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### In This Guide

The following information guides you through the usage procedure of the Network Explorer application.

#### **Intended Audience**

This guide is intended for network operation center (NOC) technicians to do real-time visualization of problem areas and their root cause analysis.

This guide assumes that the user is familiar with Unix commands. This guide is not a Unix tutorial. Access Unix tutorials from http://www.math.utah.edu/lab/unix/unix-commands.html.

## **Network Explorer Overview**

The Network Explorer is a topology visualization and configuration application that provides a graph displaying different network nodes across a network. It enables users to select nodes to view or configure from the topology graph.

#### **Related Documents**

The following guides contain additional information that you may need during Network Explorer installation and configuration:

#### **Related Documents**

- Adaptors Installation Guide
- Web Client User Guide
- Alert Analyzer Configuration Guide

# Launching Network Explorer

Network Explorer can be launched from Alert Analyzer to view an alert in context of network topology. To launch Network Explorer from Alert Analyzer:

- 1. Launch Alert Analyzer and right-click on an alert from the alert list. A context menu opens.
- 2. Select appropriate Topology link from the context menu. To add new context menu options, see Alert Analyzer Configuration Guide.

  Network Explorer opens in a new tab. It displays the network topology, with the node relating to the selected alert highlighted.

## Network Explorer User Interface

The Network Explorer user interface comprises:

- Topology Graph
- Toolbar

## Topology Graph

This panel displays the network topology with a graph comprising Managed Objects (MOs) and their relations. You can select an MO from this graph to view corresponding alerts, related circuits, and MO properties.

Figure 1: Topology Graph

You can double click to expand or collapse a group node.

#### **Toolbar**

The topology graph panel comprises a toolbar that provides the following functionalities.

- Show/ hide edge end point labels.
- : Toggle between enabling and disabling full screen.

**NOTE:** You can show or hide the toolbar by clicking the button.