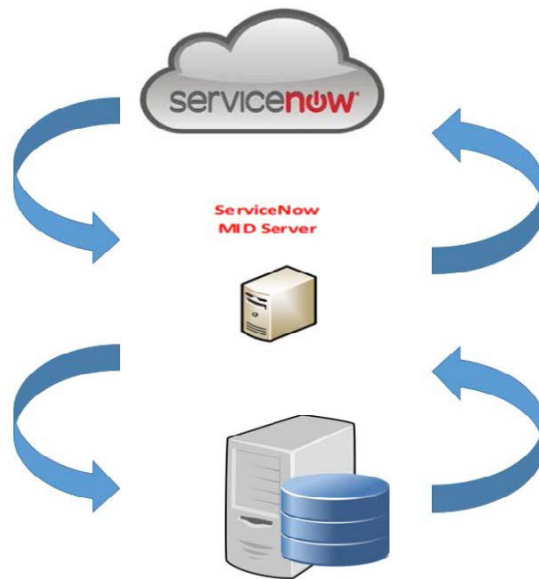
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ServiceNow offers applications for IT Service Management (ITSM) and IT Operations Management (ITOM). There are four primary modules - inventory discovery, incident management, event management & change management workflows. Starting from Cisco DCNM Release 11.3(1), we provide Cisco DCNM integration with ServiceNow. This enables you to integrate end-user IT data with the ServiceNow platform. The integration provides a default set of ServiceNow custom tables which are populated with configuration data.

To utilize this functionality, install the DCNM application in the ServiceNow customer instance and provide the DCNM mid-server details. Information or data regarding switch details, port details, and alarms, is retrieved to the ServiceNow Configuration Management Database (CMDB) tables. By default, data is retrieved every 15 minutes and displayed.

Details about the switches and ports of each switch are collected from the DCNM inventory. The alarms are collected by polling DCNM. Alarms are then filtered and categorized based on their type, such as, CPU, MEMORY, POWER, LINKSTATE, EXTERNAL, ICMP, SNMP, and SSH. The alarms are then stored in an Events table. These events are then used to generate incidents for the CPU, MEMORY, SNMP, and SSH categories. The source, description, severity and category of each alarm is stored. When an alarm is cleared on DCNM, it is also cleared on ServiceNow in the next poll cycle. When polling of alarms is initiated for the first time, the alarms that were raised in the last seven days are pulled in from DCNM. In case there is a gap of more than seven days between collection of alarms, the old alarms are cleared and the polling process is reinitiated.

The DCNM application on ServiceNow runs scheduled scripts and connects with the mid-server which in turn connects with DCNM to retrieve data. The DCNM sends the requested data to the mid-server which then passes on the data to DCNM application on ServiceNow. The tables in the DCNM instance on ServiceNow are then populated with this retrieved data.



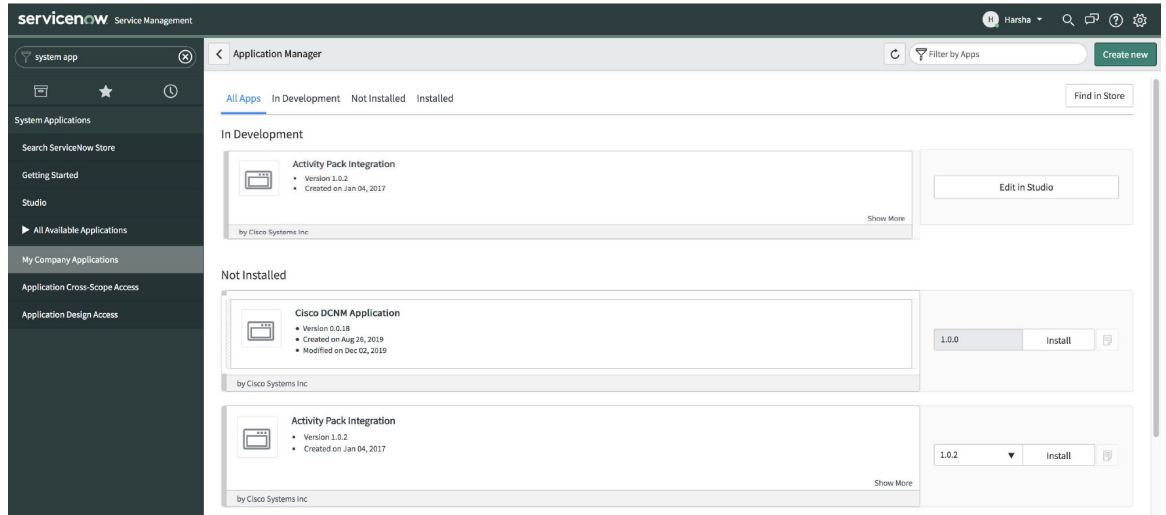
Guidelines and Limitations of DCNM Integration with ServiceNow

- Details about only one mid-server should be added in the **Cisco DCNM>Properties** table.
- Scheduled scripts to retrieve data are run only after insertion of a server record in the **Cisco DCNM>Properties** table.
- In case the mid-server IP Address and credentials in the **Cisco DCNM>Properties** table are changed, the data that was imported using the previous mid-server is deleted from the application scope tables. However, data that was imported to the ServiceNow CMDB (global scope) remains and is not deleted.
- To ensure optimal performance in the ServiceNow database, each entry is matched with the switch database ID and IP Address ensuring that there is no duplication of entries.
- Entries in the `cmdb_ci_ip_switch` table have to be manually deleted in case a new server is added in the **Cisco DCNM>Properties** table.

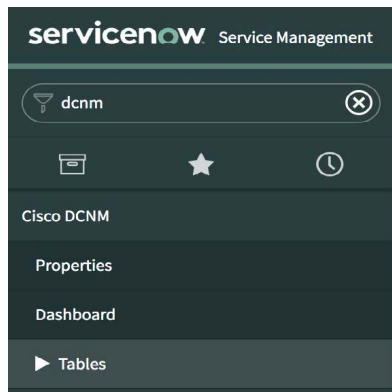
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Procedure

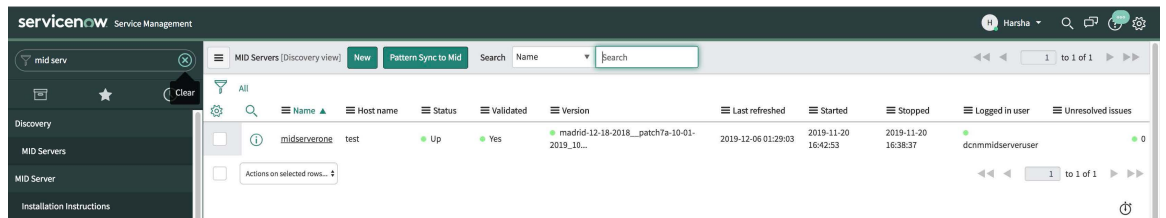
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- Step 1** Log in to <https://dcnm1.service-now.com>. Select **System Applications > Applications**. Install the **Cisco DCNM Application** from the **All Apps** tab.



Step 2 After installation is complete, verify that the Cisco DCNM Properties and Dashboard tabs are appearing in the application.



Step 3 Choose **MID Servers** and click the MID Server that is used for DCNM integration.



Step 4 Scroll down and click the **Properties** tab. Click **New** and add the property given below in the **MID Server Property New record** window. Click **Submit**.

Name	Type	Value
glide.http.outbound.max_timeout.enabled	True/false	False

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The screenshot shows the ServiceNow interface for configuring a MID Server Property. The breadcrumb trail is 'dcnm > MID Server Property > New record'. A blue banner at the top states: 'MID Server Properties allow administrators to configure a MID Server with additional configuration parameters to alter any default behavior. [More Info](#)'. The form contains the following fields:

- Application: Global
- Name: glide.http.outbound.max_timeout.enabled
- Value: false
- MID server: midserverone

A 'Submit' button is located at the bottom left of the form area.

Step 5 Now, select the **Configuration Parameters** tab.

The screenshot shows the 'Configuration Parameters' tab for the MID Server 'midserverone'. The table lists several parameters:

Parameter name	Value
mid_proxy_use_proxy	true
url	https://dcnm1.service-now.com/
mid_proxy_port	80
mid_instance_username	dcnm1midserveruser

Step 6 In the **Configuration Parameters** tab, click **New**. Enter the required details in the fields.

The screenshot shows the 'MID Server Configuration Parameter' form. The breadcrumb trail is 'dcnm > MID Server Configuration Parameter > New record'. The form contains the following fields:

- MID server: midserverone
- Parameter name: mid.disable_amb (Disable the AMB Client on the MID Server. Default: false)
- Domain: global
- Value: true

A 'Submit' button is located at the bottom left of the form area.

Step 7 Click **Submit** to set up the MID Server.

Step 8 Choose **Cisco DCNM > Properties**. Click **New Server**. Enter the required parameters.

The screenshot shows the ServiceNow interface for configuring DCNM Properties. The breadcrumb trail is 'dcnm > DCNM Properties > 10.106.228.226'. A blue banner at the top states: 'Ensure DCNM is NTP time sync'. The form contains the following fields:

- DCNM IP Address: 172.28.11.96
- Username: admin
- Password: [masked]
- Mid Server: midserverone
- MidServer Status: Up
- DCNM Connection Status: Reachable

Below the form, there is a section for 'Incident Creation from the DCNM Alarms' with a 'Create Incident' checkbox checked and a 'User' field set to 'Cisco DCNM'. An 'Update' button is located at the bottom left of the form area.

DCNM IP Address - IP Address of the DCNM.

Username - Enter the username used to log in to DCNM.

Password - Enter the password used to log in to DCNM.

Note Access should be provided only for DCNM admins.

Mid server - Specify the name of the midserver to be used. The name is auto-populated as you type. You can also click the search icon next to this field to bring the MID Servers window. You can then select a MID Server from the list that is displayed.

User - Create a new user and add the user name in this field. The Caller field in the incidents that are created is populated with this user name. This field is auto-populated as you type. You can also click the search icon next to this field to bring the Users window. You can then select a user from the list that is displayed.

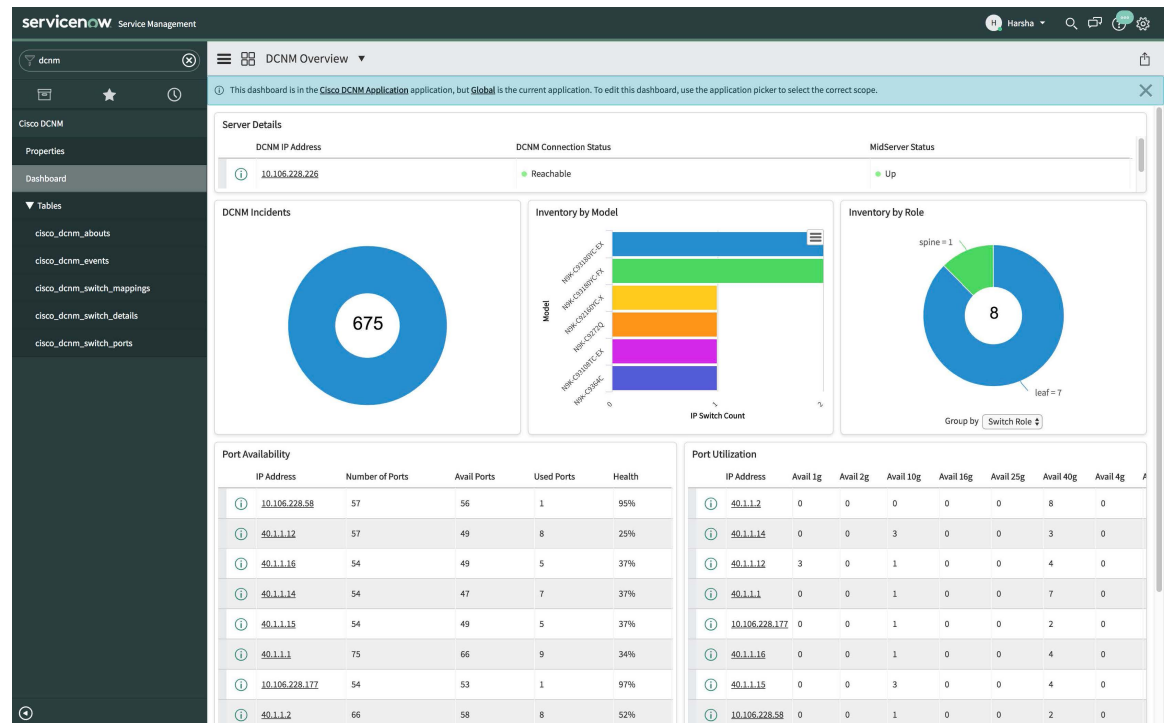
Create Incident - Select this checkbox in case you need incidents to be raised automatically for alarm events.

Now, Click **Submit**.

After the server details are submitted, the **DCNM Connection Status** field will display **Reachable** on successful communication with DCNM, and **Unreachable**, in case the connection is unsuccessful.

Viewing the Dashboard

Choose **Cisco DCNM>Dashboard** to display the dashboard. The **DCNM IP Address**, the **DCNM Connection Status** and the **MidServer Status** are displayed at the top of the dashboard.



DCNM Incidents - This displays the number of incidents that have been raised based on the alarms retrieved from DCNM. Click the donut for more details about the

The screenshot shows the 'Incidents' dashboard with a search bar and a table of incidents. The filter is set to 'All > Caller = Cisco DCNM > Active = true > Priority = 2 - High'. The table has columns for Name, Opened, Short description, Caller, Priority, State, Category, Assignment group, Assigned to, Updated, and Updated by.

Name	Opened	Short description	Caller	Priority	State	Category	Assignment group	Assigned to	Updated	Updated by
INC0010677	2019-12-04 19:45:09	DCNM Server Alert	Cisco DCNM	2 - High	New	Inquiry / Help	(empty)	(empty)	2019-12-04 19:45:09	system
INC0010676	2019-12-02 00:10:10	DCNM Server Alert	Cisco DCNM	2 - High	New	Inquiry / Help	(empty)	(empty)	2019-12-02 00:10:10	system
INC0010675	2019-12-02 00:10:10	DCNM Server Alert	Cisco DCNM	2 - High	New	Inquiry / Help	(empty)	(empty)	2019-12-02 00:10:10	system
INC0010674	2019-12-02 00:10:10	DCNM Server Alert	Cisco DCNM	2 - High	New	Inquiry / Help	(empty)	(empty)	2019-12-02 00:10:10	system

Inventory by Model - This displays the number and type of switches present in DCNM. Each band represents a device model. Click a band for more

The screenshot shows the 'IP Switches' dashboard with a search bar and a table of switches. The filter is set to 'All > Operational status = Operational > Model number = N9K-C93180YC-EX'. The table has columns for Name, Manufacturer, Model ID, IP Address, Serial number, Can partition VLANs, Can route IP, and Can switch IP.

Name	Manufacturer	Model ID	IP Address	Serial number	Can partition VLANs	Can route IP	Can switch IP
93180YC-EX-leaf5	(empty)	Unknown	40.1.1.15	FDO210705Q6	false	false	false
Leaf1-93180YC-EX_Sender	(empty)	Unknown	10.106.228.58	FDO22400W0D	false	false	false

Inventory by Role - This displays the number and types of switch roles present in DCNM. Click the required section to display the number of roles that are operational and click on that pictorial representation to display more details about the

The screenshot shows the 'cisco_dcnm_switch_details' dashboard with a search bar and a table of switch roles. The filter is set to 'All > Switch Role = leaf > Switch DB ID Operational Status = Operational'. The table has columns for IP Address, Switch Role, Fabric, License Detail, and Operational Status.

IP Address	Switch Role	Fabric	License Detail	Operational Status
10.106.228.58	leaf	Default_LAN	Honor	Operational
40.1.1.12	leaf	Default_LAN	Permanent	Operational
40.1.1.16	leaf	Default_LAN	Permanent	Operational
40.1.1.14	leaf	Default_LAN	Honor	Operational

Port Availability - This displays information about port availability. The IP address along with the total number of ports, available ports, used ports and health of the switch id displayed. Click an IP address to display more

The screenshot shows the 'cisco_dcnm_switch_details' dashboard for switch ID 14060. It displays various metrics for the switch.

Number of Ports	57	Peer	
Switch DB ID	14060	Peer Switch DB ID	0
Avail Ports	56	Switch Role	leaf
Health	95%	Used Ports	1
License Detail	Honor	VPC Domain	0
IP Address	10.106.228.58		

Buttons: Update, Delete

Port Utilization - This displays information about port utilization based on each IP address. The number of ports having 1G, 2G, 4G, 8G, 10G, 16G, 25G, 32G, 40G, and 100G availability, are displayed. Click an IP

address to display more

Attribute	Value
Switch DB ID	2120
Avail 10g	0
Avail 1g	0
Avail 2g	0
Avail 4g	0
Avail 8g	0
Avail 100g	0
Avail 16g	0
Avail 25g	0
Avail 32g	0
Avail 40g	8
Avail na	0
Health	53%

Troubleshooting DCNM Integration with ServiceNow

In case data is not being retrieved in the ServiceNow table:

- Check if the MID server is up or down.
- Check for information entries in system logs with the source “x_caci_cisco_dcnm”.
- Check the login credentials added in Cisco DCNM Properties.

For more information on DCNM application integration with ServiceNow, [click here](#).

