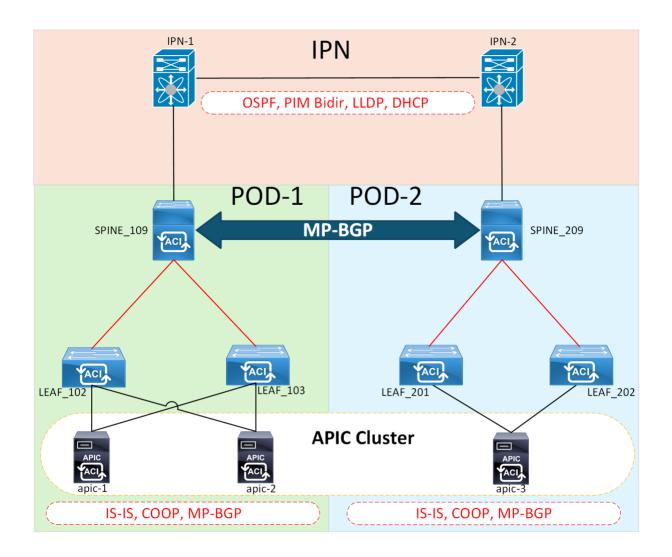
Cisco ACI Multi-Pod Fabric Bring Up – from Scratch!



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Overview

Cisco ACI Multi-Pod, falls under the Cisco distributed data centres solution whereby there are 2 distinct Pods that belong to the same APIC cluster/domain; which means that the separate pods are managed as if they were a single logical entity. Each pod contains its own set of spine and leafs and its own set of control-plane protocols (ISIS, COOP and MP-BGP) which helps with fault isolation within each pod. The ACI Multi-Pod solution uses an external layer 3 network known as the Inter-Pod Network (IPN) to interconnect the pods. Logical configurations like tenants, VRFs, Bridge Domains and EPGs are applicable and usable between multiple pods. In a multi-pod setup, endpoints can belong to the same EPG despite their physical location.

This lab goes through the deployment of the Cisco ACI Multi-Pod architecture. The lab contains of 2 pods with the seed pod containing 2 APICs and the 3rd APIC is contained in the second pod. Each pod contains a single spine which and the spine switch from each pod is directly connected to an IPN device. OSPF routing protocol is used for peering between each Spine and the IPN. The two IPN devices peer with each other using OPSF as well.

The Multi-Pod deployment is conducted as follows:

- 1. Bring up the Pod 1 fabric.
- 2. Register all nodes in Pod 1
- 3. Use the MultiPod Wizard to configure the L3Out connectivity between Pod 1 Spines and the IPN
- 4. Configure the Inter-Pod Network
- 5. Use the MultiPod Wizard to configure the L3Out connectivity between Pod 2 Spines and the IPN
- 6. Register Pod-2 devices

Fabric Bring up troubleshooting commands and outputs are also shown at the end of the lab.

For comprehensive information about Cisco ACI Multi-Pod please refer to:

ACI Multi-Pod Whitepaper: https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/solutions/collateral/data-center-virtualization/application-centric-infrastructure/white-paper-c11-737855.html

ACI Multi-Pod Configuration Guide: https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/solutions/collateral/data-center-virtualization/application-centric-infrastructure/white-paper-c11-739714.html

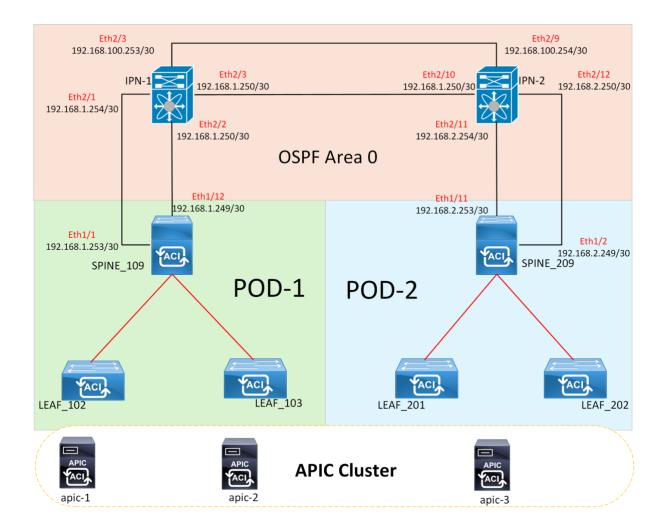
ACI Single Pod Fabric Bring Up: https://github.com/TitusM/Cisco-Data-Center/blob/main/ACI/Cisco-ACI-v6.0-Fabric-Bring-Up.pdf

Note

This lab was conducted in a controlled environment. Any configurations in a production network should be implemented during a designated maintenance window. Additionally, always refer to official Cisco documentation relevant to your specific hardware and software.

Lab-Setup

This lab consists two pods and an APIC cluster of three nodes. Pod 1 contains 2 APICs and Pod2 contains 1 APIC node. Each Pod contains a single spine and three leafs. The topology diagram below illustrates the physical connections between the hardware, along with the point to point IP addresses that are used for OSPF peering between the Spines and IPN. PIM Bidir and DHCP relay are also configured on the IPN devices.



APIC Cluster Bring Up - Pod 1

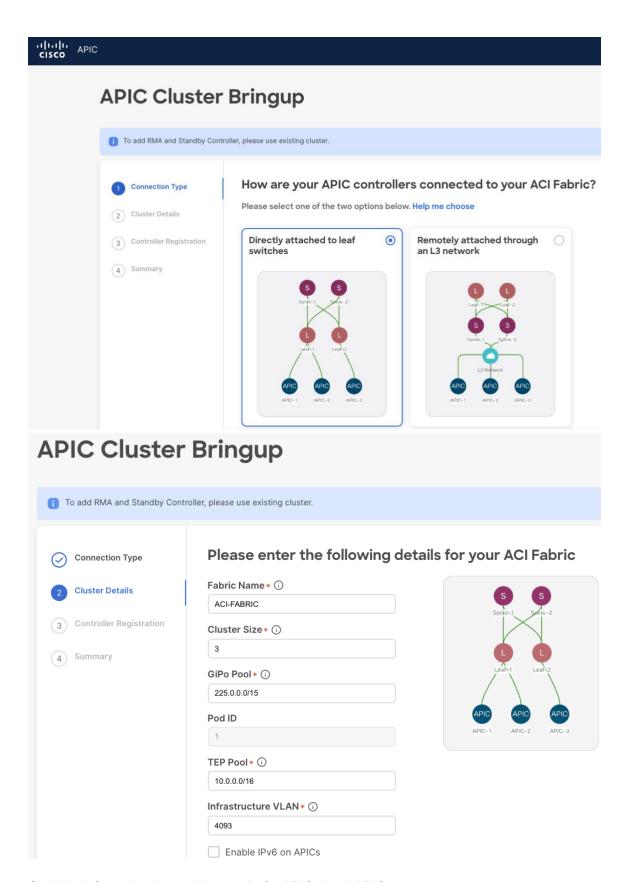
Start the initial bootstrap process on APIC 1;

```
APIC Version: 6.0(7e)
Welcome to APIC Setup Utility
Press Enter Or Input JSON string to bootstrap your APIC node.

admin user configuration ...
Enter the password for admin [None]:
Error: Password is not strong enough
Enter the password for admin [None]:
Reenter the password for admin [None]:
Out-of-band management configuration ...
Enter the IP Address [192.168.10.1/24]:
Enter the IP Address of default gateway [192.168.10.254]:
.97
```

- 1. Enter the "admin" password that you will use to access the ACI APIC GUI.
- 2. Enter the out of band IP address and the default gateway.
 - a. The IP address entered here will be used to access the APIC GUI or CLI

Login the APIC GUI via a web browser and enter the "admin" password that was configured in the prior steps in order to proceed with onboarding the other nodes of the APIC cluster.



Click "Add Controller" to add the details for APIC-2 and APIC-3.

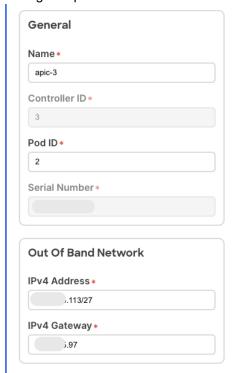
When adding a controller, Start by Entering the CIMC details (IP and login credentials) for that specific node and validate connectivity. The second step of onboarding the controller requires the following

details: APIC name, Pod ID and Out of Band IP address that can be used to access the APIC's GUI interface. APIC-3 is also be added at this stage however its Pod ID should be configured as "2.

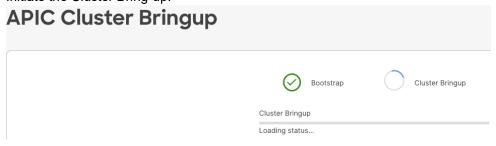
The Summary tab gives the Overview Details regarding the cluster details and configured details for each APIC node. This is the last verification checkpoint before the cluster can be deployed.



Configure apic-3 with POD ID – 2 as it is connected to Pod 2.

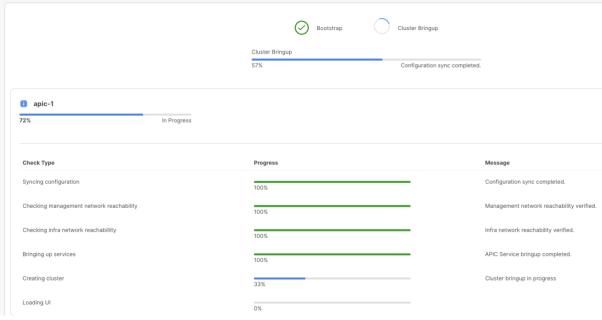


Initiate the Cluster Bring-up:



Wait for the Cluster Bringup process to complete

APIC Cluster Bringup



Upon completion, Re-login into the APIC GUI;

Fabric Nodes Registration

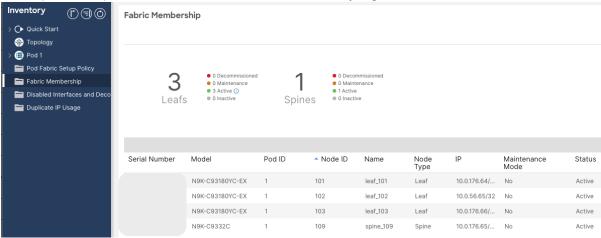
From this point, the ACI nodes in Pod-1 can be registered.

To Register the ACI nodes using the GUI follow the steps below:

Navigate to Fabric >> Inventory >> Fabric Membership >> Nodes Pending Registration.

Right Click on the device and Register the node(s).

At this point the spine and all leafs in Pod-1 are successfully registered in the ACI fabric.



The APIC cluster of 2 APICs in Pod-1 is observed to have formed successfully and is fully fit.



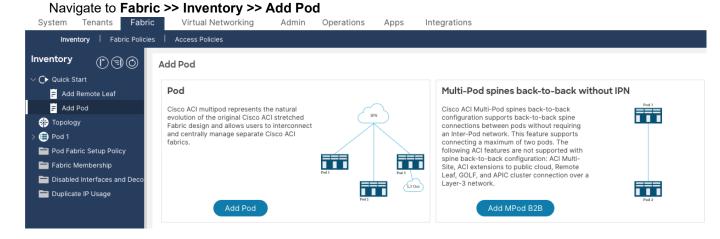
Configure the initial required parameters in Pod-1 (i.e. NTP, OOB management, BGP {AS number & designate spines as the route reflectors}, DNS etc).

After the successful deployment of the first Pod, the next step is to use the ACI Multi-pod wizard from the APIC GUI.

Configuring the Multi-Pod setup

The wizard takes care of configuring:

- An L3Out in the infra tenant specifying the spine nodes and interfaces to connect each pod to the IPN.
- Access policies for the spine interfaces connecting to the IPN.
- An internal TEP pool to be assigned to each pod.
- An external TEP pool to be assigned to each pod, used to define the control-plane IP addresses
 on the spines used for establishing MP-BGP EVPN adjacencies across pods and also to assign
 an anycast TEP address to each pod used for data-plane traffic.



Inter-Pod Connectivity Start up:

The Inter-Pod Configuration wizard will pop up with detailed instructions:

Configure Interpod Connectivity



Physical Pod to IPN connectivity is not configured. This connectivity is a prerequiste before extending ACI to another location. Follow these steps to configure Pod to IPN connectivity:

IP Connectivity



The interpod network (IPN) connects Cisco ACI locations to provide end-to-end network connectivity. To achieve this, spines need IP connectivity to the IPN. Identify spines and interfaces that will communicate with the IPN. IP configuration is required for at least one interface of each spine.

Routing Protocols



OSPF/BGP is used in the underlay to peer between the physical spines and the IPN. To configure OSPF, you need an OSPF Area ID, an Area Type and OSPF Interface Policy specific settings. To configure BGP, you need Peer-Address and Remote-AS number of the IPN router.

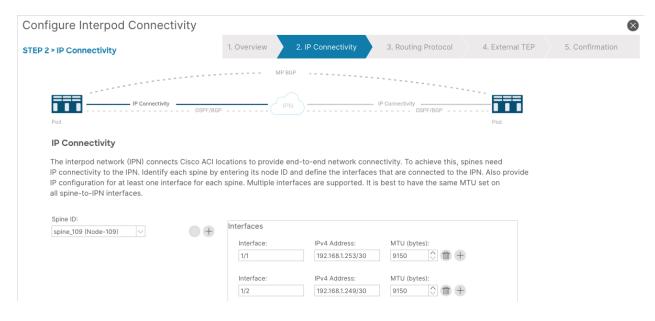
MP-BGP is used between physical pods to exchange overlay connectivity information. This wizard provides default configuration for BGP peering.

External TEP

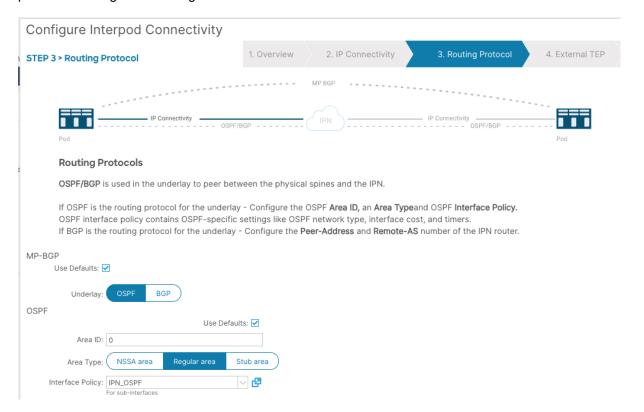


The physical pod uses external TEP addresses to communicate with remote locations. Identify a subnet that is routable across the network connecting the different locations. It must not overlap with existing TEP pools.

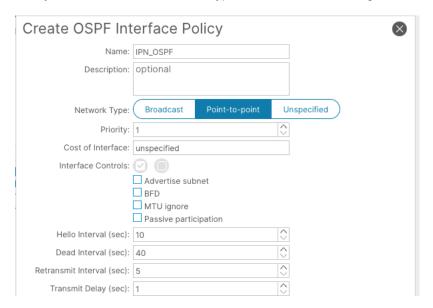
Selected the interfaces on the spine(s) in Pod-1 that are connected to the IPN devices. Assign IP addresses to these interfaces to be able to establish IP connectivity between the spines and IPN devices. Ensure that the MTU configured on these interfaces match the MTU on the IPN interfaces.



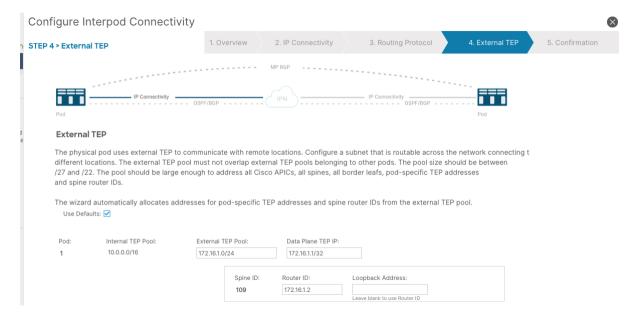
After assign IP addresses on the spine's interfaces, the next step is to configure the OSPF/BGP -based parameters required for peering between spines and IPN devices. This lab uses OSPF and the routing process is configured as a regular area.



The OSPF Interface Policy is required under the configured OSPF routing process. In the Interface Policy, attributes like the network type, interface cost, MTU ignore etc can be configured.

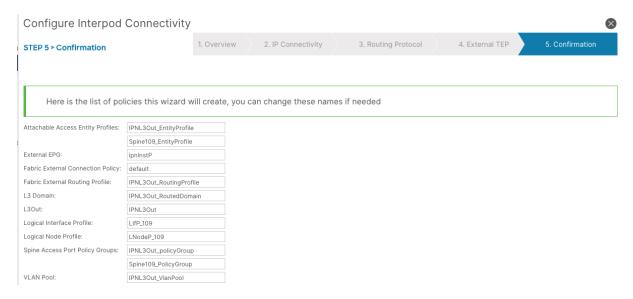


After the completion of OSPF configurations, the next step is to configure the External TEP pool, Data Plane TEP IP and Spine(s) Router ID(s). The External TEP pool must be routable across the IPN and it should have a subnet mask of length between /22 and /29. The External TEP pool is used to assign a unique Router-ID to each spine in the pod and a common Data Plane TEP IP. The Router-ID is used to establish MP-BGP EVPN peering between spines in different Pods. The Data Pane TEP IP represents an anycast TEP IP address used to reach any spines in the respective Pod. The purpose of this configuration is to allow for host reachability between the 2 pods. The spines in a Pod will get host information from a different Pod via the MP-BGP EVPN advertisements (Type-2 EVPN).



- A Router-ID is unique per-spine
- A Data Plane TEP IP is unique per-pod

After the input of all required parameters, a confirmation Page shows all the list of Policies that will be configured as a result.



These are the individual objects created from the wizard:

IPN_L3OUT AAEP associated with an L3 Routed Domain

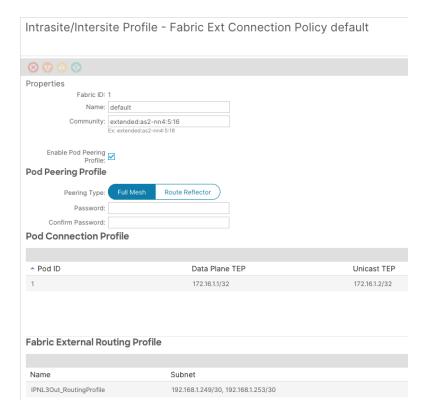
Attachable Access Entity Profile - IPNL3Out_EntityProfile				
		Policy Operational	Faults History	
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Properties				
Name:	IPNL3Out_EntityProfile			
Description:	optional			
Enable Infrastructure VLAN:				
Domains (VMM, Physical or External) Associated to Interfaces:			<u> </u>	
Externally Associated to interfaces.	▲ name	State		
	IPNL3Out_RoutedDomain (L3)	formed		

Spine109 AAEP associated with an L3 Routed Domain



Navigate to Tenants >> Infra >> Policies >> Protocol >> Fabric Ext Connection Policies:

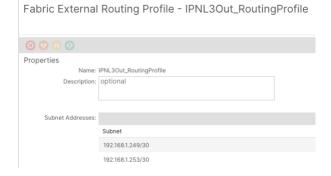
Fabric External Connection Policy



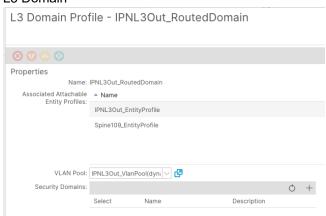
The "Community" allows PODs to import BGP paths to each other.

The Fabric External Routing Protocol contains subnets big enough to accommodate the required point-to-point IP addresses between the Spines and IPN.

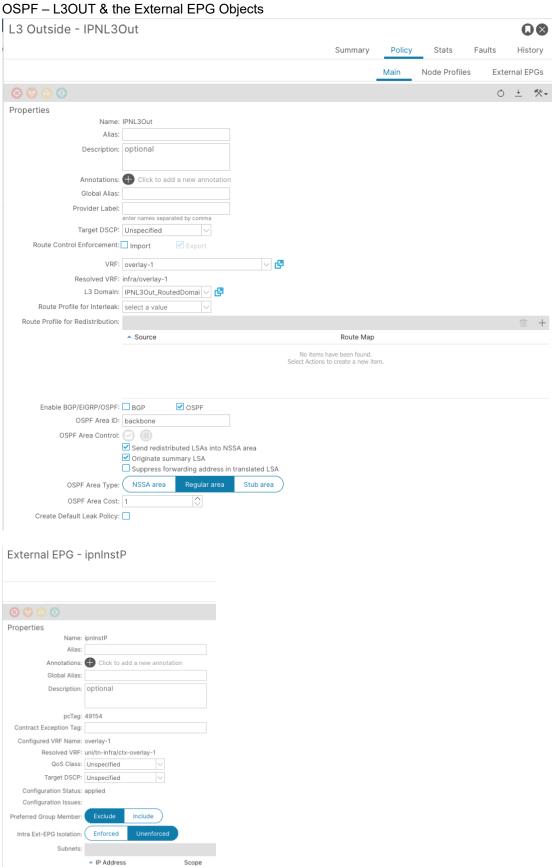
These IPN subnets will be redistributed into the IS-IS routing process.



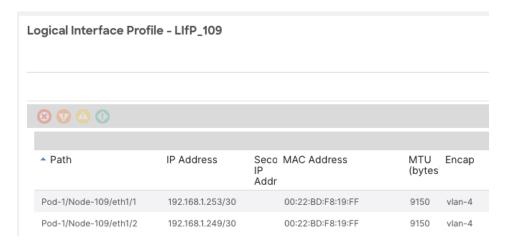
L3 Domain



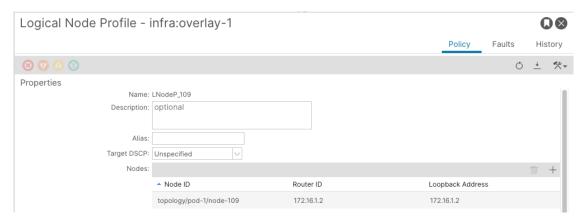
Navigate to Tenants >> infra >> Networking >> L3Outs >> IPNL3Out



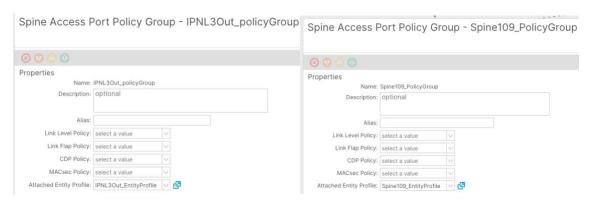
Logical Interface Profile – showing the Spine sub-interfaces that are configured with the IP addresses for OSPF peering with the IPN.



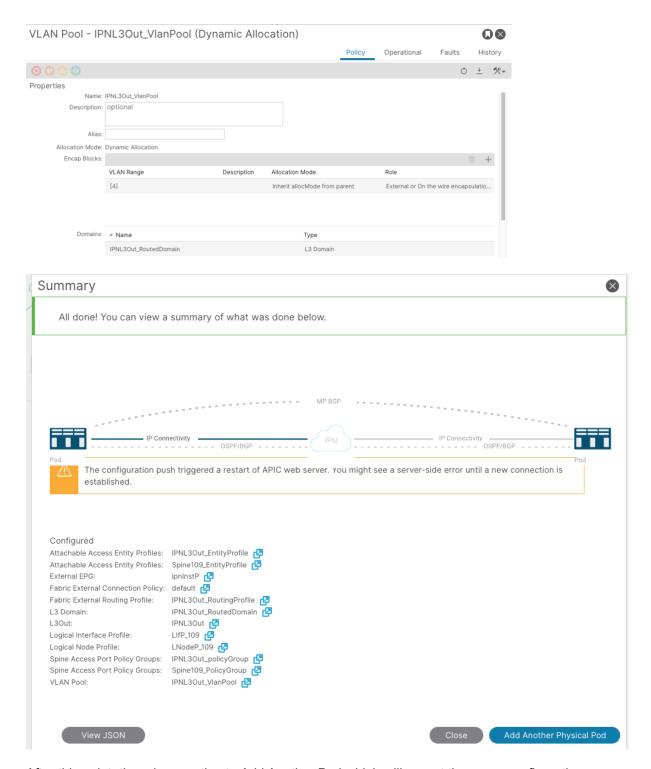
Logical Node Profile – showing the Spine node and its assigned Router-ID.



Spine Access Port Policy Groups

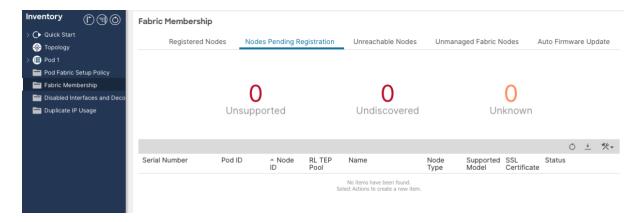


VLAN Pool (with encapsulation - 4)



After this point, there is an option to Add Another Pod which will repeat the same configuration panes, allowing the administrator to add a different Pod. In this lab, the second Pod will be added after setting up the IPN.

Before the IPN configuration is in place, all nodes in Pod-2 do not appear under the "Nodes Pending Registration" section.



The next section goes through the configuration of the IPN. After the successful configuration of the IPN, OSPF peering should be established between the Spine in pod-1 and the IPN device. Furthermore, OSPF peering will be established between the IPN devices. After the mentioned OSPF peerings have been established, the second Pod will be added via the Configuration wizard as shown before to allow Pod-2 devices to be added in the fabric.

Inter-Pod Network (IPN Configuration)

The IPN requires the following protocols to be configured: LLDP, Multicast (PIM-Bidir), OSPF and DHCP.

LLDP

Configure LLDP on the IPN devices and verify LLDP neighborship with the Spines.

```
feature lldp
IPN-1# show lldp neig
Capability codes:
  (R) Router, (B) Bridge, (T) Telephone, (C) DOCSIS Cable Device
  (W) WLAN Access Point, (P) Repeater, (S) Station, (O) Other
                            Local Intf Hold-time Capability Port ID
Eth2/1 120 BR Eth1/1
Eth2/2 120 BR Eth1/2
Eth2/3 120 BR Eth2/9
Eth2/4 120 BR Eth2/10
Device ID
spine_109
spine_109
IPN-2
IPN-2
Total entries displayed: 4
IPN-2# show lldp neig
Capability codes:
 (R) Router, (B) Bridge, (T) Telephone, (C) DOCSIS Cable Device
 (W) WLAN Access Point, (P) Repeater, (S) Station, (O) Other
                                   Local Intf
                                                  Hold-time Capability Port ID
120 BR Eth2/3
120 BR Eth2/4
Device ID
TPN-1
                             Eth2/9
IPN-1
                             Eth2/10
                                                 120
                                  /10
Eth2/11
                                                  120
switch
                                                                    BR Eth1/1
                                   Eth2/12
                                                        120
                                                                     BR
                                                                                 Eth1/2
switch
Total entries displayed: 4
```

NB: The LLDP neighbor "switch" of IPN-2 is the unregistered spine in Pod-2.

IPN VRF Instance

Create a dedicated VRF instance on the IPN devices. This VRF will contain inter-pod connectivity routes.

```
IPN-1#
                                                   IPN-2#
vrf context MPOD
                                                   vrf context MPOD
IPN-1# show vrf
                                                   IPN-1# show vrf
VRF-Name
                         VRF-ID State Reason
                                                   VRF-Name
                                                                            VRF-ID State
MPOD
                              4 Up
                                                   MPOD
                                                                                 4 Up
                              1 Up
                                                                                 1 Up
default
                                                   default
management
                              2 Up
                                                   management
                                                                                 2 Up
```

OSPF Configuration

Configure OSPF on the IPN devices. OSPF is the routing protocol that is used for peering between each IPN device and ACI spines. The IPN devices form an OSPF neighborship between each other as well. A VRF instance is configured the under the OSPF process. The configuration below configures the OSPF routing process and all interfaces that are required for OSPF peering:

- IPN device to IPN device interface
- IPN to spine(s) interface

```
IPN-1#
                                               IPN-2#
feature ospf
                                               feature ospf
router ospf 100
                                               router ospf 100
 vrf MPOD
                                                 vrf MPOD
    router-id 192.168.1.1
                                                   router-id 192.168.2.1
interface Ethernet2/1
                                               interface Ethernet2/11
 description To-Spine109-Eth1/1
                                                 description To-Spine209-Eth1/1
 mtu 9150
                                                 mtu 9150
  no shutdown
                                                 no shutdown
interface Ethernet2/1.4
                                               interface Ethernet2/11.4
 mtu 9150
                                                mtu 9150
 encapsulation dot1q 4
                                                 encapsulation dot1q 4
  vrf member MPOD
                                                 vrf member MPOD
 ip address 192.168.1.254/30
                                                 ip address 192.168.2.254/30
 ip ospf network point-to-point
                                                ip ospf network point-to-point
 ip router ospf 100 area 0.0.0.0
                                                 ip router ospf 100 area 0.0.0.0
 no shutdown
                                                 no shutdown
interface Ethernet2/2
                                               interface Ethernet2/12
 description To-Spine109-Eth1/2
                                                 description To-Spine209-Eth1/2
 mtu 9150
                                                 mtu 9150
 no shutdown
                                                 no shutdown
interface Ethernet2/2.4
                                               interface Ethernet2/12.4
 mtu 9150
                                                mtu 9150
 encapsulation dot1q 4
                                                encapsulation dot1q 4
 vrf member MPOD
                                                 vrf member MPOD
 ip address 192.168.1.250/30
                                                 ip address 192.168.2.250/30
 ip ospf network point-to-point
                                                 ip ospf network point-to-point
  ip router ospf 100 area 0.0.0.0
                                                 ip router ospf 100 area 0.0.0.0
  no shutdown
                                                 no shutdown
interface Ethernet2/3
                                               interface Ethernet2/9
 description To-IPN-2-Eth2/9
                                                 description To-IPN-1-Eth2/3
  mtu 9150
                                                 mt.u 9150
  no shutdown
                                                 no shut.down
```

```
interface Ethernet2/3.4
                                               interface Ethernet2/9.4
 mtu 9150
                                                mtu 9150
  encapsulation dot1q 4
                                                encapsulation dot1q 4
 vrf member MPOD
                                                vrf member MPOD
 ip address 192.168.100.253/30
                                                ip address 192.168.100.254/30
 ip ospf network point-to-point
                                                ip ospf network point-to-point
 ip router ospf 100 area 0.0.0.0
                                                ip router ospf 100 area 0.0.0.0
  no shutdown
                                                no shutdown
interface Ethernet2/4
                                               interface Ethernet2/10
description To-IPN-2-Eth2/10
                                                description To-IPN-1-Eth2/4
 mtu 9150
                                                mtu 9150
 no shutdown
                                                no shutdown
interface Ethernet2/4.4
                                               interface Ethernet2/10.4
 mtu 9150
                                                mtu 9150
 encapsulation dot1q 4
                                                encapsulation dot1q 4
  vrf member MPOD
                                                vrf member MPOD
  ip address 192.168.100.249/30
                                                ip address 192.168.100.250/30
  ip ospf network point-to-point
                                                ip ospf network point-to-point
  ip router ospf 100 area 0.0.0.0
                                                 ip router ospf 100 area 0.0.0.0
  no shutdown
                                                no shutdown
```

Verify OSPF neighborship between IPN-1 and the Spine in Pod1 & IPN-1 and IPN-2.

IPN-1#

IPN-2#

Spine_109#

```
spine_109# show ip ospf neighbors vrf overlay-1
OSPF Process ID default VRF overlay-1
Total number of neighbors: 2
Neighbor ID Pri State Up Time Address Interface
192.168.1.1 1 FULL/ - 18:27:25 192.168.1.254 Eth1/1.1
192.168.1.1 1 FULL/ - 18:27:25 192.168.1.250 Eth1/2.2
```

Note

The configuration of subinterfaces on the links connecting the IPN devices to the spines is mandatory; it is, however, optional for the links between IPN devices and is only required when multiple VRFs need to be connected over the same physical interface.

Multicast Configuration

The IPN requires Bidirectional Protocol-Independent Multicast (Bidir PIM) to be configured. Multicast in the IPN is required to forward Broadcast, Unknown Unicast and Multicast (BUM) traffic between the ACI pods.

IPN Configuration Requirements are as follows:

- The IPN is required to support Bidir PIM for a subnet range of at least /15
- A multicast Rendezvous Point (RP) is required
 - A single RP handles all communication and if any failure occurs, a backup-RP will take over.
- Each IPN device is configured with a loopback interface and each loopback will have a different subnet mask. The loopback with the longer-prefix-match will be used.
- The RP address must be part of the same IP subnet as defined under the interface loopback.

```
IPN-1#
                                              IPN-2#
feature pim
                                               feature pim
ip pim rp-address 192.168.100.2 group-list
                                              ip pim rp-address 192.168.100.2 group-list
                                              225.0.0.0/15 bidir
225.0.0.0/15 bidir
                                              ip pim rp-address 192.168.100.2 group-list
ip pim rp-address 192.168.100.2 group-list
239.255.255.240/28 bidir
                                              239.255.255.240/28 bidir
ip pim ssm range 232.0.0.0/8
                                              ip pim ssm range 232.0.0.0/8
vrf context MPOD
                                              vrf context MPOD
 ip pim ssm range 232.0.0.0/8
                                                ip pim ssm range 232.0.0.0/8
interface loopback1
                                              interface loopback1
 description BiDir Phantom-RP
                                                description BiDir Phantom-RP
 vrf member MPOD
                                                vrf member MPOD
 ip address 192.168.100.1/30
                                                ip address 192.168.100.1/29
 ip ospf network point-to-point
                                               ip ospf network point-to-point
  ip router ospf 100 area 0.0.0.0
                                                ip router ospf 100 area 0.0.0.0
  ip pim sparse-mode
                                                ip pim sparse-mode
```

192.168.100.2 is the RP-address and it will be reachable via IPN-1 which has the longest prefix-match.

Add PIM configurations to all required interfaces on the IPN devices.

```
IPN-1#
                                               IPN-2#
interface Ethernet2/1.4
                                               interface Ethernet2/9.4
  ip pim sparse-mode
                                                 ip pim sparse-mode
interface Ethernet2/2.4
                                               interface Ethernet2/10.4
 ip pim sparse-mode
                                                 ip pim sparse-mode
interface Ethernet2/3.4
                                               interface Ethernet2/11.4
 ip pim sparse-mode
                                                 ip pim sparse-mode
interface Ethernet2/4.4
                                               interface Ethernet2/12.4
 ip pim sparse-mode
                                                 ip pim sparse-mode
```

DHCP Relay Configuration

DHCP relay configuration is required on all sub-interfaces facing the spine switches. The IP addresses of the APIC nodes are configured and DHCP messages/requests that are received will be sent to the relevant APIC node.

```
IPN-1#
                                               IPN-2#
feature dhcp
                                                feature dhcp
service dhcp
                                                service dhcp
ip dhcp relay
                                                ip dhcp relay
interface Ethernet2/1.4
                                                interface Ethernet2/11.4
  ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.1
                                                 ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.1
  ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.2
                                                 ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.2
  ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.3
                                                  ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.3
interface Ethernet2/2.4
                                               interface Ethernet2/12.4
  ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.1
                                                 ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.1
  ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.2
                                                  ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.2
  ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.3
                                                 ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.3
```

Note

Since it is not possible to know beforehand in which pod the specific APIC nodes may get connected, the recommendation is to configure a DHCP relay statement for each APIC node on all the IPN interfaces connecting to the spines.

Full IPN Configuration

```
IPN-1#
                                                          IPN-2#
feature ospf
                                                          feature ospf
                                                          feature pim
                                                          feature dhop
feature dhop
feature lldp
                                                          feature lldp
service dhcp
                                                          service dhcp
ip dhcp relay
                                                          ip dhcp relay
ip pim rp-address 192.168.100.2 group-list
                                                          ip pim rp-address 192.168.100.2 group-list
225.0.0.0/15 bidir
                                                          225.0.0.0/15 bidir
ip pim rp-address 192.168.100.2 group-list
                                                          ip pim rp-address 192.168.100.2 group-list
239.255.255.240/28 bidir
                                                          239.255.255.240/28 bidir
vrf context MPOD
                                                          vrf context MPOD
 ip pim ssm range 232.0.0.0/8
                                                            ip pim ssm range 232.0.0.0/8
interface Ethernet2/1
                                                          interface Ethernet2/9
  description To-Spine109-Eth1/1
                                                            description To-IPN-1-Eth2/3
 mtu 9150
                                                            mtu 9150
 no shutdown
                                                            no shutdown
interface Ethernet2/1.4
                                                          interface Ethernet2/9.4
  mtu 9150
                                                            mtu 9150
  encapsulation dot1q 4
                                                            encapsulation dot1q 4
  vrf member MPOD
                                                            vrf member MPOD
  ip address 192.168.1.254/30
                                                            ip address 192.168.100.254/30
  ip ospf network point-to-point
                                                            ip ospf network point-to-point
  ip router ospf 100 area 0.0.0.0
                                                            ip router ospf 100 area 0.0.0.0
  ip pim sparse-mode
                                                            ip pim sparse-mode
  ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.1
                                                            no shutdown
  ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.2
  ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.3
                                                          interface Ethernet2/10
  no shutdown
                                                            description To-IPN-1-Eth2/4
                                                            mt.u 9150
```

```
no shutdown
interface Ethernet2/2
  description To-Spine109-Eth1/2
                                                          interface Ethernet2/10.4
  mt.u 9150
  no shutdown
                                                            encapsulation dot1g 4
interface Ethernet2/2.4
                                                            vrf member MPOD
                                                            ip address 192.168.100.250/30
 mtu 9150
  encapsulation dot1g 4
                                                            ip ospf network point-to-point
  vrf member MPOD
                                                            ip router ospf 100 area 0.0.0.0
  ip address 192.168.1.250/30
                                                            ip pim sparse-mode
  ip ospf network point-to-point
                                                            no shutdown
  ip router ospf 100 area 0.0.0.0
                                                          interface Ethernet2/11
  ip pim sparse-mode
  ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.1
                                                            description To-Spine209-Eth1/1
  ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.2
                                                            mt11 9150
  ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.3
                                                            no shutdown
  no shutdown
                                                          interface Ethernet2/11.4
interface Ethernet2/3
                                                           mtu 9150
  description To-IPN-2-Eth2/9
                                                            encapsulation dot1q 4
  mt.u 9150
                                                            vrf member MPOD
                                                            ip address 192.168.2.254/30
 no shutdown
                                                            ip ospf network point-to-point
interface Ethernet2/3.4
                                                            ip router ospf 100 area 0.0.0.0
                                                            ip pim sparse-mode
                                                            ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.1
 encapsulation dot1g 4
  vrf member MPOD
                                                            ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.2
 ip address 192.168.100.253/30
                                                            ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.3
                                                            no shutdown
 ip ospf network point-to-point
  ip router ospf 100 area 0.0.0.0
 ip pim sparse-mode
                                                          interface Ethernet2/12
  no shutdown
                                                            description To-Spine209-Eth1/2
                                                            mtu 9150
interface Ethernet2/4
                                                            no shutdown
 mtu 9150
  no shutdown
                                                          interface Ethernet2/12.4
                                                           mtu 9150
interface Ethernet2/4.4
                                                            encapsulation dot1g 4
 description To-IPN-2-Eth2/10
                                                            vrf member MPOD
 mtu 9150
                                                            ip address 192.168.2.250/30
 encapsulation dot1q 4
                                                            ip ospf network point-to-point
  vrf member MPOD
                                                            ip router ospf 100 area 0.0.0.0
 ip address 192.168.100.249/30
                                                            ip pim sparse-mode
  ip ospf network point-to-point
                                                            ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.1
  ip router ospf 100 area 0.0.0.0
                                                            ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.2
  ip pim sparse-mode
                                                            ip dhcp relay address 10.0.0.3
  no shutdown
                                                            no shutdown
interface loopback1
                                                          interface loopback1
  description BiDir Phantom-RP
                                                            description BiDir Phantom-RP
  vrf member MPOD
                                                            vrf member MPOD
 ip address 192.168.100.1/30
                                                            ip address 192.168.100.1/29
 ip ospf network point-to-point
                                                            ip ospf network point-to-point
  ip router ospf 100 area 0.0.0.0
                                                            ip router ospf 100 area 0.0.0.0
  ip pim sparse-mode
                                                            ip pim sparse-mode
router ospf 100
                                                          router ospf 100
                                                            vrf MPOD
  vrf MPOD
    router-id 192.168.1.1
                                                             router-id 192.168.2.1
```

Adding the Second Pod

After the successful configuration of the IPN, the second Pod can be added. The steps below showcase how to add the second Pod in the ACI fabric.

Add the ID of the spine in Pod-2 even though the device is still not registered in the fabric. Configure IP addresses on the interfaces that are directly connected to the IPN.



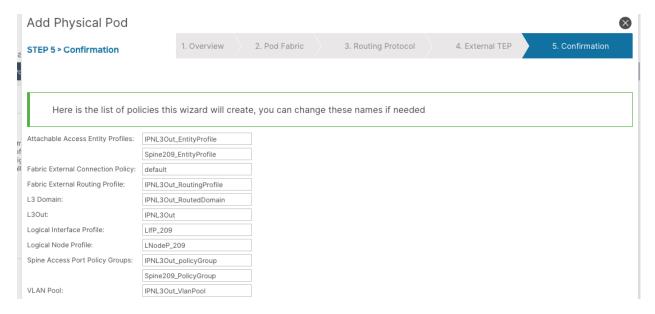
Associate the OSPF routing process with the previously configured OSPF Interface Policy.

Routing Protocols
OSPF/BGP is used in the underlay to peer between the physical spines and the IPN.
If OSPF is the routing protocol for the underlay - Configure the OSPF Area ID , an Area Type and OSPF Interface Policy . OSPF interface policy contains OSPF-specific settings like OSPF network type, interface cost, and timers. If BGP is the routing protocol for the underlay - Configure the Peer-Address and Remote-AS number of the IPN router.
Underlay: OSPF BGP
OSPF Area ID: backbone
Area Type: NSSA area Regular area Stub area
Area Cost: 1
Interface Policy: IPN_OSPF

Configure the External TEP pool for Pod-2, allocate the Data Plane TEP IP and Router-ID for the Spine(s) in Pod-2.

Pod Configuration External TEP addresses are used by the physical Pod to communicate with remote locations. Configure a subnet that is routable across the network connecting the different locations. The external TEP pool cannot overlap with other Pods internal or external TEP pools The pool size should be between /27 and /22. The pool should be large enough to address all APICs, all spines, all border leafs, pod-specific TEP addresses, and spine router IDs. The wizard will automatically allocate addresses for pod-specific TEP addresses and spine router IDs from the external TEP pool. Proposed addresses can be modified, but modified addresses must be outside of the external TEP pool. Use Defaults: 🗸 Internal TEP Pool: External TEP Pool: Data Plane TEP IP: 172.16.1.0/24 172.16.1.1/32 10.0.0.0/16 External TEP Pool: Data Plane TEP IP: Pod: Internal TEP Pool: 10.1.0.0/16 172.16.2.0/24 172.16.2.1/32 Loopback Address: 209 172.16.2.2

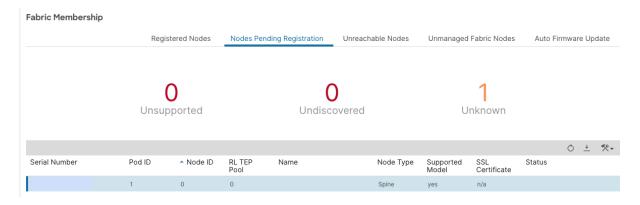
Confirmation of the Objects that will be automatically created by the APIC:



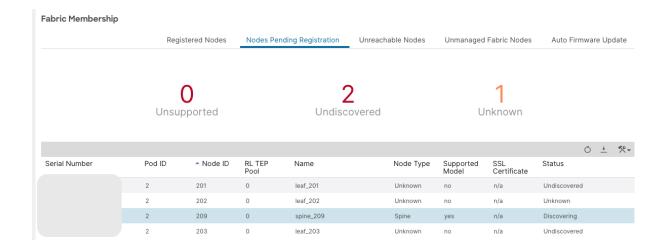
Summary:



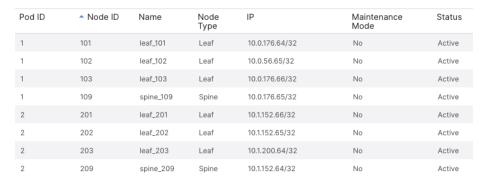
From this point, the Spine in Pod-2 appears under Nodes Pending Registration and it can be registered in the ACI fabric.



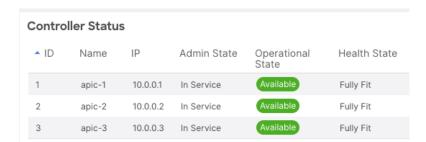
All nodes in Pod-2 are registered in the Fabric.



Note: ACI nodes in Pod-1 are assigned TEP IP addresses from TEP pool (10.0.0.0/16) and nodes in Pod-2 are assigned TEP IP addresses from TEP pool (10.1.0.0/16) and this can be observed from the Fabric Membership.



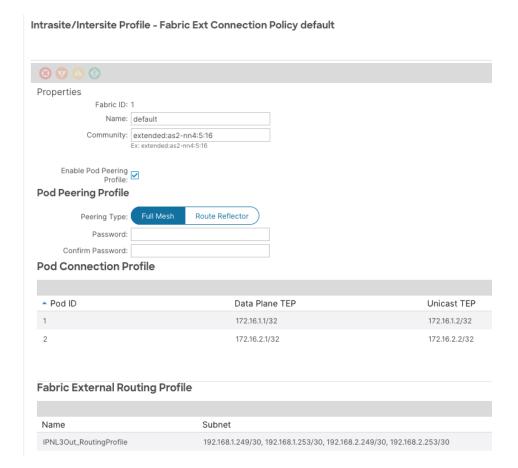
The APIC cluster is fully formed with all APICs across both Pod1 and Pod2.



Check OSPF between IPN-2 and Spine in Pod 2

```
IPN-2# show ip ospf neig vrf MPOD
OSPF Process ID 100 VRF MPOD
Total number of neighbors: 4
Neighbor ID
               Pri State
                                     Up Time Address
                                                              Interface
192.168.1.1
                  1 FULL/ -
                                     07:38:17 192.168.100.253 Eth2/9.4
192.168.1.1
                  1 FULL/ -
                                     07:38:12 192.168.100.249 Eth2/10.4
172.16.2.2
                  1 FULL/ -
                                     00:02:37 192.168.2.253
                                                             Eth2/11.4
 172.16.2.2
                 1 FULL/ -
                                     00:02:36 192.168.2.249
                                                              Eth2/12.4
```

Verify the configured Fabric Ext Connection Policy by navigation to **Tenant >> infra >> Policies >> Protocol >> Fabric Ext Connection Policies** and Click on the *Fabric Ext Connection Policy default:*



The Community value that is automatically assigned allows for the exchange of EVPN prefixes with spines in remote pods. The subnets that were used for the spines to IPN OSPF peering are displayed under the Fabric External Routing Profile.

The pod connection profile defines a new VXLAN TEP (VTEP) address called the external TEP (ETEP) address. It is used as the anycast shared address across all spine switches in a pod and as the EVPN next-hop IP address for inter-pod data-plane traffic. This IP address should not be part of the TEP pool assigned to each pod.

The Fabric External Routing Profile defines the subnets that are used in the point-to-point connections between the two separate pods in the IPN interfaces.

These subnets are redistributed into the IS-IS control plane running inside each Pod.

```
Spine109#
                                                               Spine209#
 show ip route vrf overlay-1
                                                                show ip route vrf overlay-1
                                                                192.168.1.248/30, ubest/mbest: 2/0
192.168.1.248/30, ubest/mbest: 1/0, attached, direct
    *via 192.168.1.249, eth1/2.2, [0/0], 3d01h, direct
                                                                    *via 192.168.2.254, eth1/1.1, [110/3], 1d16h, ospf-
                                                                default, intra
192.168.1.249/32, ubest/mbest: 1/0, attached
                                                                    *via 192.168.2.250, eth1/2.2, [110/3], 1d16h, ospf-
    *via 192.168.1.249, eth1/2.2, [0/0], 3d01h, local,
                                                                192.168.1.252/30, ubest/mbest: 2/0
192.168.1.252/30, ubest/mbest: 1/0, attached, direct
                                                                    *via 192.168.2.254, eth1/1.1, [110/3], 1d16h, ospf-
    *via 192.168.1.253, eth1/1.1, [0/0], 3d01h, direct
                                                                default, intra
192.168.1.253/32, ubest/mbest: 1/0, attached
                                                                *via 192.168.2.250, eth1/2.2, [110/3], 1d16h, ospf-default, intra
    *via 192.168.1.253, eth1/1.1, [0/0], 3d01h, local,
local
                                                                192.168.2.248/30, ubest/mbest: 1/0, attached, direct
192.168.2.248/30, ubest/mbest: 2/0
                                                                    *via 192.168.2.249, eth1/2.2, [0/0], 2d15h, direct
    *via 192.168.1.254, eth1/1.1, [110/3], 2d23h, ospf-
                                                                192.168.2.249/32, ubest/mbest: 1/0, attached
default, intra
```

```
*via 192.168.1.250, eth1/2.2, [110/3], 2d23h, ospfdefault, intra

192.168.2.252/30, ubest/mbest: 2/0

*via 192.168.1.254, eth1/1.1, [110/3], 2d23h, ospfdefault, intra

*via 192.168.1.250, eth1/2.2, [110/3], 2d23h, ospfdefault, intra

*via 192.168.1.250, eth1/2.2, [110/3], 2d23h, ospfdefault, intra
```

```
*via 192.168.2.249, eth1/2.2, [0/0], 2d15h, local, local

192.168.2.252/30, ubest/mbest: 1/0, attached, direct

*via 192.168.2.253, eth1/1.1, [0/0], 2d15h, direct

192.168.2.253/32, ubest/mbest: 1/0, attached

*via 192.168.2.253, eth1/1.1, [0/0], 2d15h, local, local
```

Verify the Spine MP-BGP EVPN

Spine 109# spine 109# show bgp 12vpn evpn summary vrf overlay-1 BGP summary information for VRF overlay-1, address family L2VPN EVPN BGP router identifier 10.0.208.65, local AS number 65001 BGP table version is 15, L2VPN EVPN config peers 1, capable peers 1 4 network entries and 4 paths using 720 bytes of memory BGP attribute entries [2/416], BGP AS path entries [0/0] BGP community entries [0/0], BGP clusterlist entries [0/0] Neighbor V AS MsgRcvd MsgSent TblVer InQ OutQ Up/Down State/FfxRcd 172.168.2.2 4 65001 7 6 15 0 0 00:00:25 1

Note

Ensure the Fabric BGP AS is configured and the Spines from each Pod are designated as route-reflectors else MP-BGP L2VPN EVPN peering will not be established.

Verify Redistribution in ACI Multi-Pod

Route Maps are at the center of redistribution between OSPF and ISIS.

On Spine_109 (OSPF to IS-IS Redistribution):

```
spine 109# moquery -d sys/isis/inst-default/dom-overlay-1/interleak-ospf-default-1
Total Objects shown: 1
# isis.InterLeakP
proto : ospf
           : default
           : 1
childAction :
descr
           : sys/isis/inst-default/dom-overlay-1/interleak-ospf-default-1
          : local
lcOwn
modTs
           : 2025-04-18T10:55:37.545+00:00
name
nameAlias :
           : interleak-ospf-default-1
rn
          : interleak_rtmap_infra_prefix_remote_pod_teps
rtMap
scope
           : inter
status
```

```
spine_109# moquery -d sys/isis/inst-default/dom-overlay-1/interleak-ospf-default-1
Total Objects shown: 1
```

```
# isis.InterLeakP
proto
       : ospf
           : default
          : 1
childAction :
           : sys/isis/inst-default/dom-overlay-1/interleak-ospf-default-1
          : local
lcOwn
          : 2025-04-18T07:49:13.131+00:00
modTs
name
nameAlias :
          : interleak-ospf-default-1
rn
          : interleak rtmap infra prefix remote pod teps
rtMap
          : inter
scope
status
```

```
spine_109# vsh -c 'show isis protocol vrf overlay-1' | egrep -A 3 'Redis'
Redistributing :
  bgp-65001    policy interleak_rtmap_infra_prefix_remote_pod_teps
  direct    policy intra-site-deny
  ospf-default    policy interleak_rtmap_infra_prefix_remote_pod_teps
```

A look into the route-map & prefix-lists to see which routes are being distributed:

```
spine 109# show route-map interleak rtmap infra prefix remote pod teps
route-map interleak rtmap infra prefix remote pod teps, permit, sequence 1
 Match clauses:
   ip address prefix-lists: infra prefix remote pod teps infra prefix ipn remote subnets
 Set clauses:
   metric 63
route-map interleak rtmap infra prefix remote pod teps, permit, sequence 2
   ip address prefix-lists: infra prefix all ifcs tep range
 Set clauses:
   metric 60
spine_109# show ip prefix-list infra_prefix_remote_pod_teps
ip prefix-list infra_prefix_remote_pod_teps: 6 entries
  seq 2 permit 10.1.0.33/32 - SPINE 209 ANYCAST
  seq 3 permit 10.1.0.34/32 - SPINE 209 ANYCAST
  seq 4 permit 10.1.0.35/32 - SPINE 209 ANYCAST
  seq 5 permit 172.168.2.1/32 - POD 2 DATAPLANE TEP IP
  seg 6 permit 172.168.2.2/32 - SPINE 209 ROUTER ID
  seq 7 permit 10.1.0.0/16 - POD 2 TEP Pool
spine 109#
spine 109# show ip prefix-list infra prefix ipn remote subnets
ip prefix-list infra prefix ipn remote subnets: 4 entries
IPN - SPINES OSPF ROUTING SUBNETS
  seq 1 permit 192.168.1.253/30 le 32
  seq 2 permit 192.168.1.249/30 le 32
  seq 3 permit 192.168.2.249/30 le 32
  seq 4 permit 192.168.2.253/30 le 32
spine 109#
spine_109# show ip prefix-list infra_prefix_all_ifcs_tep_range
ip prefix-list infra_prefix_all_ifcs_tep_range: 1 entries
  seq 1 permit 10.0.0.0/27 eq 32
spine 109# Set clauses:
```

On Spine_209 (OSPF to IS-IS Redistribution):

```
spine 209# moquery -d sys/isis/inst-default/dom-overlay-1/interleak-ospf-default-1
Total Objects shown: 1
# isis.InterLeakP
proto : ospf
           : default
inst
          : 1
asn
childAction :
descr
dn
           : sys/isis/inst-default/dom-overlay-1/interleak-ospf-default-1
lcOwn
          : local
          : 2025-04-18T10:55:37.545+00:00
modTs
name
nameAlias :
          : interleak-ospf-default-1
rn
          : interleak rtmap infra prefix remote pod teps
rtMap
          : inter
scope
status
```

A look into the route-map & prefix-lists to see which routes are being distributed:

```
spine_209# show route-map interleak_rtmap_infra_prefix_remote_pod_teps
route-map interleak_rtmap_infra_prefix_remote_pod_teps, permit, sequence 1
 Match clauses:
   ip address prefix-lists: infra prefix_remote_pod_teps infra prefix_ipn_remote_subnets
 Set clauses:
   metric 63
route-map interleak_rtmap_infra_prefix_remote_pod_teps, permit, sequence 2
 Match clauses:
   ip address prefix-lists: infra prefix all ifcs tep range
 Set clauses:
   metric 63
spine 209# show ip prefix-list infra prefix remote pod teps
ip prefix-list infra prefix remote pod teps: 6 entries
ip prefix-list infra prefix remote pod teps: 6 entries
  seq 1 permit 10.0.0.33/32
  seq 2 permit 10.0.0.34/32
  seq 3 permit 10.0.0.35/32
  seq 4 permit 172.16.1.1/32
  seq 5 permit 172.16.1.2/32
  seq 6 permit 10.0.0.0/16
spine 209#
spine_109# show ip prefix-list infra_prefix_ipn_remote_subnets
ip prefix-list infra_prefix_ipn_remote_subnets: 4 entries
IPN - SPINES OSPF ROUTING SUBNETS
ip prefix-list infra_prefix_ipn_remote_subnets: 4 entries
  seq 1 permit 192.168.2.249/30 le 32
  seq 2 permit 192.168.2.253/30 le 32
```

```
seq 3 permit 192.168.1.249/30 le 32
seq 4 permit 192.168.1.253/30 le 32
spine_209#
spine_209# show ip prefix-list infra_prefix_all_ifcs_tep_range
ip prefix-list infra_prefix_all_ifcs_tep_range: 1 entries
    seq 1 permit 10.0.0.0/27 eq 32
spine_209#
```

Spine_109 (ISIS to OSPF redistribution)

```
spine 109# moquery -d sys/ospf/inst-default/dom-overlay-1/interleak-isis-isis infra-1
Total Objects shown: 1
# ospf.InterLeakP
proto : isis
           : isis infra
inst
           : 1
asn
always
           : no
childAction :
descr
           : sys/ospf/inst-default/dom-overlay-1/interleak-isis-isis infra-1
dn
           : local
lcOwn
           : 2025-04-18T09:57:05.106+00:00
modTs
name
nameAlias
            : interleak-isis-isis infra-1
rn
rtMap
            : interleak rtmap infra prefix local pod cp eteps and ifcs
scope
status
```

```
spine_109# show route-map interleak_rtmap_infra_prefix_local_pod_cp_eteps_and_ifcs
route-map interleak_rtmap_infra_prefix_local_pod_cp_eteps_and_ifcs, permit, sequence 1
Match clauses:
   ip address prefix-lists: infra_prefix_local_pod_ifcs infra_prefix_local_pod_cp_eteps_and_ifcs
   Set clauses:

spine_109# show ip prefix-list infra_prefix_local_pod_ifcs
ip prefix-list infra_prefix_local_pod_ifcs: 2 entries
   seq 1 permit 10.0.0.1/32
   seq 2 permit 10.0.0.2/32
spine_109#
spine_109# show ip prefix-list infra_prefix_local_pod_cp_eteps_and_ifcs
ip prefix-list infra_prefix_local_pod_cp_eteps_and_ifcs: 1 entries
   seq 1 permit 172.16.1.2/32
```

On Spine_109 (OSPF Database):

```
spine 109# show ip ospf database external vrf overlay-1
       OSPF Router with ID (172.16.1.2) (Process ID default VRF overlay-1)
               Type-5 AS External Link States
Link TD
              ADV Router
                                                   Checksum Tag
                              Aae
                                         Sea#
10.0.0.0
              172.16.1.2
                              587
                                         0x8000002c 0x2d9c 0
10.0.0.1
               172.16.1.2
                               587
                                         0x8000002c 0x23a5
                                                              0
                                         0x8000002c 0x19ae
10.0.0.2
               172.16.1.2
                               587
```

```
10.0.0.3 172.168.2.2 1817
                                    0x80000025 0x51e2
                                                        0
10.0.0.33
                          587
                                     0x8000002c 0xe1c6
            172.16.1.2
10.0.0.34
            172.16.1.2
                          587
                                     0x8000002c 0xd7cf
10.0.0.35
            172.16.1.2
                          587
                                     0x8000002c 0xcdd8
10.1.0.0
            172.168.2.2 627
                                     0x8000002a 0x59d7
10.1.0.33
            172.168.2.2 627
                                     0x8000002b 0x0c03
10.1.0.34
            172.168.2.2
                                     0x8000002b 0x020c
                          627
                                                        0
10.1.0.35
             172.168.2.2
                                     0x8000002a 0xf914
                          627
                                                        0
172.16.1.0
            172.16.1.2
                           1507
                                     0x80000029 0x25f3
                                                        0
172.16.1.1
            172.16.1.2
                                     0x8000002c 0x15ff
                          587
                                                        0
                                     0x80000029 0x34ff
172.16.1.228
           172.16.1.2
                           1507
                                                        0
172.16.1.229
             172.16.1.2
                           1507
                                      0x80000029 0x2a09
                                                        0
172.168.2.0
             172.168.2.2
                                      0x8000002a 0x25bf
                           627
                                                        0
172.168.2.1
             172.168.2.2
                            627
                                      0x8000002a 0x1bc8
                                                        0
172.168.2.228
             172.168.2.2
                            627
                                      0x8000002a 0x34cb
                                                        0
172.168.2.229
             172.168.2.2
                            627
                                      0x8000002a 0x2ad4
```

```
spine_109# show ip ospf database vrf overlay-1
       OSPF Router with ID (172.16.1.2) (Process ID default VRF overlay-1)
               Router Link States (Area 0.0.0.0)
Link ID
               ADV Router
                             Age
                                        Sea#
                                                  Checksum Link Count
172.16.1.2
                             1538
                                        0x8000002e 0x57b6 6
              172.16.1.2
172.168.2.2
              172.168.2.2
                            668
                                        0x8000002f 0x645e
192.168.1.1
              192.168.1.1
                            1459
                                        0x800000cd 0xa9ae 9
192.168.2.1
              192.168.2.1
                             1310
                                       0x800000d1 0xad71
              Type-5 AS External Link States
Link ID
              ADV Router
                            Age
                                        Seq#
                                                 Checksum Tag
              172.16.1.2
                            628
                                        0x8000002c 0x2d9c 0
10.0.0.0
                            628
10.0.0.1
              172.16.1.2
                                        0x8000002c 0x23a5
                                                            0
10.0.0.2
              172.16.1.2
                             628
                                        0x8000002c 0x19ae
                                                            0
                             38
10.0.0.3
              172.168.2.2
                                        0x80000026 0x4fe3
                                                            0
              172.16.1.2
                            628
10.0.0.33
                                        0x8000002c 0xe1c6
                                                            0
10.0.0.34
              172.16.1.2
                             628
                                        0x8000002c 0xd7cf
10.0.0.35
                             628
                                        0x8000002c 0xcdd8
              172.16.1.2
10.1.0.0
                                        0x8000002a 0x59d7
               172.168.2.2
                             668
               172.168.2.2
10.1.0.33
                                        0x8000002b 0x0c03
                             668
10.1.0.34
              172.168.2.2
                             668
                                        0x8000002b 0x020c
                                                            0
10.1.0.35
              172.168.2.2
                             668
                                        0x8000002a 0xf914
                                                            0
                             1548
172.16.1.0
              172.16.1.2
                                        0x80000029 0x25f3
                                                            0
                            628
172.16.1.1
              172.16.1.2
                                        0x8000002c 0x15ff
                                                            0
                             1548
172.16.1.228
                                        0x80000029 0x34ff
              172.16.1.2
                                                            0
                            1548
172.16.1.229
              172.16.1.2
                                        0x80000029 0x2a09
                                                            0
172.168.2.0
              172.168.2.2
                            668
                                        0x8000002a 0x25bf
                                                            0
172.168.2.1
              172.168.2.2
                                        0x8000002a 0x1bc8
                              668
                                                            Ω
172.168.2.228 172.168.2.2
                              668
                                        0x8000002a 0x34cb
                                                            0
172.168.2.229 172.168.2.2 668
                                        0x8000002a 0x2ad4
                                                            Ω
```

On Spine_209 (IS-IS to OSPF Redistribution):

```
spine_209# moquery -d sys/ospf/inst-default/dom-overlay-1/interleak-isis-isis_infra-1
Total Objects shown: 1

# ospf.InterLeakP
proto : isis
inst : isis_infra
asn : 1
```

```
always : no
childAction :
          : sys/ospf/inst-default/dom-overlay-1/interleak-isis-isis infra-1
lcOwn
          : local
modTs
          : 2025-04-18T10:55:00.875+00:00
name
nameAlias :
          : interleak-isis-isis_infra-1
rn
          : interleak rtmap infra prefix local pod cp eteps and ifcs
rtMap
          : inter
scope
status
```

```
spine_209# show route-map interleak_rtmap_infra_prefix_local_pod_cp_eteps_and_ifcs
route-map interleak_rtmap_infra_prefix_local_pod_cp_eteps_and_ifcs, permit, sequence 1
Match clauses:
    ip address prefix-lists: infra_prefix_local_pod_ifcs infra_prefix_local_pod_cp_eteps_and_ifcs
    Set clauses:

spine_209# show ip prefix-list infra_prefix_local_pod_ifcs
ip prefix-list infra_prefix_local_pod_ifcs: 1 entries
    seq 1 permit 10.0.0.3/32
spine_209#
spine_209# show ip prefix-list infra_prefix_local_pod_cp_eteps_and_ifcs
ip prefix-list infra_prefix_local_pod_cp_eteps_and_ifcs: 1 entries
    seq 1 permit 172.168.2.2/32
```

Fabric Discovery Troubleshooting

This section goes through Fabric Discovery validation and troubleshooting commands. The commands and explanations are adopted from the official Troubleshoot ACI Fabric Discovery; https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/cloud-systems-management/application-policy-infrastructure-controller-apic/218031-troubleshoot-aci-fabric-discovery-init.html

Check the System State.

When a leaf has been registered in the fabric its state should be "in-service".

Check - DHCP status

```
(none) # tcpdump -ni kpm_inb port 67 or 68
tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or -vv for full protocol decode
listening on kpm_inb, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 262144 bytes
10:02:31.820279 IP 10.0.176.64.67 > 10.0.0.1.67: BOOTP/DHCP, Request from 64:3a:ea:93:63:01, length 345
Broadcast message from root@leaf101 (Sun Apr 13 10:02:38 2025):
This switch is now part of the ACI fabric. Please re-login with the right credentials.
Launching getty
```

The output above shows that a leaf was allocated a TEP IP by the APIC during registration.

DHCP on the APIC

```
apic-1# ps aux | grep dhcp
```

```
ifc 11972 2.4 0.7 1565680 681540 ? Ssl 09:44 0:36 /mgmt//bin/dhcpd.bin -f -4 -cf /data//dhcp/dhcpd.conf -lf /data//dhcp/dhcpd.lease -pf /var/run//dhcpd.pid --no-pid bond0.4093 admin 74832 0.0 0.0 3312 656 pts/0 S+ 10:08 0:00 grep dhcp
```

Validate that the dhcpd is running on the APIC and listening to the bond interface (interface that connects to the ACI fabric).

Unregistered leaf AV details

Before the leaf is registered, it does not have details regarding the cluster.

Registered leaf

```
leaf 101# acidiag avread
 \texttt{Cluster of 3 lm(t):0(2025-04-18T12:51:37.363+00:00)} \ \ \texttt{appliances (out of targeted 3 lm(t):0(2025-04-18T12:51:37.363+00:00)} \ \ \texttt{appliance (out of targeted 3 lm(t):0(2025-04-18T12:51:37.363+00:00)} \ \ \ \texttt{appliance (out of ta
 18T13:01:14.070+00:00)) with FABRIC DOMAIN name=ACI-FABRIC set to version=6.0(7e) lm(t):0(2025-04-18T13:01:14.070+00:00); discoveryMode=PERMISSIVE lm(t):0(zeroTime); drrMode=OFF lm(t):0(zeroTime);
 kafkaMode=ON lm(t):1(2025-04-18T07:13:19.173+00:00); autoUpgradeMode=OFF lm(t):3(2025-04-
 18T12:51:37.796+00:00); clusterInterface=infra
                                                            appliance id=1 address=10.0.0.1 lm(t):1(2025-04-18T07:04:20.705+00:00) tep address=10.0.0.0/16
 lm(t):1(2025-04-18T07:04:20.705+00:00) routable address=0.0.0.0 lm(t):0(zeroTime) oob address=0.0.0.0
lm(t):1(2025-04-18T07:32:58.598+00:00) rK=(stable,absent,0) lm(t):0(zeroTime) aK=(stable,absent,0)
  lm(t): 0 (zeroTime) \ oobrK=(stable,absent,0) \ lm(t): 0 (zeroTime) \ oobaK=(stable,absent,0) \ lm(t): 0 (zeroTime) \ cntrlSbst=(APPROVED, Wxxxxxxxx) \ lm(t): 1 (2025-04-18T12:51:37.848+00:00) \ (targetMbSn= \ lm(t): 0 (zeroTime), \ failoverStatus=0 \ lm(t): 0 (zeroTime)) \ podId=1 \ lm(t): 1 (2025-04-18T07:04:20.705+00:00) \ commissioned=YES 
 lm(t):101(2025-04-18T07:30:05.294+00.00) registered=YES lm(t):1(2025-04-18T07:04:20.705+00:00)
 \verb|standby=NO lm(t):0(zeroTime)| DRR=NO lm(t):101(2025-04-18T07:30:05.294+00:00)| apicX=NO lm(t):0(zeroTime)| api
 \texttt{virtual} = \texttt{NO lm(t):0 (zeroTime)} \ \ \texttt{oob gw address=0.0.0.0} \ \ \texttt{lm(t):0 (zeroTime)} \ \ \texttt{oob address} \ \ \texttt{v6=0.0.0.0} \ \ \texttt{lm(t):0 (zeroTime)} \ \ \texttt{oob address} \ \ \texttt{v6=0.0.0.0} \ \ \texttt{lm(t):0 (zeroTime)} \ \ \texttt{oob address} \ \ \texttt{v6=0.0.0.0} \ \ \texttt{lm(t):0 (zeroTime)} \ \ \texttt{oob address} \ \ \texttt{v6=0.0.0.0} \ \ \texttt{lm(t):0 (zeroTime)} \ \ \texttt{oob address} \ \ \texttt{v6=0.0.0.0} \ \ \texttt{lm(t):0 (zeroTime)} \ \ \texttt{lm(t):0 (zeroTime
 lm(t):0 (zeroTime) oob gw address v6=0.0.0.0 lm(t):0 (zeroTime) active=YES
                                                        appliance id=2 address=10.0.0.2 lm(t):101(2025-04-18T07:31:26.429+00:00) tep
 address=10.0.0.0/16 lm(t):2(2025-04-18T07:05:59.732+00:00) routable address=0.0.0.0 lm(t):0(zeroTime)
 \verb"oob" address=0.0.0.0 lm(t):0(zeroTime) version=6.0(7e) lm(t):2(2025-04-18T07:06:06.217+00:00) lm(t):2(2025-04-18T07-06:00) lm(t):2(2025-04-18T07-0
 \texttt{chassisId} = 4768 \texttt{bab6} - 1 \texttt{c23} - 11 \texttt{f0} - 903 \texttt{f} - 34 \texttt{ed1b8b68ef lm(t):} \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18\texttt{T07:} 31: 26.429 + 00: 00) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(2025 - 04 - 18) \\ 101(
 capabilities=0X17EEFFFFFFF--0X2020--0X3--0X1 lm(t):2(2025-04-18T07:33:21.825+00:00)
 rK=(stable,absent,0) lm(t):0(zeroTime) aK=(stable,absent,0) lm(t):0(zeroTime) oobrK=(stable,absent,0)
  lm(t):0(zeroTime) oobaK=(stable,absent,0) lm(t):0(zeroTime) cntrlSbst=(APPROVED, Wxxxxxx) lm(t):2(2025-
 04-18T12:51:37.794+00:00) \hspace*{0.2cm} (\texttt{targetMbSn=} \ \texttt{lm(t):0(zeroTime), failoverStatus=0} \ \texttt{lm(t):0(zeroTime))} \hspace*{0.2cm} \texttt{podId=1} \\ \texttt{lm(t):0(zeroTime)} \\ \texttt{lm(t):0(zeroTime
  \\ \ln(t): \\ 101(2025-04-18T07:31:26.429+00:00) \\ \text{ commissioned=YES } \\ \ln(t): \\ 101(2025-04-18T07:32:56.609+00:00) \\ \text{ commissioned=YES } \\ \text{ commissioned=YES
 \label{eq:registered} \begin{tabular}{l}{l}{registered=YES lm(t):1(2025-04-18T07:32:56.945+00:00) standby=NO lm(t):0(zeroTime) DRR=NO lm(t):101(2025-04-18T07:32:56.609+00:00) apicX=NO lm(t):0(zeroTime) virtual=NO lm(t):0(zeroTime) oob gward of the property of the prop
 address=0.0.0.0 lm(t):0(zeroTime) oob address v6=0.0.0.0 lm(t):0(zeroTime) oob gw address v6=0.0.0.0
 lm(t):0(zeroTime) active=YES
                                                            appliance id=3 address=10.0.0.3 lm(t):201(2025-04-18T12:19:40.111+00:00) tep
 address=10.0.0.0/16 lm(t):3(2025-04-18T12:46:36.039+00:00) routable address=0.0.0.0 lm(t):0(zeroTime)
 oob address=0.0.0.0 lm(t):0(zeroTime) version=6.0(7e) lm(t):3(2025-04-18T12:46:44.126+00:00)
 capabilities=0X17EEFFFFFFFFF--0X2020--0X7--0X1 lm(t):3(2025-04-18T12:51:58.626+00:00)
 rK=(stable,absent,0) lm(t):0(zeroTime) aK=(stable,absent,0) lm(t):0(zeroTime) oobrK=(stable,absent,0) lm(t):0(zeroTime) oobaK=(stable,absent,0) lm(t):0(zeroTime) cntrlSbst=(APPROVED, WZxxxxxxx)
 lm(t):202(2025-04-18T12:48:45.870+00:00) (targetMbSn= lm(t):0(zeroTime), failoverStatus=0 lm(t):0(zeroTime)) podId=2 lm(t):201(2025-04-18T12:19:40.111+00:00) commissioned=YES lm(t):101(2025-04-18T12:19:40.111+00:00)
  18T12:51:37.363+00:00) registered=YES lm(t):2(2025-04-18T12:51:37.368+00:00) standby=NO
  lm(t): 0 (zeroTime) \ DRR=NO \ lm(t): 101 (2025-04-18T12:51:37.363+00:00) \ apic X=NO \ lm(t): 0 (zeroTime) \ virtual=NO (z
  lm(t): 0 (\texttt{zeroTime}) \text{ oob gw address} = 0.0.0.0 \ lm(t): 0 (\texttt{zeroTime}) \text{ oob address } v6 = 0.0.0.0 \ lm(t): 0 (\texttt{zeroTime}) \text{ oob address} 
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 \texttt{clusterTime} = < \texttt{diff} = -262 \texttt{ common} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.378 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:46.640 + 00:00 \texttt{ local} = 2025 - 04 - 18T13:01:460 + 00:00 + 00:00 + 00:00 + 00:00 + 00:00 + 00:00 + 00
 pF=<displForm=0 offsSt=0 offsVlu=0 lm(t):3(2025-04-18T12:51:49.791+00:00)>>
```

When the node is registered it is able to display details of the APIC nodes in the cluster.

IP reachability to the APIC

```
leaf101# iping -V overlay-1 10.0.0.1
PING 10.0.0.1 (10.0.0.1) from 10.0.0.30: 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 10.0.0.1: icmp_seq=0 ttl=64 time=0.409 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.1: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.294 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.0.1: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.274 ms
^C
--- 10.0.0.1 ping statistics ---
3 packets transmitted, 3 packets received, 0.00% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 0.274/0.325/0.409 ms
leaf101#
```

Verify ICMP connectivity to the APIC IP from the leaf node.

Infra VLAN

```
(none) # moquery -c lldpInst
Total Objects shown: 1
# lldp.Inst
adminSt : enabled
childAction :
ctrl
          : sys/lldp/inst
dn
holdTime : 120
infraVlan : 4093
             : 4093
initDelayTime : 2
lcOwn : local
modTs : 2025-04-13T09:46:39.414+00:00 monPolDn : uni/fabric/monf-1
name
operErr
optTlvSel : mgmt-addr,port-desc,port-vlan,sys-cap,sys-desc,sys-name
              : inst
rn
status
sysDesc
              : 30
```

An unregistered node is able to get the Infra VLAN details via LLDP messages. If an ACI node is located in a Pod without an APIC, the Infra VLAN check is expected to fail.

The leaf programs the infra VLAN on the ports connected to the APIC.

If a node has not received an Infra VLAN on its interfaces connected to the APIC, verify if there are no wiring issues detected using the following command"

```
moquery -c lldpIf -f 'lldp.If.wiringIssues!=""'
```

LLDP Adjacency

```
(none) # show lldp neig
Capability codes:
   (R) Router, (B) Bridge, (T) Telephone, (C) DOCSIS Cable Device
   (W) WLAN Access Point, (P) Repeater, (S) Station, (O) Other
Device ID Local Intf Hold-time Capability Port ID
```

```
N9K-C9372PX-E Eth1/1 120 BR Ethernet1/2
apic-1 Eth1/2 120 eth2-4
apic-2 Eth1/3 120 eth2-2
spine109 Eth1/49 120 BR Eth1/31
Total entries displayed: 4
(none) #
```

Even before a node is registered in the fabric, the LLDP neighbors can be seen. This is used to validate that each node is cabled correctly.

ACI Switch Software Version

```
(none) # show version
Cisco Nexus Operating System (NX-OS) Software
TAC support: http://www.cisco.com/tac
Documents: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps9372/tsd products support series home.html
Copyright (c) 2002-2014, Cisco Systems, Inc. All rights reserved.
The copyrights to certain works contained in this software are
owned by other third parties and used and distributed under
license. Certain components of this software are licensed under
the GNU General Public License (GPL) version 2.0 or the GNU
Lesser General Public License (LGPL) Version 2.1. A copy of each
such license is available at
http://www.opensource.org/licenses/gpl-2.0.php and
http://www.opensource.org/licenses/lgpl-2.1.php
Software
 BIOS:
           version 07.69
 kickstart: version 16.0(7e) [build 16.0(7e)]
 system: version 16.0(7e) [build 16.0(7e)]
PE: version 6.0(7e)
 BIOS compile time: 04/07/2021
 kickstart image file is: /bootflash/aci-n9000-dk9.16.0.7e.bin
 kickstart compile time: 08/14/2024 09:09:40 [08/14/2024 09:09:40]
 Hardware
 cisco N9K-C93180YC-EX ("supervisor")
  Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU @ 1.80GHz with 24480768 kB of memory.
 Processor Board ID FDxxxxx
 Device name: none
 bootflash: 62522368 kB
Kernel uptime is 00 day(s), 00 hour(s), 55 minute(s), 21 second(s)
Last reset at 428000 usecs after Sun Apr 13 09:24:40 2025 UTC
 Reason: reset-requested-by-cli-command-reload
 System version: 16.0(7e)
  Service: PolicyElem Ch reload
plugin
 Core Plugin, Ethernet Plugin
```

APIC Switch Software Version

apic-1# show	version			
Role	Pod	Node	Name	Version
controller	1	1	apic-1	6.0(7e)
controller	1	2	apic-2	6.0(7e)
controller	2	3	apic-3	6.0(7e)
leaf	1	101	leaf_101	n9000-16.0(7e)
leaf	1	102	leaf_102	n9000-16.0(7e)

leaf	1	103	leaf_103	n9000-16.0(7e)	
spine	1	109	spine_109	n9000-16.0(7e)	
leaf	2	201	leaf_201	n9000-16.0(7e)	
leaf	2	202	leaf_202	n9000-16.0(7e)	
leaf	2	203	leaf_203	n9000-16.0(7e)	
spine	2	209	spine_209	n9000-16.0(7e)	

Validate that the leaf, spines and APICs are all running the same software version.

Note

Ensure the Fabric BGP AS is configured and the Spines from each Pod are designated as route-reflectors else MP-BGP L2VPN EVPN peering will not be established.

FPGA/EPLD/BIOS

Note

The FPGA, EPLD and BIOS versions could affect the leaf node's ability to bring up the modules as expected. If these are too far out of date, the interfaces of the switch could fail to come up. Validate the running and expected versions of FPGA, EPLD, and BIOS.

```
(none) # moquery -c firmwareCardRunning
Total Objects shown: 2
# firmware.CardRunning
biosUpgSt : upg-not-req
              : v07.69(04/07/2021)
biosVer
childAction :
descr
              : sys/ch/supslot-1/sup/running
dn
dn : sys/ch/supsIot-1/s
expectedVer : v07.69(04/07/2021)
              : 16.0(7e)
interimVer
internalLabel
modTs
              : never
mode
              : normal
monPolDn : uni/fabric/monfab-default
operSt
              : ok
: running
rn
srFwFlashRecVer :
srFwFlashVer
srFwImageVer
srFwRunningSrc : unknown
srFwRunningVer :
status
              : 1970-01-01T00:00:00.000+00:00
ts
type
version
               : switch
             : 16.0(7e)
# firmware.CardRunning
biosUpgSt : upg-not-req
               : v07.69(04/07/2021)
biosVer
childAction :
descr
dn : sys/ch/lcslot-1/lc/running
expectedVer : v07.69(04/07/2021)
interimVer : 16.0(7e)
internalLabel :
modTs : never
mode
              : uni/fabric/monfab-default
monPolDn
operSt
              : ok
rn
               : running
srFwFlashRecVer :
srFwFlashVer
srFwImageVer
srFwRunningSrc : unknown
srFwRunningVer :
status
              : 1970-01-01T00:00:00.000+00:00
ts
              : switch
version
              : 16.0(7e)
```

```
(none) # moquery -c firmwareCompRunning
Total Objects shown: 2

# firmware.CompRunning
childAction :
descr :
dn : sys/ch/supslot-1/sup/fpga-1/running
epldUpgSt : upg-not-req
expectedVer : 0x15
internalLabel :
modTs : never
mode : normal
monPolDn : uni/fabric/monfab-default
operSt : ok
```

```
rn
     : running
status
            : 1970-01-01T00:00:00.000+00:00
ts
type
            : controller
version
           : 0x15
# firmware.CompRunning
childAction :
descr
expectedVer : OrA
dn
           : sys/ch/supslot-1/sup/fpga-2/running
internalLabel :
modTs
            : never
           : normal
mode
        : uni/fabric/monfab-default
: ok
monPolDn
operSt
rn
            : running
status
            : 1970-01-01T00:00:00.000+00:00
ts
            : controller
version : 0x4
```

SSL

```
(none) # cd /securedata/ssl && openssl x509 -noout -subject -in server.crt
subject=serialNumber = PID:N9K-C93180YC-EX SN:FXXXXX, CN = N9K-C93180YC-EX
(none) #
```

```
(none)# cd /securedata/ssl && openssl x509 -noout -dates -in server.crt
notBefore=Aug 6 05:41:44 2019 GMT
notAfter=May 14 20:25:42 2029 GMT
(none)#
```

SSL communication is used between all fabric nodes to ensure encryption of control plane traffic. The SSL certificate used is installed during manufacturing and is generated based on the serial number of the chassis.

Ensure that the certificate is valid.

Verify Equipment Serial Number.

```
(none) # show inventory

NAME: "Chassis", DESCR: "Nexus C93180YC-EX Chassis"

PID: N9K-C93180YC-EX , VID: V04 , SN: FD02cccccc

NAME: "Slot 1 ", DESCR: "48x10/25G "

PID: N9K-C93180YC-EX , VID: V04 , SN: FD02cccccc

NAME: "GEM ", DESCR: "6x40/100G Switch "

PID: N9K-C93180YC-EX , VID: V04 , SN: FD02cccccc
```

Verify the status of the bootstrapping process on the leaf.

```
(none)# moquery -c pconsBootStrap
Total Objects shown: 1

# pcons.BootStrap
allLeaderAcked : no
allPortsInService : no
allResponsesFromLeader : yes
canBringPortInService : no
childAction :
completedPolRes : no
```

```
        dn
        : rescont/bootstrap

        lcOwn
        : local

        modTs
        : 2025-04-13T10:33:29.920+00:00

        policySyncNodeBringup
        : yes

        rn
        : bootstrap

        state
        : completed

        status
        :

        timerTicks
        : 257

        try
        : 0

        worstCaseTaskTry
        : 0
```

The bootstrap process is when the leaf is downloading initial configuration from the APIC.

Verify the date and time and ensure that there is a small delta between the APIC and switch time.

```
apic-1# date
Sun Apr 13 10:30:53 UTC 2025
apic-1#
```

Verify that the equipment modules are online, powered up and operating at normal thresholds.

```
(none) # show environment
Power Supply:
Voltage: 12.0 Volts
                                                 Actual
Outro
Power
                                                                                     Total
                                                               Output Capacity Status
Supply Model
                                                           (Watts )
                                                          N/A W 650 W
N/A W 650 W
            NXA-PAC-650W-PI
            NXA-PAC-650W-PI
                                                                                                                shut
                                                         Actual
                                                                                        Power
Module Model
                                                                  Draw
                                                                                  Allocated
                                                                                                           Status
                                                           (Watts )
                                                                                    (Watts )

        1
        N9K-C93180YC-EX
        0 W
        492 W
        Powered-Up

        fan1
        NXA-FAN-30CFM-B
        N/A
        N/A
        Powered-Up

        fan2
        NXA-FAN-30CFM-B
        N/A
        N/A
        Powered-Up

        fan3
        NXA-FAN-30CFM-B
        N/A
        N/A
        Powered-Up

        fan4
        NXA-FAN-30CFM-B
        N/A
        N/A
        Powered-Up
```

```
{\rm N/A} - Per module power not available
Power Usage Summary:
Power Supply redundancy mode (operational)
                                                             Non-Redundant (combined)
                                                             Non-Redundant (combined)
Total Power Capacity (based on configured mode)
Total Power of all Inputs (cumulative)
                                                                     650 W
Total Power Output (actual draw)
                                                                        0 W
Total Power Allocated (budget)
Total Power Available for additional modules
                                                                    N/A
Fan:
Fan1(sys_fan1) NXA-FAN-30CFM-B -- ok
Fan2(sys fan2) NXA-FAN-30CFM-B -- ok
Fan2(sys_fan2) NXA-FAN-30CFM-B --
Fan3(sys_fan3) NXA-FAN-30CFM-B --
Fan4(sys_fan4) NXA-FAN-30CFM-B --
                                                   ok
ok
                                                   ok
Fan_in_PS1 --
                                        --
                                                   ok
                                               unknown
Fan in PS2
Fan Speed: Zone 1: 0x0
Fan Air Filter : Absent
Temperature:
                            MajorThresh MinorThres CurTemp Status
Module Sensor
                                         (Celsius) (Celsius) (Celsius)
       Inlet(1) 70 42 N/A normal outlet(2) 80 70 N/A normal x86 processor(3) 90 80 N/A normal Sugarbowl(4) 110 90 N/A normal Sugarbowl vrm(5) 120 110 N/A normal
1 Inlet(1)
1
```

Verify that the APIC is sending LLDP TLVs matching the parameters set in the setup script.

```
apic-1# acidiag run lldptool out eth2-1
Chassis ID TLV
      MAC: 2c:f8:9b:b0:65:70
Port ID TLV
     MAC: 2c:f8:9b:b0:65:70
Time to Live TLV
      120
Port Description TLV
      eth2-1
System Name TLV
      apic-1
System Description TLV
    topology/pod-1/node-1
Management Address TLV
    IPv4: 10.0.0.1
       Ifindex: 2
Cisco Port State TLV
      1
Cisco Node Role TLV
      0
Cisco Node ID TLV
 1
Cisco POD ID TLV
      1
Cisco Fabric Name TLV
      ACI-FABRIC
Cisco Appliance Vector TLV
```

```
Id: 1
IPv4: 10.0.0.1
UUID: 72480098-
Cisco Node IP TLV
IPv4:10.0.0.1
Cisco Port Role TLV
1
Cisco Infra VLAN TLV
4093
Cisco Serial Number TLV
WZXXXXXXX
Cisco Authentication Cookie TLV
988001963
Cisco Standby APIC TLV
0
End of LLDPDU TLV
```

Verify that the APIC is receiving LLDP TLVs from the directly connected leaf node.

```
apic-1# acidiag run lldptool in eth2-1
Chassis ID TLV
       MAC: 10:b3:d6:a4:7e:b2
Port ID TLV
       Local: Eth1/2
Time to Live TLV
       120
Port Description TLV
       topology/pod-1/paths-101/pathep-[eth1/2]
System Name TLV
       leaf101
System Description TLV
       topology/pod-1/node-101
System Capabilities TLV
       System capabilities: Bridge, Router
       Enabled capabilities: Bridge, Router
Management Address TLV
       MAC: 10:b3:d6:a4:7e:b2
       Ifindex: 83886080
Cisco 4-wire Power-via-MDI TLV
        4-Pair PoE supported
       Spare pair Detection/Classification not required
       PD Spare pair Desired State: Disabled
       PSE Spare pair Operational State: Disabled
Cisco Port Role TLV
Cisco Port Mode TLV
       0
Cisco Port State TLV
Cisco Serial Number TLV
       FD0233201DV
Cisco Model TLV
      N9K-C93180YC-EX
Cisco Node Role TLV
Cisco Firmware Version TLV
       n9000-16.0(7e)
Cisco Infra VLAN TLV
       4093
Cisco Name TLV
       leaf101
Cisco Fabric Name TLV
       ACI-FABRIC
Cisco Node IP TLV
       IPv4:10.0.176.64
Cisco Node ID TLV
```

```
101
Cisco POD ID TLV
      1
Cisco Appliance Vector TLV
      Id: 1
      IPv4: 10.0.0.1
       UUID: 72480098-184b
       Id: 2
      IPv4: 10.0.0.2
      UUID: a0466b6a-184b
LLDP-MED Capabilities TLV
      Device Type: netcon
       Capabilities: LLDP-MED, Network Policy, Extended Power via MDI-PSE
LLDP-MED Network Policy TLV
       01400000
End of LLDPDU TLV
```

Validate the APIC cluster

```
apic-1# acidiag cluster
admin password:
Running...
Checking Wiring and UUID: OK
Checking AD Processes: Running
Checking All Apics in Commission State: OK
Checking All Apics in Active State: OK
Checking Fabric Nodes: OK
Checking Apic Fully-Fit: OK
Checking Shard Convergence: OK
Checking Leadership Degration: Optimal leader for all shards
Ping OOB IPs:
APIC-1: 10.66.55.109 - OK
APIC-2: 10.66.55.111 - OK
APIC-3: 10.66.55.113 - OK
Ping Infra IPs:
APIC-1: 10.0.0.1 - OK
APIC-2: 10.0.0.2 - OK
APIC-3: 10.0.0.3 - OK
Checking APIC Versions: Same (6.0(7e))
Checking SSL: OK
Full file system(s): None
```

Validate if all settings match across all APICs.

 routableAddress
 0.0.0.0
 0.0.0.0
 0.0.0.0

 tepAddress
 10.0.0.0/16
 10.0.0.0/16
 10.0.0.0/16

 podId
 1
 2

 chassisId
 074f7d6f-.-9bb06570
 4768bab6-.-1b8b68ef
 ddef615a-.-9bb04dd0

 cntrlSbst_serial
 (APPROVED,WZxxxxxxxxx)
 (APPROVED,WZcxxxxxxxx)

 active
 YES
 YES

 flags
 cra cra

 health
 255
 255

 apic-1#
 255

(none) # show discoveryissues	
Check 1 Platform Type	
======================================	=======
Test01 Retrieving Node Role	PASSED
[Info] Current node role: LEAF	
[Info] Please check CH09 DHCP status section for configured node	role
	=======
Check 2 FPGA/BIOS in sync test	
Test01 FPGA version check	PASSED
[Info] No issues found for FPGA versions	PASSED
Test02 BIOS version check	PASSED
[Info] No issues found for BIOS versions	IASSED
	=======
Check 3 HW Modules Check	
Test01 Fans status check	PASSED
[Info] All fans status is ok	
Test02 Power Supply status check	PASSED
[Info] All PSUs status is ok	
Test03 Fan Tray status check	PASSED
[Info] All FanTrays status is ok	DAGGED
Test04 Line Card status check	PASSED
[Info] All LineCard status is ok	
Check 4 Node Version	
Test01 Check Current Version	PASSED
[Info] Node current running version is : n9000-16.0(7e)	
Check 5 System State	
=======================================	
Test01 Check System State	FAILED
[Warn] Top System State is : out-of-service	
[Info] Node upgrade is in notscheduled state	
	======
Check 6 Updated LLDP Adjacencies	
Dayt, oth 1/1	=======
Port: eth1/1 Test02 Adjacency Check	PASSED
[Warn] Adjacency detected with Non-ACI node on port:eth1/1	
Port: eth1/49	
Test02 Wiring Issues Check	PASSED
[Info] No Wiring Issues detected	-110000
Test03 Port Types Check	PASSED
[Info] No issues with port type, type is:fab	
Test04 Port Mode Check	PASSED
[Info] No issues with port mode, type is:routed	
Test02 Adjacency Check	PASSED
[Info] Adjacency detected with spine	
Port: eth1/2	
Test02 Wiring Issues Check	PASSED
[Info] No Wiring Issues detected	
Test03 Port Types Check	PASSED
Test03 Port Types Check [Info] No issues with port type, type is:leaf Test04 Port Mode Check	PASSED PASSED

[Info] No issues with port mode, type is:trunk	
Test02 Adjacency Check	PASSED
[Info] Adjacency detected with APIC	
Port: eth1/3	
Test02 Wiring Issues Check	PASSED
[Info] No Wiring Issues detected	
Test03 Port Types Check	PASSED
[Info] No issues with port type, type is:leaf	
Test04 Port Mode Check	PASSED
[Info] No issues with port mode, type is:trunk	
Test02 Adjacency Check	PASSED
[Info] Adjacency detected with APIC	
Check 7 BootStrap Status	=====
Test01 Check Bootstrap/L3Out config download	FAILED
[Warn] BootStrap/L3OutConfig URL not found	
[Info] Ignore this if this node is not an IPN attached device	
	=====
Check 8 Infra VLAN Check	
======================================	PASSED
[Info] Infra VLAN received is : 4093	PASSED
Test02 Check if infra VLAN is deployed	PASSED
[Info] Infra VLAN deployed successfully	FASSED
======================================	
Check 9 DHCP Status	
	=====
Test01 Check Node Id	FAILED
[Error] Valid Node Id not received via DHCP response	
Test02 Check Node Name	FAILED
[Error] Valid Node name not revevied via DHCP	
Test03 Check TEP IP	FAILED
[Error] Valid TEP IP not revevied via DHCP	
Test04 Check Configured Node Role	FAILED
[Error] Valid Node Role not received via DHCP response	
Test05 DHCP Msg Stats	FAILED
[Info] Total DHCP discover sent by switch : 629	
[Error] Cannot retrive DHCP offer stats	
[Error] Cannot retrive DHCP request stats	
[Error] Cannot retrive DHCP ACK stats	
[Fatal-Error] Please check DHCP issuesAborting command execution	
(none)#	

leaf101# show discoveryissues			
Check 1 Platform Type	=======================================		
Test01 Retrieving Node Role [Info] Current node role: LEAF [Info] Please check CH09 DHCP status section for config	PASSED Tured node role		
Check 2 FPGA/BIOS in sync test			
Test01 FPGA version check [Info] No issues found for FPGA versions	PASSED		
Test02 BIOS version check [Info] No issues found for BIOS versions	PASSED		
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Test03 Fan Tray status check	PASSED
[Info] All FanTrays status is ok Test04 Line Card status check	PASSED
[Info] All LineCard status is ok	PASSED
Check 4 Node Version	
Test01 Check Current Version	PASSED
[Info] Node current running version is : n9000-16.0(7e)	
Check 5 System State	
Test01 Check System State [Info] TopSystem State is : in-service	PASSED
Check 6 Updated LLDP Adjacencies	
Port: eth1/49	
Test02 Wiring Issues Check	PASSED
[Info] No Wiring Issues detected Test03 Port Types Check	PASSED
[Info] No issues with port type, type is:fab	INOUL
Test04 Port Mode Check	PASSED
[Info] No issues with port mode, type is:routed Test02 Adjacency Check	PASSED
[Info] Adjacency detected with spine	LWOOD
Port: eth1/2	
Test02 Wiring Issues Check [Info] No Wiring Issues detected	PASSED
Test03 Port Types Check	PASSED
[Info] No issues with port type, type is:leaf	DIGGED
Test04 Port Mode Check [Info] No issues with port mode, type is:trunk	PASSED
Test02 Adjacency Check	PASSED
[Info] Adjacency detected with APIC Port: eth1/3	
Test02 Wiring Issues Check	PASSED
[Info] No Wiring Issues detected	
Test03 Port Types Check [Info] No issues with port type, type is:leaf	PASSED
Test04 Port Mode Check	PASSED
[Info] No issues with port mode, type is:trunk	
Test02 Adjacency Check [Info] Adjacency detected with APIC	PASSED
Port: eth1/1	
Test02 Adjacency Check	PASSED
[Warn] Adjacency detected with Non-ACI node on port:eth1/	
Check 7 BootStrap Status	
======================================	FAILED
[Warn] BootStrap/L3OutConfig URL not found	FATTED
[Info] Ignore this if this node is not an IPN attached device	
Check 8 Infra VIAN Check	
Test01 Check if infra VLAN is received	PASSED
[Info] Infra VLAN received is : 4093 Test02 Check if infra VLAN is deployed	PASSED
[Info] Infra VLAN deployed successfully	
Check 9 DHCP Status	
eneck y dhor Status	
Test01 Check Node Id	PASSED
[Info] Node Id received is : 101 Test02 Check Node Name	PASSED
[Info] Node name received is : leaf101	LAUSED
Test03 Check TEP IP	PASSED
[Info] TEP IP received is: 10.0.176.64	

```
Test04 Check Configured Node Role
                                                           PASSED
    [Info] Configured Node Role received is : LEAF
Check 10 IS-IS Adj Info
Test01 check IS-IS adjacencies
    [Info] IS-IS adjacencies found on interfaces:
    [Info] eth1/49.7
______
Check 11 Reachability to APIC
Test01 Ping check to APIC
   [Info] Ping to APIC IP 10.0.0.1 from 10.0.176.64 successful
Check 12 BootScript Status
.....
Test01 Check BootScript download
    [Info] BootScript successfully downloaded at 2025-04-13T10:02:32.986+00:00 from URL
http://10.0.0.1:7777/fwrepo/boot/node-FDO233201DV
Check 13 SSL Check
Test01 Check SSL certificate validity
    [Info] SSL certificate validation successful
Check 14 AV Details
    ______
Test01 Check AV details
    [Info] AppId: 1 address: 10.0.0.1 registered: YES version: 6.0(7e)
    [Info] AppId: 2 address: 10.0.0.2 registered: YES version: 6.0(7e)
Check 15 Policy Download
Test01 Policy download status
    [Info] Registration to all shards complete
    [Info] Policy download is complete
    [Info] PconsBootStrap MO in complete state
Check 16 Version Check
-----
Test01 Check Switch and APIC Version
    [Info] Switch running version is : n9000-16.0(7e)
    [Info] APIC running version is : 6.0(7e)
leaf101#
```

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