



# NetBrain<sup>®</sup> Integrated Edition 10.1

## Release Note

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# 1 Key New Features and Enhancements

NetBrain IE v10.1 introduces the following new features and enhancements:

## 1. [Problem Diagnosis Automation System \(PDAS\)](#)

IE v10.1 greatly enhances the **Problem Diagnosis Automation System (PDAS)**, which automates the Diagnosis of repetitive problems and enforces preventive measures across the entire network with the following new features and enhancements:

- [Network Intent Cluster \(NIC\)](#) <sup>New</sup>: NIC clones a Network Intent (NI), seed NI, across the entire network to create a group of NIs (member NIs) with the same design or logic. NIC can be created from the seed NI via the 7-step, no coding process. In PDAS, a subset of Member NIs can be automatically executed according to the user-defined condition based on the member device, the member NI tags, or signature variables.
- [Triggered Automation Framework \(TAF\)](#) <sup>New</sup>: TAF matches the incoming API calls from the 3<sup>rd</sup> IT system such as ServiceNow to NetBrain Incidents and installs the automation (NI/NIC) to be triggered for each call. It has three key components: Integrated IT System defining the scope and data of the incoming API calls, Incident Type to match a call to a NetBrain Incident, Triggered Diagnosis to define what and how the NIC/NI is executed.
- [ServiceNow App 3.0](#): the new version provides more flexible control on what data will be sent to NetBrain IE and supports multi-tenant deployment. It also integrates the NetBrain Incident pane into ServiceNow instead of the static map in the earlier versions.
- [Incident Pane Enhancements](#): as the output of PDAS, Incident Pane of IEv10.1 provides richer data and diagnosis history, including NI diagnosis results (from TAF, Probe, manually run), the status codes of Network Intent, diagnosis summary message, and recommended diagnoses.
- [Path-Based Troubleshooting Flow \(PBTF\)](#): IE v10.1 introduces the Path Intent and many enhancements to enable users to baseline, document, and define the diagnosis logic for application paths when the network is healthy. Then this well-documented and executable knowledge can help network engineers resolve application slowness issues more efficiently or do application impact analysis when a problem occurs on a network device or device interface.
- [Parser Discovery](#) <sup>New</sup>: a new feature to enable the user to find a Parser by the parser name, description, CLI command, variable name, and keywords of the sample text and test it with the local device data.
- [Visual Parser Improvements](#): support SNMP as the data source and add a new parser group type: Collector.
- [NI Improvements](#): support compound tables from different devices, formula columns to preprocess the table column data, macro variable, CSV output, and run NI with current baseline data. IE v10.1 also

introduces the NI manager and adds two helpful functions to NI Editor, the Duplicate device section and switch devices.

## 2. [Enhance the data accuracy and self-maintenance](#)

The other focus of IE v10.1 is to enhance the data accuracy and system self-maintenance with the following new features and enhancements:

- [Open Topology \(OT\)](#) <sup>New</sup>: a new framework to calculate the L3 and L2 topology. Besides redesigning the algorithm to improve the topology accuracy, OT is an open process to incorporate the user's input in every stage of the process and is easier to maintain. OT takes the data from the network (Interface, MAC Table, ARP Table, CDP/LLDP, routing neighbors, etc.) and the user input to calculate the VLAN Group and then build L3 and L2 topology inside each VLAN Group.
- [Platform Validation \(PV\)](#) <sup>New</sup>: PV checks the data accuracy by executing a set of rules called PV Rule (PVR). Besides the validation logic, a PVR will create a unique error code, error message, and recommended actions. A scheduled PV task will expose the data accuracy once, and the results are displayed in the Data Accuracy Wizard (DAW) per device.
- [System Validation \(SV\)](#) <sup>New</sup>: SV collects all data accuracy issues caused by the system misconfiguration and live access issues and displays the results in DAW with the error code, message, and recommendations.
- [Data Accuracy Wizard \(DAW\)](#) <sup>New</sup>: DAW is central to addressing the data accuracy issues per device. Users can view all info related to the data accuracy, including all data errors reported by PV and SV with the recommended actions, the topology and VLAN groups created by OT, PV Rules, and Open Drivers applicable to this device.
- [Open Driver \(OD\)](#) <sup>New</sup>: OD provides an open platform for the user to fix the data accuracy issues in a device or a group of devices. It defines the logic (target data, data source, and mapping of the parser variables to the target date) to set empty data or modify an incorrect one.

## 3. [New Foundation Modules](#)

- [Google Cloud Visual Management](#) <sup>New</sup>: the support of Google Cloud Platform (GCP) is added in v10.1, including the discovery of GCP resources, mapping the GCP objects, mapping the application dependency across GCP, SPOG access through GCP native and 3rd party cloud management tools, etc.

- [IPv6 Network Support](#) <sup>New</sup> : add the support of the single-stack IPv6 network, including the discovery of IPv6 only network devices, L3/L2 topology, and mapping.

#### 4. [Collaborative Troubleshooting Enhancements](#)

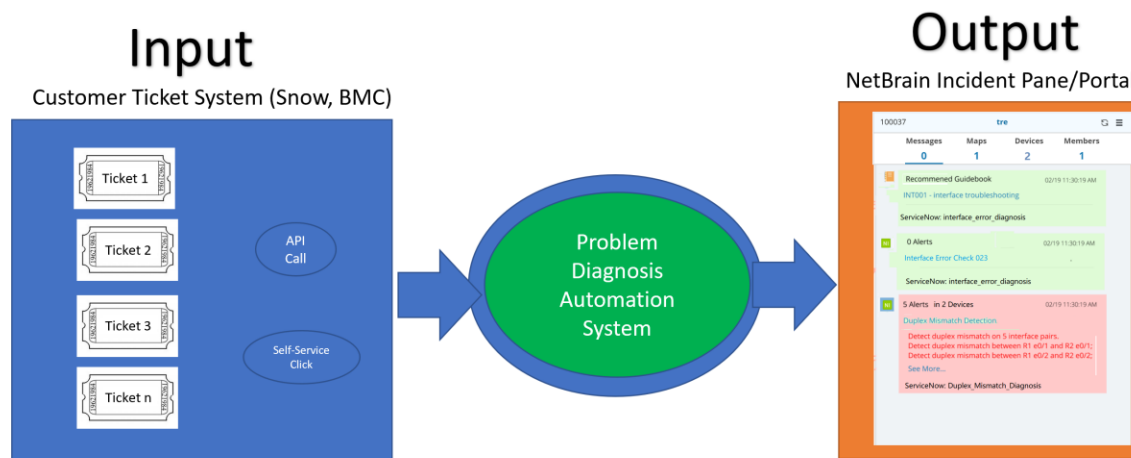
- [Personal Map Copy](#) <sup>New</sup> : users can create a personal copy of a shared map (the master map) and share their findings and changes with others without altering the master map.
- [Reference Map Enhancements](#): provides a dialog to browse and select all common maps (standalone maps) and function maps (site, device group, Intent, Path, etc.) and allows a user to choose any common and function map as the reference map for the Path, Intent, etc.
- [Site Map Enhancements](#): support adding more devices like linked neighbor devices to a site map.
- [Smart CLI](#): support the Smart CLI on MAC OS.

#### 5. [Other Enhancements](#)

- [KC and Auto Update Enhancements](#): enable the silent downloading and installation of the platform resources, etc.
- [License Enhancements](#): support two license modes, separate pool and universal poll, and usage-based license model for IBA module.
- [Benchmark, Live Access, and Fine-Tune Enhancements](#): enhancements to the device log of benchmark and fine-tune UI. Allow the users to lock only one setting, such as Management IP, in the device setting.
- [Installation Pre-check Tool](#) <sup>New</sup> : develop a tool to check users' system readiness to install/upgrade and generate a report to help users prepare appropriately for the installation/upgrade.
- [Search Enhancements](#): can search automation objects, NAT table, and Virtual server table.
- [Other Enhancements and Adjustments](#)

## 2 Problem Diagnosis Automation System (PDAS)

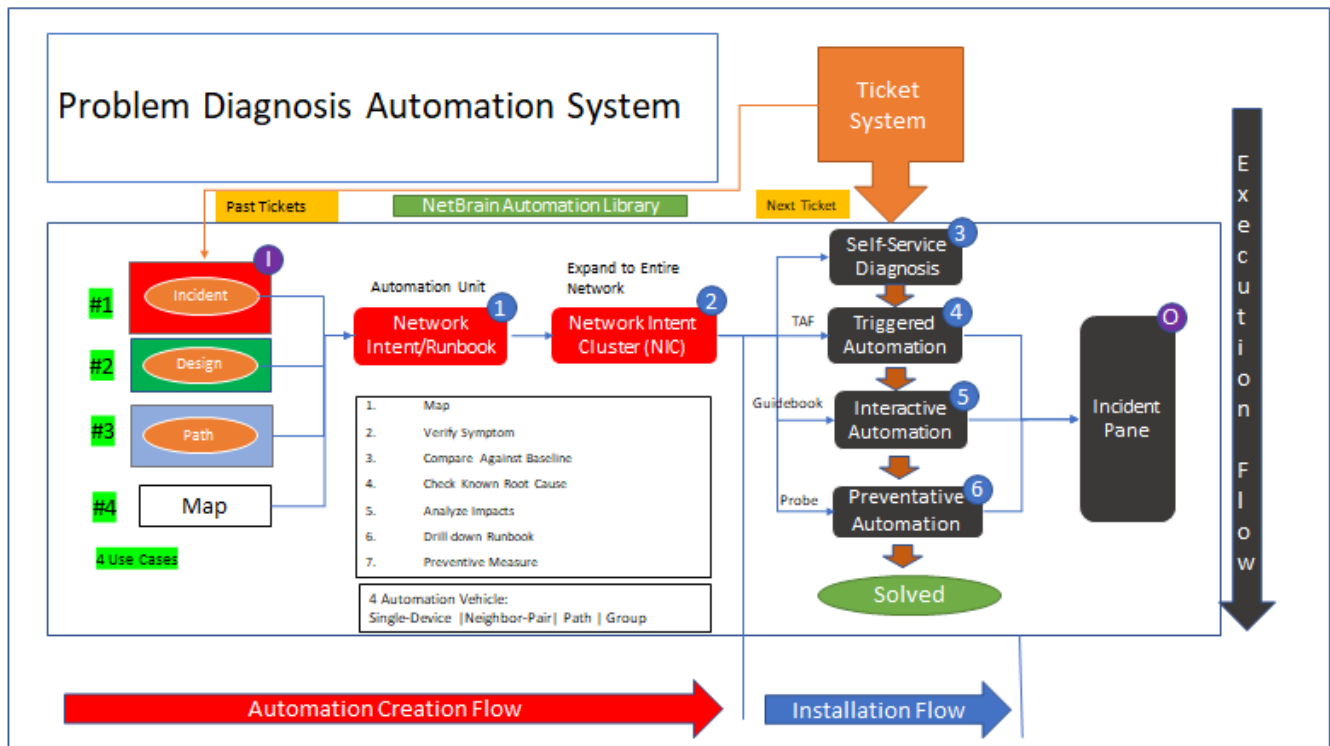
Release v10.1 greatly enhances the **Problem Diagnosis Automation System (PDAs)**, which automates the Diagnosis of repetitive problems and enforces preventive measures across the entire network. As illustrated in the following diagram, from the end user's perspective, the output of PDAs is NetBrain Incident Pane/Portal, a central collaboration platform for troubleshooting and data sharing for each problem.



Input and Output of Problem Diagnosis Automation System (PDAS)

The underlying system has three essential flows, as shown in the following system architecture diagram:

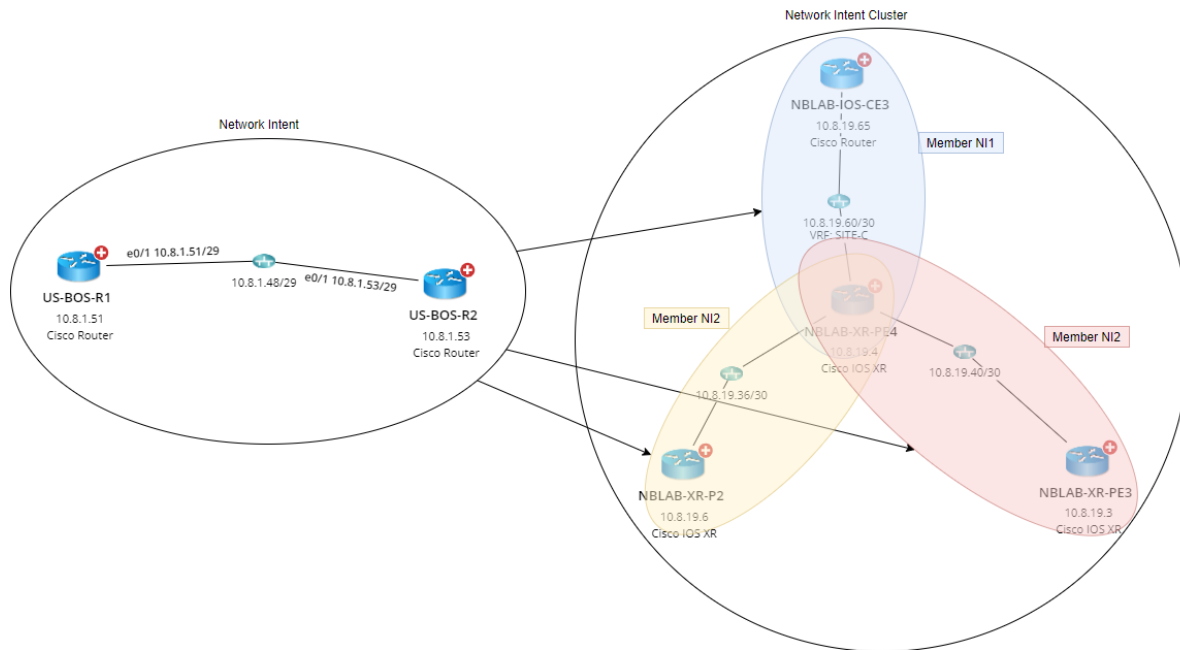
- **Automation Creation Flow:** where diagnosis know-how is turned into automation assets across the entire network in the form of Network Intent (NI) or Executable Runbook (RB) inside the no-code platform.
- **Automation Installation Flow:** where various automation assets are connected to future problem diagnosis through Trigger from the ticket system, or human interaction, or NetBrain's adaptive monitoring system.
- **Automation Execution Flow** – where automation is executed in response to an external symptom in three successive methods, namely triggered, interactive, and preventive. All execution output is organized inside the NetBrain incident pane for each distinctive Incident.



## 2.1 Network Intent Cluster (NIC)

V10.1 introduces NIC, which expands Network Intent (NI) scope from a specific network design to one type of network design with similar diagnosis logic. While NI effectively documents and validates a network design, it applies to only one network device or a set of devices at a time. Therefore, it can take many repetitive efforts to create NIs for a large network. NIC is designed to expand the logic of a NI (seed NI) from one or a set of devices to the whole network. Furthermore, NIC can be triggered to run in the Triggered Automation Framework (TAF), and its results can significantly reduce the MTTR. NIC requires no coding skills and has an intuitive user interface for creating and debugging.

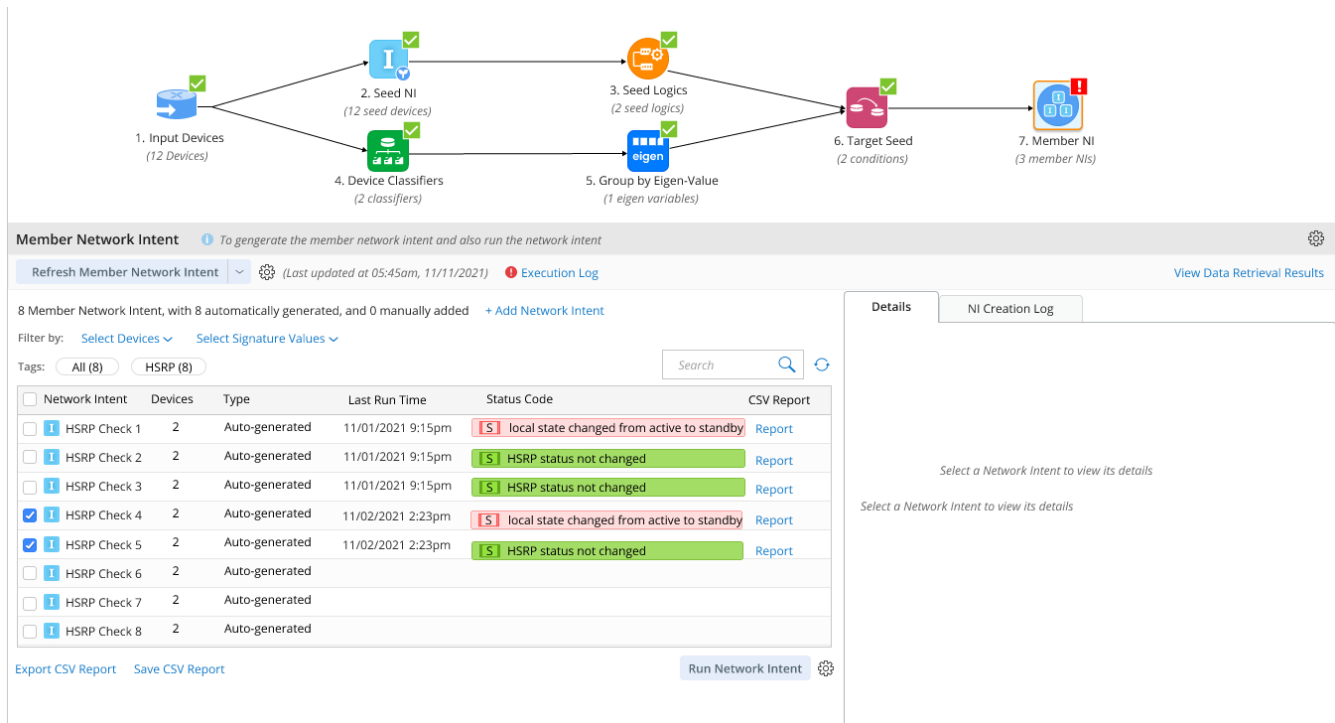
For example, you create a NI to monitor whether failover occurs between a pair of HRSP devices, **US-BOS-R1** and **US-BOS-R2** (the failover often causes the performance issue such as the slow application). Then, NIC can replicate the logic to all pairs of HRSP in the network without any coding.



NIC is composed of a group of NIs (Member NIs) cloned from Seed NI via a 7-step, no-code process. A NIC may have thousands of Member NIs, corresponding to a specific network diagnosis. A subset of Member NIs can be selected to execute according to the user-defined matching logic based on: (1) devices inside the member NI (member device), 2) unique tag for each Member NI, or 3) signature variables assigned to Member NI.

The following diagram is a sample NIC to clone a seed NI to check the HSRP running status for a network site. By creating a NIC to achieve this, you can expand the Diagnosis of one site to your entire network. Each Member NI has its tag and signature variable, the **virtual IP address** of HSRP.



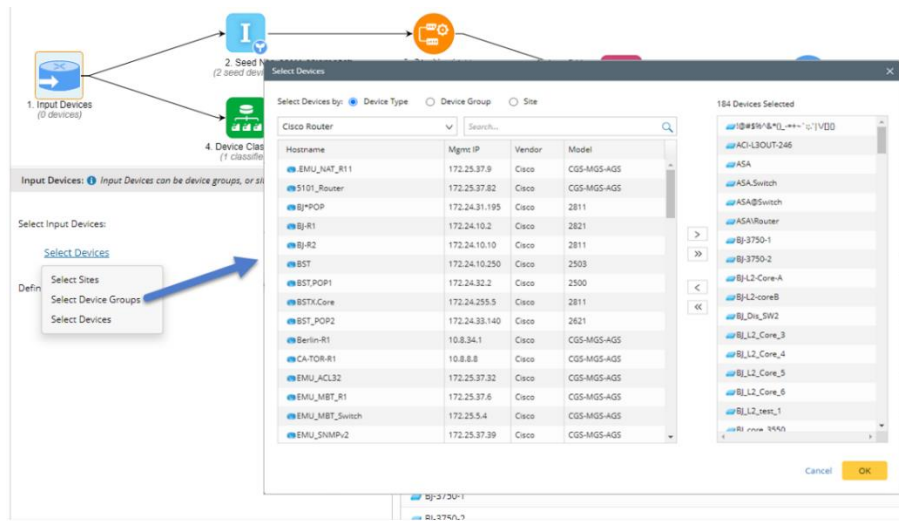


## 2.1.1 NIC Creation Flow

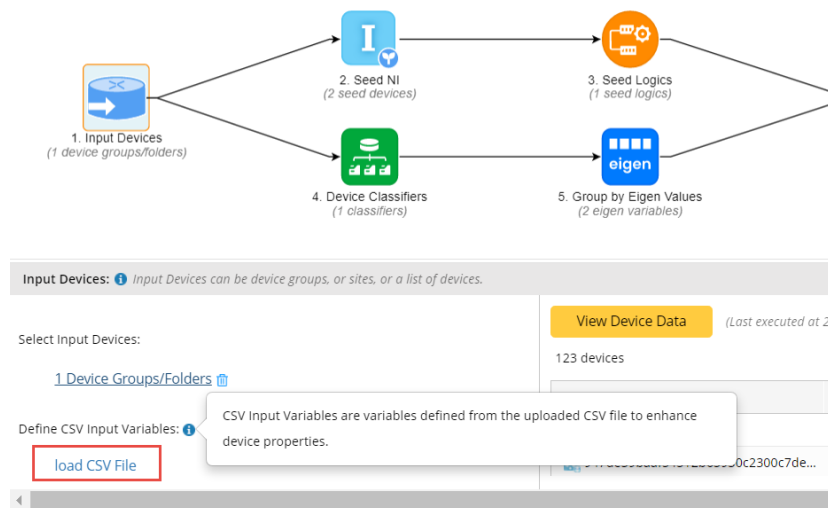
V10.1 provides via a 7-step, no-code process to create a NIC.

### 2.1.1.1 Input Devices

In the **Input Devices** node, you select the devices you want to expand the NI via the site, device group, and individual devices.



Users can load a CSV File to import the variables to enhance the device properties (the interface-related data is not supported in v10.1).



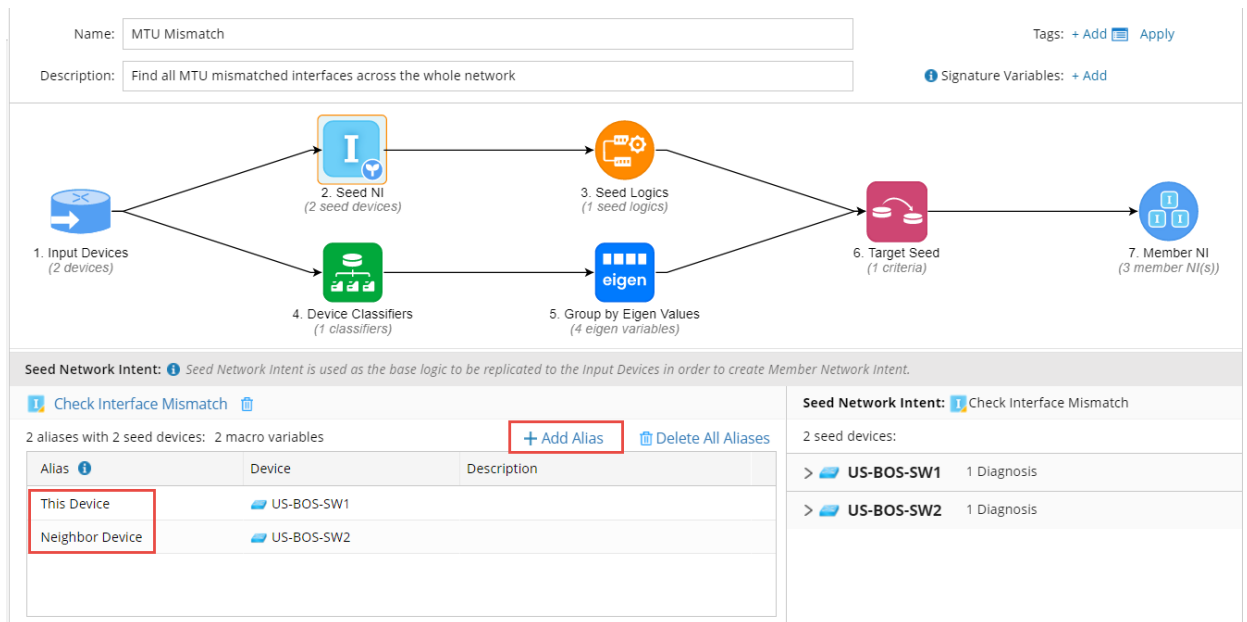
The CSV Input Variables can be used in the following functions:

- **Eigen Variable Identification:** The CSV input variables can be selected and used to define Eigen Variable to divide devices into different Eigen groups for NI creation (step 5).

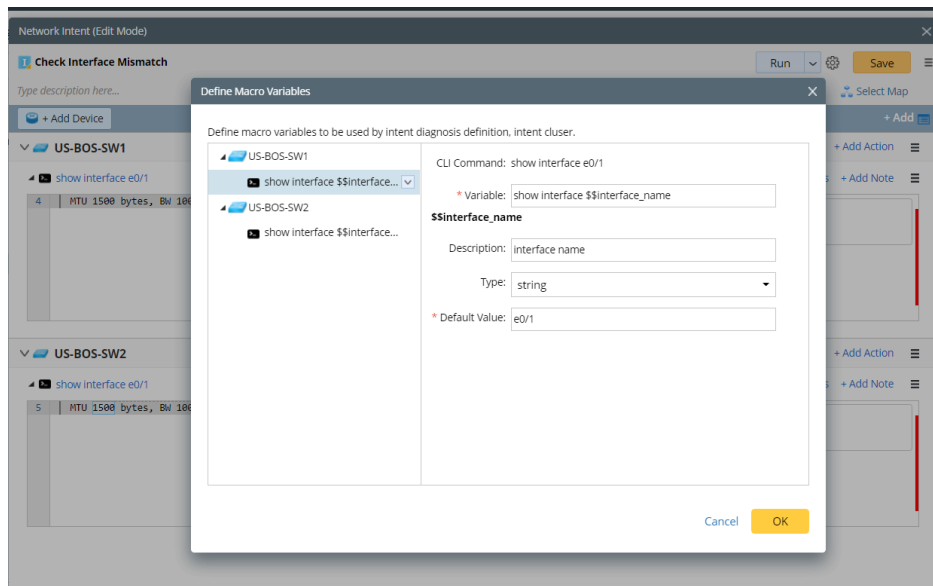
- **Target Seed Logic:** CSV input variables can be used in the Target Seed condition (step 6).
- **Macro Variable:** You may want to pass the device property to NI via Macro Variable, and you can use the CSV Input variable to achieve this (step 7).

### 2.1.1.2 Seed NI

**Seed NI** node selects a NI you want to expand the logic. The seed devices will have default alias, **D1**, **D2**, etc. Users can change the alias to an intuitive name, such as **this device**, **neighbor device**. Only one NI can be selected for a NIC.

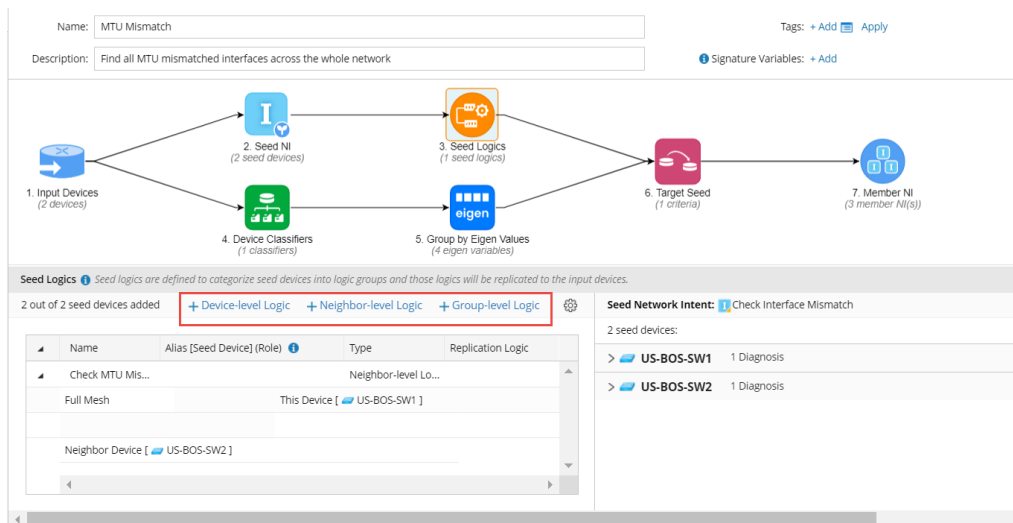


The seed NI can support **macro variables**. For example, users can create a NI to check the MTU mismatch between two specific neighbor interfaces using the CLI command **show interface e0/0**. While replicating this NI to all neighbor interfaces of a network, the system needs to replace the interface name **e0/0** with the interface name of the member device. The Macro Variables are defined for this purpose.



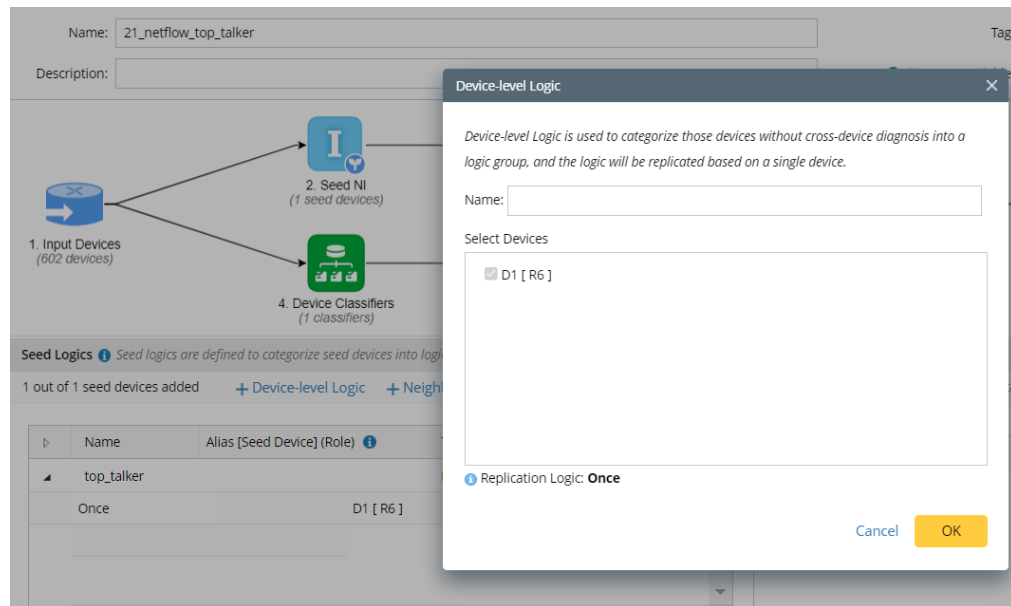
### 2.1.1.3 Seed Logics

The **seed Logic** node selects the logic replicating the seed NI to the input devices. Each seed device can belong to only one seed logic. A seed logic includes a group of seed devices and a replication setting. There are three types of seed logic:



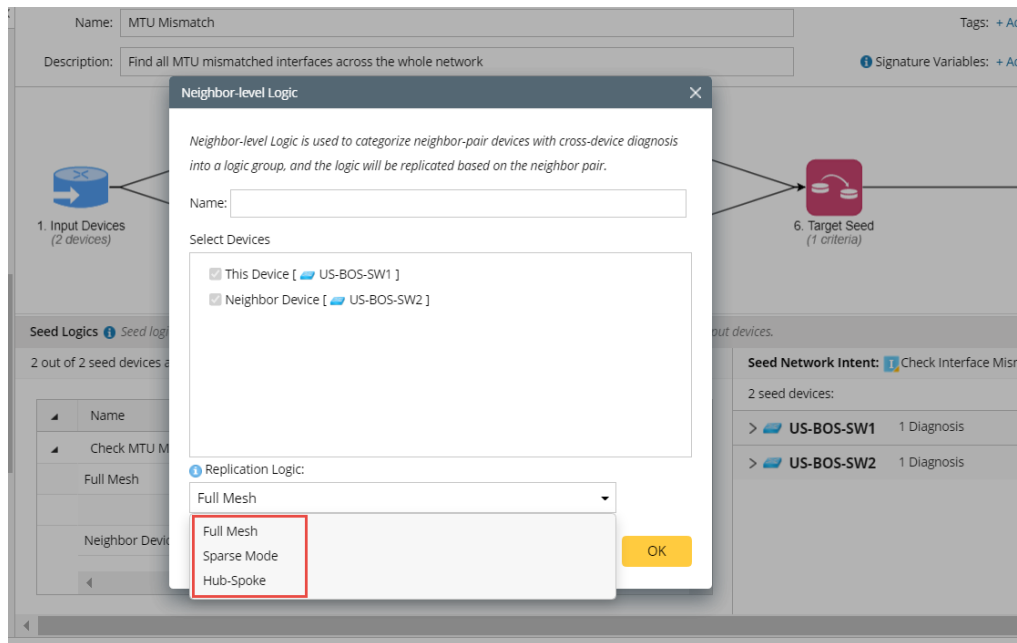
## 1. Device-level logic

Device-level logic is used for the single device diagnosis and replicated **once** for each device. For example, the NI checks the configurations for security compliance (whether the password is encrypted and telnet is disabled) and monitors the operation status (**interface CRC error** increases).



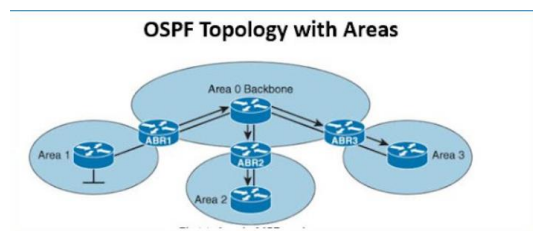
## 2. Neighbor-level logic

Neighbor-level logic is used to categorize neighbor-pair devices with cross-device diagnosis into a logic group, and the logic will be replicated based on the neighbor pair. There are three types of replication logic which is designed for the different types of real-world cases:



#### a. Full Mesh

The full mesh will take any two input devices in an eigen group to replicate the diagnosis. So, if there are  $n$  input devices in an eigen group, NIC may generate the maximum of  $n*(n-1)/2$  diagnosis in a member NI. Full mesh mode can be used to check the parameters across each neighbor pair to ensure the parameter for each device is unique. For example, check Router IP for an OSPF autonomous system to ensure that all router IDs configured within the same Autonomous system are unique.



Seed NI Logic checks the router ID of two devices to ensure that they are not the same. If the router IDs are the same, the system will raise an alert.

Name:  Anchor:

Type description

☒ Loop Table Rows

Table Key: \$ospf\_pid1

A  Current  Current

Equals

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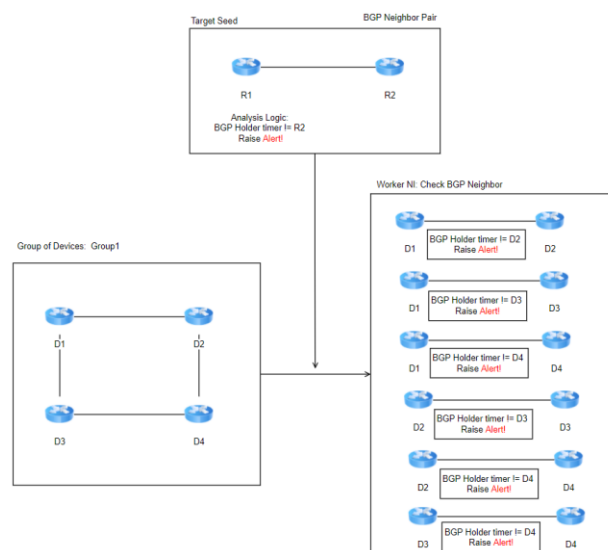
Boolean Expression:

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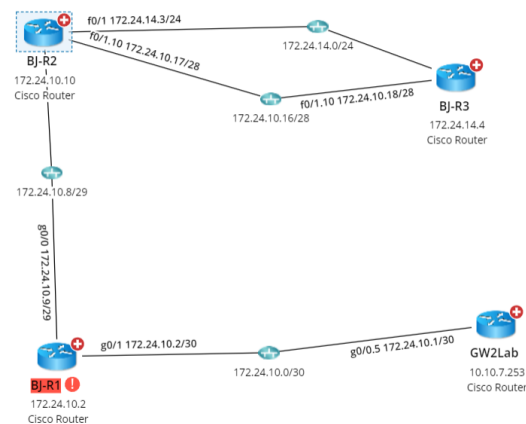
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To expand the logic to all devices within the same OSPF autonomous system, use the **Full-mesh** replication logic to define the seed logic.



## **b. Sparse Mode**

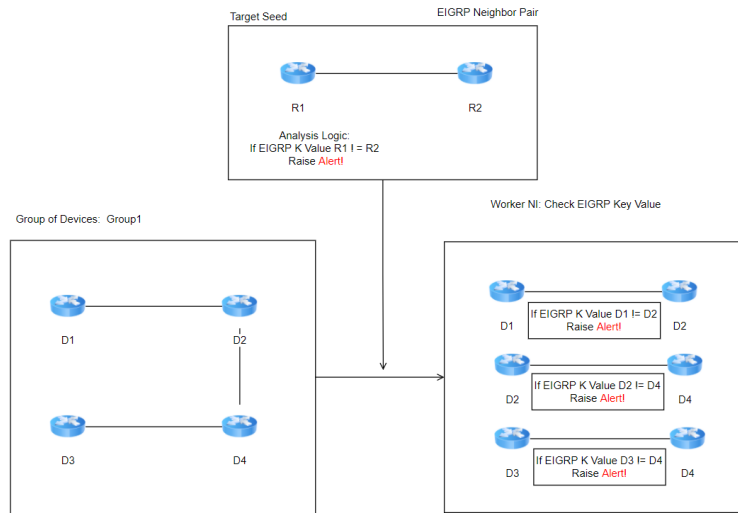
Sparse Mode will take the input devices of an eigen group as a list and replicate the diagnosis for any two adjacent devices. So, if there are  $n$  input devices, NIC may generate the maximum of  $n-1$  diagnosis in a member NI. Sparse Mode can check the parameters across each neighbor pair to ensure that the parameters are the same across the device selected. For example, *check EIGRP K Value for the same EIGRP AS number to ensure that all EIGRP key values within the same EIGRP AS number are the same.*



Seed NI checks the  $K$  value for two devices to ensure they are not the same. If Key Values are not the same, the system will raise an alert.

To expand the logic to all devices within the same EIGRP system, we use the **Sparse Mode** replication logic to define the seed logic.

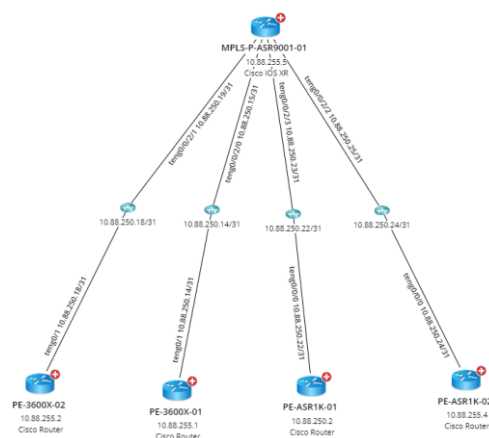




### c. Hub-spoke Mode

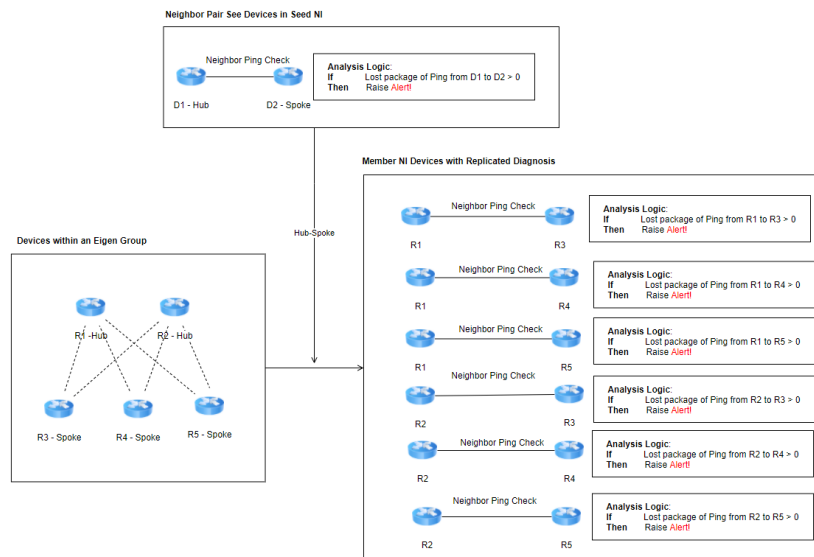
Hub-spoke mode is applied to the pair of devices with different roles. For example, one is a P device, and the other is a PE device. Hub-spoke mode will divide the input devices of an eigen group into two groups according to the roles and take one device from each group to replicate the diagnosis. For example, if there are  $m$  P devices and  $n$  PE devices, NIC may generate the maximum  $m*n$  diagnosis in a member NI (for this eigen group).

We can create a NI to check the connectivity between a P and a PE device to ensure their connectivity is working. Then expand the check logic to all connections between P devices and PE devices with Hub-spoke mode.



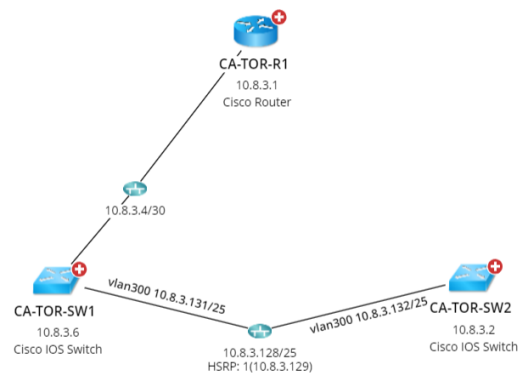
Seed NI checks the connectivity between P and PE devices. If there is a connectivity issue between the P and PE devices, the system will raise an alert.

To expand the logic to all devices within the same BGP AS Number, use the **Hub-Spoke** replication logic to define the seed logic.



### 3. Group-level logic

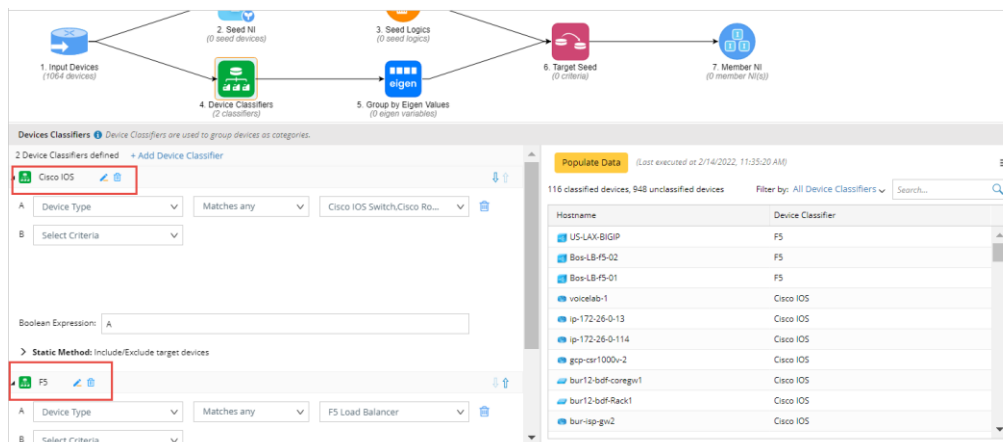
Group Level logic is used to replicate the exact number of device logic with seed NI. For example, a typical remote site of your network consists of one router and two switches.



You create a Seed NI to check the configuration compliance for a particular site, and you want to expand the same logic to all remote sites having the same deployment and setup. You can use **group-level logic** for this purpose.

#### 2.1.1.4 Device Classifier

The **Device Classifier** node puts devices into different classifiers based on the device types so each classifier can use the same CLI command(s) to retrieve the data or use the same system. Besides device type, users can use other device properties and the configuration file.



Users can define multiple classifiers, for example, one classifier for one vendor, which can be useful for an NI to support the multi-vendor.

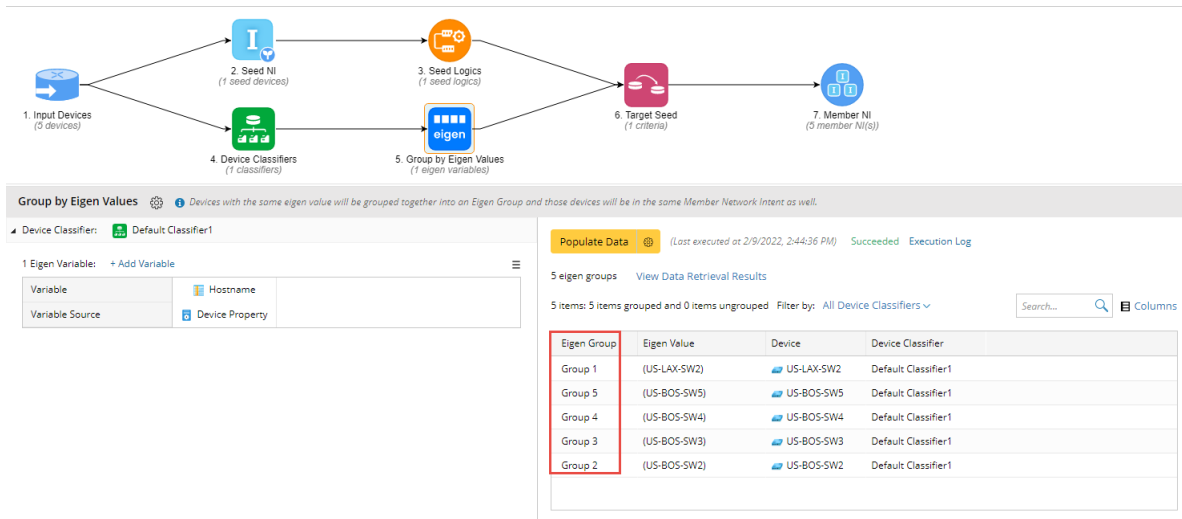
#### 2.1.1.5 Group by Eigen Values

**Group by Eigen Value** node groups devices with the same eigen value into an **Eigen Group**, which includes three steps:

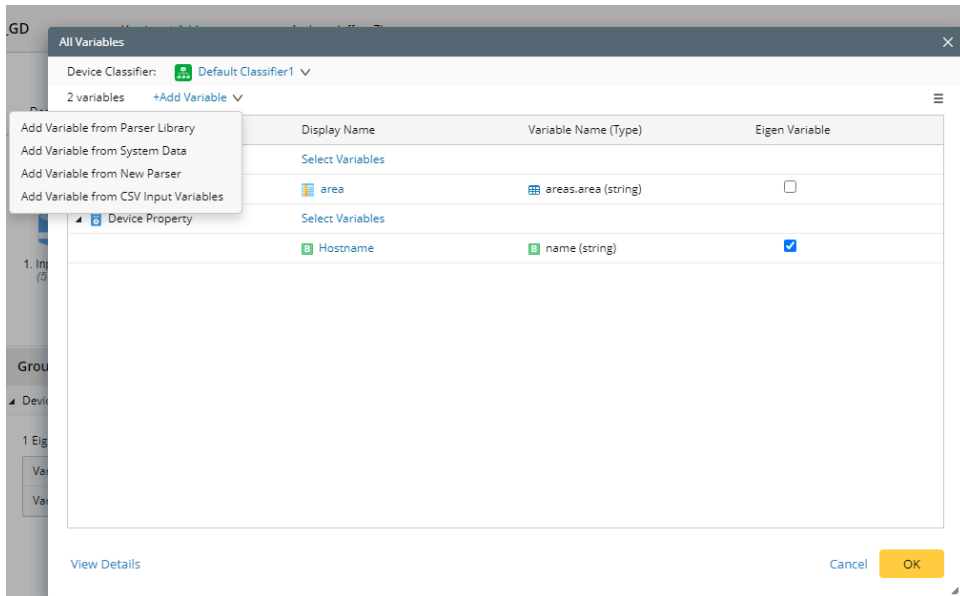
- According to the user's selection, the system computes a single string or a list of strings for each device's **eigen value**. For example, the hostname can be the eigen value for a single device diagnosis; for the neighbor

level logic with the interface, users may select two neighbor device hostname and two neighbor interface names as the eigen value.

- b. The devices with the same eigen value or overlapping eigen value (if a list of strings is used for eigen-value) will form an **eigen group**. Many groups could be formed as a result.
- c. The devices in each group will serve as the candidate to form a unique **member NI**.

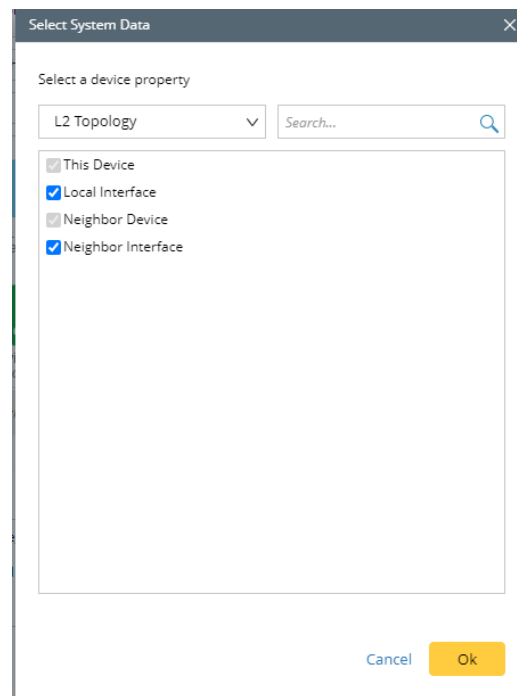


Users can add variables from the Parser library, built-in system data, and CSV input variables. Or they can create a new Parser. Under the system data, users can select the device property, interface property, and topology data.

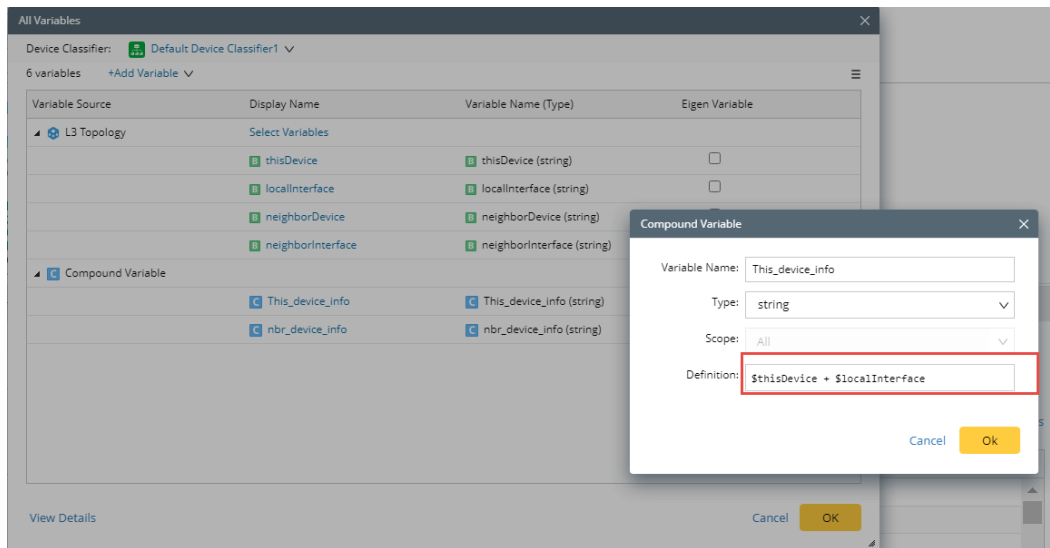


- **Compound Variables and Ignore the variable order**

While expanding a NI to check MTU mismatch between two neighbor interfaces to the whole network, users can select the topology data under the system data as the eigen variables, including four variables, ***this device***, ***local interface***, ***neighbor device***, and ***neighbor interface***.



Furthermore, users can add **compound variables** built from the currently selected variables. For example, users can create a compound variable ***this\_device\_info*** with the formula ***\$thisDevice + \$localInteface***. This compound variable will uniquely identify a local interface across the network if the device hostname is unique. Similarly, users can create the compound variable ***neighbor\_device\_info*** and set both compound variables as the eigen variables.



The system may create two eigen groups for a pair of **this\_device\_info** and **neighbor\_device\_info** as (**R1e0**, **R2e0**) and (**R2e0**, **R1e0**). However, the order is not essential for MTU mismatch, and these groups should be one. Users can ignore variable orders by adding the **Ignore Variable Order** setting and checking the corresponding variables.

Name: 01\_check\_interface\_mtu\_mismatch

Description:

Tags: + Add Apply

Signature Variables: 2 variables

1. Input Devices (1 device groups/folders)

2. Seed NI (2 seed devices)

3. Seed Logics (1 seed logics)

4. Device Classifiers (1 classifiers)

5. Group by Eigen Values (2 eigen variables)

6. Target Seed (1 conditions)

7. Member NI (33 member NI(s))

**Group by Eigen Values** *Devices with the same eigen value will be grouped together into an Eigen Group and those devices will be in the same Member Network Intent as well.*

Device Classifier: Default Device Classifier1

2 Eigen Variables: + Add Variable

Variable	This_device_in...	nbr_device_info
Variable Source	Compound Va...	Compound Va...
Ignore Variable Order	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Populate Data (Last executed at 2/7/2022, 5:17:51 PM) Succeeded Execution Log

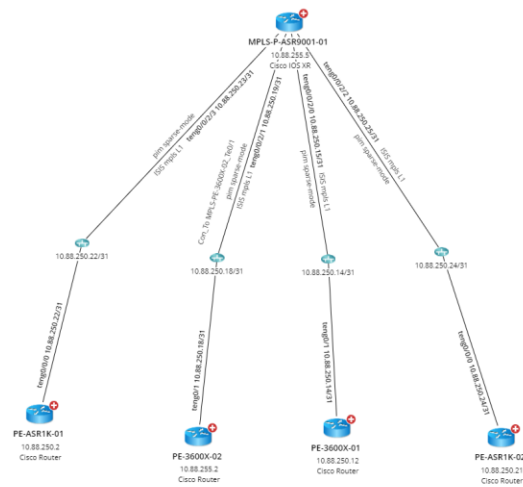
84 eigen groups View Data Retrieval Results

117 items: 117 items grouped and 0 items ungrouped Filter by: All Device Classifiers

Eigen Group	Eigen Value	Device	Device Classifier
Group 56	(ip-172-26-0-13Tunnel10...	ip-172-26-0-13	Default Device Classifie...
Group 57	(AWS-CSR1000vTunnel10...	ip-172-26-0-114	Default Device Classifie...
Group 76	(gcp-csr1000v-2Tunnel40...	gcp-csr1000v-2	Default Device Classifie...
Group 29	(bur-isp-gw2GigabitEther...	bur-isp-gw2	Default Device Classifie...
Group 19	(bur-isp-gw2GigabitEther...	bur-isp-gw2	Default Device Classifie...
Group 75	(bur-isp-gw2GigabitEther...	bur-isp-gw2	Default Device Classifie...

- Merge group via variables

The system will create the eigen group by default if all eigen variables are the same. In some cases, users want to group devices even if some eigen variables are not the same. For example, a NI is created to check the neighbor relationship between P and PE devices. For this purpose, we want to group the P device and its PE devices into an Eigen Group.











Four eigen variables are added: *\$name*, *\$BGP\_as\_number*, *\$nbr\_device*, *\$local\_IP*. And the Ignore Variable Order is added to ignore the order of *name* and *nbr\_device*.


4 Eigen Variable: + Add Variable

Variable	name	as	nbr_device	local_ip	
Variable Source	Device Property	show bgp all s...	Compound Va...	show bgp all s...	
Ignore Variable Order	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Merge Groups via Variables	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	











Four eigen groups are created for each pair of P and PE neighbors.









Eigen Group ▾	Eigen Value	Device	Device Classifier
Eigen Group 1	(MPLS-P-ASR9001-01, 64550, PE-3600X-02)	 MPLS-P-ASR9001-01	cisco xr
Eigen Group 1	(MPLS-P-ASR9001-01, 64550, PE-3600X-02)	 PE-3600X-02	cisco router
Eigen Group 2	(MPLS-P-ASR9001-01, 64550, PE-ASR1K-01)	 MPLS-P-ASR9001-01	cisco xr
Eigen Group 2	(MPLS-P-ASR9001-01, 64550, PE-ASR1K-01)	 PE-ASR1K-01	cisco router
Eigen Group 3	(MPLS-P-ASR9001-01, 64550, PE-ASR1K-02)	 MPLS-P-ASR9001-01	cisco xr
Eigen Group 3	(MPLS-P-ASR9001-01, 64550, PE-ASR1K-02)	 PE-ASR1K-02	cisco router
Eigen Group 4	(MPLS-P-ASR9001-01, 64550, PE-3600X-01)	 MPLS-P-ASR9001-01	cisco xr
Eigen Group 4	(MPLS-P-ASR9001-01, 64550, PE-3600X-01)	 PE-3600X-01	cisco router

To merge all eigen groups into one group, we can enable the **merge variables** function and select the variable **as\_number** so that the devices with the same **as\_number** will be merged into one group.

Device Classifier:  cisco xr

3 Variables: [+ Add Variable](#)

Variable	 name	 as	 nbr_device	
Variable Source	 Device Property	 show bgp su...	 Compound Va...	
Sort Group 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Merge Variables 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Eigen Group ▾	Eigen Value	Device	Device Classifier
Eigen Group 1	(MPLS-P-ASR9001-01, 64550, PE-3600X-01)	 PE-3600X-01	cisco router
Eigen Group 1	(MPLS-P-ASR9001-01, 64550, PE-3600X-02)	 PE-3600X-02	cisco router
Eigen Group 1	(MPLS-P-ASR9001-01, 64550, PE-ASR1K-01)	 PE-ASR1K-01	cisco router
Eigen Group 1	(MPLS-P-ASR9001-01, 64550, PE-ASR1K-02)	 PE-ASR1K-02	cisco router
Eigen Group 1	(MPLS-P-ASR9001-01, 64550, PE-3600X-01)	 MPLS-P-ASR9001-01	cisco xr
Eigen Group 1	(MPLS-P-ASR9001-01, 64550, PE-3600X-02)	 MPLS-P-ASR9001-01	cisco xr
Eigen Group 1	(MPLS-P-ASR9001-01, 64550, PE-ASR1K-01)	 MPLS-P-ASR9001-01	cisco xr
Eigen Group 1	(MPLS-P-ASR9001-01, 64550, PE-ASR1K-02)	 MPLS-P-ASR9001-01	cisco xr



### 2.1.1.6 Target Seed

**Target Seed** node defines how to match the input devices to a seed device. The system uses the **target seed** to match each device inside an **eigen group** to a **seed device** inside a **seed NI** and then from the matched seed device to match the corresponding **seed logic**. One input device can match multiple seed devices and so multiple device logic, meaning that this device can be cloned the multiple logic.

For example, an NI is created to check the failover status of a primary and backup HRSP device. The seed devices are the primary and backup devices. We can define the target seed logic: if **\$state** contains **Active**, match the primary seed device; if **\$state** contains **standby**, match the standby seed device.

The screenshot displays the 'Target Seed' configuration interface. At the top, a workflow diagram shows the process flow: 1. Input Devices (17 devices) → 2. Seed NI (2 seed devices) → 3. Seed Logics (2 seed logics) → 6. Target Seed (2 criteria) → 7. Member NI (0 member NI).

The main configuration panel for the 'Target Seed' node is shown below the diagram. It includes a 'Device Classifier' dropdown set to 'Default Classifier1'. The 'Seed Device matching criteria' section allows defining conditions for matching. Two criteria are defined:

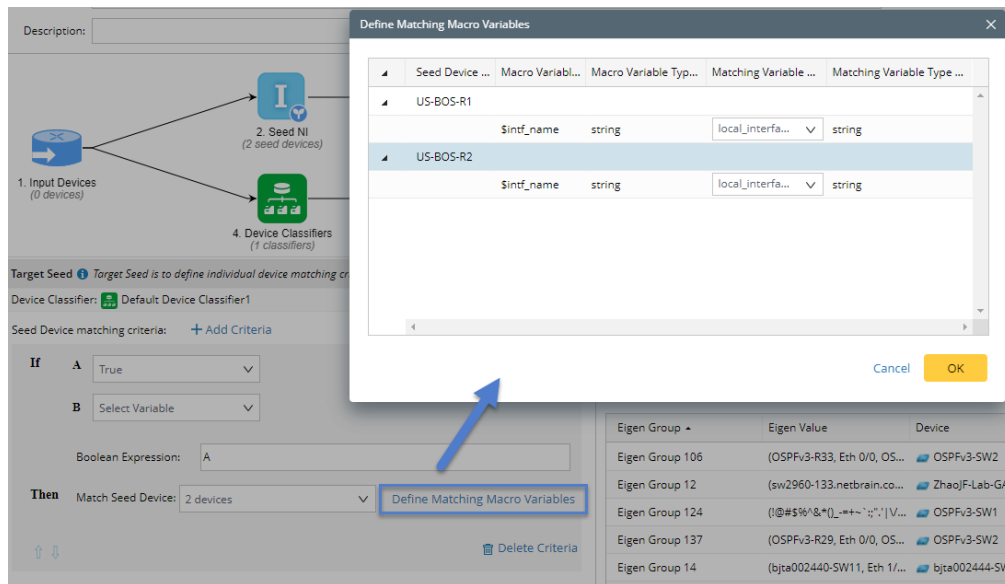
- Criterion 1:** If A (state) Contains Active, Then Match Seed Device: Primary(US-BOS-SW1). Boolean Expression: A.
- Criterion 2:** If A (state) Contains Standby, Then Match Seed Device: Backup(US-BOS-SW2). Boolean Expression: A.

Below the configuration panel, a 'Populate Data' button is visible, along with a status message: 'Last executed at 2/14/2022, 2:07:17 PM | Succeeded | Execution Log'. A summary line states: '4 eigen groups: 4 groups will create NI and 0 groups won't create NI | View Data Retrieval Results'. Below this, a table displays the results of the matching process.

Eigen Group	Eigen Value	Device	Matched Seed Device	Create NI?	Device Classifier
Group 1	(10.8.1.17)	US-BOS-SW2	Primary(US-BOS-SW1)	Yes	Default Classifier1
Group 3	(10.8.1.8)	US-BOS-SW2	Backup(US-BOS-SW2)	Yes	Default Classifier1
Group 2	(10.8.1.1)	US-BOS-SW2	Primary(US-BOS-SW1)	Yes	Default Classifier1
Group 1	(10.8.1.17)	US-BOS-SW1	Backup(US-BOS-SW2)	Yes	Default Classifier1
Group 3	(10.8.1.8)	US-BOS-SW1	Primary(US-BOS-SW1)	Yes	Default Classifier1
Group 2	(10.8.1.1)	US-BOS-SW1	Backup(US-BOS-SW2)	Yes	Default Classifier1
Group 4	(10.8.3.129)	CA-TOR-SW2	Primary(US-BOS-SW1)	Yes	Default Classifier1
Group 4	(10.8.3.129)	CA-TOR-SW1	Backup(US-BOS-SW2)	Yes	Default Classifier1

- **Define Matching Macro Variables**

Suppose the Seed NI has the macro variables. For example, it uses the CLI command, **show interface e0/0** to retrieve the data for a special interface. Users need to define which eigen variables will replace the Macro variables.



### 2.1.1.7 Member NI

**Member NI** generates the member NIs with the following additional functions:

**Member Network Intent** To generate Member Network Intent and also maintain the baseline data for all Member Network Intent.

Recreate Member Network Intent (Last executed at 2/14/2022, 2:21:55 PM) Succeeded Execution Log View Data Retrieval Results

4 Member Network Intent, with 4 automatically generated, and 0 manually added + Add Network Intent

Filter by: Select Devices

Tags: All Search...

Network Intent	Devices	Type	Last Run Time	Status Code	CSV Report
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neighbor_Pair_NIC 1	2	Auto-generated			
<input type="checkbox"/> Neighbor_Pair_NIC 2	2	Auto-generated			
<input type="checkbox"/> Neighbor_Pair_NIC 3	2	Auto-generated			
<input type="checkbox"/> Neighbor_Pair_NIC 4	2	Auto-generated			

Export CSV Report Save CSV Report Run Network Intent

**Details** NI Creation log

Network Intent Name: Neighbor\_Pair\_NIC 1

Tags (1): HSRP

Intent Map: Select Map

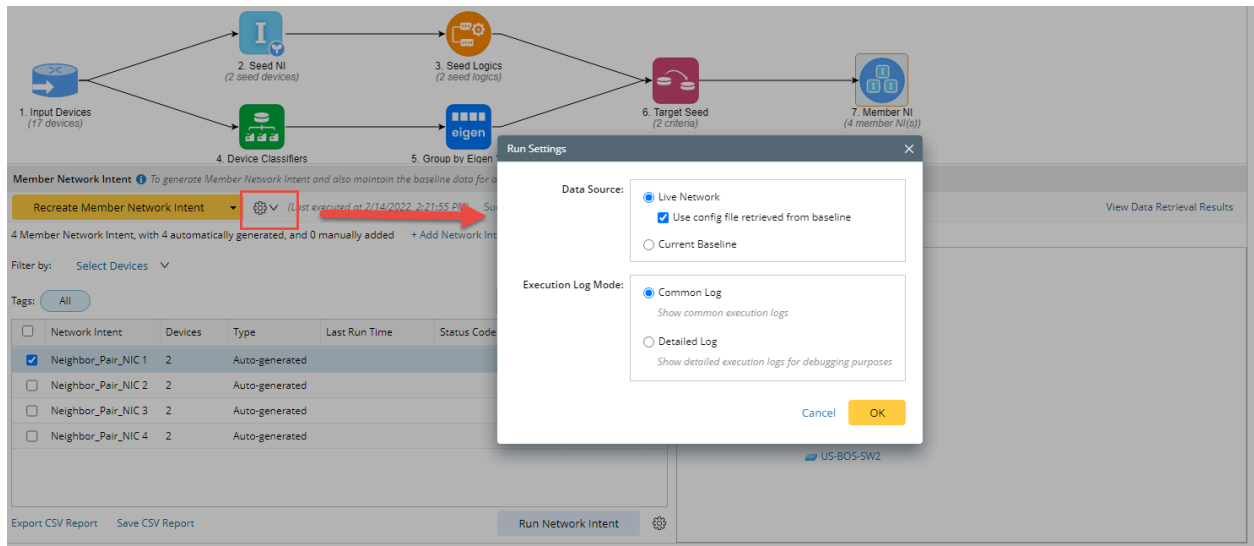
Eigen Value: (10.8.1.1)

Signature Variable (0): n/a

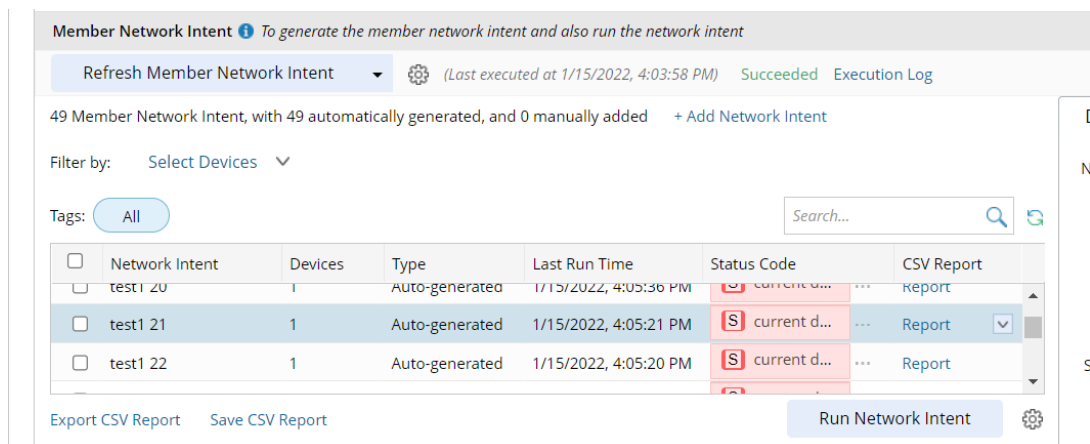
Devices (2): US-BOS-SW1, US-BOS-SW2

- For each member NI, users can view its member devices and eigen variables, set the Intent map, add tags, set the signature variables.

- Add the static NI as its member NIs.
- Define the run setting and setting how to create the Intent Map automatically.



- Export CSV report. After executing Member NIs of a NIC, the system will merge all reports generated by member NIs and create a single report.



## 2.1.2 Execute NIC

Member NIs of a NIC can be run manually. However, the better use case is that NIC is triggered by an external ticket, which requires adding NIC to the triggered diagnosis of the TAF system, or internal probe, which requires installation of NIC to the probe.

Install NIC to a probe via three steps: 1) Select NIC; 2) Define Filter for Member Intent Member Device with Member NI Tags and signature variables; 3) Add Probe to Trigger Intent Execution.

**Installed Network Intent Cluster - BGP Check**

Select Network Intent Cluster: **BGP Check** 1000 Member Intents, 2000 Member Devices Description: Trigger BGP Check NI Cluster Automation

**1. Define Filter for Member Intent:**

Filter Name: **MPLS Check** (3 Filters)

**A** Member Device Matches Probe Device

**B** Member NI Tag Matches any MPLS

**C** Select Criteria

Boolean Expression: A or B

Maximum Network Intent matched for one probe: 1 Additional Setting

**2. Add Probes to Trigger Intent Execution:**

Search Probe Across Member Devices + Add Probe Name

Probe Name	Filter
Configuration Change	Select a Filter
BGP Nbr Change	BGP Check
MPLS LDP Nbr Change	MPLS Check

Include/Exclude Specific Probes + Include Probes + Exclude Probes

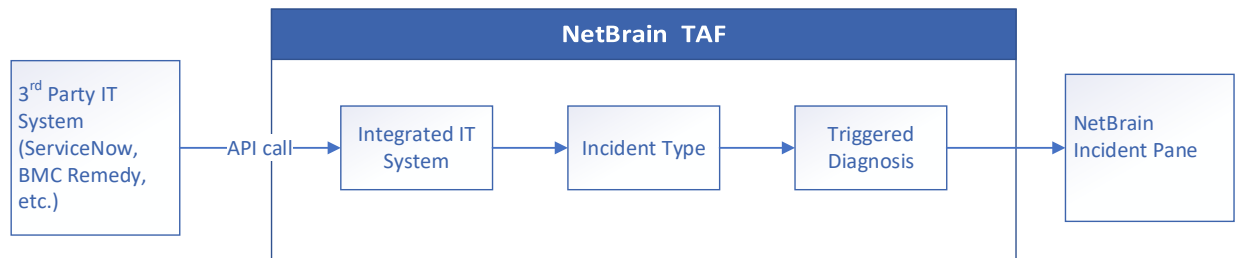
Device	Probe Name	Filter
Include (1)		
BST_Core1	Configuration Change	Filter 1
Exclude (1)		
FW1	MPLS LDP Nbr Change	

**Installed Member Intent:**

Device	Probe Name	Member Intent	Filter
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## 2.2 Triggered Automation Framework

V10.1 developed a new Triggered Automation Framework (TAF), a new version of the ServiceNow App, and enhanced the Incident Pane to better support PDAs.



TAF has the following key components:

1. Integrated IT System: define the categories of API calls and what data for each API call comes from the IT system (ticket system) to be integrated with NetBrain.
2. Incident Type: for each category of the incoming API call from the Integrated IT Systems, TAF will further classify them into NetBrain Incident types. The Incident Type defines:
  - a) The condition to put an API call into this Incident Type.
  - b) The signature to decide whether merge the API call into an existing Incident or create a new Incident.
  - c) The Incident message and Guidebook, which will be displayed in the Incident Pane.
3. Triggered Diagnosis: each Incident Type can be installed to execute NI/NIC. The installed NI and NIC can be run automatically (triggered Diagnosis) by the incoming API call or displayed in Incident Pane for the user to execute manually (self-service). The Diagnosis results and NI codes are shown in Incident Pane and the Integrated IT system. The Triggered Diagnosis defines:
  - a) When to trigger run NI/NIC (triggered condition).
  - b) Which member NIs for a NIC (member Network Intent filter).
  - c) How to run a member NI (member NI execution mode). A user can select create the Intent Map only, Execute the NI only, or both.

## 2.2.1 Integrated IT System

The first step of integrating an IT system is to define the API call signature (or identification) from that system to the NetBrain IE system. This can be done via defining an Integrated IT System at the system management level. An Integrated IT system describes what types of API calls (**category**) and the data included in these API calls. In addition, the system provides a mechanism to support multi-tenant and domain deployment for MSP and other customers.

### 2.2.1.1 Define an Integrated IT System

An Integrated IT system has the following fields:

- **Source:** the name of the ticket system, such as **ServiceNow**.
- **URL Address:** the URL of the ticket system, such as **netbrain.servicenow.com**. This field is used to differentiate which source an API call is from.
- **Description.**
- **Data field:** categories of API calls and the data fields for each category.

The screenshot shows a window titled "Edit Integrated IT System". It contains the following fields and sections:

- Source:** A text field containing "ServiceNow".
- URL Address:** A text field containing "https://dev59490.service-now.com/"
- Description:** A text area containing "Build data structure which can be used for triggered diagnosis for ServiceNow".
- Data Field:** A section with a tree view on the left and a details panel on the right.
  - The tree view has a "+ Add Category" button at the top. Below it, the "Incident" category is expanded, showing a list of data fields: Configuration\_item, Short\_description, Description, State, Impact, Urgency, Priority, Assignment\_groupN, Assigned\_toName, and Call\_Back\_URL.
  - The details panel on the right shows:
    - Name:** A text field containing "incident".
    - Condition:** A section with a "+ Add Condition" button and a "Boolean Expression:" label followed by an empty text field.

At the bottom right of the window are "Cancel" and "OK" buttons.

Each category corresponds to the different types of API calls from this ticket system, which usually has various data fields or parameters. For example, one category for the Incident ticket and another category for the Change Request ticket. Users can manually add data fields or import from a JSON file.

If multiple categories are defined for an IT system, TAF needs to match an API call to a category by looking for a particular data field, **category**, of the API call. Therefore, we recommend that the user add this particular data field to all categories. Otherwise, a user can define a condition of a category used by TAF to tell which category an incoming API call from this ticket system belongs to.

Source: ServiceNow

URL Address: https://dev59490.service-now.com/

Description: Build data structure which can be used for triggered diagnosis for ServiceNow

Data Field: + Add Category

- Assigned\_toName
- Call\_Back\_URL
- Number
- CallerName
- change\_request
- Assignment\_groupName
- Assigned\_toName
- Configuration\_itemName
- Description
- Impact
- Planned\_end\_date

Name: change\_request

Condition: + Add Condition

A sys\_class\_name Contains change request

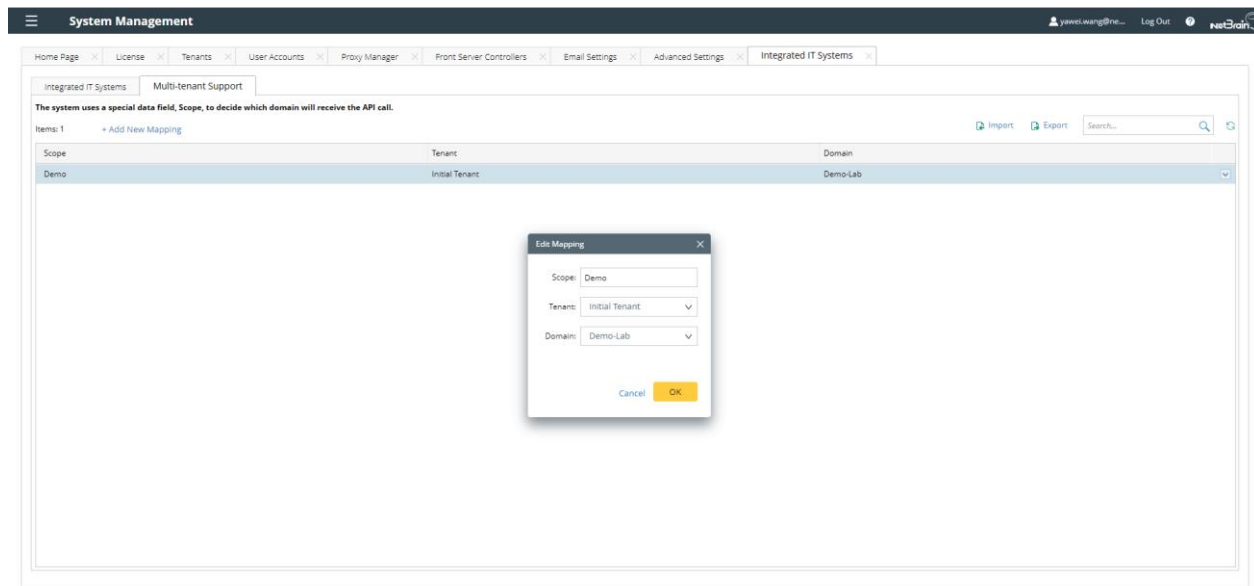
Boolean Expression: A

Cancel OK

ServiceNow App 3.0 provides the **Send Data Fields to NetBrain** feature, automatically creating or updating the integrated IT System for the ServiceNow. In addition, the auto-created Integration IT System includes the particular field, **category**.

### 2.2.1.2 Multi-tenant Support

MSP customers usually have multiple tenant systems, one tenant for one client. To support the multi-tenant/Domain, an API call must include a particular data field, **scope**, and define mappings between scopes and Domains for Integrated IE systems. TAF framework will forward the API call to the matched domain.



## 2.2.2 Define and Test Incident Type

For each category of the incoming API call from the Integrated IT Systems, TAF will further classify them into NetBrain Incident types. The Incident Type defines:

1. The condition to put an API call into this Incident Type.
2. The signature variables to decide whether merge the API call into an existing Incident or create a new Incident.
3. The Incident message and Guidebook, which will be displayed in the Incident Pane.

The definition of Incident type has three steps:



**New Incident Type**

Incident Type:  Description:

Source:  Category:

Condition: *Define condition(s) on what API call will be classified to this incident type.*

A

Boolean Expression:

**Settings to Merge API Calls into Incident**

☐ Match Existing Incidents Only *Set New Incident Subject*

Merge into Incident by Signature:

Merge into Incident by Time: ☐ Creation Time: less then

☒ Updated Time: less then

**Settings for Incident Message**

☒ Define Incident Message:

☒ Recommended Interactive Automation:

## 1. Basic settings

- **Incident Type:** a unique name, such as *Interface Error*, *BGP Down*, etc.
- **Description:** an optional field to describe the Incident.
- **Source:** select an Integrated IT system, such as *ServiceNow*.
- **Category:** select a source category, such as Incident (Incident ticket from ServiceNow).
- **Condition:** define which API calls of this category coming from the source belongs to this Incident Type.

## 2. Incident Merging Setting

Often multiple tickets are related and can be caused by the same root cause. For example, if a monitoring system detects an interface is down, it may create multiple tickets. TAF allows a user to merge API calls for all

these tickets into one Incident instead of creating a new incident for each of these calls. The setting to merge will be defined like this: if an API call has the same signature value as a previous API call within a specific time range, do not create a new incident. Instead, append a new Incident message to the Incident created in the last call.

The screenshot shows the 'Settings to Merge API Calls into Incident' configuration page. It includes a checkbox for 'Match Existing Incidents Only', a 'Set New Incident Subject' link, and a 'Merge into Incident by Signature' section with a dropdown menu currently set to 'Configuration\_ItemName'. Below this is a '+ Add New Value' button. The 'Merge into Incident by Time' section has two options: 'Creation Time: less than 1 day(s)' and 'Updated Time: less than 1 minute...', with the latter being selected. A red box highlights the 'Updated Time' selection. A red text annotation on the right states: 'It means the API call will merge into a NetBrain incident if this incident has same device name as signature and updated time less than 1 hour.'

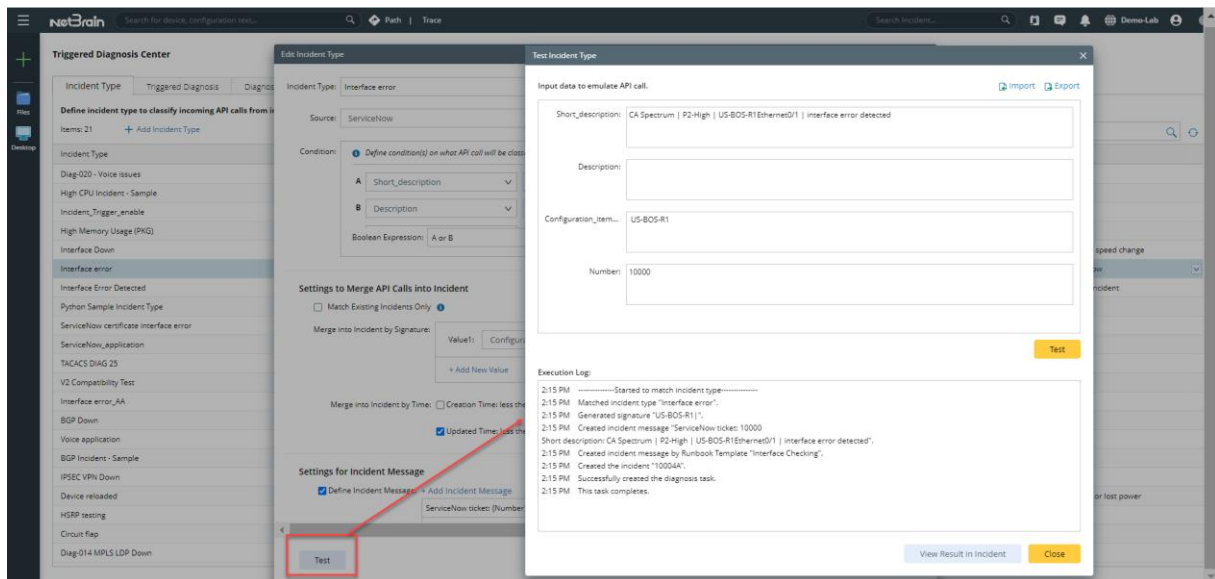
### 3. Define Incident Message

Each ticket will append a message into the corresponding Incident and optionally a recommended guidebook or Runbook template for the interactive troubleshooting. Besides the text, a user can insert any data field from the category, built-in special fields (**{{Incident Type}}**, **{source}**, **{category}**, and **{triggered time}**), and hyperlink into the message.

The screenshot shows the 'Settings for Incident Message' configuration page. It features a 'Define Incident Message' section with a checkbox and a '+ Add Incident Message' link, containing a text area with placeholder text 'ServiceNow ticket: {Number} Short description: {Short\_...}'. Below this is a 'Recommended Interactive Automation' section with a checkbox, a dropdown menu set to 'Runbook Template', a button labeled 'Interface Checking', and a 'Select' button. Red boxes highlight the 'Define Incident Message' section and the 'Recommended Interactive Automation' section. Red text annotations on the right state: 'Create incident message by API call's data' and 'Create incident message by Runbook template and Guidebook'.

### 4. Test Incident Type

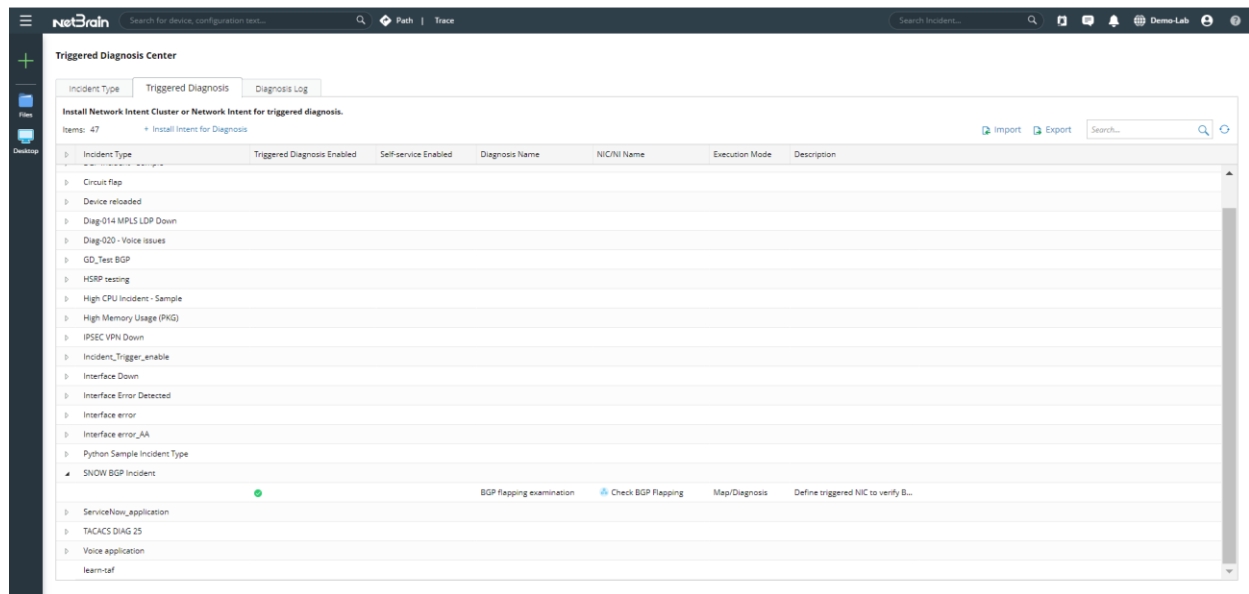
Incident Type edit UI provides the **Test** button for a user to test its definition. After inputting the data fields of the incoming API call, the system prints out the execution log, including each step's details.



### 2.2.3 Define and Test Triggered Diagnosis

Under the **Triggered Diagnosis** tag of **Triggered Diagnosis Center**, a user can install an NI or NIC for an Incident Type. The installed NI and NIC can be run automatically (**triggered Diagnosis**) by the incoming API call or displayed in Incident Pane for the user to execute manually (**self-service**). The Diagnosis results and NI status codes are shown in Incident Pane and the Integrated IT system.

For example, you create a NIC to diagnose the BGP flapping issue, generating member NIs for all BGP devices in your network. So now, for any API call falling into BGP flapping Incident Type, you can define a Diagnosis to run this NIC when the Incident occurs. The result indicates whether a BGP flapping occurred and an Intent Map is shown to the end-user in Incident Pane or ServiceNow.



Define a triggered diagnosis with the following steps:

1. Define the basic setting: name, description, type (NI or NIC), and select an NI/NIC
2. Enable the NI/NIC to be triggered, self-service, or both.
3. Define the conditions for the NI/NIC to be triggered (triggered condition).
4. For NIC, define which member NIs to be executed (filter member NI) and how they are executed.

Edit Triggered Diagnosis

Name:

BGP flapping examination

Description:

Define triggered NIC to verify BGP flapping issue

Type:

Network Intent Cluster

Check BGP Flapping

Select

☒ Enable Triggered Diagnosis
 

☐ Enable Self-service
 

Self-service Settings

Filter Incoming Incident

Incoming Incident Type:

SNOW BGP Incident

Define filter(s) to trigger diagnosis by data field(s) of incoming API call.

A

Select Criteria

Boolean Expression:

A

Match Member Network Intents

Match member NI(s) to be executed by signature variable, member device, or member NI tag.

A

Member Device

Is part of

Short\_description

B

Select Criteria

Boolean Expression:

A

Test

Cancel

OK

### 2.2.3.1 Basic Setting

Besides the name and description, you select a NI or NIC for the Diagnosis. In most cases, you should choose NIC unless the Incident Type is specific for certain devices. For example, select the NIC, **BGP Flapping Examination**.

The NIC can be set to run automatically if the triggered condition is satisfied or displayed in the Incident Portal for the end-user can manually run it (self-service).

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### 2.2.3.2 Triggered Condition

Triggered condition defines when this Diagnosis will be executed. First, you select the Incident Type to trigger this Diagnosis. Then optionally define the condition. If no condition is specified, the Diagnosis will always be executed when the incoming API call belongs to the Incident Type.

The screenshot shows a configuration panel titled "Filter Incoming Incident". At the top, there is a dropdown menu for "Incoming Incident Type" with "SNOW BGP Incident" selected. Below this is a blue information icon followed by the text: "Define filter(s) to trigger diagnosis by data field(s) of incoming API call." There are three filter rules labeled A, B, and C. Rule A has a dropdown for "Short\_description", a "Contains" operator, and a text field with "BGP flapping". Rule B has a dropdown for "Description", a "Contains" operator, and a text field with "BGP flapping". Rule C has a dropdown for "Select Criteria". To the right of each rule is a trash icon. At the bottom, there is a "Boolean Expression" field containing "A or B".

### 2.2.3.3 Filter for Member Network Intent

For NIC diagnosis, users can filter the member NIs to be executed. In our example, you may not run all member NIs if there are many BGP devices in your network. Instead, you may want to run the member NIs for the device(s) related to this Incident.

The screenshot shows a configuration panel titled "Match Member Network Intents". At the top, there is a blue information icon followed by the text: "Match member NI(s) to be executed by signature variable, member device, or member NI tag." There are two filter rules labeled A and B. Rule A has a dropdown for "Member Device", an "Is part of" operator, and a dropdown for "Short\_description". Rule B has a dropdown for "Select Criteria". To the right of rule A is a trash icon. Below the rules is a "Boolean Expression" field containing "A". At the bottom, there is a field for "Maximum number of Network Intent(s) matched for one trigger task" with the value "1".

You may set Maximum Network Intent Matched for One Trigger to be a reasonable number to protect the system.

### 2.2.3.4 Member Network Intent Execution

NIC defines the logic to check the network state against the Intent and create a map for the Intent. The user can specify which to execute.

The screenshot shows a configuration panel titled "Member Network Intent Execution". It contains the following elements:

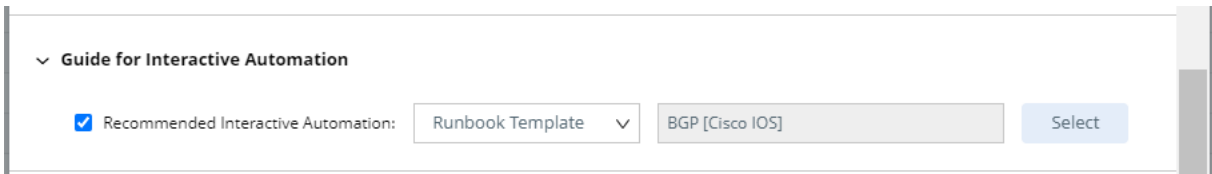
- Execution Mode:** A dropdown menu with the selected option "Execute Network Intent and Insert Intent Map".
- Network Intent Execution Settings:**
  - ☒ **Set Incident Device after Execution:** A dropdown menu with the selected option "Include Network Intent Device with Alert Status Codes".
  - ☒ **Create Incident Message with NI Status Code**
- Customized Incident Message for Map:** A text input field containing the text "View problem device" and a small icon to the right.

- Select the Execution mode: **Execute Network Intent Only**, **Insert Intent Map Only**, and **Execute Network Intent and Add Intent Map**.
- Select the Network Intent Setting: defining how the results are displayed in the Incident Portal. The option **Set Incident Device** after Execution allows the user to set the incident device(s) to include all Network Intent devices or only the Network Intent Devices with the alert status codes. The option **Create Incident Message by Status Code** will create an Incident message with the status code.
- If an NI has an Intent Map, the system will display the map in Incident Portal. Otherwise, the system will create an Intent Map according to the logic defined in NIC. An incident message will also be created with a hyperlink of the Intent Map.

This setting affects both the triggered and self-service Diagnosis. If **Execute Network Intent** is selected, this Diagnosis will be available for the manual Trigger NetBrain Diagnosis (in the Integrated IT system and Incident Portal). Similarly, if **Insert Intent Map** is selected, the Diagnosis will be available for the manual Trigger NetBrain Map (in the Integrated IT system and Incident Portal).

### 2.2.3.5 Guide for Interactive Automation

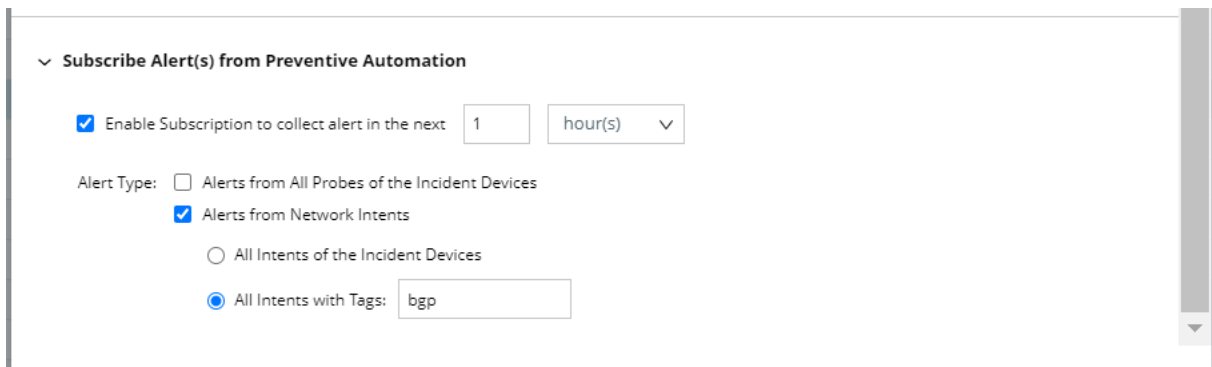
The user can select a guidebook or a Runbook Template to guide the end-user to run the recommended automation in the Incident Portal.



The screenshot shows a user interface titled "Guide for Interactive Automation". It features a checkbox labeled "Recommended Interactive Automation:" which is checked. To the right of the checkbox is a dropdown menu currently showing "Runbook Template". Further right is a text input field containing "BGP [Cisco IOS]". A blue "Select" button is positioned to the right of the text input field.

### 2.2.3.6 Subscribe to Preventive Automation

A diagnosis can be configured to collect the alerts from Flash Probe and/or NIs. The user can define the time range (e.g., next one day), filter tag (e.g., BGP probe or NI), and alert type from Intent.



The screenshot shows a user interface titled "Subscribe Alert(s) from Preventive Automation". It includes a checkbox "Enable Subscription to collect alert in the next" which is checked. To its right is a numeric input field with "1" and a dropdown menu showing "hour(s)". Below this, under the heading "Alert Type:", there are three radio button options: "Alerts from All Probes of the Incident Devices" (unchecked), "Alerts from Network Intents" (checked), and "All Intents of the Incident Devices" (unchecked). Under the "All Intents with Tags:" label, there is a text input field containing "bgp".

The system will collect all alerts from the fresh probe or NIs on all incident devices in the configured time range and display them in Incident Pane.

### 2.2.3.7 Self-service Settings

If a diagnosis is enabled for Self-service, an end-user can select and run this Diagnosis manually from Incident Portal or the IT Integrated System such as ServiceNow. The Self Service enables Network engineers to share essential diagnosis functions with IT engineers. See [section 2.3.5](#) and [section 2.4.1](#) on how users can run the self-service diagnosis in ServiceNow and Incident Pane correspondingly.



Self-service Settings defines parameters an end-user must input in the popup window when the Diagnosis is selected and run and other options:

Self-service Settings

Define how to create self-service triggered diagnosis in integrated IT systems and NetBrain Incident.

Diagnosis Name: Verify BGP flapping

Match Member Network Intents

Parameter1: Member Device

Prompt: Device ☒ Multi-choice: US-BOS-R1 ☒ Enable Manual Input ☒ Mandatory

Hint: Input device name, like R1.

+ Add New Parameter

Maximum number of Network Intent(s) matched for one trigger task: 1

NetBrain Incident Setting

☐ Create new NetBrain Incident if no incident exists for this ticket

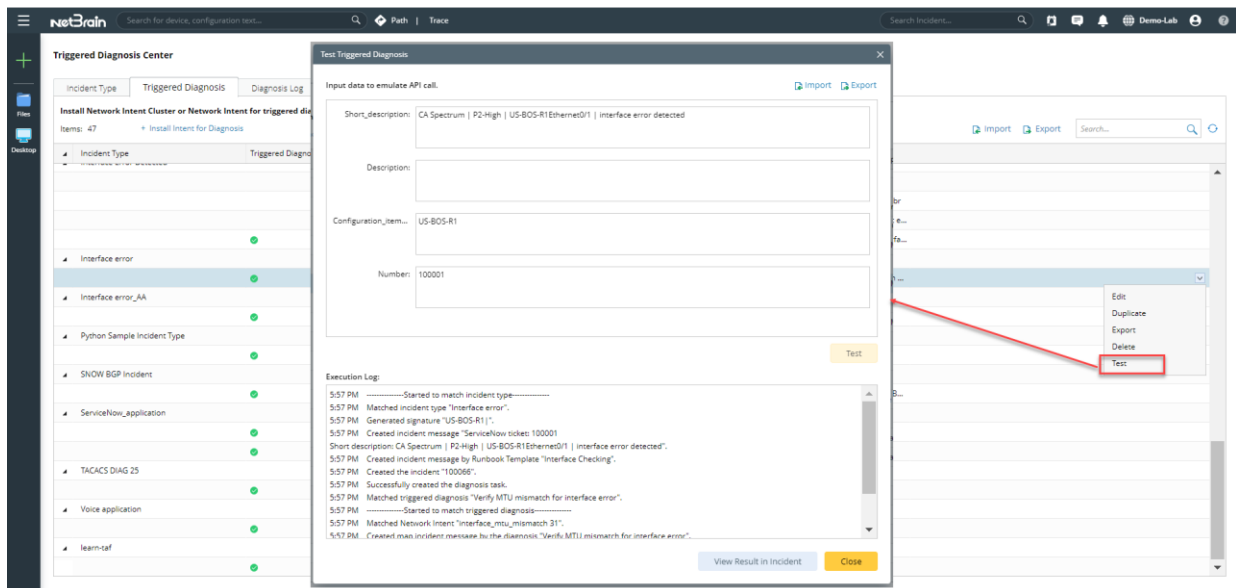
Cancel OK

- **Diagnosis name:** the name displayed to the end-user while selecting a diagnosis to run. It can be different than the diagnosis name defined in the Triggered Diagnosis window.
- **Parameters to filter the member NIs:** the user can select NIC signature variable, member device, member network intent tag. For each parameter, the user can define the prompt, whether the end-user selects the value from the multiple-choice and/or enters the value manually, whether it is mandatory, and hint. When **Multi-choice** is enabled, the user should enter the possible choices separated by the semi-colon (;). These choices will be displayed to the end-user as the dropdown menu. If both multiple-choice and manual input is enabled, the end-user can manually enter the value or select from the dropdown list.
- **Maximum Network Intent Matched for One Trigger** defines the maximum of matched NIs. The system will stop matching NIs when this number is reached.
- Checkbox **Create New NetBrain Incident if No Incident Exists in this ticket** will create a new incident if no incident exists for this ticket.

The self-service setting has the default values so that the Diagnosis can typically work if a user does not change the default setting.

### 2.2.3.8 Test Triggered Diagnosis

Triggered Diagnosis UI provides the **Test** button for a user to test its definition. After inputting the data fields to emulate the API call, the system prints out the execution log with each step's details.



A link is provided to view the Incident for this incoming call.

### 2.2.3.9 Manage Triggered Diagnosis

Triggered Diagnosis is managed in the **Triggered Diagnosis Center**, where a user can view all Diagnoses grouped by Incident Types, create, edit, delete, and duplicate (copy) a diagnosis. The center also provides the standard search and import/export functions.

**Triggered Diagnosis Center**

Incident Type | Triggered Diagnosis | Diagnosis Log

Install Network Intent Cluster and Network Intent for API triggered diagnosis.

Items: 1 + Install Intent for Diagnosis

Import Export Search...

Incident Type	Enabled Triggered Diagnosis	Enabled Self-service	Diagnosis Name	Intent Name	Execution Mode	Description
Demo_IT			DemoDiagnosis	devReboot	Man/Diagnostic	

Edit  
Duplicate  
Export  
Delete  
Test

## 2.2.4 Triggered Diagnosis Log

Under **Triggered Diagnosis Log** tag of **Triggered Diagnosis Center**, logs of all triggered Diagnosis are listed,

**Triggered Diagnosis Center**

Incident Type | Triggered Diagnosis | Diagnosis Log

Display all triggered tasks from integrated IT system and NetBrain incident.

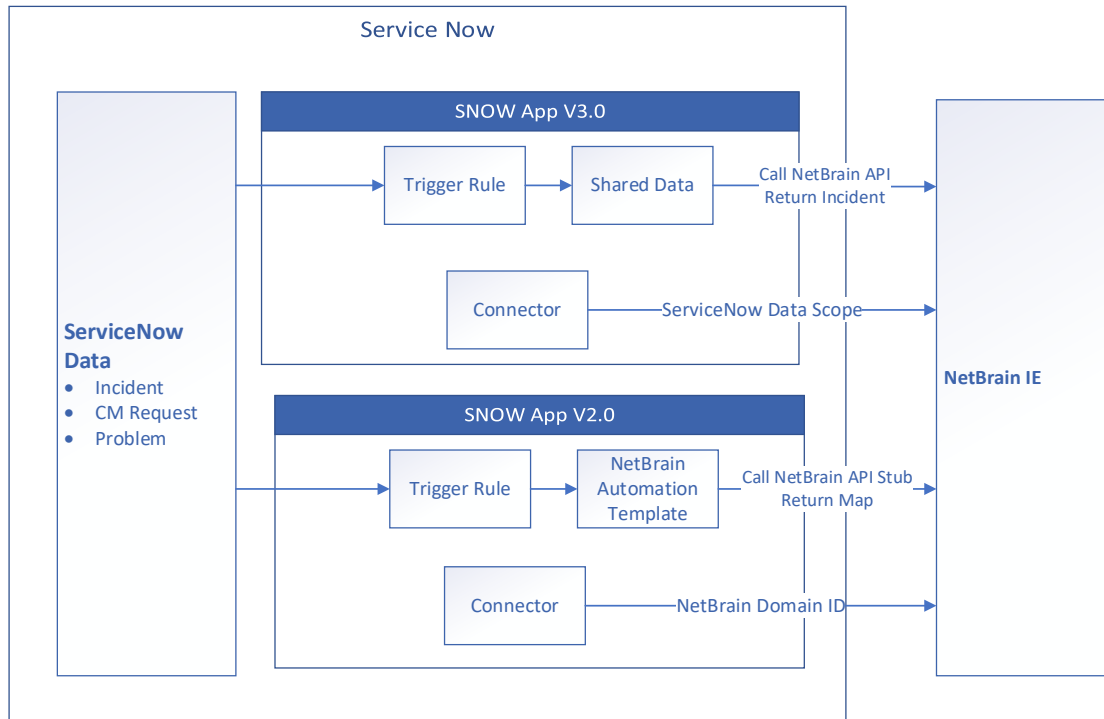
Items: 9 Time Range: Last 7 days Status: All Search...

Task ID	Source	Category	Triggered Time	Status	Incident Type	Incident ID	Matched Diagnosis Count	Log
b67c1a1e-1311-4d8a-a124-a946b12b9e35	ServiceNow	incident	1/17/2022 01:53 PM	Finished	Demo_IT	100007	0	View
8489e78b-9664-49c4-8e69-09ca1394f221	ServiceNow	incident	1/17/2022 01:38 PM	Finished	Demo_IT	100001	1	View
6a09801f-6b1a-ce58-3acf-08af34e09449	NetBrain	--	1/17/2022 10:27 AM	Finished	None	100006	1	View
93ba5a9c-b7ff-43a6-9bc3-9534d3cac955	ServiceNow	incident	1/16/2022 09:44 AM	Finished	Demo_IT	100005	1	View
27dcb02b-af9b-41ca-8d6f-41e3c01b4e54	ServiceNow	incident	1/16/2022 09:42 AM	Finished	Demo_IT	100004	1	View
a1b08f70-bd2a-4ad5-9956-5c8c29e83cb2	ServiceNow	incident	1/16/2022 09:25 AM	Finished	Demo_IT	100003	1	View
15a9f304-93a9-4b73-a88f-04a4ebdfc1b6	ServiceNow	incident	1/16/2022 09:21 AM	Finished	Demo_IT	100002	1	View
a5300e1e-5952-45b3-8b95-48a899387479	ServiceNow	incident	1/16/2022 09:09 AM	Finished	Demo_IT	100001	1	View
8e96c8b0-7dfb-4258-981d-631e5c734941	ServiceNow	incident	1/16/2022 09:09 AM	Failed	Demo_IT	None	0	View

## 2.3 ServiceNow App 3.0

IE Release 10.0 and 10.1 provide new features to improve the automation troubleshooting workflow, such as Incident Portal, Guidebook, Network Intention (NI), and Network Intention Cluster (NIC). To integrate these new

features into the workflow, NetBrain v10.1 developed a new Triggered Automation Framework (TAF) and a new version of the ServiceNow App, 3.0. The ServiceNow App 3.0 (abbreviated as App 3.0) has the following improvements:



- Move the definition of NetBrain automation from the App to the NetBrain IE system and so do not require the App definition change to automate a new network task.

App 2.0 defines the trigger rule and automation template for each type of network problem. When a new task issue needs to be automated, or better automation is developed for an existing task issue, the automation template will be redefined, which requires ServiceNow admin to be involved. The new TAF framework moves the definition of the automation template to the IE system. So, App 3.0 only needs to send the ServiceNow data helpful in diagnosing to the IE system. Since a ServiceNow data resource such as the Incident table does not change, App 3.0 does not require reconfiguration when a new type of problem occurs.

- Support what data will be sent to NetBrain IE

App3.0 completely upgrades problem diagnosis automation and mapping engine from fixed, runbook-driven to a flexible, intent-driven approach, enabling ServiceNow as another independent source to consume NetBrain automation. It also makes it possible to upgrade the ServiceNow/NetBrain integration without coding continuously.

- Integrate with NetBrain incident and display the NI and NIC results  
When triggered automation occurs, the NetBrain incident URL will be returned to ServiceNow to replace the current Embed Map. A user can open NetBrain Incident Pane from the triggered results, which provides much richer data and diagnosis history than the static embed map. Also, this updated ServiceNow data entry can be sent to NetBrain IE and displayed in the Incident Pane. In addition, the status code of NI and NIC results are displayed in the triggered results.
- Support Multi-tenant  
The MSP customers can have multiple tenants or domains to manage their clients' networks. In App 2.0, we only support one domain for triggered automation. App 3.0 supports the multi-tenant by mapping the related ServiceNow data (Scope) to NetBrain tenants and domains.

### 2.3.1 NetBrain Connector

The NetBrain Connector connects the ServiceNow and the NetBrain IE system. App 3.0 supports a new authentication method, by token, and the multi-tenant deployment.

**NetBrain Connector**

Connector information that allows ServiceNow to talk to the NetBrain server

- Name: Human readable name to describe the connector
- Active: Deactivate this connector
- Healthy: Indicates if the last connection test was successful for this connector
- Endpoint: Primary URL for the server this connector will be speaking with
- MID Server: Specify the MID server that web service calls will go through to reach the endpoint

Active ☒

Name

Endpoint  MID Server

**Authentication**

Connector Authentication

The following section identifies fields required to authenticate against the NetBrain server

- Username: Username for the service account on the server
- Password: Password for the service account on the server
- Token: Authentication token provided by the server
- NetBrain Deployment: Enter tenant ID and domain ID of NetBrain system for single tenant deployment. For multi tenant deployment, enter the a special data field, Scope, to decide which domain will receive the API call (define the mapping between scope and domain in NetBrain system)

Authentication Type  NetBrain Deployment

NetBrain API Username  Tenant ID

Password  Domain ID

Besides the old authentication by NetBrain API username and password, the App 3.0 supports the authentication by API username and token, which can be used if NetBrain IE user uses token for authentication.

Authentication Type	<input type="text" value="By Token"/>
NetBrain API Username	<input type="text" value="Servicenow-API"/>
Token	<input type="text"/>

MSP customers usually have a multiple-tenant system, one tenant for one client. App 3.0 Connectors support the multiple tenants via the concept of Scope. The Scope is used to match a triggered API call to a NetBrain tenant. The Scope should be the display name (field name) identifying which client a ServiceNow ticket belongs to, such as ***company name and customer ID***.

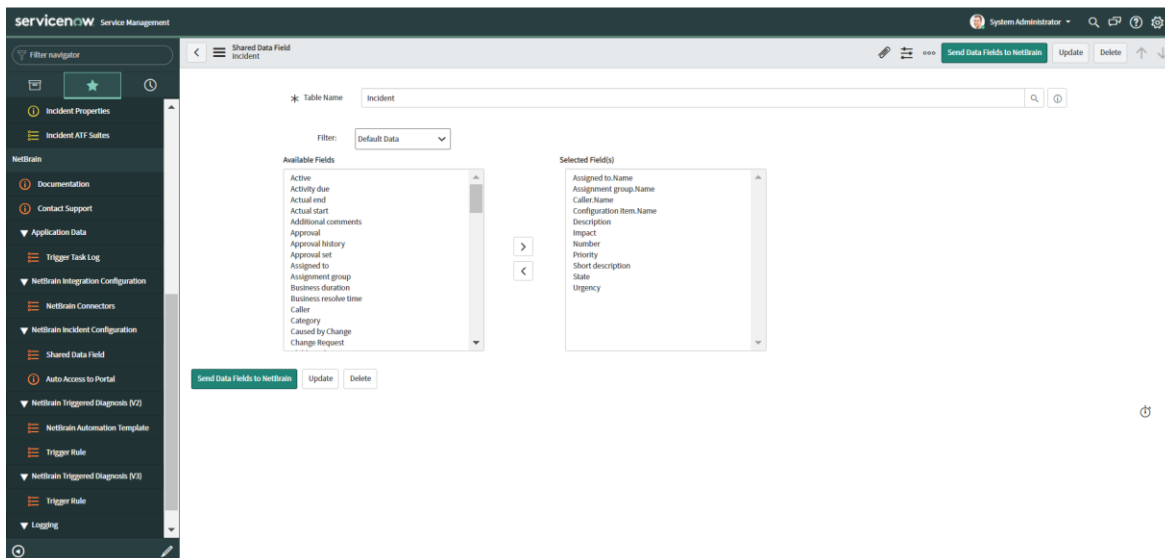
Netbrain Deployment	<input type="text" value="Multi-tenant"/>
Scope	<input type="text"/>

The mappings between scopes and domains are defined in the NetBrain IE system setting.

### 2.3.2 Define Shared Data Field

The App 3.0 allows the user to define the data fields sent from ServiceNow to NetBrain IE system in the API call triggered. The shared data can be defined for each source table, like ***Incident, Problem, Change Request***, or other customized tables.

All data fields are displayed by default while defining the shared data for a ServiceNow source. The Filter function is provided for the user to find the fields. The default filter lists this source's matched fields and key subfields. The App also provides the other type of filter to list all subfields of a matched field, for example, ***company.class***, etc.



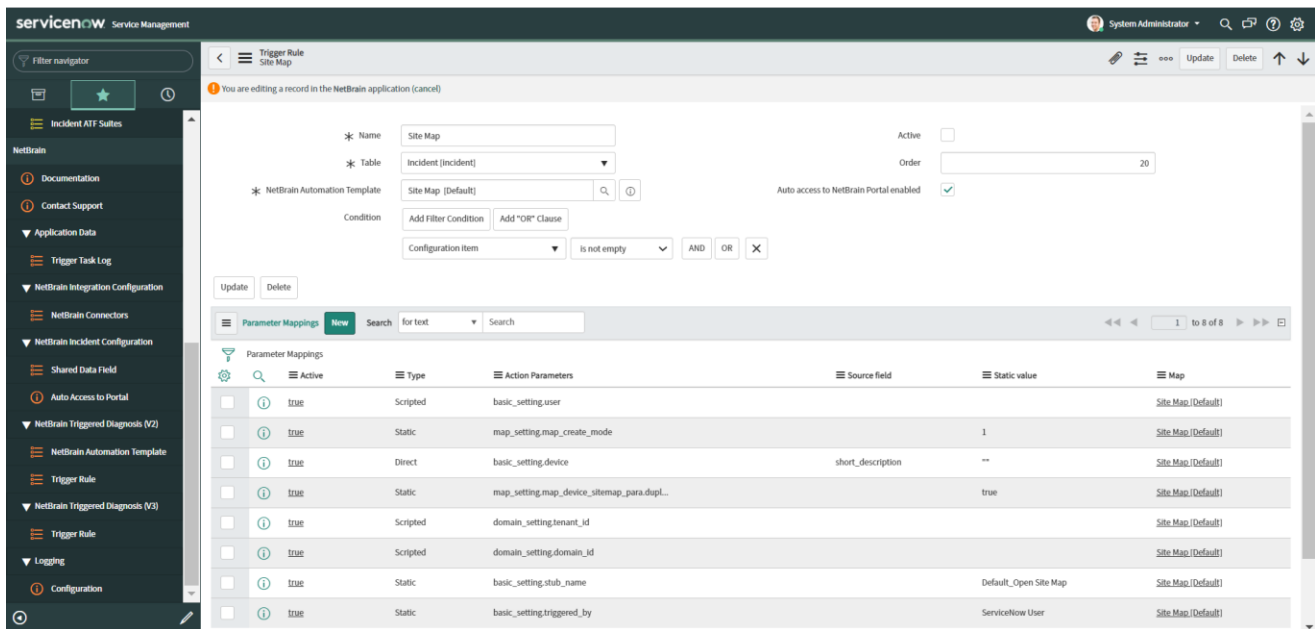
### 2.3.3 Auto Trigger for NetBrain Problem Diagnosis

App 3.0 supports two types of triggers:

- Diagnosis Trigger V2.0: identical to the functions of App 2.0. This stub will create a NetBrain map and execute the Runbook.
- Diagnosis Trigger V3.0: the new diagnosis trigger supports multiple tenants and domains. It will trigger Network Intent Cluster (NIC) and Network Intent (NI).

#### 2.3.3.1 Trigger Stub V2

App 2.0 provided trigger rule and NetBrain automation template to create NetBrain map and execute a Runbook. App 3.0 keeps these functions under NetBrain Triggered Diagnosis (V2) to be compatible with App 2.0 with one enhancement: the user has **Enable Auto Access for NetBrain Portal** option in trigger rule setting. With this option checked, the NetBrain Portal of the Incident will create an access code, and the user can open the Incident Portal without login.



### 2.3.3.2 Trigger Diagnosis V3

NetBrain Triggered Diagnosis V3 can trigger NIC and NI.

Trigger Rules					
	Name	Active	Condition	Auto access to NetBrain Portal enabled	Table
<input type="checkbox"/>	BGP Down	true	short_descriptionLIKEBGP Down*EQ	true	Incident [Incident]
<input type="checkbox"/>	circuit flapping	true	short_descriptionLIKEflap*EQ	true	Incident [Incident]
<input type="checkbox"/>	cus_lc	true	caller_id-2cfdcaa2f150110439ad8d8f99b6...	true	Incident [Incident]
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diag-020 - IP Phone / Voice Issues	true	short_descriptionLIKEVoice issues*ORshor...	true	Incident [Incident]
<input type="checkbox"/>	High CPU	true	short_descriptionLIKEHigh CPU*EQ	true	Incident [Incident]
<input type="checkbox"/>	HSRP Error Incident	true	short_descriptionLIKEHSRP error*EQ	true	Incident [Incident]
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interface down	true	short_descriptionLIKEInterface down*EQ	true	Incident [Incident]
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interface error ticket	true	short_descriptionLIKEInterface error*EQ	true	Incident [Incident]
<input type="checkbox"/>	problem_interface down	true	short_descriptionLIKEdown*EQ	true	Problem (problem)
<input type="checkbox"/>	TACACS Issue	true	short_descriptionLIKETACACS*EQ	true	Incident [Incident]
<input type="checkbox"/>	VPN Down trigger	true	short_descriptionLIKEvpn down*EQ	true	Incident [Incident]
Actions on selected rows...					

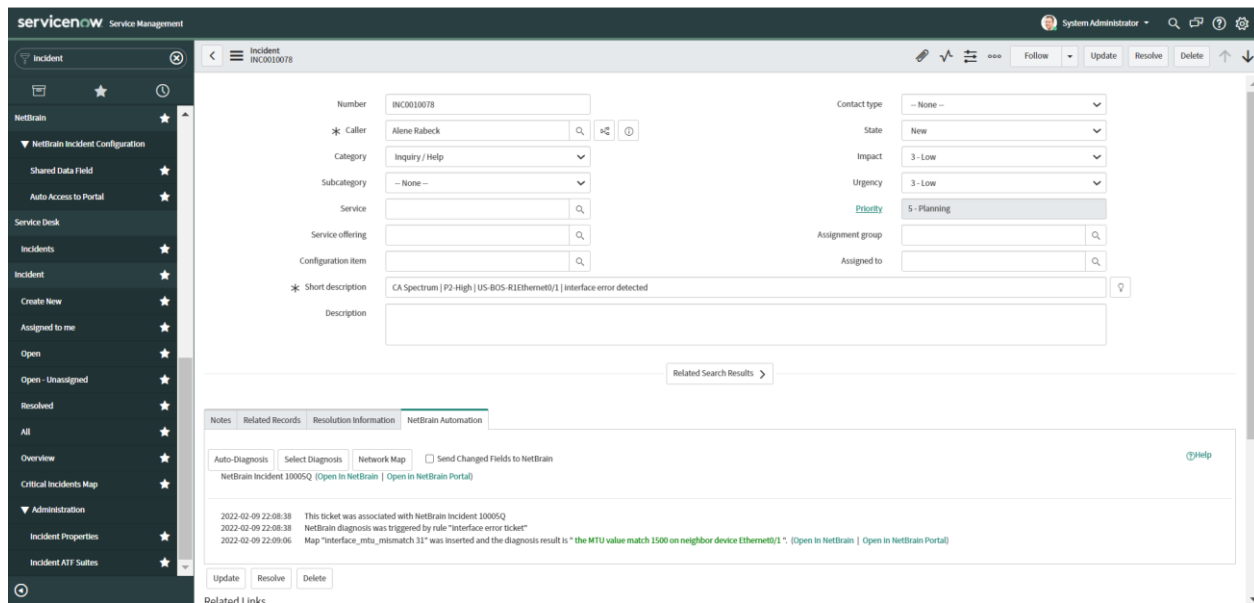


The definition of the trigger rule of Triggered Diagnosis V3 is much simpler than V2. The user only needs to define the source table and conditions in which an API call is triggered. So, App 3.0 only needs to send the ServiceNow shared data defined in section 3 to the IE system for the IE system to define how the data is mapped to NetBrain data and what automation tasks are to be executed.

The screenshot shows the ServiceNow 'Trigger Rule' configuration page for 'Interface error ticket'. The left sidebar contains a 'Filter navigator' with a search bar and a list of items including 'Incident ATF Suites', 'NetBrain', 'Documentation', 'Contact Support', 'Application Data', 'Trigger Task Log', 'NetBrain Integration Configuration', 'NetBrain Connectors', 'NetBrain Incident Configuration', 'Shared Data Field', 'Auto Access to Portal', 'NetBrain Triggered Diagnosis (V2)', 'NetBrain Automation Template', 'Trigger Rule', 'NetBrain Triggered Diagnosis (V3)', 'Logging', and 'Configuration'. The main content area is titled 'Trigger Rule' and 'Interface error ticket'. It includes fields for 'Name' (interface error ticket) and 'Table' (Incident [incident]). The 'Condition' section shows a rule: 'Short description' contains 'Interface error'. The 'Active' checkbox is checked, and 'Auto access to NetBrain Portal enabled' is also checked. There are 'Update' and 'Delete' buttons at the bottom left of the main area.

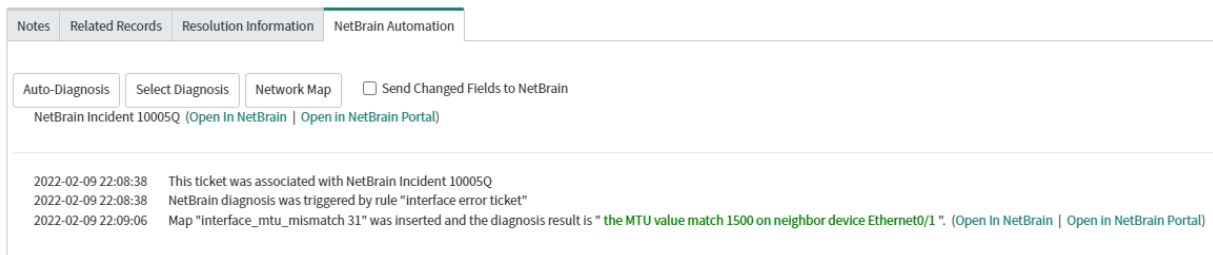
## 2.3.4 Auto Triggered Results

The triggered logs and results are displayed under the **NetBrain Automation** tab of the ServiceNow ticket. The logs show each step of the triggered events with the timestamps, such as creating an incident, creating a map, executing a Runbook, executing a NIC.



There are two improvements:

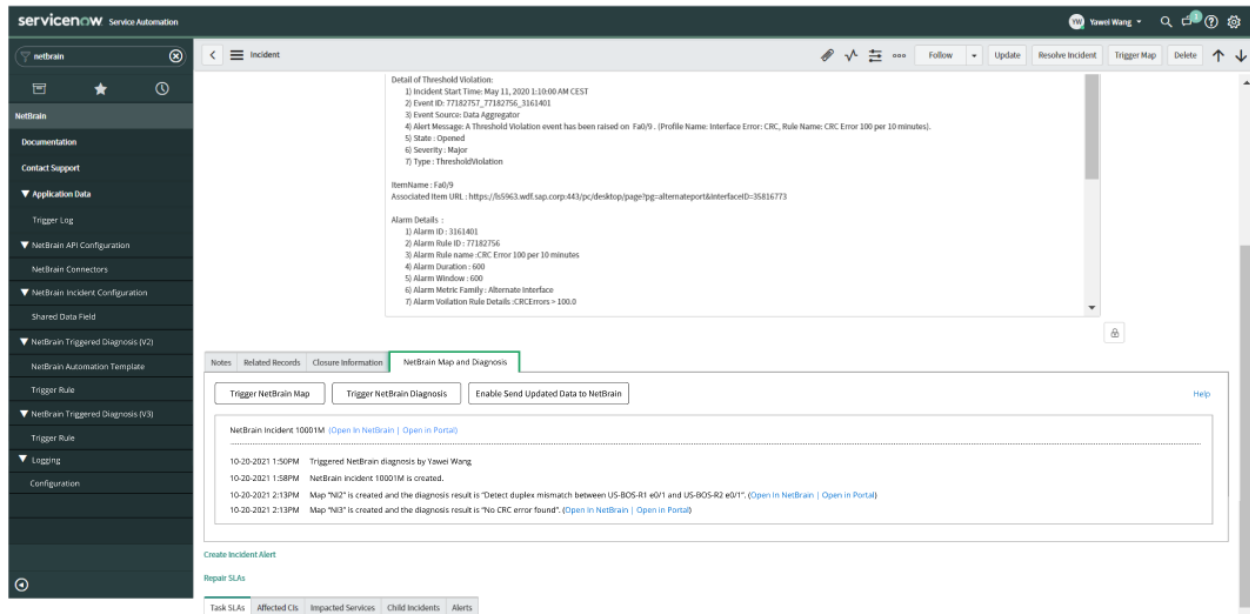
- In App 3.0, we recommend viewing the triggered results via the NetBrain Incident Pane instead of the embed map. The Incident Pane provides much richer data and diagnosis history than the static embed map. The App 3.0 provides the links for a user to open the Incident map in the NetBrain IE system or Portal, which includes all troubleshooting information.



- The NIC or NI diagnosis status is displayed on the ServiceNow ticket page.

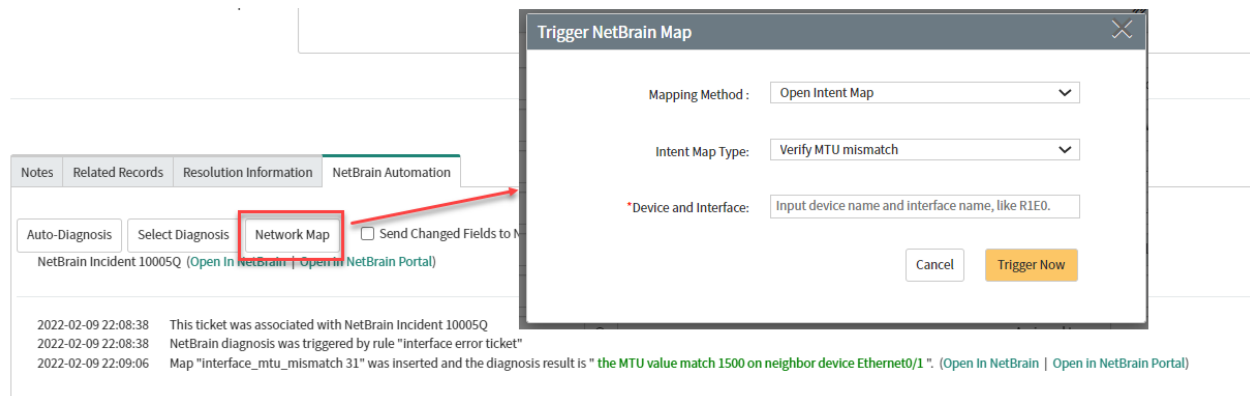
## 2.3.5 Manual Trigger NetBrain Map and Diagnosis

App 3.0 allows users to manually trigger the NetBrain map and Diagnosis from the triggered results.



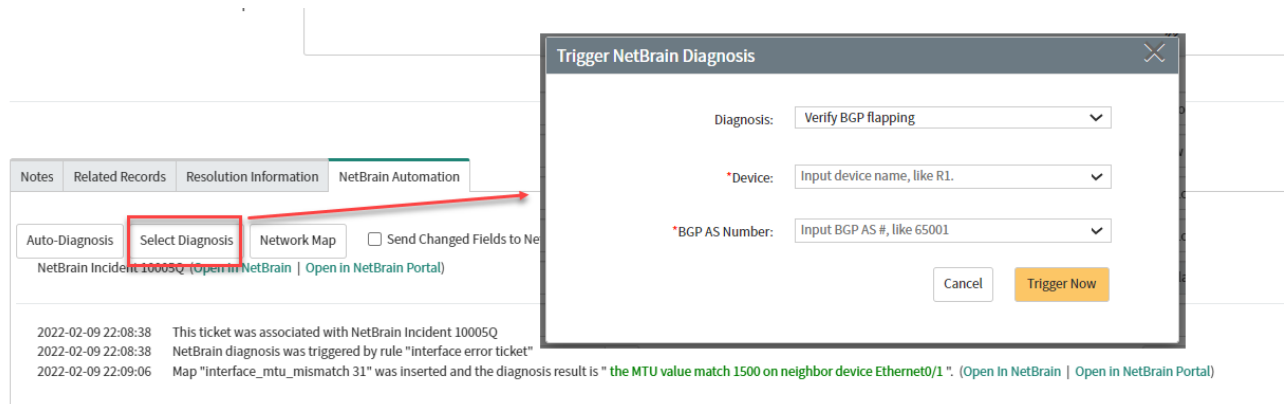
### 2.3.5.1 Manually Trigger NetBrain Map

App 3.0 provides a user with four methods to create the map: **Map Device and Its Neighbor**, **map a path**, **open the site map**, and **intent map**. For each method, a user can define the input.



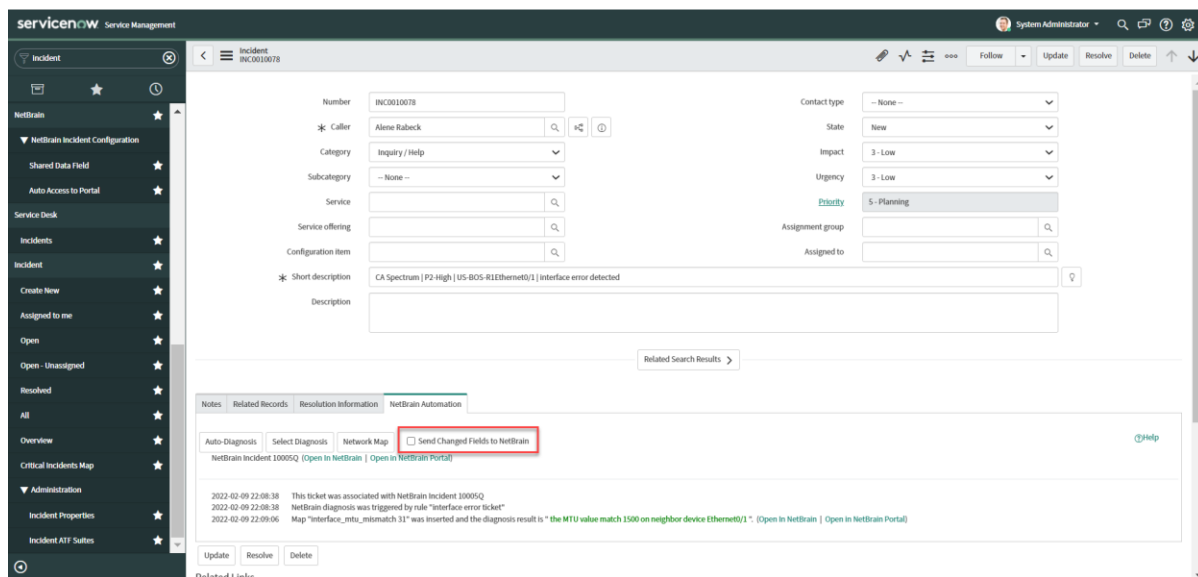
### 2.3.5.2 Trigger NetBrain Diagnosis

The manual Trigger NetBrain Diagnosis function provides a user to execute a NIC or NI. The available diagnosis list is generated by the IE system. The method may require the user to enter the input, which can be mandatory or optional. For example, a diagnosis related to BGP will require a BGP AS number and optionally one or multiple device names.



### 2.3.5.3 Enable Send Updated Data to NetBrain

If the value of the shared data changes, App 3.0 will not trigger a call to update the value by default. The option **Send changed fields to NetBrain** can enable the updated values to be sent to NetBrain. The updated values will be displayed in NetBrain Incident Portal.



## 2.4 Incident Pane Enhancements

The Incident is the Problem Diagnosis Automation System (PDAS) output, whose data will be displayed in the incident pane and portal. In v10.1, the system will create an incident for each ticket when triggered automation occurs. The user is redirected to the NetBrain incident pane from the customer ticket system, e.g., ServiceNow, which provides much richer data and diagnosis history than the static embedded map in ServiceNow App.

Incident Pane provides a central collaboration platform for troubleshooting and data sharing, including:

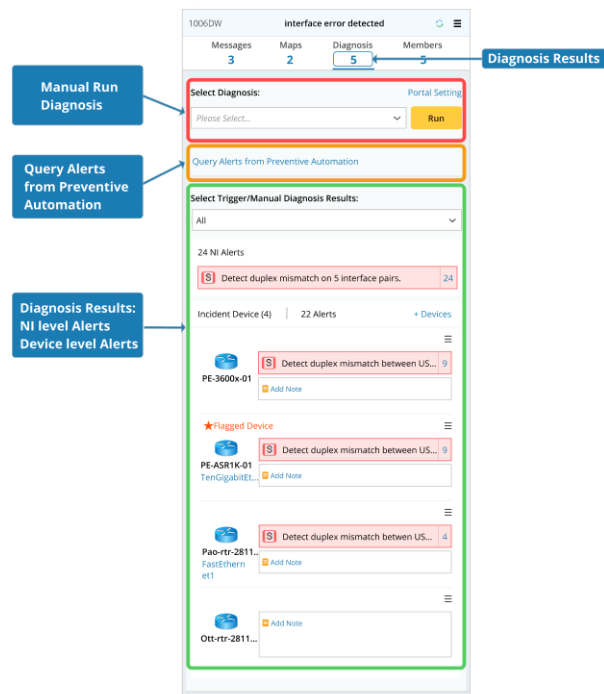
- External ticket information, such as ServiceNow ticket ID, short description, and call back URL.
- Problem area mappings
- NetBrain Flash alert from the adaptive monitoring, shown as the incident message
- Network Intent diagnosis result, shown in incident diagnosis tab
- User notes during collaborative troubleshooting
- Recommended guidebook and runbook template

V10.1 makes the following enhancements on the incident pane and incident portal.

- Display NI diagnosis results in incident pane (from TAF, Probe, manually run), making the incident pane the Single Pane of Glass (SPOG) of network Troubleshooting (TS).
- Enable the subscription of Adaptive Monitoring data (flash alert, NI status codes) to allow users to see related historical monitoring data in the incident pane.
- Allow users to run recommended diagnoses in the incident pane.

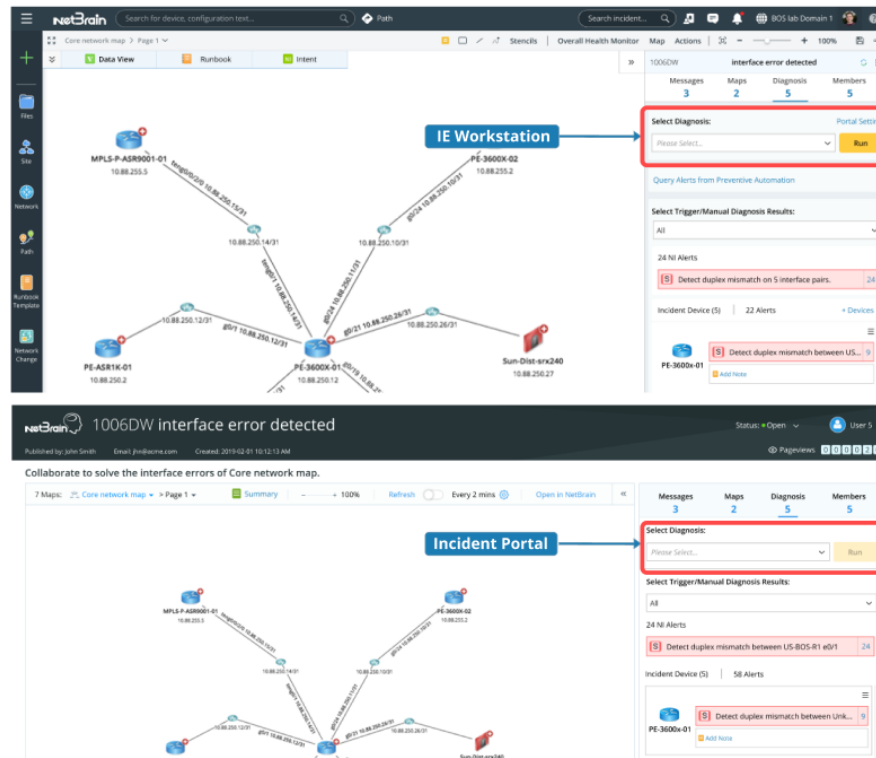
### 2.4.1 Browse Diagnosis Results and Run Diagnosis

The Incident pane has four tabs: Messages, Maps, Diagnosis, and Members. The Device tab of the earlier version is renamed the Diagnosis tab, under which Users can centrally view the diagnosis results from other functions and manually run the Diagnosis.



- Manually execute NI.

Users can run self-service Diagnoses defined in TAF in IE Workstation and Portal. The execution results will be sent to the incident message and the output of the diagnosis pane.



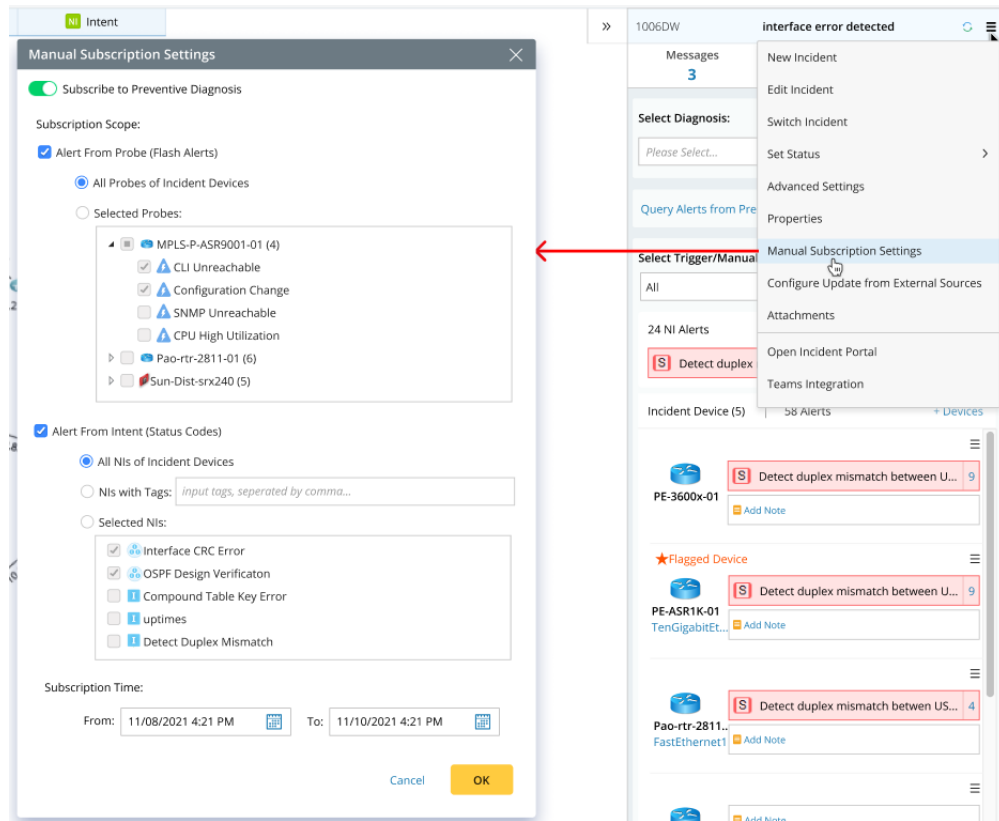
- Query Alerts from Preventive Automation

Users can query all alerts for incident devices or current map devices. A query summary is displayed in the Incident Pane, which links to Preventive Automation Dashboard.

## 2.4.2 Subscribe to Preventive Automation

Often solving a problem requires multi-person cooperation and various data types (such as map, NI, probe, Runbook...). Preventive Automation (Adaptive Monitoring) data subscription allows users to see all diagnosis results related to current network problems in the most recent time, which helps users locate and solve problems faster.

Users can choose which probes to subscribe to and which NI/NICs are included in the probe:



## 2.5 Path-based Troubleshooting Flow

The network is designed to carry critical application flows. A network is considered healthy if the critical applications flows are healthy, so **Path-based Troubleshooting Flow** (PBTF) is an essential part of PDAS, which intends to automate the Diagnosis of the repetitive problem and automate the enforcement of preventive measures (design rules, best practice, or security policy) across the entire network.

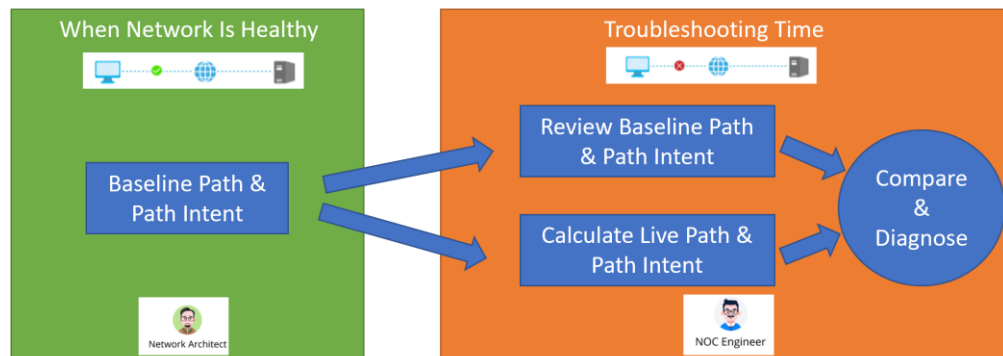
### 2.5.1 Upgraded PBTF

In previous versions, it was hard to define what a healthy application is like and diagnose the application slowness or do application impact analysis. V10.1 introduced the Path Intent feature and Intent-based new TAF and a few other Path-related function enhancements, which enable users to baseline, document, and define the diagnosis



logic for the application path efficiently when the network is healthy. Then this well-documented and executable knowledge can help network engineers resolve application slowness issues more efficiently and do effective application impact analysis efficiently when a problem occurs on a network device or device interface.

The PBTF is upgraded in IEv10.1 as follows:



Path-based Troubleshooting Flow in v10.1

### 1 Baseline Path and Path Intent, Add Path Intent into NIC (when network is healthy)

The critical application flows can be calculated via live network data with full documentation behind the path logic when a network is healthy. Path-related baseline data and diagnosis logic can be programmatically defined inside Path Intent without coding, which can be added into a NIC as static member NIs. Then, this NIC can be used in the trigger diagnosis of TAF with the filter of member NI defined with the path source and destination and the application name.

### 2 Trigger Path-Based Diagnosis (when the path issue occurs)

TAF receives the ticket sent by the 3<sup>rd</sup> IT system and triggers the execution of NIC according to the logic defined in TAF. If the ticket is related to an application, TAF will execute the path NIC, which will run those member NIs specified for this application. The alert message for this path will be displayed in the Incident pane.

### 3 Review Baseline Path and Path Intent (during troubleshooting)

During troubleshooting time, any user can intuitively access the pre-documented application path via the A|B path dialog. The pre-documented path results, along with the pre-built diagnosis automation, will accelerate the application troubleshooting process.

#### 4 Calculate Live Path and Compare with Cached Path (during troubleshooting)

During troubleshooting, users can recalculate paths with the live data and compare them with the cached paths to reveal various issues behind a slow application.

#### 5 Execute Path Intent and Diagnose Issues (during troubleshooting)

Users can rerun the associated path NI with the live network data and check the diagnosis results.

### 2.5.1.1 Main Target Problems and Use cases of PBTF

The enhanced Path-based Diagnosis functions intend to automate the following four kinds of typic path-based Diagnosis:

- **Is the Path changed visually?** Compare the cached path (when network is healthy), golden baseline path, and live Path in the troubleshooting stage.
- **Is the Path failing over programmatically?** Use NI to check routing table entry (for L3 failover) for the next-hop change and the CAM table (for L2 failover) change.
- **Is the Path healthy performance-wise?** Use NI to baseline and analyze the link utilization change, CPU/memory change, link error change, QoS buffer drop change, etc.
- **Is Path configured properly?** Use NI to check the QoS configuration consistency across devices of the path and configuration consistency between the failover device pair for the Path.

Two typical use cases can leverage the TAF and Path Intent-based diagnosis capabilities:

- Slow application analysis

When an application performance monitoring finds an application slowness issue, it will create a ServiceNow ticket, and then NetBrain can be triggered by the ticket. TAF will filter and run the related Path Intents based on the application path information in the ticket (the path source/destination, application name, and path name) to find the root cause.

- Application impact analysis

When a network monitoring system finds issues occurred on a network device or device interface, it may create a ServiceNow ticket, which will trigger NetBrain Diagnosis. The Diagnosis can be configured to match and run all Path NIs associated with this device and report the applications impacted by this issue. The summary report will be displayed as an incident message.

## 2.5.2 PBTF Use Flow

There are two types of PBTF flows:

### 2.5.2.1 Flow 1: Path-based Interactive Troubleshooting Flow

#### 1. Define and discover path (When Network is Healthy)

The architect engineer can identify the critical applications and define the path source/destination and their gateways. Then, he can discover these paths when the network is healthy.

#### 2. Document Path (When Network is Healthy)

V10.1 focuses on documenting the calculated paths and related path logics, including:

- Path description: like the business application name and description.
- Path note on each hop device to enter the related network design and troubleshooting knowledge.
- Path reference map: not just the map of path results, but also with design notes or related config-let, failover annotation, etc.
- Golden Path: the best traffic path as designed.

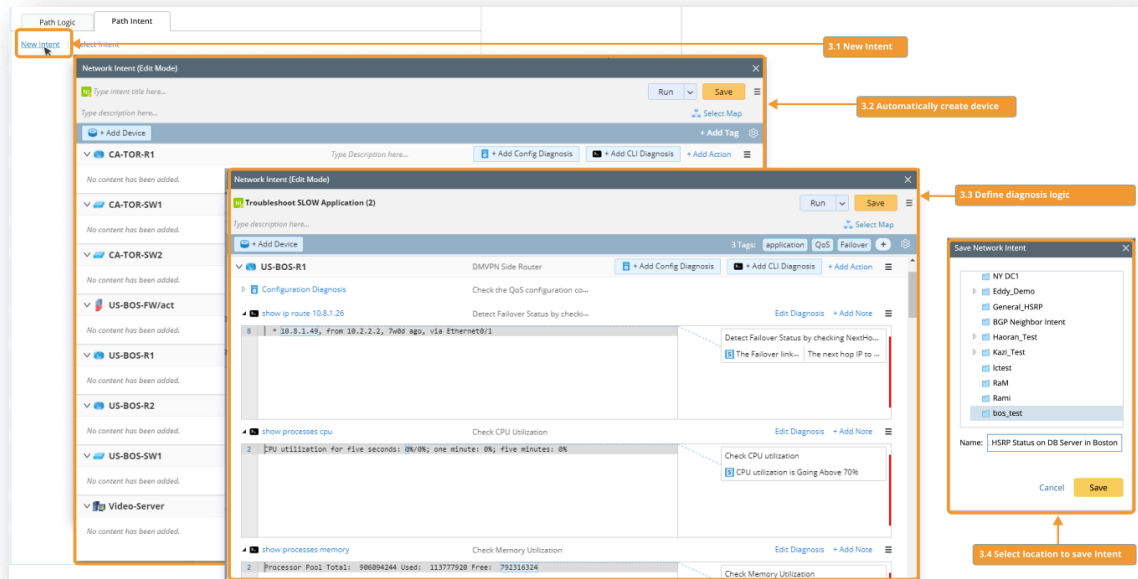
The screenshot displays the NetBrain interface with a path configuration for an 'Email Server'. The path includes devices like CA-TOR-R1, US-BOS-R2, US-BOS-SW1, and Video-Server. The 'Path Logic' section shows a sequence of steps: 'Look up Routing Table' (Matched), 'Check IPsec VPN' (Matched), 'Look up NAT Table' (Matched), 'Check L2 Destination' (Not present on device), and 'Find L2 Device' (Found). The 'Check Results' section shows a NAT table lookup for source IP 158.40.0.209 and destination IP 158.4.0.860. The 'CLI Command' section shows the command 'NAT\_R2#show ip nat translation verbose'. The 'Parse Table' section shows the output of the command. The 'Note' section contains a user-defined note: 'please help me check output's IP, and cli output logs for this hop, i think it has some problems...'. The 'Execution Log' section shows the path execution history.

Annotations in the image include:

- 2.1 Define Reference Map: Points to the 'Reference Map' tab.
- 2.2 Define Path Description: Points to the 'Path Description' field.
- Set Golden Path: Points to the 'Set as Golden Path' button.
- 2.3 Define Path Result Note: Points to the 'Note' field.

### 3. Define Path NI (When Network is Healthy)

A network architect can define NI to document the path diagnosis logic when the network is healthy and associate it with the Path. When users define NI for a path, all hop devices of the Path will be put into NI. The path NI can diagnose slow application issues or other path issues.

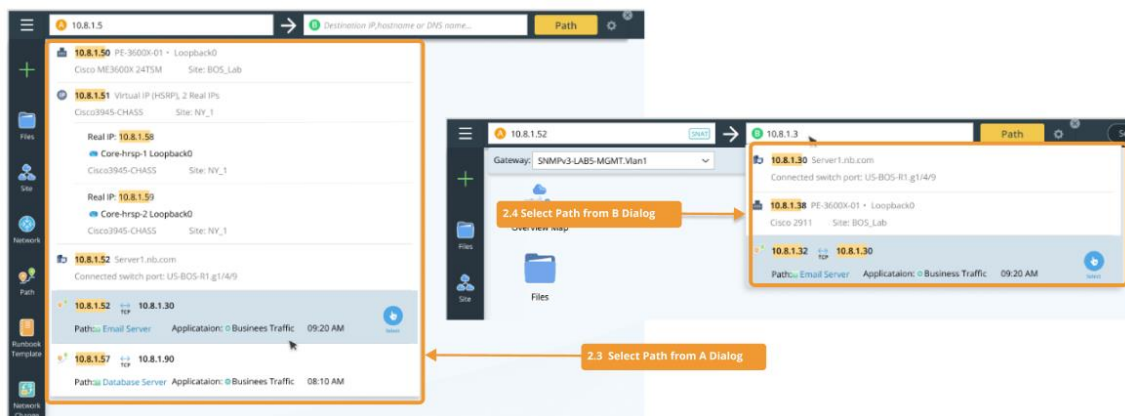


Typical examples of the Path NI:

- Check routing change for L3 failover
- Baseline and analyze the QoS buffer drop change

#### 4. Find Pre-documented Path and Review Path Documents (During troubleshooting)

When a user enters the source and destination, the documented Path with the same source/destination will be displayed in the path IntelliSense dialog. The user can select one path to view its results on the map, including the path description, note, path reference map, and Path logic.

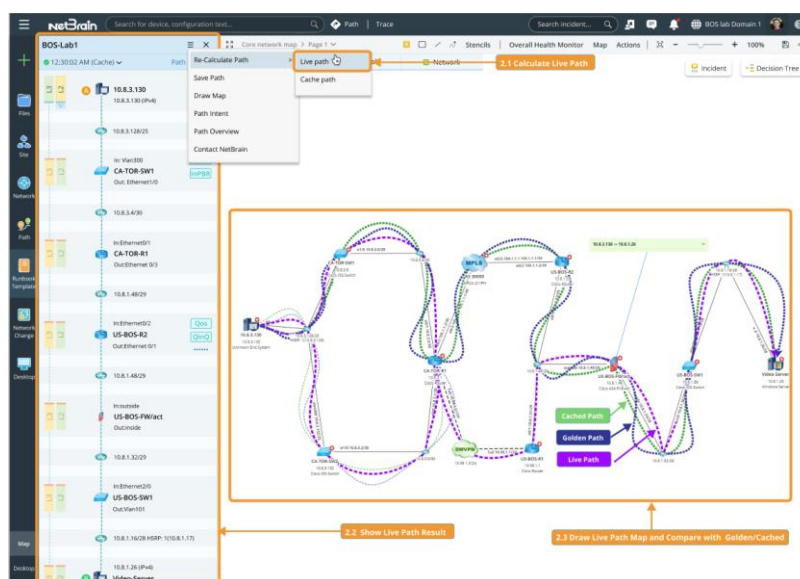


## 5. Drill-down analysis: calculate live Path and Compare with Cached Path (During troubleshooting)

During troubleshooting, users can discover the live path and compare it with the cached path.

- Select golden or cached Path Results to draw it on the map.
- Calculate Live Path and compare it with golden Path or cached Path

If the live Path is different from the cached Path when the network is healthy, failover may have occurred to cause the application slowness due to the limited bandwidth of the backup link.



## 6. Drill-down analysis - Execute Path intent (During troubleshooting)

The user can browse alert summary messages in the Incident pane created by Trigger Diagnosis and open the corresponding Path NI to view the detailed diagnosis alerts. He can also run a Path NI to check the newest diagnosis results.

The screenshot shows the NetBrain interface with the following components:

- Left Panel:** Network topology showing a path from 10.8.3.130 (IPV4) through various switches (CA-TOR-SW1, CA-TOR-R1, US-BOS-R2, US-BOS-SW1) to a Video-Server.
- Central Pane:**
  - Path Logic:** Shows the path from 10.8.3.130 to 10.8.1.26 via Ethernet0/1.
  - Path Intent:** Shows the intent for the path, with a result of "The QoS Config isn't matched!" and tags HSRP, MPLS, ACL.
  - Configuration Diagnosis:** Shows the configuration for US-BOS-R1, including a QoS policy map named "qos" with classes for video, voice, and data.
  - Show ip route 10.8.1.26:** Shows the route for 10.8.1.26, with a result of "The Fallover link switch!".
- Right Panel:** Incident and Decision Tree pane. It shows a decision tree with a path intent result by hop, indicating a path from 10.8.1.26 to 10.8.1.26 via Ethernet0/1.

### 2.5.2.2 Flow 2. Path-based Trigger Automation Flow

1-3. The first three steps are the same as Flow 1.

Same as step 1 of flow 1.

4. Install Path-based Trigger Automation (When Network is Healthy)

The Path NI can be triggered by TAF or Adaptive Monitoring. To install the Path NI for triggered automation, users need to:

- 1) Tag the Path NI with the path source/destination IP or DNS name, application name, and path name.
- 2) Add all Path NIs into a NIC as static member NIs.

**Network Intent Cluster Manager - Troubleshooting Application Path** Version: V1.0

Name: Troubleshooting Application Path  
Description: Troubleshooting Application Path

Tags (0): + Add

Signature Variables: + Add

1. Input Devices (12 Devices) → 2. Seed NI (12 seed devices) → 3. Seed Logics (2 seed logics) → 4. Device Classifiers (2 classifiers) → 5. Group by Eigen-Value (1 eigen variables) → 6. Target Seed (2 conditions) → 7. Member NI (3 member NIs)

**Member Network Intent** To generate the member network intent and also run the network intent

Refresh Member Network Intent (Last updated at 05:45am, 11/11/2021) Execution Log

6 Member Network Intent, with 6 automatically generated, and 0 manually added + Add Network Intent

Filter by: Select Devices local\_as remote\_as

Tags: No tags defined

Network Intent	Devices	Type	Last Run Time	Status Code
1. Troubleshoot S...	2	Auto-generated		
1. Check Path Qo...	2	Auto-generated		
1. Check CPU Util...	2	Auto-generated		
1. Check Mem Util...	2	Auto-generated		
1. Check Link Er...	2	Auto-generated		
1. Check Failove...	2	Auto-generated		

Export CSV Report Save CSV Report

**Select Network Intent**

Search...

- All Network Intents
- Yawei Wang
- NY DC1
- Eddy\_Demo
- General\_HSRP
- BGP Neighbor Intent
- Haoran\_Test
- Kazi\_Test
- Ictest
- Ram
- Rami
- Chris Zhao
- Path Intent
- TS Application path
- Check Path QoS Drop
- Check Link Error

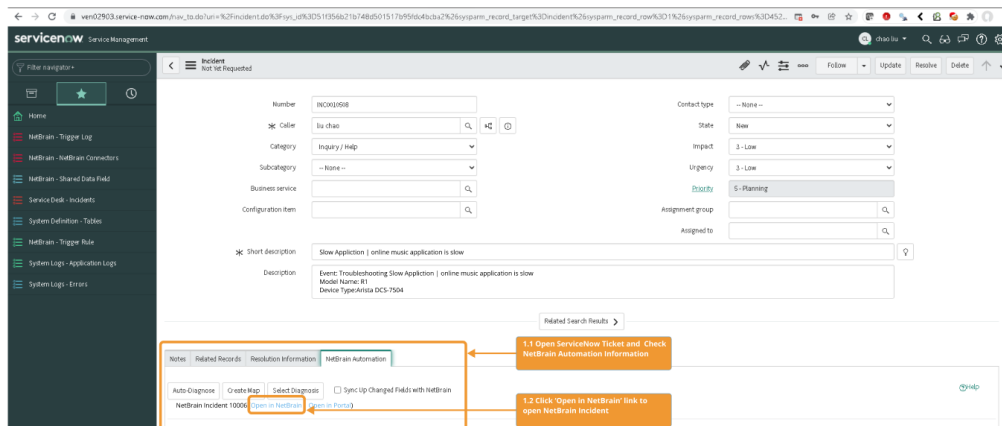
Cancel OK

- 3) Define trigger diagnosis using the NIC and the NIC filter condition with path NI tags (see [section 2.2.3](#) for detail).

## 5. Open NetBrain Incident from ServiceNow Ticket (During troubleshooting)

A NetBrain incident can be created automatically for a ServiceNow ticket based on the TAF definition. NOC Engineers can open the ServiceNow app, check the ticket, and find the related link to the NetBrain Incident.



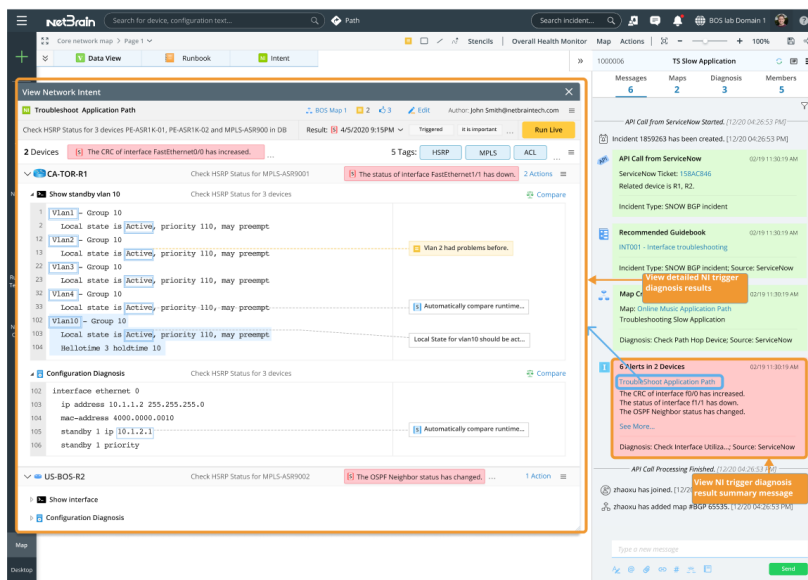


## 6. Find documented Path and Review Path Documents (During troubleshooting)

A message containing a hyperlink to the path map will be displayed in the incident pane after the NI is triggered if a path map is saved as a NI reference map. Users can open the Path map, locate the Path from the map and view the path description, path note, path reference map, and Path logic.

## 7. Review Trigger Diagnosis Result (During troubleshooting)

Users can review the Path NI Definition to understand the trigger diagnosis result.



## 8. Drill-down analysis - Calculate live Path and Compare with Cached Path (During troubleshooting)

Same as step 5 of flow 1.

## 9. Drill-down analysis - Execute Path intent (During troubleshooting)

Same with step 6 of flow 1.

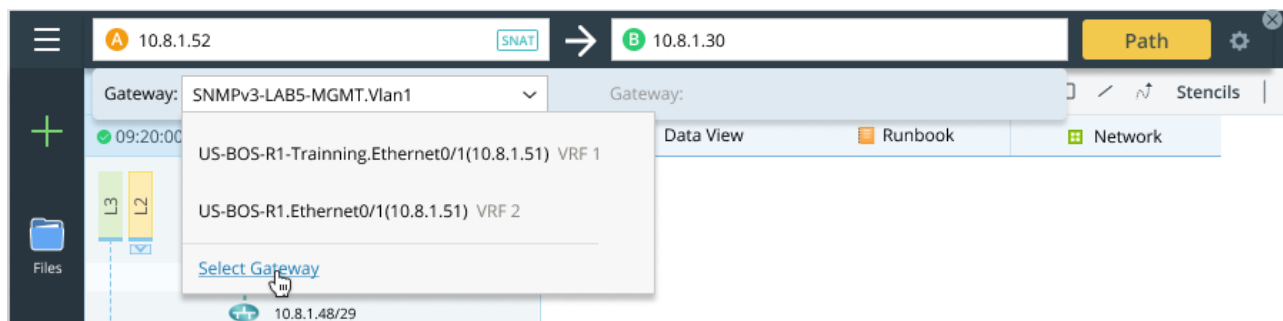
## 2.5.3 Main Enhancements

### 2.5.3.1 Discover Path

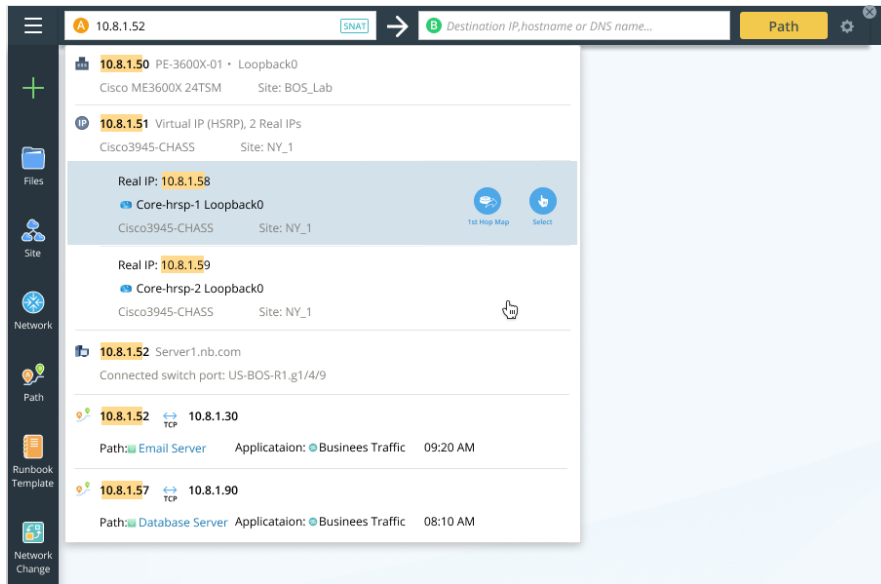
The user may have difficulty selecting the gateway (the first hop) while defining a path due to the duplicate IP, HSRP, HA group, etc. A typical scenario is: different end systems use the same IP address. Also, there is a limitation in previous versions: the system's list of gateways automatically created may not include the one the user wants to select.

In v10.1, users can select any device's interface with IP as the gateway for the end system (However, only the current device's interface with configured IP can be chosen as the gateway for a network device) as the following circumstances:

- The gateway auto-selected by the system is not the one user wants.
- The user does not manage the gateway device.



The IntelliSense dialog while a user enters the IP addresses at Points A and B is improved to reduce the difficulty of the first hop choice. The following is an example when the user enters an IP address:



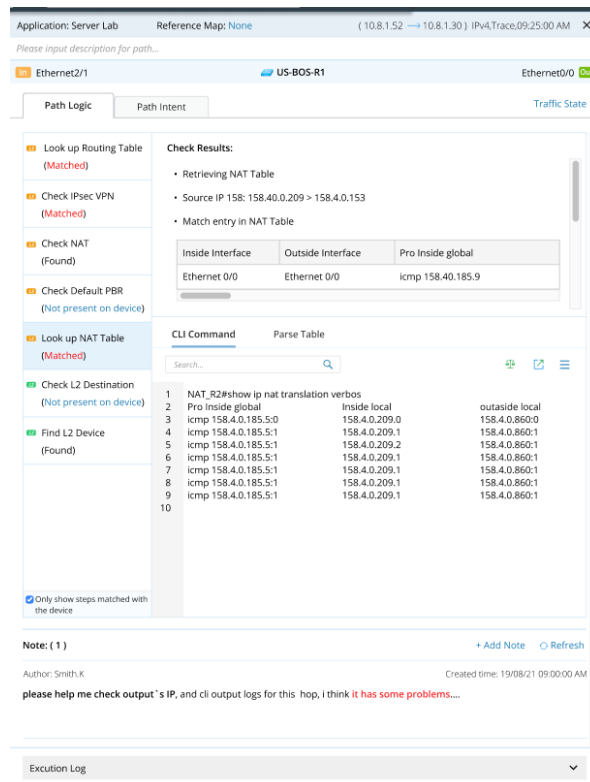
### 2.5.3.2 Document the Path

After mapping the application path while the network is working properly, users can document the path as follow:

- **Add path description and note**

The path description and note may describe the design and the possible issues a user wants to share with others.

In the Path Logic panel, the raw data used in each step of path discovery is shown. In addition, the user can add notes to describe their findings regarding each step of the path calculation.



- Define and View Reference Map

in the path details pane, a user can define the path reference map, in which he can draw the golden baseline path and add device notes for the key configurations.

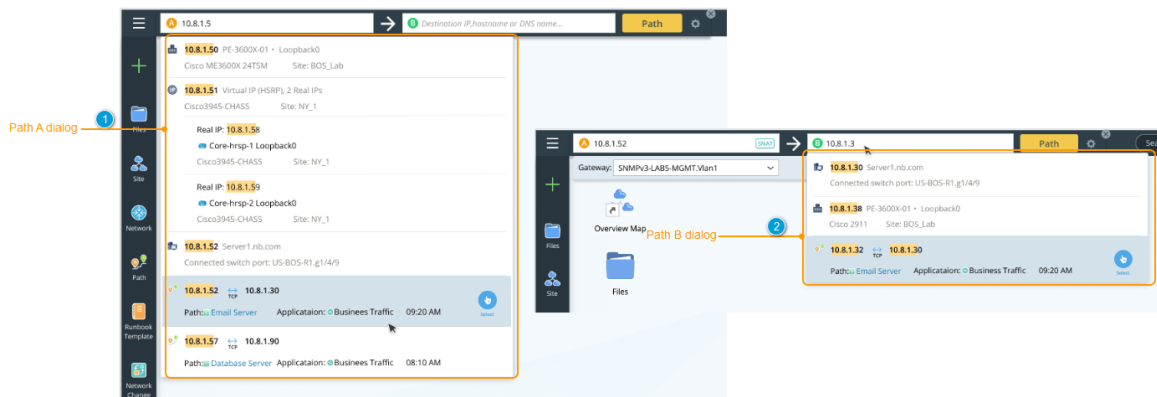
### 2.5.3.3 Define Path NI for Path Diagnose

The path discovery logic is based on network technologies such as routing, NAT, and ALC, which can be documented as an NI. Moreover, the user can define Configuration/CLI command diagnosis on each path hop. From the Path detail pane, a user can create a path NI. All path devices will be added to the NI edit page, each having a section to define the configuration or CLI command diagnosis.

A user can also select an existing NI to add it as the path NI. Then, he can sync this NI with the current path devices and set the current path map as the reference map.

### 2.5.3.4 Access the Saved Path via A/B Dialog

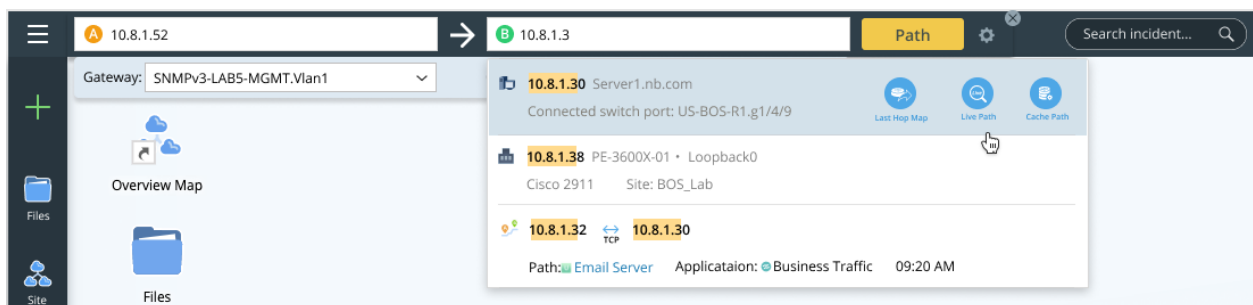
When a user enters the source or destination in the A/B dialog, the saved Path with the same source or destination will be displayed on the Intellisense dialog. The user can view the saved path results and open its path map.



### 2.5.3.5 Discover the Live Path and Compare with the History

V10.1 made the following improvements for a user to discover the live path and compare it with the saved path:

- Provide an entry for the Live Path and Cached Path in the Intellisense B dialog so that a user can discover the Live or Cached Path without modifying the option.



- Browse historical paths

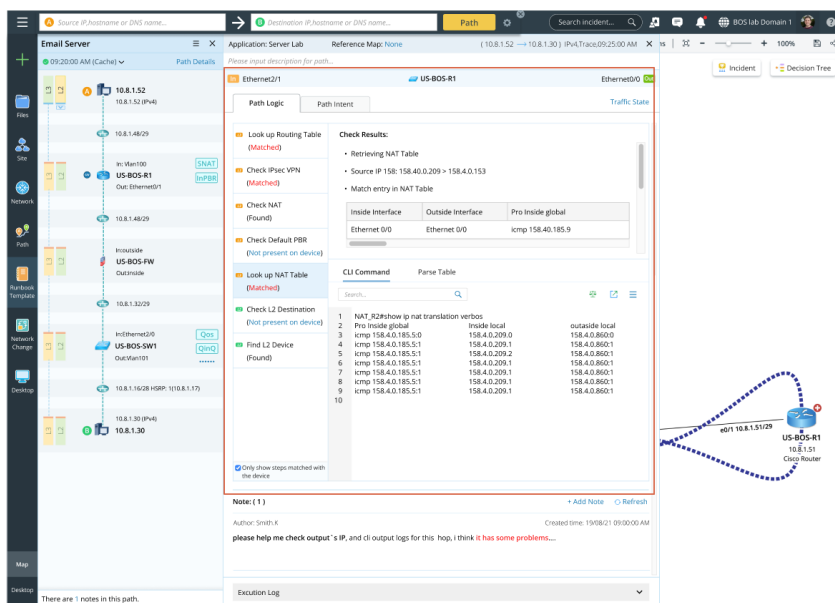
In the path result pane, a user can browse all historical paths, check whether the path is golden, and set/remove a path as golden. The current path will be auto-saved and listed as the historical path later.

- Run Path NI to check the Diagnosis result

The user can execute the path NI and view its results in the new Path NI pane.

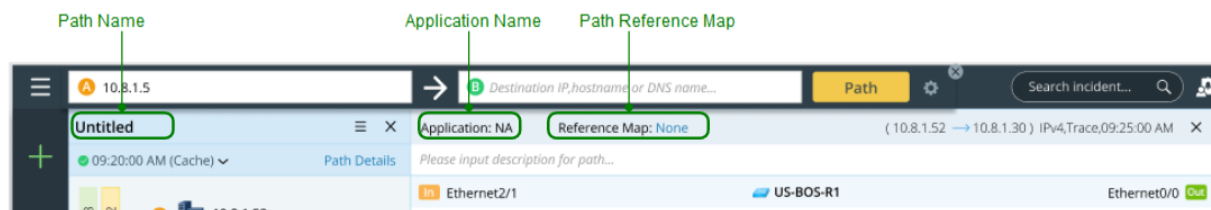
### 2.5.3.6 Improve Usability of UI Result and Detail Pane

- Display the check results and the raw data (raw CLI data, NCT, system table, or configurations) in each hop.



- Add the tag on each path hop for the network technology checked by the path discovery logic.
- Display the path name, application name, and path reference map.

The user can tell whether a path is saved by the path name being untitled or not. The user can also set the reference map.



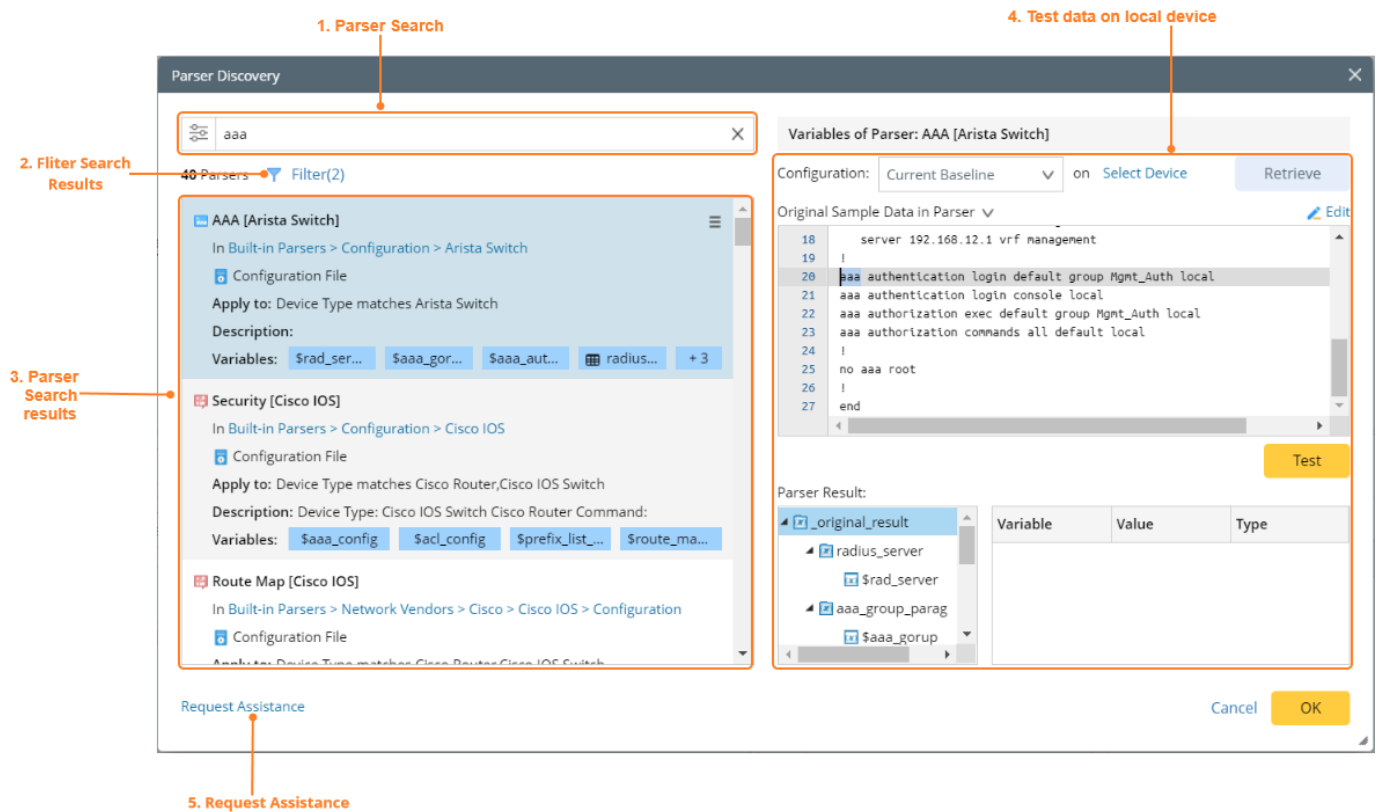
- Only block the Path Result pane instead of the whole UI to allow the user to access other operations during the path calculation.

## 2.6 Parser Discovery

The Parsers are the building blocks of NetBrain automation such as NI, DVT, and Qapp. A new feature of v10.1, Parser Discovery, allows the user to quickly find a parser he needs from the parser library and test the Parser with the local data. If the user cannot find the Parser, he can create a Visual Parser or submit a ticket to request NetBrain to create one.

The Parser Discovery has the following key functions:

- Search Parser by parser name, description, CLI command, variable name, and sample text.
- Filter Parser to narrow down the search results with device and parser types.
- Test the Parser on a local device.
- Can request assistance from NetBrain if the Parser is not found.

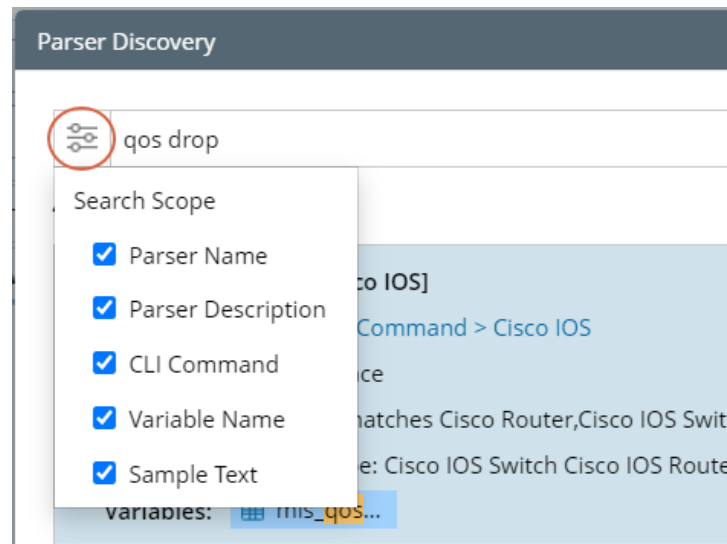


## 2.6.1 Search a Parser

Parser Discovery is used whenever a user selects a Parser, allowing users to search parsers by Parser fields, filter the results by the device/Parser type, and do a quick test with the local data.

V10.1 improves the usability of searching parser. By default, users can search parsers by parser name, parser description, CLI command, variable name, and sample text:

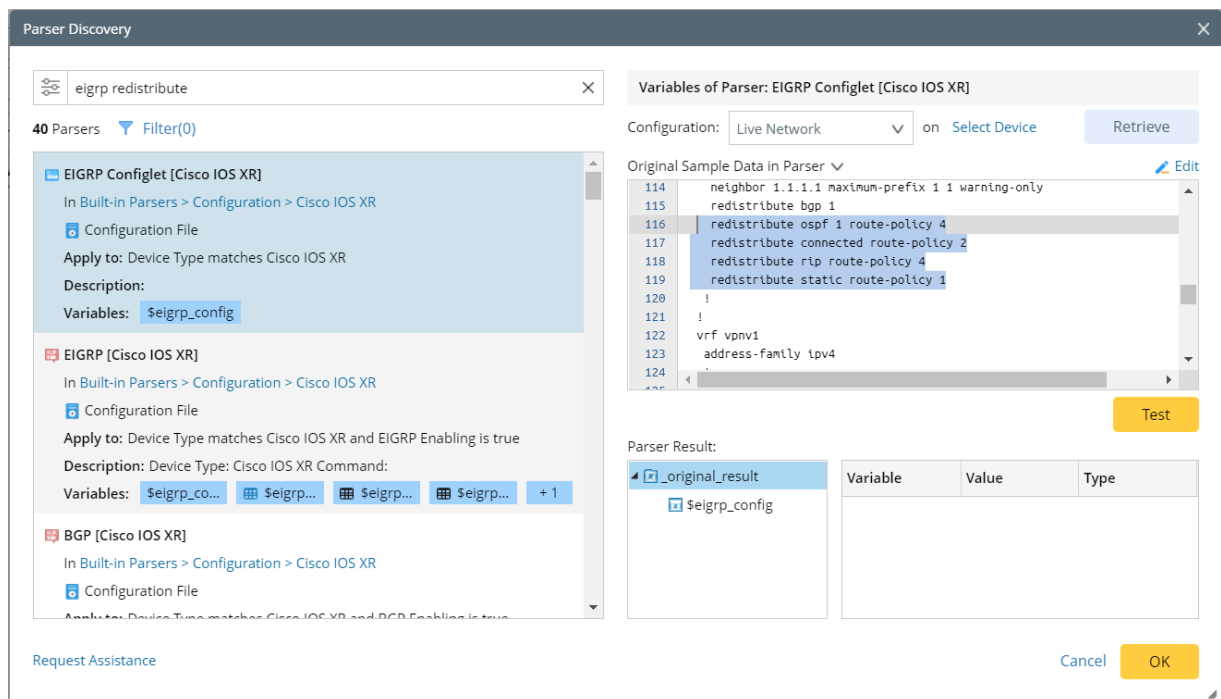




Users can specify the search scope to achieve a more precise search:

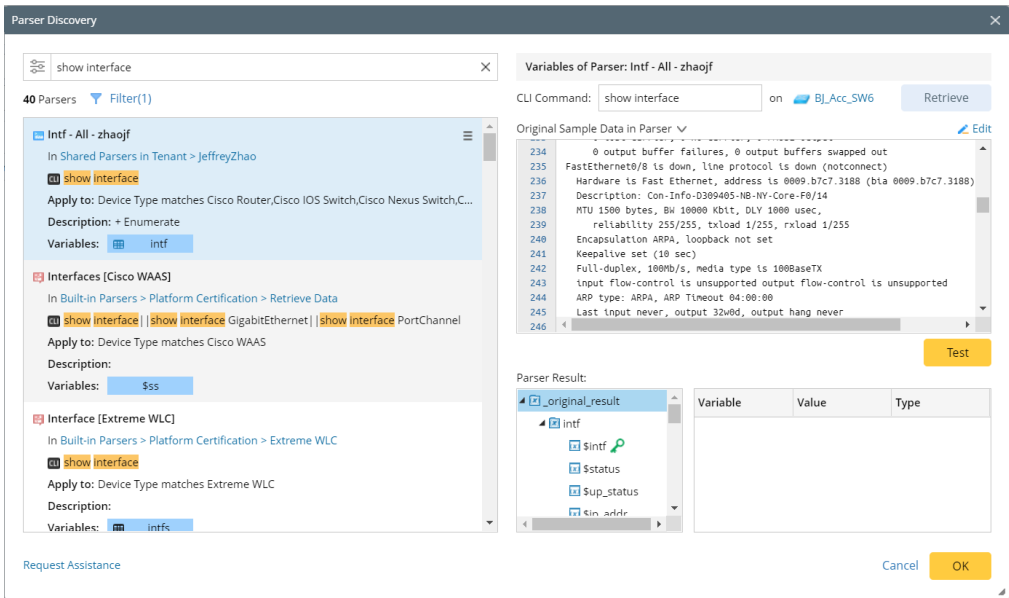
- **Search Configuration Parser**

If the user wants to search for a configuration parser, he can set Sample Data (Text) as the search scope. e.g., using keywords *eigrp redistribute* contained in its sample data.



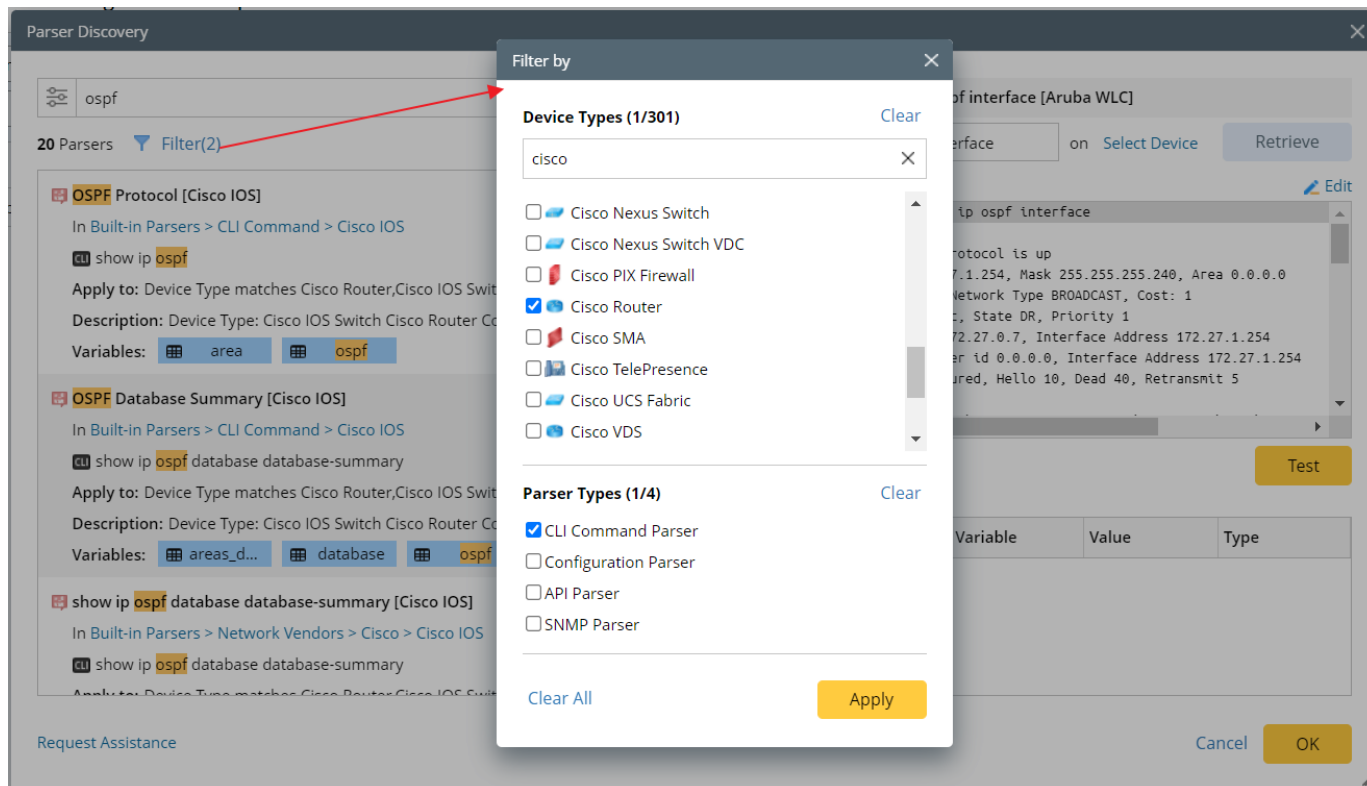
- Search CLI Parsers

If the user wants to search for a CLI command parser, he can set the CLI command as search scope. e.g., using keyword *show interface* contained in its CLI command.



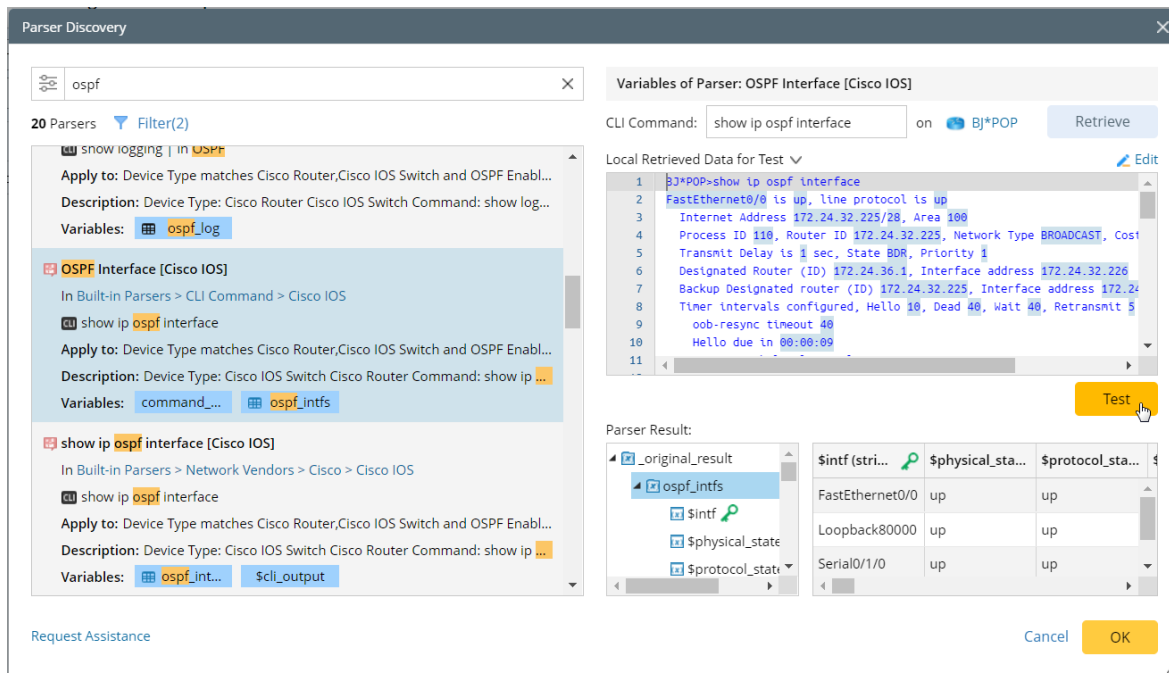
## 2.6.2 Filter Parsers by Device Types and Parser Types

Through Filter, the user can quickly narrow down the search results by device type and parser type, e.g., filtering matched CLI parsers only applied to Cisco Router.



## 2.6.3 Test Parser with the local data

The user can select a device from the domain to retrieve the data, then test the Parser with the retrieved data to view if the Parser can parse variables correctly.



## 2.6.4 Request Assistance from NetBrain

When the user cannot find the Parser, he can submit a ticket to NetBrain by clicking Request Assistance. Fill in the description and attach the CLI command output (the retrieved sample data) to the ticket. When the ticket is submitted, the NetBrain team will create the Parser and deliver it to the user by Knowledge Cloud (KC) or email.

## 2.7 Visual Parser Improvements

V10.1 expands the function of the visual parser to enable the visual parser to support SNMP data and adds the support of the collector parser group to solve the cases where the paragraph parser group cannot parse data.

The collector parser group can find all matching items based on the defined keywords, automatically group them according to different values of the keywords, and parse the required variables based on the grouping.

Collector parser group solves the following types of cases:

- The configuration scenario of VRRP/IS-IS: configurations recur in segments based on keywords, and all belong to a group of data.

- The configuration files in Juniper and some Firewalls are defined in JSON format such as `{ }` and not easy to parse.
- Provide the capability to group during log file parsing.

The collector group definition is as follows:

The screenshot displays the 'Collector Group Definition' interface. On the left, a 'Sample Data' pane shows a configuration file with line numbers 115 to 159. The configuration includes interfaces like Loopback0, Ethernet0/0, and Ethernet0/1, along with VRRP settings. On the right, the 'Define Variables' pane shows the configuration for 'Collector1'. It includes a 'Start Line' set to 'Interface Loopback0' and an 'End Line' set to 'Interface FastEthernet1/0'. Below these, 'Variable Line Patterns' are defined for VRRP entries. The 'Parser Result' table shows the output of the parsing process.

\$num	\$ip1	\$ip2
1	10.1.1.254	10.1.1.199
5	10.1.1.253	
100	10.1.1.100	

**ID Line:** define where the ID variable(s) in the collector group is located. Only define ID variables, not other non-ID variables. All variables in the ID line should be ID variables and must be matched successfully. Then group the entire parser input text according to the actual value of the ID variable.

**Variable Lines:** If users want to parse specific variable values of different groups, they need to define a variable line that repeatedly refers to ID Variable to confirm which values are parsed. In the variable line of collector, a specific syntax is supported to refer to the variable defined in the ID Line, for example `<% $var1 %>`. Users can also define multiple variable lines in the collector.

## 2.8 Network Intent Improvements

V10.1 improved NI by enabling the table diagnosis between devices with no-code automation, enhancing the export and import functionality, and adding the test run with baseline data. These NI improvements provide a smoother workflow to define NI for customers with no code automation.

### 2.8.1 Add Compound Table

The **Add Compound Table** feature replaces the old **merge table** with more functions and a user-friendly design. The tables can be from the same devices or two different devices. For example, Table 1 is an OSPF neighbor interface table *ospf\_nbr\_intf*s from one device, and Table 2 is an OSPF neighbor interface table *ospf\_nbr\_intf*s from another OSPF neighbor device. The two tables can be merged using *this*, *nbr*, *interface*, and *nbr\_intf* as the paired Key into an OSPF neighbor pair compound table.

**Add Compound Table**

**Input Tables:**

Table 1: BJ\*POP (ospf\_nbr\_intf)

Table 2: BJ\_core\_3550 (ospf\_nbr\_intf)

**Paired Keys:**

Key 1: this (BJ\*POP)

Key 2: interface (BJ\*POP.ospf\_intf)

Key 3: nbr (BJ\*POP.ospf\_nbr)

Key 4: nbr\_intf (BJ\*POP.ospf\_nbr)

**Output Table:**

Output: ospf\_nbr\_compare

**Calculate**

**Table 1 (BJ\*POP.ospf\_nbr\_intf)**

Device: BJ*POP	Table: ospf_intf (show ip ospf interface)
\$interface	\$cost \$area_id
Fasternet1/1	64 0
Fasternet1/2	64 0
Fasternet1/4	64 0

**Table 2 (BJ\_core\_3550.ospf\_nbr\_intf)**

Device: BJ*POP	Table: ospf_nbrs (show ip ospf neighbor)
\$local_intf	\$nbr \$nbr_intf
Fasternet1/1	BJ_core_3550 Fasternet2/2
Fasternet1/2	BJ_core_3550 Fasternet2/3
Fasternet1/4	NY_core_bak Fasternet2/4

**Output(ospf\_nbr\_compare)**

This compound table contains information about the neighbor paired device, interface, OSPF cost, and area ID. The output table can be adjusted in Settings to remove the columns or rows without matching key columns. Compound tables can be selected in NI Diagnosis as part of the Diagnosis Conditions.

## 2.8.2 Add Formula Column in Table

Users can add the Formula Column on the table variable from the parser and the compound table. Formula Column converts the variables into different formats or values in new columns. For example, convert the IP address to the corresponding device hostname, or add two variables via simple arithmetic expressions, **\$var1 + \$var2**.

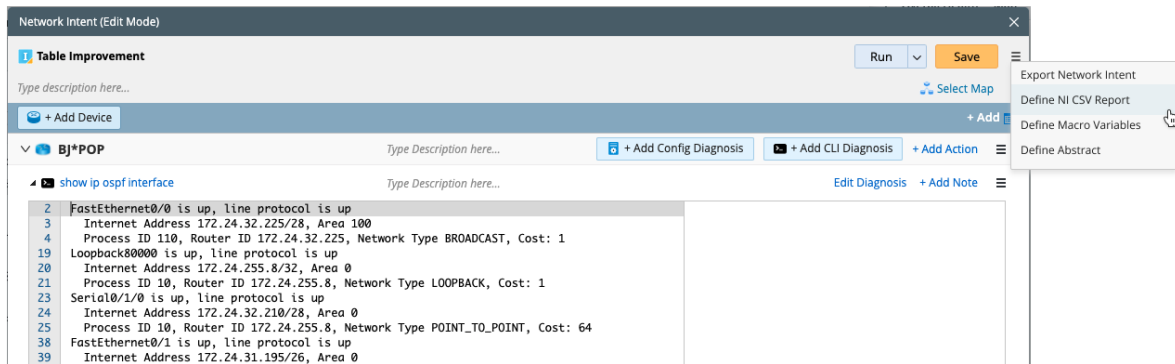
The screenshot shows the CLI Command Diagnosis interface. At the top, there's a command 'show ip ospf neighbor' and a 'Retrieve Live Data' button. Below this is a table labeled 'Table1' with columns: \$neighbor\_id, \$pri, \$status, \$dead\_time, and \$address. The table contains two rows of data. A red arrow points to the 'Add Formula Column' button above the table. A dialog box titled 'Add Formula Column' is open, showing the following fields:

- Name: neighbor\_hostname
- Type: string
- Initial Value: None
- Formula: IPtoHostname(\$neighbor\_id)

At the bottom of the dialog are 'Cancel' and 'OK' buttons. In the background, there's a section for 'Original Results' and 'Variable Definition' showing a list of commands and their outputs.

## 2.8.3 Export CSV Report

The network data parsed by the parser and the status code from the previous execution result can be organized into a CSV report and saved in the NetBrain file system or downloaded to a local computer.



Users can define the CSV file name and the column names in the CSV report. One NI can have multiple CSV reports.

Define the CSV report files

[+Add CSV](#)

File Name: BGP Neighbor Flapping

Columns: Device, Neighbor, Local AS, Remote AS, Alert

File Name: OSPF Neighbor Flapping

Columns: Device, Neighbor, Status, Alert

Cancel OK

The users can select the data to be exported and map it to the CSV column. The following data can be exported:

- Built-in Data: built-in data from NI, such as ***\$this\_device*** (the device name for current device), Diagnosis Note, Device Status Code, Intent Status Code, device status code, and intent status code.



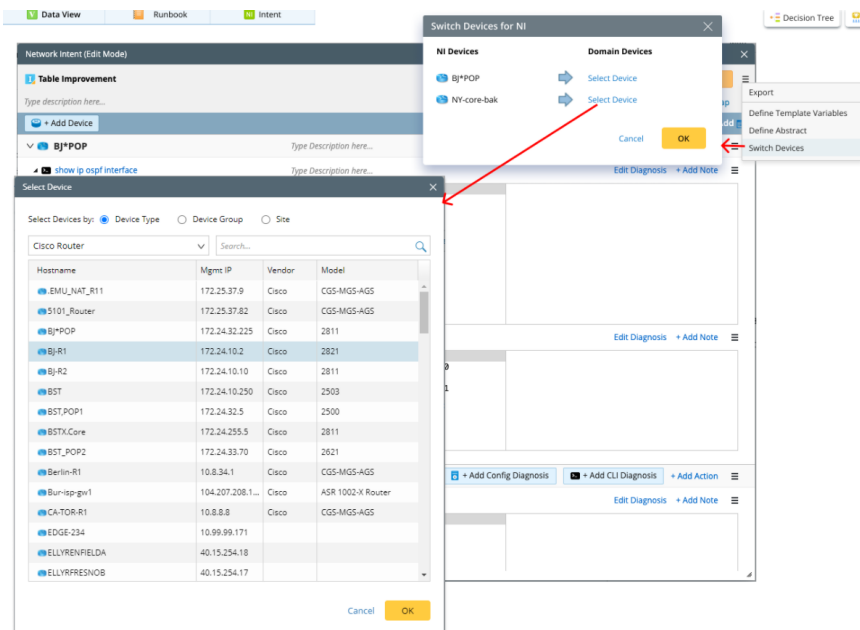
- Variables: If **Loop Table Rows** is checked, the table variables selected for the current diagnosis and all the single-valued variables for the current device can be selected and exported to the CSV report. Otherwise, only single-valued variables can be selected and exported for the current device.
- Macro Variable: All Macro Variables for the current device can be exported.

The generated CSV report can be viewed in the Network Intent View Mode after NI is executed. If NI is executed in a Runbook, the generated CSV report can be Exported or Saved by clicking on the CSV report name in the NI result pane.

The CSV reports of a NIC's member NIs can be merged into one report when exporting or saving the report.

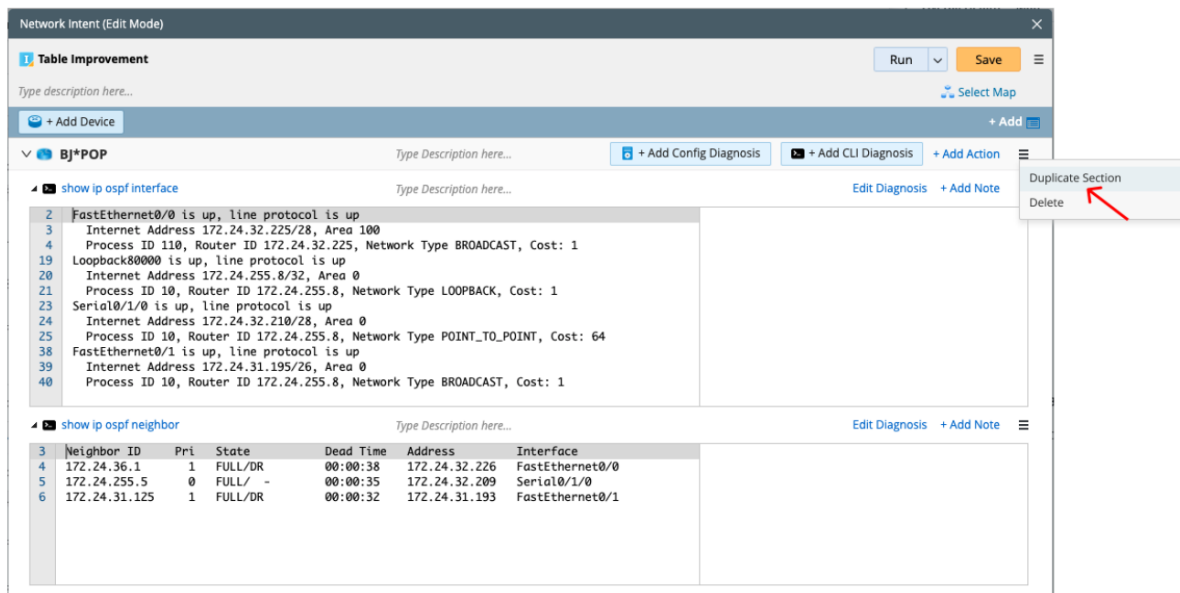
## 2.8.4 Switch Devices in Device Section

The devices defined in a NI may not exist in the customer's network, and users can switch to the devices in their domain before using the sample NI. After the devices are switched, the device scope will be changed to the selected devices. The baseline data will be switched automatically to the baseline data of the selected devices. The devices used in diagnosis, compound variable, compound table, and Formula Column will also be changed automatically.



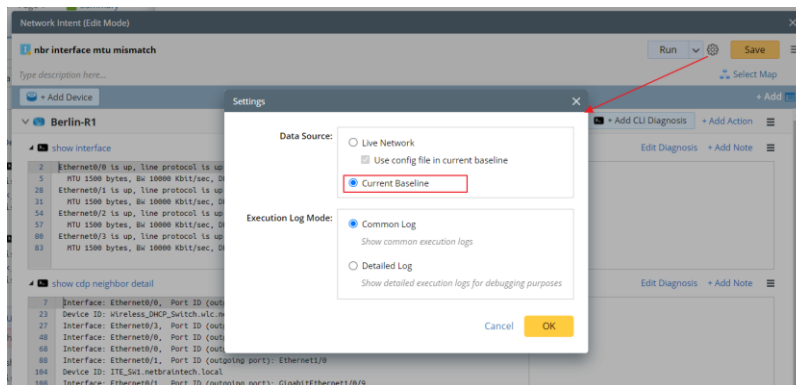
## 2.8.5 Duplicate Device Section

When creating or editing a NI, the visual parser and diagnosis defined under the current device can be duplicated for another device using the **Duplicate Section** function.



## 2.8.6 Test Run with Baseline Data

In R10.0, NI can be run with the last result data, testing the NI. R10.1 adds a new option, **Current Baseline**, for the Data source of NI besides the existing **Live Network** option.

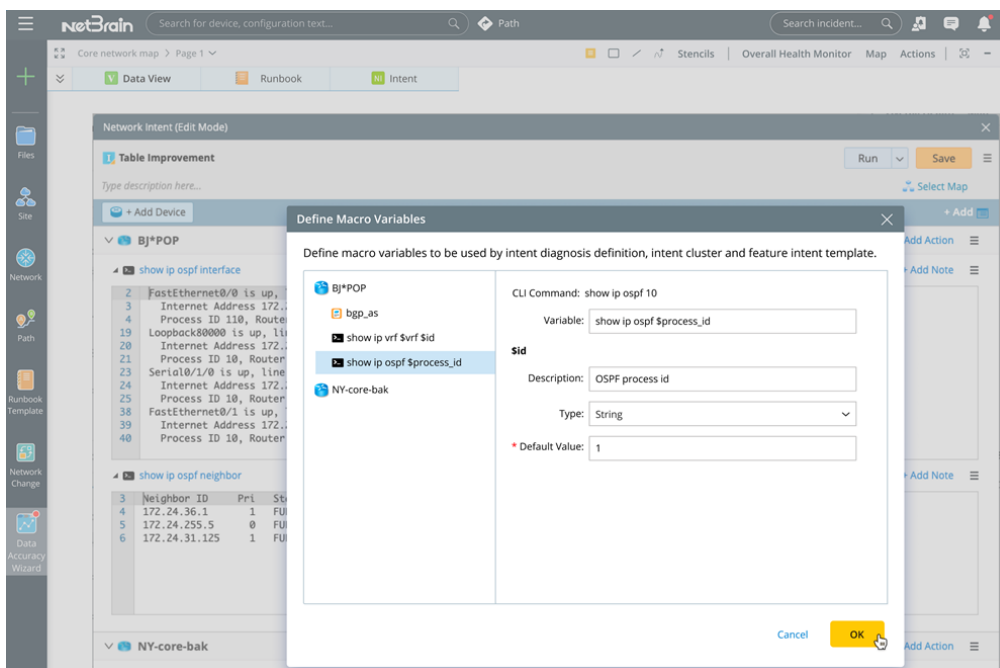


## 2.8.7 Use Macro Variable in NI

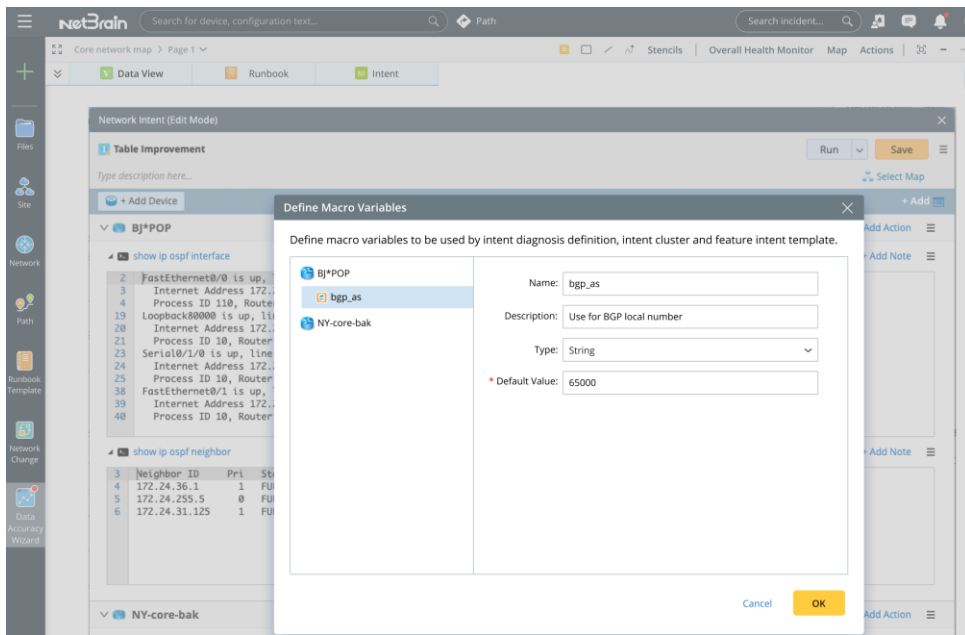
Macro Variables can be used in NI. The Macro Variable is defined and assigned with the default value in NI edit mode. After that, Macro variables can be used in Diagnosis Conditions, Diagnosis Notes, Status Code definition, and CSV report. The default value of the Macro Variable will be used when executing the NI and exporting the report.

Users can define two types of Macro variables, the device and CLI variables:

- **CLI Variables** are Macro Variables used in CLI commands. The screenshot below gives an example using CLI Variables for the command, *show ip ospf \$process\_id*.

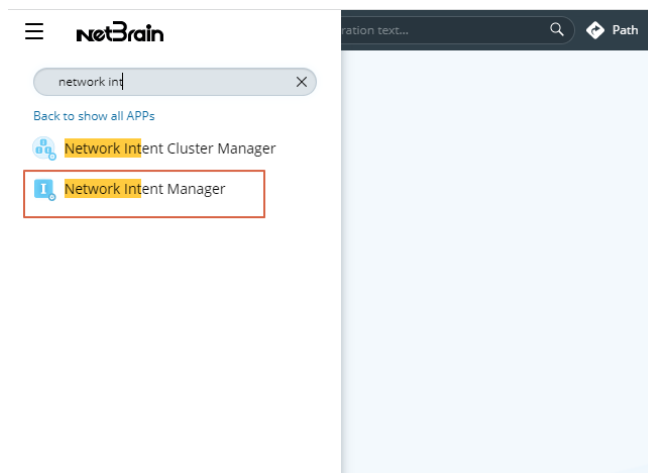


- **Device Variables** are Macro Variables used on devices and can be used in NI Diagnosis Conditions, Diagnosis Notes, or CSV reports. The screenshot below gives an example using Device Variables for BGP AS number.

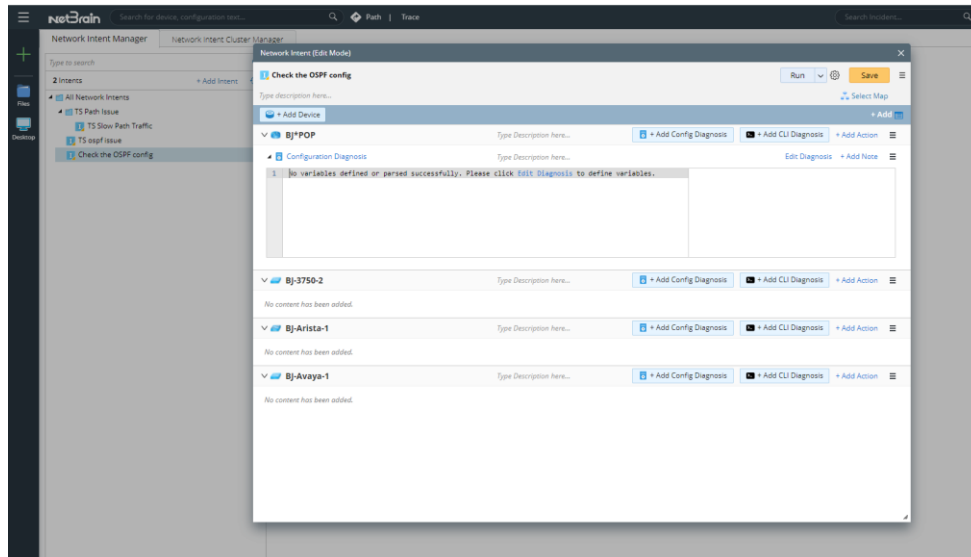


## 2.8.8 Network Intent Manager

In the previous version, the user needs to create/edit/manage NI from the Network Intent Pane on a map, which is not convenient since only NIs applicable to the current map are displayed in this pane by default. IE10.1 adds a standalone NI manager so that users can manage NIs without opening a map.



NI Manager and NIC Manager are two tags on the same page to switch them easily. In NI Manager, all NI are managed with hierarchical folders.

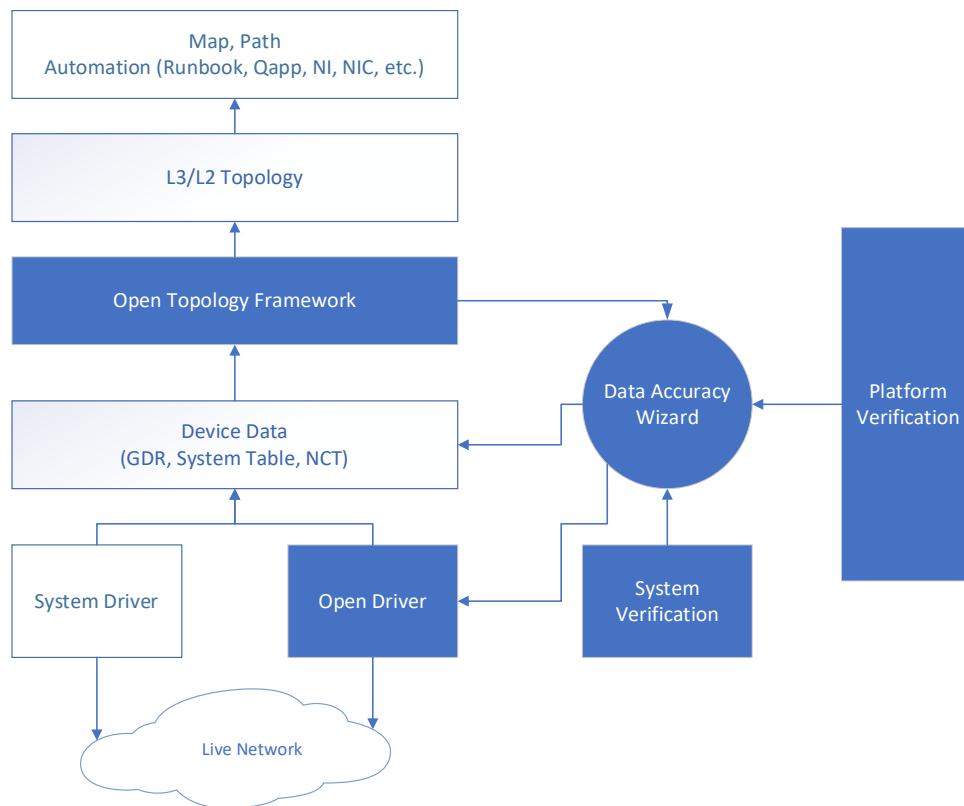


### 3 Open Topology and Data Accuracy

NetBrain has built a complex and extendable framework to retrieve the data from the live network and create a digital twin for the network. The system driver is used to retrieve the data, a complex algorithm is developed to calculate the topology, and an intelligent path framework is created to discover the traffic path. However, due to the complexity of the network and emerging technologies, data accuracy is still common. Although we created many functions and processes to address the data accuracy issues, for example, *Tune Live Access* to take care of the device credential change, *Platform Certification* to expose all data accuracy issues once, we still have the following challenge on the data accuracy:

- No scalable solution to detect all data accuracy once. Many data accuracy issues are often unknown until users use the system to do certain tasks, such as troubleshooting a real network problem, which is certainly not a good time to resolve the data accuracy. *Platform Certification* project is a good start, but it can only be performed by the NetBrain team.
- The data accuracy issues can be caused by many functions and misconfigurations. The system can detect these issues and provide the functions to fix these issues. However, these issues are scattered in many places, such as duplicated IP manager, benchmark report, domain health report, tune live access, etc. The system does not have a central place to list all data accuracy issues and the methods to fix these issues.
- The NetBrain team resolves most data accuracy issues by modifying the system driver or adding a new driver and applying the patch of the topology algorithm. It is difficult for the user to get involved.

V10.1 provides a scalable solution to identify and fix the data accuracy issues, as illustrated by the following diagram with these new features:



- **Open Topology (OT):**

The algorithm at v10.0 and earlier versions is a “closed” system, which is hard to maintain and can take a long time to fix the inaccurate data. V10.1 introduces Open Topology (OT), a new framework, to calculate the L3 and L2 topology. Besides redesigning the algorithm to improve the topology accuracy, OT is an open process to incorporate the user’s input in every stage of the process and is easier to maintain. OT takes the data from the network and the user input to calculate the VLAN Group and then builds L3 and L2 topology inside each VLAN Group.

- **Platform Verification (PV)**

Platform Validation (PV) checks the data accuracy by executing a set of rules called PV Rule (PVR). Besides the validation logic, a PVR will have a unique error code, error message, and recommended actions. A scheduled PV task will expose the data accuracy once, and the results are displayed in the Data Accuracy

Wizard (DAW) per device. After that, the user can view the results and take corresponding actions to fix the issue.

- System Verification (SV)

System Verification (SV) collects all data accuracy issues caused by the system misconfiguration/failure and live access issues and displays the results in DAW with the error code, message, and recommendations.

- Data Accuracy Wizard (DAW)

Data Accuracy Wizard (DAW) is central to addressing the data accuracy issues per device. Users can view all info related to the data accuracy, including all data errors created by PV and SV with the recommended actions, the topology and VLAN groups created by OT, Platform Verification Rules, and Open Drivers applicable to this device.

- Open Driver (OD)

In earlier versions, the device data are retrieved and parsed by the device driver (System Driver), maintained, and updated by NetBrain. When device data is inaccurate, the user can only contact NetBrain and wait for a patch of the driver to fix the issue. IE v10.1 enables users to correct the data accuracy issues via a new feature, Open Driver (OD), which allows the user to map a variable defined by Visual Parser to a device data.

With these functions, the user flow to address the data accuracy will be:

1. Schedule Run PV.
2. View all device errors in DAW, created by PV and SV.
3. Follow the recommendations to fix an error. One common method is to create an OD.

## 3.1 Open Topology

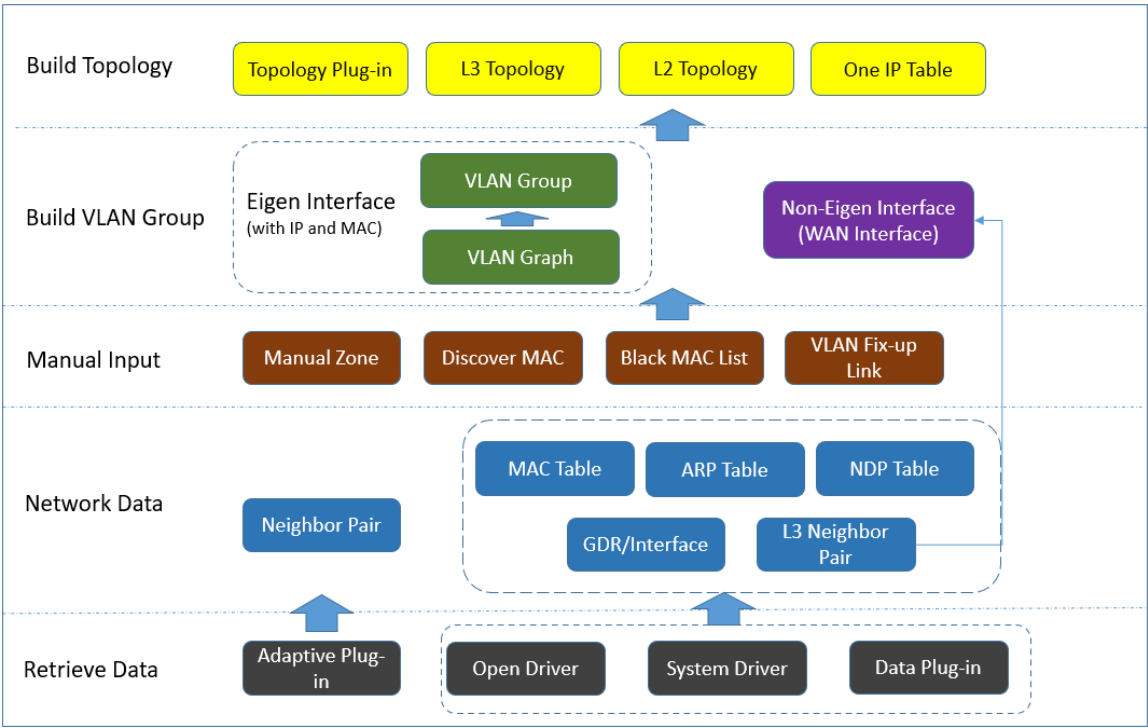
The topology is the foundation of the IE system. In IE 10.0 and earlier versions, we have kept the same framework to calculate L3 and L2 topology and made gradual improvements supporting emerging technologies such as virtualization and VxLAN. However, the old framework is a “closed” system, which is hard to maintain and can take a long time to fix the inaccurate data.

V10.1 introduces a new framework, Open Topology (OT), to calculate the L3 and L2 topology. Besides redesigning



the algorithm to improve the topology accuracy, OT is an open process to incorporate the user’s input in the different stages and is easier to maintain. OD takes the data from the network (Interface, MAC Table, ARP Table, CDP/LLDP, routing neighbors, etc.) and the user input to calculate the VLAN Group and then build L3 and L2 topology inside each VLAN Group.

The framework is illustrated in the following diagram. At each stage, the user can adjust the data or provide the manual input, for example, create an Open Driver (OD) to correct any network data, add an Adaptive Plugin to create neighbor pairs, modify the Discover and Black MAC list to adjust VLAN groups, and manually modify the topology results as a last resort.



### 3.1.1 Open Topology Framework

The process flow of OT is:

1. Retrieve and parse the data from the network with the System Driver. Then, use the Open Driver and Data Plug-in to fix any inaccurate data.
2. Execute the Adaptive Plugins for the special technologies such as VxLAN and OTV to generate Neighbor Pair Table.
3. Calculate the VLAN Group. Use the network data combined with the user input Discover MAC, Black MAC, and VLAN Fix-up Link as the input.
4. Generate Final Zone with VLAN Group and the user input Manual Zone.
5. Calculate L3 Topo for each Final Zone, calculate L2 Topo and One IP Table for each VLAN Group.
6. Add the Neighbor Pair to the topology results.
7. Run MPLS Plug-in and other Topology Plug-in to correct or supplement the topology results.

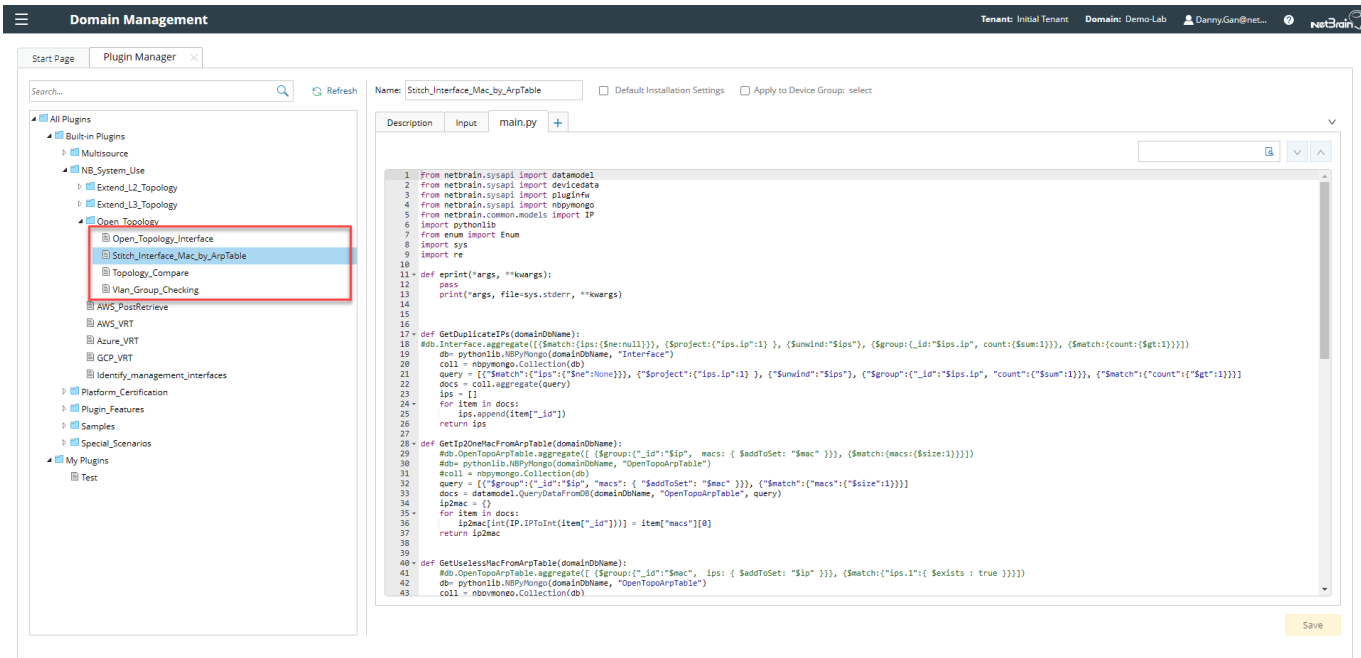
#### 3.1.1.1 VLAN Group

VLAN Group is an L2 Broadcast Domain, including L3 IP Interface, L2 Switchport, and End Point (End System and MAC Device). It is often associated with a business unit, for example, Dev VLAN, QA VLAN, etc. The IP addresses in a VLAN Group should not be duplicated except HA (High Availability) and FHRP (First Hop Redundancy Protocol).

#### 3.1.1.2 Data and Adaptive Plug-in

Each device in the system is assigned to a System Driver (SD), which defines how to retrieve and parse the built-in data for a device type. Since SD is maintained by NetBrain and published to all customers, it may take a while to modify SD to fix any data accuracy issues. Instead, the user can create an Open Driver or Data Plug-in to fix the issue quickly. For example, the interface of an ARP table is empty.

Adaptive Plugin is used to create the neighbor pairs for special technologies such as VxLAN and OTV, keeping the core algorithm simple and efficient and supporting certain technologies without a new release.

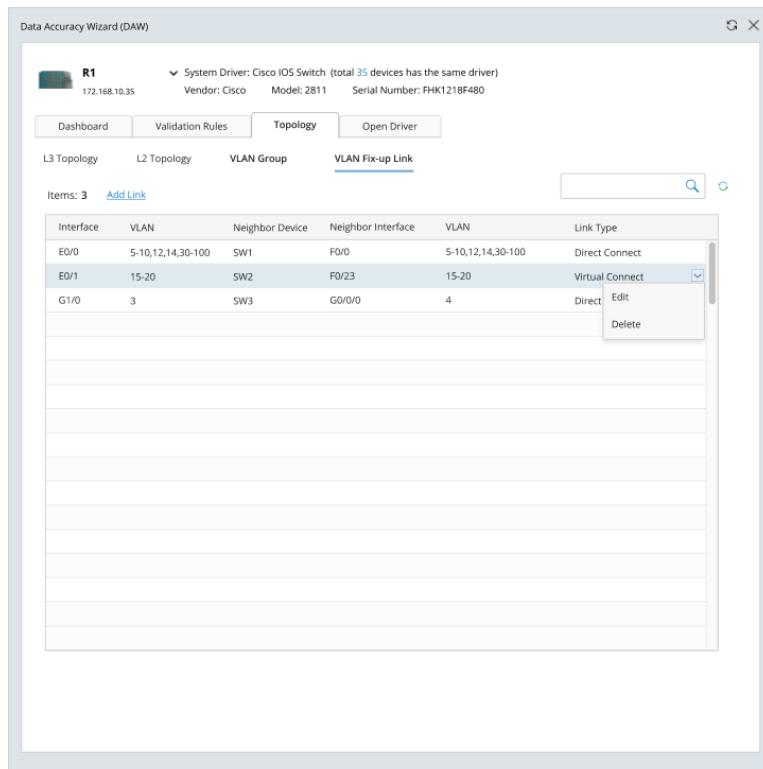


### 3.1.1.3 Discover and Black MAC

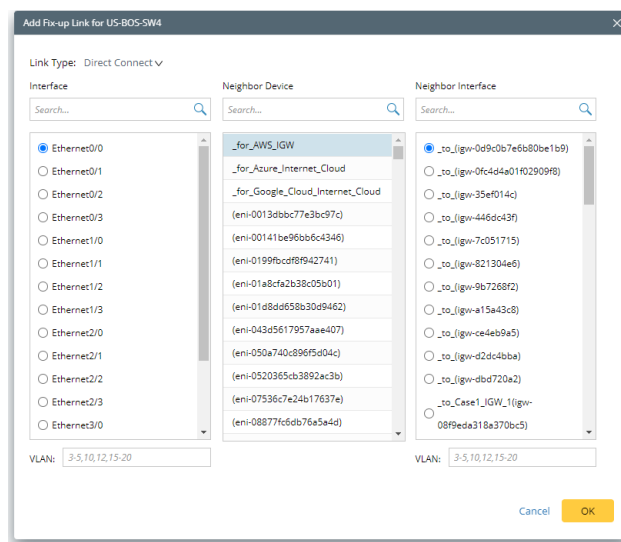
The user can define the MAC addresses that must be used to create a VLAN group as the Discover MAC and those that must NOT be used as the Black MAC. Discover MAC addresses are those stable MAC addresses used often in communication. Discover MAC address must be unique across the whole network. In contrast, Black MAC addresses are not used in real traffic and may cause the miscalculation of VLAN groups. Both addresses can be edited in Domain Management.

### 3.1.1.4 VLAN Fix-up Link

The user can manually add the links between device interfaces and VLAN info on the Data Accuracy Wizard (DAW) pane.

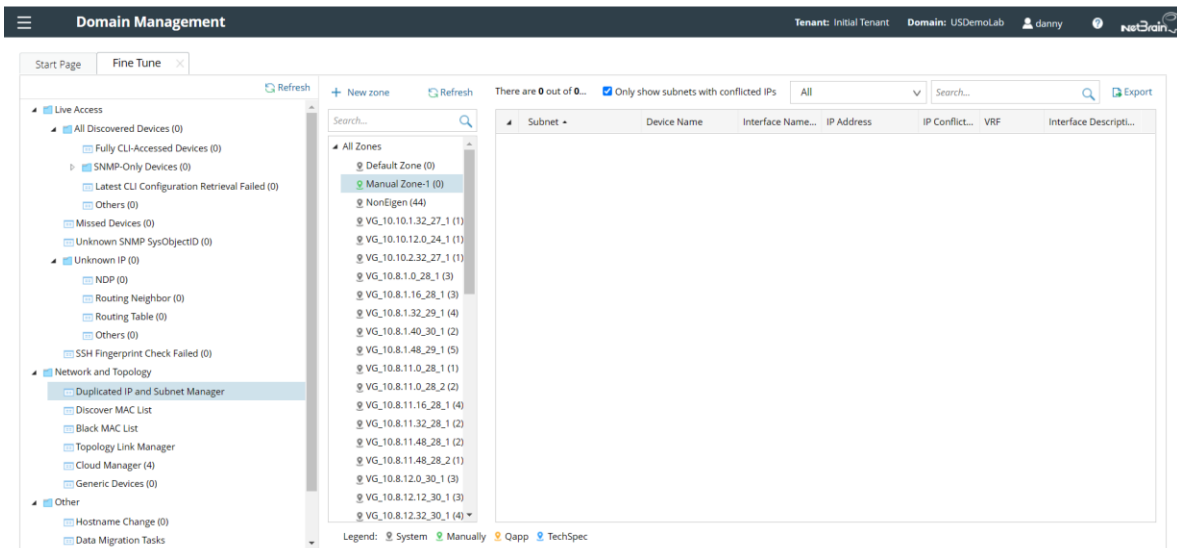


There are two types of links, Direct Connect, which will affect both VLAN group and L2 topology, and Virtual Connect, which only affects the calculation of VLAN groups. The Virtual Connect is designed to support Overlay technology such as OTV and VxLAN.



### 3.1.1.5 Manual Zone

V10.1 keeps Manual Zone to solve the duplicated IP address issues and adjust the L3 topology results.

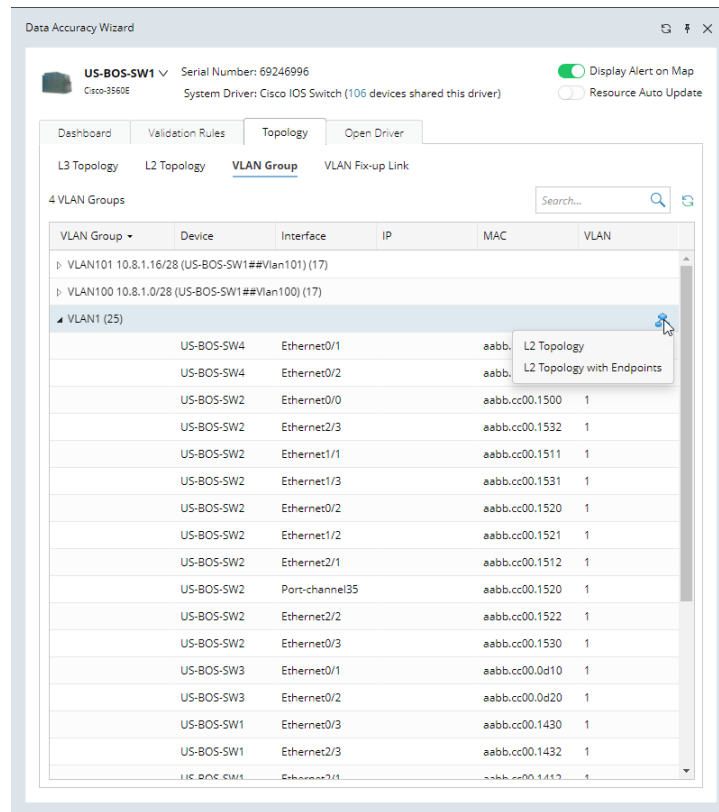


### 3.1.2 Open Topo Output

The OT results can be viewed per device in DAW.

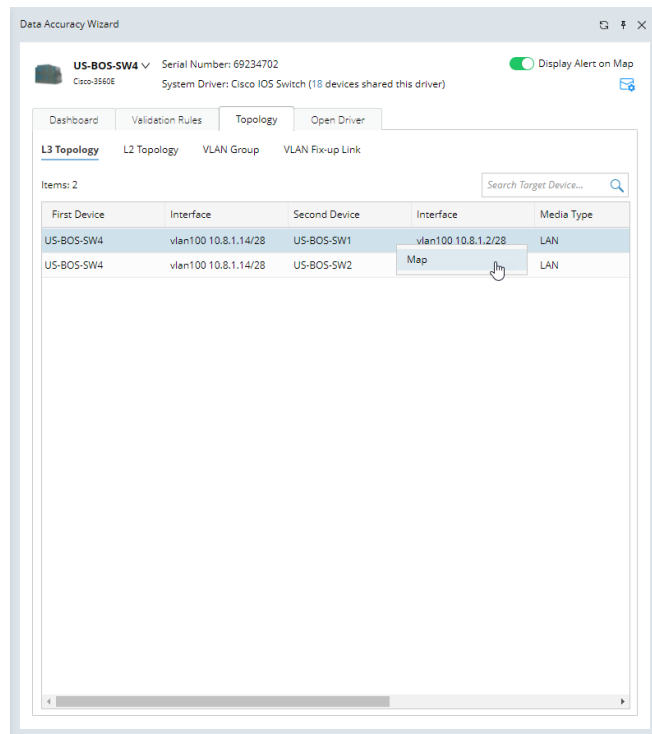
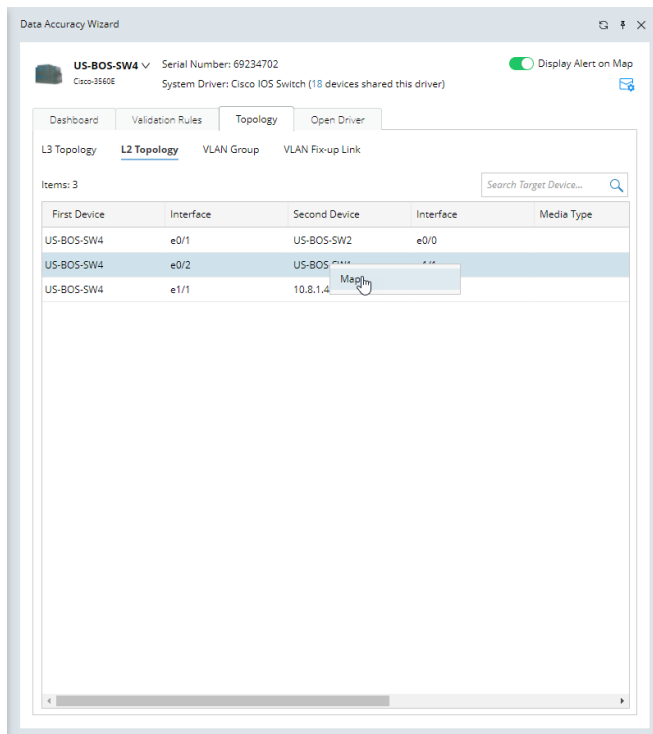
#### 3.1.2.1 View and Map VLAN Group

Under the Topology tag of DAW, a user can view all VLAN groups this device belongs to, view VLAN group details, and create the L2 topology map for a VLAN group. In addition, the system provides an option to include the end systems in the VLAN map.



### 3.1.2.2 View L3 and L2 Topology

At DAW, a user can view all L3 and L2 links of a device, map one or multiple topology links. Here we display the point-to-point (P2P) full mesh connections instead of the connection to the media. In addition, more details are displayed for a topology link, such as the source and updated time, to debug the data accuracy issue.



### 3.1.2.3 One IP Table

V10.1 adds two fields, VLAN Group and VLAN ID, in the One IP table. VLAN Group Name or ID is displayed under VLAN Group, and the VLAN ID is VLAN Number.

IP Address	LAN Segment	MAC Address	Vendor	Switch Port	VLAN ID	DNS Name	Description	Data Source	VLAN Group	Data Retrieved
20.0.9.1	20.0.9.0/24	0022.baf8.19f	Cisco Systems, Inc		102	NBLEAF-3/Vlan102		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan102	2/2/2022, 11:13:01
20.0.6.1	20.0.6.0/30	0022.baf8.19f	Cisco Systems, Inc		104	NBLEAF-3/Vlan104		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan104	2/2/2022, 11:13:01
20.0.7.1	20.0.7.0/24	0022.baf8.19f	Cisco Systems, Inc		106	NBLEAF-3/Vlan106		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan106	2/2/2022, 11:13:01
20.0.21.1	20.0.21.0/24	0022.baf8.19f	Cisco Systems, Inc		108	NBLEAF-3/Vlan108		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan108	2/2/2022, 11:13:01
20.0.6.5	20.0.6.4/30	0022.baf8.19f	Cisco Systems, Inc		113	NBLEAF-3/Vlan113		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan113	2/2/2022, 11:13:01
40.5.1.1	40.5.1.0/24	0022.baf8.19f	Cisco Systems, Inc		115	NBLEAF-3/Vlan115		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan115	2/2/2022, 11:13:01
20.0.1.20	20.0.1.20/32	0050.56be.364d	VMware, Inc	NBLEAF-4/Switch103...	119	US-BJLR-APP1-Nat...		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan119	2/2/2022, 11:13:01
20.0.6.13	20.0.6.13/30	0022.baf8.19f	Cisco Systems, Inc		119	NBLEAF-3/Vlan119		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan119	2/2/2022, 11:13:01
20.0.14.19	20.0.14.19/32	0050.56be.74f1	VMware, Inc	NBLEAF-4/Switch103...	111	vzaryn_WebNetwork...		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan111	2/2/2022, 11:13:01
20.0.35.1	20.0.35.0/24	0022.baf8.19f	Cisco Systems, Inc		111	NBLEAF-3/Vlan111		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan111	2/2/2022, 11:13:01
20.0.13.1	20.0.13.0/24	0022.baf8.19f	Cisco Systems, Inc		123	NBLEAF-3/Vlan123		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan123	2/2/2022, 11:13:01
20.0.22.1	20.0.22.0/24	0022.baf8.19f	Cisco Systems, Inc		127	NBLEAF-3/Vlan127		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan127	2/2/2022, 11:13:01
40.0.104.2	40.0.104.0/24	0022.baf8.19f	Cisco Systems, Inc		132	NBLEAF-3/Vlan132		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan132	2/2/2022, 11:13:01
40.0.102.1	40.0.102.0/24	0022.baf8.19f	Cisco Systems, Inc		136	NBLEAF-3/Vlan136		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan136	2/2/2022, 11:13:01
40.0.4.1	40.0.4.0/24	0022.baf8.19f	Cisco Systems, Inc		138	NBLEAF-3/Vlan138		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan138	2/2/2022, 11:13:01
20.0.2.1	20.0.2.0/24	0022.baf8.19f	Cisco Systems, Inc		14	NBLEAF-3/Vlan14		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan14	2/2/2022, 11:13:01
40.1.20.1	40.1.20.0/24	0022.baf8.19f	Cisco Systems, Inc		140	NBLEAF-3/Vlan140		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan140	2/2/2022, 11:13:01
40.0.6.1	40.0.6.0/24	0022.baf8.19f	Cisco Systems, Inc		146	NBLEAF-3/Vlan146		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan146	2/2/2022, 11:13:01
20.0.6.1	20.0.6.0/30	0022.baf8.19f	Cisco Systems, Inc		148	NBLEAF-3/Vlan148		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan148	2/2/2022, 11:13:01
40.1.20.2	40.1.20.2/32	0050.56be.364d	VMware, Inc	NBLEAF-4/QA_VDS	150	QA_RouteLeak_VM...		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan150	2/2/2022, 11:13:01
40.5.4.1	40.5.4.0/24	0022.baf8.19f	Cisco Systems, Inc		150	NBLEAF-3/Vlan150		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan150	2/2/2022, 11:13:01
40.0.111.1	40.0.111.0/24	0022.baf8.19f	Cisco Systems, Inc		152	NBLEAF-3/Vlan152		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan152	2/2/2022, 11:13:01
40.5.3.1	40.5.3.0/24	0022.baf8.19f	Cisco Systems, Inc		154	NBLEAF-3/Vlan154		Device Interface	NBLEAF-3/Vlan154	2/2/2022, 11:13:01

### 3.1.2.4 VLAN Group Based Zone

Most duplicated IP addresses are resolved by the auto-created VLAN Group Zone, as shown in the Duplicate IP and Subnet Manager.

The screenshot shows the 'Domain Management' interface with the 'Duplicate IP and Subnet Manager' tab selected. The left sidebar lists various network discovery and management tasks. The main area displays a table of subnets and their associated devices and interfaces.

Subnet	Device Name	Interface Name	IP Address	IP Conflicted	VRF	Interface
10.8.4.168/30 - (VG_10.8.4.168_30_2)(1)	CP_NA2	eth2	10.8.4.170/30	No		
10.8.4.172/30 - (VG_10.8.4.172_30_1)(1)	CP_GW1	eth2	10.8.4.173/30	No		
10.8.4.172/30 - (VG_10.8.4.172_30_2)(1)	CP_GW2	eth2	10.8.4.174/30	No		
10.8.5.0/24 - (VG_10.8.5.0_24_1)(3)	Baracuda-FW	Ethernet1	10.8.5.1/24	No		
	US-LAX-SW2	Vlan401	10.8.5.9/24	No		
	US-LAX-BIGIP	/Common/external	10.8.5.10/24	No	0	
10.8.7.0/24 - (NonEgen)(1)	US-LAX-BIGIP	/Common/internal	10.8.7.1/24	No	0	
10.8.71.0/24 - (VG_10.8.71.0_24_1)(1)	Boston	WAN1	10.8.71.18/24	No		
10.8.71.32/29 - (NonEgen)(1)	Boston	Vlan1	10.8.71.33/29	No		
10.8.8.0/29 - (VG_10.8.8.0_29_1)(2)	US-NYC-R1	Ethernet0/1	10.8.8.1/29	No		
	US-NYC-PaloAlto	ethernet1/1	10.8.8.2/29	No		
10.8.8.8/29 - (VG_10.8.8.8_29_1)(1)	US-NYC-PaloAlto	ethernet1/2	10.8.8.10/29	No		
10.8.9.0/28 - (VG_10.8.9.0_28_1)(2)	BOS-NBK-L3OUT	Vlan151	10.8.9.2/28	No	NSX	

### 3.1.3 Other Related Adjustments

#### 3.1.3.1 Discovery

The OT framework uses more network data than the old algorithm to build the VLAN group and then L3 and L2 topology. To keep the discovery process simple, the system does not build the topology in the discovery process. Instead, the topology will be built in the system benchmark. Therefore, discovery UI is adjusted as follows:

- Add a link to run the benchmark task in the manual Discovery UI and Domain Setup Wizard. The user can select the predefined benchmark tasks to run. This option is not available for the scheduled Discovery.



**Domain Management**

Start Page Discover

**Discover** View Historical Result: [Select](#)

Discover Devices via SNMP/CLI [Network Settings](#)

Method: ☒ Discover via Seed Routers ☐ Scan IP Range Access Mode: SNMP and SSH/Telnet Discovery Depth: 30

IP/Hostname: e.g. 10.10.10.1; NY\_R1 [Import IP](#)

Discover Devices via API [+ Select API Servers](#)

API Servers: Click "Select API Servers" to add servers

☒ Benchmark Task: Basic System Benchmark

- Basic System Benchmark
- Update ESXi topology
- AWS Benchmark
- Meraki
- devicegroup test
- show version
- ACI MSO Topo

[Advanced Options](#) [Start Discovery](#)

- Remove all operations except Build Site in Run Additional Operations After Discovery at the Advanced Options.

**Advanced Options**

☒ Run additional operations after discovery

SNMP/CLI Discovery Options

☐ Retrieve device/module/interface information

CLI forced timeout: 600 seconds

Discovery Methods via Seed Routers

☒ Use NDP to discover neighbor devices

☒ Find routing protocol neighbor via SNMP

☒ Use CLI routing table to discover next-hops

After Discovery via Seed Routers

☐ Scan destination subnets

☐ Scan all connected subnets

Minimum mask bits: 24

The maximum percentage over node license limit to discover devices:

0 %

[Cancel](#) [Save](#)

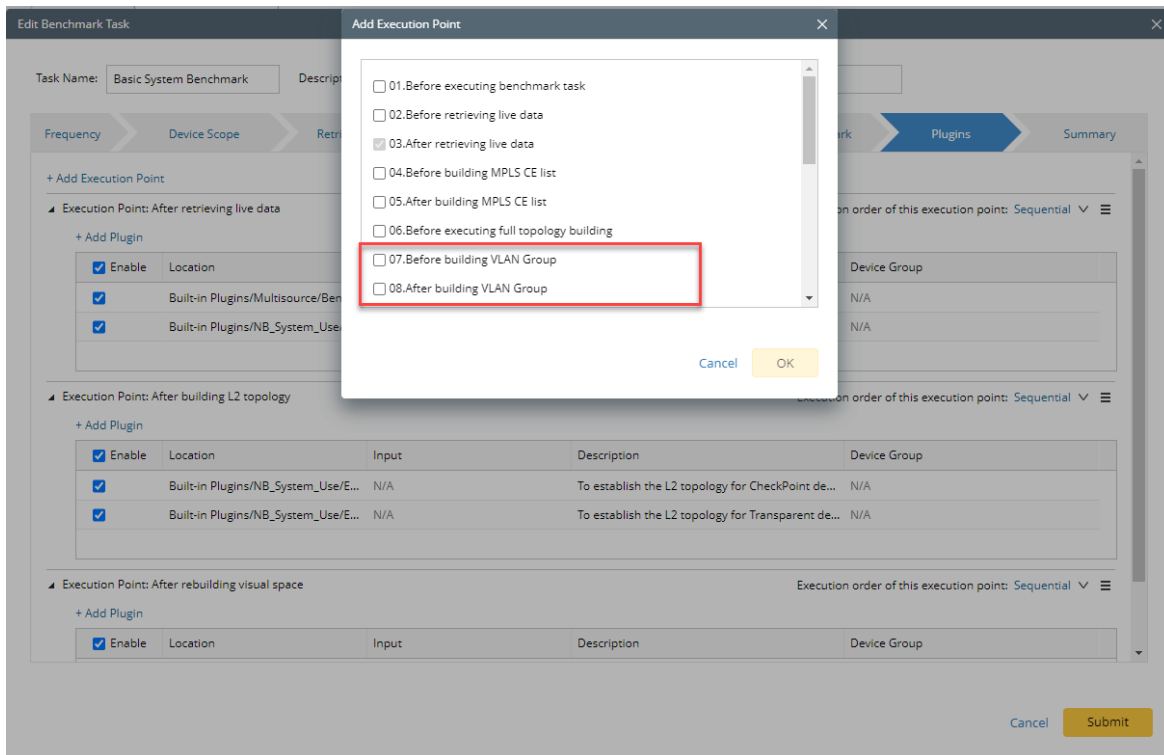
It is recommended to keep this option checked, otherwise the discovered devices won't be ready until the benchmark finishes.

The following operations will run during additional operations:

- Build Sites

### 3.1.3.2 Benchmark Setting

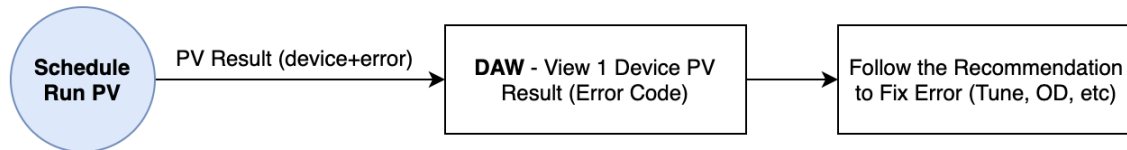
In the Add Execution Point of the Benchmark task, add two entries before building VLAN Group and after building VLAN Group. The user can add the Data and Adaptive plugins to fix the topology issues.



## 3.2 Platform Validation

Platform Validation (PV) checks the data accuracy by executing a set of rules called PV Rule (PVR). A PVR can be as simple as a device management IP address must be not empty and as complex as that a physical interface (identified by its name) with an IP address configured must not have VLAN configured. Besides the validation logic, a PVR will have a unique error code, error message, and recommended actions. PV results are displayed in the Data Accuracy Wizard (DAW) per device. NetBrain system administrator or any end-user can view the results and take corresponding actions to fix the issue.

The main workflow is: the administrator set up a scheduled task to execute PV against all devices in the domain; all NetBrain users view PV errors and warnings on DAW and follow the recommended actions to fix the issue.



NetBrain Platform team has already built a rich set of PVR packaged into the V10.1. However, the network is complex, and we will run into new technology and issue. Therefore, we will continue to develop and optimize the PVR. New PVRs and the corresponding System Driver, Open Driver, or other resources will be published to the customer via Knowledge Cloud (KC).

### 3.2.1 Define PVR

PVR is created only by NetBrain Platform Engineers and published to the customer via KC. The PVR is defined by a Python script file (PV file). A PVR has the following components:

- **Name:** a unique name to identify the PV file name.
- **Description:** optional, describing what this PVR is about.
- **Qualification:** defining what devices this PVR can be applied to, same as the general Qualification definition. For example, you can define a PVR only applicable to a certain device type, such as the Cisco IOS router or a device with BGP configured.
- **Check Logic:** the logic to implement PVR. The logic can be simple, such as checking whether a device management IP address (the device parameter, sometimes also called GDR) is empty. If so, create an error.

The error is defined globally, which includes:

- **Error Code:** a unique hexadecimal number to identify the error.
- **Error Type:** the category of this error.
- **Short Message:** describing the error, e.g., the management IP address is empty.
- **Long Message:** describe the interface error in detail.
- **Severity:** can be Error, Warning, Information.

- **Recommendation:** each error code corresponds to multiple recommendations on how to solve the problem when such an error occurs. The common recommendation is listed in the following table.

Recommendation	Description
Create an Open Driver	To create an Open Driver to fix this issue.
Update an Open Driver	Update an existing Open Driver.
Tune Live Access	Open the device setting for the user to tune.
Update System Driver	The system will create a beta System Driver, which is enabled in the IE system.
View Original Data	The link will open the UI to view the original data, such as a system table or an NCT table.
Contact NetBrain	Send an email to NetBrain support.

The errors are listed in DAW per device. In addition, the recommendation has a link to the corresponding action UI.

### 3.2.2 PVR Examples

PVR can be used to validate the device/interface/module property, system table, NCT table, and Overall Health Monitoring data.

Category	Check Logic	Error Message	Recommendation
Device Property	<b>Management IP</b> is not empty.	The Management IP is empty.	Please set the management IP in the <a href="#">Shared Device Settings</a> or <a href="#">Contact NetBrain</a> .
Device Property	A device supporting CLI Configurations has SNMP created configurations.	Failed to retrieve CLI configuration.	Please <a href="#">Contact NetBrain</a> .

Device Property	Interfaces in the route table should exist in the domain.	The interface of Route Table does not exist in Interface Property.	Please create an <a href="#">Open Driver</a> to add the missing interface or <a href="#">Contact NetBrain</a> .
Interface Property	An interface mode is in (trunk, hybrid), and trunkNativeVlan is empty. OR the mode is not in (trunk, hybrid), and trunkNativeVlan is not empty.	Interface properties trunkNativeVlan and mode are inconsistent.	Please <a href="#">Contact NetBrain</a> if the interface handles real traffic; otherwise, please ignore it.
Configuration and System Table	Device Configuration is more than one week older than the System Table.	Device Configuration is more than one week older than the System Table.	Please check if Configuration File is checked in Retrieve Live Data of Benchmark Tasks and <a href="#">Contact NetBrain</a> if this issue still exists.
Overall Health Monitoring (OHM)	The values of OHM fields are not empty	Device data is missing in Overall Health View.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please check the “CPU and Memory Usage” Parser in <a href="#">Parser Library</a>.</li> <li>2. Please check the “Overall Health View” Data View Template in the <a href="#">Data View Template Manager</a>.</li> <li>3. <a href="#">Contact NetBrain</a> if this issue still exists.</li> </ol>

### 3.2.3 Schedule PV

The system has one built-in Schedule PV task, which will be executed against all devices. The user cannot delete this task or add a new Schedule PV task. However, he can disable and enable this task.

Domain Management

Tenant: Initial TenantDomain: R10 TrainingOperationsJ.ZhangNetBrain

Start PageSchedule Task

Schedule Discovery/BenchmarkSchedule Data View Template/ParserSchedule QappSchedule PluginSchedule Platform Validation

Refresh

Enable	Task Name	Last Run Time	Duration	Last Result	Current Status	Next Run Time	Frequency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Platform Validation Check	6/7/2021, 12:11:42 PM	20 mins 10 secs	Succeeded	Idle	6/8/2021, 12:11:42 PM	Once

The user can set the schedule of the PV task, such as frequency, start date, end date, and start time. In addition, the system provides an optional setting, Hard Stop Time, which can be useful to stop the PV task after the specified hours so that it may not overlap with other scheduled tasks such as the system benchmark. The PV task will be paused with the current execution status recorded (primarily the devices to have been verified). Then, in the next PV cycle, PV tasks will be resumed from the last execution status (skip those devices which have been verified and verify the devices not verified in the last cycle yet.)

Platform Validation Task

Name: Platform Validation Task

Description: Check all device data accuracy with the logic defined in platform validation files

Start Date: 2021-06-24

End Date: 2016-11-17

Time Zone: (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Once

Daily

☒ Weekly

Monthly

Every: 1 weeks on:

☐ Sunday

☐ Monday

☐ Tuesday

☐ Wednesday

☐ Thursday

☐ Friday

☐ Saturday

Start Time Everyday: 03 : 10 PM Use Current Time

☒ Hard Stop Time: 12 Hours

Cancel

Submit

The PV task will start at the scheduled time or resume if the PV task of the last cycle does not finish within the hard stopped time. For each device in the domain, the PV task will run all PVRs to which this device is qualified (the qualification is defined in PV files) and enabled (a user can see all qualified PVRs and disable/enable a PVR on DAW). The user can view PV status (Disabled, Running, Completed, Idle, and Paused), view the execution log, export the results to a CSV file, delete the results, and manually stop the running PV task.

Domain Management

Tenant: Initial TenantDomain: R10 Trai

Start PageSchedule Task

Schedule Discovery/BenchmarkSchedule Data View Template/ParserSchedule QappSchedule PluginSchedule Platform Validation

Enable	Task Name	Last Run Time	Duration	Current Status	Next Run Time
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Platform Validation Check	6/7/2021, 12:11:42 PM	20 mins 10 secs	Running <div>Stop</div>	6/8/2021, 12:11:42 PM

### 3.2.4 View PV Results in DAW

The latest scheduled PV results are displayed on DAW Dashboard per device, categorized by **Error, Warning, and Information**. Each entry has the error code, the time of the first failure, error message, and recommendation. The link in the recommendation will bring the user the corresponding UI to fix the issue. After a user tries the recommended steps, he can click the button Re-validate to run all validation rules for this device to verify that the error is fixed.

**Data Accuracy Wizard (DAW)**

Serial Number: FHK1218F480  
System Driver: Cisco IOS Switch (453 devices shared this driver)

Display Alert on Map: ☒  
Resource Auto Update: ☐

Dashboard | Validation Rules | Topology | Open Driver

Re-validate | Clear Results | Search...

Error: 6 | Warning: 1 | Information: 0 | Ignored: 3 | Collapse All

**[101259] SNMP access denied.** 08/07/2021 02:28 PM  
The SNMP access from FS(10.10.34.84) has denied by device.  
Recommendation: You may check the ACL configured on the device through [NetBrain Smart CLI](#) or other remote access terminals.

**[108724] Unrecognized prompt in privilege login.** 08/07/2021 10:45 AM  
Privilege login failed: unrecognized prompt "user:"  
Recommendation: You may enable the CLI login script in the [Shared Device Settings](#) -> **Advanced** to add prompt and command in the **Privilege Mode** login script.

**[100304] Is missed device.** 08/07/2021 10:45 AM  
First Failure Time: 8/9/2021, 12:53:12 PM First Discovery Time: 7/9/2021, 12:53:12 PM  
Recommendation: You can check the [Live Access Log](#) to find root cause.  
If it has not been used anymore, you can [Remove it from Domain](#) or [Add its Management IP \(172.26.3.10\)](#) to [Do-Not-Scan list](#).

**[100001] Not assigned to any site.** 08/07/2021 10:45 AM

**[100602] Hostname changed.** 08/07/2021 10:45 AM  
Another device with same serial# 687134E, hostname is BJ-R1-North.  
Recommendation: Please go to [Hostname Change Manager](#) to resolve this issue - remove the old device and keep the new device in domain only.

**[100603] Interface CDP neighbor interface (4)** 08/07/2021 10:45 AM

e0/1	BJ*POP_AFDECGF	18-31-BF-07-EA-SE
e0/3	Bos_Switch	18-31-DF-10-BC-AE
f0/1	Bos-core1	15-30-BF-A7-EA-SE
f0/2	Bos-core2	16-31-BF-10-BC-AE

Recommendation: [View CDP Table](#) to see details.

**[100624] Interface MIB Index is empty (8)** 08/07/2021 10:45 AM

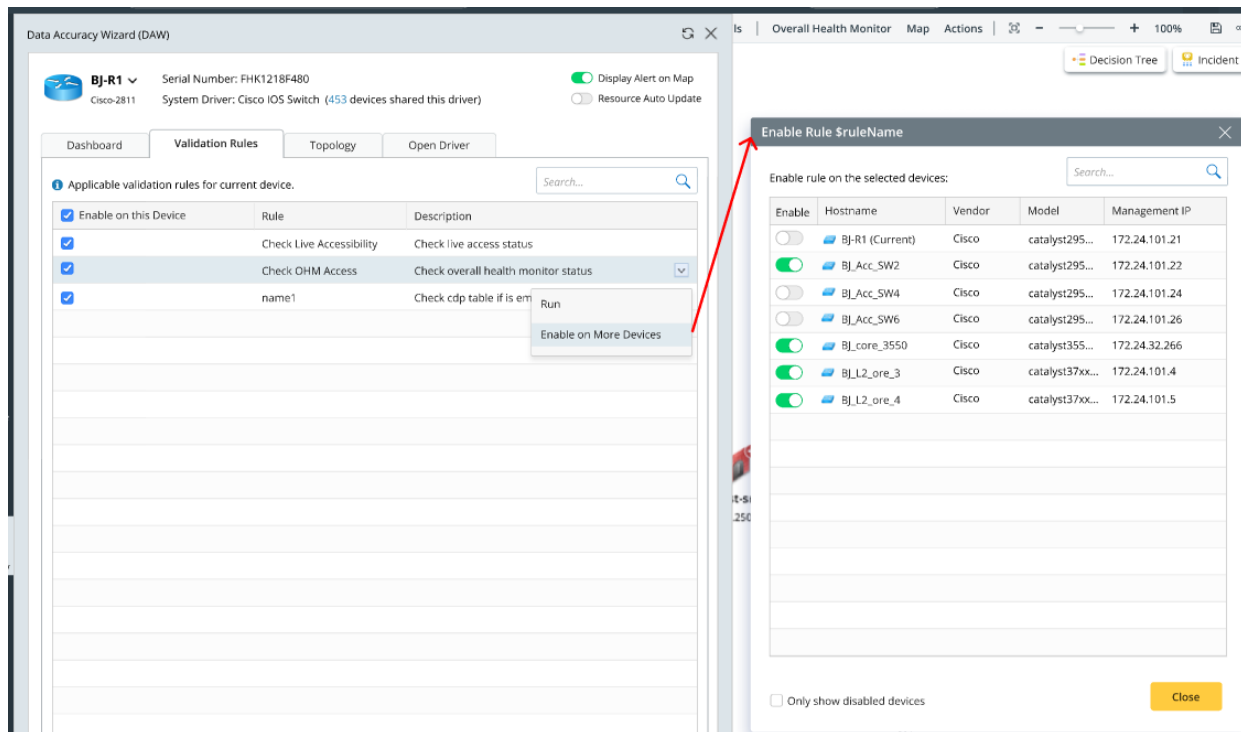
e0/1	BJ*POP_AFDECGF	18-31-BF-07-EA-SE
e0/3	Bos_Switch	18-31-DF-10-BC-AE

**PV Results**

### 3.2.5 Enable, Disable and Run a PVR

All PVRs to which this device is qualified are listed under the Validation Rules tag of DAW. The user can disable and enable PVR for this device. The disabled PVR will not be run against this device in the scheduled PV task. The number of qualified devices is also displayed here for a user to see all devices qualified to a PVR and then disable or enable PVR for these devices.

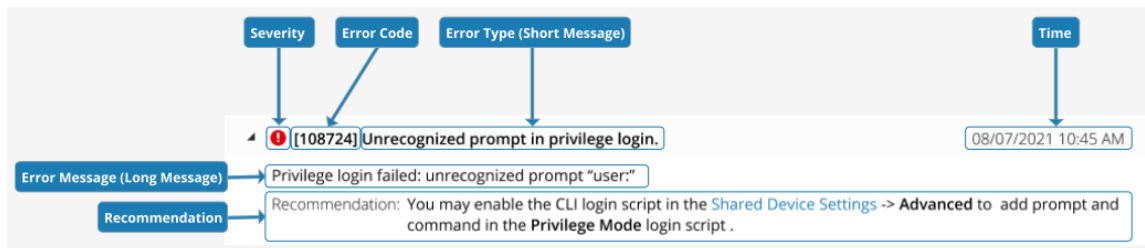




### 3.3 System Validation (SV)

In V10.0 and earlier versions, the live access-related issues are scattered among many functions and UIs. As a result, the error messages are not consistent across these functions. IE v10.1 introduces System Validation (SV), which provides the system-wide consistent, more detailed, and accurate error messages in all features involving live access, such as discovery, benchmark, fine-tune, Qapp, NI, etc. These errors will be displayed in a central place, Data Accuracy Wizard (DAW). SV also summarizes the live access status on all devices and provides recommended solutions for each error type for users to maintain device data accuracy by themselves.

SV is a backend process requiring no user involvement. The output of SV is the system and live access-related error messages, which are displayed in the DAW dashboard. The SV error has the same components as PV error: error severity, unique error code, type, detailed message, and recommendations.



### 3.3.1 SV Error Examples

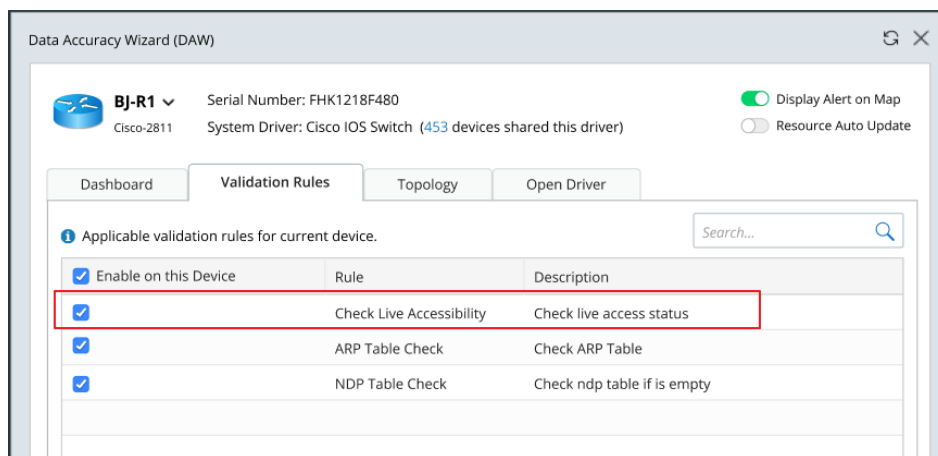
SV categorizes the live access failures into four major types: server error (Front Server, Front Server Group, Jumpbox, and API Server), Ping error, SNMP error, and CLI error (CLI connection, non-privileged login, privilege login, and advanced script). They could be further categorized into more detailed error types, and each has a corresponding recommended solution. The corresponding error message example and the recommended solution are listed below for each error type.

Category	Error Type	Error Message	Recommendation
Server Error	unavailable Front server	The front server FS (10.10.34.84) is unavailable.	You may switch an available front server in the <a href="#">Shared Device Settings</a> or <a href="#">Tune Live Access</a> . If there is no available front server, you can check the front server status in the <b>System Management</b> -> <a href="#">Front Server Controller</a> . Contact your NetBrain admin if needed.
Ping Error	Unreachable IP address	The management IP address 10.10.34.84 of the device is unreachable.	You may switch an available management IP in the <a href="#">Shared Device Settings</a> or <a href="#">Tune Live Access</a> .
SNMP Error	SNMP access is declined.	The SNMP access from FS(10.10.34.84) has been declined by the device.	You may check the ACL configured on the device through <a href="#">NetBrain Smart CLI</a> or other remote access terminals.

CLI Error	SSH/Telnet connect timed out.	SSH/Telnet connect from <i>FS(10.10.34.84)</i> failed: timed out	You may check the <b>CLI Connection Timeout</b> in the <a href="#">Shared Device Setting</a> -> CLI -> Advanced.
CLI Error	Unrecognized prompt in non-privilege login.	Non-privilege login failed: unrecognized prompt " <i>user:</i> "	You may enable the CLI login script in the <a href="#">Shared Device Settings</a> -> <b>Advanced</b> to add prompt and command in the <b>Non-privilege Mode</b> login script.
CLI Error	Authentication failed in privilege login.	Privilege login failed: invalid privilege username/password.	You may check the login credential configured in the <a href="#">Shared Device Setting</a> or <a href="#">Tune Live Access</a> .
CLI Error	Device not responding in <i>mode name</i> .	<i>Mode name login failed: device does not respond.</i>	You may check the <b>CLI Session Timeout</b> in the <a href="#">Shared Device Setting</a> -> CLI -> Advanced.

### 3.3.2 Live Access Validation Rule

Even though live access failures could happen in all features involving the live access process, sometimes only partial live access will be checked in some tasks. For example, Ping and SNMP access won't be verified in the system benchmark. Therefore, live access validation rules are created to verify each live access method of devices to ensure the system can fully access them. Users can also re-run the validation process in the DAW dashboard to validate the live access settings (timeout settings, login script, etc.).



Live Access Validate Rule will validate the accessibility of devices based on the latest device settings with the following steps:

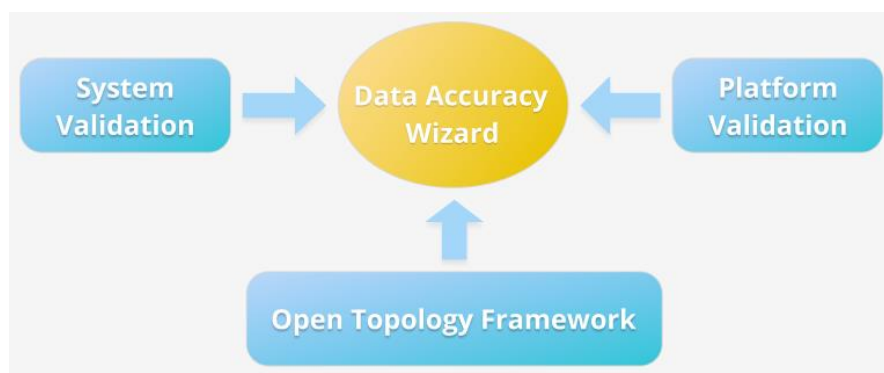
- Check the connection of relevant servers, including the front server, front server group, jumpbox server, and API server.
- Ping, the device management IP, to validate the connection.
- Access the device via SNMP using the latest SNMP session timeout setting.
- Validate the CLI access of the device using the latest CLI session timeout setting. The CLI access includes SSH/Telnet connection and authentication in non-privilege mode, privilege mode, and customized mode.

If live access failure happens in any of the steps above, corresponding error messages and codes will be generated.

### 3.4 Data Accuracy Wizard (DAW)

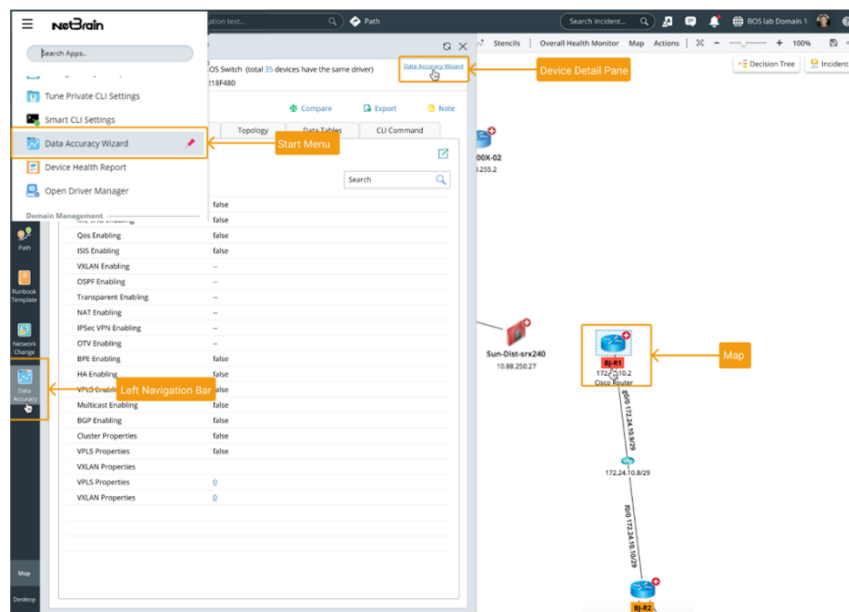
The data accuracy issues can be caused by many functions and misconfigurations. The system can detect these issues and provide the functions to fix these issues. However, these issues are scattered in many places, such as benchmark reports, domain health reports, tune live access, duplicated IP manager, etc. The system does not have a central place to list all data accuracy issues and the methods to fix these issues.

V10.1 introduces Data Accuracy Wizard (DAW), a feature dedicated to all data accuracy issues per device, such as live access issues from SV, the device data issue from PV, and the topology results from OT. The verification rules and the open drivers are also listed in DAW so that a user can enable/disable these rules and drivers.

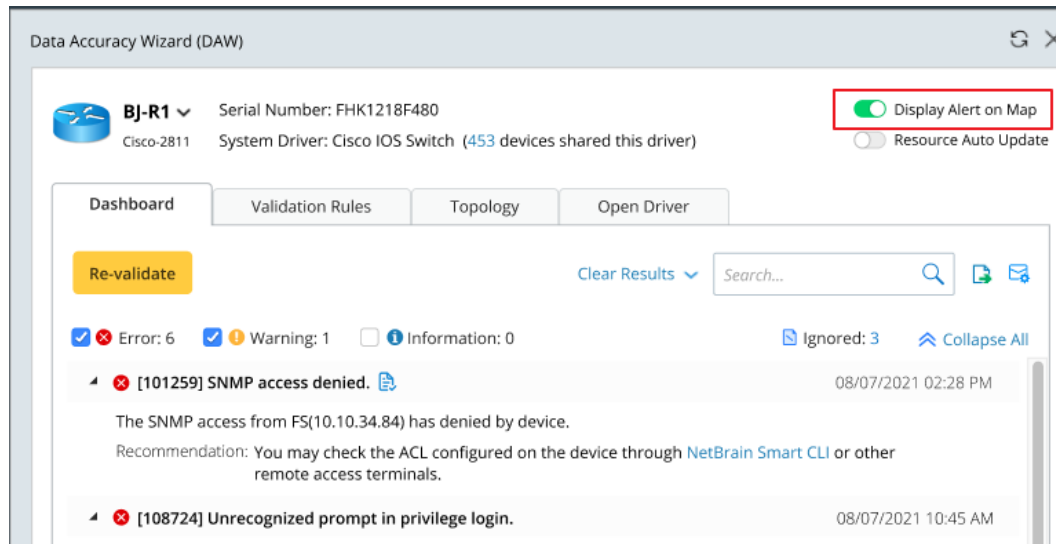


### 3.4.1 Open DAW

If the devices on the map have SV/PV alerts, the corresponding hostnames will be highlighted with an alert icon. Users can click the icon to open DAW for this device. DAW can be opened from the Start menu, left navigation bar, and device detail pane.

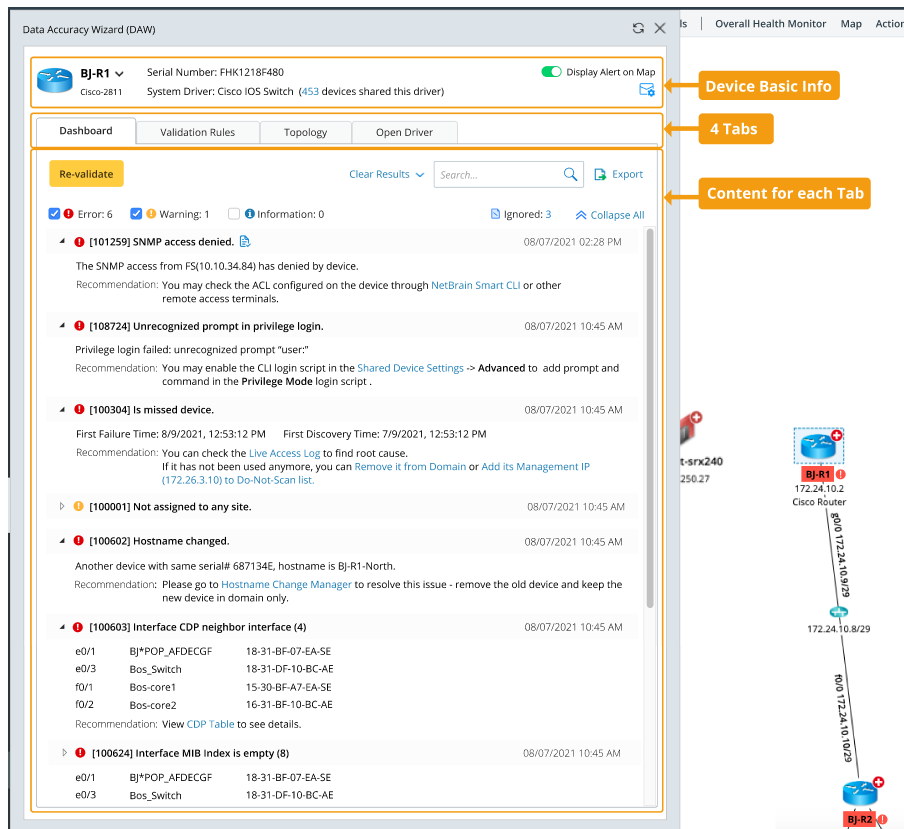


Users can enable or disable DAW alert in the map with the option **Display Alert on Map**.



### 3.4.2 DAW Components

DAW is for one device only, and the user can change the device. At the top of DAW, the hostname and the basic data are displayed.



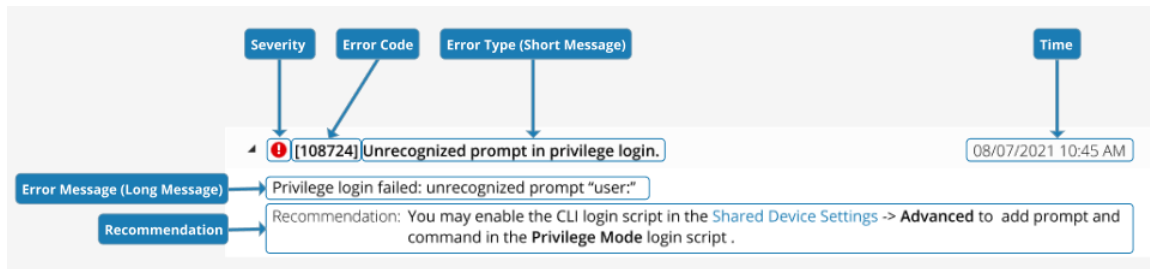
DAW UI has four tabs:

- **Dashboard:** display all data issues created by SV and PV. Each issue has the error code, error message, and recommended actions.
- **Validation Rules:** display all PVRs applicable for this device. The user can enable, disable or debug run a PVR. Refer to [section 3.2](#) for details.
- **Topology:** displays OT results, including VLAN groups to which this device belongs, L3 and L2 topology links. Refer to [section 3.1](#) for details.
- **Open Driver:** displays all ODs applicable to this device. The user can enable, disable and test run an OD. Refer to [section 3.5](#) for details.

### 3.4.3 DAW Dashboard

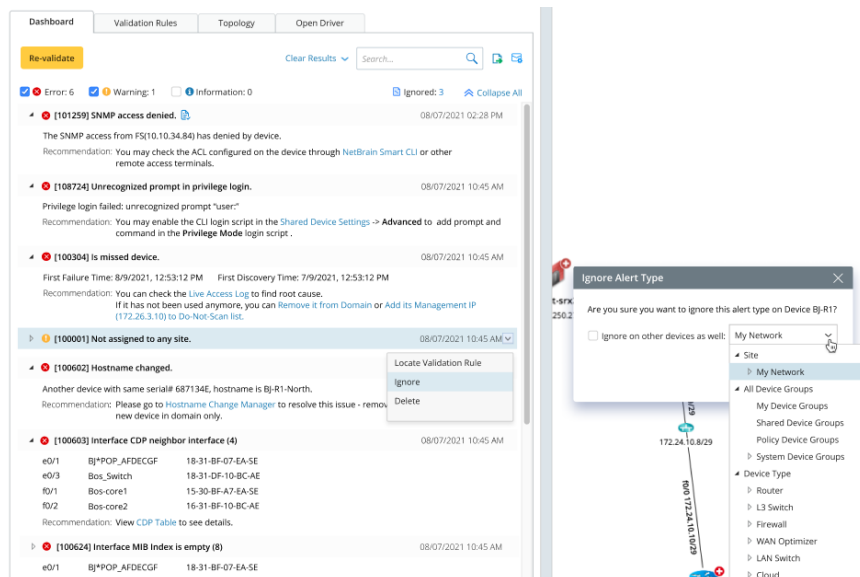
The issues reported by SV and PV are listed under the Dashboard tag. SV is a backend process to collect all system and live access issues per device.

The error message will be displayed as below:



For each error, the users can:

- Use the link provided in the recommendation to fix the issue, and then click the re-validate button on the DAW dashboard to confirm that the issue has been fixed.
- Ignore the error from the right-click menu to remove it from the dashboard. The user can ignore an alert type on a device, all devices, or a group of devices. An ignored error can be restored.

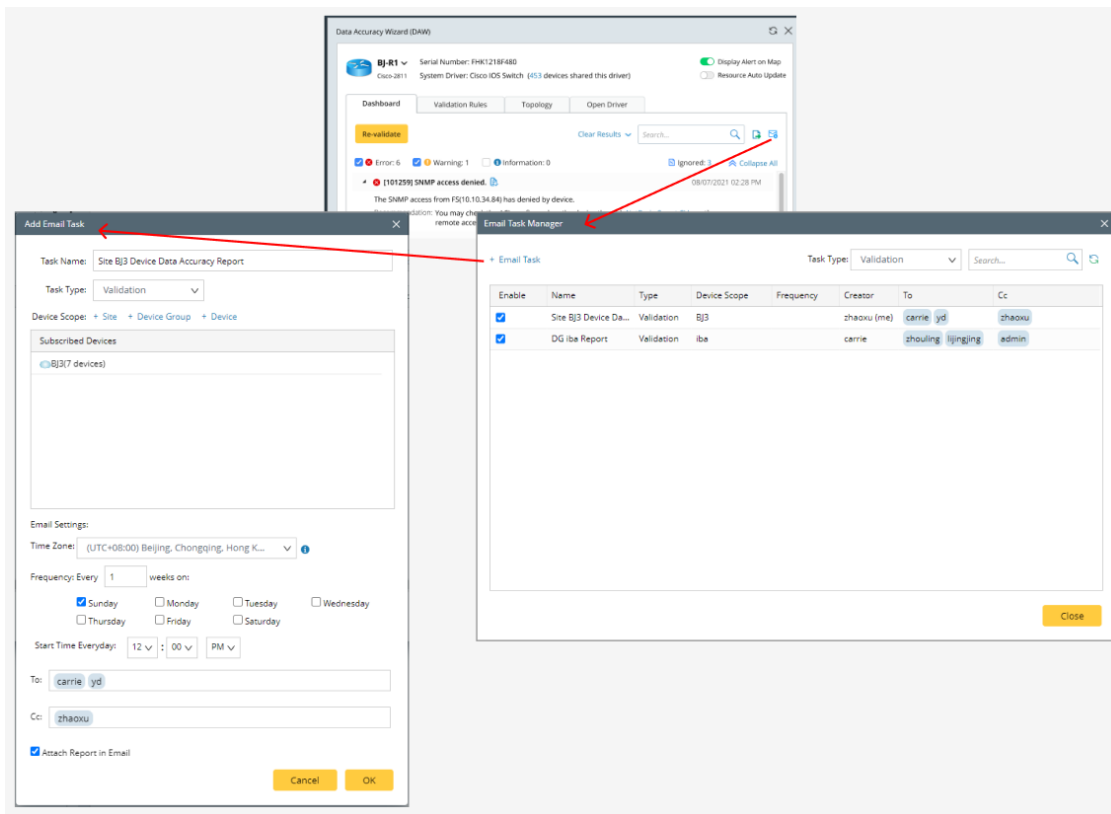




- Locate the Validation Rule and disable the rule if users think that the rule is not relevant. The user can enable or disable the rule in one device for all qualified devices.

### 3.4.4 Notification of DAW reports

Users can set up an email task to receive the DAW report of the devices.

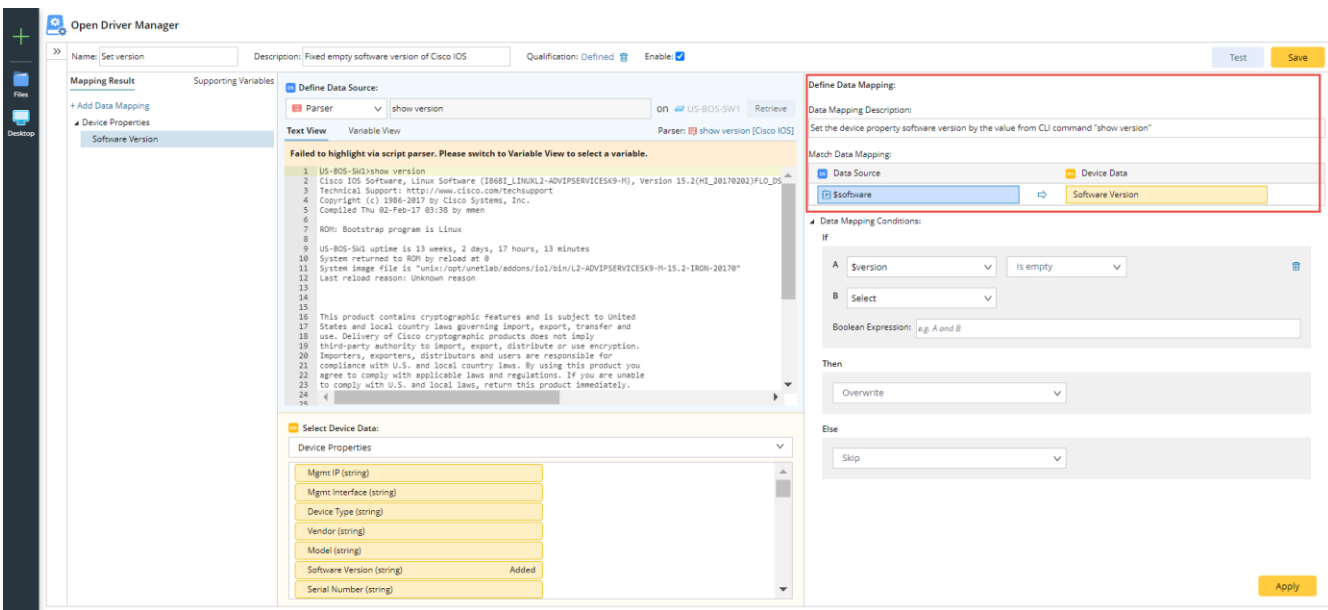


## 3.5 Open Driver

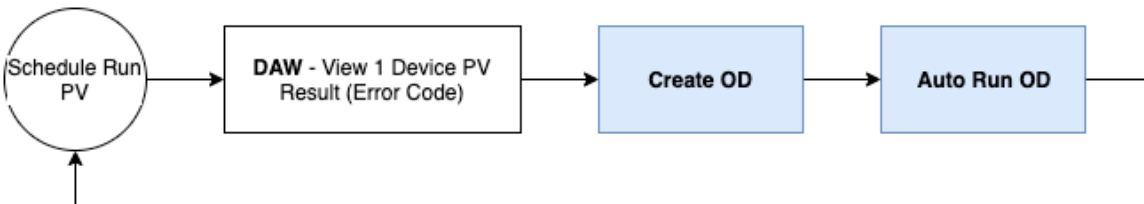
In IE v10.0 and earlier versions, the device data are retrieved and parsed by the device driver (System Driver), maintained, and updated by NetBrain. When device data is inaccurate, the user can only contact NetBrain and wait

for a patch of the driver to fix the issue. V10.1 enables users to correct the data accuracy issues by themselves via a new feature, Open Driver (OD), which leverages the low code ability of Visual Parser.

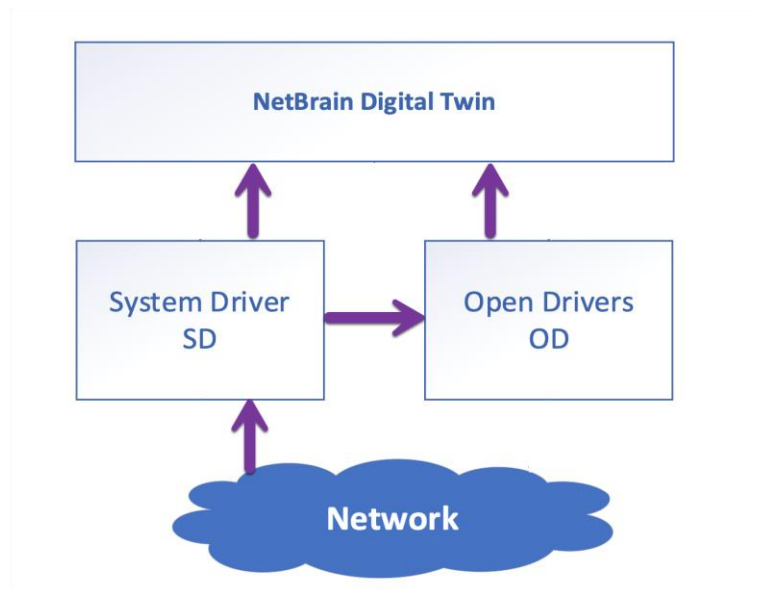
An Open Driver defines the target device data (which data is to be corrected), the data source (the commands to retrieve the data), the Parser, the mapping between parser variables and the target data. For example, suppose the software version of a Cisco IOS router is empty or incorrect. The user can create an Open Driver to parse the output of the CLI command **show version** and map the variable **\$version** to the device property **Software Version**.



The main workflow: after the scheduled PV, NetBrain users view PV errors and warnings on DAW. For the issues recommended to be resolved by OD, create an OD and test run OD.



A user can define an OD to modify multiple target data (for example, the same CLI command can set more than one device property) and define as many ODs as necessary for one device. ODs will be executed automatically after the SD whenever the corresponding SD is applied, such as the Benchmark process.



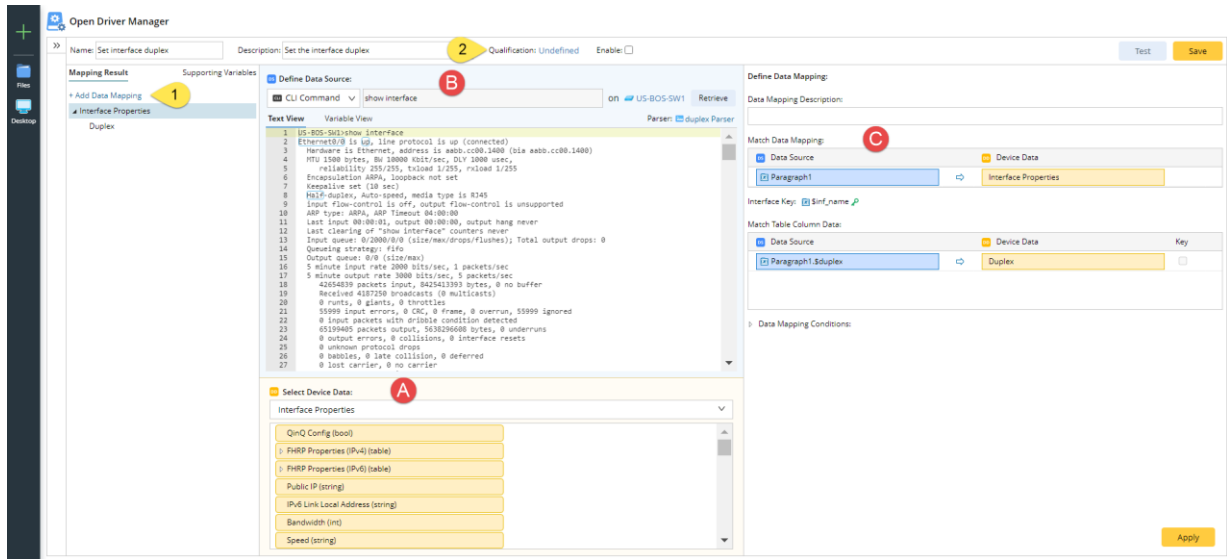
### 3.5.1 Define OD

The system provides the OD editor to define OD without coding. The user can follow the recommended action, **New OD/Enable Beta OD** at DAW, or from **Open Driver Manager** to create an OD.

The main steps to define an OD is to define the data mapping, which includes three essential steps:

1. Select the target device data. You can select a device property, an interface property, a system table, or NCT.
2. Define the data source. You can use the variables from an existing Parser or create a new Parser.
3. Map the source data variables to the target device data.

After that, you can define the qualifications for this OD.



### 3.5.1.1 Select Target Device Data

OD can be used to modify the following data:

- **Device Property (GDR)**

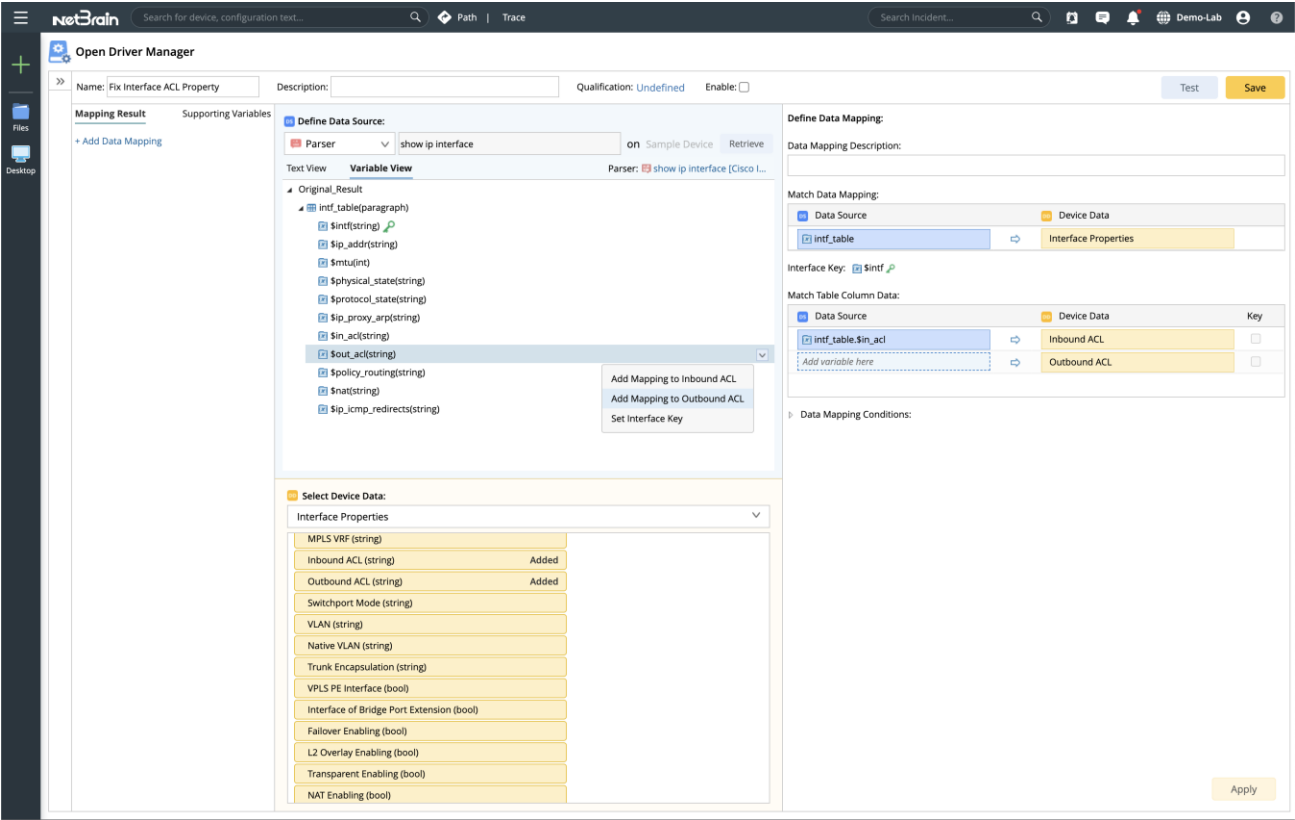
Not all GDR can be modified by OD. Only those with the flag Visible in OD checked (can be set in the GDR configuration page at Tenant Management) can be changed by OD. The system supports the following types of device GDR:

	Description
Single Value (String, integer, Boolean)	For example, Hostname, Software Version, etc.
Table	Can select any column of the table as the target data.
List	Can be mapped to a column (field) of a source table.
Object	Support the property of an object.

- **Interface Property (GDR)**

Same as the device GDR, only those interface GDR with the flag Visible in OD checked can be modified by OD.

Interface GDR is a table with the interface name as the key from a device's perspective. Therefore, the source data must be a table with the interface name as the key. For example, you can use the CLI command, *show ip interface*, to set the interface, inbound ACL, outbound ACL, etc.



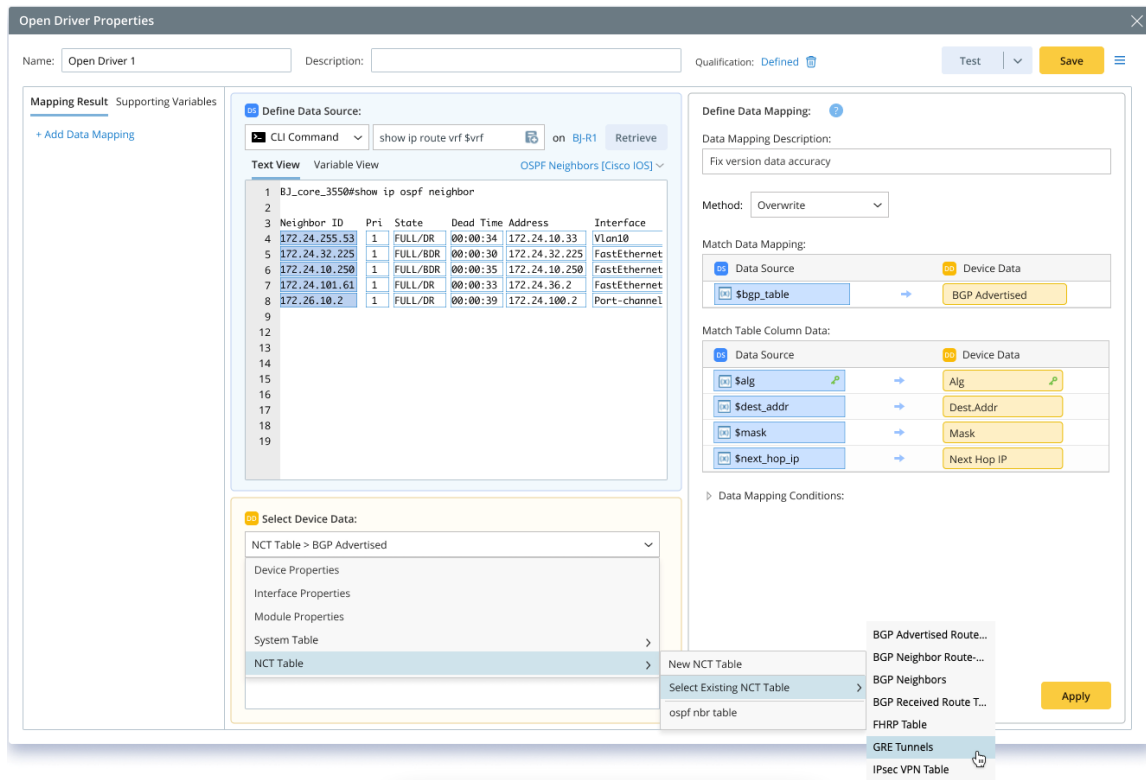
The system supports the same types of interface GDR as device GDR.

- **System Table**

Built-in system tables are created by SD and can be modified by OD.

- **NCT Table**

OD can modify an existing NCT table and create a new NCT table. Only the global NCT table (not VRF or subtables) is supported. OD can change all columns of an existing or new NCT table.



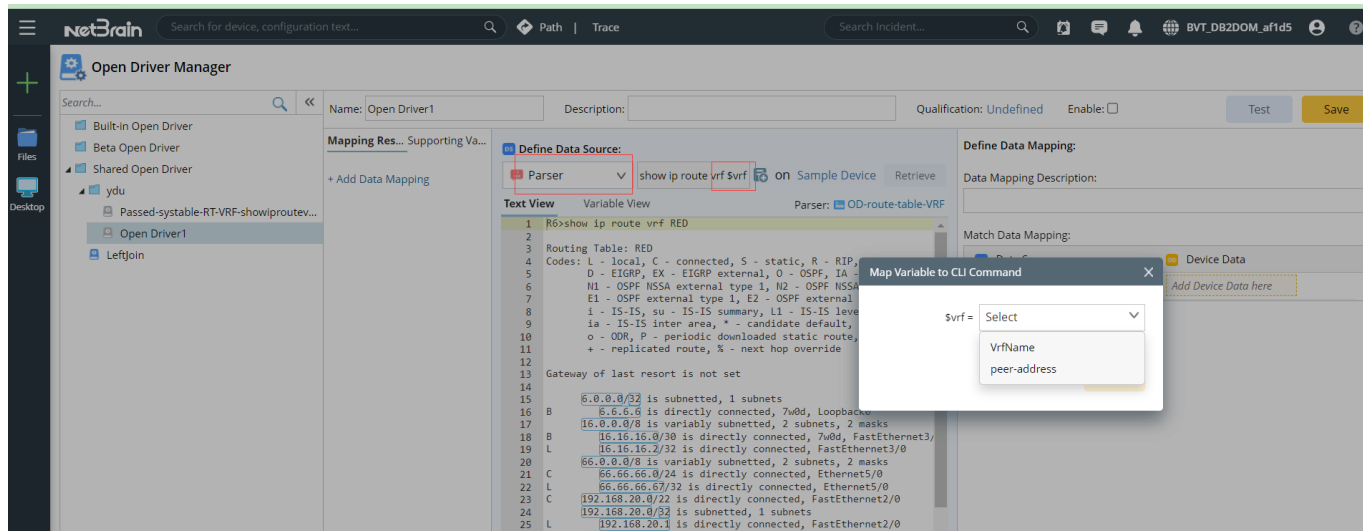
The NCT table created by OD is identical to the standard NCT table, can be updated in the system benchmark process, is viewed as device data, and used by the automation assets such as Qapp, Runbook nodes, Qapp, and Change Analysis.

### 3.5.1.2 Define Data Source

The data source of an OD can be a CLI command, configuration, and an existing Parser. To support the data retrieved via SNMP or API as the data source, you need to define a Parser for the SNMP or API data first and then select the Parser as the data source.

To add a CLI command as the data source, the user enters the CLI command, retrieves the data, and selects an existing Parser or creates a new Parser. Users can choose a Parser with the CLI Command having the parameters such as **show ip route vrf \$VrfName** (however, users cannot enter the CLI command with the parameters directly). V10.1 only supports two built-in variables:

Built-in Variable	Example
<b>\$VrfName</b>	show ip route vrf \$vrf_name
<b>\$peer-address</b>	show ip bgp advertised \$peer_address show ip bgp advertised vrf \$peer_address \$vrf_name



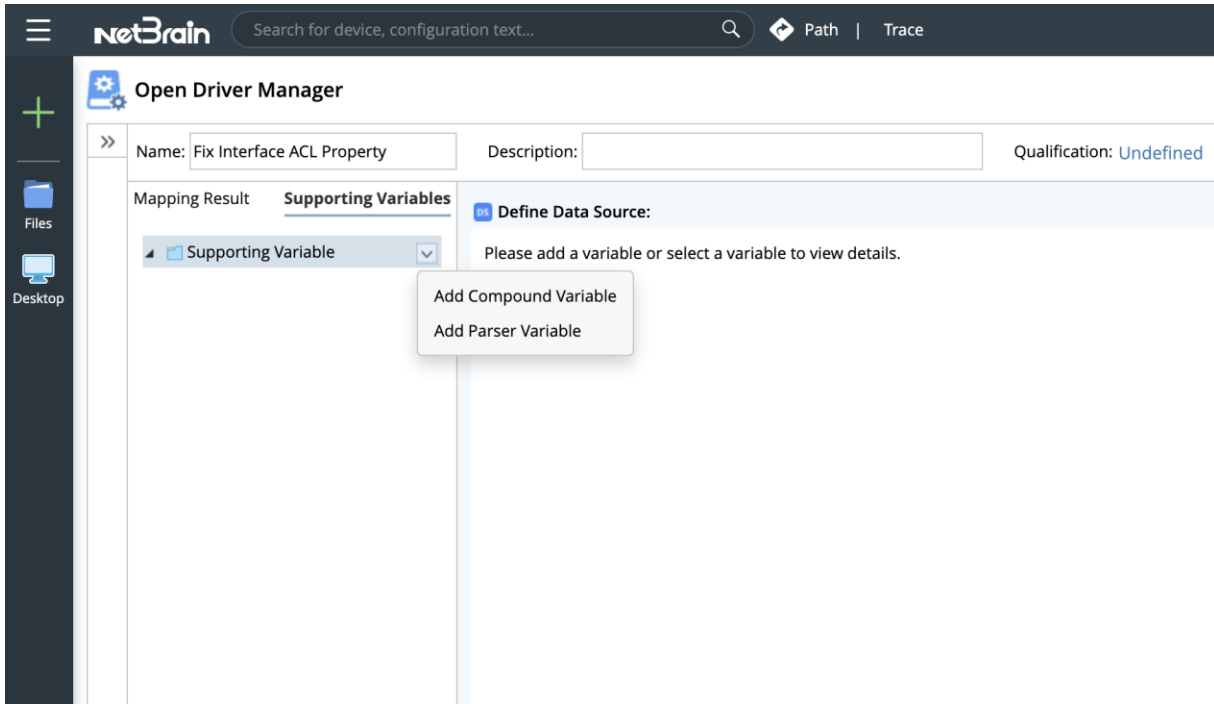
The configuration is a special data source. The user can retrieve the data from the live network or use the cached data and then select a Parser or create a new Parser.

All variables defined by the data source Parser can be mapped to the target device data. However, in some cases, the variables of a Parser cannot be directly mapped to a target device data. For example, the CLI command parser variable is an IP address, while the target device data is the device hostname. Or the variables obtained from two CLI Parsers need to be merged to a new variable to be mapped to a target device data.

To support these use cases, which require secondary parser data processing, the user will define the supporting variables first and then map the variable to the target device data. A support variable can be any Parser variable or a compound variable.

A compound variable can combine multiple Parser variables into a new variable. The formula to create the compound variable depends on the variable type; for example, two string variables can be merged into a new string by appending them; a new number variable can be created by the algebraic formula of two numerical variables.

Also, a compound variable can call NetBrain API to transfer a Parser variable to a new variable, for example, from an IP address to a hostname.



### 3.5.1.3 Map Data Source Variables to Target Device Data

Mapping a single value variable is common for most Device and interface GDRs. To define this data mapping, you select a data source variable and a target device data and define the condition. By default, there is no condition, and the system simply assigns the data source variable to the target device data (overwrite) even if the value is empty.



Open Driver Properties

Name: Open Driver 1 Description: Fix device data accuracy Qualification: Defined Test Save

Mapping Result Supporting Variables

+ Add Data Mapping

Define Data Source:

CLI Command show version on BJ-R1 Retrieve

Text View Variable View version [Cisco IOS XR]

```

1 show version
2 , C3560E Software (C3560E-UNIVERSALK9-M), Version 12.2(55)SE3, RELEASE
3 http://www.cisco.com/techsupport
4 -2011 by Cisco Systems, Inc.
5 y-11 15:57 by prod_rel_team
6 x00003000, data-base: 0x02800000
7
8 gram is C3560E boot loader
9 ot Loader (C3560X-HBOOT-M) Version 12.2(53r)SE2, RELEASE SOFTWARE (f
10
11 uptime is 2 years, 15 weeks, 5 days, 22 hours, 52 minutes
12 ROM by power-on
13 is "flash:/c3560e-universalk9-mz.122-55-SE3/c3560e-universalk9-mz.12
14
15
16 ins cryptographic features and is subject to United
17 ntry laws governing import, export, transfer and
18 isco cryptographic products does not imply
19 ity to import, export, distribute or use encryption.

```

Select Device Data:

Device Properties

Hostname

Mgmt IP

Mgmt Interface

Software Version Added

Device Type

Define Data Mapping:

Data Mapping Description: Fix version data accuracy

Match Data Mapping:

Data Source Device Data

\$version Software Version

Data Mapping Conditions:

If

A Select Variable

Boolean Expression:

Then

Overwrite

Add Else

Apply

To map a table, the user needs to match the columns of the source table to the target table after selecting the source and target table. Also, he needs to define which column of the target table is the key if it is not defined. The keys will identify the corresponding rows of the source table and target table.

Open Driver Properties

Name: Open Driver 1 Description: Qualification: Defined Test Save

Mapping Result Supporting Variables

+ Add Data Mapping

Define Data Source:

CLI Command show ip route vrf \$vrf on BJ-R1 Retrieve

Text View Variable View OSPF Neighbors [Cisco IOS]

```

1 BJ_core_3550#show ip ospf neighbor
2
3 Neighbor ID Pri State Dead Time Address Interface
4 172.24.255.53 1 FULL/DR 00:00:34 172.24.10.33 Vlan10
5 172.24.32.225 1 FULL/DR 00:00:30 172.24.32.225 FastEthernet
6 172.24.10.250 1 FULL/DR 00:00:35 172.24.10.250 FastEthernet
7 172.24.101.61 1 FULL/DR 00:00:33 172.24.36.2 FastEthernet
8 172.26.10.2 1 FULL/DR 00:00:39 172.24.100.2 Port-channel
9
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Select Device Data:

System Table > Route Table Global

Alg Added

Dest.Addr Added

Mask

Distance

Metric

Define Data Mapping:

Data Mapping Description: Fix version data accuracy

Method: Overwrite

Match Data Mapping:

Data Source Device Data

Route\_table Route Table

Match Table Column Data:

Data Source Device Data Key

\$alg Alg

\$intf\_ip Dest.Addr

Data Mapping Conditions:

If

A Software Version is empty

B Select Variable

Boolean Expression

Then

Overwrite

Add Else

Apply

There are three methods to map the tables: Overwrite (similar to Left Join of SQL), Stitch (similar to Right Join of SQL), and Merge (similar to Outer Join of SQL).

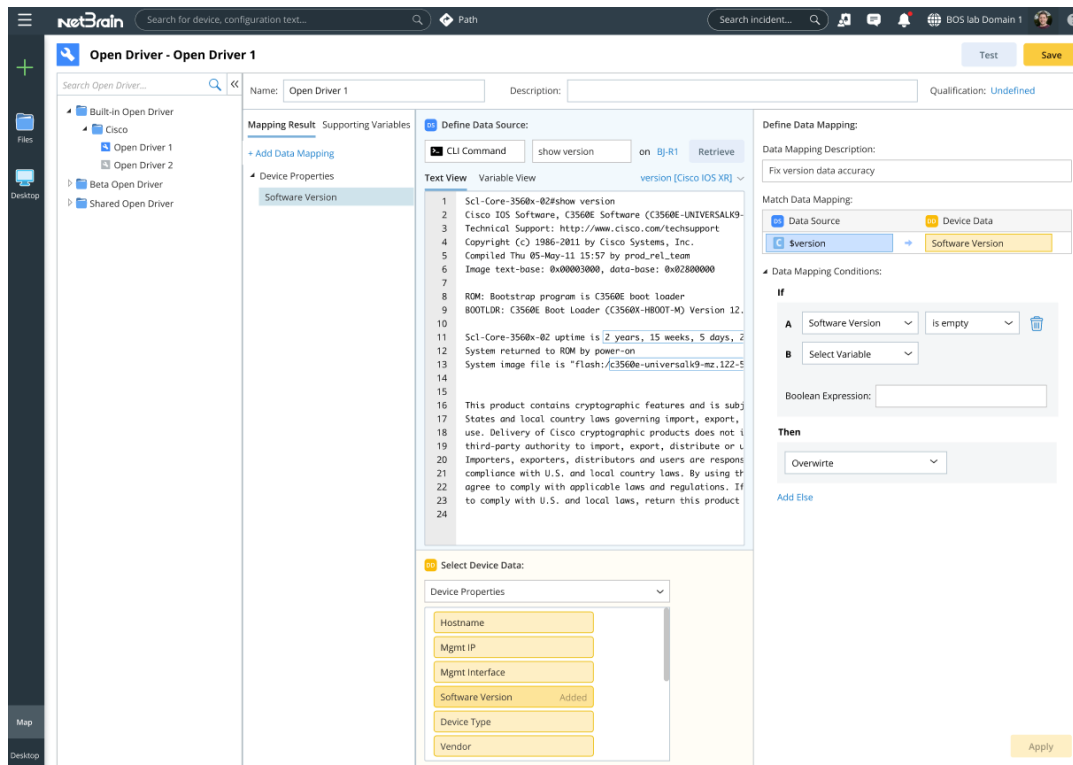
Users can define a mapping condition. A simple use case for the mapping condition is: if the source data variable is empty (the system cannot retrieve the data), do not overwrite the target device data. Also, the user can develop multiple ODs for one target device data (for example, one OD via SNMP and the other OD via CLI command to set a device location). And mapping condition can be used to define what condition an OD can overwrite the target device data.

The actions for a single value variable can be **Overwrite** (assigning the source data to the target data) and **Skip** (do nothing).

The actions for a table column variable can be: **Overwrite**; **Overwrite if Source is Not Empty**; **Merge**; **Merge if Source is Not Empty**; **Skip**.

### 3.5.2 Test OD

OD Editor provides the Test button for the user to test run an OD.



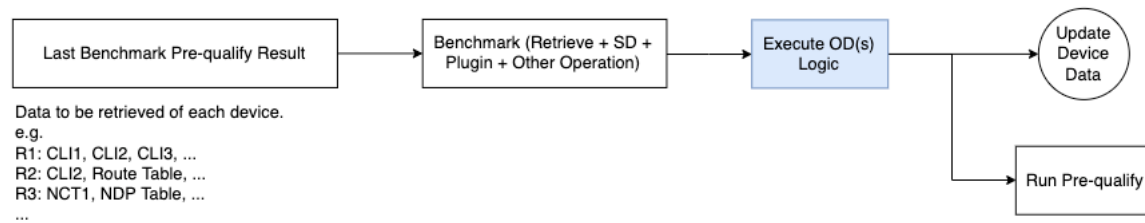
After the user selects a device to run the OD, the system will display the execution logs, showing which data is retrieved and which target device data is set.

### 3.5.3 Run OD

After the scheduled Platform Validation (PV) check, all data accuracy issues are displayed in the DAW pane, showing the error code, error message, and recommended action. Many of these issues will be solved through OD. For example, the interface column of an ARP table is empty. Without waiting for the NetBrain team to update SD, the user can add an OD to parse the ARP table correctly and modify the ARP table. After testing the OD on this device, the user can apply the OD to other qualified devices.

ODs will be automatically run after the corresponding SD in all functions, which will execute SD with one exception, Discovery. For example, Benchmark, Retrieve the device data, Path calculation, retrieve the system table and NCT table, Qapp, etc. If multiple ODs are enabled in a device, the system will execute ODs by order of the latest modified time (the most recently modified OD will be executed first).

To reduce the frequency to login to a device, the system executes ODs in two steps in the benchmark process:



1. Retrieve all data on all qualified devices. The system will retrieve all data from the devices qualified for an OD according to the OD definition.
2. Parse variables and update target data.

### 3.5.4 Manage OD

The system provides an OD Management interface to view and manage all ODs under domain management. ODs has three root nodes according to their type:

- Built-in ODs: ODs created by the NetBrain team and will be updated via Knowledge Cloud (KC).
- Beta ODs: ODs created by the NetBrain team and will be updated via KC. V10.1 introduces the concept of beta SD and beta OD. All beta ODs are not enabled to run by default. The user can test run a beta OD and enable this OD if the results are satisfying. After a beta OD has been tested successfully with customers, the NetBrain team will move a beta OD to a built-in OD so that all customers can benefit from it.
- Customer-defined ODs: the ODs created and managed by the customer. The customer can create a new folder under this root node and create/edit/delete an OD.

The built-in and beta ODs operations are primarily reserved for the NetBrain Platform team. A unique username and password will be required to enable the operations. Or, the system administrator enables the debug mode to run these operations, including the import/export, create/edit/delete, etc.

## 4 New Foundation Modules

### 4.1 Google Cloud Visual Management

As more and more IT workloads are being moved to the public cloud like Google Cloud Platform (GCP), operating the public Cloud like GCP becomes challenging for IT specialists. Even if the automation and agility during the provisioning process have been greatly improved, it is not the same when it comes to the manageability of the public Cloud. The main challenges of managing a public cloud consist of the following aspects:

- **Lack of visibility:** agile provision of cloud resources makes visibility difficult using the traditional manual method.
- **A huge number of accounts and subscriptions:** to comply with the security requirements, you may have many accounts and subscriptions used by different teams. Managing all resources scattered in these accounts and subscriptions brings a heavy management burden to the team to troubleshoot cloud issues.
- **Multi-cloud and hybrid-cloud environments:** East-West Traffic supporting key applications often traverse physical data centers, SDN data centers, and public Clouds like Google Cloud. You may also have different public clouds such as AWS, Azure, and GCP to prevent vendor lock-in. As a result, many organizations bring multiple public clouds into their production use, and you need to understand different cloud providers' uniqueness.
- **Collaboration within different teams and customers:** an application that traverses through your network may involve multiple teams: network team, security team, cloud team, service team, and application team. When a problem occurs, you may need to involve all related teams to determine the root cause.

The need to have visibility into the public Cloud like GCP becomes critical. Therefore, in V10.1, we have built the support for GCP consisting of the following areas:

- **Auto Discovery:** NetBrain can discover Google Cloud resources and update the data periodically by leveraging the benchmark function.
- **Review network data and config with dynamic mapping:** As we do for traditional and SDN networks, we use API to access GCP and provide the data model. You can build the map based on the data model. The system can periodically retrieve the data from Google Cloud providers and update the data model accordingly.

- **Map application dependency across the end-to-end network:** with the ability to build the data model for public Cloud, SDN, SD-WAN, and the traditional network, NetBrain can provide you the path analysis function across the entire network. NetBrain can check the routing table, security group, network ACL for all the networking objects along the path and display the checking result details.
- **SPOG access through cloud-native and 3<sup>rd</sup> party cloud management tools:** NetBrain can display the cloud infrastructure data via Data View Templated (DVT) from GCP, Azure, and AWS API, display the cloud monitoring data from GCP Metric and Logs, AWS Cloud Watch, and Azure monitoring. Also, NetBrain can integrate with the cloud monitoring tools, such as Datadog, Splunk, and Dynatrace, to overlay the monitoring metrics/logging information on the NetBrain map.
- **Automate Troubleshooting with Runbook:** The support for Runbook Automation is also expanded to the support of the public Cloud like GCP. You can build different Runbooks according to different troubleshooting scenarios and leverage the Automation within NetBrain's entire automation reference workflow.

### 4.1.1 Discover GCP Resources

NetBrain uses the GCP endpoint to discover GCP resources via API.

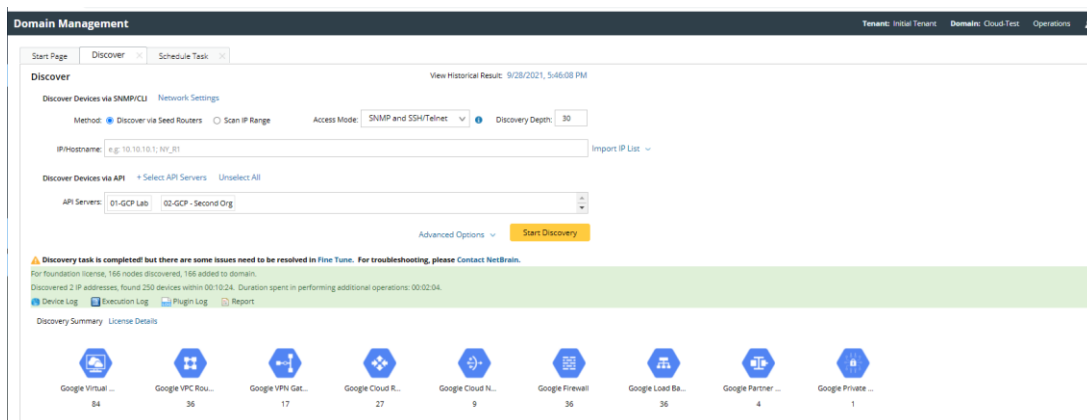
The screenshot shows the 'Edit External API Server' dialog box. It contains the following fields and values:

- Server Name:** 01-GCP Lab
- Description:** Discovery for GCP Netbrain Lab
- API Source Type:** Google Cloud (dropdown menu)
- Endpoint (OAuth 2.0 Client ID):** 596315864195-hid7fehcapqnerb6nruqj66t3dvst0l9.apps.googleusercontent.com
- Client Secret:** \*\*\*\*\*
- Organization ID:** 114793346295
- Front Server:** FS\_192\_168\_48\_144(192.168.48.144) (dropdown menu)

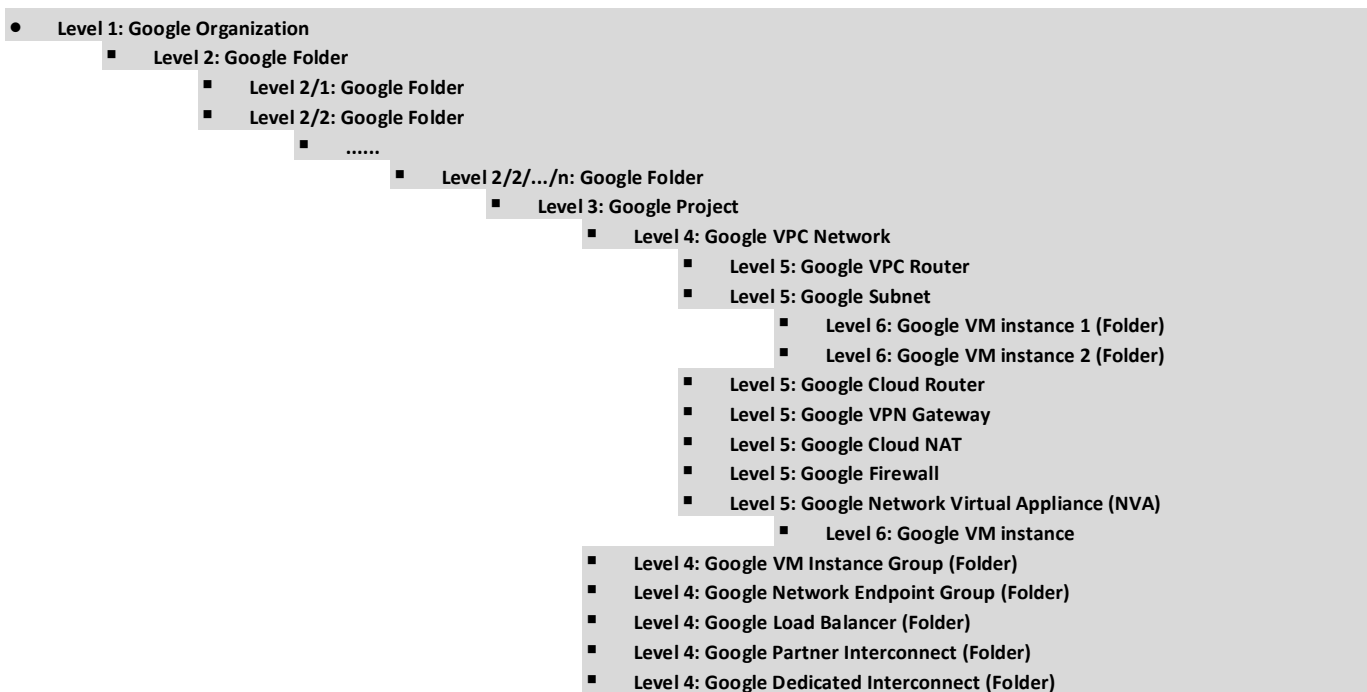
Below these fields is an 'Advanced' section with a dropdown arrow. It shows 'Parameter List: 1 Items' and an '+ Add' button. A table with two columns, 'Key' and 'Value', contains one entry: 'Refresh Token' with a value of '.....'.

At the bottom, it says 'Managed Devices: 399'. There are three buttons: 'Test' (disabled), 'Cancel', and 'OK'.

Users can run the discovery task manually or schedule a discovery task to discover GCP resources.



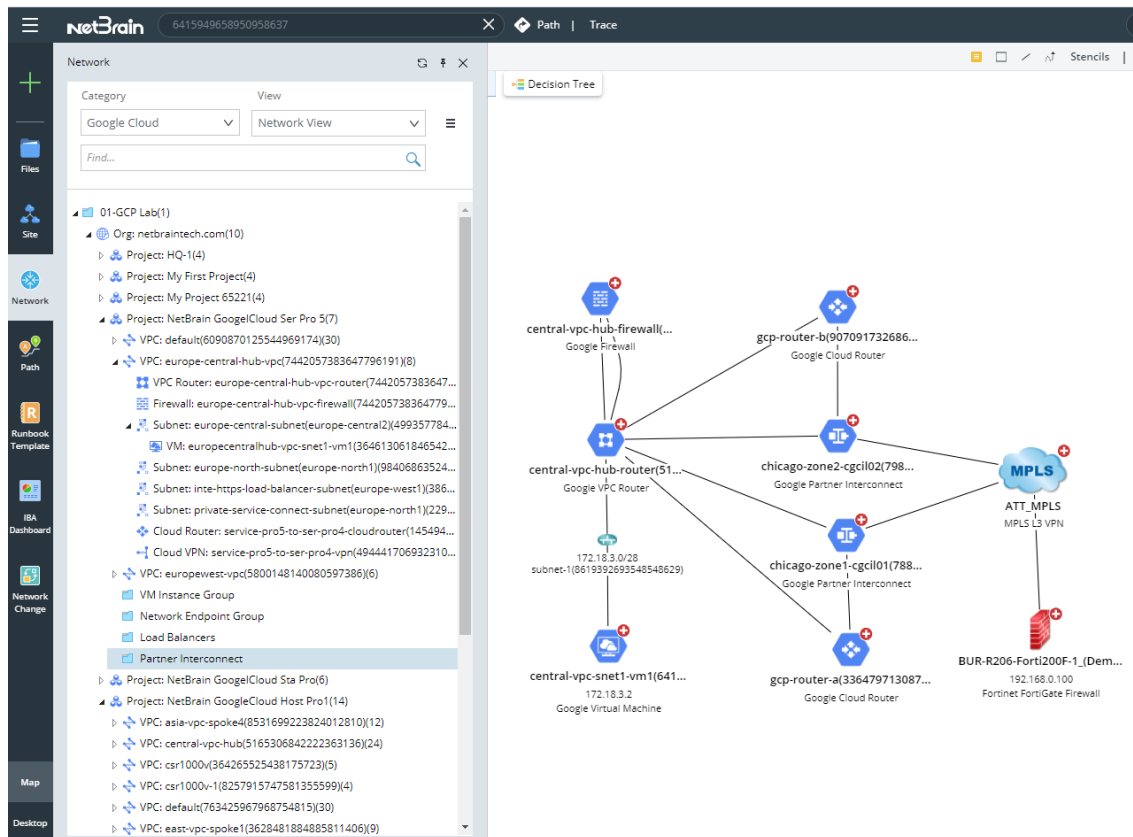
The discovered objects are displayed on GCP Network Tree, a hierarchical view, Organization > Folder > Project > VPC Network. Through this tree, you have access to all accounts in a single view.



The network objects are listed based on their hierarchy, for example,

- The subnet is listed under the associated VPC Network.

- VM Instance is listed under the connected Subnet.
- Load Balancer is a logic object connected with different VPC networks in multiple regions under the project.
- Interconnect is not associated with a specific VPC Network, so it is under the project.



You can click an object from the network tree to view its detailed info, and the hyperlink will bring you to the GCP page for this object.

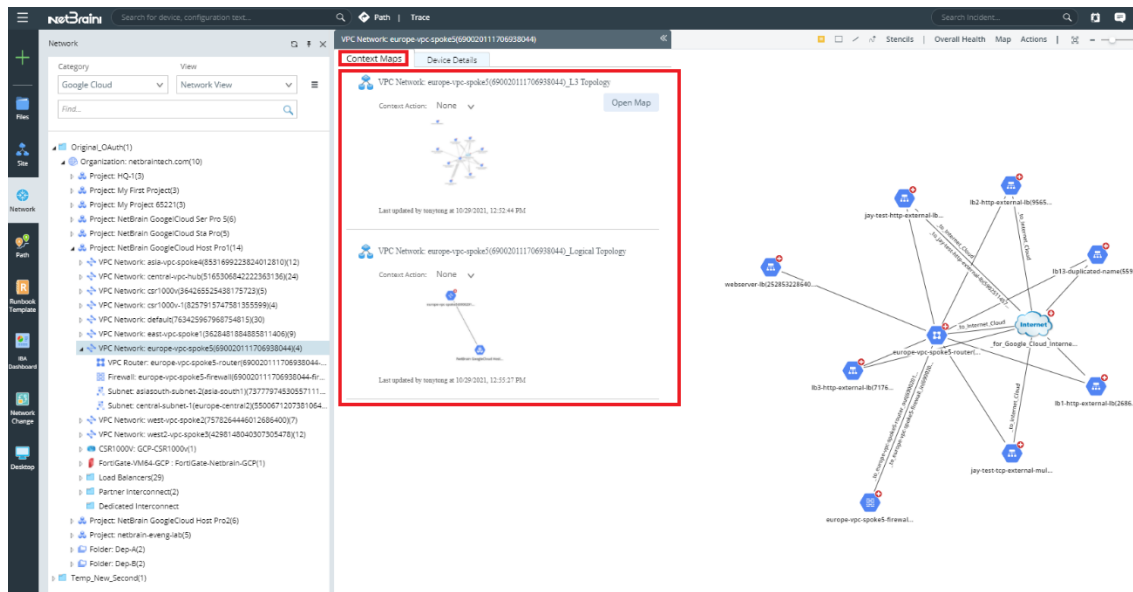
## 4.1.2 Map GCP Resources

There are different ways to map a GCP resource: open a context map of a resource from the Network Tree, search a resource via its IP or ID, and map it from the research results. You can extend neighbors of GCP resources like the on-premises network devices.

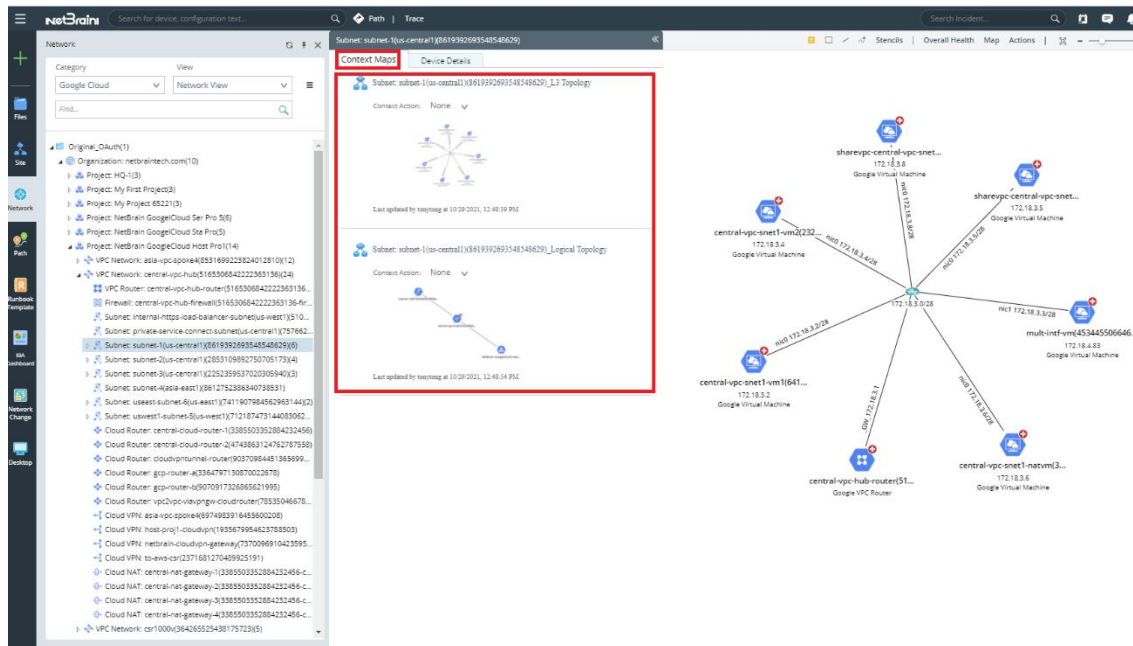


### 4.1.2.1 GCP Context Map Examples

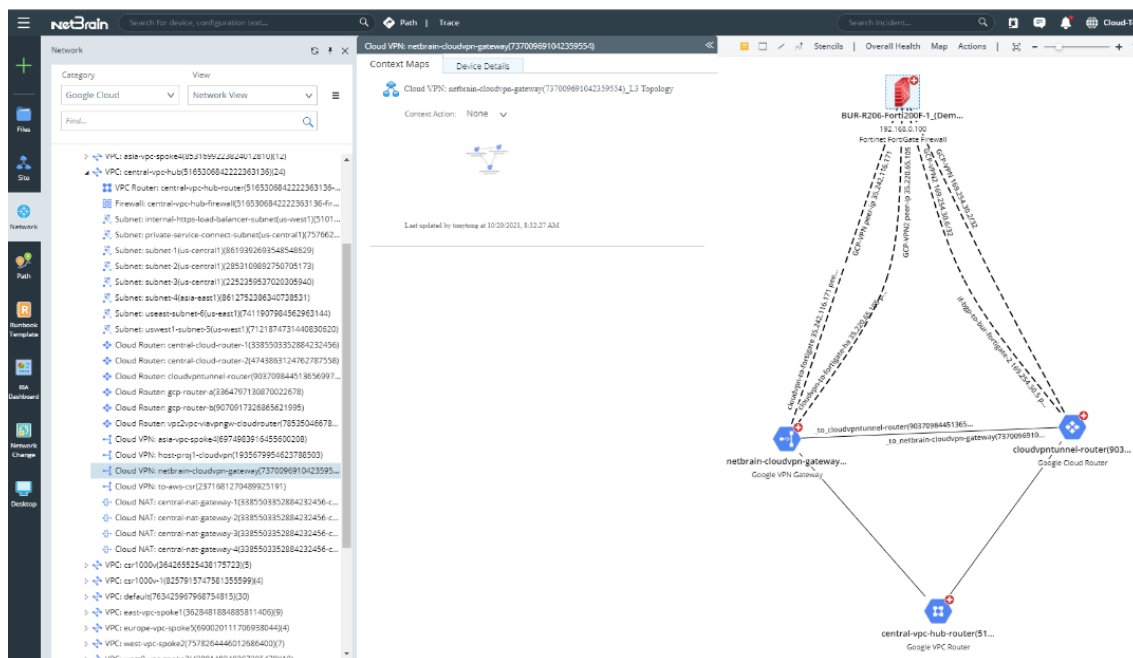
A VPC Context Map demonstrates the Network reachability of a VPC Network:



A subnet context map shows the virtual machine instances connected to the subnet within the VPC network.

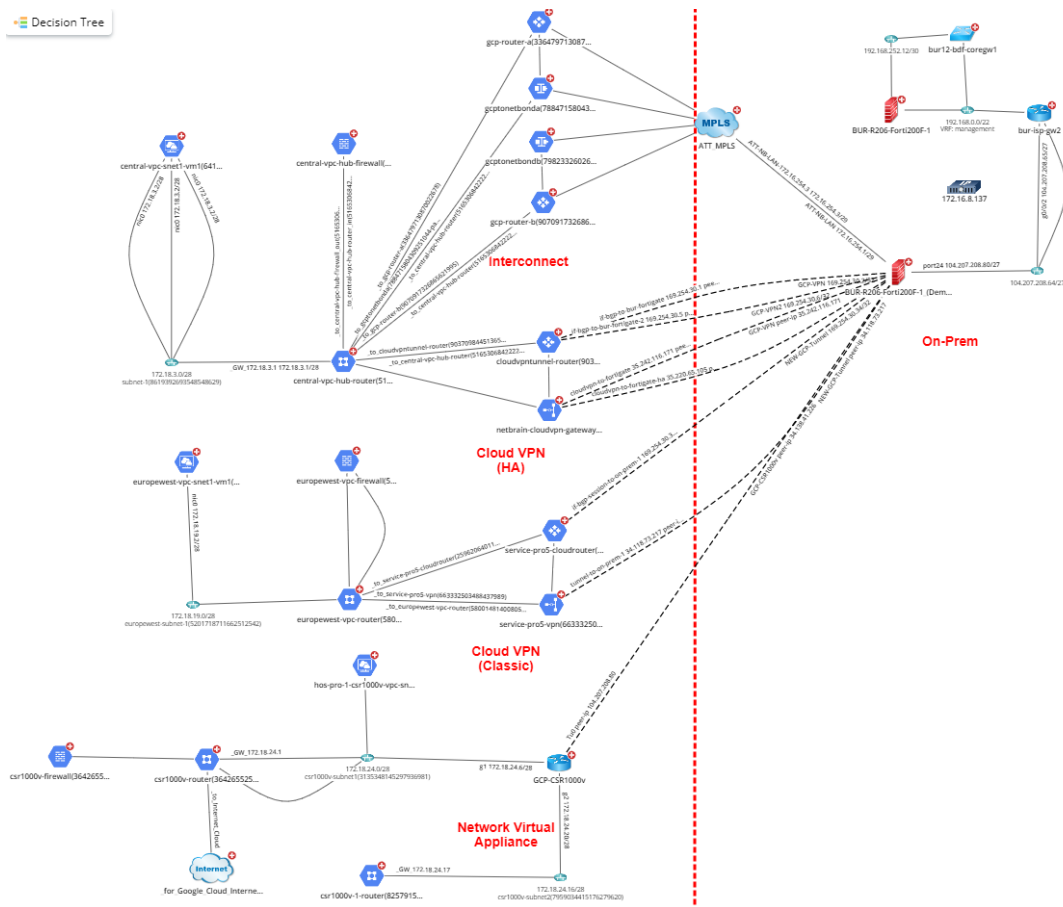


A VPN Gateway context map shows the relationship between Google Cloud and the on-premises network. The IPsec VPN connection between the VPN gateway and the on-promise edge device will be displayed. Also, the link for BGP Session between the Cloud Router and the on-premises edge device will be displayed.



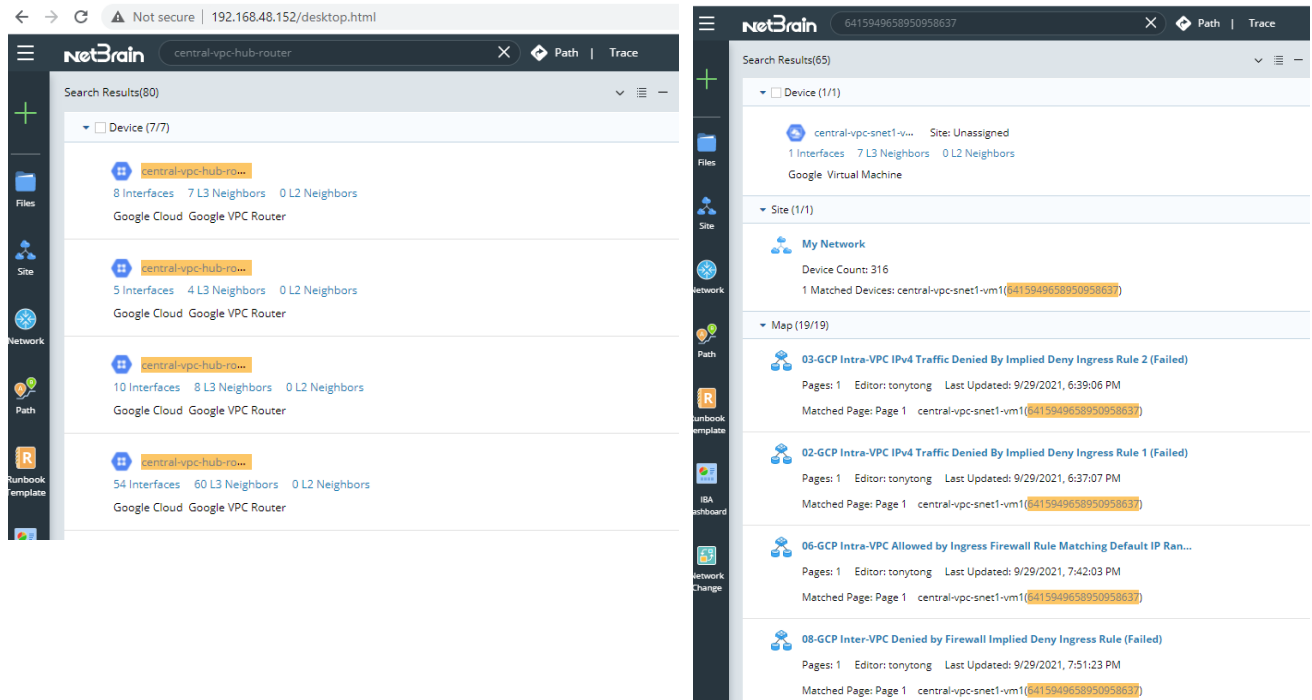
### 4.1.2.2 Hybrid Network Topology Map

Users can drag and drop a public cloud object or an on-premises network device on the map and extend its neighbors to map the connections between a public cloud and an on-premises network. Currently, we support the connection topology map and live path calculation between Google Cloud and On-Premises Network via **Partner/Dedicated Interconnect**, **HA/Classic VPN Gateway**, and **Network Virtual Appliance** hybrid solution.



### 4.1.2.3 Search and Map

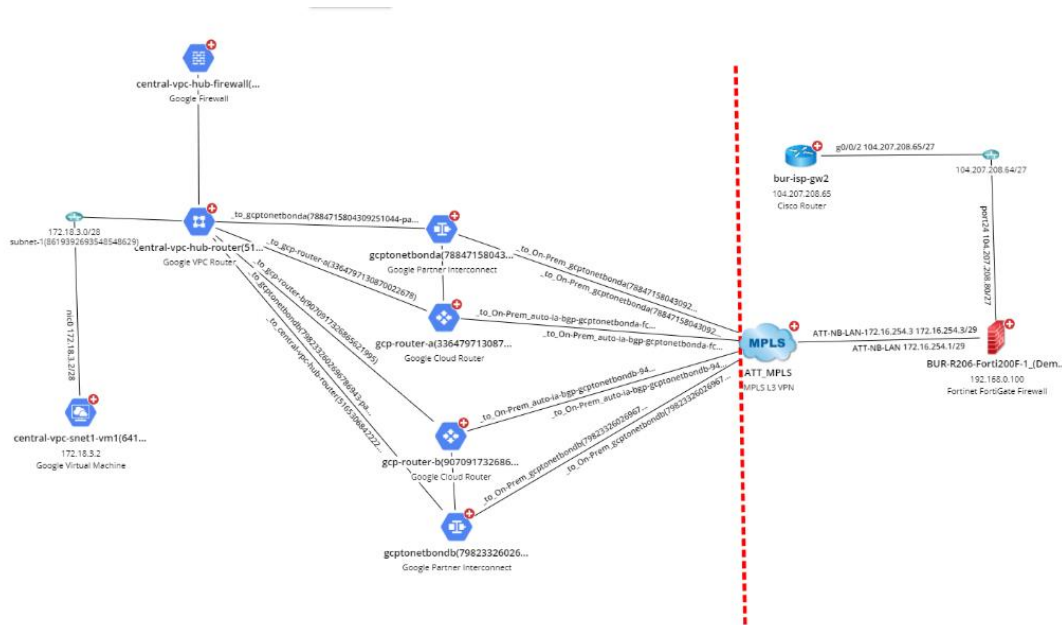
You can search a public object with its name, IP address, or ID to identify where the resource is located and create maps based on the search results.



### 4.1.3 Application Path for Hybrid and Multi-cloud

The path function has been extended to GCP. The system supports end-to-end path calculation in a hybrid and multi-cloud environment, and you can analyze the traffic flow between two endpoints.

A GCP VPC Network consists of IP range and subnets. It may also have cloud-native networking services such as VPN Gateway, Cloud NAT, Cloud Router, Cloud NAT, etc. NetBrain creates a VPC router for each VPC to simulate the routing and security check function. The GCP subnet is visualized in NetBrain's dynamic map via the LAN media concept so that you can view the different networking objects and understand how they are connected. VPC peering is also supported with the peering ID displayed on the map.



Path calculation will render the related routing and firewall rule/policy security check details.

**Path Result:** Gateway: GCP:central-vpc-hub-router(516530684222363136-router) → 172.18.3.2 (IPv4) → 172.16.137 (IPv4)

**Path Status:** Succeeded

**Device Log:**

- 1. Check Input VRF (Pass)**
  - VRF\_for\_central-vpc-hub-router\_in(516530684222363136-router) was found on input interface \_to\_central-vpc-hub-router\_in(516530684222363136-router)
- 2. Lookup Global Policies and VPC Rules (Permitted)**
  - Retrieving Google Firewall Policies Table from central-vpc-hub-firewall(516530684222363136-firewall)
  - Matched entry in Google Firewall Policies Table

Enforcement Order	Policy Name	Inherited From	Rule Priority	Direction Of Traffic	Filter
1	firewall-policy-org	Organization: netbraintech.com	2147483648	EGRESS	IP ranges: 0.0.0.0/0

  - Policy points to VPC Firewall Rules. Continue to check Firewall Rules
  - Retrieving Google Firewall Rules Table from central-vpc-hub-firewall(516530684222363136-firewall)
  - No matching entries were found in Google Firewall Rules Table
  - Traffic was permitted by implied allow egress rule
- 3. Check Google Virtual Route Table (Matched)**
  - Retrieving Google Virtual Route Table (for\_central-vpc-hub-router\_in(516530684222363136-router)) from central-vpc-hub-router\_in(516530684222363136-router)

**Execution Log:**

Start calculating A to B Path at 2021-10-20 09:45:12...

Start calculating L3 Path (172.18.3.2 → 172.16.137) at 2021-10-20 09:45:12...

L3 Path (172.18.3.2 → 172.16.137) was done with status "Success" in 2.401s

A to B Path was done with status "Success" in 2.401s

#### 4.1.3.1 Traffic across GCP and On-Premises Network

There are different ways to connect an on-premises network to a GCP VPC Network:

- **VPN Gateway Connect**

VPN Gateway securely connects your *peer network* to your Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) network through an IPsec VPN connection. Traffic traveling between the two networks is encrypted by one VPN gateway and then decrypted by the other. NetBrain supports visualizing the topology and path of VPN Gateway as well as the following data tables:

- ✓ Google Virtual Route Table
- ✓ Google Cloud VPN Tunnels Table

- **Partner/Dedicated Interconnect**

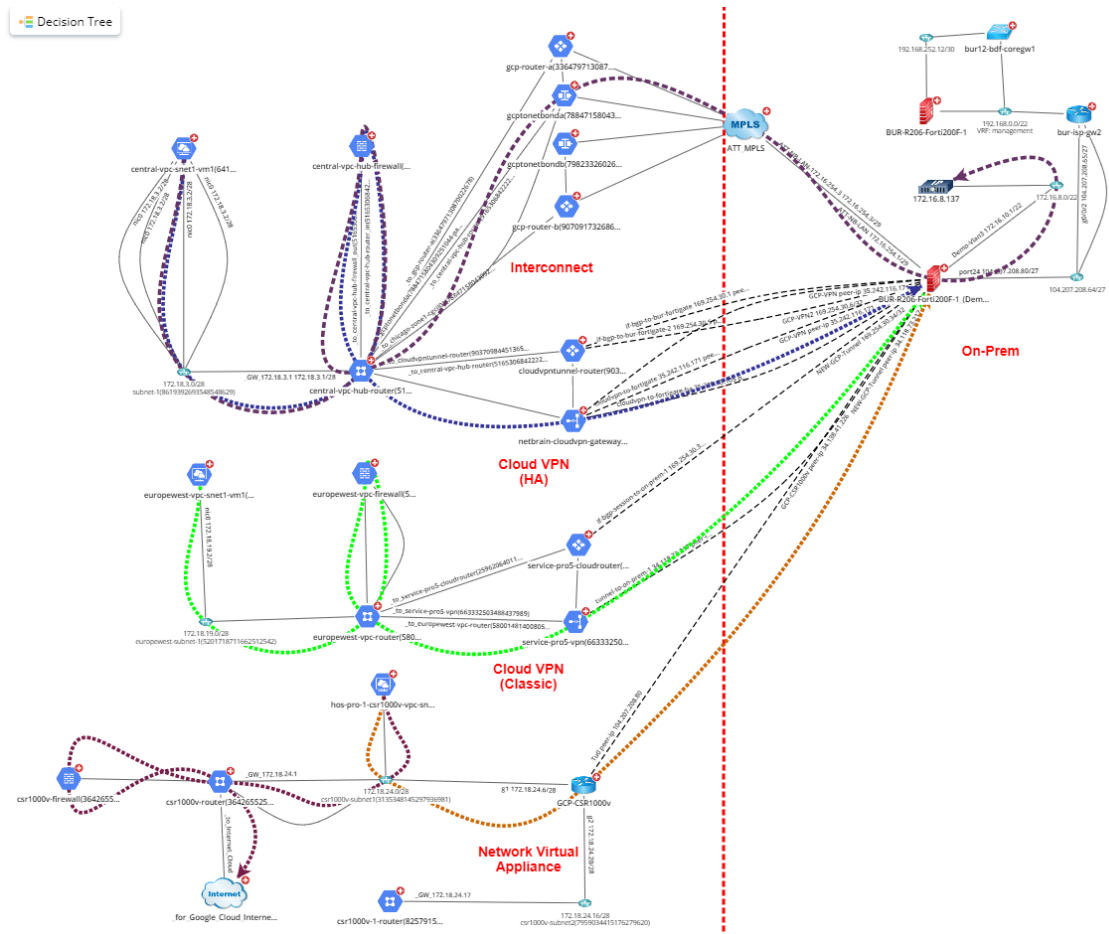
Cloud Interconnect extends your on-premises network to Google's network through a highly available, low latency connection. You can use Dedicated Interconnect to connect directly to GCP or use Partner Interconnect to connect to GCP through a supported service provider. NetBrain supports visualizing the topology and path of Partner/Dedicated Interconnect, as well as the following data tables:

- ✓ BGP Advertised Routes Table
- ✓ Google Partner Interconnect Physical Connections Table
- ✓ Google Partner Interconnect VLAN Attachment Table
- ✓ Google Virtual Route Table

- **Network Virtual Appliance (NVA)**

NVA can be loaded with any vendor's virtual machine (VM) images to support networking, security, and other functions. NetBrain supports visualizing the topology and path of the VPN Tunnel connection between GCP NVA and On-Premises edge devices.

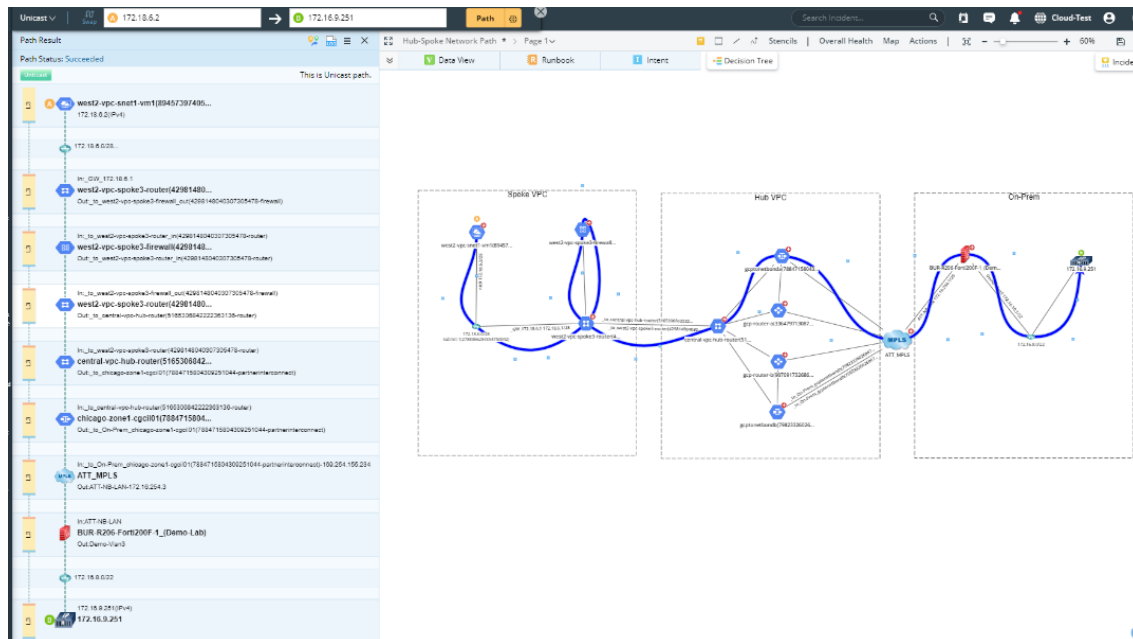
The following diagram demonstrates the path between GCP and the on-premises network, connected by the Interconnect, VPN, and VNA.



The following diagram shows the traffic through an example of VNA, a Cisco CSR 1000v Cloud Services Router, which provides a cloud-based virtual router deployed on a virtual machine (VM) instance on x86 server hardware.





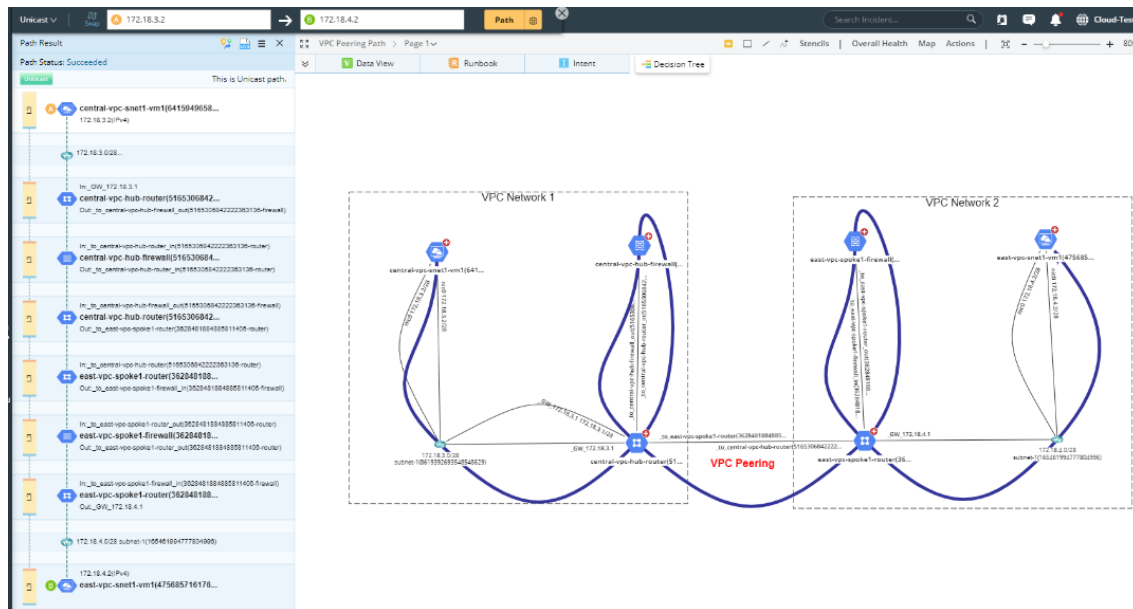


### 4.1.3.3 VPC Network Connect

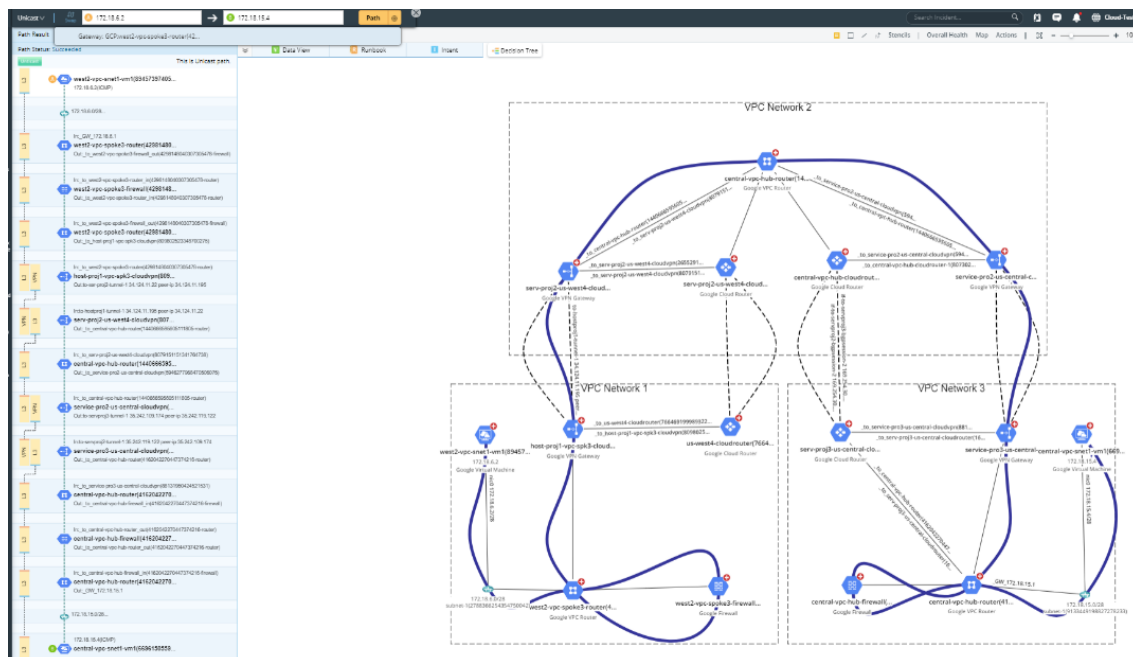
You can connect VPC networks with VPC peering or a VPN connection. NetBrain supports visualizing the topology and path of inter and intra VPC networks, as well as the following data tables:

- ✓ Google Virtual Route Table
- ✓ Google VPC Endpoint Group Table
- ✓ Google VPC Instance Group Table
- ✓ Google VPC Instance Group Members Table
- ✓ Google VPC Peering Table
- ✓ Google VPC Routes Table
- ✓ Google VPC Subnets Table

The following path demonstrates VPC network peering, which connects VPC networks so that workloads in different VPC networks can communicate internally. Thus, the traffic stays within the GCP and does not traverse the public internet.



The following diagram demonstrates the path through an IPsec VPN connection. Traffic traveling between the two networks is encrypted by one VPN gateway and then decrypted by the other, protecting your data as it travels over the internet.



#### 4.1.3.4 GCP Firewall Policy/Rule Check

NetBrain checks the GCP Firewall Policy and Rule while discovering the path through GCP objects. You can have a setting to bypass the Security Policy and Rule check. The following data tables are supported:

- ✓ Google Firewall Policies Table
- ✓ Google Firewall Rules Table
- ✓ Google Virtual Route Table

The screenshot displays the NetBrain interface for a path discovery task. The path status is 'Failed'. The path tree shows the sequence of hops: central-vm1 (172.18.3.2) to central-vm2 (172.18.3.82). The detailed log shows the path steps, including the source IP, destination IP, and the reason for failure: 'EgressTraffic was denied by Firewall Policy'. The network diagram shows the topology of the path, including the source VM, the destination VM, and the intermediate routers and firewalls.

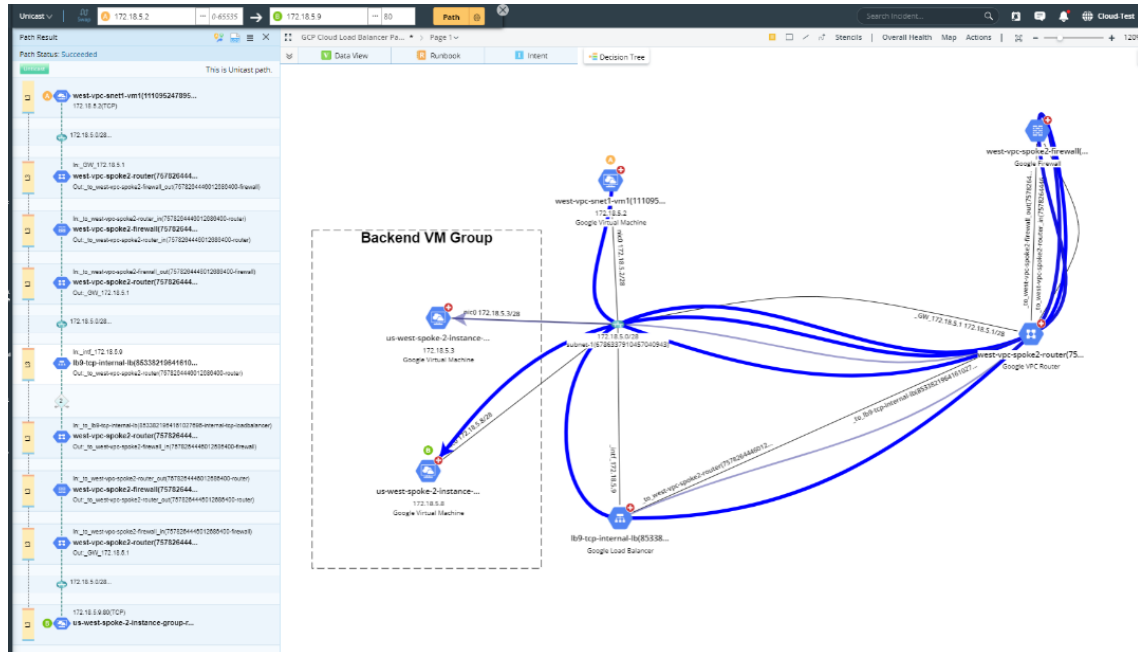
Enforcement Order	Policy Name	Issued From	Rule Priority	Direction Of Traffic	Filter
1	firewall-policy-vm1	Organization: netbrain.com	999	EGRESS	IP range: 172.18.3.82

#### 4.1.3.5 GCP Load Balancer

GCP Cloud Load Balancing is a fully distributed, software-defined managed service. NetBrain supports visualizing the topology and path of both External and Internal Load Balancer, as well as the following data tables:

- ✓ Google Load Balancer Backend Table
- ✓ Google Load Balancer Forwarding Rules Table

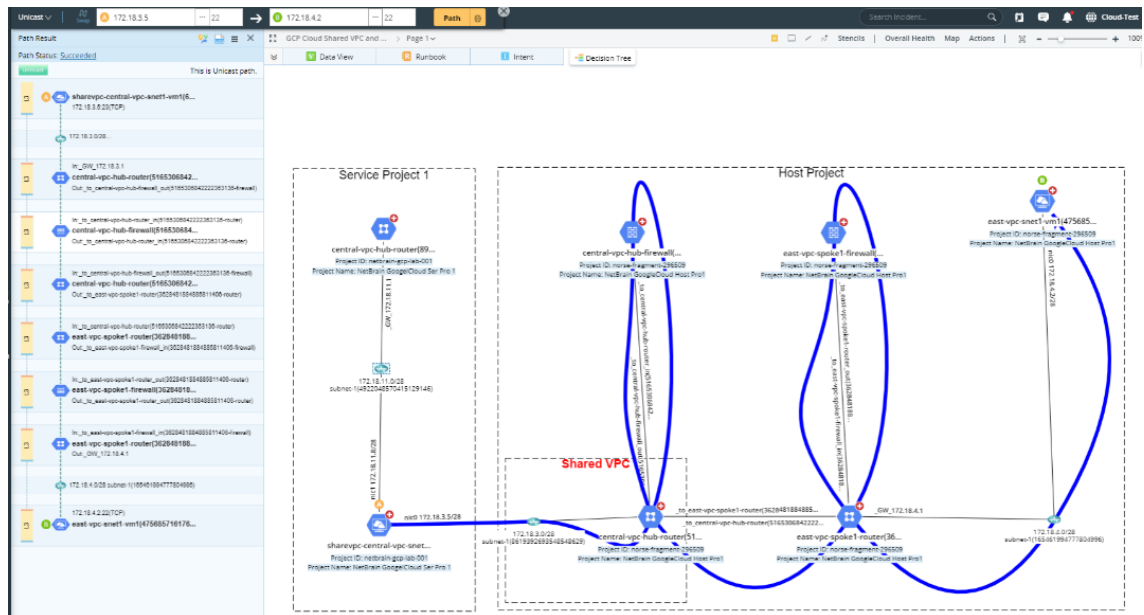
- ✓ Google Load Balancer Host and Path Rules Table
- ✓ Google Virtual Route Table



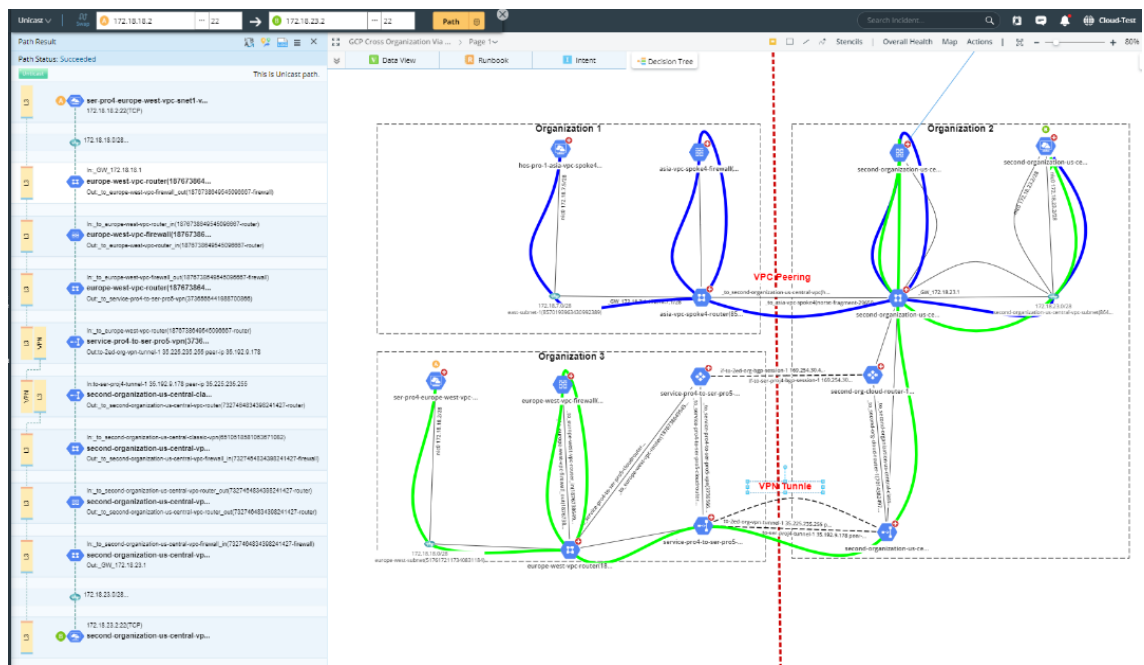
#### 4.1.3.6 Shared VPC

GCP Shared VPC allows an organization to connect resources from multiple projects to a common Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) network to communicate with each other securely and efficiently using internal IPs from that network.



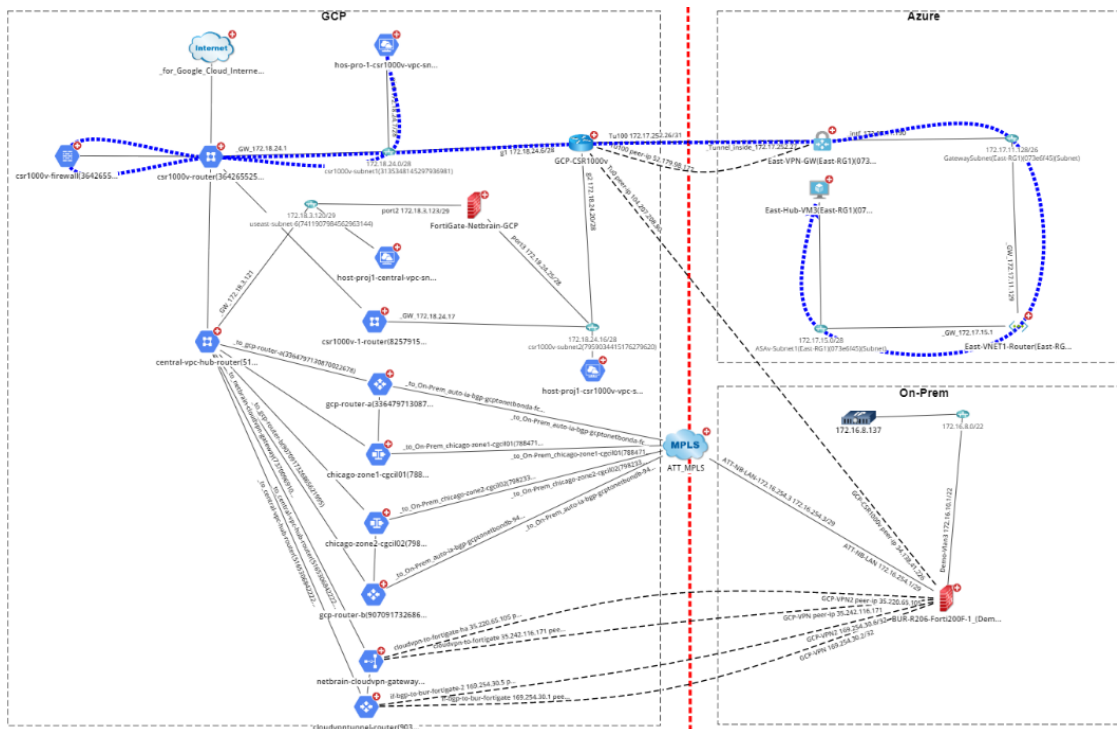


The following diagram demonstrates a path crossing two organizations via VPC Peering or VPN Tunnel.



### 4.1.3.8 Path across Multi-Cloud

NetBrain supports visualizing the topology and path across different public Clouds such as AWS, Azure, and GCP.

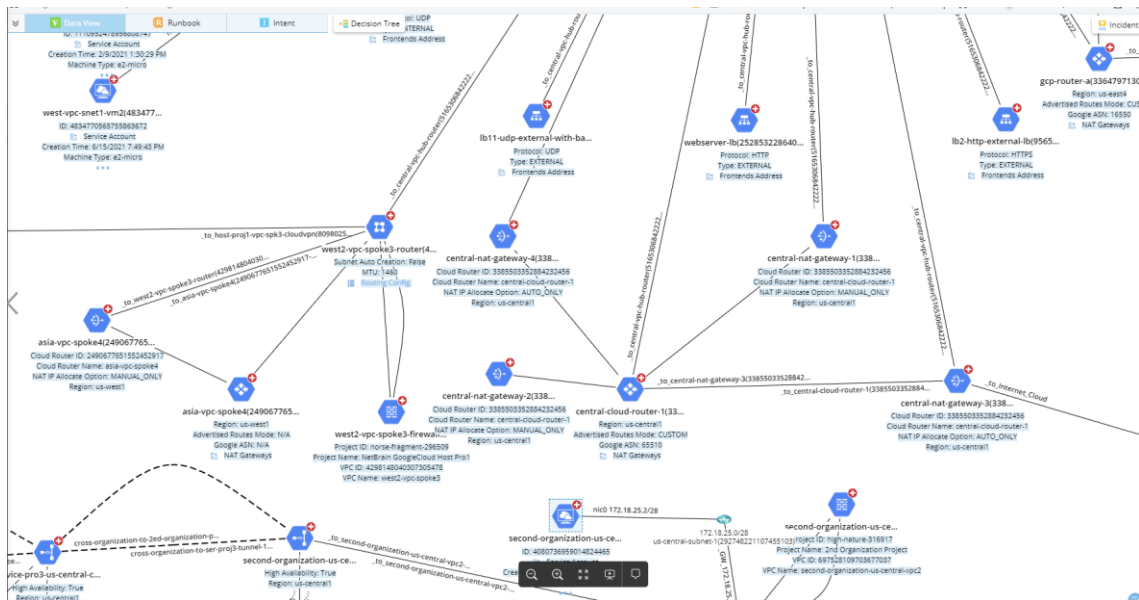


### 4.1.4 SPOG with Cloud Native and 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Management Tools

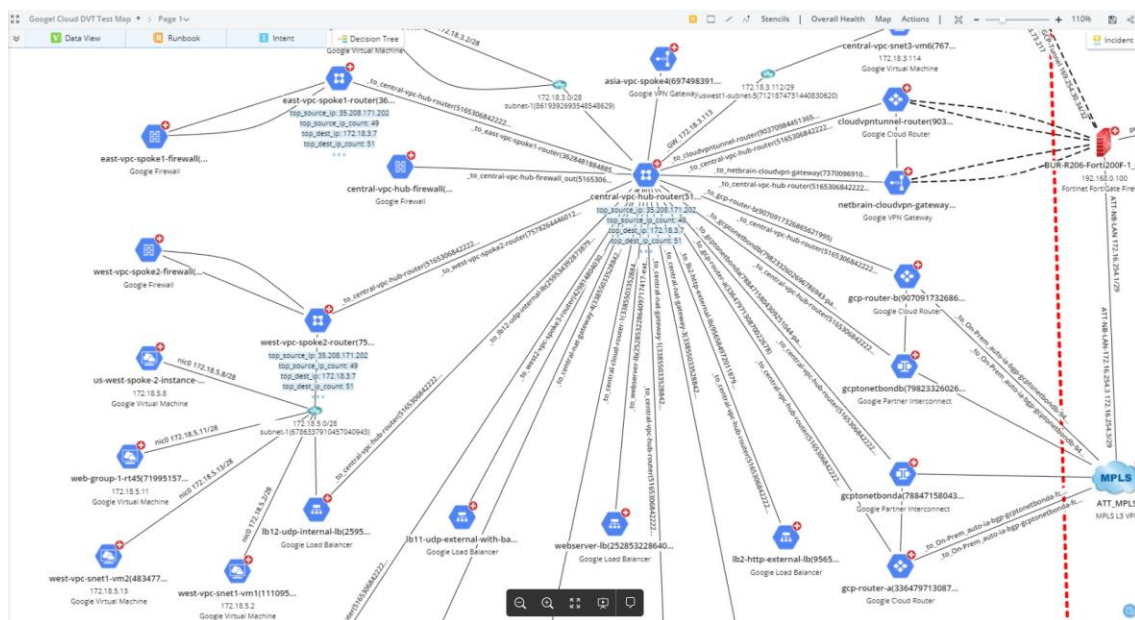
Data view (DVT) allows you to monitor various public data in the NetBrain environment. There are two kinds of data that the system can visualize:

- **Public Cloud Infrastructure Data:** the basic information of cloud operational status, routing/security, tag information, etc.
- **Cloud Monitoring Metrics:** the monitoring metrics from the cloud-native monitoring tools.

For example, the built-in **GPC basic info** DVT displays a GCP resource's basic information or properties. The different types of resources have different types of properties. For example, project ID, Project name, VPC ID, and VPC name for the Google Firewall; subnet auto-creation, MTU, and routing configuration for the Google VPC router.



Another DVT example, **VPC Flow Logs Analysis**, monitors the abnormal VPC traffic from specific IPs and regions. For example, if DDOS attacks the GCP Network, the source IP from a specific region will increase sharply.







- **Discovery via Seed Routers:** supports the input of both pure IPv6 address and mix of IPv4/IPv6 addresses

***Note:** This release does not support the neighbor walking of IPv6 address discovery.*

- **Scan IP Range:** supports the input of both single IPv6 address and range of IPv6 address.

***Note:** The IPv6 network segment must be specified by the mask, and the mask must be less than or equal to the 104-bit mask).*

Other discovery related improvements of IPv6 support includes:

### 1. Support IPv6 Address in Do Not Scan Definition:

- Supports entering both IPv4 and IPv6 subnets into a Do not scan list when defining Do Not Scan based on Subnet.
- The input IP address format (IPv4 or IPv6) can be automatically identified.
- The input subnet mask range supports dynamic change.

ⓘ List the IP address, subnets or device types you do not want to discover via Telnet/SSH/SNMP/API

0 Items [+ Add](#) [Import](#) [Export](#)

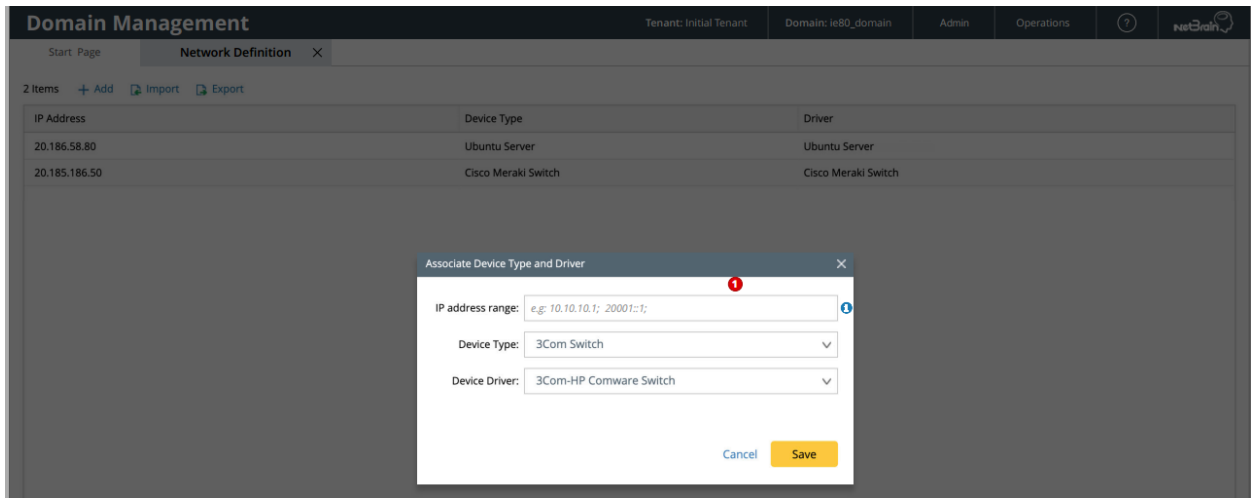
IP or Subnet	Description	Source Technology
2001:0:3238:DFE1:63:F...		All Technologies

4 Selected [Select All](#) [Clear](#)  [Refresh](#)

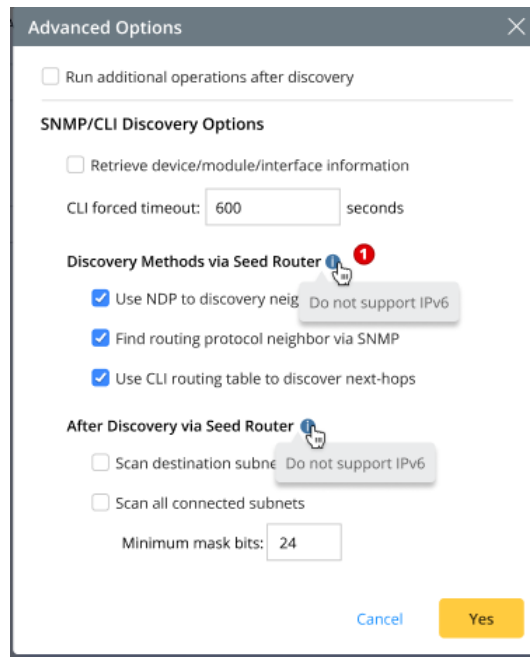
Device Type
<input type="checkbox"/> 3Com Switch
<input type="checkbox"/> A10 Load Balancer
<input type="checkbox"/> APC
<input type="checkbox"/> APC UPS
<input type="checkbox"/> ATT VPN Gateway
<input type="checkbox"/> AVI Controller
<input type="checkbox"/> AVI Service Engine
<input type="checkbox"/> AWS Application Load Balancer
<input type="checkbox"/> AWS Classic Load Balancer
<input type="checkbox"/> AWS DX Gateway
<input type="checkbox"/> AWS DX Router
<input type="checkbox"/> AWS EC2 Instance
<input type="checkbox"/> AWS Egress-Only Internet Gateway
<input type="checkbox"/> AWS Gateway VPC Endpoint
<input type="checkbox"/> AWS Interface VPC Endpoint
<input type="checkbox"/> AWS Internet Gateway
<input type="checkbox"/> AWS NAT Gateway
<input type="checkbox"/> AWS Network Load Balancer
<input type="checkbox"/> AWS Transit Gateway
<input type="checkbox"/> AWS Unattached Network Interface
<input type="checkbox"/> AWS Virtual Private Gateway

- ### 2. Support IPv6 Address in Network Definition:
- Network Definition allows users to manually define the device type and driver used by an IP address range when the device type and driver device cannot be accurately

identified through SNMP. The definition of IPv6 is supported in the IP address range, which is consistent with the IP range specs in Discovery.



3. **Advanced Options for Discovery:** Some Advanced Options (neighbor walking) do not support IPv6 in this release.



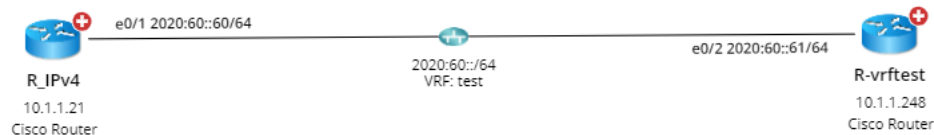
4. **Import IP List Template:** a download template file menu and a template file are provided for user reference.

## 4.2.2 Topology Improvements

IPv6 L3 topology has been improved, with additional support for the following network technologies:

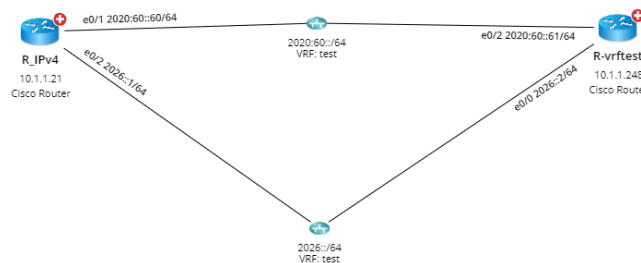
### 1. VRF

The VRF configured on the interface with an IPv6 address configuration will be parsed and applied to the IPv6 L3 topology calculation. When multiple interfaces are configured with the same IPv6 address prefix, and some of these interfaces are configured with the same VRF, a LAN media with the VRF name will be used to connect these interfaces.



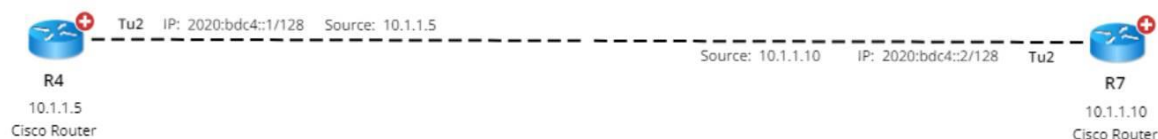
### 2. Secondary IP

When multiple IPv6 addresses are configured on the same interface, IPv6 L3 topologies will be created for these IPv6 addresses, respectively.



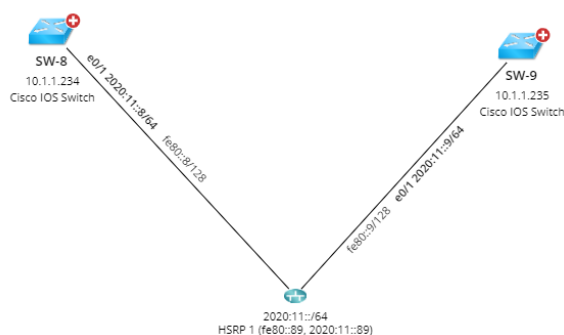
### 3. IPv6 over IPv4 GRE tunnel

Support IPv6 over IPv4 GRE tunnel technology for IPv6 topology.



### 4. HSRP/VRRP/GLBP

If an IPv6 address is configured with First Hop Redundancy Protocols such as HSRP/VRRP/GLBP, the specific protocol name, group ID, and virtual IP address on the LAN media connecting these interfaces will be displayed.



## 4.2.3 More Built-in Data to Support IPv6

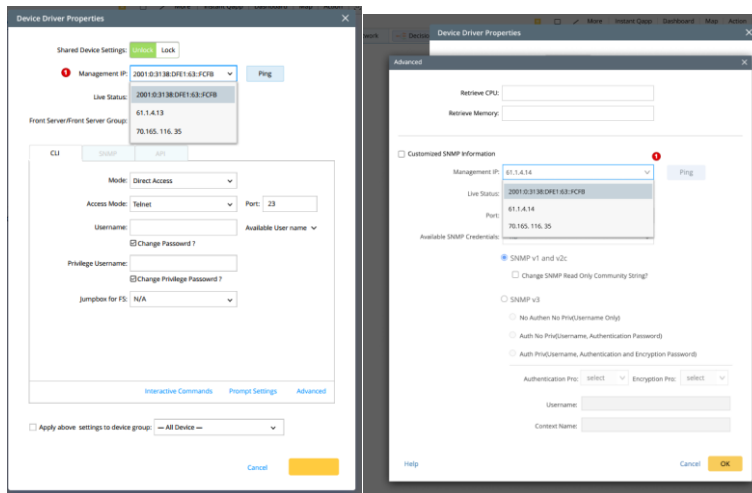
The following built-in data have been added to the NetBrain platform to facilitate the subsequent data analysis and better support the IPv6 related functionalities:

#	Data Table	Description	Improved Status
1	Route Table	Add a new NCT table: IPv6 Route Table.	Only support data retrieval via CLI

2	CDP Table	Add two more columns to the existing CDP table to retrieve Global IPv6 Address and Link Local Address.	Only support data retrieval via CLI
3	Neighbor Discover Table	Provide a separate IPv6 neighbor table for IPv6; the columns resolved by NCT are: Type, IPv6 Global Address, MAC address, Interface, Vlan, Private Vlan, Age, State, Time Left.	Only support data retrieval via CLI
4	Interface Information	Add the additional command of the IPv6 interface to analyze the IPv6 interface related information when parsing the config file.	Only support data retrieval via CLI

## 4.2.4 More Functions Supporting IPv6

1. **Share/Private Device Settings:** the device management IP supports IPv4 and IPv6.



2. **Change Management Login Settings** now supports IPv4 and IPv6.

Change Management Login of ABCCR-CBR

Management IP: 10.9.0.33

Telnet/SSH Settings

Access Mode: Telnet

Port: 23

Username: test

Available Username

Password: \*\*\*\*\*

Privilege Username:

Available Username

Privilege Password: \*\*\*\*\*

☐ Apply above settings to device group: --All Devices--

Tune

Cancel

Submit

- Batch Tune:** the management IP in both Tune Live Access Settings and Tune Private CLI Settings now supports IPv4 and IPv6. In addition, the management IP in the UI supports the display of IPv4/IPv6 address format.

Domain Management

Tenant: EFT\_AU02\_TENANT Domain: jerry@PV6 Admin

Start Page Tune Live Access Tune Private CLI Settings Discover

Check the reachability of live devices using the credentials defined in Network Settings.

All Devices Device Groups Please select ...

Start Tuning Options Network Settings

19 Items Search Device Name...

Device Name	Management IP	Management Interface	Ping	SNMP RO	SysObjectID	Telnet/SSH	Login	Enable	SNMP Hostname	Vendor	Model	Front Server/Front Server Group...
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7750SR12	2020.22.228	to_switch				Failed						FS1(10.10.34.84)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7750SR13	2020.22.229	to_switch				Failed						FS1(10.10.34.84)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cisco-N9k	2020.80.80	Ethernet1/2				Failed						FS1(10.10.34.84)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EX2200-1	158.3.7.4			nb	1.3.6.1.4.1.2636.1.1.1	Succeeded	Succeeded	N/A	Unchanged	Juniper	EX2200-48t	yanglinf@192.168.30.53
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EX2200-2	158.3.7.5			nb	1.3.6.1.4.1.2636.1.1.1	Succeeded	Succeeded	N/A	Unchanged	Juniper	EX2200-48t	yanglinf@192.168.30.53
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MPLS												
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA-VM	158.3.7.8			nb	1.3.6.1.4.1.25461.2.3	Succeeded	Succeeded	N/A	Unchanged	Palo Alto Networ	Palo Alto Firewal	yanglinf@192.168.30.53
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<input type="checkbox"/> R18												
<input type="checkbox"/> R4												
<input type="checkbox"/> R7												
<input type="checkbox"/> R_IPv4												
<input type="checkbox"/> SW-10												
<input type="checkbox"/> SW-11												
<input type="checkbox"/> SW-8												
<input type="checkbox"/> SW-9												

- Fine Tune:** the following functions of Fine Tune also support the IPv6 address format.

#	Function	Description
1	Unknown IP	Unknown IP supports IPv6 address format.
2	Discovered Device	Management IP supports IPv6 address format.
3	Missed Devices	Management IP supports IPv6 address format.
4	Discovered by SNMP	Management IP supports IPv6 address format.
5	Unknow SNMP SysObjectID	Management IP supports IPv6 address format.
6	Unclassified Network Devices	Management IP supports IPv6 address format.



## 5 Collaborative Troubleshooting Enhancements

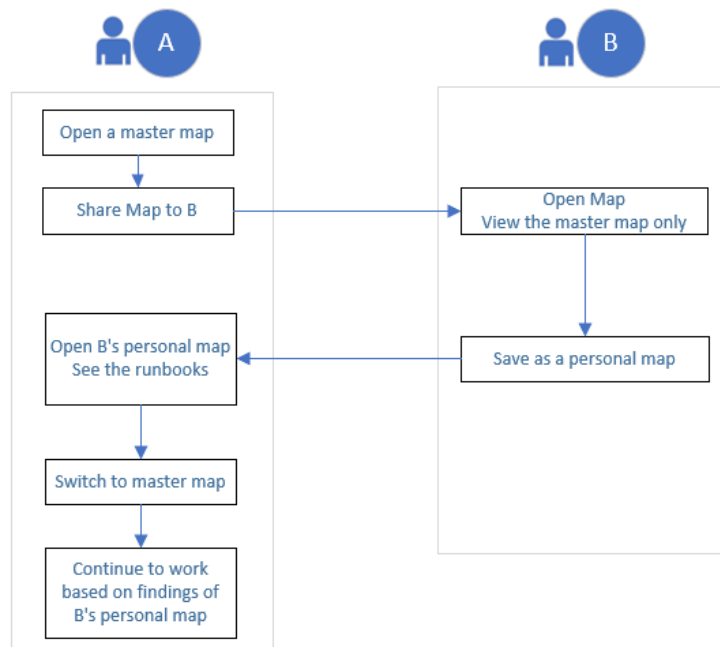
### 5.1 Personal Map Copy

In previous versions, one map could be edited by multiple users concurrently. However, only the map owner can save the changes on the map. Multiple users may operate simultaneously on a shared map such as the site map while troubleshooting the same problem. The limitation that only the owner can save and share the changes in a map can hinder team collaborations.

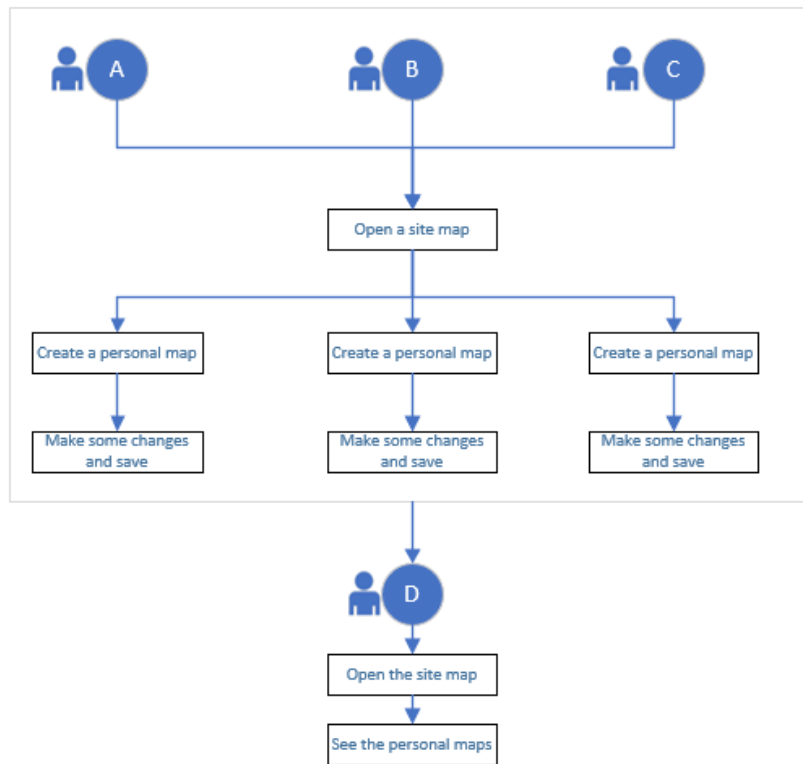
IE v10.1 introduces the **Personal Map Copy** function to facilitate better collaborations. Users can create a personal copy of a shared map (the master map) that they do not own. Then, users can save a personal copy and share their findings and changes with others without altering the master map.

Personal Copy can help two types of collaboration:

- Real-time collaboration: user B saves a map owned by user A as a personal copy and shares this personal copy with user A. User A can see any changes and actions user B makes in this personal copy.

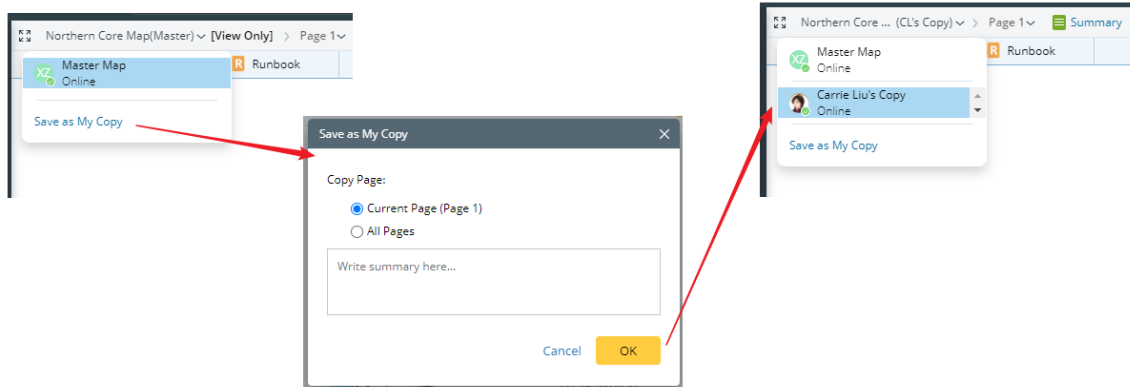


- Non-real-time collaboration: users create their personal copy maps from a shared site map.



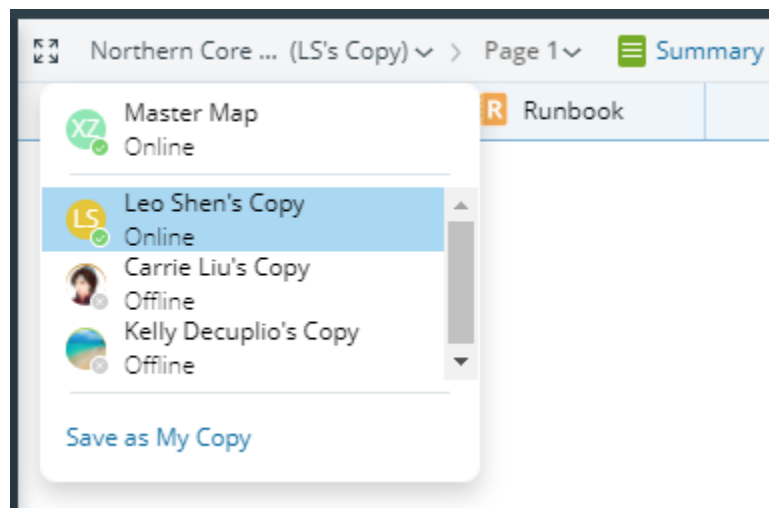
### 5.1.1 Create Personal Copy

Users can save any map as a personal copy with the **Save as My Copy** operation. He can select **Current Page** or **All Pages** for the personal copy. After the personal map copy is generated, changes can be made to this copy without impacting the master map.



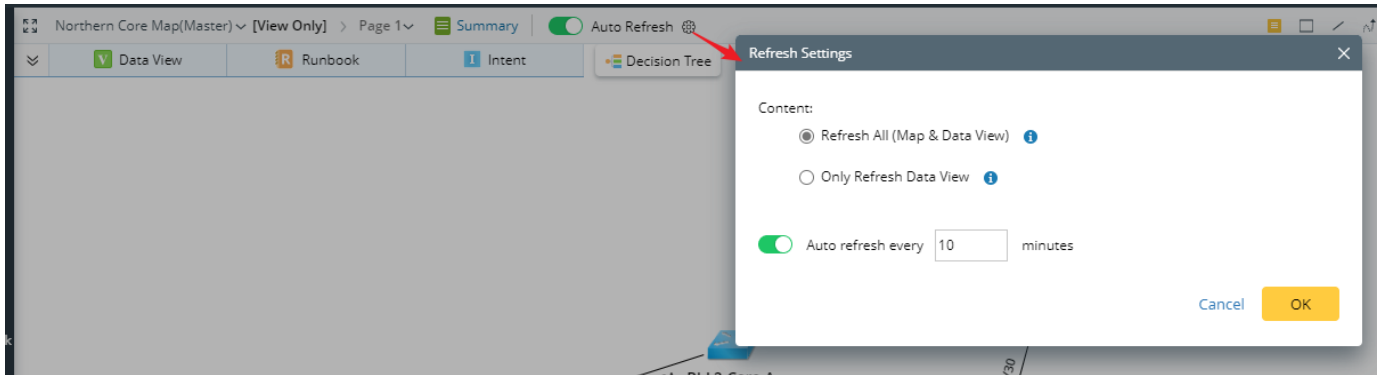
### 5.1.2 Switch Map Copy

Users can browse other users' copies of a master map. The personal copy shows the owner's initials (Avatar) and the status (whether the owner logs in to the IE system).



### 5.1.3 Auto Refresh

**Auto Refresh** will be available to users when the current map (can be the master map or the personal copies owned by others) is opened in View-Only mode, i.e., the user has no editing right to this map.



Open a view-only map and enable **Auto Refresh**. Then, any changes by other users on the map will be automatically synchronized to the current view-only map. As a result, users will view the latest version of the map.

Users can configure the refresh settings:

- **Refresh All (Map & Data View)**

This option means reloading the latest saved map first and then reapplying the data view last selected in the map when refreshed.

- **Only Refresh Data View**

This option means reapplying the data view currently selected in the map when refreshed. For example, if the map owner drags and moves devices on a map to change the map layout or zoom in/out the map, the view-only map layout remains unchanged when refreshed.

## 5.2 Reference Map Enhancements

In the previous versions, users can create maps associated with NI, path, site, device group, and other types of objects. These maps are not standalone and can only be accessed from hosting objects. These maps cannot be shared across features, so users must copy the original map. These hidden maps can be divided into two types: Function Map, created with functions like Site, device group, NI, and Path; Reference Map, referenced by Path, NI, and member NIs of a NIC.

V10.1 provides two main improvements:

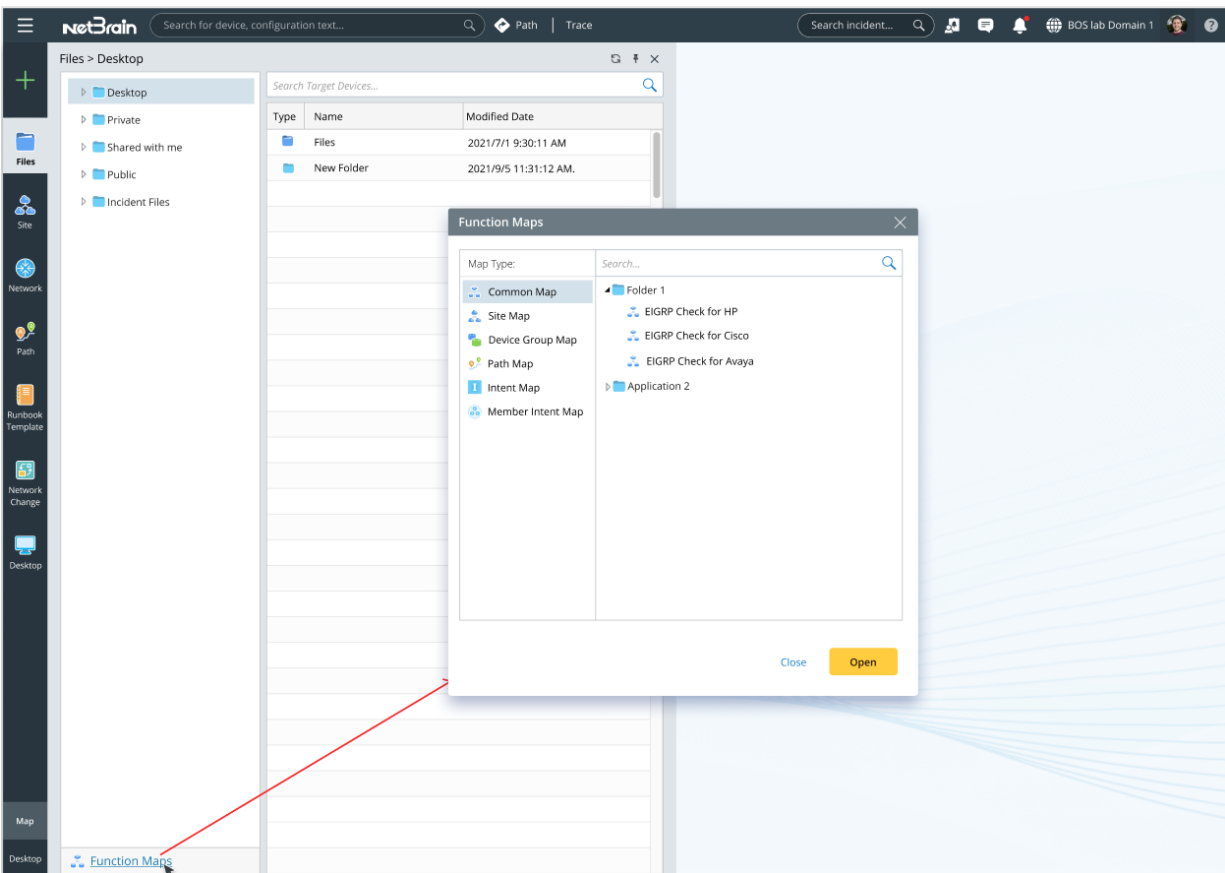
- Allow any common or function map as the reference map by Path, NI, and member NI.
- Browse all common maps and function maps in a central place.

The mainly function/reference map types are listed as follow:

Function	Map Type
Standalone Map	Common map
Site Map	Function Map
Device Group Map	Function Map
Network Intent Map	Function Map and Reference Map
Path Map	Function Map and Reference Map
Intent Cluster Member NI map	Function Map and Reference Map

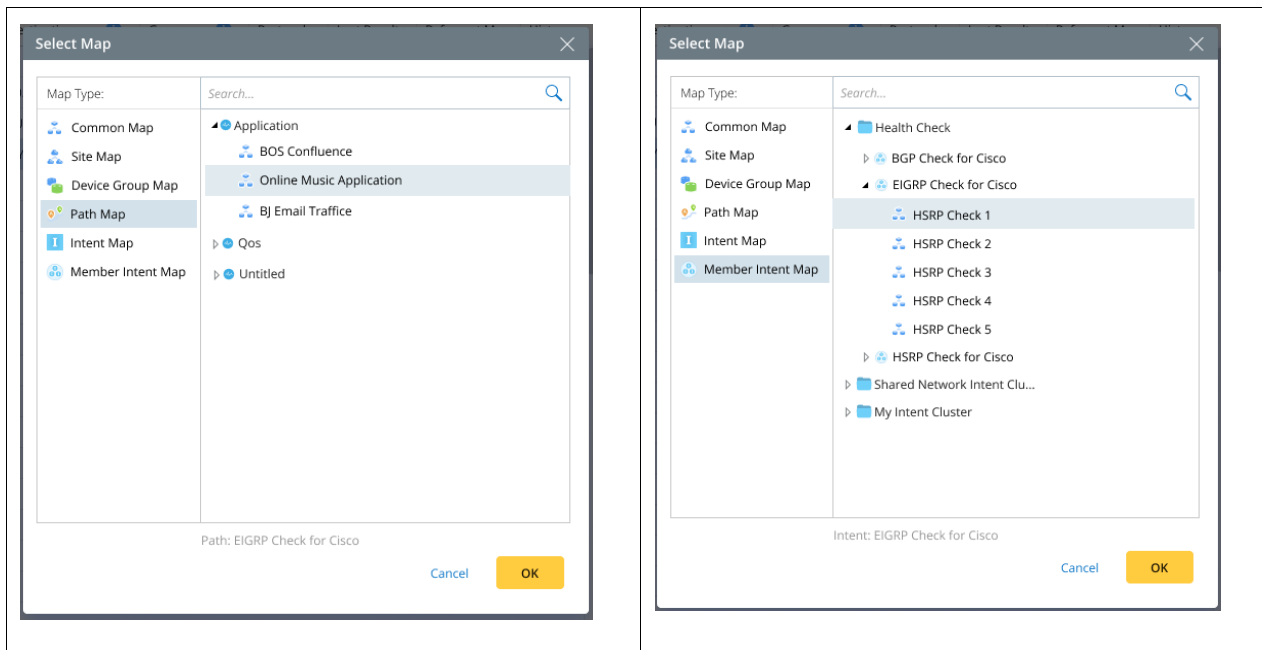
### 5.2.1 Function Maps Dialog

A central dialog, **Function Maps**, is provided for users to open all common, function, and reference maps.



Select a map type in the left pane, and all maps for this type will be displayed in the right pane. The maps are organized in the folder structure for the common, device group, and NI maps and the site tree for the site maps.

The path maps are displayed under the Applications, and the intent maps of NIC's NI members are under each NIC.



The system will automatically create the map if a user selects a device group map or a site map not generated yet.

## 5.2.2 Set Reference Map

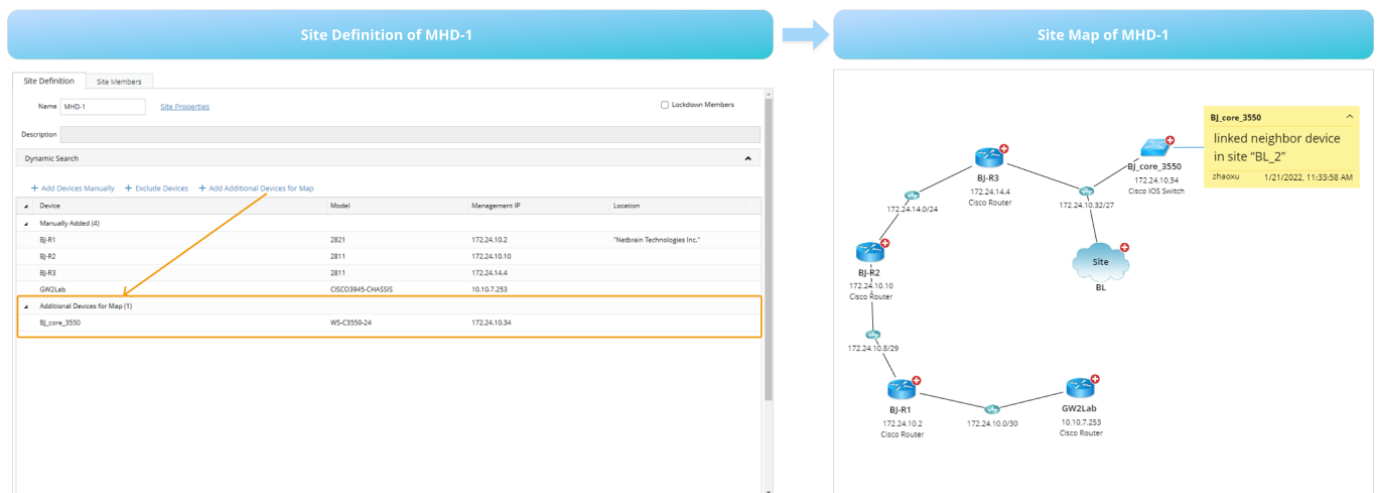
V10.1 makes two enhancements for the user to set a reference map for the path and NI:

- The **function maps** dialog is used to select a map for the reference map of Path, NI, member NIs of NIC, and Incent map.
- In earlier versions, when a map is set to be a reference map, the system makes a hard copy of the master map, and these two maps are totally independent and need to be maintained separately. V10.1 provides an option to allow a reference map is associated with the master map instead of a hard copy.

## 5.3 Site Map Enhancements

A site is often connected with other sites, and it will be helpful to show the detailed border link information in a site map. Currently, only site member devices are drawn on a site map.

In v10.1, users can add more devices to a site map, such as the linked neighbor devices. A feature, **Add Additional Devices for Map**, is added in the site definition and devices. These additional devices will not be removed from the site map when the system benchmark task automatically updates site maps.



Additional devices for a map only affect the mapping functions, and all other functions will not consider these devices as site member devices) such as inventory reports, searches, etc.

## 5.4 Smart CLI for MAC OS

The Smart CLI for Mac OS is added, with the same functions as the Smart CLI for Windows.

Using Smart CLI, network engineers can intelligently analyze the CLI output, automatically document the troubleshooting activities, and effectively collaborate with a team of co-workers.



## 6 Other Enhancements

### 6.1 KC and Auto Update Enhancements

With the newest enhancements in Knowledge Cloud (KC), delivering platform resources to customers requires less manual work. Additionally, In V10.1, more resources are included in platform resources, such as Open Driver and platform validation rules. Thus, customers can leverage more up-to-date resources than before.

The platform resources that can be updated automatically includes:

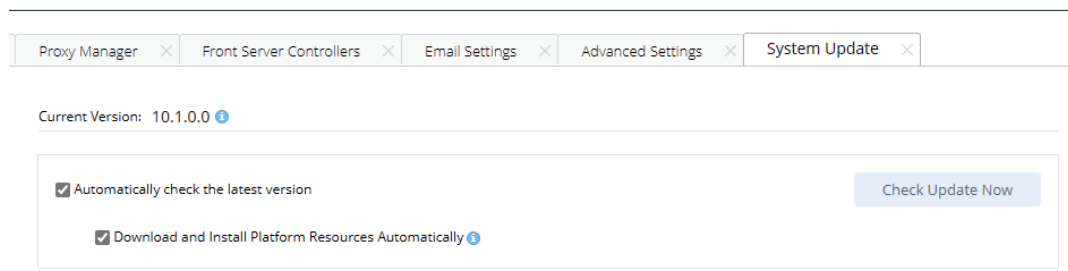
- Resources to create and maintain automation assets, such as FIT, Visual Parser, Guidebook, etc.
- Resources to verify/fix data accuracy or maintain the system's essential functions, such as Open Driver, platform validation rules, system driver, device type, etc.

#### 6.1.1 Enhancements in KC

- Online update resources

In previous versions, KC has no direct connection with the NetBrain system. So NetBrain system administrator must download the software package from NetBrain Customer Portal and manually upload it to the system. In V10.1, the IE system will be connected to KC through License Server, allowing resources to be downloaded and installed to NetBrain IE and reducing the manual work of downloading and uploading the software package.

- Enable auto-download and auto-install resources  
Users can decide whether to download and install the resources automatically.



- Users can discard the uploaded version for framework components, even if the update has been scheduled.

## 6.1.2 Full Resources Updates

By enabling the **Download and Install Platform Resources Automatically** option, full resources will be updated, i.e., all types of platform resources will be downloaded. The full resources update is incremental, i.e., only new platform resources will be downloaded.

## 6.1.3 The List of Resources

The platform resources that can be auto updated and downloaded via KC:

Resource Name		
Qapp	GDR Properties	Golden Baseline Dynamic Analysis Logic
Gapp	Tech Spec	Interface Type (Interface Name Translation)
Runbook Template	Media Type	Default Date View Template
Data View Template	API Plugin	Object Tree Template
Parser Library	SPOG URL	NGSystem. Technology License Definition
Driver	Visual Space	Multi Source Mapping
Device Type	Vendor Model Table	Domain system settings
Device Icon & Picture	Global Python Scripts (Built-in)	Cloud type
Topology Link Type (IPv4, IPv6 etc.)	Variable Mapping & Global Variable	FIT (Feature Intent Template)

Generic Schema (Including Generic SSchema Icon)	Platform Plugin	Full CLI Command
CLI Command Template	Beta Driver	PV File
Open Driver	/	/

## 6.2 License Enhancements

In V10.0, the License Model is divided into three sub-modules: Foundation, Network, and Function. The Foundation Module is for the traditional network devices, while the Network Module can be further divided into various emerging network technologies. Each Network Module has its own independent license counting method. The license of network modules cannot be converted in V10.0, which is inconvenient for the customers migrating from the traditional network to the new technology such as the public cloud.

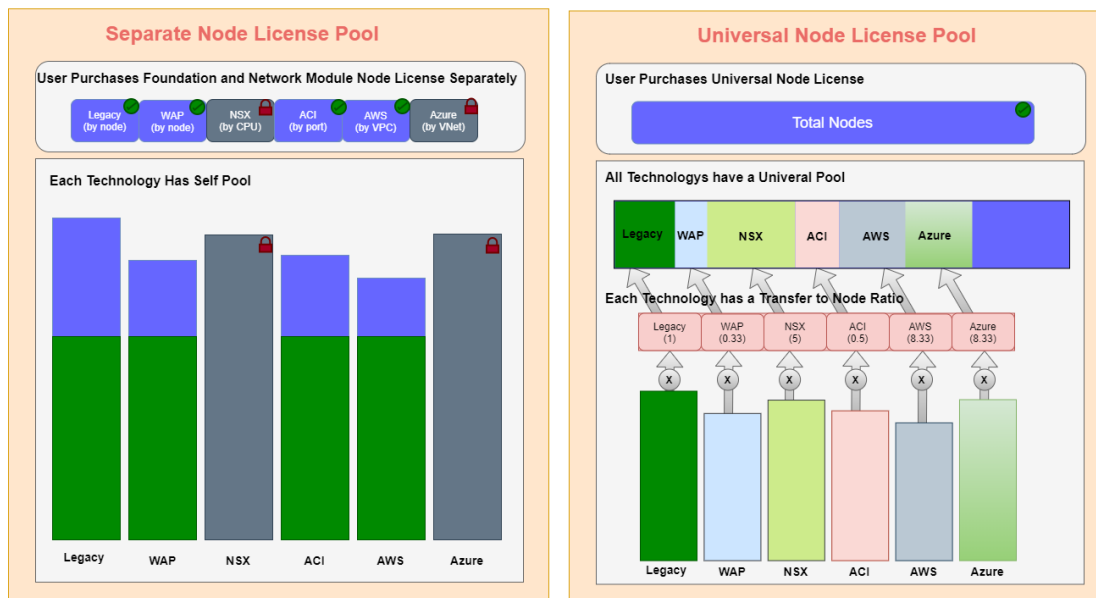
V10.1 introduces the following improvements:

- Provide a new Universal Node License, allowing users to convert between Foundation and Network modules according to a defined ratio. The Universal Node License will coexist with the Separate Module License.
- Improve the IBA license, allowing users to use the corresponding functions up to many times without purchasing IBA. This enhancement can speed up the adoption of PDAS.

### 6.2.1 Universal Node License vs. Separate Module License

The Universal Node License will coexist with the Separate Module License, although one system can only have one license model.

- Separate Pool License Model: This license model in 10.0a remains unchanged.
- Universal Node License Model: The customer does not need the separate Network Modules under this model. Instead, Network Modules will be converted to the universal nodes according to a specific ratio.



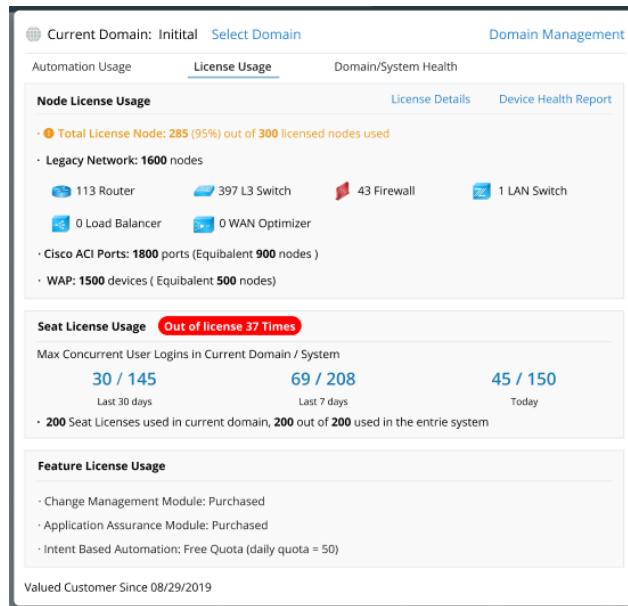
## 6.2.2 IBA License Adjustments

To speed up PDAS adoptions, V10.1 adjusts the IBA license as follows:

- There are no restrictions on NI/NIC creation and viewing of NI/NIC history.
- NI/NIC execution (both manually and triggered via API, including running NI inside API stub) will be metered daily per domain. The system will stop executing NI/NIC after a certain quota, and the customer needs to buy the IBA license to run NI/NIC without any limitation.
- Users can switch to weekly usage metering instead of daily metering.
- Preventative automation does not need the IBA license, including 1) Define AM probe; 2) View Trend chart; 3) View IBA dashboard.

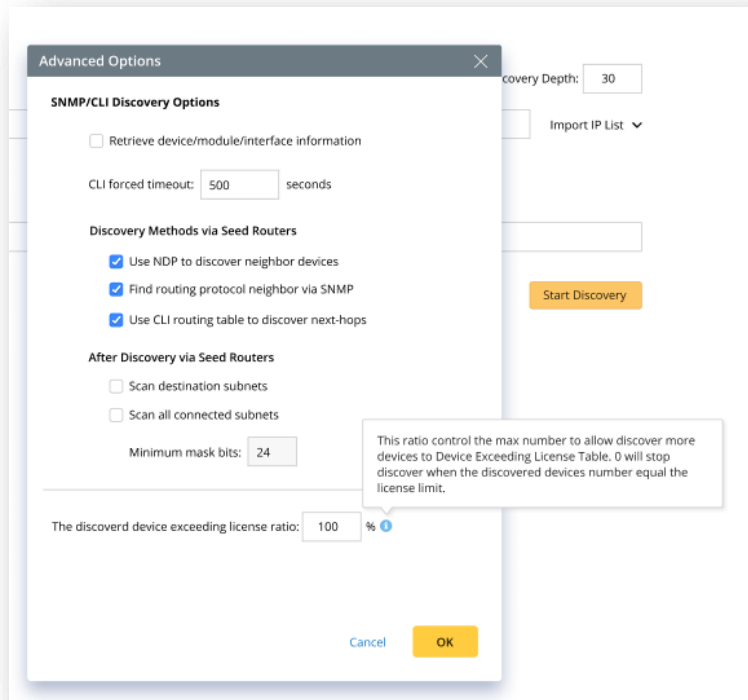
## 6.2.3 Function Improvements for IE

V10.1 supports switching from Separate Pool License mode to Universal Pool License mode, and the functions and the relevant UI are adjusted accordingly, including the system license page, license assignment page, license usage page.



## 6.2.4 Discover Devices Exceeding Licensed Nodes

Users often do not know how many devices are in their network and do not purchase enough nodes. V10.1 allows users to discover more devices than the licensed nodes. The devices exceeding the license are listed separately and cannot be mapped and participate in other functions. The user can configure how many more devices are discovered in the Advanced Setting of Discovery.



## 6.3 Discovery, Benchmark, Live Access, and Fine-Tune Enhancements

### 6.3.1 Discovery Enhancements

V10.1 made the following improvements on discovery:

- When the system fails to retrieve the device configurations via CLI, the Configuration column is displayed as **Failed** instead of **Succeeded via SNMP** in the device log.

Device Log

Current discovered devices are listed

Search...

Export

Refresh

IP Address	Hostname	Discovery Source	Configuration Retrieval	Ping	SNMP	
10.1.1.250		Via 10.1.1.254	Failed	Failed		
10.1.1.249		Via 10.1.1.254	Failed	Failed		
10.1.1.248		Via 10.1.1.254	Failed	Failed		
10.1.1.22		Via 10.1.1.2	Failed	Failed		
10.20.2.185		Via 172.16.8.62	Failed	Failed		
10.20.2.189		Via 172.16.8.62	Failed	Failed		
10.1.1.37	7750SR12	Via 2020:1111:abdc:ef2...	Succeeded via CLI	Succeeded	aws-csr10...	
10.1.1.2	IPv6Lab-R_IPv4	Via 10.1.1.2	Succeeded via CLI	Succeeded	aws-csr10...	
10.168.128.10	Hull-SW-01	Via 10.168.128.10	Failed	Failed		
10.1.1.10	IPv6Lab-R7	Via 10.1.1.9	Succeeded via CLI	Succeeded	AuthPrivt...	

2022-03-23 11:31:38 Retrieving [10.1.1.2]'s Hostname ,Vendor and Model via netbrainfs(192.168.30.51); Succeeded

2022-03-23 11:31:38 SSH to device 10.1.1.2 via netbrainfs(192.168.30.51)

2022-03-23 11:31:39 SSH to device 10.1.1.2 successfully via netbrainfs(192.168.30.51)

2022-03-23 11:31:39 Return from Device:[IPv6Lab-R\_IPv4#]

2022-03-23 11:31:39 Sending "terminal length 0" command

2022-03-23 11:31:39 Return from Device:[IPv6Lab-R\_IPv4#]

Fine Tune

- The columns in the device log are reorganized for better display.

Device Log in Previous Version

IP Address... Discovery Source Ping SNMP Hostname Device Type Vendor Model Telnet/SSH Login Configuration Retrieval Front Server/Front Server Group sysObject...

Device Log

Current discovered devices are listed

Device Log in V10.1

Search...

Export

Refresh

IP Address	Hostname...	Discovery Source...	Configuration Retrieval ...	Ping	SNMP	sysObjectID	Vendor	Model	Telnet/SSH	Login	Front Server/Front Server Group...
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- In previous versions, the devices that fail in Ping or SNMP in **Scan IP Range** will not be listed in the device log. In v10.1, the devices the user enters in the discovery input box will be listed in the device log even when

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they fail with Ping or SNMP. The neighbor devices discovered by the system will not be listed in the device log of **Scan IP Range** if they fail with Ping or SNMP.

- To maintain the management IP of the current devices in the domain, for neighbor devices successfully discovered in **Discover via Seed Routers**, the system will first check if those devices are in the current domain; if they are in the domain, their management IP will not change. This logic does not apply to seed devices: the management IP of the seed device will be updated if the discovery succeeds and the management IP is not locked.
- Discovery via API can take hours to complete. In previous versions, the discovery logs are loaded only when the discovery task is finished. In v10.1, the system will update the discovery logs every 10 minutes to provide users with the latest discovery progress.

### 6.3.2 Benchmark Enhancements

V10.1 made two enhancements on benchmark:

- When the system fails to retrieve the device configurations via CLI, the Configuration column is displayed as **Failed** instead of **Succeeded via SNMP** in the device log.



Device Log - Basic System Benchmarks: 12/8/2021, 11:30:10 AM

75 Items View: Devices with retrieval failures Search device name... Export Refresh

Device Name	Device Type	Retrieval Time (secon...	Configuration	Route Table	ARP Table	MAC Table
BJ-R1	Cisco Router	2	Failed	Failed	Succeeded	Failed
BJ-Avaya-1	Avaya Switch	1	Failed	N/A	Succeeded	Succeeded
sw2960-109	Cisco IOS Switch	3	Failed	Failed	Succeeded	Failed
QoS-Path-SW5	Cisco IOS Switch	5	Succeeded via CLI	Succeeded	Succeeded	Succeeded
QoS-Path-SW4	Cisco IOS Switch	3	Succeeded via CLI	Succeeded	Succeeded	Succeeded
Emu_NB_NYC_M...	Cisco Router	6	Succeeded via CLI	Succeeded	Succeeded	Succeeded
sw2960-133	Cisco IOS Switch	2	Failed	Failed	Succeeded	Failed
sw2960-107	Cisco IOS Switch	2	Failed	Failed	Succeeded	Failed
sw2960-104	Cisco IOS Switch	3	Failed	Failed	Succeeded	Failed
BJ_Acc_SW1	Cisco IOS Switch	7	Failed	Failed	Succeeded	Failed

Live Access Log of sw2960-133:

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2021-12-08 11:30:17 Begin data retrieving task via Worker WIN-M6846GLCGUS(pid: 18420)
2021-12-08 11:30:17 Prepare retrieving command.
2021-12-08 11:30:17 Failed to access the device. NetBrain Workstation will record this device as waiting state and will not try to access it for 120 seconds.
2021-12-08 11:30:17 Can not Telnet/SSH to the device.
2021-12-08 11:30:17 Begin to retrieve NDP table via SNMP.
2021-12-08 11:30:18 Retrieve NDP table via SNMP successfully.

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Progress: (Not Running) Close

- Add more settings to the **Email Alerts** section in the Benchmark definition interface to specify conditions to send the email and attached documents.

Edit Benchmark Task

Task Name: Basic System Benchmark Description: Default system benchmark task

Frequency Device Scope Retrieve Live Data CLI Commands Additional Operations after Benchmark Plugins Summary

Task Name Type Description

Built-in task Scheduled Data View Template/Parser Task Periodically retrieve data for built-in data view te...

✓ Email Alerts

☒ Enable

Conditions for Sending Email:

Task Execution: ☐ Succeeded ☒ Failed

Device Data Retrieval Failed: ☒ Configuration File ☒ Device/Interface Information ☐ System Data Table ☐ NCT ☐ CLI Command

Attachment in Email:

☒ Execution Log (.txt) ☒ Device List with Data Status (.csv)

☐ Live Access Log (.log) ☐ Only with Failures ☐ Plugin (.log)

Recipient:

To: Select user or input email. Cc: Select user or input email.

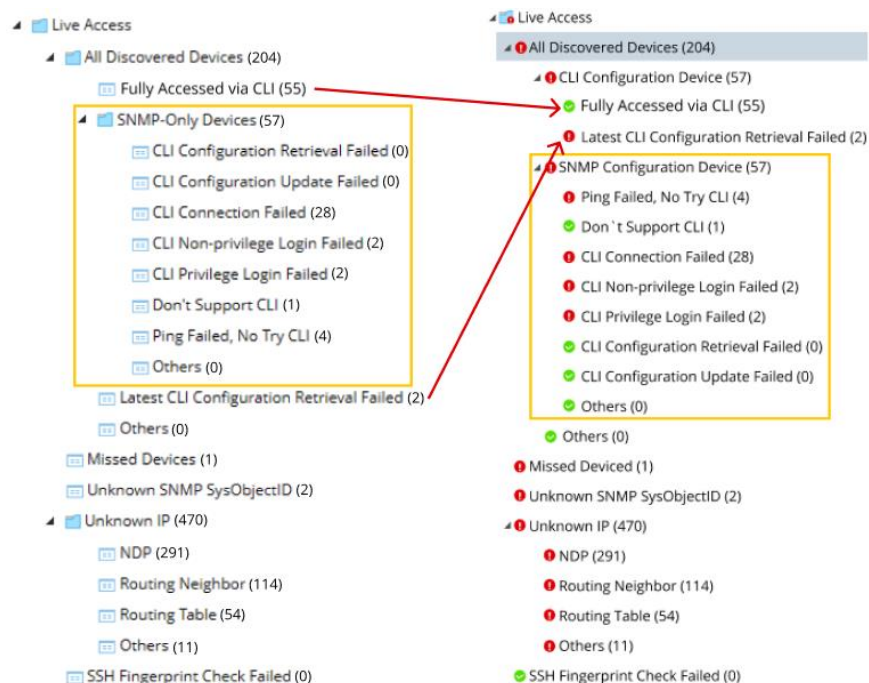
Cancel Submit

### 6.3.3 Fine Tune Enhancements

Discovery and Benchmark are foundations for building the network model, accessing live network devices, and retrieving the device data periodically. Both functions can generate the device accessibility and data integrity report. However, only the Discovery function generates the report in previous versions, and the Benchmark function does not. V10.1 improves the Benchmark function to create the report so that users can find the device accessibility issues to make the schedule benchmark tasks work well.

V10.1 also makes several usability improvements in the Fine Tune:

- Adjusts the report organization to adapt the data source extension and the logic improvements.
- Tell users intuitively which device accessibility report has alerts through the alert status icon.



### 6.3.4 Front Server Group

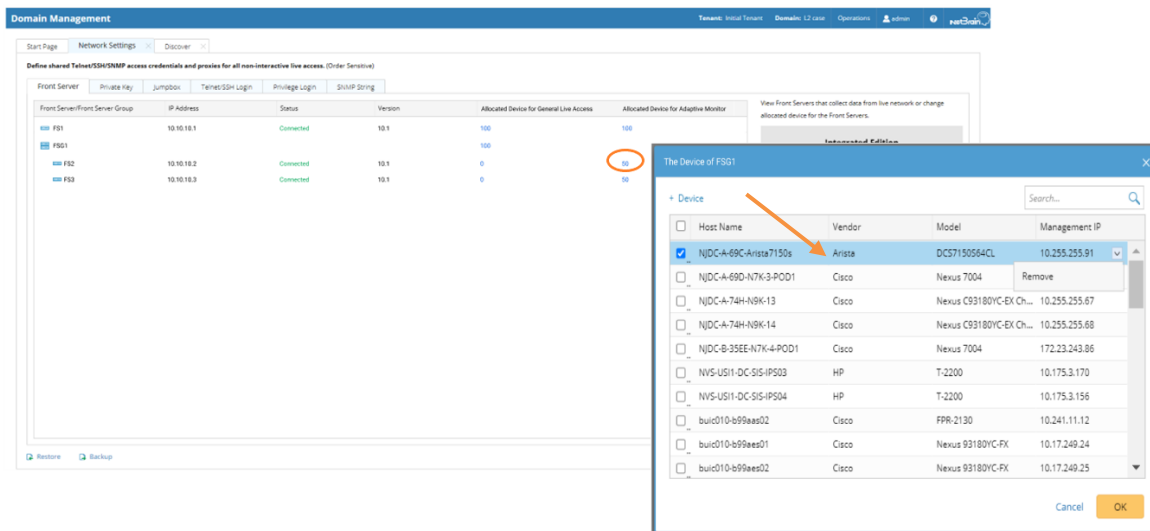
Front Server Group was removed in v10.0 when the data storage system was redesigned for Preventive Automation. V10.1 added it back to support the high availability function for Front Servers.

For Preventive Automation, the load balance function of the Front Server Group is not available since the data is stored on Front Server. Users need to manually migrate the data while switching the device from one Front Server to another. For all other functions to use the live access, such as discovery and benchmark, Front Server Group provides the load balance function: if one Front Server is down, the other available Front Server will be used.

Both Front Server and Front Server Groups can be selected in shared device settings. If a Front Server Group is selected for devices, NetBrain will equally assign those devices to Front Servers under the Front Server Group for Preventive Automation.

Users can manage the devices under a Front Server or Front Server Group by adding or removing devices from the managed device list.

- If devices are added to a Front Server Group, the Front Server Group is used for device live access, and those devices will be evenly assigned to Front Servers of the Front Server Group for Preventive Automation.
- If devices are removed from the Front Server Group or Front Server, they will also be removed from the managed device list for Preventive Automation. Similarly, if devices are removed from the Preventive Automation list, they will also be removed from the managed device list for device live access.



The deployment method for the Front Server Group is the same as the deployment in v8.x. When the system is upgraded from v8.x to v10.1, the settings related to Front Server and the Front Server Group will be inherited kept.

### 6.3.5 Lock Only One Setting in Device Setting

In Shared Device Settings, users can lock/unlock only one setting: **Management IP**, **Front Server**, or **CLI/SNMP/API**.

Shared Device Settings of BST,POP1

Lock Settings: ☒ Management IP ☒ Front Server ☒ CLI/SNMP/API

Management IP: 172.24.32.5 Ping

Live Status: Up

Front Server: FS(10.10.34.84)

CLI SNMP API

Mode: Direct Access

Access Mode: Telnet Port: 23

Username: netbrain Available Username ▼

☐ Change Password?

Privilege Username: Available Username ▼

☐ Change Privilege Password?

Jumpbox for FS: N/A

Interactive Commands Prompt Settings Advanced

☐ Apply above Settings to device group: Select Device Group ▼

Tune Cancel Submit

Correspondingly, the users can lock one of these settings on the **Fune Tune**.

## 6.4 Installation Pre-check Tool

The installation and upgrading of the system require the correct configurations of the servers. If these requirements are not met, installation/upgrade failures can happen. Or the installed/upgraded IE cannot run smoothly afterward.

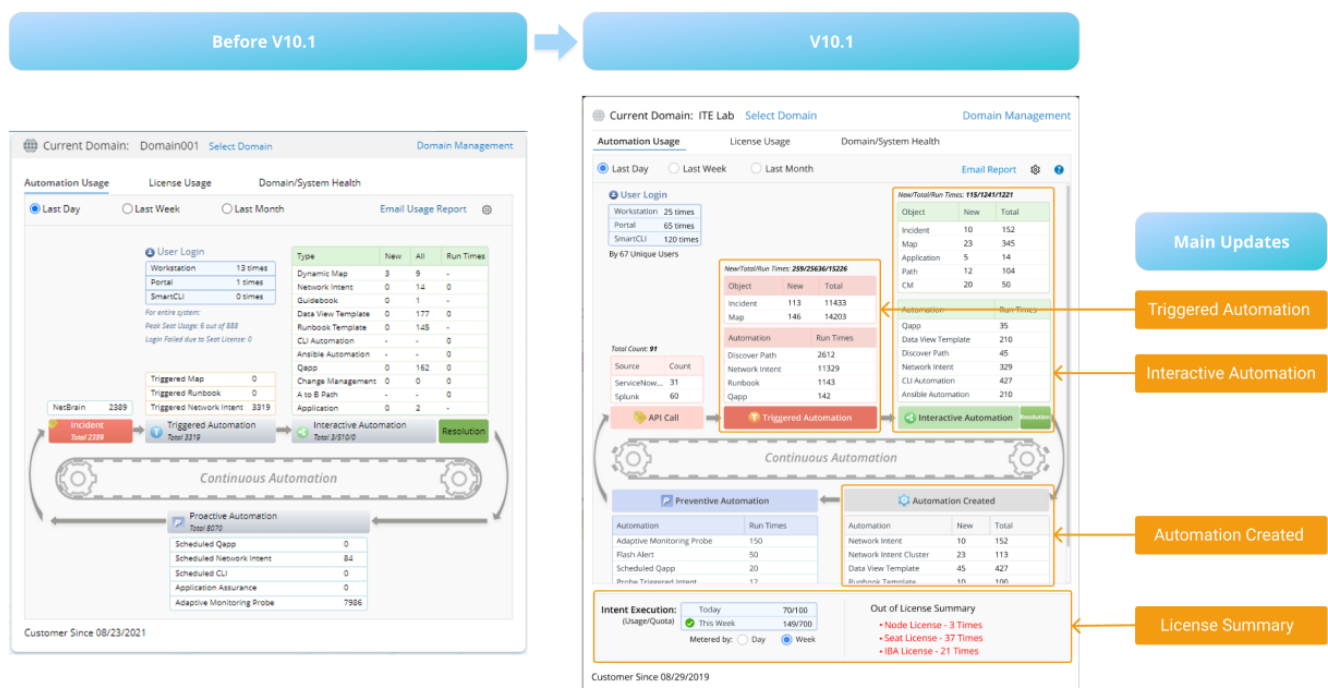
To enhance the success rate and simplify the process of installation/upgrade, v10.1 provides a pre-check tool to check users' system readiness to install/upgrade and generate a report to help users prepare appropriately for the installation/upgrade.

The tool supports all-in-two, distributed, and HA deployment and upgrading from 7.1x, 8.x, and 10.x to 10.1.

The command line based pre-check tool can check both Windows and Linux servers and report if these servers can meet the installation/upgrade requirements. If a requirement is not satisfied, more details may be provided. In addition, the report includes a summary listing all errors and warning messages.

## 6.5 Automation Usage Pane Enhancements

**Automation Usage** Pane provides the metric of the different types of automation, such as how many NIs are created and how many times NIs are executed. V10.1 optimizes the algorithm to calculate the metrics accurately and displays more metrics, as illustrated in the following diagram:



- Triggered automation and interactive automation are displayed separately.
- The Objects (e.g., Incident, Map, etc.) are classified into new and total categories.
- The run times of the automation, such as Discover Path, Network Intent, etc., are counted.

## 6.5.1 Intent Quota and License Summary

Users can view the Intent Execution usage and quota when the IBA license is not purchased. Users can switch the meter between week and day with Metered by. The number of times when the node license, seat license, and IBA license are exceeded is also displayed.

Intent Execution:  
(Usage/Quota)

Today	70/100
✔ This Week	149/700

Metered by: ☐ Day ☒ Week

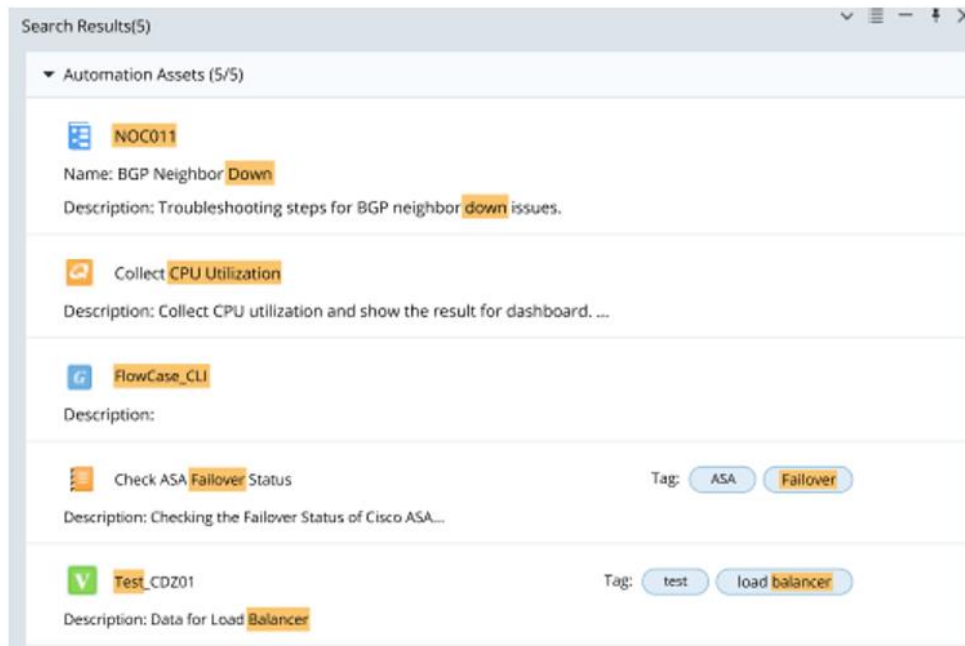
Out of License Summary

- Node License - 3 Times
- Seat License - 37 Times
- IBA License - 21 Times

## 6.6 Search Enhancements

V10.1 expands the search functions to more objects, including:

- the automation assets such as Qapp, Gapp, Runbook, and DVT. The results are listed under the category ***Automation Assets***.



- NCT (Network Control Tables): two NCT are searchable: Virtual server table and NAT table. All columns in the table can be searched, and the system will search only the current baseline data.

## 6.7 New REST APIs

V10.1 adds the following REST APIs:

- TAF Management
  - ✓ Create IT System Data Model API
  - ✓ Auto Trigger API
  - ✓ Get Trigger Result API
  - ✓ Get Trigger Diagnosis Definition API
  - ✓ Manually Trigger API
  - ✓ Update Incident Message API
  - ✓ Get Temporary Incident Portal Access Token API
  - ✓ Verify User Permission API
- API Server Management:
  - ✓ Get All API Servers Configured in Domain API



- AWS Account Management
  - ✓ Add AWS Account API
  - ✓ Delete AWS Account API
  - ✓ Get AWS Account API
  - ✓ Get AWS Accounts API
  - ✓ Patch AWS Account API
- Authentication and Authorization
  - ✓ Get All Accessible Domains API
  - ✓ Get All Accessible Tenants API
- Device Group Management
  - ✓ Add Device Group
  - ✓ Get Device Group API
  - ✓ Get Group Devices API

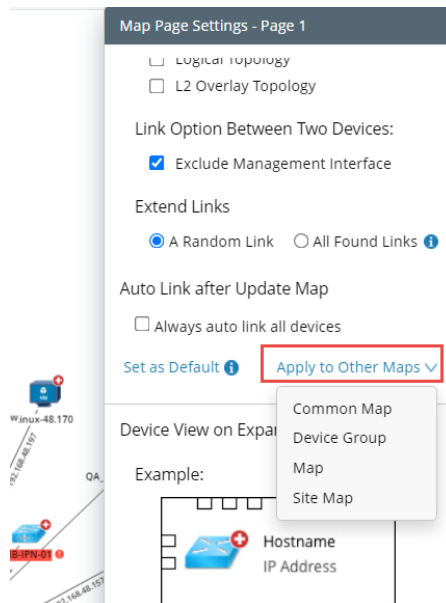
Refer to <https://github.com/NetBrainAPI/NetBrain-REST-API-R10.1> for details of new and updated APIs.

## 6.8 Other Improvements and Adjustments

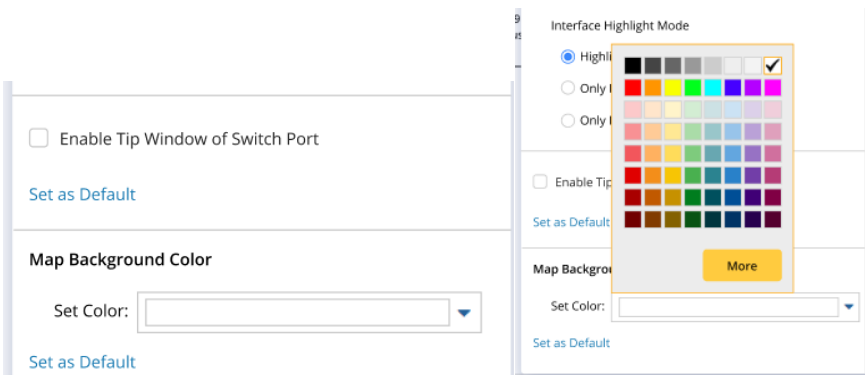
### 6.8.1 Other Map Improvements

Besides the personal map copy and reference map, v10.1 has the following map related improvements:

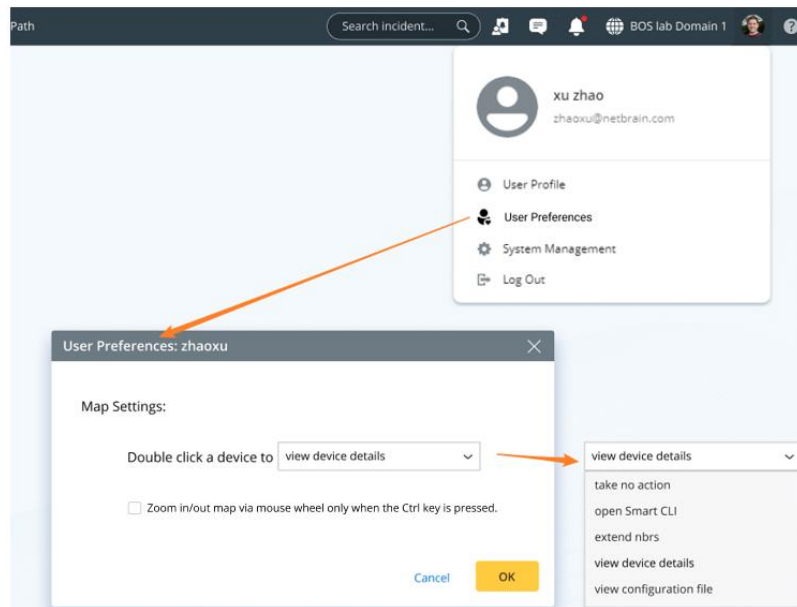
- In the **Map Page setting**, Add **Apply to Other Maps** so that users can bulk apply the settings to other maps.



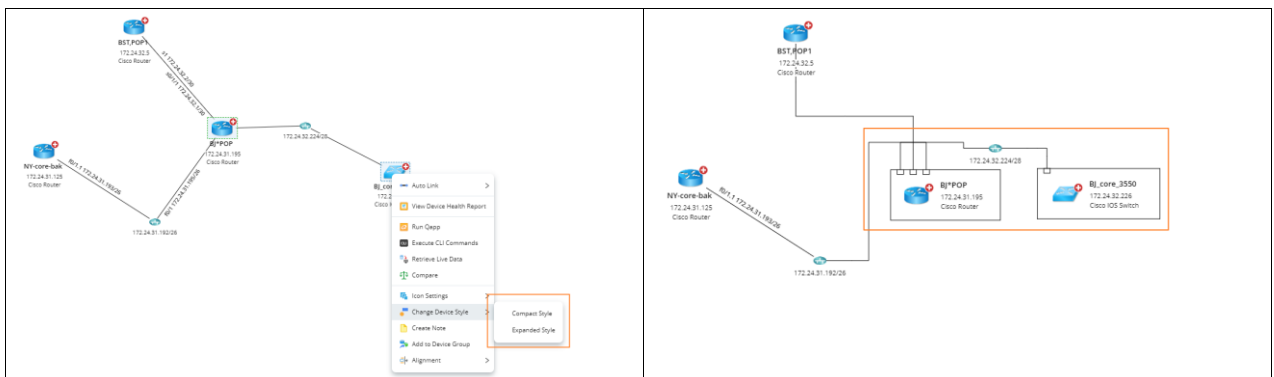
- Users can set the background color. White is the default color.



- Users can set up **User Preference** to define the behavior of double-clicking a device and whether scrolling the mouse wheel to zoom in/out a map requires pressing the **Ctrl** key.



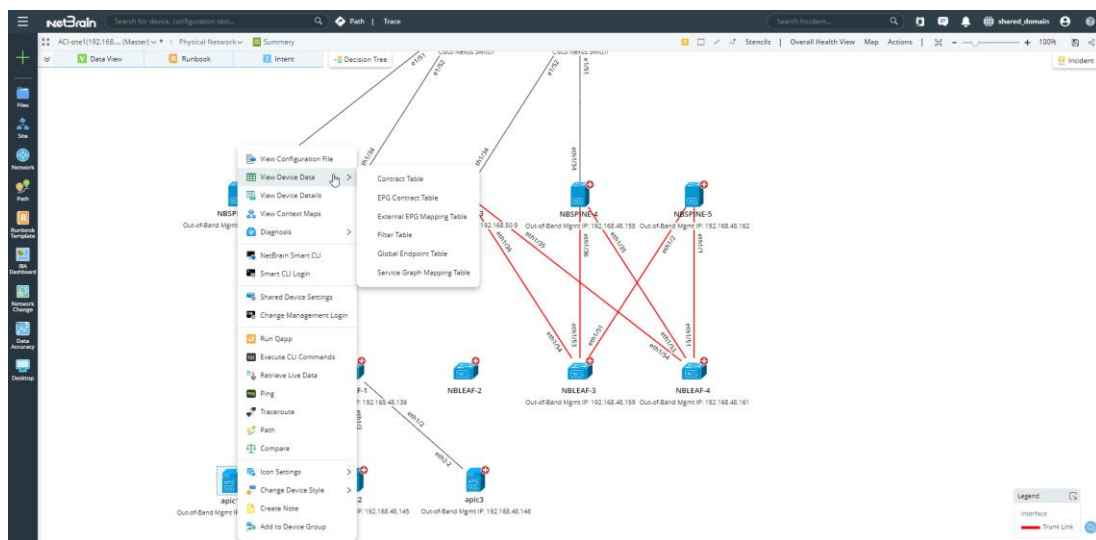
- Allow users to change the device style (compact or expanded) of the selected device(s) instead of all devices on the map.



- Users can decide whether to release editing rights when closing the map. This option will take effect at map level and applies to shared map/site map/device group map.

## 6.8.2 ACI Leaf Global NCT Moved To APIC

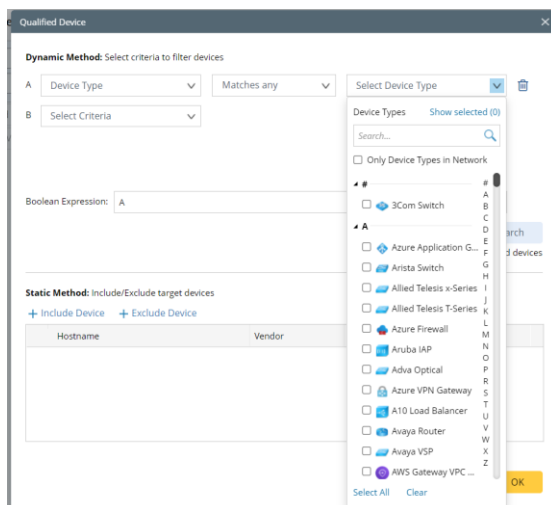
In.1, the ACI leaf global NCT will be moved to the APIC server, reducing redundant data storage. The user can view the Global Data Tables in Cisco ACI. Users can also view via View Device Data> Related NCTs in spine and leaf.



### 6.8.3 Select Device Type Improvements

The system now supports more than 200 device types, and sometimes it is not easy to locate a device type. Therefore, V10.1 makes the following improvements:

- all supported device types are sorted in numerical and alphabetical orders and add an option **Only Device Types in Network** so that only device types in the current domain will be displayed.



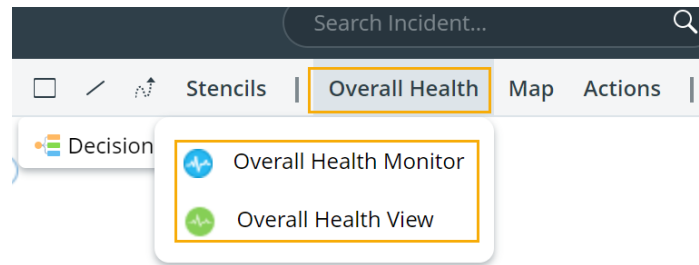
- Support searching device type with the keyword.
- Support switching between **Show selected** and **Show all**. While selecting the device type, the user can click **Show selected** to see what device types have been selected; afterward, the user can click **Show all** to continue the selection.

The screenshot shows a 'Qualified Device' dialog box with the following components:

- Dynamic Method:** Select criteria to filter devices.
  - Criteria A: Device Type (dropdown), Matches any (dropdown), Cisco IOS XR, Cisco Router (dropdown).
  - Criteria B: Select Criteria (dropdown).
  - Boolean Expression: A
- Static Method:** Include/Exclude target devices.
  - Buttons: + Include Device, + Exclude Device.
  - Table with columns: Hostname, Vendor.
- Device Types Panel:**
  - Search bar: cisco
  - Checkbox: Only Device Types in Network
  - List of device types:
    - ☒ Cisco IOS XR
    - ☒ Cisco Router
  - Buttons: Select All, Clear, OK.

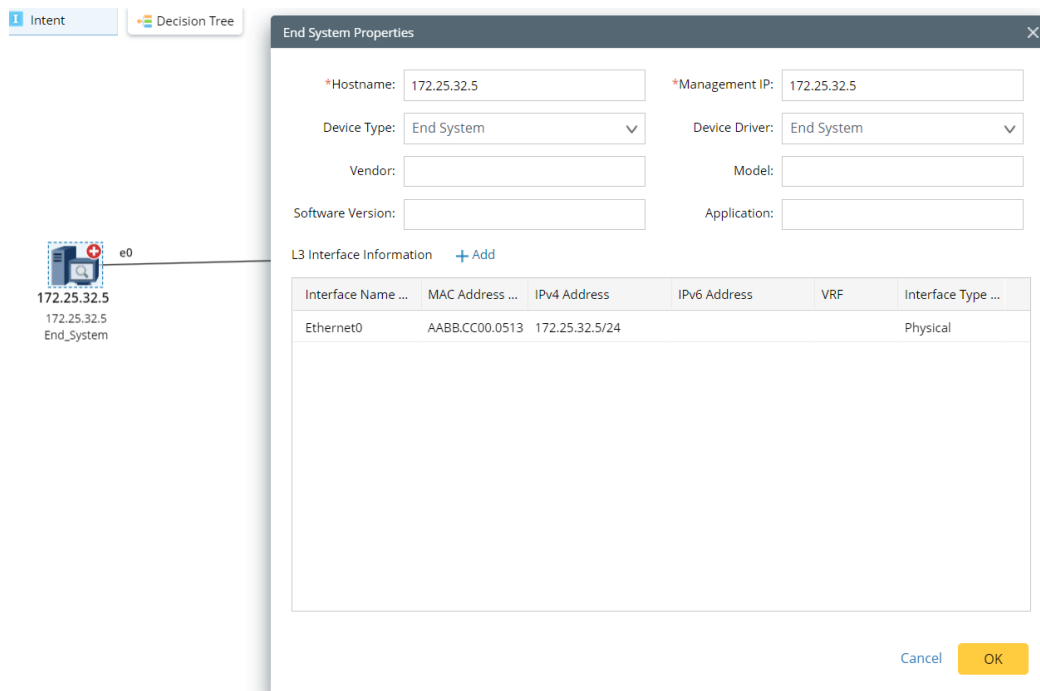
## 6.8.4 Overall Health Monitoring Adjustments

To avoid users' confusion, **Overall Health Monitoring** will be equal to **Overall Health View** (DVT), not including **Overall Health Monitor** (Qapp). Users can still use **Overall Health Monitor** Qapp as a general built-in Qapp.



## 6.8.5 Unknown End System Improvements

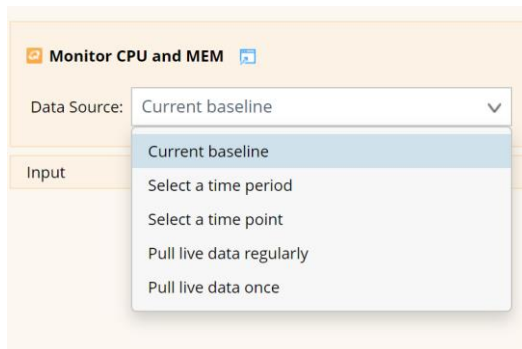
V10.1 allows users to resolve the DNS name or add an unknown IP as an end system directly from the map by setting its property.



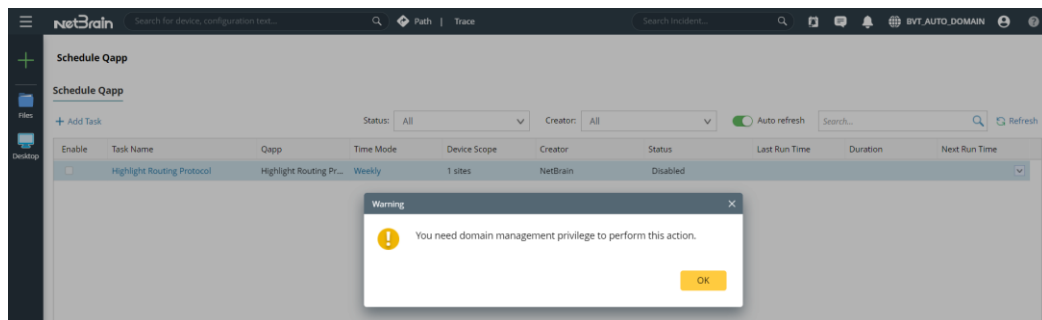
## 6.8.6 Qapp Improvements

V10.1 made the following improvements on Qapp:

- When defining Qapp, users can specify which data source(s) to apply and then set a specific data source as the default. So, the Qapp won't fail to run due to wrong data source selection, or users can directly run Qapp with its default data source.

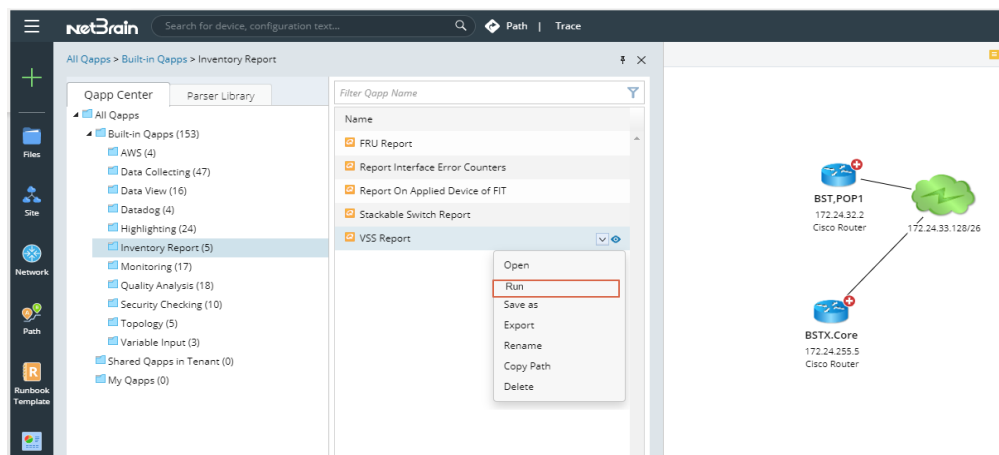


- End users can view Qapp task results from the **Schedule Qapp** page. He can select **Run Now**, view results, and **Export to CSV**. However, users must have domain management privilege to edit, disable/enable, delete tasks created by other users. And they cannot stop tasks currently run by other users.



- Users can select the current baseline as the data source to run the scheduled Qapp for compliance check and report.

- Allow users to run the Qapp directly from the Qapp Center. The Qapp will be added to the runbook and run.

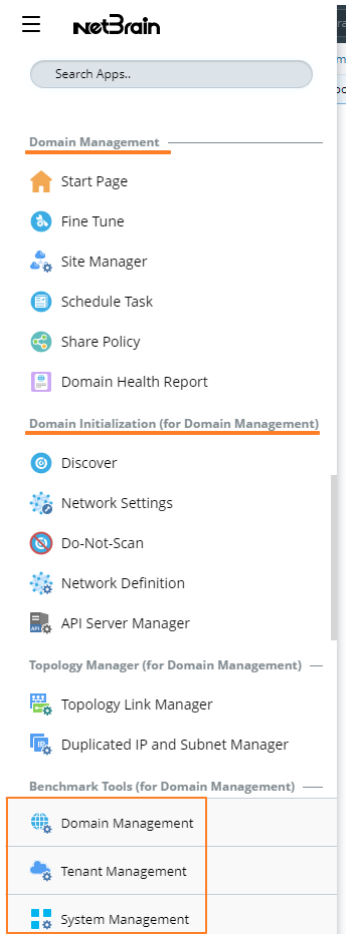


## 6.8.7 Admin UI Improvements

In the previous version, the domain admin, tenant, and system admin pages are hard to navigate. Especially, the operation drop-down menus have too many levels so that users cannot find the things. V10.1 made the following improvements:



- Add frequently used domain management functions in the start menu of the main UI and provide three links at the bottom of the start menu for the domain management page, current tenant management page, and system management page if the user has the corresponding privileges.



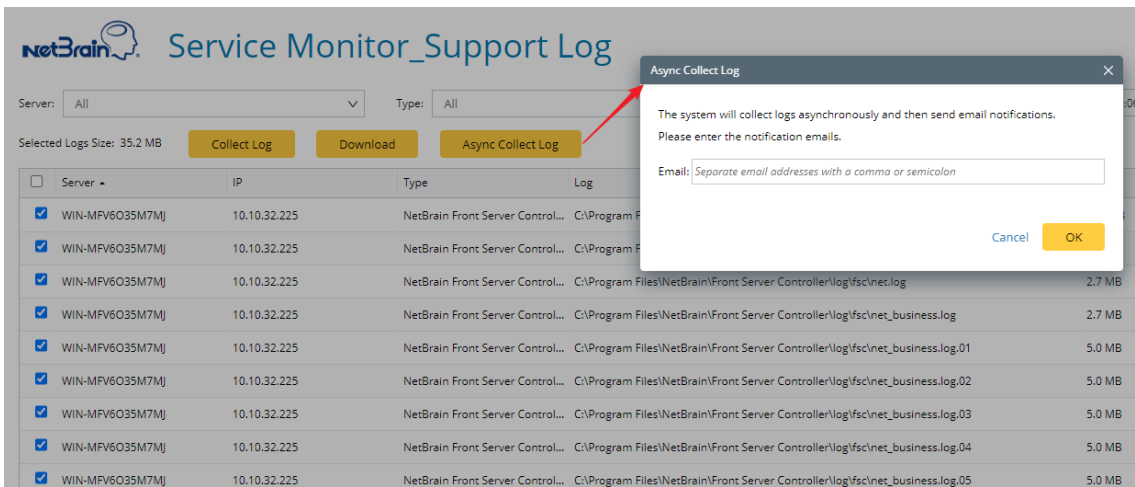
- The domain management start menu has all the functions in domain management and three links to Desktop (main UI), current tenant management page, and system management page.
- The system management start menu has all functions in system management and a link to any tenant management.
- The tenant management start menu has all functions in tenant management and includes a link to the system management.

### 6.8.8 Supported Operations of Device Type Adjustments

Some of the supported operations configured on the device type are no longer meaningful and removed from the definition. A new operator, Data Accuracy Wizard (DAW), is added. For example, the end system does not need to support the DAW function.

### 6.8.9 Service Monitor Improvements

The log collection of the service monitor may take a long time if the log is large. IEV10.1 adds an Async Collect Log button to allow users to enter an email address and be notified without waiting for the process to finish.



When the system finishes collecting the log, a notification will be sent to this email address. The users can click the link in the email to download logs.

## 6.8.10 Security Related Enhancements

- Added the support for Alma and Rocky Linux. Updates to CentOS are no longer supported, and so for kernel versions 8.5 and above, support for Alma and Rocky Linux was added for new OS updates (including security issues/vulnerabilities).
- Enhancements to automatic update/apply capabilities: security considerations included for IE update management.
- Improved password policy: new configurable password blacklist. Add two hardcode rules that the password must meet.

Password Policy

Minimum password length:  characters (8-128 characters)

Password must meet the following requirements:

- Includes uppercase letters (A - Z)
- Includes lowercase letters (a - z)
- Includes a number (0 - 9)
- Includes a non-alphabetic character (such as ! \$ # %)
- Can not contain 4 or more repeated characters (not case sensitive, ie. 1111, aaaa, aAAa)
- Can not contain 4 or more consecutive characters (not case sensitive, ie. 2345, abcd, DeFg)

Password cannot be same as username

Require password change at first login

☒ New password cannot be the same as any of the most recent  passwords

☒ New password can only contain at most 2 consecutive characters of the old one

☒ Password expires after  days

Password Blacklist: [+ Add](#)

No.	Blacklist Item
1	passw
2	test
3	netbrain
4	asdf
5	qwert

Save

- Updated the following 3<sup>rd</sup> party library:

Library Name	Previous version	New Version
Log4j2	2.11.1	2.17.1
JDK	11.0.9+11	11.0.14.1+1
Uri.js	1.19.6	1.19.8
Elasticsearch (C / S)	6.8.6 / 6.8.12	6.8.9 / 6.8.23
Urllib3	1.26.4	1.26.8
Redis	6.0.13	6.2.6
Follow redirects	1.5.10	1.14.7
Axios	0.19.2	0.25.0
HighCharts	8.2.2	9.2.2
MongoDB	4.0.20	4.0.28
RabbitMQ	3.8.16	3.8.19
Underscore	1.9.1	1.12.1
OpenSSL	1.1.1j	1.1.1l

## 7 Appendix

### 7.1 Version Compatibility and Upgrade

The following IE versions can be upgraded to v10.1:

- V10.0 and 10.0a
- V8.0, 8.01, 8.02, and 8.03
- V7.1, 7.1a, 7.1a1, 7.1a2 and 7.1a3
- V7.0b and 7.0b1

Due to the license adjustments, the license must be reactivated after upgrading to 10.1. Also, the benchmark data of v7.x cannot be used, and users must run a full benchmark after upgrading.

### 7.2 Performance Improvement

The test results on NetBrain lab show improvements of benchmark tasks compared with the prior version:

Test Scenario	V10.0a	V10.1
Benchmark 45,000 simulated devices	5 hours and 3 mins	2 hours and 54 mins
Build L2 topology of 45,000 simulated devices	1 hour and 2mins	31 mins
Build L3 topology of 45,000 simulated devices	31 mins	2 mins

Also, we compare the performance of Qapp and NI to implement the same function. The results show that NI is six times faster than Qapp.