

Workspaces

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Chapter 1. Using Workspaces

The workspace is the working area of the Marvel Enterprise Portal window, divided into panes to show different types of views. You can start monitoring activity and system status immediately with the predefined workspaces.

You can tailor your own workspaces to give you summary overviews or to look at specific conditions.

Workspace Characteristics

Every Navigator item has at least one predefined workspace that you can open. Every workspace characteristics such as editable properties and views.

Views

A view is a windowpane, or frame, in the workspace containing a chart or table showing data from one or more monitoring agents. Other types of views such as the topology view and graphic view can give a broader overview of the network. Specialized view such as the browser view and terminal view are also available. You can increase the number of views in a workspace by splitting a view into two separate views.

The data for a table, chart, or relational table-based topology view is chosen by the query it uses. Collectively, they are called query-based views. The query specifies the attributes to include in the view. Although each view uses one query, you can add more views to the workspace, and each can use a different query. The queries can be for different monitoring agents, including those for the Marvel Enterprise Monitoring Server for showing information that is common to your monitored environment (such as all the managed systems and all the situation events). You can also include queries of JDBC or ODBC data sources by writing custom SQL queries.

Properties

Every workspace has a set of properties associated with it: general properties that apply to the entire workspace, and properties for each view in the workspace. Use the Properties editor to customize the workspace characteristics and to change the style and content of each view.

You can also keep the original workspace intact and create another workspace for the same item in the Navigator, customizing it for the types of views you want and the information reported in charts and tables.

Changes you make to a workspace are available only to your user ID. System administrators can work in Administration mode to create and edit workspaces that will be available to all users on the managed network.

Links

The link feature enables you to define a link from one workspace to another. Then you can quickly jump to a related or more detailed workspace to investigate system conditions.

The simplest type of a link originates from the Navigator item: When you right-click that Navigator item, the pop-up menu shows the defined links for the item. Select one to open the linked workspace.


A more specific link originates from a table or from a chart data point to another workspace. Information from one of the attributes in the selected row, bar, pie segment, or plot point is used to determine the content of the target workspace.

You can also define more complex links and use the predefined links that come with your Marvel Monitoring product.

Navigator level


The monitoring agents available for reporting in a workspace are those assigned to that branch of the Navigator. If you are not sure which monitoring agents are included, do one of the following:

- Expand the branch of the Navigator
- Right-click the Navigator item and select Properties to see which managed systems are assigned.
- Open one of the workspaces at the enterprise, platform, or system level of the Navigator Physical view

This same principle applies to attribute groups. The lowest level of the Navigator Physical view, for example, is the attribute level. The views you can show for the workspaces at that level can draw only from the attribute groups represented by that level. If you were to build a workspace for the  **Disk Navigator** item, for example, you could create a chart with data from the **Logical Disk** attributes and another with data from the **Physical Disk** attributes.




Organization of Predefined Workspaces

The Enterprise Navigator item has workspaces that query the Marvel Enterprise Monitoring Server. Use these predefined workspaces to get status information about the monitoring server and monitoring agents and about situations and policies.

Use the  **Workspace Gallery** to see what is available for the Navigator item. These are the Enterprise Navigator item workspaces and the workspaces they link to:






Enterprise Status

The default workspace is Enterprise Status, which gives an overview of the situation event status throughout your enterprise.

-  Event Details - Similar by Situation Name
-  Event Details - Similar by Source
-  Event Details - Similar by Resource

Manage Marvel Enterprise Monitoring Servers

The Manage Marvel Enterprise Monitoring Servers workspaces provide a visual health check of the monitoring servers in your enterprise and the application support that has been applied.

-  Installed Catalogs - Enterprise View
-  Installed Catalogs - Remote Server
-  Protocols
-  Situation Status
-  System Information

Managed System Status

The Managed System Status is a list of monitoring agents in your managed network and their ONLINE or OFFLINE status. The linked workspaces are only available for online managed systems.

- 📄 Audit Log
- 📄 Agent Operations Log
- 📄 History Exports

EIB Change Log

This workspace displays entries in the Enterprise Information Base (EIB) log. The EIB is a database used by the Marvel Enterprise Monitoring Server to store situation, policy, user definitions, and configuration information.

Self-Monitoring Topology

The Self-Monitoring Topology workspace provides a high level overview of your managed infrastructure and its health.

Deploy Depot Package List

The Deploy Depot Package List workspace shows the installation packages that are available in the agent depot.

Deployment Status Summary

The Deployment Status Summary workspace shows summary status information about remote agent deployments.

- 📄 Deployment Status by Deploy Group
- 📄 Deployment Status by Product

Deployment Status Summary by Transaction

The Deployment Status Summary by Transaction workspace shows summary status information about remote agent deployments, sorted by transaction.

Chapter 2. Opening a workspace







Use the Navigator to open the default workspace for the selected item, then the Workspace Gallery to see and select from a thumbnail display of available workspaces.

As well as a convenient way to open workspaces, you can also move the workspaces around the gallery to change their order. The changes you make are saved with the workspace definition for the Navigator item. If you are in workspace administration mode when you reorder the thumbnail graphics, the reorganization will be reflected in the workspace gallery of all Marvel Enterprise Portal clients connected to this Marvel Enterprise Portal Server.

Every item in the Navigator has a workspace associated with it, called the *default workspace*. Some items have multiple workspaces that you can open, although only one workspace can be open in the Marvel Enterprise Portal window at one time. Some workspaces are only accessible by linking to them from another workspace.


Procedure

Click the item name or icon in the Navigator to open the default workspace:

- Physical view: , , , , or .
- Logical view or other custom Navigator view: .

The default workspace for that item is displayed, replacing the workspace of the previously selected item. If the workspace shows no data for a chart or table view, it means there is no data to display. This can occur with monitoring data that is not constantly generated, such as Archive Errors, which collects data only when archive errors occur.

To open another workspace associated with the Navigator item:

1. Click  **Workspace gallery**.
2. Click the thumbnail graphic of the workspace to open.



Note:

To open the workspace in a new window instead of replacing the current workspace, use Ctrl + Shift + click the thumbnail graphic.

If this is a new installation, you will see the splash screen instead of a thumbnail version of the workspace in the gallery until you or another user who is logged on to the same Marvel Enterprise Portal Server opens the workspace for the first time. A ☒ check mark by a workspace name indicates that it is the default workspace for this Navigator item. You can reorder the workspaces in your copy of the gallery by clicking a thumbnail graphic and dragging it on top of the workspace to swap positions with.

Related information



[Tabbed Workspaces](#)

[Opening a New Window](#)



Chapter 3. Opening a New Window

Have multiple workspaces open on your desktop at the same time by opening multiple Tivoli Enterprise Portal windows.

You can add more dashboard views to your desktop by opening more Tivoli Enterprise Portal windows. Any changes you make these window are saved with the application.

- Click  **New Window** to open a new window in the desktop client.
- Press Ctrl + N to open a new window in the browser client running in Internet Explorer.
- Click  **Workspace gallery** and press Ctrl + Shift + click the workspace to open another workspace in a new window and keep the original intact in this window.

The new window is opened as a duplicate of the original; any changes you make to the new window are independent of the original.

Any previously visited workspaces are retained from the parent window; use  and  to revisit them. Further navigation to other workspaces in either window, however, is independent of the other window.

You can close duplicate windows (click **File > Close**) or the original; the work session remains active as long as one window is open.

Related information

[Opening a Workspace](#)

[Tabbed Workspaces](#)

Chapter 4. Tabbed Workspaces

Use the tabbed pages capability of your browser to open workspaces, linked workspaces, and Navigator views in new tabs.

Browser client and browser settings


When your browser supports tabbed web pages, the Marvel Enterprise Portal browser client uses the browser's tab settings to determine how to open a workspace: When tabs are enabled, the workspace is opened in a new tab. You can set the properties of a workspace or the target of a workspace link to always open in a new tab, or you can open a workspace in a new tab by holding down the Ctrl + Shift keys while selecting the workspace with a mouse click. Then use the Ctrl + Tab keys to switch focus to the next tabbed workspace.

The desktop client and Java Web Start client use these same features to open a workspace, but it is always opened in a new window.


Workspace properties

Every Marvel Enterprise Portal workspace has properties that control the access and method of display when it is opened. The workspace will open in a new tab on browsers that are set to use tabbed pages when ☒ **Always open workspace in new window** is enabled.

Link target

The link wizard Target Workspace page has an option to ☒ **Always open target workspace in new window**. It shows in the link wizard Parameters page as  `openTargetInNewWindow`. When enabled, this option opens the targeted workspace in a new tab if you are logged on from a tab-enabled browser.


Navigator item find

 **Find** in the Navigator toolbar enables you to locate any Navigator item using simple or advanced search criteria. The Find window has an option to ☒ **Open workspace in new window** that will open the default workspace for the found Navigator item in a new tab if you are logged on from a tab-enabled browser.

On demand

You can open a workspace in a new tab from any context.


Open a Workspace

- Ctrl + Shift + click a Navigator item to open its default workspace.
- Click  **Workspace gallery** and Ctrl + Shift + click the workspace.
- Right-click the active Navigator item, point to **Workspace**, and Ctrl + Shift + click the workspace that you want to open.
- **View > Workspace > Ctrl + Shift + click** the workspace that you want to open.


Link to a Workspace

- Ctrl + Shift + click the link anchor.
If there are multiple choices, click the one you want.
- Right-click the source of a defined link (Navigator item, table view row, pie chart slice, bar chart bar, plot chart point, area chart point), point to **Link to**, and Ctrl + Shift + click the link name.


Open a Found Navigator Item at its Default Workspace

1. In the Navigator view toolbar, click  **Find**, enter the find criteria and click **Find**.
2. Point to a row and Ctrl + Shift + click from the list of Navigator items that is displayed in the Find results area to open the default workspace for that Navigator item in a new tab.

Open a Navigator View at its Default Workspace

- In the Navigator view toolbar, click the **View**  list box and Ctrl + Shift + click the Navigator view.
- **View > Navigator View > Ctrl + Shift + click** the Navigator view.
- Ctrl + Shift + click a Navigator tab.







Troubleshooting

If the workspace or Navigator view opens in a new window rather than a new tab, review the tab options in your browser to ensure that the tab feature is enabled. If you are using Microsoft Internet Explorer 7, be aware that tabbed workspaces are treated as pop-ups: In the Tabbed Browsing Settings window (**Tools > Internet Options > General > Tabs > Settings**),  **Always open pop-ups in a new tab** must be selected.

Chapter 5. Refreshing a Workspace

You can refresh the data that is displayed in the workspace on demand or at a set interval.

The Marvel Enterprise Portal client receives monitoring data from monitoring agents whenever you open a workspace that includes query-based views. The default setting for most predefined workspaces is *On Demand*, which means retrieved data remains static until you refresh manually

- Click  **Refresh Now** to refresh a workspace manually, .
- Click **View > Refresh Every**, and select one of the following to set a refresh interval.
 -  30 seconds
 -  60 seconds
 -  5 minutes
 -  15 minutes
 -  60 minutes
 - On Demand



Note:

In order for your refresh settings to persist, you must save the workspace and optionally select **Assign as default for this Navigator item** in the **Save Workspace As** dialog.

If the workspace includes any plot charts or area charts, you can refresh those views independent of the rest of the workspace by editing the Style properties of the plotted area to specify a refresh rate.

Be aware that the more frequent the automatic refresh, the more network traffic you create. These requests travel from the portal client to the portal server and to the hub monitoring server before reaching the monitoring agent. They might also pass through a remote monitoring server to reach the monitoring agent. The information is returned by the same route.



Related information

[Suspending and Stopping Refresh](#)

Chapter 6. Suspending and Stopping Refresh

If the workspace is set to refresh automatically at timed intervals or it includes event status views, you can suspend refreshes to keep the data from changing while you investigate a problem.

When you open a workspace that includes table or chart views, the Marvel Enterprise Portal receives the most recently sampled monitoring data from the agents. Take one of these steps to suspend data refreshes or to stop receiving the data that populates the workspace.

- Click  **Pause Refresh** to suspend automatic refreshing of the workspace; click **Resume Refresh** to turn on automatic refresh again.
- Click  **Stop** to stop loading the workspace.


Related information


[Refreshing a Workspace](#)

Chapter 7. Linking to a Workspace


Use these steps to link to a workspace that has been targeted from the current Navigator item or view.

Many monitoring agent products have workspace links available through their predefined workspaces. You can also create and use links to workspaces that follow a logical progression of investigation into performance and operation issues.

1. Open the workspace from where you will launch the link to open the source workspace.
2. Do one of the following, depending on where the link originates:
 - Right-click the current (highlighted) Navigator item.
 - Click the  link indicator on a table row or the graphic view, then skip to step 4. A dimmed link indicator means the link is not available from that row.
 - Right-click a pie chart slice, bar chart bar, plot chart point, table row, graphic view icon, or TMS Infrastructure object.

3. Click **Link To** and click the target workspace in the  list.




The target filter or link expression is used to select the information displayed in the views of the target workspace. If, instead of the workspace opening, you get a `Target not found` message, the definition of the target workspace could not be resolved.

4.  **Note:**
If there is more than one workspace you can link to, the Select Target window opens.

Select the Navigator item for the workspace and click **OK**.

5. Click **OK** if a message asks you to select a leaf node, then select an item deeper in the tree hierarchy.






The target workspace is displayed. If the link was defined to open the workspace in a new window, it is opened in its own window. If you are using the browser client and your browser supports tabs, the workspace is in a new tab next to the source workspace.



-  **Note:**
Navigation using  and  to visited workspaces retains the link context. As an example, consider a link to a workspace from a table row. The row from which you linked is remembered when you revisit the target workspace.

Chapter 8. View Title Bar and Toolbar

Every workspace view and the Navigator view has a title bar with some or all of these controls.

Table 1. Title bar controls

	Opens the Properties editor to the properties for the view.
	Shows or hides the view toolbar. This button does not display if the view has no toolbar.
	Splits the Navigator horizontally to create a new workspace view.
	Maximizes a view for a closer look. Click Restore to return to the original size. You can save the workspace with the view maximized.
	Removes a view. There is no undo for this action except to open a different workspace and answer No when a message asks if you want to save the workspace; -OR- Select File > Save As to keep the original workspace with the view intact and create a new workspace without this view.

Most view types have a toolbar for performing specific actions in the view. A common tool is  **Find**, which is available for finding values in the browser view, notepad view, table view, message log view, and the event console views. Another tool,  **Time span**, is for specifying the time period to be displayed in a query-based view when historical data is being collected for it.

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