

Deploying Cisco Nexus Dashboard Data Broker Software in Centralized Standalone Mode

This chapter contains details of procedures for installing and upgrading Nexus Dashboard Data Broker in centralized mode.

Beginning with Release 3.10.1, Cisco Nexus Data Broker (NDB) has been renamed to Cisco Nexus Dashboard Data Broker. However, some instances of NDB are present in this document, to correspond with the GUI, and installation folder structure. References of NDB/ Nexus Data Broker/ Nexus Dashboard Data Broker, can be used interchangeably.

Before your proceed with the upgrade/ install procedures in this chapter, compare the **md5sum** between the Nexus Dashboard Data Broker image on Cisco.com, and the image file copied to linux. Use the following command to check (linux):

```
cisco@NDB-virtual-machine:~/3.10/$ md5sum ndb1000-sw-app-k9-3.10.5.zip
Displayed output: 518db25b4a89c996340c0316f72a6287 ndb1000-sw-app-k9-3.10.5.zip
```


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Installing or Upgrading the Cisco Nexus Dashboard Data Broker Software in Centralized Mode

Before proceeding with the installation, check the System Requirements section in the Overview chapter of this guide.

Use the custom java version by making these changes:

```
Under ndb folder, modify the start.sh file. In this file, comment out the below lines:
a. export JAVA_HOME="$PHYS_DIR$JRE_EXTRACTED_FOLDER"
b. export PATH=$PATH:$JAVA_HOME/bin
```

Restart the data broker service.

Installing the Cisco Nexus Dashboard Data Broker Software in Centralized Mode

Complete these steps to install Cisco Nexus Dashboard Data Broker software in Centralized mode:

Procedure

Step 1 In a web browser, navigate to the Software Download page.

Step 2 In the **Select a Product** field, enter *Nexus Dashboard Data Broker*.

The file information for Release 3.10.5 is displayed: Cisco Nexus Data Broker Software Application: ndb1000-sw-app-k9-3.10.5.zip

Note
If prompted, enter your Cisco.com **username** and **password** to log in.

Step 3 Download the Cisco Nexus Data Broker application bundle.

Step 4 Create a directory in your Linux machine where you plan to install Cisco Nexus Dashboard Data Broker.

For example, in your Home directory, create `CiscoNDB`.

Step 5 Copy the Cisco Nexus Dashboard Data Broker zip file into the directory that you created.

Step 6 Unzip the Cisco Nexus Dashboard Data Broker zip file.

The Cisco Nexus Dashboard Data Broker software is installed in a directory called `ndb`. The directory contains the following:

- `runndb.sh` file—The file that you use to launch Cisco Nexus Dashboard Data Broker.
- `version.properties` file—The Cisco Nexus Dashboard Data Broker build version.
- `configuration` directory—The directory that contains the Cisco Nexus Dashboard Data Broker initialization files.

  This directory also contains the etc subdirectory that contains profile information, and startup subdirectory where configurations are saved.
- `bin` directory—The directory that contains the following script:
  - `ndb` file—This script contains the Cisco Nexus Dashboard Data Broker common CLI.
- `lib` directory—The directory that contains the Cisco Nexus Data Broker Java libraries.
- `logs` directory—The directory that contains the Cisco Nexus Data Broker logs.

  Note
  The `logs` directory is created after the Cisco Nexus Dashboard Data Broker application is started.
- `plugins` directory—The directory that contains the OSGi plugins.
- `work` directory—The webserver working directory.

  Note
  The `work` directory is created after the Cisco Nexus Dashboard Data Broker application is started.

Step 7 Start the data broker application using `runndb.sh -start .`

Upgrading the Application Software in Centralized Mode Using CLI

Use the **upgrade** command to upgrade to release 3.10.5.

Note

- When you upgrade the software to Cisco Nexus Data Broker Release 3.2 or later release, the hostname should not be changed during the upgrade process. If the hostname is changed during the upgrade process, the upgrade might fail. If you are upgrading from release 2.x, 3.0 and 3.1, the domain name configuration in the switch should be removed before upgrading the software.

  In case, the upgrade was not successful because of the mismatch of the host name, use RMA to correct the configuration of the device. See the *RMA* section in the *Cisco Nexus Data Broker Configuration Guide*.

- When you run the **upgrade** command, the installation and the configuration are upgraded. However, any changes you made to the shell scripts or configuration files, for example, `config.ini`, are overwritten. After you complete the upgrade process, you must manually reapply your changes to those files.

- The latest Nexus Dashboard Data Broker zip file must be extracted in an empty directory.

Hitless Upgrade

For hitless upgrade, configuration backup for releases prior to NDB Release 3.8, will always be the standard upgrade by re-configuring the devices during the upgrade.

Configuration backup taken for releases NDB 3.8 and after, will always be a Hitless upgrade using CLI.

Before you begin

- Backup up the data broker configuration. See the *Backup/ Restore* section in the *Cisco Nexus Dashboard Data Broker Configuration Guide.*
- Back up your `config.ini` file.

Important You should manually backup your `config.ini` file before upgrading, because the backup process does not back them up for you. If you do not backup your files before upgrading, any changes you made will be lost.

Note When you run `runndb.sh` script, there is a thread in the script that monitors the log and the Cisco Nexus Data Broker JAVA process to monitor the health of the Cisco Nexus Data Broker. The default value for this option is 30 Seconds.

Procedure

Step 1 Backup your Cisco Nexus Data Broker release installation using your standard backup procedures.

Step 2 In a web browser, navigate to Cisco.com.

Step 3 Under **Support**, click **All Downloads**.

Step 4 In the center pane, click **Cloud and Systems Management**.

Step 5 In the right pane, click **Network Controllers and Applications**, and then click **Cisco Nexus Dashboard Data Broker.**

Step 6 Download the applicable bundle: Cisco Nexus Data Broker Software Application—ndb1000-sw-app-k9-3.10.5.zip

Step 7 Create a temporary directory in your Linux machine where you plan to upgrade to the latest release.

Step 8 Unzip the release 3.10.5 zip file into the temporary directory that you created.

Step 9 Navigate to the `ndb` directory that was created when you installed the Cisco Nexus Data Broker release (created in the previous step).

Step 10 Stop the running Cisco Nexus Data Broker instance.

Step 11 Navigate to the `ndb/bin` directory in the temporary directory that you created for release 3.10.5 upgrade software.

Step 12 Upgrade the application by entering the **./ndb upgrade --perform --target-home** {*ndb_directory_to_be_upgraded*} **[--verbose] [--backupfile** {*ndb_backup_location_and_zip_filename*}**]** command.

You can use one of the following options:

Option	Description
--perform --target-home {*ndb_directory_to_be_upgraded*}	Upgrades the Cisco ndb Monitor Manager intallation to Cisco NDB.
--perform --target-home {*ndb_directory_to_be_upgraded*} **--backupfile** {*ndb_backup_location_and_zip_filename*}	Upgrades the Cisco ndb Monitor Manager installation to Cisco NDB and creates a backup.zip file in the directory path that you set. **Note** • You must provide the name of the backup file and the .zip extension. • The backup file should not be saved in the ndb directory with current NDB installation or its subdirectory.
--verbose	Displays detailed information to the console. This option can be used with any other option and is disabled by default.
--validate --target-home {*ndb_directory_to_be_upgraded*}	Validates the installation.
./ndb help upgrade	Displays the options for the **upgrade** command.

Step 13 Navigate to the older folder (**xnc** in releases prior to Release 3.10) where you originally installed Cisco NDB. Rename the folder from **xnc** to **ndb**.

Step 14 Start the application processes using **runndb.sh -start**.

Upgrading the Application Software in Centralized Mode Using GUI

Note The latest Nexus Dashboard Data Broker zip file must be extracted in an empty directory.

Hitless Upgrade

For hitless upgrade, configuration backup for releases prior to NDB Release 3.8, will always be the standard upgrade by re-configuring the devices during the upgrade.

Configuration backup taken for releases NDB 3.8 and after, will always be a Hitless upgrade using CLI.

Complete the following steps to upgrade the application software in the Centralized mode using GUI:

Procedure

Step 1 Log in to the Nexus Dashboard Data Broker GUI.

Step 2 Navigate to **Administration** > **Backup/Restore** to download the configuration in zip file format.

The default name of the zip file is **configuration_startup.zip**.

Step 3 Stop the current NDB instance using the **runndb.sh -stop** command.

Example:

```
./runndb.sh -stop
```

Step 4 If TLS certification is enabled between NDB server and NXOS switch, copy the tlsTrustStore and tlsKeyStore files to /ndb/configuration from the old ndb backup.

Step 5 In a web browser, navigate to Cisco.com.

Step 6 Scroll down and click **Downloads**.

The **Software Downloads** page is displayed.

Step 7 In the **Select a Product** field, type in **Nexus Dashboard Data Broker**.

You are taken to a page from where you can download the latest Nexus Dashboard Data Broker software.

Step 8 Download the Cisco NDB Release 3.10.5 applicable bundle: Cisco Nexus Data Broker Software Application—ndb1000-sw-app-k9-3.10.5.zip

Step 9 Create a directory in your Linux machine where you plan to upgrade to Cisco NDB.

Step 10 Unzip the Cisco NDB Release 3.10.5 zip file into the directory that you created.

Step 11 Navigate to the `ndb` directory that was created when you installed the Cisco Nexus Data Broker release (created in the previous step).

Step 12 Start the new NDB installation using the **runndb.sh -start** command.

Example:

```
./runndb.sh -start
```

Step 13 Navigate to **Administration** > **Backup/Restore**.

Step 14 To reconfigure the device during the upgrade, select the **Restore** option (by checking the check-box) during configuration upload.

Step 15 Restart the new NDB instance using the **runndb.sh -restart** command.

Example:

```
./runndb.sh -restart
```

Starting the Application

Procedure

Note
When you are running NDB for the first time, the URL that you need to connect to and the port that it is listening on are displayed on the screen. For example, when you run the ./runndb.sh script, the following message is displayed on the screen: Web GUI can be accessed using below URL: *[https://<IP_address>: 8443]*.

Java 8 is required for NDB. Setup JAVA_HOME before NDB is started.

You can use one of the following options:

Option	Description
no option	
-jmxport *port_number*	Enables JMX remote access on the specified JVM port.
-debugport *port_number*	Enables debugging on the specified JVM port.
-start	
-start *port_number*	
-stop	
-restart	
-status	
-console	
-help	Displays the options for the **./runndb.sh** command.
-tls	To enable TLS, start the controller by entering the **./runndb.sh -tls -tlskeystore** *keystore_file_location* **-tlstruststore** *truststore_file_location* command.

Verifying The Application Status

Procedure

Step 1 Navigate to the `ndb` directory that was created when you installed the software.

Step 2 Verify that the application is running by entering the **./runndb.sh -status** command.

The controller outputs the following, which indicates that the controller is running the Java process with PID 21680:

```
Controller with PID:21680 -- Running!
```

What to do next

Connect the switches to the controller. For more information, see the configuration guide for your switches.

Upgrade the application software with TLS

Use this procedure to upgrade from a 3.10.x release to 3.10.5 or a 3.9.x release to 3.10.5 with TLS-enabled.

Procedure

Step 1 Log in to the existing NDDB GUI instance using https://server IP:8443.

Step 2 Navigate to the **Administration** > **Backup/ Restore** tab.

Step 3 Click **Backup now Locally** to download the configuration as a zip file.

If you are upgrading from 3.9.x, your backup file contains the TLS files. The `tlsconf`, `tlsKeyStore`, `tlsTrustStore` files are part of your backup.

If you are upgrading from 3.10.x, your backup file will not contain the `tlsTrustStore`, `tlsKeyStore` files. You will need to manually upload the tls files to the /ndb/configuration folder in the server before restoring the backup. Ensure the files moved are named as "tlsKeyStore" and "tlsTrustStore" before proceeding.

Step 4 Download the NDDB 3.10.5 software from the standard Cisco.com Downloads page and and start the new NDDB 3.10.5 installation using the **./runndb.sh -start** command.

Step 5 Log in to the new instance of the NDDB GUI using https://server IP:8443.

Step 6 Navigate to the **Administration** > **Backup/ Restore** tab.

Step 7 Click **Actions** > **Restore Locally** to upload the configuration file which you had earlier downloaded.

Step 8 On the **Upload Configuration** window, drag and drop the file that you had earlier backed up and click **Restore**.

The TLS files will be automatically synced to other nodes during *restore* for high availability.

After the configuration is uploaded successfully, you will see a success message on the GUI.