



Monitoring Cisco ACI Multi-Site Manager

Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager PowerPack version 101

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Introduction

Overview

This manual describes how to monitor Cisco ACI Multi-Site architectures in SL1 using the *Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager PowerPack*.

The following sections provide an overview of Cisco ACI Multi-Site Manager and the *Cisco: ACI PowerPack*:

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What is Cisco ACI Multi-Site Manager?

Cisco ACI Multi-Site is an architectural approach for interconnecting and managing multiple sites. Each architecture acts as a single fabric.

The Multi-Site architecture has three components:

- Two or more ACI fabrics built with Nexus 9000 switches deployed as leaf and spine nodes
- One APIC cluster domain in each fabric
- An inter-site policy manager, named Cisco ACI Multi-Site, which is used to manage the different fabrics and to define inter-site policies

What Does the Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager PowerPack Monitor?

To monitor Cisco ACI Multi-Site architectures using SL1, you must install the *Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager PowerPack*. This PowerPack enables you to discover, model, and collect data about Cisco ACI Multi-Site architectures.

The *Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager PowerPack* includes:

- A sample credential you can use as a template to create a SOAP/XML credential to connect to the Cisco ACI Multi-Site architecture you want to monitor
- Dynamic Applications to discover, model, and monitor performance metrics and/or collect configuration data
- Device Classes for each type of ACI Multi-Site Manager device monitored
- Event Policies and corresponding alerts that are triggered when ACI Multi-Site Manager devices meet certain status criteria

Installing the Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager PowerPack

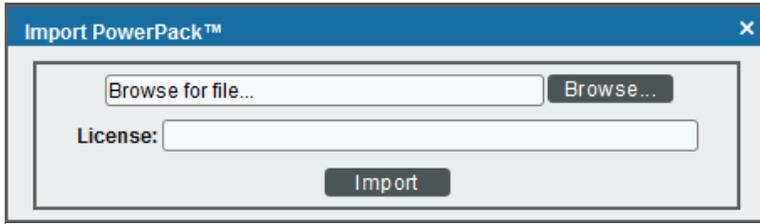
Before completing the steps in this manual, you must import and install the latest version of the *Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager PowerPack*.

TIP: By default, installing a new version of a PowerPack overwrites all content from a previous version of that PowerPack that has already been installed on the target system. You can use the **Enable Selective PowerPack Field Protection** setting in the **Behavior Settings** page (System > Settings > Behavior) to prevent new PowerPacks from overwriting local changes for some commonly customized fields. (For more information, see the **System Administration** manual.)

To download and install a PowerPack:

1. Download the PowerPack from the [ScienceLogic Support Site](#).
2. Go to the **PowerPack Manager** page (System > Manage > PowerPacks).
3. In the **PowerPack Manager** page, click the **[Actions]** button, then select *Import PowerPack*.

4. The **Import PowerPack** dialog box appears:



5. Click the **[Browse]** button and navigate to the PowerPack file.
6. When the **PowerPack Installer** modal appears, click the **[Install]** button to install the PowerPack.

NOTE: If you exit the **PowerPack Installer** modal without installing the imported PowerPack, the imported PowerPack will not appear in the **PowerPack Manager** page. However, the imported PowerPack will appear in the **Imported PowerPacks** modal. This page appears when you click the **[Actions]** menu and select *Install PowerPack*.

Chapter

2

Configuration and Discovery

Overview

The following sections describe how to configure and discover Cisco ACI Multi-Site Manager for monitoring by SL1 using the *Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager PowerPack*:

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Creating a Credential for Cisco ACI Multi-Site Manager

To configure SL1 to monitor Cisco ACI Multi-Site architecture, you must first create a SOAP/XML credential. This credential allows the Dynamic Applications in the *Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager PowerPack* to communicate with your Cisco ACI Multi-Site account.

The PowerPack includes an example SOAP/XML credential that you can edit for your own use.

To configure a SOAP/XML credential:

1. Go to the **Credential Management** page (System > Manage > Credentials).
2. Locate the **Cisco: ACI MM Sample Credential** credential, then click its wrench icon (). The **Edit SOAP/XML Credential** modal page appears.

3. Enter values in the following fields:

Basic Settings

- **HTTP Auth User.** Enter the username for the Cisco ACI Multi-Site web interface
- **HTTP Auth Password.** Enter the password for the Cisco ACI Multi-Site web interface
- **URL.** Specify the IP of the Cisco ACI Multi-Site web interface

4. Click the **[Save As]** button.

Creating a Cisco ACI Multi-Site Manager Virtual Device and Discovering Cisco ACI Multi-Site

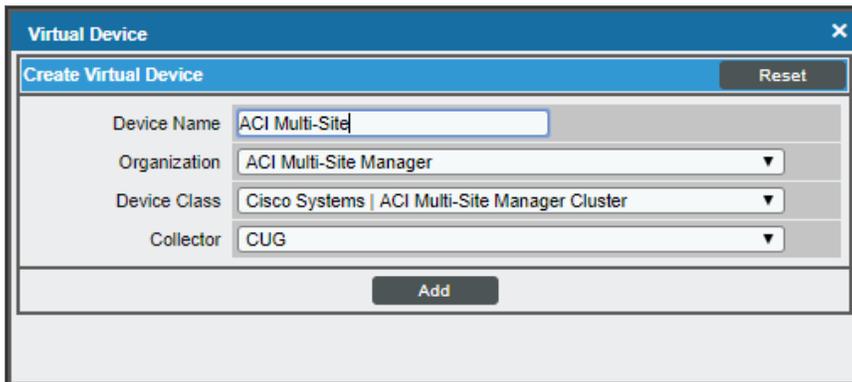
To discover a Cisco ACI Multi-Site architecture, you must create a **virtual device** that represents the root device. A virtual device is a user-defined container that represents a device or service that cannot be discovered by SL1. You can use the virtual device to store information gathered by policies or Dynamic Applications.

TIP: If you have multiple Cisco ACI Multi-Site architecture you want to monitor, you should create a separate virtual device for each root device. You can also create different organizations for each architecture.

To create a virtual device that represents your Cisco ACI Multi-Site architecture:

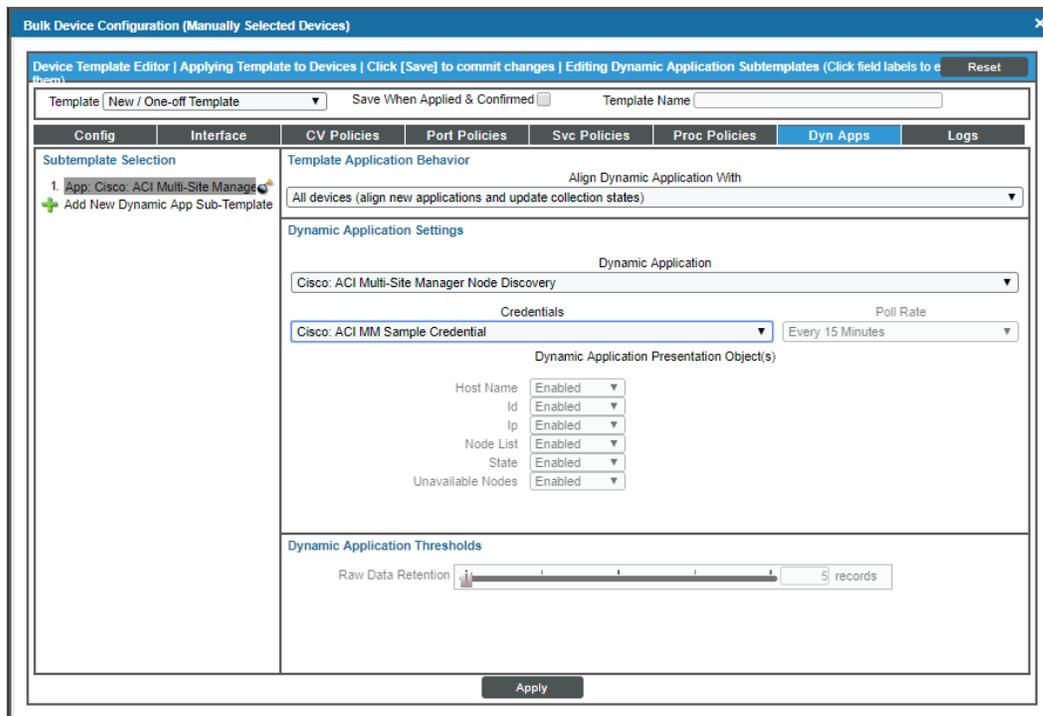
1. Go to the **Device Manager** page (Devices > Device Manager, or Registry > Devices > Device Manager in the SL1 classic user interface).
2. Click the **[Actions]** button and select *Create Virtual Device* from the menu. The **Create Virtual Device** modal page appears.

3. Enter values in the following fields:



The screenshot shows a 'Virtual Device' configuration window with a blue header and a 'Close' button. Below the header is a 'Create Virtual Device' section with a 'Reset' button. The form contains four fields: 'Device Name' with the text 'ACI Multi-Site', 'Organization' with a dropdown menu showing 'ACI Multi-Site Manager', 'Device Class' with a dropdown menu showing 'Cisco Systems | ACI Multi-Site Manager Cluster', and 'Collector' with a dropdown menu showing 'CUG'. An 'Add' button is located at the bottom of the form.

- **Device Name.** Enter a name for the device. For example, you could enter "ACI Multi-Site" in this field.
 - **Organization.** Select the organization for this device. The organization you associate with the device limits the users that will be able to view and edit the device. Typically, only members of the organization will be able to view and edit the device.
 - **Device Class.** Select *Cisco Systems | ACI Multi-Site Manager Cluster*.
 - **Collector.** Select *CUG*.
4. Click the **[Add]** button to create the virtual device.
 5. Once you have created the device, go to the **Device Manager** page ((Devices > Device Manager, or Registry > Devices > Device Manager in the SL1 classic user interface) and select the virtual device you created.
 6. In the **Select Action** menu, select *MODIFY By Template* and click **[Go]**.
 7. In the **Device Template Editor** window, select the **[Dyn Apps]** tab.
 8. Click the plus sign in the **Subtemplate Selection** pane.
 9. In the **Dynamic Application Settings** pane, select the "Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager Node Discovery" Dynamic Application.
 10. In the **Credentials** drop-down, select the "Cisco: ACI MM Sample Credential". Click **[Apply]**.



Once you have completed modifying the device template, discovery will run and the Dynamic Applications will be aligned.

Verifying Discovery and Dynamic Application Alignment

To verify that SL1 has automatically aligned the correct Dynamic Applications during discovery:

1. After creating the virtual device and aligning the credential to the template, go to the **Devices** page and click on the ACI Multi-Site virtual device. From the **Device Investigator** page, click the **[Collections]** tab.
2. All applicable Dynamic Applications for the switch are automatically aligned during discovery and will appear in the **[Collections]** tab.

You should see the following Dynamic Applications aligned to the ACI Multi-Site virtual device:

- Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager Component Counts
- Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager Node Discovery
- Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager Site Discovery
- Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager Tenant Discovery
- Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager Token

The following Dynamic Applications will automatically align to their corresponding device components:

- Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager Node Configuration
- Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager Site Config

- Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager Site Performance
- Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager Tenant Config

Verifying Discovery and Dynamic Application Alignment in the SL1 Classic User Interface

To verify that SL1 has automatically aligned the correct Dynamic Applications during discovery:

1. After creating the virtual device and aligning the credential to the template, go to the **Device Manager** page and click the wrench icon (🔧) for the ACI Multi-Site virtual device. From the **Device Properties** page, click the **[Collections]** tab. The **Dynamic Application Collections** page appears.
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Dynamic Application™ Collections							
Dynamic Application	ID	Poll Frequency	Type	Credential	Collector	Expand	Actions
+ Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager Component Counts	1840	15 mins	Snippet Performance	Cisco_ACI_Multi_Site_Manager-sl-cu-215			
+ BEST: Performance Metrics Monitor	827	1 mins	Snippet Performance	Cisco_ACI_Multi_Site_Manager-sl-cu-215			
+ Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager Node Discovery	1832	15 mins	Snippet Configuration	Cisco_ACI_Multi_Site_Manager-sl-cu-215			
+ Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager Site Discovery	1834	15 mins	Snippet Configuration	Cisco_ACI_Multi_Site_Manager-sl-cu-215			
+ Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager Tenant Discovery	1838	15 mins	Snippet Configuration	Cisco_ACI_Multi_Site_Manager-sl-cu-215			
+ Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager Token	1841	10 mins	Snippet Configuration	Cisco_ACI_Multi_Site_Manager-sl-cu-215			

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The screenshot displays the Cisco ACI Multi-Site Manager user interface. At the top, there are several tabs: Close, Properties, Thresholds, Collections (selected), Monitors, Schedule, Logs, Toolbox, Interfaces, Relationships, Tickets, Redirects, Notes, and Attributes. Below the tabs, the device details for 'GuardiansSite1' are shown, including its ID (56), class (Cisco Systems), organization (MultiSiteManager Guardians Organization), and managed type (Component Device). A 'Site' icon is visible on the right side of the device details panel.

Below the device details, there is a section titled 'Dynamic Application™ Collections'. This section contains a table with the following data:

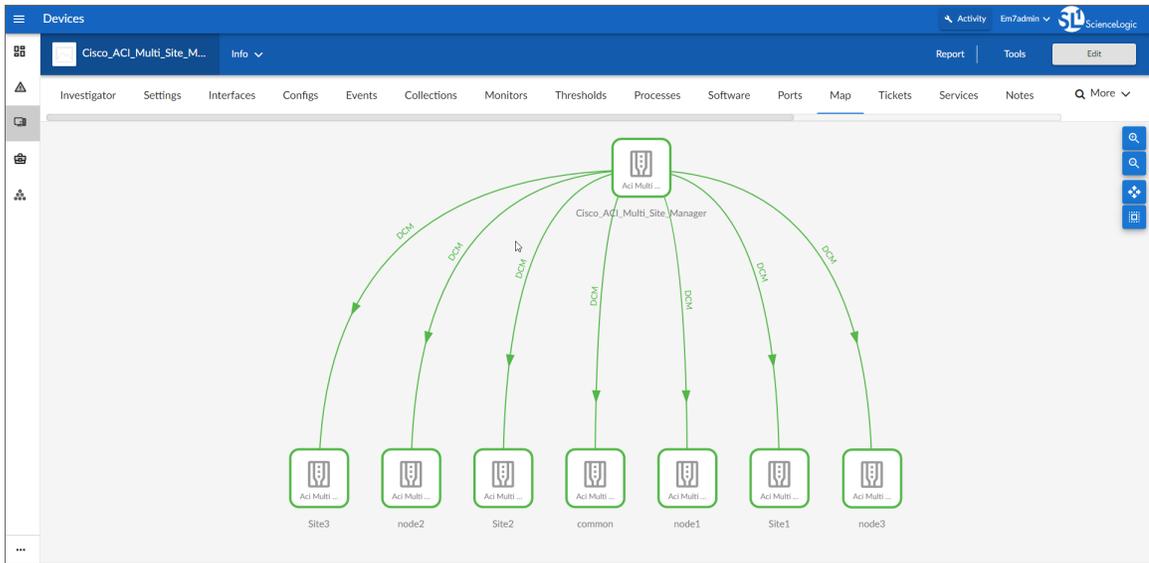
Dynamic Application	ID	Poll Frequency	Type	Credential	Collector	
+ Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager Site Performance	1603	15 mins	Snippet Performance	MultiSite Guardians	guardians-72	<input type="checkbox"/>
+ Cisco: ACI Multi-Site Manager Site Config	1602	15 mins	Snippet Configuration	MultiSite Guardians	guardians-72	<input type="checkbox"/>

At the bottom of the interface, there is a '[Select Action]' dropdown menu, a 'Go' button, and a 'Save' button.

Viewing Component Devices

In addition to the **Devices** page, you can view the Cisco ACI Multi-Site Manager and all associated component devices in the following places in the user interface:

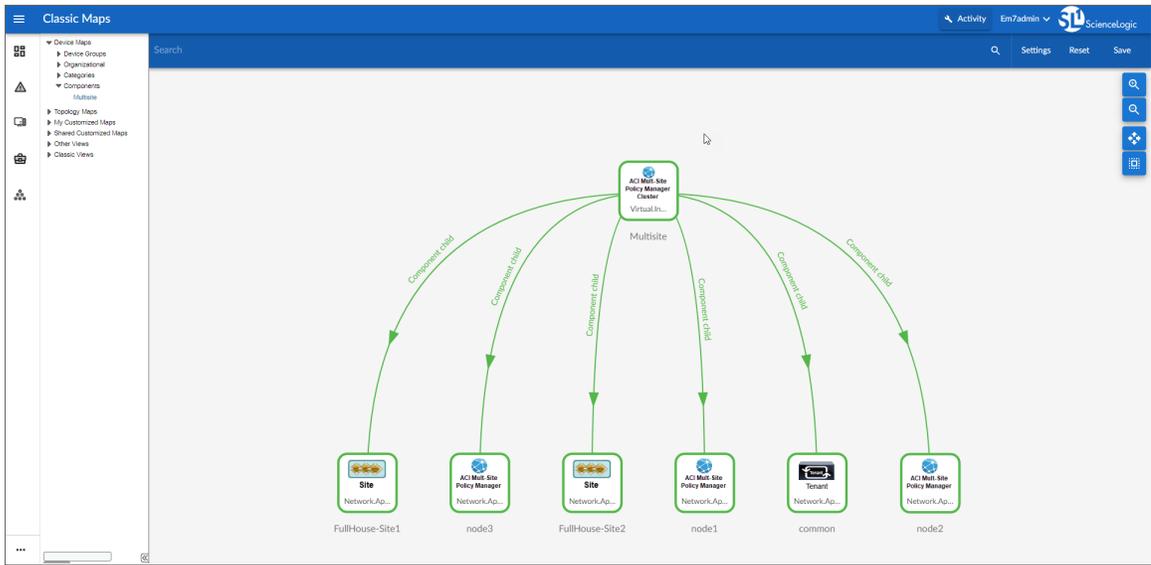
- The **Device Investigator** Map page (click **Map** in the **Device Investigator** page) displays a map of a particular device and all of the devices with which it has parent-child relationships. Double-clicking any of the listed devices reloads the page to make the selected device the primary device.



- The **Device Components** page (Devices > Device Components) displays a list of all root devices and component devices discovered by SL1 in an indented view, so you can easily view the hierarchy and relationships between child devices, parent devices, and root devices. To view the component devices associated with a Cisco ACI Multi-Site Manager, find the virtual device and click its plus icon (+):

Device Name	IP Address	Device Category	Device Class / Sub-class	DCID	Organization	Current State	Collection State	Collection State
1. Cisco_ACI_Multi_Site_Manager	--	Infrastructure	Cisco Systems ACI Multi-Site Manager Cluster	9	Cisco_ACI_Multi_Site_Manager	Healthy	CUG	Active
1.1 common	--	Application	Cisco Systems ACI Multi-Site Manager Tenant	13	Cisco_ACI_Multi_Site_Manager	Healthy	CUG	Active
2.1 node1	--	Application	Cisco Systems ACI Multi-Site Manager Node	14	Cisco_ACI_Multi_Site_Manager	Healthy	CUG	Active
3.1 node2	--	Application	Cisco Systems ACI Multi-Site Manager Node	11	Cisco_ACI_Multi_Site_Manager	Healthy	CUG	Active
4.1 node3	--	Application	Cisco Systems ACI Multi-Site Manager Node	16	Cisco_ACI_Multi_Site_Manager	Healthy	CUG	Active
5.1 Site1	--	Application	Cisco Systems ACI Multi-Site Manager Site	15	Cisco_ACI_Multi_Site_Manager	Healthy	CUG	Active
6.1 Site2	--	Application	Cisco Systems ACI Multi-Site Manager Site	12	Cisco_ACI_Multi_Site_Manager	Healthy	CUG	Active
7.1 Site3	--	Application	Cisco Systems ACI Multi-Site Manager Site	10	Cisco_ACI_Multi_Site_Manager	Healthy	CUG	Active

- The **Component Map** page (Classic Maps > Device Maps > Components) allows you to view devices by root node and view the relationships between root nodes, parent components, and child components in a map. This makes it easy to visualize and manage root nodes and their components. SL1 automatically updates the **Component Map** as new component devices are discovered. The platform also updates each map with the latest status and event information. To view the map for a Cisco ACI Multi-Site Manager device, go to the **Component Map** page and select the map from the list in the left NavBar. To learn more about the **Component Map** page, see the **Maps** manual.



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