Al and Automation

Supercharge Business Outcomes and Go Beyond

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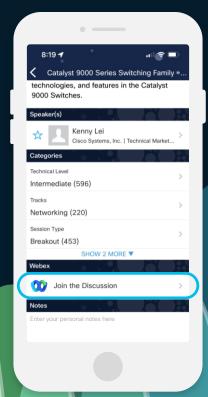
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Learn how Cisco AI and automation innovations create speed and efficiency for your data center operations and technical support experiences

Al needs are driving new data center structures and operations



Al is resulting in the need to deliver extreme high performance



Customers are being driven to rearchitect data centers



The accelerating needs of business and speed of technology change necessitate an agile change approach

This is where Cisco's Services as Code steps in



Data center journey

Plan / Design / Deploy Change / Maintain Support How do you get How do you get How do you get Consistent configuration Higher change success Lower effort in opening cases Flexibility to expand or Faster change window Faster case resolution change in future Easy to maintain



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By getting rid of all the repetitive tasks, all the boring stuff, engineers can focus more on the innovation, they can focus on delivering new features. All of that enriches the job profile of the engineers."



Martin Gysi Lead Architect Network Automation



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Services as Code for ACI in action

Challenges

- · Manual activities dominate
- Feature rollouts taking too long
- Slow testing and validation

CX and Swisscom delivered

- Network as a service
- Automated network development and releases with Services as Code
- New ways of working
- IP Transport hardware and delivery

Results

Guided rollouts reduced to eight (8) minutes

- Digitization realized
- Automated testing
- New features delivered faster
- · Employees refocused on innovation and creativity

Before and after Services as Code for ACI

Cisco on Cisco ACI migration

First Execution

Second Execution

Execution time

60+ hours

1 hour

Focus

Extended configuration and troubleshooting

Validation and readiness

Result

Late, added risk, additional maintenance required

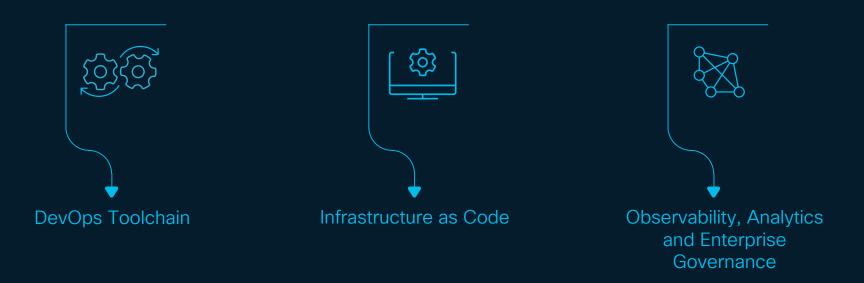
Successful change, minimal risk and stress

70% more productive 100% change success



Automation is a journey

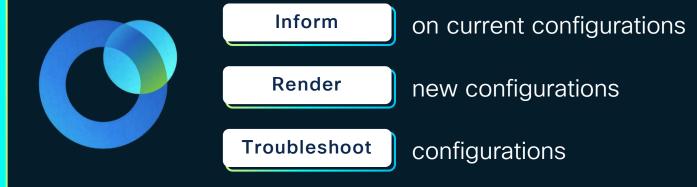
Services as Code can get you to a full DevOps motion faster and with less risk



Achieving high value outcomes requires more than DevOps tools and technology



Services as Code with Cisco Al Assistant



Simplifies configuration provisioning, change and test management

Services as Code with Cisco Al Assistant

Inform example

Discourse

YAML File - Configuration

I am new to this configuration. Can you summarize it for me?

Certainly! The provided configuration is a comprehensive setup for a Cisco ACI environment, covering various aspects of the network infrastructure. Here's a summary of the key components.

1. Interface Policies and Configurations:

You have multiple nodes (leaf and spine switches) with specific interface configurations. For example, nodes 101 and 102 have several
ports configured with a policy group named 10G-SERVER, indicating 10Gbps server connections. There's also a special configuration for
node 1001's port 60, associated with an IPN policy group.

2. Tenants, VRFs, and Networking:

There are tenants defined (mgmt, infra, and PRODI) with various configurations including bridge domains, endpoint groups, and contracts for managing access and policies within these tenants. For instance, the PROD tenant has VRFs and bridge domains for VLANs 100, 101, and 102, with corresponding endpoint groups.

Pod Policies

Pod configurations include data plane TEP (Tunnel Endpoint) IPs and policy associations. For example, pods 1 and 2 have specific data plane TEP IPs and are associated with a policy named POD1.

Node Policie

Detailed configurations for nodes, including role (leaf, spine, APIC), out-of-band (OOB) management settings, and associations with policy groups for fabric and access policies.

5. Fabric Policies:

Global configurations for the ACI fabric, including BGP settings, AAA configurations (like TACACS providers), remote locations for configuration exports, SNMP traps, and sysiog settings. There's also a scheduler for configuration exports and various policies for pods and switches

6. Access Policie

 Definitions for VLAN pools, physical and routed domains, interface policies (like CDP, LLDP, port channel policies), and policy groups for interfaces on leaf and spine switches. This section also includes configurations for Multi-Chassis Link Aggregation (MLAG) or vPC.

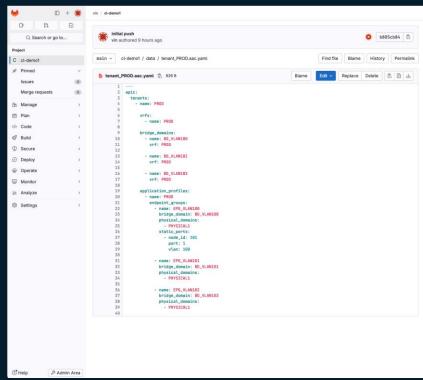
7. External Connectivity

Configurations for external connections, such as L3Outs for tenant infra, which includes OSPF settings and external endpoint groups.

VMware VMM Domain

Configuration for VMware VMM integration, including VLAN pools, vSwitch policies, and credentials for vCenter access.

This configuration sets up a detailed and structured ACI environment, focusing on tenant configurations, interface policies, fabric and access policies, node policies, and some global settings. It's designed to manage connectivity, access, and policies for both the management and production aspects of the network, including external connectivity through L3Outs.

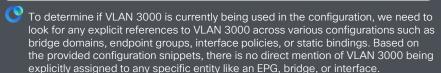


Services as Code with Cisco Al Assistant Discourse

Inform and render example

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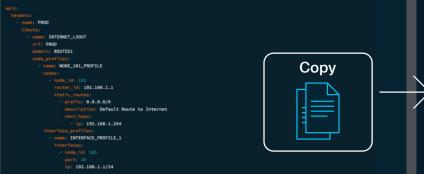
Can you tell me if vlan 3000 is currently being used in the configuration?



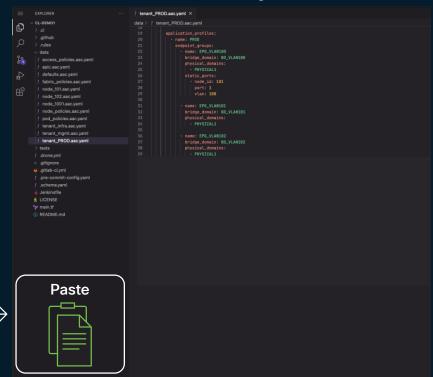
However, VLAN 3000 falls within the range defined in the ROUTED1 VLAN pool:

okay. The L3Out config you provided looks good. Can you just change the port from 1 to 15 for the interface profile?

Certainly! Here's the updated configuration for the L3Out with the interface profile's port changed from 1 to 15.



This configuration now specifies port 15 for the routed interface on node 101 within the INTERNET_LSOUT L3Out configuration.



Do more with less: GenAl observability works at speed of DevOps to reduce risk and deliver visibility



Risk analysis for implementation and change

Improved service availability during change implementation



Entity relationship discovery and visualization

Enhanced understanding of network relationships and dependencies



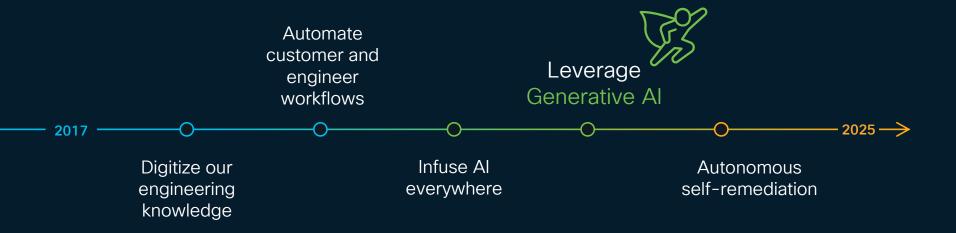
Data center automation

Cisco Support automation





The journey to Al-native support





Solve issues at the speed of Al



Al tools for you

Cisco Support Assistant + browser extension

Guided Workflows

Intelligent RMA Experience



TAC Superhumans

Cisco TAC Virtual Engineer

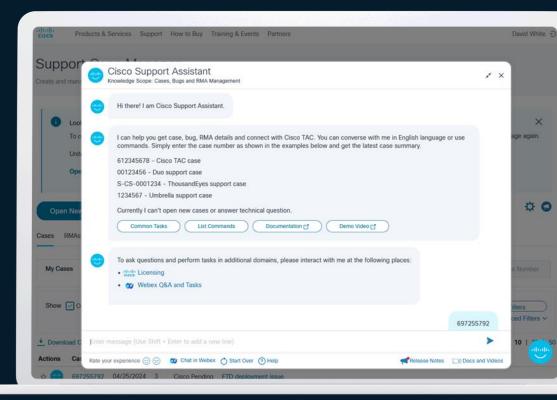
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Cisco Support Assistant

Integrated into Cisco Support Case Manager

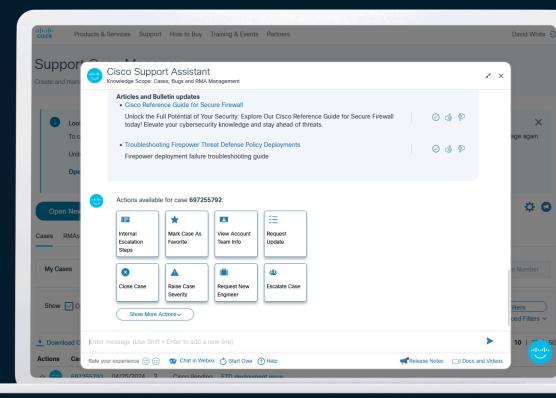






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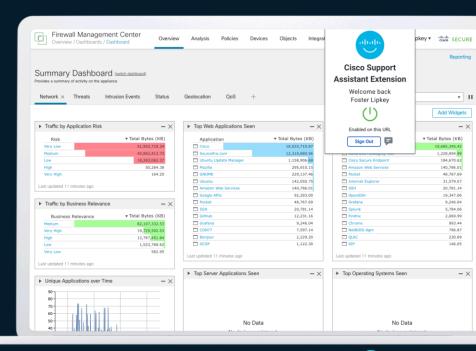






Cisco Support Assistant browser extension

- Pushes TAC features and insights directly via browser extension
- Product UI: Interact with Cisco Support directly from within the product













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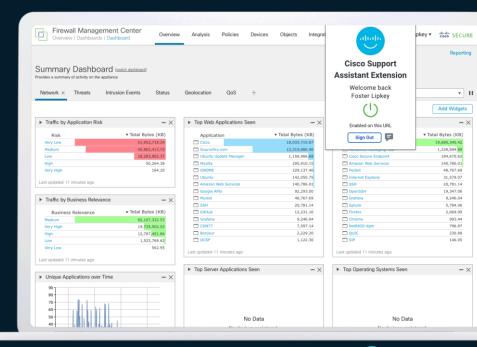
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Going forward

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- Cisco Extended Detection and Response
- Cisco Meraki
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Guided Workflows

Powered by Cisco Support Assistant



Quick turnaround for your most common issues, such as:

- Hardware replacements
- Software downloads
- Licensing changes
- Crash analysis
- Health checks





Intelligent RMA Experience

Accelerates RMA turnaround using Al and robotic process automation.





Cisco TAC Virtual Engineer

Al-powered humanoid

- Backed by human expertise in the Cisco TAC
- Operation modes: Reactive, proactive, assistive

Real-world example

Customer opens case
Tue @ 02:24 am
"Received the following error:
Default Keyring's certificate."

Virtual Engineer takes case Tue @ 02:26 am

Virtual Engineer responds

Tue @ 02:37 am
"To regenerate the certificate,
please do the following ..."

Customer resolves issue Tue @ 03:13am "The issue is resolved. You may close this ticket."

49 min. from open to resolution

Virtual Engineer

Tue @ 04:17 am
"I will close out this case."
Timer starts

24-hour hold timer

Virtual Engineer Wed @ 05:18 am Case closed





Cisco Al Assistant for TAC

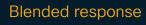


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"To provide you with the most accurate guidance, I would like to clarify a few things about the steps you've taken so far and the context in which the error occurs. Could you please provide me with the following details?"



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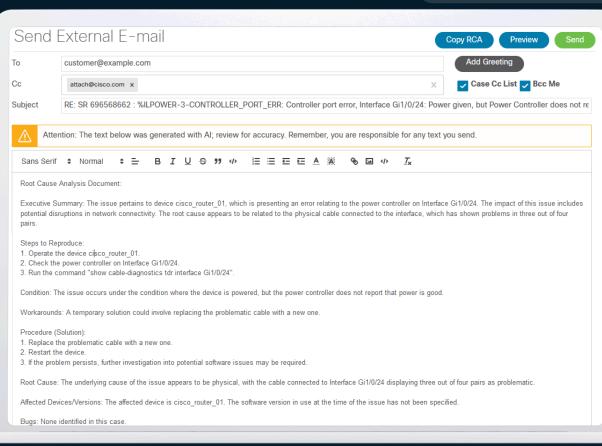




Customer issue resolved

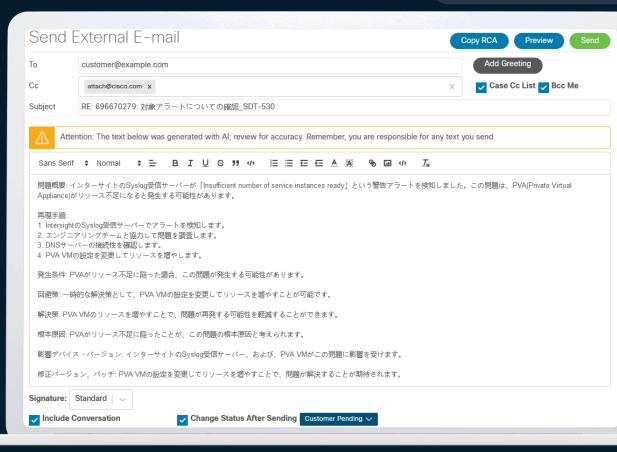


Root cause analysis



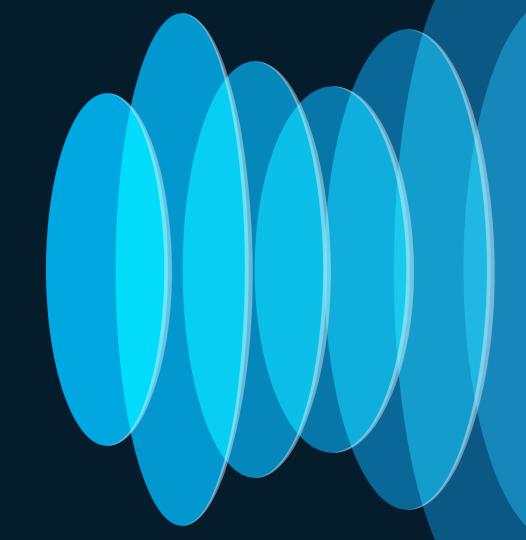


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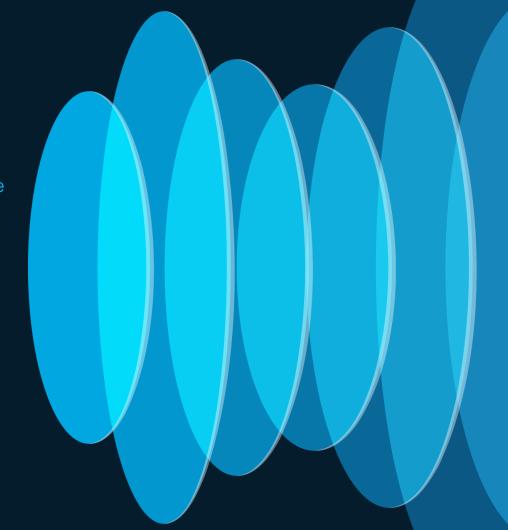
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Customer Experience

- CX upskilling and guidance
- Accelerated value extraction
- Career growth



Key takeaways

Visit the Cisco CX Booth and CX Kiosk in the Al Hub in the WoS to continue the conversation

- Start using Cisco Support
 Assistant when you return
 to the office—you've already
 got access!
- Ensure your journey considers the operating model + business integration
- Observability is a must to ensure business resiliency and rapid incident recovery



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Al Hub Cisco Live Sessions



Infrastructure

Al Business Strategies for Successful Transformation AIHUB-2003 >> Wed. 4:30p

Packet Buddy: Chatting with your PCAPs via the Cloud or Locally on Your Own Machine! AIHUB-2000 >> Wed. 10:30a

Enhancing Collaboration with the Future: Webex and Generative Al Integration AIHUB-1000 >> Mon. 10:30a

Harnessing Intelligent Integration: Empowering Customer Support with Webex Cloud and TAC Virtual Engineer AIHUB-1007 >> Thur. 12:00p

Security

Beyond Bias: Unlocking Al with Domain Expertise

AIHUB-1001 >> Mon. 11:15a

Securing Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) Implementations and the LLM Stack AIHUB-2001 >> Wed. 11:15a

Software

Introducing Motific: The GenAl Control Hub for Policy, Privacy, and Observability AIHUB-1011 >> Mon. 3:00p

How to Choose the Right LLM for Your Application

AIHUB-2007 >> Thur, 10:30a

Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) with LangChain

AIHUB-2002 >> Mon. 2:15p

User Persona Experience

Al for Optimizing User Experience Across Networking, Security, and Collaboration AIHUB-2004 >> Wed, 3:45p

How Cisco Empowered Employees with Generative Al Services and Smarter Content AIHUB-2009 >> Wed. 1:30

Operations

Unlock the Future: Leveraging Generative AIOPs for Enterprise Innovation and Performance AIHUB-1006 >> Mon. 1:30p

Policies

Ethical AI in Action: Navigating Innovation with Integrity

AIHUB-1005 >> Wed. 3:00p

Learning & Development

Reskilling the Workforce for the Race to Al AIHUB-1002 >> Tues. 1:30p

Talent

How Cisco uses Generative Al to make TAC **Engineers Super-Human** AIHUB-2008 >> Thur, 11:15a





Thank you

