

APPLICATION NOTE

Performing a Network
Assessment using Gluware

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OVERVIEW

Performing a network assessment is a recommended starting point for any project that involves equipment refresh planning, lifecycle management planning, network automation and many more initiatives that involve changes to the network infrastructure. It is critical to have current data regarding the inventory, configuration state and operational state before making changes.

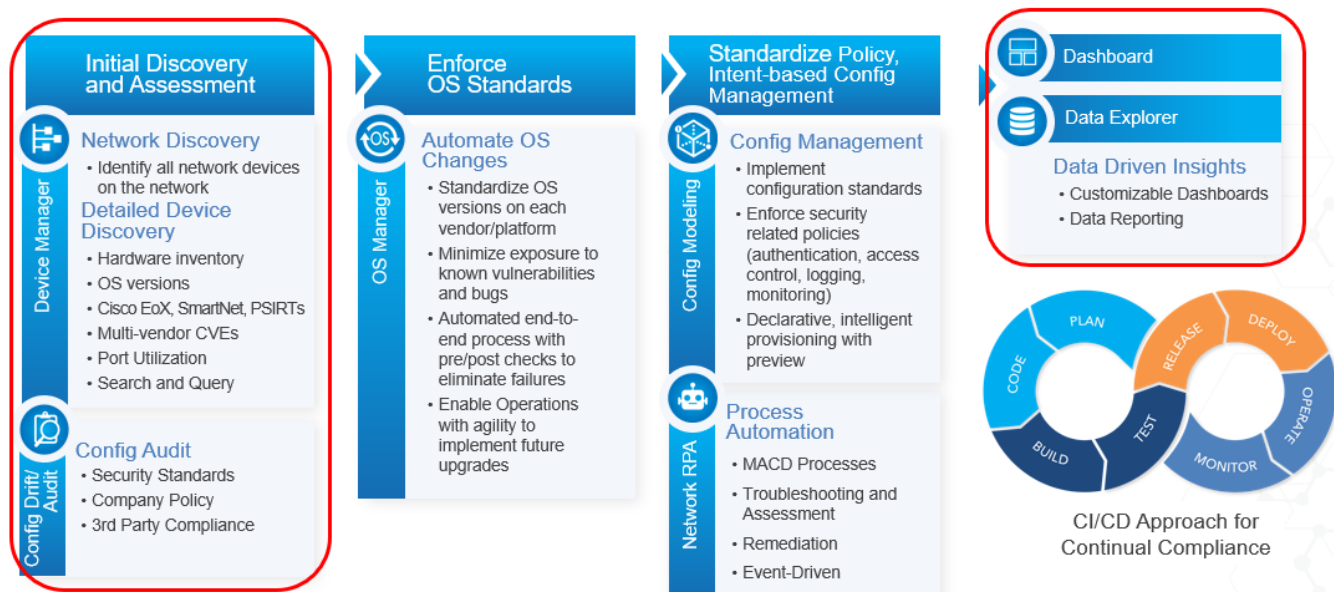


Figure 1 Gluware Approach / Roadmap to Automate Your Network

Following the Gluware approach to automate your network, *Figure 1*, this application note will focus on the first phase, Initial Discovery and Assessment, along with reporting using Dashboard and Data Explorer. Gluware provides an Intelligent Network Automation solution that includes a suite of applications enabling turn-key functionality for discovery, drift detection, config audit, OS management, config management, process automation, reporting and more.

PERFORMING A NETWORK ASSESSMENT USING GLUWARE

The purpose of the assessment will create unique and specific requirements for what details are needed to be captured. For example, if the goal is a hardware refresh, then it will mostly be concerned with the age of the equipment and if it is going end-of-life (EoL) or end-of-support (EoS) either at a hardware or software level. Another example is if the purpose of the assessment is to enhance the security of the network, then the assessment will need to identify known vendor issues including Cisco PSIRTs and NIST CVEs along with specific security features and how they are configured. Since the purpose of the assessment can vary greatly, it is critical to have the capabilities and flexibility to meet the requirement of many diverse needs.

Gluware provides a solution that can accelerate the ability to perform the audit including the flexibility to capture the required data and perform an assessment of the inventory, config and operational state. The Gluware application suite provides out-of-the-box functionality with no coding required to accelerate the ability to perform initial and ongoing assessments.

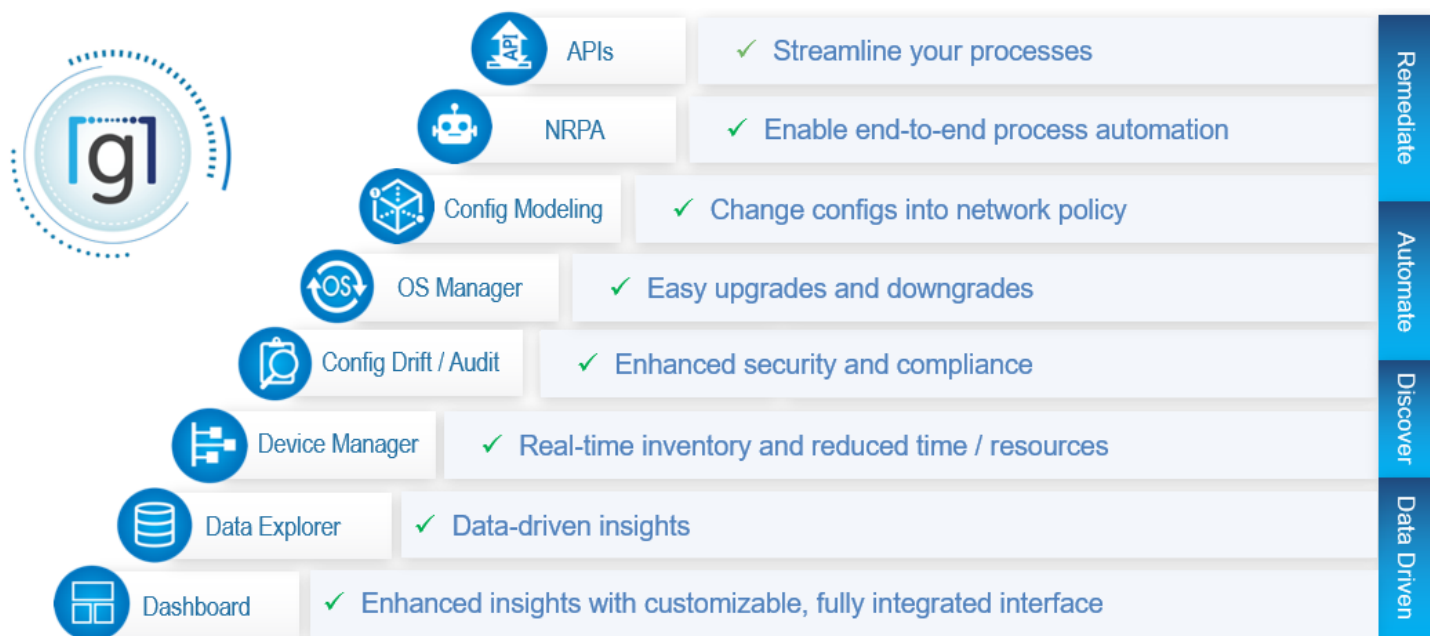


Figure 2 Gluware Intelligent Network Automation App Suite

In the Roadmap to Automate Your Network, *Figure 1*, the network assessment phase will make use of several applications in the suite including:

- Gluware Device Manager
 - Perform network discovery
 - Perform detailed device discovery
- Gluware Config and Audit
 - Perform standards-based configuration audit
 - Perform security standards audits (like CIS benchmarks)
- Gluware Topology
 - Assess visualization of the network diagram from global to site specific level
 - Generate site diagrams
- Gluware Ad-hoc Query and Config Modeling
 - Perform operational state assessment with ad-hoc query in Device Manager
 - Perform operational state assessment verification with Config Modeling
- Gluware Dashboard and Data Explorer
 - Generate dashboards to visualize data
 - Generate reports with Data Explorer

NETWORK DISCOVERY

The recommended first step in performing a network assessment is to have a detailed and accurate inventory of exactly what is connected to and running in the network. The Gluware Device Manager application provides the ability to execute a network discovery using a seeded device and network credentials. Via SSH or Telnet access, Gluware interrogates the devices ARP/CDP/LLDP tables to see the connected neighbors then crawls through the network hop-by-hop to capture all devices running in the network.

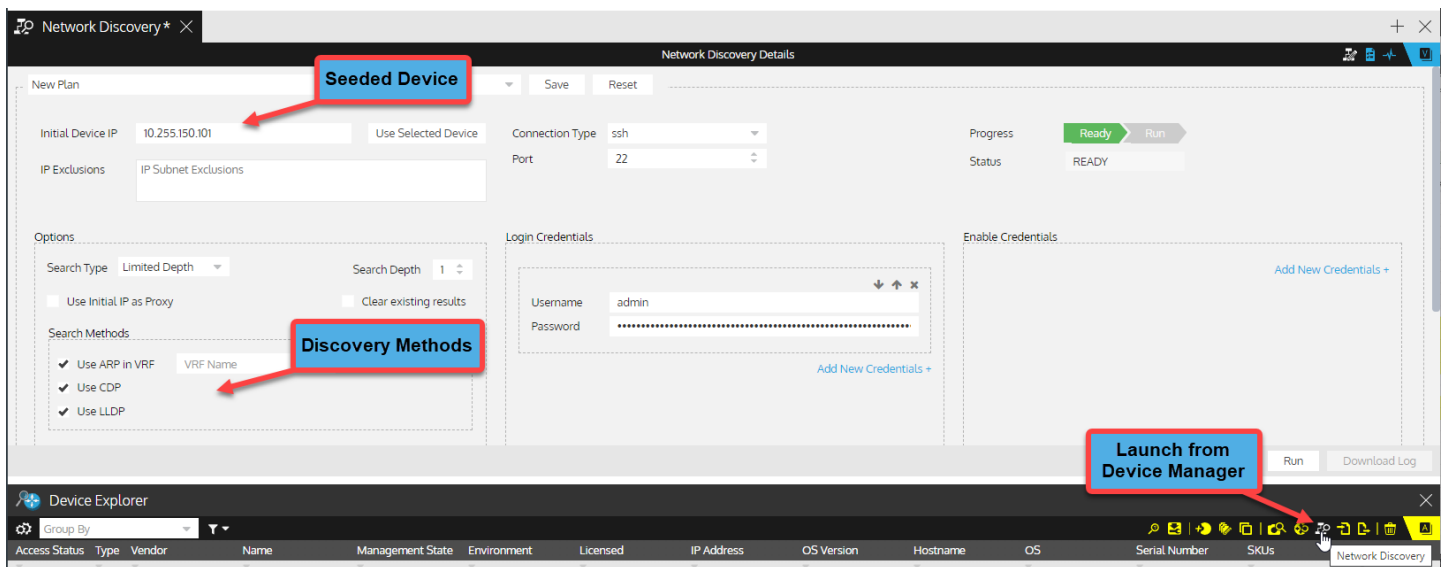


Figure 3 Gluware Network Discovery in Device Manager App

Network Discovery

Network Discovery Results

5 Discovered Devices

Progress:

Ready

Run

Status: COMPLETE

Type	Name	IP Address	Vendor	MAC Address	Source	Hostname	SKU	Serial	Level	Element Count	Discovery Status	Inventory State	Neighbor Count	Discovered On	Log
<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	csr1	10.255.150.101	Cisco	0050.56ad.e22f.0...	INITIAL	csr1	CSR1000V	9QY48V2860N	0	1	DISCOVERED	KNOWN	8	9/12/2022 2:17:24 PM	<div></div>
		10.255.150.1		0050.56ad.081b	ARP				1		ERROR	ERROR	0	9/12/2022 2:17:43 PM	<div></div>
		10.255.150.99		0050.569a.3bc9	ARP				1		ERROR	ERROR	0	9/12/2022 2:17:45 PM	<div></div>
		10.255.150.100		0050.56ad.81e4	ARP				1		ERROR	ERROR	0	9/12/2022 2:17:45 PM	<div></div>
<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	csr152	10.255.150.152	Cisco	0050.56ad.bdda	ARP	csr152	CSR1000V	9IIVET13OZ	1	1	DISCOVERED	KNOWN	5	9/12/2022 2:17:46 PM	<div></div>
<div><div></div><div></div></div>	csr153	10.255.150.153	Cisco	0050.56ad.1a6a	ARP	csr153	CSR1000V	9JIT9MM6DRY	1	1	DISCOVERED	KNOWN	5	9/12/2022 2:17:47 PM	<div></div>
<div><div></div><div></div></div>	csr154	10.255.150.154	Cisco	0050.56ad.4a05	ARP	csr154	CSR1000V	9SGF4643BOL	1	1	DISCOVERED	KNOWN	5	9/12/2022 2:17:47 PM	<div></div>
<div><div></div><div></div></div>	csr155	10.255.150.155	Cisco	0050.56ad.15de	ARP	csr155	CSR1000V	9JUT6CB0AI	1	1	DISCOVERED	KNOWN	6	9/12/2022 2:17:48 PM	<div></div>
<div><div></div></div>		10.255.150.205		0050.569a.7d47	ARP				2		ERROR	ERROR	0	9/12/2022 2:18:11 PM	<div></div>

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Hide Known Devices

Run

Import Selection

Download

Figure 4 Gluware Network Discovery Results

Use the Network Discovery Results to:

- ✓ Identify and resolve any network reachability or credential issues.
- ✓ Compare the identified network inventory to any existing documents and identify differences.
- ✓ Download and export the list to be able to use the MAC OUI to identify endpoint vendors.
- ✓ Import all network devices into Gluware Device Manager for continued assessment.

DETAILED DEVICE DISCOVERY

The next step recommended in the assessment process is to complete a detailed device inventory that captures the hardware, operating system and operational state details. The Gluware Device Manager app performs a device detect and deep discovery identifying the vendor, OS and additional details about the hardware, OS version and operating state. The device data is stored in an internal database. That data is available in several ways including the Device Explorer grid, the device details view, the Dashboard view and Data Explorer reports. The Device Explorer grid supports searching, sorting, filtering and more to help assess the data.

Device Explorer															
Group By															
Access Status	Type	Vendor	Name	Management State	Environment	Licensed	IP Address	OS Version	Hostname	OS	Serial Number	SKUs	Up Time	Discovered Status	Discovered By
		Cisco	3650 SW	Managed	Production	Yes	65.74.132.151	16.6.8	c3650-podv2-01	IOS/IOS XE	FD01930E103	WS-C3650-24TS-L	76:03:49:00		mhaugh
		Arista	arista-vEOS	Managed	Production	Yes	10.255.150.105	4.21.11	veos1	EOS	0050.5679.731A	veOS	135:01:00:00		mhaugh
		HPE	Aruba CX	Managed	Production	Yes	10.255.150.126	10.04.3000	aruba05-CX	ArubaOS-CX	0VA86A66E	ABC123	135:01:18:00		mhaugh
		Cisco	ASAv	Managed	Production	Yes	10.255.150.112	9.13(8)	ciscoasa	ASA	9Aa93TMEFDG	ASAv	135:01:00:00		mhaugh
		FS	BIG-IP Virtual Edition	Managed	Production	Yes	10.255.150.102	13.1.0.3	bigip	Glueware Lab	422DB858-0931-B	BIG-IP Virtual Edit...			mhaugh
		Cisco	Cisco csr1	Managed	Production/Test	Yes	10.255.150.101	16.12.1a	csr1	IOS/IOS XE	9C9Y4B/Z860N	CSR1000V	135:01:20:00		mhaugh
		Cisco	Cisco csr152	Managed	Production/Test	Yes	10.255.150.152	16.12.1a	csr152	IOS/IOS XE	9MVEV1730Z	CSR1000V	135:01:10:00		mhaugh
		Cisco	Cisco csr153	Managed	Production/Test	Yes	10.255.150.153	16.12.1a	csr153	IOS/IOS XE	9J1TPMAGDRY	CSR1000V	135:01:10:00		mhaugh
		Cisco	Cisco csr154	Managed	Production/Test	Yes	10.255.150.154	16.12.1a	csr154	IOS/IOS XE	95GF4443BOL	CSR1000V	135:01:10:00		mhaugh
		Cisco	Cisco csr155	Managed	Production/Test	Yes	10.255.150.155	16.12.1a	csr155	IOS/IOS XE	9JUTC6CB04I	CSR1000V	135:01:10:00		mhaugh
		Check Point	Gateway	Managed	Production	Yes	10.255.150.106	R80.30	gw-16372d	GAIA	APPLIANCE	VMware Virtual Pla...			mhaugh
		Juniper	juniper-vSRX	Managed	Production	Yes	10.255.150.104	17.3R2.10	juniper-vSRX	Junos OS	FE2975F9BC6D	vSRX	52:15:46:00		mhaugh
		Cisco	n9000v	Managed	Production	Yes	10.255.150.113	9.3(1)	nexus9kv	NX-OS	9JNKKMUNXAZ	N9K-9000v	89:01:03:17		mhaugh
		Cisco	Nexus 9000v	Managed	Production	Yes	10.255.150.113	9.3(1)	nexus9kv	NX-OS	9JNKKMUNXAZ	N9K-9000v	135:01:23:05		mhaugh
		Arista	vEOS	Managed	Production	Yes	10.255.150.105	4.21.11	veos1	EOS	0050.5679.731A	veOS	135:01:00:00		mhaugh
		Juniper	vMX (vcp)	Managed	Production	Yes	10.255.150.114	16.1R2.11	vmt1	Junos OS	VMSDBPEF68RD	vMX	135:01:22:00		mhaugh
		AIO	vThunder	Managed	Production	Yes	10.255.150.109	4.0.1 build 214	vthunder1	ACOS	N/A	AXVThunder	135:01:21:00		mhaugh
		Cisco	Wireless Controller	Managed	Production	Yes	10.255.150.107	8.9 m.0	vwlc1	AireOS	9DAPMA2C073	AIR-CTVMX9			mhaugh
		VM00	Managed	Production	Yes	10.255.150.103									mhaugh
		juniper-vQFX10000	Managed	Production	Yes	10.255.150.122									mhaugh

Figure 5 Gluware Device Explorer in Device Manager App

3650 SW

Device Details

Vendor

Cisco

Type

Switch (Campus)

Hostname

c3650-podv2-01

OS

IOS/IOS XE

OS Version

16.6.8

Serial

FD01930E103

SKUs

WS-C3650-24TS-L

Up Time

76:03:49:00

Elements

1

Switchports Total

25

Switchports Used

18

Switchports Free

7

Switchports Used %

72

Switchports Free %

28

Stack

ID	SKU	Version	Primary	Serial Number
1	WS-C3650-24TS-L	16.6.8	true	FD01930E103

Components

Power Supply	Description	SKU	Serial Number	Path	Type
	Switch 1 - Power Supply A	PWR-C2-250WAC	DCB947D150	A	psu

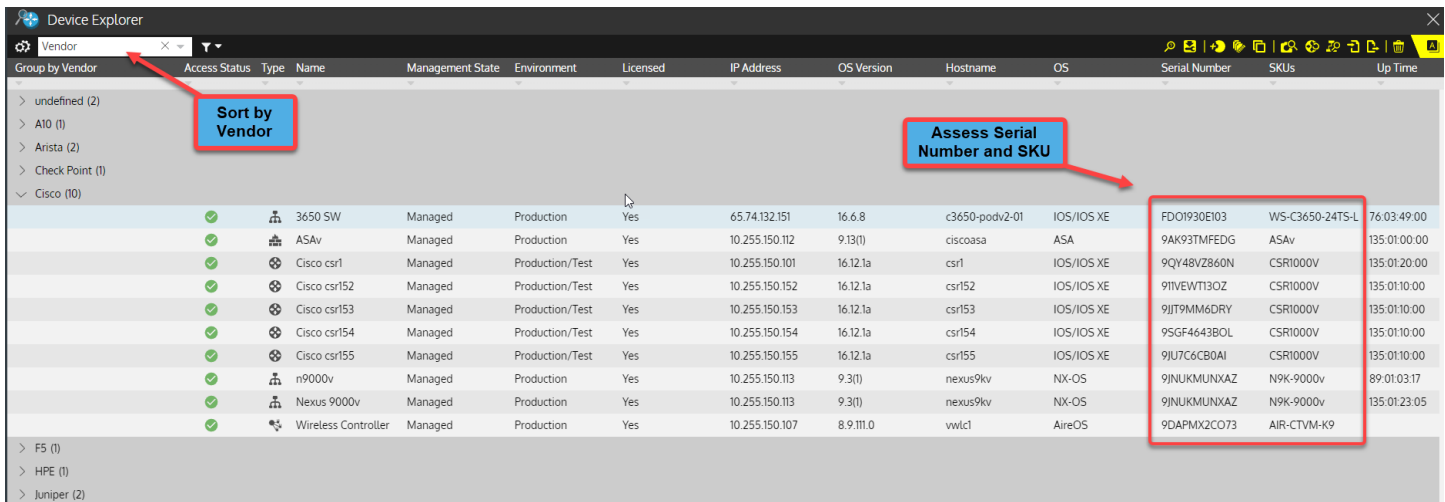
Figure 6 Detailed Device View in the Device Manager App

Use the Device Discovery Results to:

- ✓ Assess the hardware inventory including vendor, model, SKUs, and components
- ✓ Assess the OS versions running in the network
- ✓ Leverage the Cisco API integration to assess SmartNet status, EoX, and PSIRTs (security vulnerabilities)
- ✓ Leverage the NIST API integration to assess multi-vendor CVEs (security vulnerabilities)

Hardware Inventory

Use Device Manager to assess each vendor and understand exactly what platforms are running in your network. Dive deeper into the platform components like line cards, power supplies and more.



The screenshot shows the 'Device Explorer' window with a table of network devices. The table is sorted by vendor, as indicated by the 'Sort by Vendor' annotation. The 'Serial Number' and 'SKU' columns are highlighted with a red box and an annotation 'Assess Serial Number and SKU'.

Group by Vendor	Access Status	Type	Name	Management State	Environment	Licensed	IP Address	OS Version	Hostname	OS	Serial Number	SKUs	Up Time
> undefined (2)													
> A10 (1)													
> Arista (2)													
> Check Point (1)													
> Cisco (10)													
	✓	3650 SW	Managed	Production	Yes	65.74.132.151	16.6.8	c3650-podv2-01	IOS/IOS XE		FDO1930E103	WS-C3650-24TS-L	76:03:49:00
	✓	ASAv	Managed	Production	Yes	10.255.150.112	9.13(1)	ciscoasa	ASA		9AK93TMFEDG	ASAv	135:01:00:00
	✓	Cisco csr1	Managed	Production/Test	Yes	10.255.150.101	16.12.1a	csr1	IOS/IOS XE		9QY48VZ860N	CSR1000V	135:01:20:00
	✓	Cisco csr152	Managed	Production/Test	Yes	10.255.150.152	16.12.1a	csr152	IOS/IOS XE		911VEWT130Z	CSR1000V	135:01:10:00
	✓	Cisco csr153	Managed	Production/Test	Yes	10.255.150.153	16.12.1a	csr153	IOS/IOS XE		911T9MM6DRY	CSR1000V	135:01:10:00
	✓	Cisco csr154	Managed	Production/Test	Yes	10.255.150.154	16.12.1a	csr154	IOS/IOS XE		95GF4643BOL	CSR1000V	135:01:10:00
	✓	Cisco csr155	Managed	Production/Test	Yes	10.255.150.155	16.12.1a	csr155	IOS/IOS XE		91U7C6CB0AI	CSR1000V	135:01:10:00
	✓	n9000v	Managed	Production	Yes	10.255.150.113	9.3(1)	nexus9kv	NX-OS		91NUKMUNXAZ	N9K-9000v	89:01:03:17
	✓	Nexus 9000v	Managed	Production	Yes	10.255.150.113	9.3(1)	nexus9kv	NX-OS		91NUKMUNXAZ	N9K-9000v	135:01:23:05
	✓	Wireless Controller	Managed	Production	Yes	10.255.150.107	8.9.111.0	vwlc1	AireOS		9DAPMX2C073	AIR-CTVM-K9	
> FS (1)													
> HPE (1)													
> Juniper (2)													

Figure 7 Use Device Explorer Sort, Search and Filter to Assess Hardware

Operating System

Use Device Manager to assess each vendor operating system (OS) and assess if standards have been implemented and enforced. Non-standard operating systems will result in security vulnerabilities and inconsistencies in features and performance.

Device Explorer

Group By

Assess Vendor OS Versions

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Figure 8 Use Device Explorer to Assess the Vendor Operating Systems

Cisco Support API Integration

Gluware provides integration with the [Cisco Support API](#) to provide value added assessments that include end-of-life/end-of-sales (EoX), SmartNet status, PSIRT information and more. The seven API calls Gluware integrates with include:

1. Hello API
2. EOX V5 API
3. Product info API 1.0
4. Serial Number to Information API Version 2
5. Automated Software Distribution
6. Software Suggestion API V2
7. Cisco PSIRT openVuln API

3650 SW X

EOX Bulletin

Name: 3650 SW
 Description: Not Available
 Product ID: WS-C3650-24TS-L
 Product Description: Cisco Catalyst 3650 24 Port Data 4x1G Uplink LAN Base
 Bulletin Number: [EOL13617](#)
 Announcement Date: 10/31/2020

Product EoX Information

EoX	End of Sale (EoS)	End of Software Maintenance Release (EoSMR)	End of Security Support (EoSS)	End of Routine Failure Analysis (EoRFA)	End of Contract Renewal (EoCR)	Last Date of Support (LDS)	End of Service Attachment (EoSA)
	10/31/2021	10/31/2022	10/30/2024	10/31/2022	1/29/2026	10/31/2026	10/31/2022

Component EoX Information

Product ID	Description	Bulletin Number	Announcem...	EoS	EoSMR	EoSS	EoRFA	EoCR	LDS	EoSA
WS-C3650-24T...	Cisco Catalyst 3650 24 Port Data 4x1G U...	EOL13617	10/30/2020	10/30/2021	10/30/2022	10/30/2020	10/30/2020	1/28/2026	10/30/2026	10/30/2022
PWR-C2-250W...	250W AC Config 2 Power Supply Spare	EOL13617	10/30/2020	10/30/2021	10/30/2022	10/30/2020	10/30/2020	1/28/2026	10/30/2026	10/30/2022

Figure 9 Device Manager Cisco API Integration for EoX Information

3650 SW X

Assess Cisco PSIRTs

Advisory Summary

Criticality	Advisory ID	Source	First Found	Title	First Fixed	CVEs
Critical	cisco-sa-aaa-Yx47ZT8Q	Cisco	9/22/2021 4:00:00 PM	Cisco IOS XE Software NETCONF and RESTCONF Authentica...	16.6.10	CVE-2021-1619
High	cisco-sa-appnav-xe-dos-j5MXTR4	Cisco	4/13/2022 11:00:00 PM	Cisco IOS XE Software AppNav-XE Denial of Service Vulnera...	16.12.6	CVE-2022-20678
High	cisco-sa-ncossh-dos-ZAkfOdq8	Cisco	4/13/2022 4:00:00 PM	Cisco IOS XE Software NETCONF Over SSH Denial of Servic...	16.12.7	CVE-2022-20692
High	cisco-sa-c9800-snmp-trap-dos-mjent3Ey	Cisco	4/13/2022 4:00:00 PM	Cisco IOS XE Wireless Controller Software for the Catalyst 9...	16.12.3	CVE-2022-20684
High	cisco-sa-ratenat-pYVLA7wM	Cisco	9/22/2021 4:00:00 PM	Cisco IOS XE Software Rate Limiting Network Address Trans...	16.6.10	CVE-2021-1624
High	cisco-sa-fxo-pattern-bypass-jUXgygYv	Cisco	9/22/2021 4:00:00 PM	Cisco IOS and IOS XE Software FXO Interface Destination Pa...	16.6.9	CVE-2021-34705
High	cisco-sa-quewedge-69BsHUBW	Cisco	9/22/2021 4:00:00 PM	Cisco IOS XE Software Interface Queue Wedge Denial of Ser...	16.6.9	CVE-2021-1621
High	cisco-sa-ikev2-ebFrwMPPr	Cisco	9/22/2021 4:00:00 PM	Cisco IOS and IOS XE Software IKEv2 AutoReconnect Featur...	16.6.10	CVE-2021-1620
High	cisco-sa-trustsec-dos-7fuXDR2	Cisco	9/22/2021 4:00:00 PM	Cisco IOS and IOS XE Software TrustSec CLI Parser Denial of...	16.6.10	CVE-2021-34699
High	cisco-sa-iosxe-decnet-dos-cuPWDkyl	Cisco	3/24/2021 4:00:00 PM	Cisco IOS XE Software DECnet Phase IV/OSI Denial of Servic...	16.6.9	CVE-2021-1352
High	cisco-sa-ios-xe-cat-verify-RO5hrXnH	Cisco	3/24/2021 4:00:00 PM	Cisco IOS XE Software for the Catalyst 9000 Family Arbitrar...	16.6.9	CVE-2021-1453

Figure 10 Use Device Manager to Assess Cisco PSIRTs (Security Vulnerabilities)

SmartNet Details

Name: 3650 SW

Description: Not Available

Active: **NO**

Contract Number: Not Available

Contract End: Not Available

Contact Information

Customer Name: Not Available

Address: Not Available

City: Not Available

State/Province: Not Available

Country: Not Available

Service Description: Not Available

Figure 11 Use Device Manager to Assess Cisco SmartNet Status

NIST API Integration

Gluware provides integration with [NIST National Vulnerability Database](#) via APIs to capture multi-vendor Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVEs). This information can help in the assessment of the running operating system and if a configuration work-around or upgrade is required to eliminate exposure to a known vendor vulnerability.

Assess NIST CVEs

Criticality	Advisory ID	Source	First Found	Title	First Fixed	CVEs
Critical	CVE-2020-10188	NIST	3/6/2020 7:15:00 AM	utility.c in telnetd in netkit telnet through 0.17 allows remote ...		CVE-2020-10188
High	CVE-2021-28500	NIST	1/14/2022 12:15:00 PM	An issue has recently been discovered in Arista EOS where the incorrect use of EOS's AAA API's by the OpenConfig and TerminAttr agents could result in unrestricted access to the device for local users with nopassword configuration.		CVE-2021-28500
High	CVE-2020-15897	NIST	10/26/2020 9:15:00 AM	Arista EOS before 4.21.12M, 4.23.x before 4.23.1, and 4.23.x before 4.23.1 can panic upon an attack.		CVE-2020-15897
High	CVE-2019-17596	NIST	10/24/2019 3:15:00 PM	Go before 1.12.11 and 1.3.x before 1.3.1 can panic upon an attack.		CVE-2019-17596
High	CVE-2018-5254	NIST	4/12/2018 2:29:00 PM	Arista EOS before 4.20.2F and 4.20.2F before 4.20.2F can panic upon an attack.		CVE-2018-5254
Medium	CVE-2018-14008	NIST	8/15/2019 10:15:00 AM	Arista EOS through 4.21.0F and 4.21.0F before 4.21.0F can panic upon an attack.		CVE-2018-14008
Medium	CVE-2018-5255	NIST	3/5/2018 10:29:00 AM	The Mlag agent in Arista EOS before 4.20.2F and 4.20.2F before 4.20.2F can panic upon an attack.		CVE-2018-5255

Advisory Summary

Advisory ID: CVE-2021-28500

Summary: An issue has recently been discovered in Arista EOS where the incorrect use of EOS's AAA API's by the OpenConfig and TerminAttr agents could result in unrestricted access to the device for local users with nopassword configuration.

CVEs: CVE-2021-28500

Bug IDs:

Figure 12 Use Device Manager to Assess NIST Multi-Vendor CVEs

CONFIGURATION AUDIT

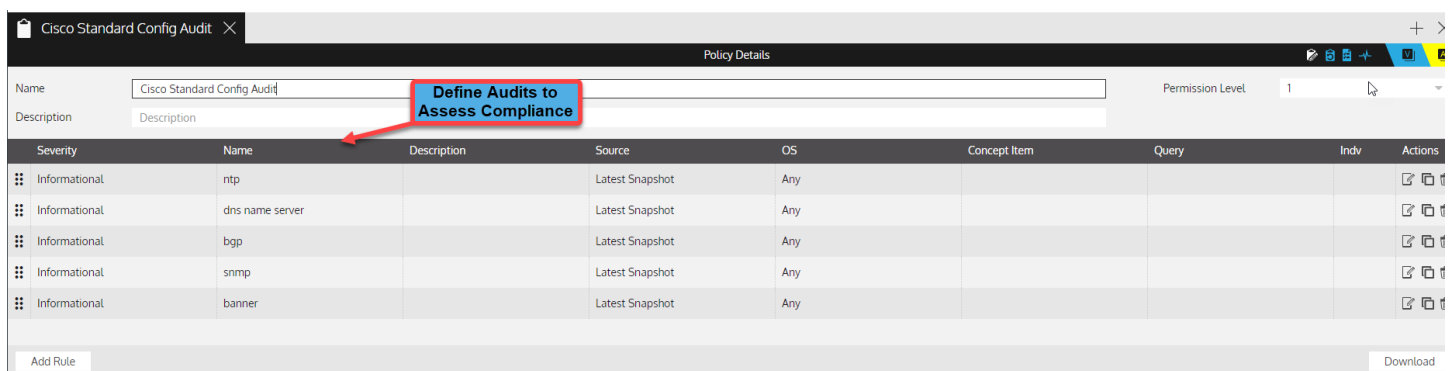
The third major phase recommended in an assessment is to evaluate device configurations for company standards, external compliance and security standards. The Gluware Config Drift and Audit app enables users to execute multi-vendor, multi-platform audits without any coding required. Users can easily define audits for company policy, ad-hoc policy and standards-based policies. Audit policies can be comprised of multiple rules defining required or forbidden configuration statements. Audit rules are built using native vendor CLI along with RegEx supported for configuration policy. Audits can be run network-wide, or on a specific set of devices and can be manually run, triggered, or scheduled. Results are available in the UI and can be downloaded in csv format.

Use Audits to assess configurations for:

- ✓ Standard company policies
- ✓ 3rd party compliance audits
- ✓ Security standard audits

Audit for Standard Configs

Enterprise IT typically has “gold standard” configurations, or at least configuration standard snippets for specific configuration components like banner, AAA, DNS, NTP, Routing, QoS and more. Gluware users can easily build audit policies to assess the device configurations and highlight any violations.



The screenshot shows the 'Cisco Standard Config Audit' interface. At the top, there's a 'Policy Details' section with fields for 'Name' (Cisco Standard Config Audit), 'Description', and 'Permission Level' (1). A red box highlights a button labeled 'Define Audits to Assess Compliance'. Below this is a table with columns: Severity, Name, Description, Source, OS, Concept Item, Query, Indv, and Actions. The table contains five rows of audit rules, all with 'Informational' severity and 'Latest Snapshot' source. The rules are for ntp, dns name server, bgp, snmp, and banner configurations. At the bottom, there are 'Add Rule' and 'Download' buttons.

Severity	Name	Description	Source	OS	Concept Item	Query	Indv	Actions
Informational	ntp		Latest Snapshot	Any				
Informational	dns name server		Latest Snapshot	Any				
Informational	bgp		Latest Snapshot	Any				
Informational	snmp		Latest Snapshot	Any				
Informational	banner		Latest Snapshot	Any				

Figure 13 Use Config Drift and Audit to Assess Configurations

Cisco Standard Config Audit X

<< Details Rule Details

Name: dns name server Severity: Informational

Description: Description

Source: Latest Snapshot OS: Any Concept Item:

Scope: Scope

☐ Evaluate each result of the filter individually

☒ Simple ☐ IF...THEN ☐ IF...THEN...ELSE

AND OR

must contain (regex) ip name-server 10.1.255.53 10.1.155.53

Add rule Add group Delete

Figure 14 Create No-Code Audit Rules to Assess Device Configurations

Security Audits (CIS Benchmarks)

Improving the security posture of network infrastructure is a top priority across Enterprise IT. Leveraging standard security best practices like those defined by NIST, CIS and others are generally a good starting point. Gluware provides example audits including CIS benchmarks to help accelerate this process. Custom security audits can also easily be defined using the Config Drift and Audit app.

CIS - Cisco IOS 16 Benchmark (Part 1) X

Policy Details

Name: CIS - Cisco IOS 16 Benchmark (Part 1)

Description: This Audit Policy is created based on CIS v1.1.0 - 09-09-2020

Severity	Name	Description	Source	OS
Informational	1.1.1 Enable 'aaa new-model'	This command enable	Latest Snapshot	IOS/IOS XE
Informational	1.1.2 Enable 'aaa authentication login'	Sets authentication, al	Latest Snapshot	IOS/IOS XE
Informational	1.1.3 Enable 'aaa authentication enable default'	Authenticates users w	Latest Snapshot	IOS/IOS XE
Informational	1.1.4 Set 'login authentication for 'line con 0'	Authenticates users w	Latest Snapshot	IOS/IOS XE
Informational	1.1.5 Set 'login authentication for 'line tty'	Authenticates users w	Latest Snapshot	IOS/IOS XE
Informational	1.1.6 Set 'login authentication for 'line vty'	Authenticates users w	Latest Snapshot	IOS/IOS XE
Informational	1.1.7 Set 'login authentication for 'ip http'	If account managemen	Latest Snapshot	IOS/IOS XE
Informational	1.1.8 Set 'aaa accounting' to log all privileged use commands using '...	Runs accounting for al	Latest Snapshot	IOS/IOS XE
Informational	1.1.9 Set 'aaa accounting connection'	Provides information a	Latest Snapshot	IOS/IOS XE
Informational	1.1.10 Set 'aaa accounting exec'	Runs accounting for th	Latest Snapshot	IOS/IOS XE
Informational	1.1.11 Set 'aaa accounting network'	Runs accounting for al	Latest Snapshot	IOS/IOS XE
Informational	1.1.12 Set 'aaa accounting system'	Performs accounting f	Latest Snapshot	IOS/IOS XE

Figure 15 Use Config Drift and Audit to Run CIS Benchmarks to Assess Security

NETWORK VISUALIZATION AND SITE DIAGRAMS

The fourth phase in a typical assessment is to evaluate the topology including physical and logical relationships of network devices. Gluware Topology provides network diagramming and documentation ideal for use in assessing a network. Diagrams are automatically rendered and updated with Gluware's powerful device and network discovery capabilities previously described in the Device Manager app.

Typical Network Assessments Use Gluware Topology to:

- ✓ Visualize the network
- ✓ Assess the network from the global level to the site specific level
- ✓ Generate Site Diagrams

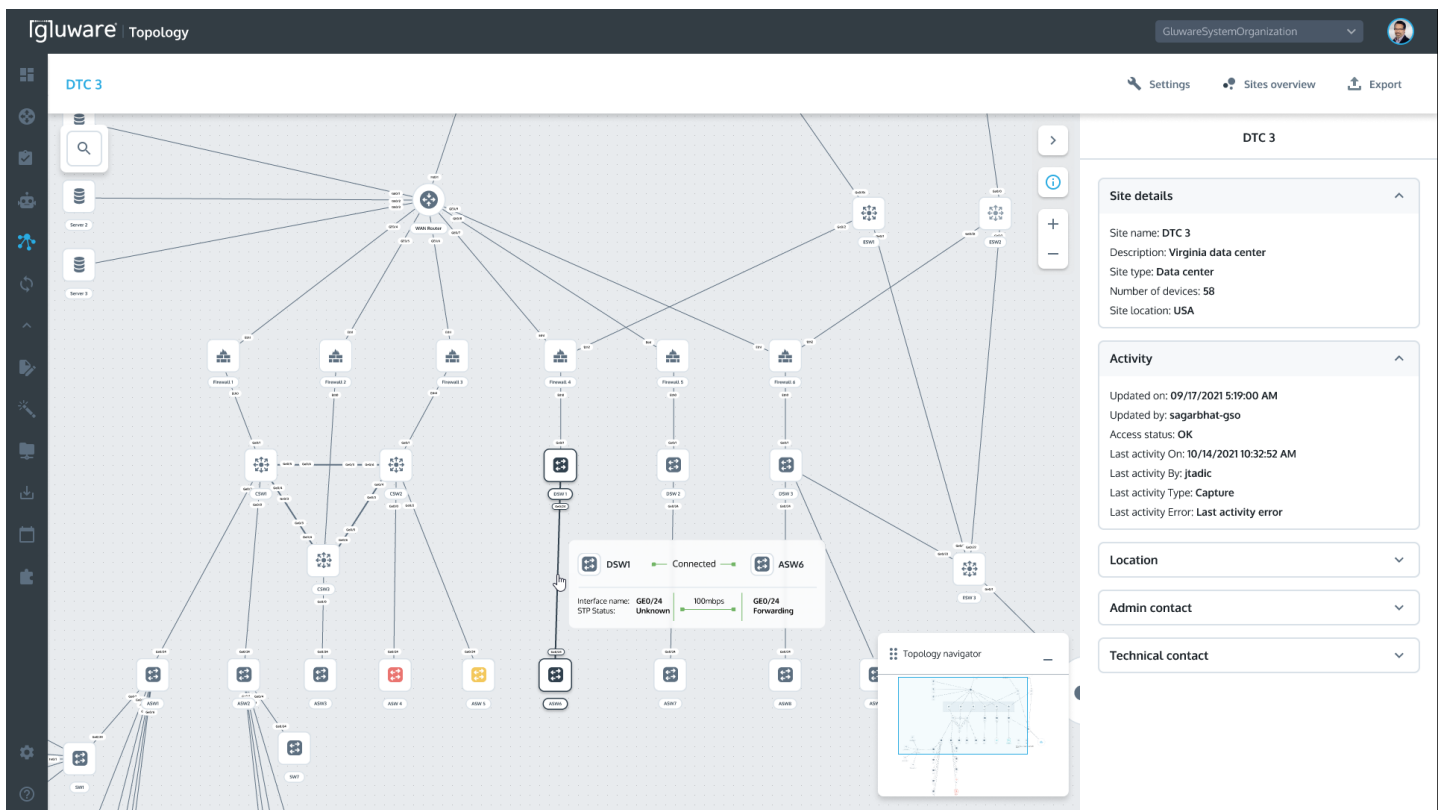


Figure 16 Use Gluware Topology to Visualize, Assess, and Document the Network

OPERATIONAL STATE ASSESSMENT

The next step in an in-depth assessment will involve examining the operational state of the network devices including the port states, protocol states and other related operational health. Gluware Device Manager captures a basic set of state related items; however, for more in-depth and custom assessments, Gluware provides the Ad-Hoc Query utility and State Assessment within the Config Modeling app.

Execute State Assessments to evaluate:

- ✓ Interface status and health
- ✓ Protocol state
- ✓ Route counts
- ✓ High-availability status
- ✓ Security parameters like ACL counts

Ad-Hoc Query

The Ad-Hoc Query utility available from the Gluware Device Explorer enables users to execute queries based on a “show command” and an assessment of the results to determine how many matches exist on each device. Detailed views of the output and matched condition are also available. This is an extremely useful tool to assess specific protocols and their operational state.

The screenshot shows the 'Ad Hoc Query' window. At the top, there's a 'New Query' section with 'Source' set to 'Device' and 'Filter' set to 'By Show Command'. The 'Show Command' field contains 'show ip bgp neighbors'. Below this, the 'Query' field contains 'BGP state = Established'. A red box highlights the 'Show Command' field with the text 'Define the query using a "show command" and Query to check results'. Below the query fields, a table displays the results. A red box highlights the 'Match Count' column with the text 'Verify the results meet expectations'. The table has columns: Query Results, Type, Name, Description, IP Address, Vendor, Serial, Match Count, Query Status, and Message. The results show four entries for POD-4-SPOKE-1 through POD-4-SPOKE-4, all with a Match Count of 3 and a Query Status of '✓'.

Query Results	Type	Name	Description	IP Address	Vendor	Serial	Match Count	Query Status	Message
		POD-4-SPOKE-1		172.31.255.1	Cisco	9X5M8SLENI4	3	✓	
		POD-4-SPOKE-2		172.31.255.2	Cisco	9F6RGP4ELD2	3	✓	
		POD-4-SPOKE-3		172.31.255.3	Cisco	9YYP19EO9TL	3	✓	
		POD-4-SPOKE-4		172.31.255.4	Cisco	9484LRLNVJQ	3	✓	

At the bottom of the window, there are buttons: 'Hide Unmatched', 'Remove Unmatched', 'Select Matched', 'Edit Targets', 'Download', and 'Run Query'.

Figure 17 Use Ad-Hoc Query to Assess the Operational State

Config Modeling State Assessment

State Assessment is a capability within the Gluware Config Modeling solution that enables users to define any operational state check along with a query to assess the results. It can be used for troubleshooting purposes and is typically used for pre/post configuration change verification. It is also a powerful capability to use when performing network assessments.

Instance

Configuration Attached Storage

ntp-cliStateItem

CLI Command *

show ntp status #context.ntpserver

Root Entry

No, with CLI output made of distinct paragraphs

Key RegEx *

Clock is (\w+)

Group Name *

ntpServers

Categories

servers

List of Regex

Clock is (?<ntpState>\w+)

Add Item +

Add Category +

Options

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Figure 18 Define a State Assessment in Config Modeling using “Show Commands” and RegEx

Instance

Configuration Attached Storage

ntp-cliStateQuery

Mode

Simple

Query Type

Inclusive Lookup (all need to match)

Fields

Filter Pattern/Port Name	Category	Field Name	Field Value
+	servers	ntpState	synchronized

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Figure 19 Define a State Assessment Query to Assess the Operational State

REPORTING

Artifacts are a key deliverable for any assessment. This includes archiving the raw data as well as processing the data to provide key insights and assessments based on that data. Gluware provides numerous ways to view, process and assess the data extracted from the network infrastructure. Beyond capabilities of the native applications mentioned, like Device Manager, Config Drift and Audit and Config Modeling, Gluware has two specific applications to provide data-driven insights.

Dashboard

The Gluware Dashboard app provides a rich graphical view of the underlying data captured from the network infrastructure. Numerous example dashboards are provided for administrative and app-specific views. Dashboards are fully customizable using a drag-and-drop editor and library of widgets. These include rich text notes, web pages, RSS feed, counts, tables schedules, user activity, and more.

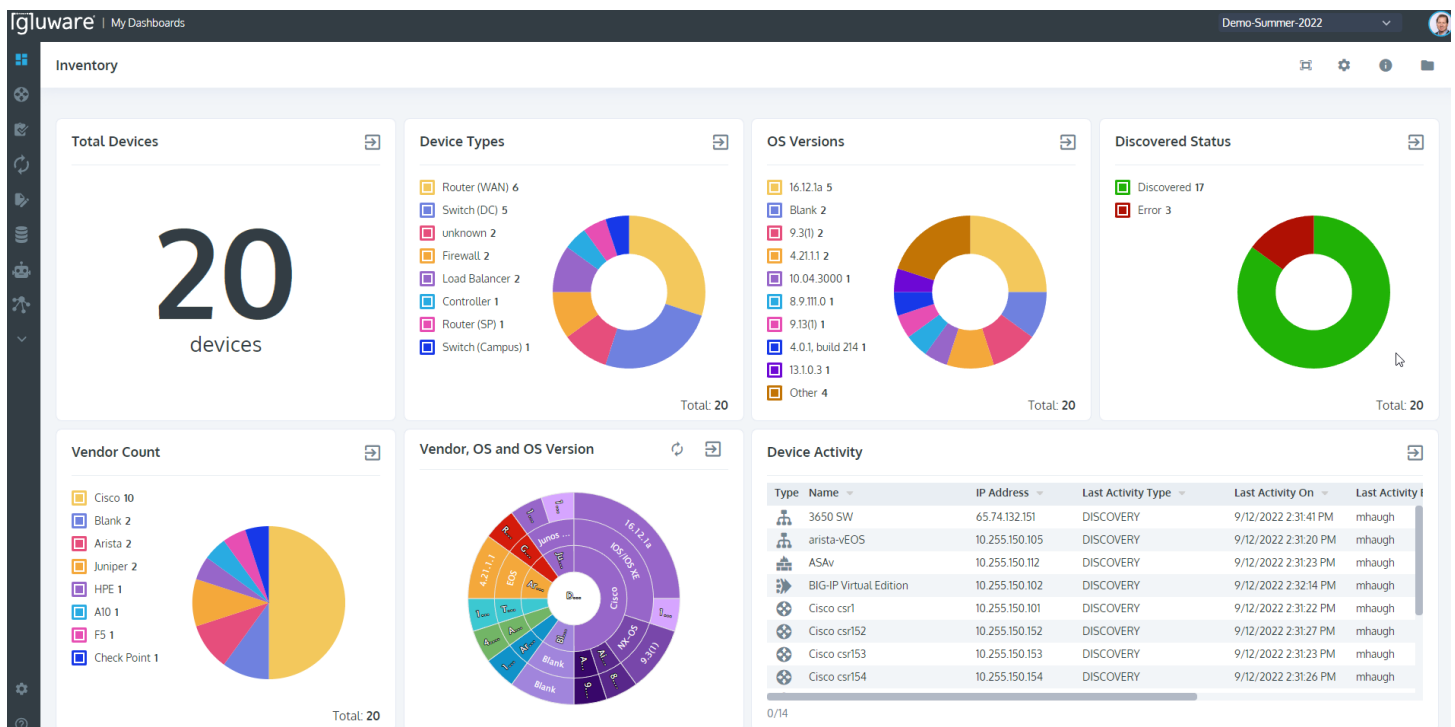


Figure 20 Use Gluware Dashboard to Visualize the Data from the Network Infrastructure

Data Explorer

Data Explorer offers unparalleled visibility into network data that enables NetOps teams to automate networks based on actionable, data-driven insights to enhance agility, performance, and security. The Data Explorer solution is powered by direct access to the underlying databases within the user's Gluware instance enabling the ability to assess network information faster.

Use Data Explorer to:

- ✓ Access to the data from each Gluware app
- ✓ Access platform, configuration and operational state data
- ✓ Create custom default reports for each app
- ✓ Leverage the created report templates from each app once created

Name	Description	Inheritable	Private	Created By	Created In	Created On	Modified By	Modified On
Shared Templates (12)								
Cisco Extended Inventory Device List	Contains a list of all Cisco devices for the cur...			mhaugh	Test-Drive-4-POD-4	9/7/2021 2:29:0...	mhaugh	9/7/2021 2:30:2...
Cisco Inventory License List	Contains a list of all Cisco devices for the cur...			mhaugh	Test-Drive-4-POD-4	9/7/2021 2:29:0...	mhaugh	9/7/2021 2:30:3...
Cisco PSIRT Summary	Contains a count device PSIRT advisories			mhaugh	Test-Drive-4-POD-4	9/7/2021 2:29:15...	mhaugh	9/7/2021 2:30:3...
Cisco Support Data	Contains device EOX and SmartNet details			mhaugh	Test-Drive-4-POD-4	9/7/2021 2:29:2...	mhaugh	9/7/2021 2:30:4...
Config Drift and Audit Device List	List of devices and details about its drift stat...			mhaugh	Test-Drive-4-POD-4	9/7/2021 2:29:3...	mhaugh	9/7/2021 2:30:4...
Device Inventory List	List of devices and their discovered details			mhaugh	Test-Drive-4-POD-4	9/7/2021 2:29:5...	mhaugh	9/7/2021 2:30:5...
Device Inventory List with Components	List of devices and their discovered details i...			mhaugh	Test-Drive-4-POD-4	9/7/2021 2:29:3...	mhaugh	9/7/2021 2:31:02...
Device OSM Summary	List of devices and a summary of their last O...			mhaugh	Test-Drive-4-POD-4	9/7/2021 2:29:5...	mhaugh	9/7/2021 2:31:08...
L2 Port State	Contains Layer 2 configuration and operatio...			mhaugh	Test-Drive-4-POD-4	9/8/2021 4:08:0...	mhaugh	9/8/2021 4:08:16...
Network Discovery Result	Contains a list of all the network-discovered ...			mhaugh	Test-Drive-4-POD-4	9/7/2021 2:30:01...	mhaugh	9/7/2021 2:31:17 ...
Node List	Contains a list of all configured nodes in the ...			mhaugh	Test-Drive-4-POD-4	9/7/2021 2:30:0...	mhaugh	9/7/2021 2:31:23 ...
Node Provisioning Summary	A summary of node provisioning informatio...			mhaugh	Test-Drive-4-POD-4	9/7/2021 2:30:13...	mhaugh	9/7/2021 2:31:30...

Figure 21 Use Gluware Data Explorer to Generate Reports Leveraging Example Templates

Cisco PSIRT Summary							Data Explorer Results			
Group by: None							Description: Contains a count device PSIRT advisories			
Last Run: 9/13/2022, 12:51:07 PM							Results: 9			
Name	Description	IP Address	SKU	OS	OS Version		Critical Advisories	High Advisories	Medium Advisories	Actions
POD-4-SPOKE-4		172.31.255.4	CSR1000V	IOS/IOS XE	16.9.2		3	48	38	
POD-4-SPOKE-3		172.31.255.3	CSR1000V	IOS/IOS XE	16.9.2		3	48	38	
POD-4-SPOKE-2		172.31.255.2	CSR1000V	IOS/IOS XE	16.9.2		3	48	38	
POD-4-SPOKE-1		172.31.255.1	CSR1000V	IOS/IOS XE	16.9.2		3	48	38	
POD-4-N9K1-1		172.31.255.14	N9K-9000v	NX-OS	9.3(1)		0	15	7	
POD-4-HUB-2		172.31.255.12	CSR1000V	IOS/IOS XE	16.9.2		3	48	38	
POD-4-HUB-1		172.31.255.11	CSR1000V	IOS/IOS XE	16.9.2		3	48	38	
POD-4-ASAv-1		172.31.255.13	ASAv	ASA	9.8(4)10					
POD-3-PHY-SWT-STACK		172.31.255.15	WS-C3650-24TS-L	IOS/IOS XE	16.6.7		1	32	19	
Sum 19							Sum 335	Sum 254		

Figure 22 Gluware Data Explorer Example PSIRT Summary Report

CONCLUSION

Network assessments are the first step in any process related to projects that affect the infrastructure. Decisions need to be data-driven, and having the ability to get that data and execute a timely assessment is critical to a successful project. The Gluware Intelligent Network Automation solution provides out-of-the-box capabilities through the suite of applications to accelerate and execute a comprehensive assessment. Gluware amplifies the power and skill set of the user to execute the assessment at any scale.

Additional Gluware Resources

[Watch a demo of Network Discovery](#)

[Watch a demo of Device Manager](#)

[Watch a demo of Config Audit](#)

[Watch a demo of Ad-Hoc Query](#)

[Watch a demo of Config Modeling State Assessment](#)

[Watch a demo of Dashboard](#)

[Watch a demo of Data Explorer](#)

[Cisco Support API](#)

[NIST](#)

