

Introduction to Versa Director

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- Identify the functions of the main Versa Director tabs
- Navigate through the Versa Director environment to accomplish some basic tasks

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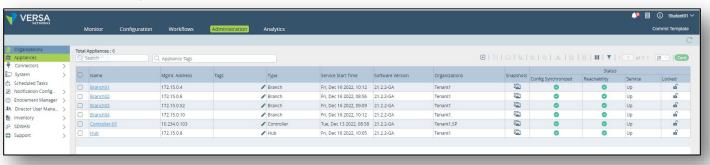
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Exercise 1: Identify the main components of Versa Director

Please refer to the Lab Access Guide for instructions on how to connect to the remote lab environment.

In the remote landing station, open the Google Chrome browser and log into Versa Director. You should be placed into the *Administration > Appliances* dashboard of Versa Director. There are 5 tabs at the top of the Versa Director user interface. Each of the tabs represents a set of dashboards to perform certain tasks, such as monitoring devices, managing configuration components on Versa Director, and creating and managing different components. The currently selected tab is highlighted automatically:



Many times there are multiple ways to navigate between windows and dashboards.

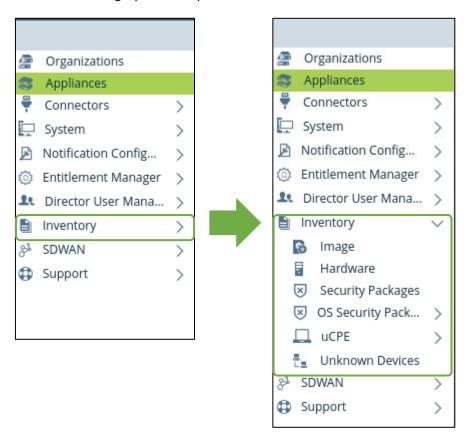
The Appliances table of the Administration dashboard lists all of the deployed appliances in the SD-WAN environment. You can click on a device in the list to navigate directly to that device's configuration and monitoring dashboard. You can also navigate to the individual device configuration and management dashboard by clicking the Monitor tab.

The main tabs are:

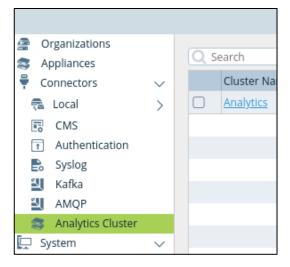
- Monitor: Provides access to device specific statistics, status, and configurations
- Configuration: Provides access to configuration components stored on Versa Director, including Device Groups, Bind Data, and Device and Service Templates
- Workflows: Provides access to create new workflows and to view and update existing workflows
- Administration: Provides access to SD-WAN environment configuration, including device inventory, deployment information, overlay configuration, external connectors, organization definition and configuration, user management, and licensing. It also provides access to the software management features, such as downloaded OS packages, Security Packages (Spacks), etc.
- Analytics: Opens the Versa Analytics GUI within Versa Director

Because you're already here, let's explore the Administration tab.

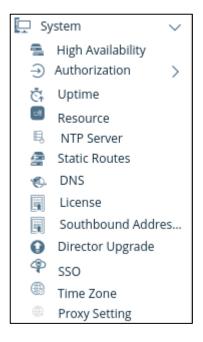
The menu on the left displays the main categories of administration information. Wherever you see a > symbol, this means that the category can be expanded:



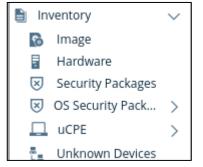
Expand the *Connectors* menu. The Connectors menu lists the different types of connections that are available to other systems, such as Analytics clusters, authentication servers, syslog servers, and so forth. If you click on the Analytics Cluster menu item, you'll see a table that lists all of the Analytics connectors on the system (which is currently one). The Analytics connector provides the information needed for Versa Director to communicate with the Versa Analytics node or cluster.



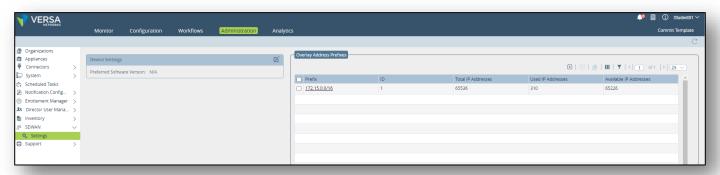
Next expand the *System* menu. The System menu is where Versa Director system information is configured, including Versa Director High Availability, NTP servers, the Versa Director license, DNS settings, Time Zone settings, and so forth. It's important to remember that the Versa Director is a computer system that may need to perform functions for the local processes, including DNS lookups and local routing. These settings are NOT for the SD-WAN systems. These settings are for the local Versa Director system.



Expand the *Inventory* menu. Here you will see dashboards to manage the software images stored on Versa Director, the current device inventory, which includes devices that have been created in the Versa Director database (Hardware), Security Package management, OS Security package management, and uCPE images. The Unknown Devices dashboard lists appliances that have been onboarded but that have a serial number that does not match a device serial number in the Hardware table.



The SDWAN Settings dashboard is where the SD-WAN overlay address scheme is defined.



Exercise 3: Explore Versa Director

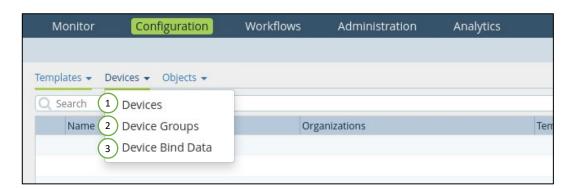
In this lab exercise, you will explore various dashboards of the Versa Director platform and answer questions related to the areas that you explore.

Task: Navigate to the *Configuration* tab. Use the GUI to find where configuration templates are stored.

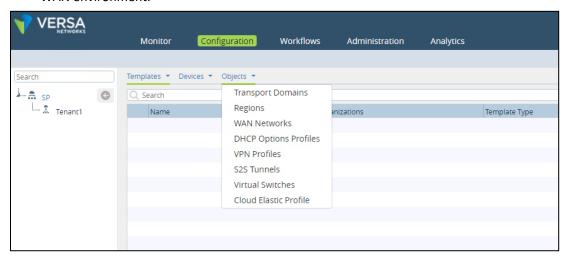
If you are assigned Branch 110, the template created for your device probably has a name related to Branch 110



Task: Use the GUI to show where the device related configuration is stored.

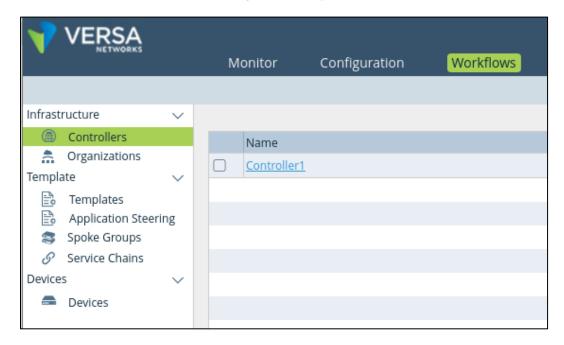


Task: Use the GUI view the different configuration objects related to the network and SD-WAN environment.



Task: A workflow is a step-by-step process to perform a task. In Versa Director, a workflow is a step-by-step process to create something, similar to a configuration wizard. The process or settings used are saved so that the process can be repeated, or so that settings in the original process can be changed and re-used to update or modify the object that the workflow created.

Navigate to the *Workflows* tab. In the *Workflows* tab, examine the different types of workflows that can be used to create configuration components.



Task: Open the *Monitor* tab. In the *Monitor* tab there is a left-side menu and a sub-menu at the top of the table displayed on the page.



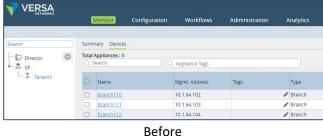
With the SP organization selected, click on the Devices tab to display devices that are managed by the SP organization.

Click on the *Tenant1* organization. With the *Tenant1* organization selected, click on the *Devices* tab to display devices that are managed by the Tenant1 organization.

Question: What differences do you see between the SP organization view and the Tenant1 organization view within the corresponding Devices tables?

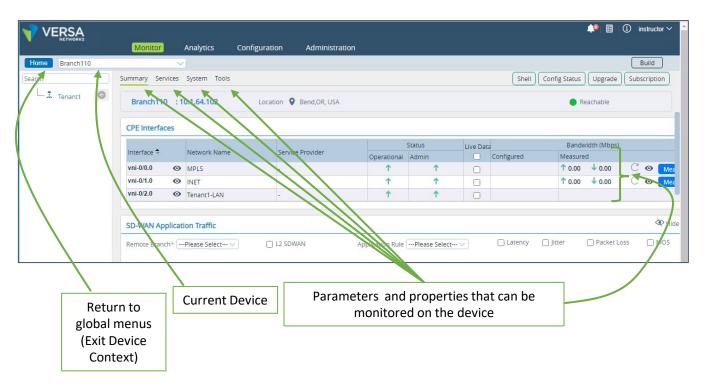
Task: Click on your branch device in the Tenant1 Devices table.

Question: How did the main menu bar change when you opened your branch device?





Key Differences: Device Context Mode (also called Appliance Context Mode)



Task: Explore the *Services* options in Device/Appliance Context mode.

Open the *Services* tab for your device. There are 2 main categories of services that can be viewed: Services and Networking. Take a few minutes to explore the type of information available in some of the Services and Networking dashboards.

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the information listed above for an organization, or for a specific device?	

Do you remember what dashboard you

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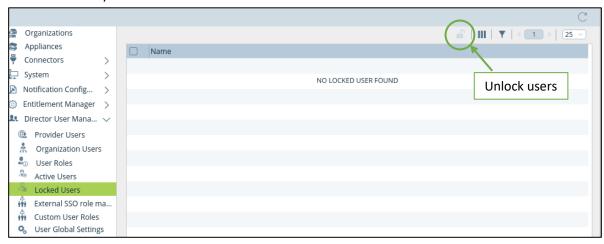
Task: Explore the *Director User Management* menus.

Navigate to the global *Administration* tab in Versa Director (make sure you are no longer in the Device/Appliance Context mode). In the *Administration* tab, locate the *Director User Management* menu on the left side and expand the menu. Select the *Provider Users* from the menu.

Question: What uses are visible in the table?
Question: What role is assigned to your username?
Click your username to open the <i>Edit Provider User</i> dialog. Question: What is the Landing Page configured for your user?
Click Cancel to close the dialog – do not change any settings.



Click on the Locked Users menu item. This is where user accounts that have been locked out of the system due to repeated wrong passwords are listed. To unlock a user, you select the user from the list and click the unlock button in the top right. Currently there shouldn't be any locked users on the list.

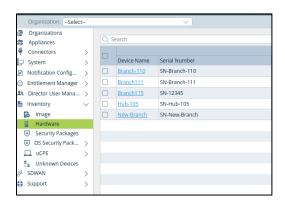


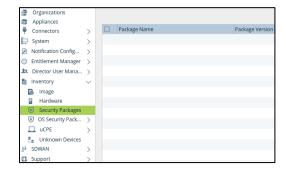
Task: Explore the *Inventory* menu.

Expand the *Inventory* menu, then select *Image* from the list. This is where VOS software images are stored when they are downloaded to Versa Director.

Select the *Hardware* menu. This is where devices that have been created in Versa Director are stored. It's important to remember that when you create a device in Versa Director, it is stored as an object in the Versa Director database. The Hardware table lists devices that have been created in Versa Director. The Appliances menu table lists devices that have been deployed and are active in the network. When a device in the Hardware table is onboarded or deployed in the network, a corresponding Appliance is created in the Appliance table – but only AFTER the device is successfully onboarded and is live.

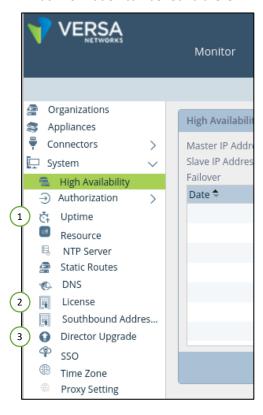
Select the *Security Packages* menu. This is where Security Package downloads are stored and listed in Versa Director. These can be used to update security package information on devices in the network.





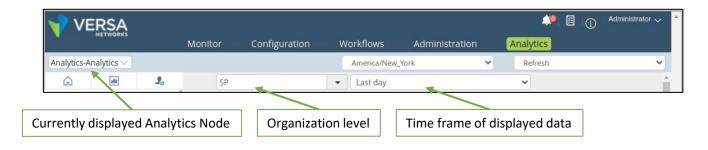
Note that there is no connectivity status on the Hardware table, but the Appliance table has a connectivity status. Task: Explore the System menus.

Expand the System menu. In the System menu. Explore each of the highlighted areas to see what information can be found there.



Task: Explore the Analytics dashboard.

The Analytics tab opens the Versa Analytics dashboard. Currently there is a single Versa Analytics node deployed in the network. However, when multiple Versa Analytics nodes are configured and linked to Versa Director, you can select which Versa Analytics node is displayed by choosing the node from the dashboard menu.



In Versa Analytics,

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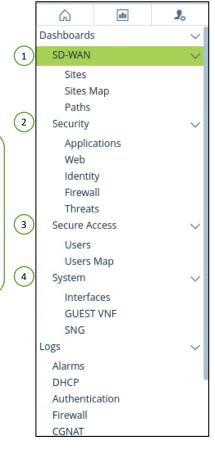
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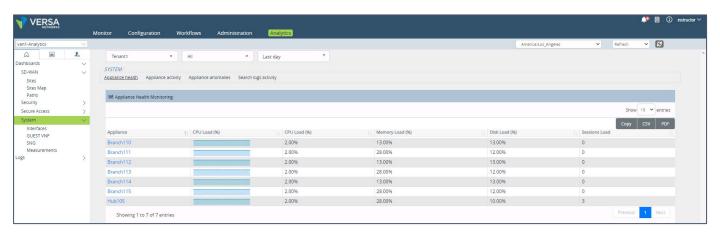
The left menu is divided into 2 main sections: Dashboards and Logs. The Dashboards display historical statistic information gathered from devices in the SD-WAN. The Logs section displays the logs that are sent from processes that run on the end devices.

What are the main dashboards available to view statistics?



Each dashboard has sub-components that display graphs and charts related to the SD-WAN. Take a few minutes to explore the dashboards and sub-tabs within each dashboard entry. Please note that because this is a lab environment there may be many charts and graphs that don't contain any information because there isn't any production traffic running on the network.

Select the System dashboard. What information is shown on the main System dashboard?





STOP! Notify your instructor that you have completed this lab.

Versa Workflows and Templates

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- Create configuration templates using template workflows;
- · Create device groups;
- Associate a device to a configuration template by assigning it to a device group; and
- Verify the services enabled in a configuration template.

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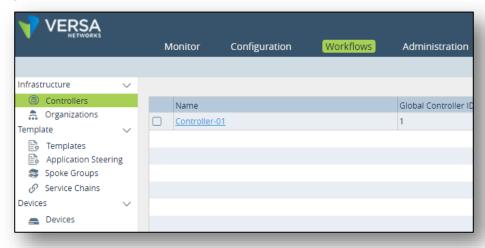
Exercise 1: Examine the Workflow Environment

In the following lab exercises, you will:

- Identify the types of workflows available in Versa Director
- · Examine the structure of a Controller workflow
- Examine the structure of an Organization workflow

Please refer to the Lab Access Guide for instructions on how to connect to the remote lab environment.

In the remote landing station, open the Google Chrome browser and log into Versa Director. In Versa Director, open the Workflows dashboard. On the left-side menu there are 3 main categories of workflows. Expand all 3 categories so that the sub-components are visible. Examine sub-components in the diagram below.



Each of these categories of objects or components is related to a type of object within Versa Director:

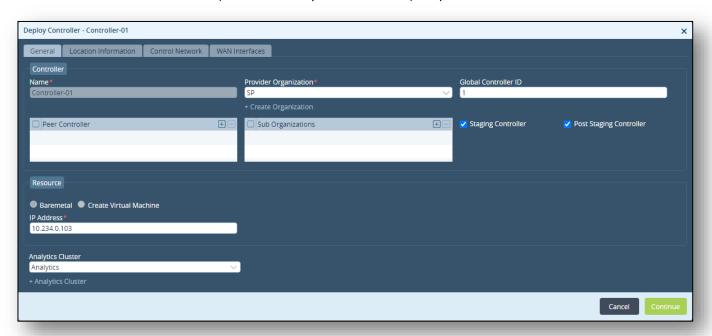
- Infrastructure Workflows are used to help create controllers and organizations.
- Template Workflows are used to create different template-based components.
- Device Workflows are used to create branch device (CPE) components.

There are already a few workflows saved in Versa Director that were used to create components in the lab environment. These include:

- A Controller workflow
- A Template workflow for each of the preconfigured templates
- A Spoke Group workflow for each of the preconfigured spoke group types that are used in the huband-spoke labs
- A Device workflow for each of the preconfigured devices in the lab environment.

Again, it is important to remember that these are saved processes, not the templates, controllers, or devices that the processes create. We will examine this concept as you complete the lab.

In the Infrastructure menu, click on Controllers. All of the controller workflows are listed in the table. Click on Controller1 (which is the only saved workflow) to open the workflow.



Note that the dialog title is "Deploy Controller – Controller-01". This is because the end result of completing the workflow is the creation and deployment of a controller.

Question: What is the IP Address of the controller?	

Question: What organization owns and manages this controller?

Question: To what analytics cluster will this controller forward log and statistics information?

Question: What are the 2 roles that this controller will perform in the SD-WAN?

This controller is managed by the SP organization. We'll see later in the lab that sub-organizations that fall under the SP organization can use this controller. When multiple sub-organizations use a parent controller, the controller acts as a multi-tenant controller and maintains separate control plane functionality for each tenant.

The IP address listed is the out-of-band management interface that is used for initial communication between the Versa Director and the Versa Controller. It is only used for the creation and onboarding process. Once the controller is provisioned, a separate interface associates with the Control Network is used for further communication between the head-end components.

This controller will be configured as a Staging controller and as a Post Staging controller. The Staging Controller function allows devices to be onboarded through this controller. The Post Staging Controller function allows this controller to act as a BGP route reflector, and SD-WAN CPEs will be able to establish BGP sessions with the controller for control plane information.

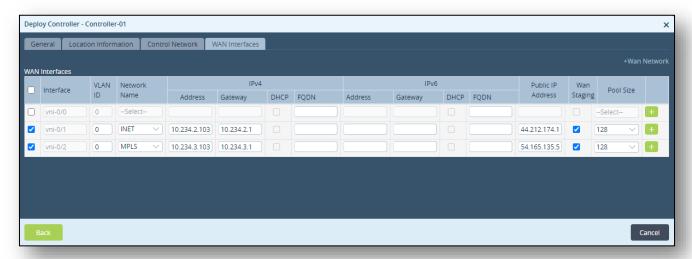
Continue to the Location Information tab. The Location Information tab can be used to indicate where the controller is physically located.

Continue to the Control Network tab.



The Control Network tab is where you define the North-Bound interface that is normally used to communicate with Versa Director and Versa Analytics. If the Versa Controller or Versa Analytics nodes are not on the same broadcast domain as the north-bound interface, routing can be configured on the north-bound interface to enable reachability.

Continue to the WAN Interfaces tab.



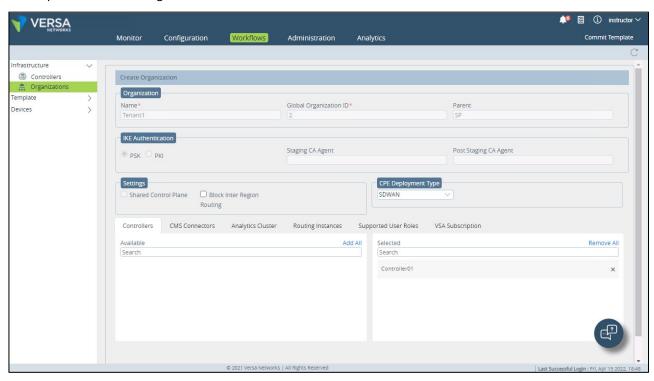
The WAN interfaces are the south-bound interfaces that connect to the SD-WAN environment. It is over these interfaces that CPEs will communicate with the controller. Note that because this controller has been deployed in a cloud environment, the internal WAN IP addresses and the public WAN IP addresses of the cloud environment are configured.

If you were creating a new controller, a Deploy button would be present in this dialog box, which would begin the process of building the controller, including all of the Virtual Routers, VRF tables, routing protocols, encryption profiles, and all other configuration components required to build a fully functional controller. Because the controller is created before most other SD-WAN components, and other SD-WAN components rely on configuration parameters of the controller when they are created, a provisioned controller cannot be modified using the workflow as changes to the controller would impact all other devices connected to the controller.

Click Cancel to exit the workflow dialog.

In the Infrastructure menu, select *Organizations*. The primary organization (SP in this example) is created during the initial Versa Director configuration process. Subsequent organizations (sub-organizations) are created using the Organizations workflow.

Open the Tenant1 organization workflow.



The Organization workflow allows you to define a sub-organization and its associated parameters. Note that the controller Controller is listed in the Controllers tab. This configuration allows the Tenant1 sub-organization to use the Controller in If another sub-organization under the SP domain is created, it could also be allowed to use the Controller controller. Other tenant-specific configuration parameters can be configured as well, including tenant-specific Analytics connectors, the default routing instances that will be created for devices within the sub-organization, and the supported user roles available to users within the sub-organization, which allows the parent organization to manage and control what type of access users within the sub-organization are allowed to be assigned.

IMPORTANT! Do not change any of the organization parameters!

Take a few minutes to explore the configuration parameters included in the organization workflow, then click Cancel to exit out of the workflow.

Exercise 2: Examine Template Workflows

It's common for the Controllers and Organizations workflows to be used only once or twice in an entire deployment, as those components are normally defined and deployed in the initial stages of the SD-WAN deployment. The workflows that are used frequently are the Template and Devices workflows.

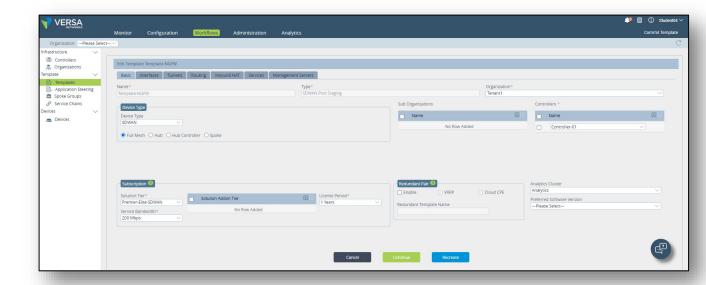
In the following exercises you will:

Examine the structure of a Device Template workflow

In the Template workflow menu, select Templates. This opens the Device Template workflow table. Device Template workflows are used to build the base configuration template that a group of devices will inherit when a device is created in a later step. There are multiple workflows saved that were created during the initial lab setup. Device Templates that are created using the Device Template workflow are placed in the *Configuration > Templates > Device Templates* table in Versa Director, and are stored in the local Versa Director database.

Click on the *Template-NGFW* workflow to open the workflow.

The template that is created by a workflow inherits the name of the workflow. Continue to the next page in the lab guide to answer some questions and fill in some details related to this example workflow.



Fill in the following information based on the workflow in your lab, or the image above:

What organization will have access to this workflow and the template that this workflow creates?

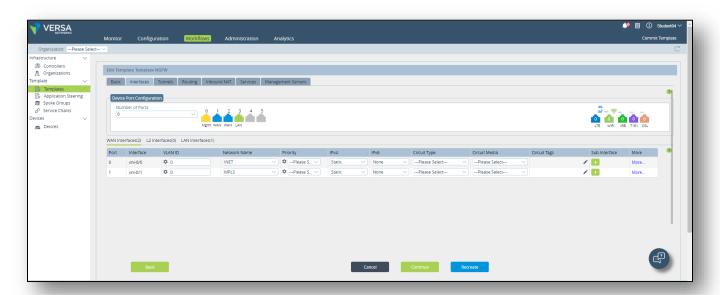
To what controller(s) will devices that use this template connect?

This is the inherited subscription profile, which can be over-ridden by a more specific subscription profile on a device if desired.

What subscription information will be inherited by devices that use the template created by this workflow?

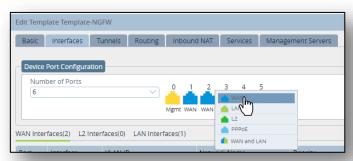
Open the Interfaces tab of the workflow.

The Interfaces tab allows you to define the common interface layout of the devices that will share the template configuration created by the workflow. Note that the device *Port Configuration* diagram is a logical diagram and does not represent the actual physical device — it is only used for port mapping purposes and basic port parameters.



The LAN interfaces are the customer site facing interfaces at the local site. The *Network Name* is a user-defined name, the *Organization* determines which sub-organization owns the port, the *Zones* allows the user to define a specific security zone associated with the interface, and the Routing Instance is auto-populated based on the routing instance name configured for the organization. The method that devices will acquire address is specified in the template. However, the actual addressing is configured during the device creation process, as addressing is device specific.

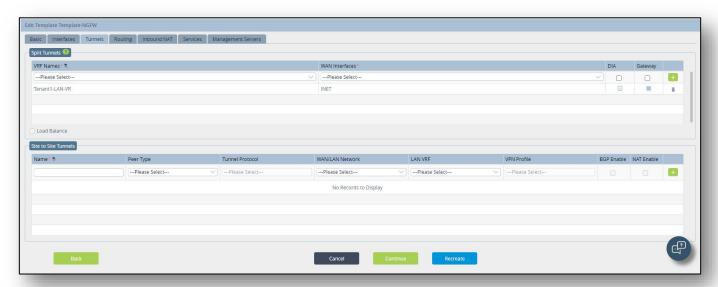
To assign a port to a role, click on the port and select the role from the popup window. You can also change the assignment of a port by clicking on a port that already has an assignment.





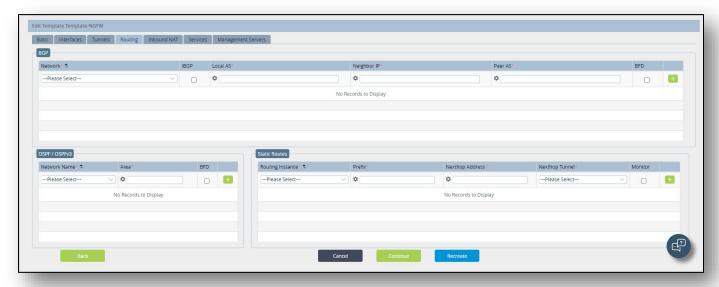
Open the Tunnels tab of the workflow.

The Tunnels tab allows you to specify direct internet access or SD-WAN gateway functions on devices that use the template created by the workflow. You can also configure site-to-site tunnels for non-SD-WAN tunnels between devices.



Open the Routing tab of the workflow.

The Routing template allows you to define base routing protocol parameters if desired. When routing protocol information is configured in the workflow, the workflow process automatically creates the route redistribution policies required to advertise the local routing information – and routes learned through the workflow-created routing processes – to remote sites in the SD-WAN.



Open the Inbound NAT tab.

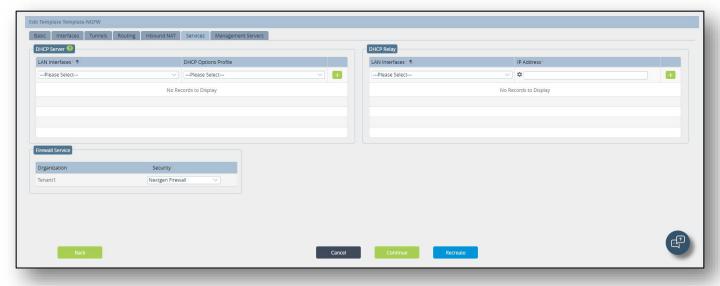
The Inbound NAT tab allows you to create static destination-NAT to allow outside resources to reach internal NATed devices.



Open the Services tab.

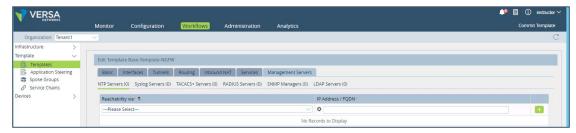
Enabling the services in the template workflow allows you to configure the services in the resulting template.

The Services tab allows you to define what services will be active on the device. The services themselves are not created in the Workflow. The services are activated in the workflow, which instructs the workflow to create the configuration hierarchy necessary to add the services later by defining the services within the template that will be created. If you do not enable the services in the workflow, the corresponding configuration hierarchy will not be created in the template.



Open the Management Servers tab.

The Management Servers tab allows you to define parameters such as NTP servers, Syslog Servers, and other management server connectivity that will be common among all devices that use the resulting template.



Important! Do not change this workflow!

This workflow is used to reset the Base-Template device template throughout the lab! You will have the opportunity to create your own template workflow next!

Click *Cancel* to close the workflow dialog, then select *Yes* from the popup.

Exercise 4: Examine Device Workflows

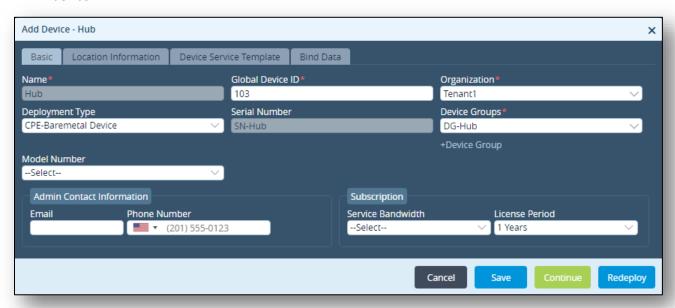
After completing this lab exercise, you will be able to:

· Identify the components of a Device workflow

Next you will explore the Devices device template. The Device workflow is used to create the individual devices in the network. Devices created by the Device workflows are added to the *Administration > Inventory > Hardware* table in Versa Director.

Select *Devices* from the Devices workflow section. You will see several device workflows in the table. These device workflows were used to create the devices in the pre-configured lab environment. In this part of the lab you will examine the properties of one of the pre-configured device workflows.

Select the *Hub* device workflow in the table. This will open the workflow that was used to create the Hub device.

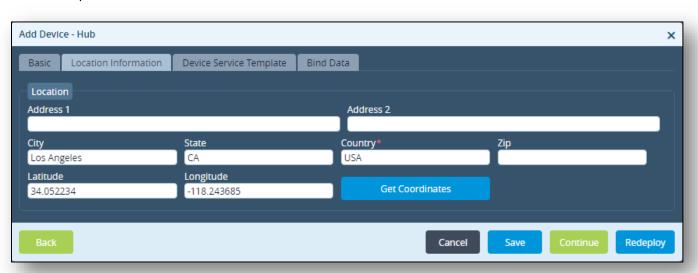


The Basic tab of the device workflows is used for the base parameters. The device that is created in the *Hardware Inventory* will inherit the name of the device workflow.

In most situations, the *Global Device ID* chosen by Versa Director is used to avoid overlapping device IDs within other organizations, as the Global Device ID must be unique on Versa Director. The Serial Number is the software or hardware serial number of the device. The Subscription properties can be left at the default values, in which case the subscription values in the template to which the device is linked will be used. If you wish to assign different subscription values to the individual device, you may do so here.

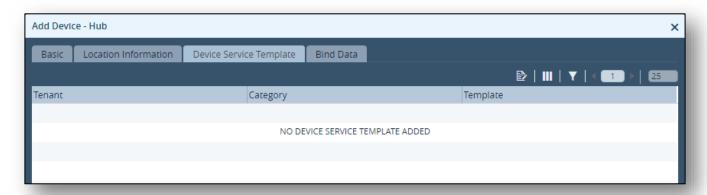
The *Device Groups* parameter is used to link the device to a template. If a device group needed to link the device to a template does not exist, the *+Device Group* shortcut will open the Device Group creation dialog, where you can create the desired device group without leaving the Device workflow.

Open the Location Information tab.



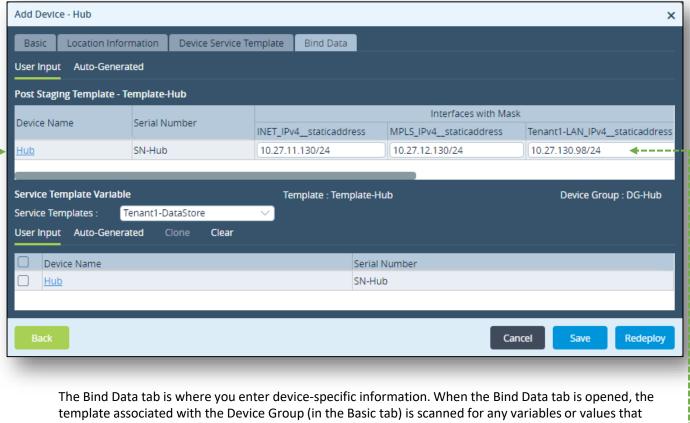
You must enter a Country value. Other values are optional, but the more specific you are, the better. The Location Information tab allows you to enter device location information. The final location is based on Latitude and Longitude values that are calculated from the address information. The more detailed the address information, the more accurate the latitude and longitude values will be. This information is used to display the device on maps in the Monitor and Analytics dashboards.

Open the Device Service Template tab of the Device workflow.



The Device Service Template tab allows you to assign service templates to the device directly. In many instances, the service templates are assigned through the device group. Services templates are configuration components that are specific to a service, such as Class of Service, Security, or SD-WAN Policy (application steering). Allowing the administrator to assign a service template directly to a device allows more flexibility for service assignment.

Open the Bind Data tab of the Device workflow.



The Bind Data tab is where you enter device-specific information. When the Bind Data tab is opened, the template associated with the Device Group (in the Basic tab) is scanned for any variables or values that the user needs to enter. If the Bind Data tab is empty when you open it, this is usually because the Device Group configured in the Basic tab is not properly configured, and does not have a corresponding device template configured. When there is a problem with the device group template assignment, the Bind Data tab tries to look for template information, but can't find a related template.

There are 2 ways to enter user-defined information in the Bind Data fields. The first is to enter them directly in the fields listed in the Device Name field. The scroll bar at the bottom of the Post Staging Template window allows you to scroll for additional values.

Another common method of entering the bind data is to click on the device name in the table. This will open a new dialog window that displays all of the required fields.

Click the Hub device name in the table to examine the pre-configured bind data for the device.

IMPORTANT: Do NOT change the bind data information for the Hub105 device!

Click *Cancel* to close the bind data dialog when you are finished examining the data, then click *Cancel* again to close the Device Workflow dialog.

Exercise 5: Practice

In the next lab exercises you will perform the following tasks:

- Create a Template workflow that is named after your branch-id (e.g. Template-Branch01, Template-Branch02, etc.)
- Create a new device group that links to your newly created template
- · Re-assign your existing device to the new device group
- Commit the template in order to re-configure the existing device in the network (using the new template configuration)

Because this course does not cover deployment of devices, you will not deploy the new device that you create. However, you will examine the objects created in Versa Director, and you will re-assign your existing device to the new device group that references the template that you create. You will then commit the template so that you are familiar with the process of creating a template using Workflows and applying the template to a device.

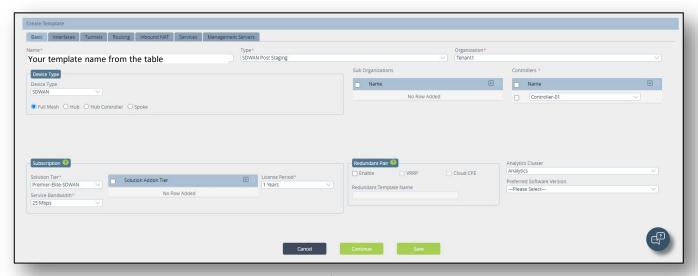
Create a new Device Template

In this exercise you will create a new Device Template using a Template workflow. Use a template workflow to create the template with the following parameters:

Basic Tab:

Workflow Name:	Template-[branch name]]
Туре:	SDWAN Post Staging	
Organization:	Tenant1	
Device Type:	SDWAN Full Mesh	
Controllers:	Controller-01	
Analytics Cluster:	Analytics	
Solution Tier:	Premier-Elite-SDWAN	
Bandwidth:	25 Mbps	

Example: Template-Branch01

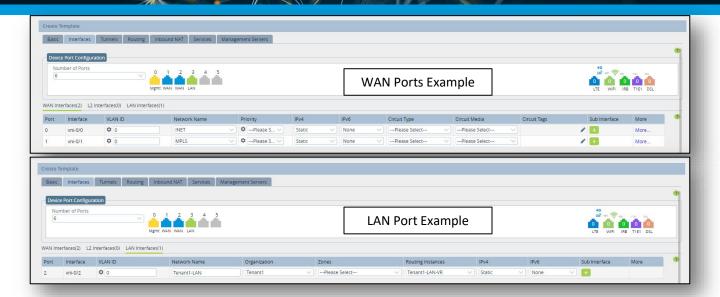


Example Output

Interfaces Tab

Assign the following interface parameters in the Interfaces tab:

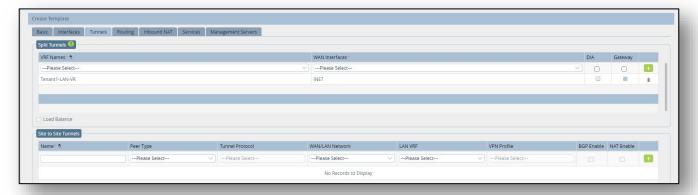
Port 1 (WAN Interface 0, vni-0/0)	Port Type: WAN Network Name: INET IPv4 Address: Static
Port 2 (WAN Interface 1, vni-0/1)	Port Type: WAN Network Name: MPLS IPv4 Address: Static
Port 3 (LAN Interface 2, vni-0/2)	Network Name: Tenant1-LAN Organization: Tenant1 Zones: Leave default Routing Instance: (Auto-populate) IPv4 Address: Static



Tunnels Tab

Configure Split Tunnels. In the Split Tunnels, link the VRF Tenant1-LAN-VR with the WAN interface INET. Make the Split Tunnels a DIA type, which allows traffic sourced from the Tenant1-LAN-VR and destined to a non-SD-WAN destination to use the INET routing instance to forward traffic (Direct Internet Access).

Be sure to click the button to add the DIA configuration .



Routing Tab

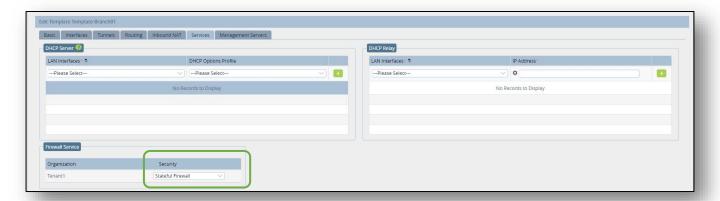
Do not configure any Routing parameters.

Inbound NAT Tab

Do not configure any Inbound NAT properties.

Services Tab

Enable the SFW services under the Services tab.



Management Servers Tab

Do not configure any Management Servers properties.

Click the Create button to create the workflow and the corresponding device template.

Question: Is your template workflow listed in the workflow table?

Question: Is the object listed in the table a workflow or a template?

Navigate to the *Configuration > Templates > Device Templates hierarchy*. Make sure that the *Tenant1* organization is selected from the organization menu on the left.

Question: Is there a template listed in the table that matches the workflow name you used?



Click on the template that you created with your workflow to open the template and use the values in the lab to fill in the information below.

Interface Name:	Address associated with the interface
vni-0/0	
vni-0/1	
vni-0/2	

Question: Why do you think that there are variable names in the interface IP Address field of the interfaces instead of actual IP addresses?

Network Name	Interface associated with the network
MPLS	
INET	
LAN-Network	

Virtual Routers	Networks associated with the Virtual Router
MPLS-Transport-VR	
INET-Transport-VR	
Tenant1-Control-VR	
Tenatn1-LAN-VR	

Open the Services tab of the template and identify the type of security services that are enabled:

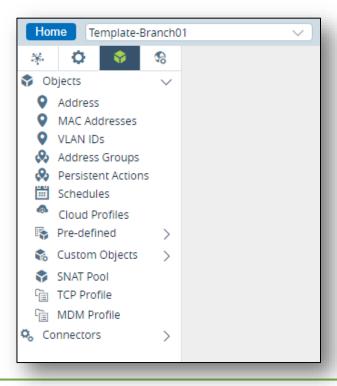


Using the information in the Services tab of the template, fill in the following information:

Location	Values
Stateful Firewall > Security > Policies	What 2 policies are automatically created?
Stateful Firewall > IPsec	What 2 VPN profiles are automatically created?
SDWAN > Controllers	What controller is listed?

Open the *Objects & Connectors* tab of the template.

Expand the *Objects* menu and examine the types of configuration objects:



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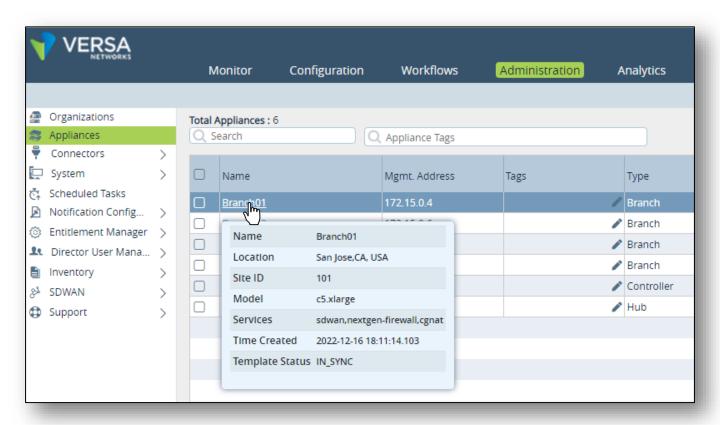
· Compare the newly created Device Template to the running configuration on your device

Steps:

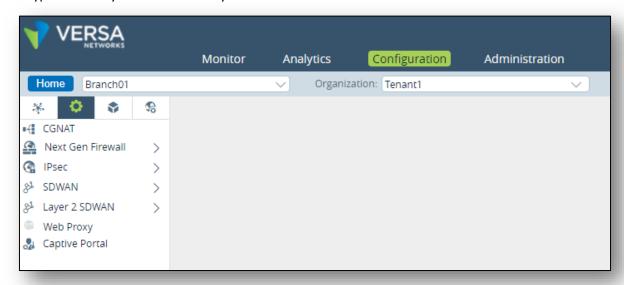
- Open your device in Appliance Context mode (by using the Monitor tab, the Configuration > Devices table, or through the Administration > Appliances table.)
- Identify the security features configured on your device and compare them with the security features configured in the device template you just created.

Step by Step Guide

Navigate to the *Administration > Appliances* dashboard. Locate your device in the Appliances table. Click on your device to open the Appliance Context mode of your device.



From Appliance Context mode, navigate to the *Configuration > Services* dashboard and identify which type of security service is currently active in the device:



Question: What type of security service is currently available on the device?

Question: Are these services the same services that are available under the template that you created?

Click the Home button to exit device configuration mode.

In the next lab parts you will:

- Create a device group named DG-[branch-ID] (e.g. DG-Branch01, DG-Branch02, etc.);
- Assign the template you created to the device group;
- Re-assign your branch device to the new device group; and
- Commit the template you created in order to re-configure your branch device.

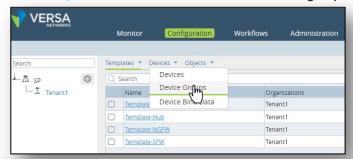
Steps:

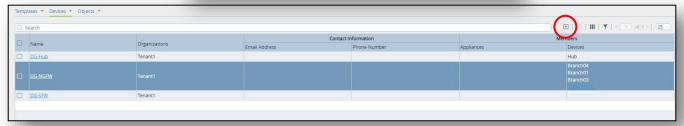
- Create a new device group with the name DG-[Branch name] (e.g. DG-Branch01, DG-Branch02, etc.).
- Assign the template that you created to the device group.
- Reassign your device to the new device group (either through the Devices > Device Group dashboard or through the Device Workflow for your device)
- Commit the changes
- Verify that the services changed on your device from Next Gen Firewall to Stateful Firewall services.

Step by Step Guide

From the main Versa Director dashboard, navigate to Configuration > Devices > Device Groups.

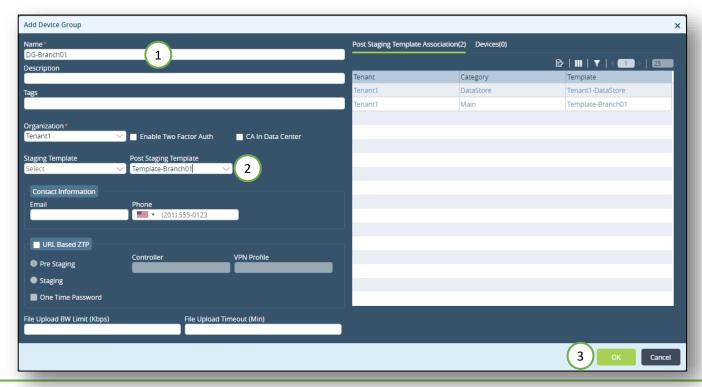
In the Device Groups dashboard, click the + button to create a new device group.





Name the device group DG-[Branch-id] (e.g. DG-Branch01, DG-Branch02, etc.)

Assign the template you created earlier to the Post Staging Template field, then click OK to create the device group.



Question: Does your new device group appear in the Device Group table?

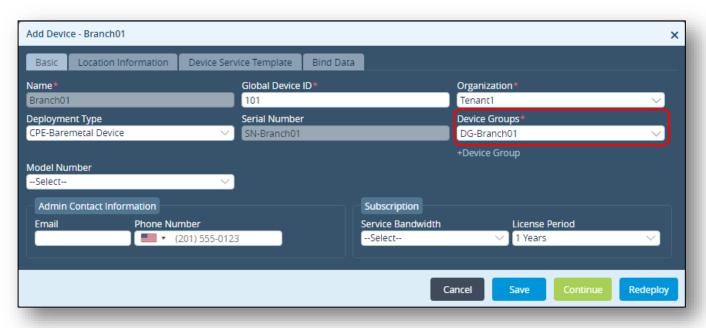
Question: Does your branch device appear in your device group Members list?_____

Assign Device to a New Device Group

In the next steps, you will use the Device workflow to assign your branch device to the new device group.

Navigate to the *Workflows > Devices > Devices* dashboard and locate your device in the Device Workflow list. Click your device to open the workflow.

Locate your new device group in the Device Groups drop-down menu, and assign your new device group to the device.



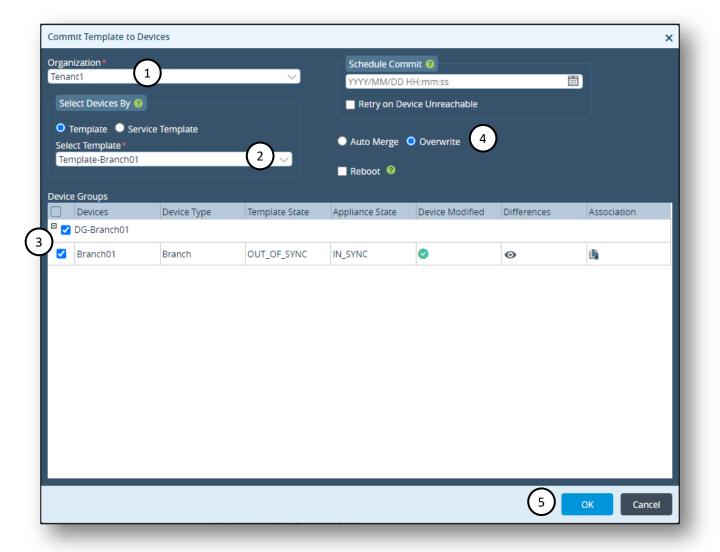
Click the Redeploy button to apply the changes to the Device workflow.

You have successfully update the device information in Versa Director. The next step is to apply the changes made in Versa Director to your appliance by committing the template.

Click the *Commit Template* link in the top-right corner of Versa Director.

In the Commit dialog:

- 1. Select the Tenant1 organization
- 2. Select your newly created template from the Select Template drop-down
- 3. Locate your device in the Device Groups table and select the box next to your device
- 4. Ensure that the Overwrite option is selected
- 5. Click the OK button to apply the changes to the device.



Verify the Changes on the Device and Revert back to NGFW Services

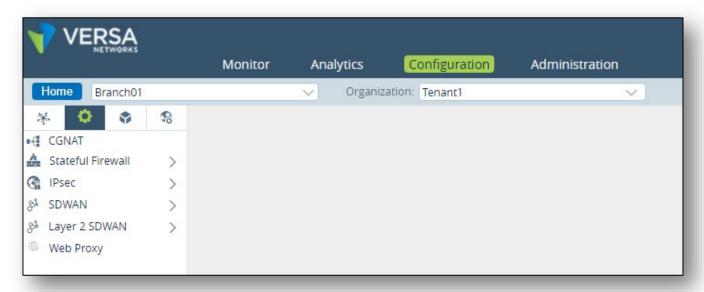
In the next lab steps you will:

- Verify that the changes have been applied to your device (security services changed from Next Gen Firewall to Stateful Firewall)
- Change your template services from SFW to NGFW services using the Template Workflow
- Re-deploy your template with the new services definition
- · Apply the template changes to your device
- Verify that the security services changed from SFW to Next Gen Firewall services.

In the Versa Director dashboard, navigate to *Administration > Appliances* and locate your device in the appliances table.

Click your appliance in the Appliance table to open the Appliance Context mode of your device.

In the Appliance Context mode of your device, navigate to the *Configuration > Services* dashboard and fill in the diagram below:



Question: What type of security services are configurable on the device?

Question: Were the changes you made applied to the device?

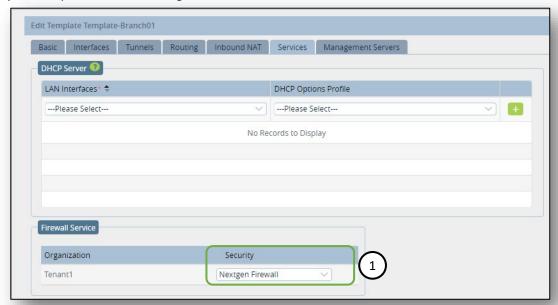
Next you will change the services available on your device back to Next Gen Firewall services by changing your template using the Template workflow.

Click the Home button next to your device name to exit Appliance Context mode. This returns you to the main Versa Director user interface.

In the main Versa Director user interface, navigate to *Workflows > Template > Templates* to display the saved Device Template workflows.

Locate your Template workflow in the table and click the workflow to open it for modification.

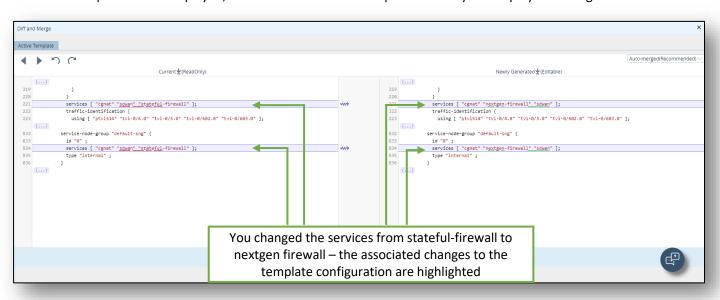
In your Template workflow, navigate to the Services tab.



In the Services tab:

- 1. Change the services to Nextgen Firewall
- 2. Click Recreate

When an existing template is changed by updating the Template workflow, Versa Director will prompt you to confirm/validate the changes by doing a Difference (diff and merge) validation. The changes to the template will be displayed, and the administrator is required to verify and deploy the changes:



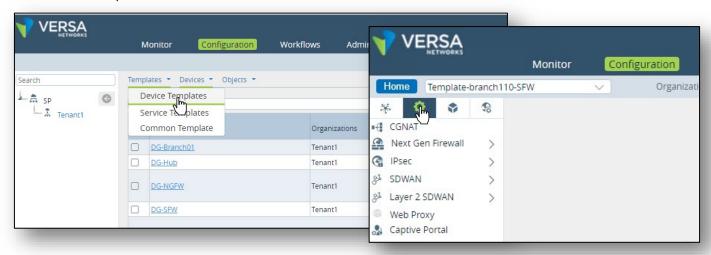
Click Deploy to apply the workflow changes to the template, and to re-write the template data.

Verify the Template Changes, and Apply the Update to your Device

Navigate to *Configuration > Templates > Device Templates*. Ensure that the *Tenant1* organization is selected in the left-side menu.

Locate and open the device template that you just updated through the Device Template workflow.

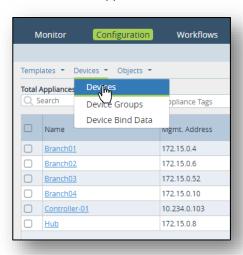
In the *Services* tab of the template configuration, verify that the Next Gen Firewall services are present in the template.

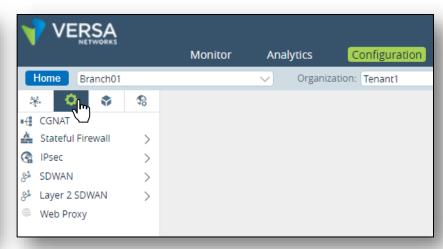


Navigate to the *Monitor > Devices* dashboard. Ensure that the Tenant1 organization is selected in the left-side menu.

Locate your device in the Devices table, and open your device. This places you in Appliance Context mode for your device (in the same way that clicking your device in the *Administration > Appliances* table places you in Appliance Context mode).

From Appliance Context mode, navigate to the *Configuration > Services* dashboard.





Question: What security services are available on the appliance?

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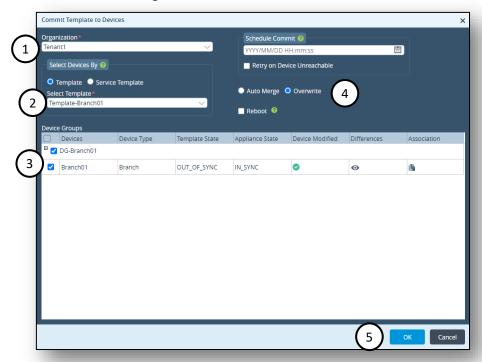
The Stateful Firewall services are still present on the device. Although you modified the template and verified the changes, the template changes haven't been committed to the devices that the template is assigned to.

Click the *Home* button next to your appliance name to exit Appliance Context mode.

From the main Versa Director user interface, click Commit Template.

From the Commit dialog:

- 1. Select the Tenant1 organization
- 2. Select your template from the Select Template drop-down menu
- 3. Select your device from the device list
- 4. Ensure that Overwrite is selected
- 5. Click OK to commit the changes to the device.



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Verify the Changes on the End Device

Now that you have committed the template changes to your device, you will verify the changes one more time.

From the Versa Director user interface, navigate to *Administration > Appliances* and locate you device in the appliance list. Click your appliance to open the Appliance Context dashboard.

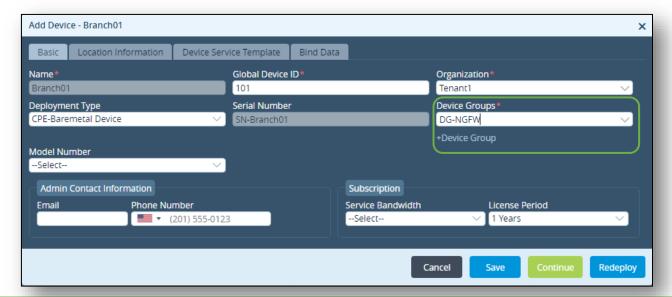
In the Appliance Context dashboard, navigate to *Configuration > Services*.

Question: Did the available services change from Stateful Firewall to Next Gen Firewall?

Exercise 6: Reset the Lab Environment

In this lab part you will:

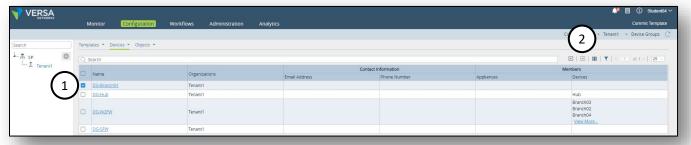
- Re-assign your device to the Base-Template-NGFW template by re-assigning the Device Group in your Device workflow
- Commit the changes to reset your device configuration to the base configuration
- Delete your user-created Device Template Workflow (which will delete the template associated with the workflow)
- Delete the user-created Device Group that you created during this lab.
- 1. Navigate to the Workflows > Devices > Device hierarchy to display the saved device workflows.
- 2. Locate your device workflow in the Device Workflow table and click the workflow to open it.
- 3. In the Device workflow, set the Device Group to DG-NGFW.
- 4. Click Redeploy to update your device workflow and save the changes.



Navigate to the Configuration > Devices > Device Groups dashboard.

In the Device Groups table:

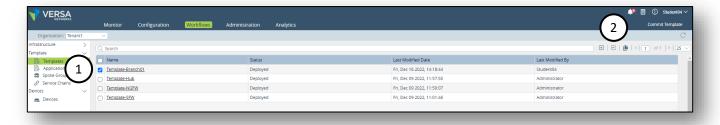
- 1. Check the box next to your user-defined device group
- 2. Click the button to remove your user-defined device group.
- 3. Confirm the device group deletion



Navigate to the *Workflows > Template > Templates* dashboard.

In the *Templates* workflow table:

- 1. Check the box next to your user-defined template workflow.
- 2. Click the button to remove your user-defined template workflow
- 3. Confirm the workflow deletion



To finalize the configuration change, click *Commit Template* in the top right, select the Tenant1 organization, and the Template-NGFW template from the Commit Template to Devices dialog. Locate your device in the device groups table, select your device, and click OK to commit the changes to your device.



STOP! Notify your instructor that you have completed this lab.



Versa SD-WAN Topologies

The Versa Networks lab environment consists of a fixed, pre-configured topology that will allow you to explore, configure, and manage Versa Networks CPEs by using Versa Director, the central management and orchestration platform for a Versa Secure SD-WAN solution. After completing this lab, you will be able to:

- Analyze the configuration components of full mesh and hub-and-spoke topologies
- Configure and analyze the following topologies:
 - Full Mesh
 - Spoke-to-Hub-Only
 - Spoke-to-Spoke-via-Hub
 - Spoke-to-Spoke-Direct

In this lab, you will be assigned a single CPE device (Branch device) for configuration and monitoring.

The lab environment is accessed through Amazon Workspaces. You should have received an email to allow you to register your Amazon Workspaces account and set your password.

NOTE: It is common for the Amazon Workspaces email to be sent to the spam/junk folder. If you have not received the registration email, check those folders.

The remote desktop connection opens a remote workstation, where you will use various tools to navigate and configure the lab environment. The main tool you will use in this lab is Versa Director. Versa Director can be accessed by opening the Google Chrome browser on the Remote Desktop. There is a bookmark to the Versa Director device in the Google Chrome bookmark bar.

This lab environment is a shared environment. There may be up to 24 students in the environment. Each student has their own remote desktop, but the Versa Director is shared. Because of the shared environment, you may see configuration templates, device groups, workflows, and devices that other students have created, or that have been pre-provisioned within Versa Director. It is important that you only modify the configuration components that are assigned to you by your instructor.

Look for these hints to help you in the labs During certain lab parts, the lab guide will present sample output from the GUI or the CLI. The sample outputs are SAMPLES and represent the information as it appeared during the lab guide creation. Your output may vary in some ways (some devices may or may not be present, some routes may or may not be the same, etc.) Do not be alarmed if your results vary slightly from the results shown in the lab guide. The important thing is that the lab functions in the desired manner.

This lab guide will step you through some common tasks that are performed on Versa Director. After an introductory set of exercises, you will be asked to perform some basic tasks that will allow you to become more familiar with the environment.

The goal of this and all lab exercises is to help you gain additional skills and knowledge. Because of this, the lab guide contains additional instruction to supplement the student guides.

Now that we've discussed what is expected, let's get started!

Lab Exercise Overview

In this lab you will perform various tasks. You will begin by examining some pre-configured objects within Versa Director that will be used to build hub and spoke topologies. A flow of the lab exercises is:

Examine the Spoke Groups that are pre-configured in the Spoke Groups workflow table

Analyze the LAN routes learned on your device, and the BGP next-hops of the routes.

Create a new device template, named after your username and device ID, that is configured as a spoke device configuration (you will use a Device Template Workflow to create the new template)

The template will be configured with the S2H-Only spoke group

Create a new device group named after your username and device ID that references the new template you created

Create a new device group named after your username and device ID that references the new template you created

Re-assign your device to the new device group using the Device Workflow and redeploy the device workflow

Commit the template to reconfigure your device

Analyze the LAN routes learned on your device, and the BGP next-hops of the routes.

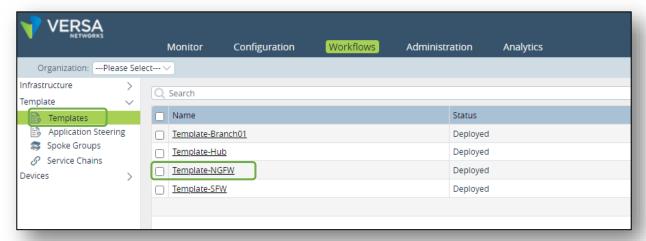
Analyze the LAN routes learned on your device, and the BGP next-hops of the routes.

Modify the spoke group in your template workflow to S2SviaH, re-deploy the workflow to recreate the template, then you will commit the template to your device

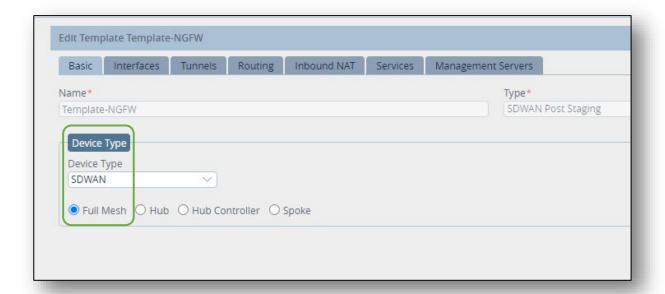
Analyze the LAN routes learned on your device, and the BGP next-hops (remote gateway) of the routes.

Exercise 1: Examine Full Mesh Configuration and Reachability

Open the Workflows tab in Versa Director and navigate to the *Template > Templates* dashboard. Locate the Template-NGFW template workflow and click on the workflow to open it for viewing.



The Template-NGFW workflow creates a device template that is configured for Full Mesh topology.

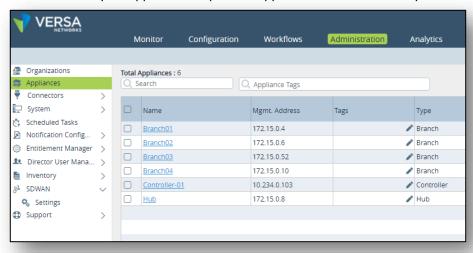


The Full Mesh setting creates default BGP policies policies that send all routes to the Versa Controllers, and that allow all routes received from the Versa Controllers. This creates a forwarding plane that has visibility of and that can forward to all remote CPE devices.

Click Cancel to close the Template Workflow. DO NOT MAKE ANY CHANGES!

Next you'll analyze the full mesh reachability by using Versa Director and the Monitor tab (Appliance Context mode).

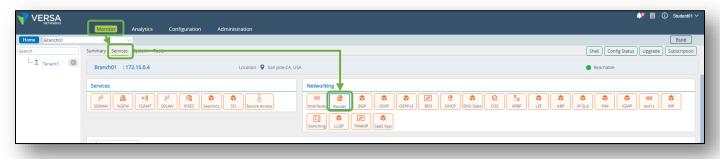
From Versa Director, navigate to *Administration > Appliances* and locate your device in the Appliances table. Click on your appliance to open the Appliance Context mode of your device.

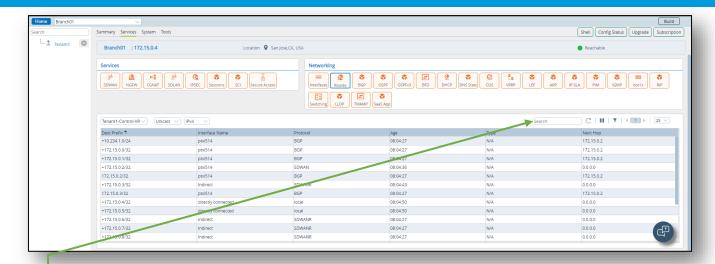




Example of Branch01 Device Context Mode

From device context mode of your device, click on *Monitor* to open the device monitoring dashboard. Locate and select the *Services* tab to open the services monitoring dashboard. You will be examining the *Route* service to identify what routes and remote nodes are present and visible to your device.

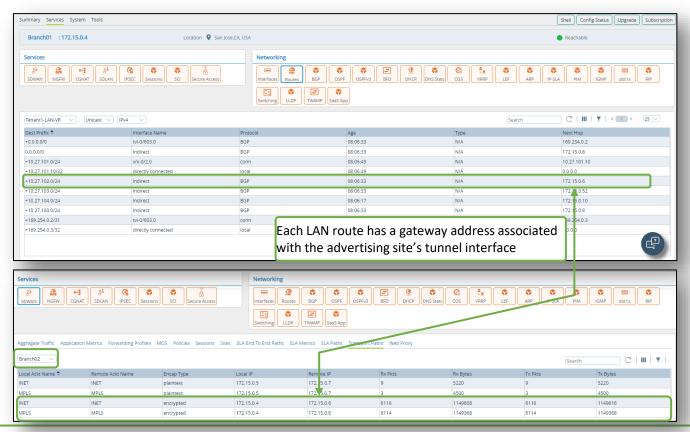




You can filter the routes listed by entering filter text in the Search box

Locate the SDWAN routes in the route table. SDWAN routes are routes routes that are advertised and received as Versa-Private routes (node advertisements). Note that each remote device advertises 2 SDWAN routes. The first is the endpoint used for clear-channel reachability, and the second is the endpoint used for encrypted-channel reachability. The encrypted endpoint is the default endpoint in the routing table.

You can change which virtual router's routing table is displayed by selecting the virtual router from the drop-down menu.



Exercise 2: Examine Spoke Groups

In the next part of the lab exercise, you will examine the pre-configured spoke groups using Versa Director. The spoke groups are created and can be viewed through the *Workflows > Template > Spoke Groups* dashboard.

There are 4 pre-configured spoke groups:

- SPK-SPK-HUB: Configured as a spoke-to-spoke-via-hub spoke group, with hub 105 as the hub device.
- SK-HUB-ONLY: Configured as a spoke-to-hub-only spoke group, with hub 105 as the hub
 device.
- SPKTOSPK-DIRECT-MESHGRP-101: Configured as a Spoke to Spoke Direct spoke group, with BGP community 101 added to the group.
- SPKTOSPK-DIRECT-MESHGRP-102: Configured as a Spoke to Spoke Direct spoke group, with BGP community 102 added to the group.



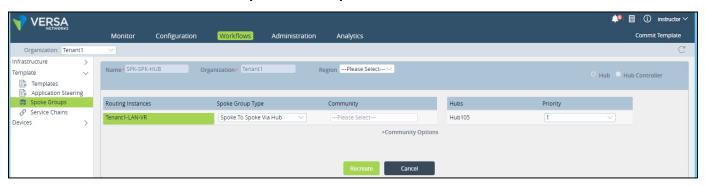
Click on the **SPK-HUB-ONLY** spoke group to view its configuration.

The spoke group has the following parameters:

- **Routing Instances**: This identifies the customer LAN-facing routes that will be advertised to the hub within this spoke group.
- Spoke Group Type: This determines the reachability (topology) of the hub-and-spoke deployment. Routing policy will be configured on devices that belong to this spoke group to determines which routes are accepted from the controller, what community values are added to BGP route redistribution policies, etc.
- Community: Used for Spoke-to-Spoke Direct only (adds an extra region/group specific BGP community).
- **Hubs**: Allows you to list the hubs from which received routes will be accepted (uses BGP routing policy to accept/reject routes received from hubs).
- **Priority**: The priority of the routes received from the hubs (uses BGP policy/Local Preference to adjust the priority of routes received from hubs). Multiple hubs can be configured, each with a different priority.

Click Cancel to close the dialog without making any changes.

Spoke to Spoke via Hub

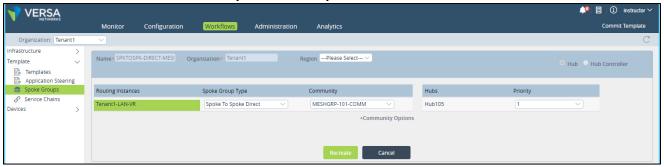


Click on the **SPK-SPK-HUB** spoke group to view its configuration.

The spoke group has the following same parameter set as the Spoke to Hub Only topology. However, when a spoke group is designated as Spoke To Spoke Via Hub type, the BGP policies created by Versa Director for the CPE devices add different community values to routes advertised by the CPE devices. These new community values allow the hub to re-process and readvertise the routes to other devices (with the hub set as the BGP next-hop). These policies are managed and coordinated by Versa Director automatically, and the administrator does not have to manage them directly.

Click Cancel to close the dialog without making any changes.

Spoke to Spoke Direct



Click on the SPKTOSPK-DIRECT-MESHGRP-101 spoke group to view its configuration.

Click

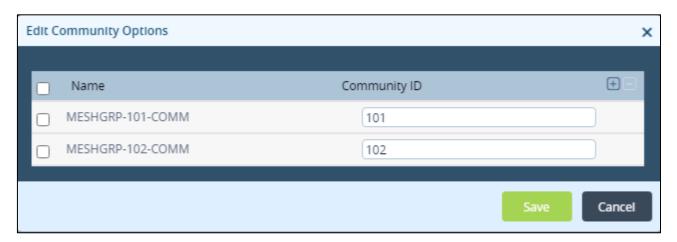
Cancel

The spoke group has the same parameters as the other spoke group types, but adds an additional BGP community parameter to define the mesh group to which the devices will belong. All devices assigned to the same mesh group will be able to form point-to-point tunnels between devices. Devices that do not have the same BGP community assigned will behave as Spoke to Spoke Via Hub, and will be required to forward traffic through the hub to reach the remote networks.

Click the Community drop-down to view the options.

These options are named communities that the administrator configures.

Click the +Community Options link to view the BGP community dialog.



BGP Communities consist of 2 parts. The Versa Director user interface allows the administrator to configure the 2nd part of the community value (the Community ID value show above). This allows Versa Director to ensure that different organizations cannot assign the same complete community value to a mesh group, and maintains multi-tenant routing consistency. In the example, if another organization in a multi-tenant environment assigns the same mesh group community value of 101, the complete community value will still be unique in the control plane, as the first part of the BGP community will be organization specific.

Click Cancel to close the Community Options dialog without making any changes.

again to close the Spoke Group dialog.

Exercise 4: Add Device to a Spoke Group

In the next part of the lab exercise, you will create a Device Template Workflow that will be used to configure devices to be part of a Spoke-to-Hub-Only topology. The tasks that will be complete in this lab exercise are:

- Create a new template using a Template Workflow.
- The template workflow should be configured as a Spoke topology, with the SPK-HUB-ONLY spoke group.
- The template workflow can be created by cloning the Base-Template-NGFW Template Workflow, giving it a new name, and changing the topology type.
- Create a new device group that references the new template.
- Assigning your device to the new device group. You can use your device workflow to perform this re-assignment.
- Commit the template to the device.

The following steps will walk you through these processes.

Create a new device template with a device template workflow.

- 1. Navigate to the *Workflows > Template > Templates* dashboard. From the Templates workflow table, check the box next to the Base-Template-NGFW workflow. This will enable the *Clone* button on the task bar.
- 2. Click the *Clone* button to create a clone (copy) of the workflow.

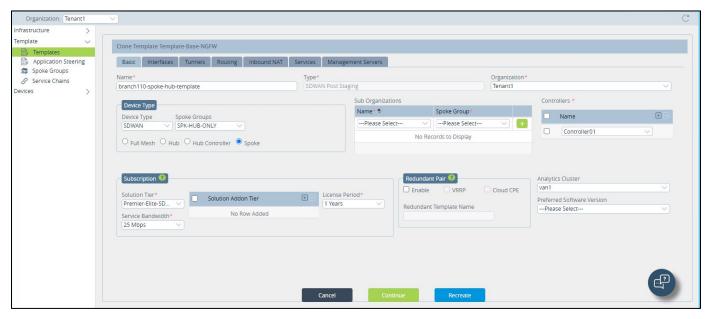


In the Clone Template dialog, rename the workflow to a name that is unique to your user-id/branch-id and the topology type. e.g. branch110-spoke-hub-template

Change the Device Type to Spoke and select SPK-HUB-ONLY as the Spoke Group.

All other parameters of the workflow should remain the same.

Click Recreate button to save the workflow and to create a new template based on the workflow parameters.



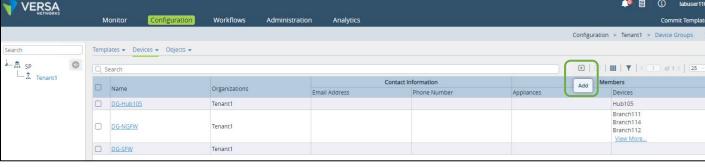
Example Workflow Clone

Create a new device group that is associated with the new template.

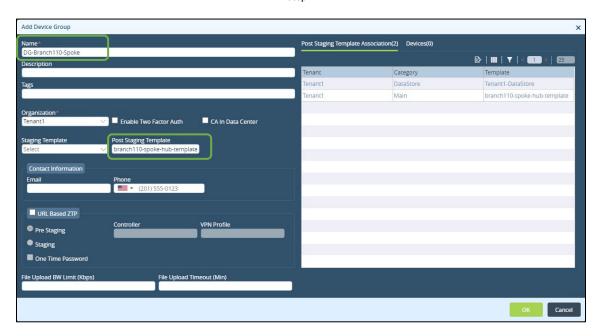
- 1. Navigate to the *Configuration > Devices > Device Groups* dashboard. Ensure that the *Tenant1* organization is selected on the left-side menu.
- 2. From the Device Groups dashboard, click the + button to create a new device group.
- 3. Give the device group a unique name based on your node or user ID, and associate the device group with the device template you created in the previous exercise.



Step 1



Step 2



Step 3

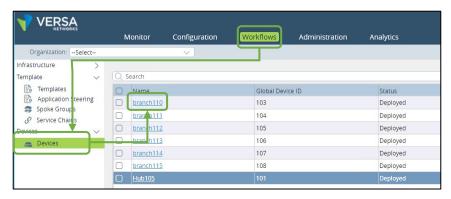
Question: Where do you find the complete list of templates that are associated with the device group, and that will be used as sources for the final device configurations?

Answer: The Post Staging Template Association table shows all of the templates that will be used to build the final device configurations. This includes the Common Template (DataStore) and any service templates that will be applied to the configuration.

Change the device group to which your device belongs

In the next steps you will re-assign your device to the device group you created in the previous steps, which will assign a new configuration to your device.

- 1. Navigate to the *Workflows > Devices > Devices* dashboard and locate the workflow that is associated with your device in the table (this is the workflow that was used to create your device in the pre-staging environment).
- 2. Click your device workflow to open the workflow for modification.
- 3. In the *Basic* tab of your device workflow, assign the new device group you created in the previous steps to the device.
- 4. Click the *Redeploy* button to recreate your device in Versa Director. This will re-configure the device parameters within Versa Director, but the changes still need to be pushed to the end device with the Commit Template function.



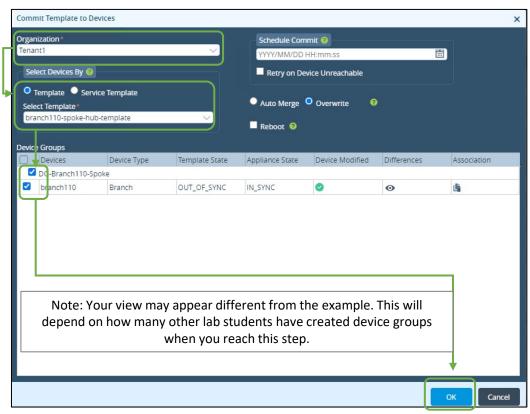


Steps 3 and 4

Commit the Template to Your Device

In the next steps you will commit the changes to your device. You do this by applying the device group settings to the appliances through the Commit Template process.

- 1. Click the *Commit Template* button in the top-right corner of Versa Director.
- 2. In the Commit dialog, select Tenant1 from the organization dropdown menu.
- 3. Select your template from the Select Template dropdown menu.
- 4. Locate your Device Group in the Device Groups table, and mark the box next to your device.
- 5. Click OK to commit the template.



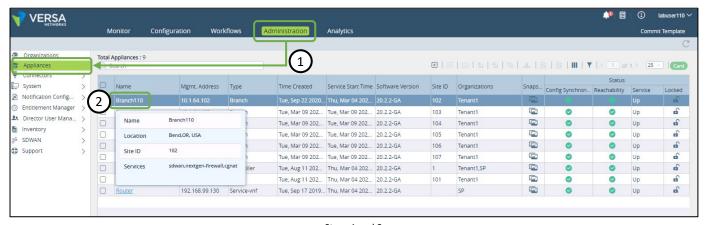
Steps 2 through 5

Verify the Changes to Your Device

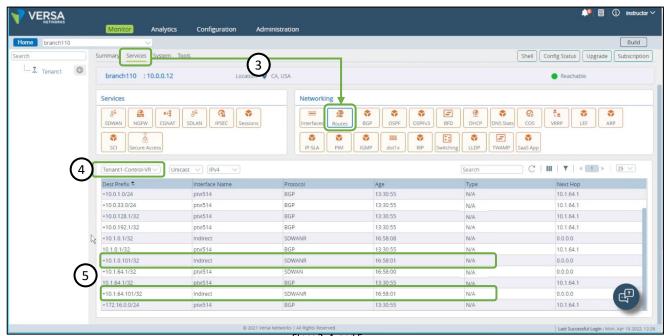
The output of the following steps will depend on where the other lab participants are in the process. If you are the first person to reach this point in the lab, it will appear that the changes have not been applied – this is because the hub-and-spoke routes are filtered based on the routing policies configured on other devices.

- 1. Navigate to Administration > Appliances and locate your appliance in the table.
- 2. Click your appliance name to open the Appliance Context mode of your appliance.
- 3. In Appliance Context mode, navigate to the Services tab, then click the Routes button.
- 4. In the Routes table, ensure that the Tenant1-Control-VR route table is selected.
- 5. Analyze the nodes that are visible to the appliance.

Node routes will begin with a 10.x prefix (the control plane address space) and end with a value of 101 or higher (IP addresses reserved for CPE devices)



Steps 1 and 2



Steps 3, 4, and 5

Control-VR Route Table Analysis

The nodes visible to your appliance in the Control-VR routing table will depend on the progress other lab users have made in their configuration. As other lab members reconfigure their devices to the hub-and-spoke topology, the node advertisements they send to the controller will be marked with BGP communities that identify the routes as spoke-sourced routes, and your appliance will begin to filter them out and remove them from the known-nodes list in the routing table.

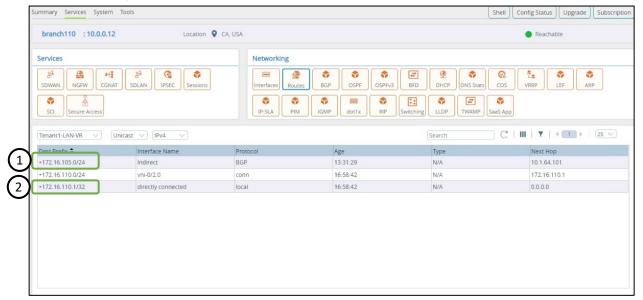


It may take some time for other nodes to be re-configured. You can refresh the route table by selecting a different route table in the route table dropdown menu, or by clicking the browser Refresh button. Wait until remote nodes begin to disappear from the Control-VR routing table before proceeding, or ask your instructor for instructions on how to continue.

Tenant1-LAN-VR Route Table Analysis

The Tenant LAN VR is where remote routes are stored. Each remote route is associated with a remote site that is found in the Control-VR routing table. You will see the following relationships between the routes in the Tenant1-LAN-VR route table and the Control-VR route table:

- Each remote LAN in the tenant LAN VR will have a BGP next-hop (gateway address) of a remote site that is located in the Control VR (SDWAN route).
- 1. Select the Tenant1-LAN-VR route table from the routing table dropdown menu.
- 2. Locate the Hub LAN in the routing table (172.16.105.0/24)
- 3. As other lab members finish completing their configurations, note that the remote LANs associated with their devices are no longer listed in the routing table (you will have to refresh the browser window, or you can change the routing table in the dropdown, then change it back to re-query the device routing table). Once all other nodes have been converted to Hub-and-Spoke, the Tenant1-LAN-VR routing table should be similar to the example below.



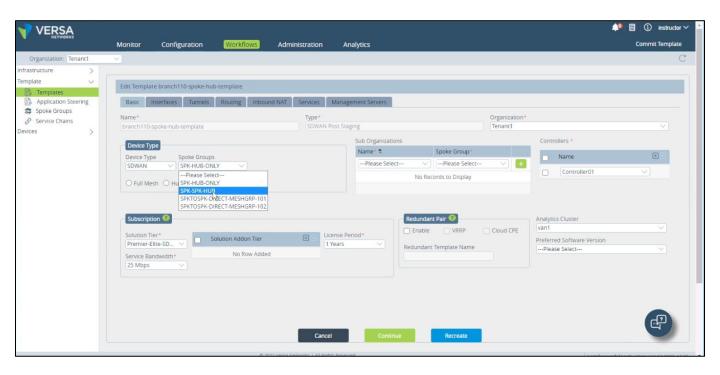


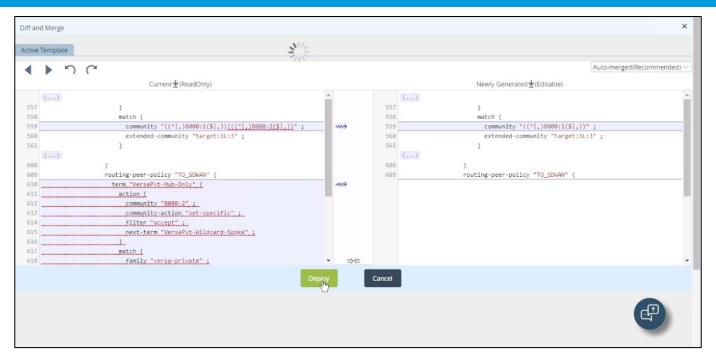
Before proceeding with the lab, verify with your instructor that other students have progressed to a point where your upcoming changes will be effective. If you proceed prior to the following steps before other students have completed their lab steps to this point, your output may not match the following examples.

Change the Hub-and-Spoke Topology Type in the Device Template

In the next steps you will change the spoke group configured in your device template workflow. This will reconfigure the corresponding template with different BGP policies which will change how routes are advertised and accepted in the SD-WAN.

- 1. Navigate to the *Workflows > Template > Templates* in Versa Director.
- 2. Locate your Template workflow in the workflow table.
- 3. Click your Template workflow to open the workflow.
- 4. Change the Spoke Group in the workflow to the **SPK-SPK-HUB** spoke group.
- 5. Click *Recreate* to update the workflow and recreate the device template.
- 6. When prompted with the Diff and Merge page, examine the changes that will be applied to the configuration by modifying the workflow (and the template).
- 7. Click *Deploy* to apply the changes to the template in Versa Director.





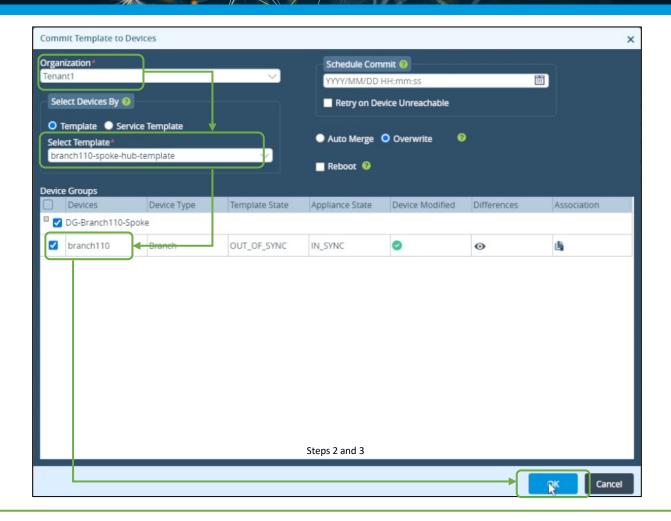
Question: What configuration parameters change when you set the device to Spoke-to-Spoke-via-Hub?

Answer: Redistribution and routing policy is changed to add different community values to routes that are sent, and a different set of routes are allowed into the device based on community values attached to received routes. The community values attached to advertised routes also allows the hub to process the routes differently in order to re-advertise the routes back to sites.

Apply the Device Template Configuration Changes to Your Device

Now that you have modified the configuration template associated with your device in Versa Director, you need to apply the changes to the appliance.

- 1. Click Commit Template in the top-right corner of Versa Director
- 2. In the Commit dialog, select the following:
 - Organization: Tenant1
 - Template: Your device template
 - Device Group: locate your device in the list and select it
- 3. Click OK to apply the configuration to your appliance.

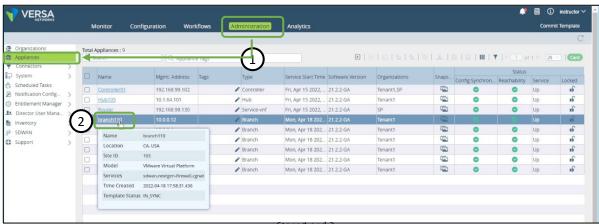


Analyze the Routes in Your Appliance Control-VR

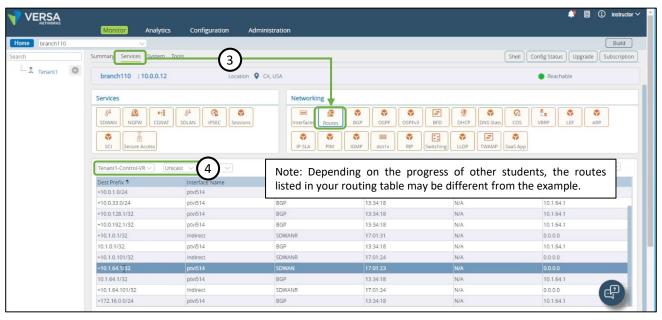
Now that you have applied the changes to your device, you will analyze how the topology change (spoke group type) affects the reachability information for your device.

- 1. Navigate to the *Administration > Appliances* dashboard and locate your appliance in the appliance table.
- 2. Click your appliance name to open the Appliance Context mode of your appliance.
- 3. In the Appliance Context mode of your appliance, navigate to the *Services > Routes* dashboard (ensure that the Tenant1 organization is selected on the left-side menu).
- 4. Ensure that the Tenant1-Control-VR routing table is selected in the routing table dropdown menu.

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Steps 1 and 2

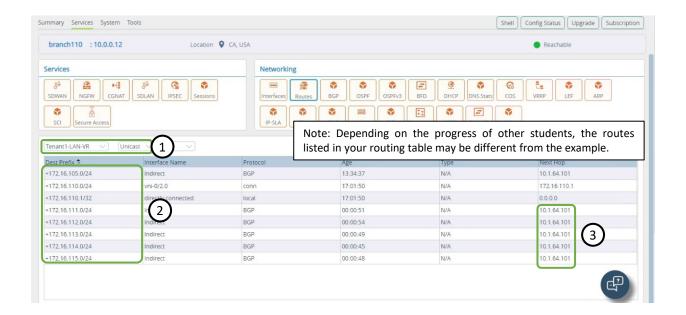


Steps 3 and 4

Analyze the Routes in Your Appliance Tenant1-LAN-VR Routing Table

Next you will analyze the remote LAN routes in your Tenant1-LAN-VR routing table. Pay special attention to the Next-Hop (remote gateway) associated with each remote LAN prefix.

- 1. Select the Tenant1-LAN-VR routing table from the routing table dropdown list.
- 2. In the Tenant1-LAN-VR routing table, identify the remote LANs that are visible to your appliance.
- 3. Note the Next Hop associated with each remote LAN.



Question: Why is the next-hop for all of the remote LANs the same?	

Answer: The hub site accepted all of the routes it received in the BGP advertisements sent by the spokes (sites). It then reprocessed the routes based on the new community values associated with the routes and re-advertised the LAN prefixes. This process of "recycling" the routes causes the hub device to be the originator of the LAN subnets, and it is therefore the gateway to reach the LAN destinations.

Exercise 5: Reset the Lab Environment

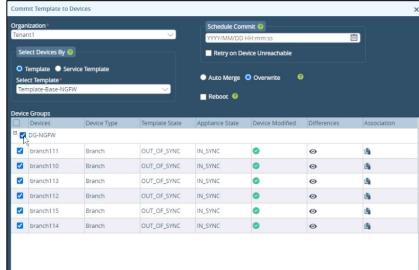
In this lab part you will:

- Re-assign your device to the Base-Template-NGFW template by re-assigning the Device Group in your Device workflow
- Commit the changes to reset your device configuration to the base configuration
- Delete your user-created Device Template Workflow (which will delete the template associated with the workflow)
- Delete the user-created Device Group that you created during this lab.
- Navigate to the Workflows > Devices > Device hierarchy to display the saved Device workflows.
- 2. Locate your device workflow in the Device Workflow table and click the workflow to open it.
- 3. In the Device workflow, set the Device Group to DG-NGFW.
- 4. Click *Redeploy* to update your device workflow and save the changes.



Commit the template to update your device.

Note: The example shows a commit template on all devices in the base device group. Please only check YOUR device from the list so that other students in the lab can perform the same task with their corresponding device.



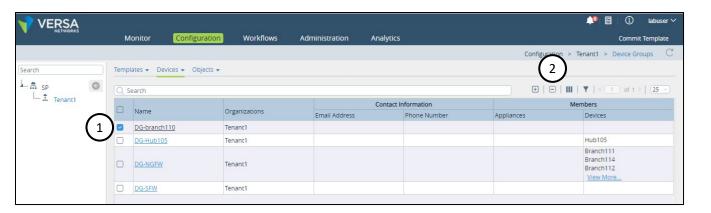
Note: Ask your instructor if you should delete the device group and template workflows, as you may be able to use the same device group and template for future lab exercises.

Navigate to the Configuration > Devices > Device Groups dashboard.

In the Device Groups table:

- 1. Check the box next to your user-defined device group.
- 2. Click the button to remove your user-defined device group.
- 3. Confirm the device group deletion.

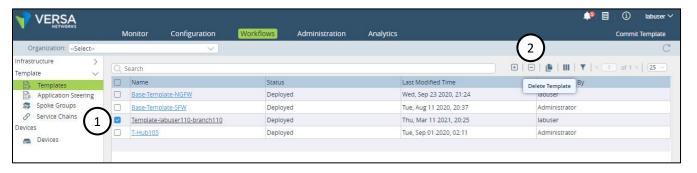




Navigate to the *Workflows > Template > Templates* dashboard.

In the *Templates* workflow table:

- 1. Check the box next to your user-defined template.
- 2. Click the button to remove your user-defined template.
- 3. Confirm the wokflow deletion.





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Versa Configuration Management

The Versa Networks lab environment consists of a fixed, pre-configured topology that will allow you to explore, configure, and manage Versa Networks CPEs by using Versa Director, the central management and orchestration platform for a Versa Secure SD-WAN solution. After completing this lab, you will be able to:

- Identify when a device configuration is in sync or out of sync with Versa Director
- Import and Export device configurations

In this lab, you will be assigned a single CPE device (Branch device) for configuration and monitoring.

The lab environment is accessed through Amazon Workspaces. You should have received an email to allow you to register your Amazon Workspaces account and set your password.

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The remote desktop connection opens a remote workstation, where you will use various tools to navigate and configure the lab environment. The main tool you will use in this lab is Versa Director. Versa Director can be accessed by opening the Google Chrome browser on the Remote Desktop. There is a bookmark to the Versa Director device in the Google Chrome bookmark bar.

This lab environment is a shared environment. There may be up to 24 students in the environment. Each student has their own remote desktop, but the Versa Director is shared. Because of the shared environment, you may see configuration templates, device groups, workflows, and devices that other students have created, or that have been pre-provisioned within Versa Director. It is important that you only modify the configuration components that are assigned to you by your instructor.

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Look for these hints to help you in the labs

This lab guide will step you through some common tasks that are performed on Versa Director. After an introductory set of exercises, you will be asked to perform some basic tasks that will allow you to become more familiar with the environment.

The goal of this and all lab exercises is to help you gain additional skills and knowledge. Because of this, the lab guide contains additional instruction to supplement the student guides.

Now that we've discussed what is expected, let's get started!

Lab Exercise Overview

In this lab you will perform various tasks. You will begin by verifying that your device configuration is synchronized with the configuration on Versa Director. A flow of the lab exercises is:

Examine the device Sync State and verify that the configuration is in synch

Create a backup (export) of the device configuration

Modify a parameter in the device configuration using Appliance Context Mode

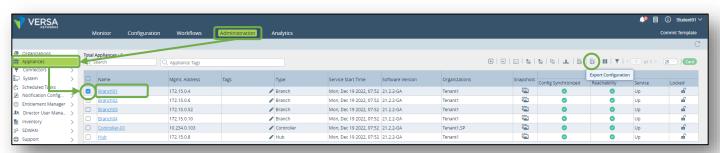
Examine the Sync State and verify that the configuration is out of sync

Import the device configuration to resolve the out-of-sync state

Exercise 1: Create A Backup of the Device Configuration (Export)

Please refer to the Lab Access Guide for instructions on how to connect to the remote lab environment.

In the remote landing station, open the Google Chrome browser and log into Versa Director. In Versa Director, open the *Administration > Appliances* dashboard in Versa Director. Locate your appliance in the Appliances table and check the box next to the appliance, then click the *Export Configuration* button to export the configuration to a text file. The file will be saved in the remote desktop Downloads folder.



Exercise 2: Manually modify your device configuration (in Appliance Context mode)

In this part you will change the LAN IP address of your device to a different address. This simulates a wrong or changed configuration on a port that will not impact your CPE to Director connectivity.

IMPORTANT

You are changing the IP address of a port on your device. Be sure you DO NOT CHANGE the WAN port addresses, as this will impact your ability to communicate with Versa Director.

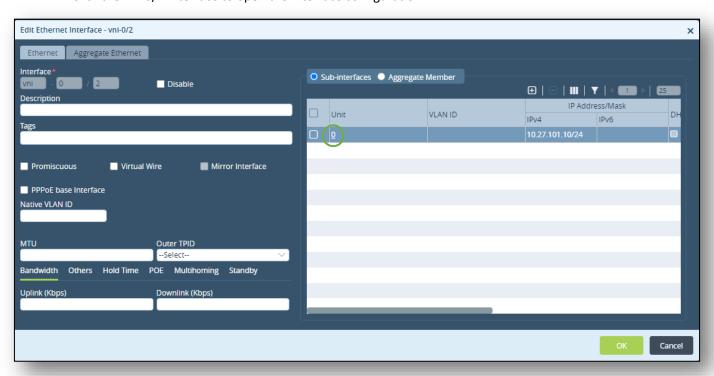
In the *Administration > Appliances* dashboard, click on your device name to open the Appliance Context mode. This will allow you to directly modify the configuration of the device.

In the Appliance Context mode, click the Configuration tab to view the device configuration.



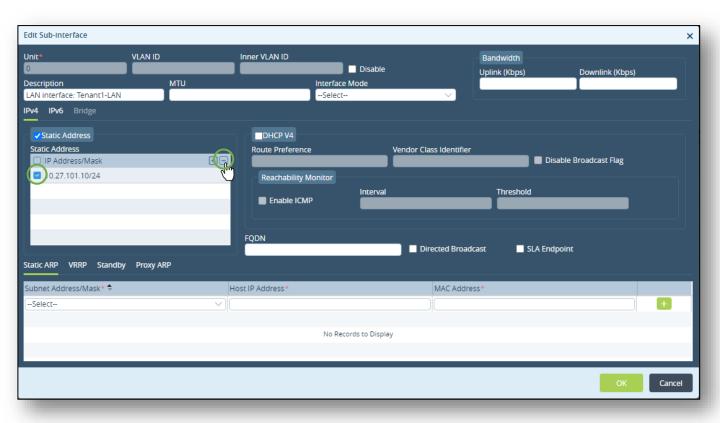
Select the Interfaces item in the left-side Configuration menu to display the interface configuration.

Locate the vni-0/2 interface. The vni-0/2 interface is the logical port that is mapped to the local LAN. Click the vni-0/2 interface to open the interface configuration.



In the vni-0/2 interface configuration window, locate the Unit 0 (sub-interface 0) in the table. Note the IP address assigned to the interface.

Click the Unit 0 to modify the sub-interface.



In the Edit Sub-Interface window, locate the Static IPv4 Address box. The interfaces in VOS can have multiple IP addresses assigned to the same interface. Remove the existing sub-interface IP address and add a new address that is incorrect. You can choose any IPv4 address in the 10.27.xxx.yyy/24 range that is different from the one that is originally configured on your device, then click OK.



Because you are in Appliance Context mode, the changes will take place immediately. Continue to click the OK buttons until you have returned to the main Interfaces dashboard. Verify that your change was applied in the Interfaces table.

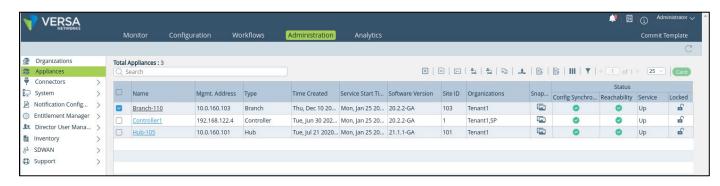


Exercise 3: Reload the saved configuration file to fix the address change

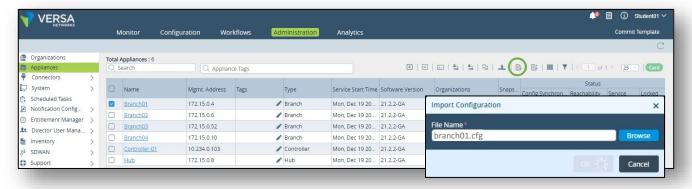
In this part you will reload the saved configuration to your device to reset the change you just made. This is done through the main *Administration* > *Appliances* dashboard.

Click the *Home* button in the top-left corner to exit Appliance Context mode, then navigate to *Administration > Appliances*.

In the *Administration > Appliances* dashboard, locate your device in the table and check the box next to your device.



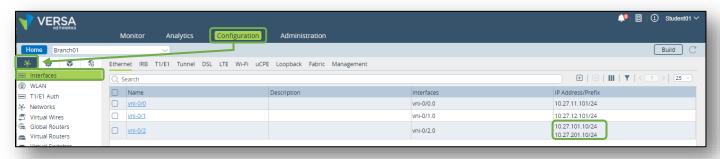
After you have marked the box next to your device, click on the Import Configuration button and browse to the Downloads folder. Locate the configuration file that was saved by the export process (device-name.cfg file). Click OK and you should see a message that indicates that the configuration file was imported.



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Next you will verify that the configuration was imported.

Click your device in the Appliances table to open the Appliance Context mode for your device. In Appliance Context mode, navigate to *Configuration > Networking > Interfaces*



Note that 2 IP addresses are present: the misconfigured interface address and the imported (correct) interface address. This is because the configuration import process acts as a "merge" operation. If conflicting values are present in the configuration, the imported value over-writes the old value. If multiple values are supported in part of a configuration, then imported value is added to the configuration.

Remove the incorrect IP address from the interface.

Open the vni-0/2 interface, then edit the sub-interface that contains the IP addresses.

Select the incorrect address and click the – button to delete the interface.

Click OK until you reach the Interfaces configuration dashboard. Verify that the incorrect interface has been removed.







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Statistics and Monitoring

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Open the Versa Director Monitor dashboard

Identify where the interface packet counters are located

Identify where the session flow counters are located

Identify where the security and SD-WAN traffic counters are located

Open the Versa Analytics dashboard

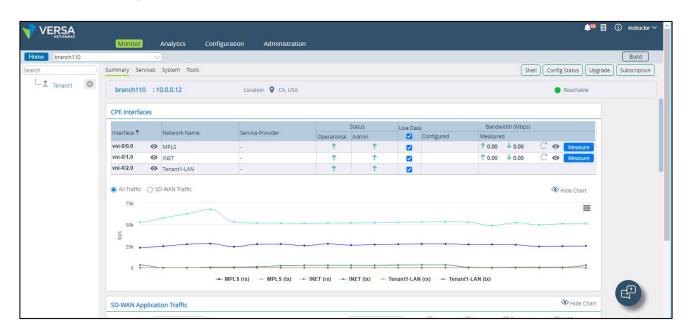
Identify where the SD-WAN statistics and SLA performance statistics are located

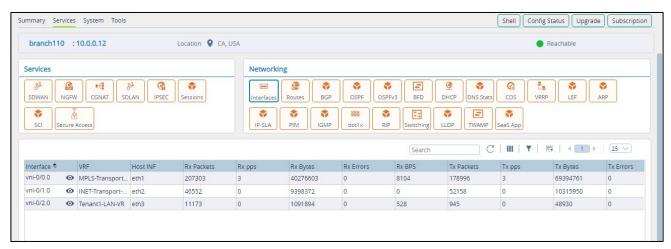
Identify where the historical device system information is located

Identify and explore the network logs are stored and the information stored in the log files.

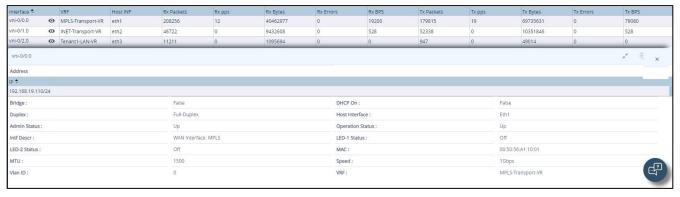
Monitor Dashboard Overview

The Monitor dashboard provides real-time statistics and counter information, as well as access to the routing tables, services, and other information about the device.



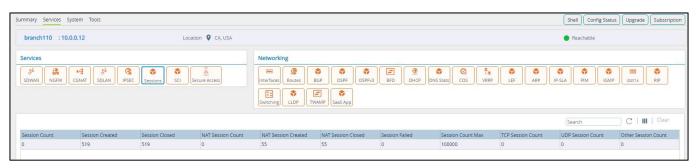


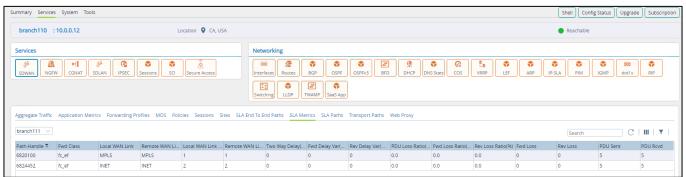
Wherever you see an eye icon , this indicates that more details can be viewed by clicking the icon.



Services Menu

The Services tab provides access to real-time counters and status for many things such as SD-WAN statistics, session information, security counters and policy hits, interface status and parameters, routing tables, and routing protocols.

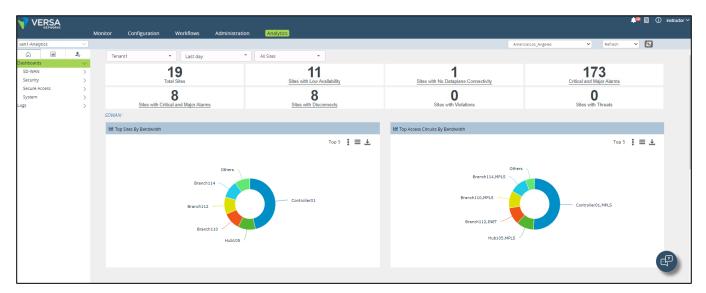


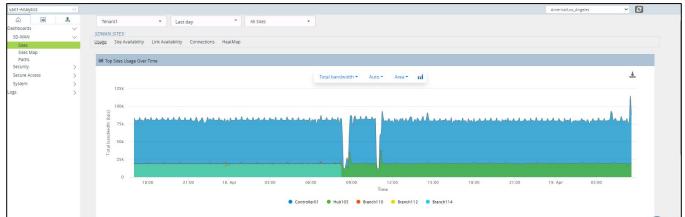


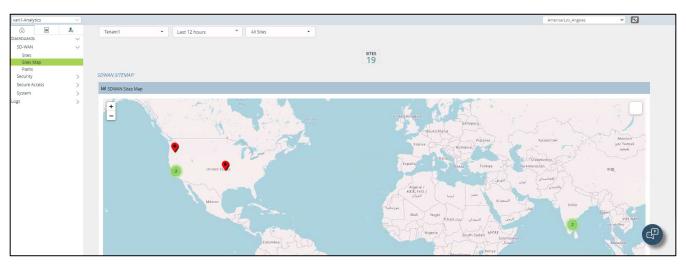


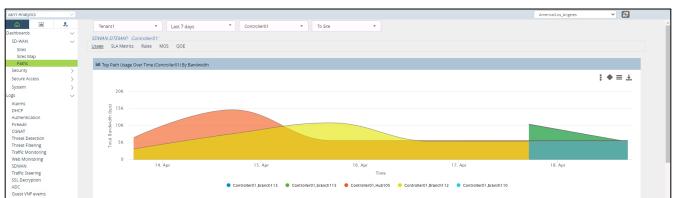
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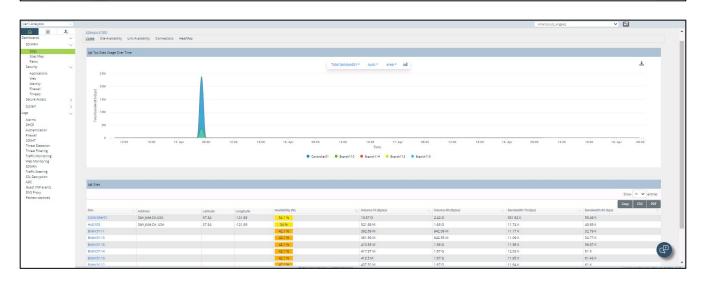
The Versa Analytics dashboard provides near-real-time and historical information about the statistics and logs that are gathered from the network. The information can be sorted and filtered based on event and statistic properties, as well as time periods. Below are examples of some of the different Analytics dashboards available.



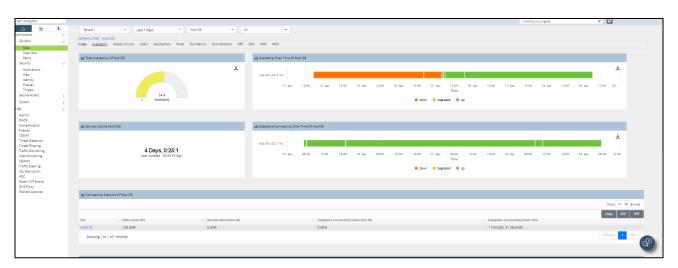


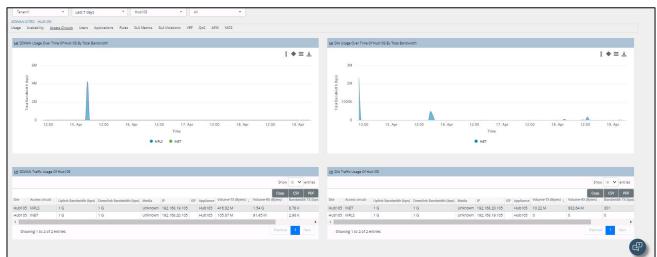


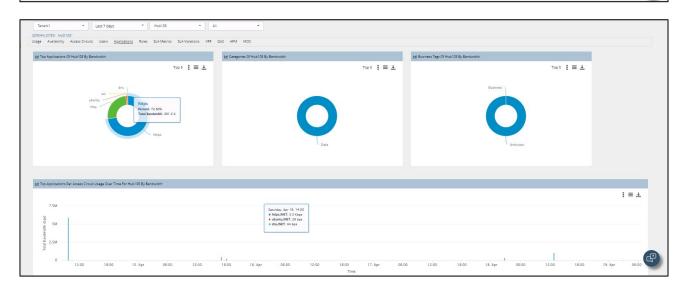




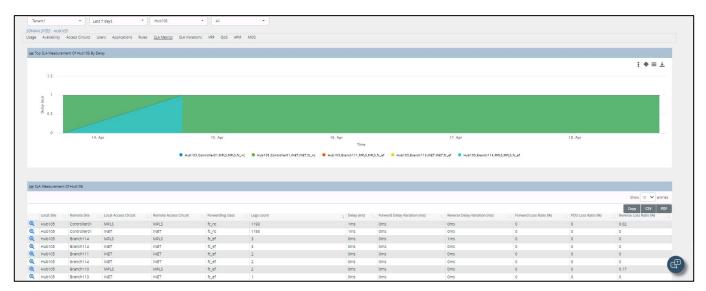
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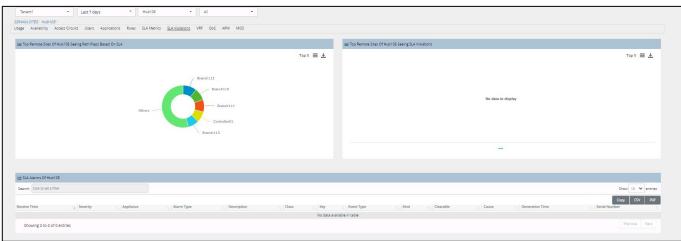


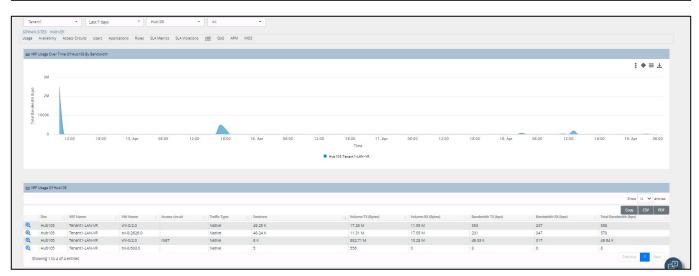




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Diagnostic Tools

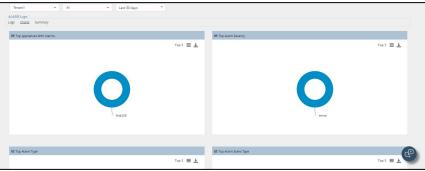
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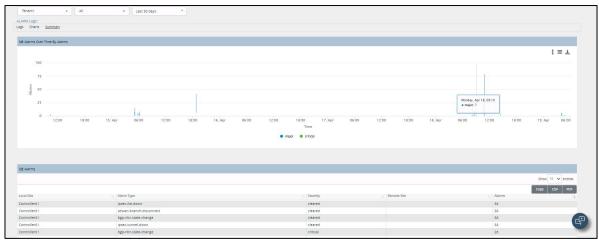
Logs

The Logs dashboard contains the log entries that are forwarded to Versa Analytics from end devices. Note: Logs are triggered events, many of which are configured in service policies. Because few services are currently configured in the lab environment, most of the log categories do not contain any data.











STOP! When you have finished exploring the Monitor and Analytics dashboards, notify your instructor that you have completed this lab.

Diagnostic Tools

The Versa Networks lab environment consists of a fixed, pre-configured topology that will allow you to explore, configure, and manage Versa Networks CPEs by using Versa Director, the central management and orchestration platform for a Versa Secure SD-WAN solution. After completing this lab, you will be able to:

- Use the built-in diagnostic tools to test reachability between devices; and
- Configure and run the speedtest function between devices.

In this lab, you will be assigned a single CPE device (Branch device) for configuration and monitoring.

The lab environment is accessed through Amazon Workspaces. You should have received an email to allow you to register your Amazon Workspaces account and set your password.

NOTE: It is common for the Amazon Workspaces email to be sent to the spam/junk folder. If you have not received the registration email, check those folders.

The remote desktop connection opens a remote workstation, where you will use various tools to navigate and configure the lab environment. The main tool you will use in this lab is Versa Director. Versa Director can be accessed by opening the Google Chrome browser on the Remote Desktop. There is a bookmark to the Versa Director device in the Google Chrome bookmark bar.

This lab environment is a shared environment. There may be up to 24 students in the environment. Each student has their own remote desktop, but the Versa Director is shared. Because of the shared environment, you may see configuration templates, device groups, workflows, and devices that other students have created, or that have been pre-provisioned within Versa Director. It is important that you only modify the configuration components that are assigned to you by your instructor.

During certain lab parts, the lab guide will present sample output from the GUI or the CLI. The sample outputs are SAMPLES and represent the information as it appeared during the lab guide creation. Your output may vary in some ways (some devices may or may not be present, some routes may or may not be the same, etc.) Do not be alarmed if your results vary slightly from the results shown in the lab guide. The important thing is that the lab functions in the desired manner.

Look for these hints to help you in the labs

This lab guide will step you through some common tasks that are performed on Versa Director. After an introductory set of exercises, you will be asked to perform some basic tasks that will allow you to become more familiar with the environment.

The goal of this and all lab exercises is to help you gain additional skills and knowledge. Because of this, the lab guide contains additional instruction to supplement the student guides.

Now that we've discussed what is expected, let's get started!

Lab Exercise Overview

In this lab you will perform various tasks and is an open lab environment. You will be given minimal guidance on how to perform the tasks. In this lab you will:

Open the Versa Director Monitor dashboard

Open the Appliance Context mode of your device in order to gain access to the diagnostic tools

Initiate a PING to the WAN interface of the Hub device on the MPLS transport

Initiate a PING to the WAN interface of the Hub device on the INET transport

Initiate a PING to the LAN interface on the Hub device in the LAN routing instance

Initiate a speedtest from your node to the Hub device over the MPLS transport

Initiate a speedtest from your node to the Hub device over the LAN routing instance

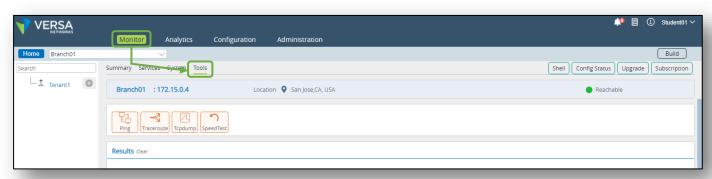
Exercise 1: Access the Diagnostic Tools

Please refer to the Lab Access Guide for instructions on how to connect to the remote lab environment.

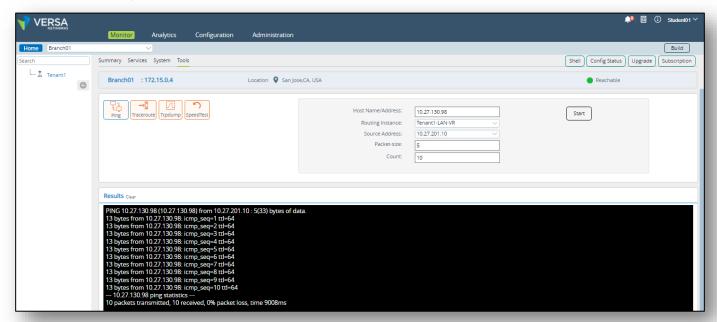
In the remote landing station, open the Google Chrome browser and log into Versa Director. In Versa Director, open the *Administration > Appliances* dashboard in Versa Director.

In this lab part you will navigate to the Appliance Context mode of your assigned node. All configuration and diagnostic tasks will be performed from the Appliance Context mode.

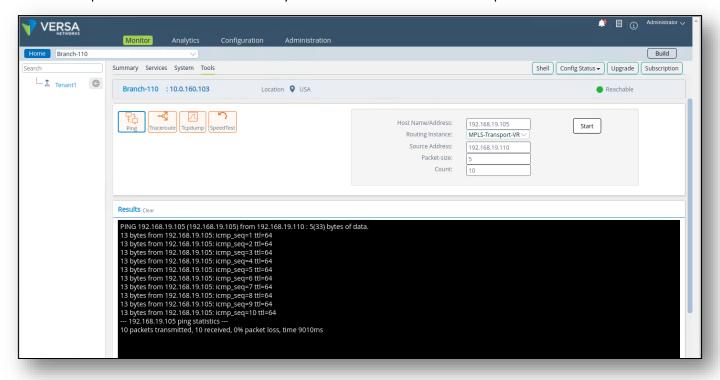
Navigate to the Appliance Context mode of your device. In the Appliance Context mode of your device, locate and open the Tools tab in the Monitor dashboard.



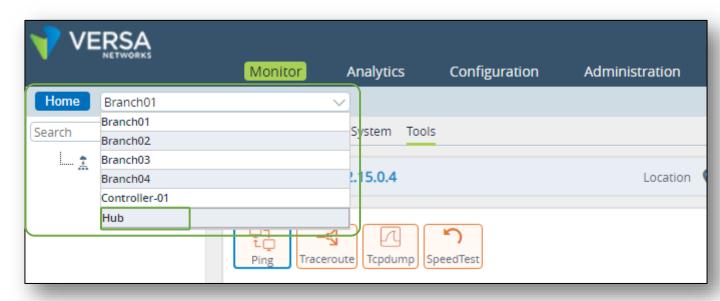
Open the Ping utility and initiate an ICMP request to the LAN port of the Hub device (10.27.130.98). Ensure that you are sourcing the ICMP request from the Tenant LAN VR and the IP address of your local LAN port.



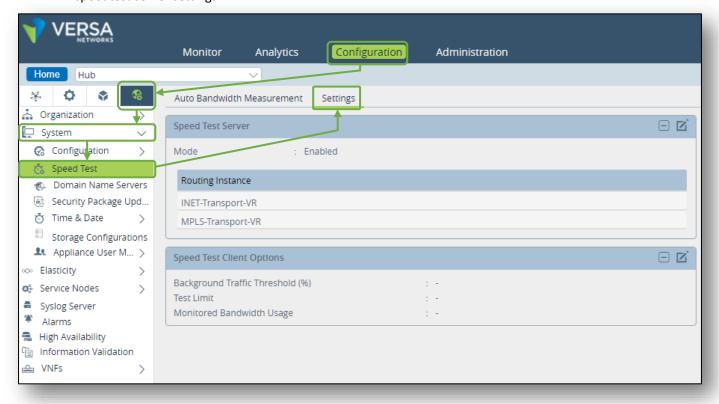
From the Ping utility, initiate an ICMP request to the MPLS WAN port of the Hub device (192.168.19.105) to verify connectivity to the WAN interface of the hub. Be sure to source your ICMP request from the WAN IP address of your device and from the MPLS transport virtual router.



Navigate to the Hub device configuration by selecting the Hub-105 device from the top-left dropdown menu.



From the Hub device Appliance Context, navigate to *Configuration > Others > System* and locate the Speed Test Server configuration section. Click the Settings tab to display the currently configured speedtest server settings.



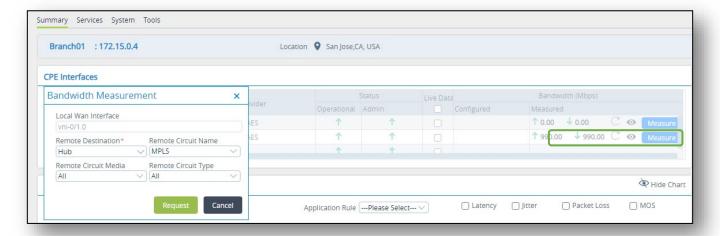
The speedtest server function can respond to and service speedtest request on the routing instances on which the server is enabled. On the hub device, the speedtest server function is enabled on the customer-facing LAN and both transport networks.

Return to the Appliance Context mode of **YOUR** device by selecting your device from the device drop-down menu.

From your Appliance Context mode, navigate to Monitor > Tools and select the SpeedTest tool.

In the SpeedTest dashboard, initiate a speed test between your device and the Hub device MPLS WAN port (10.27.12.130). Ensure that the correct routing instance and interface for the traffic is selected. The results will be shown after the test is complete.

Another way to start a speed test is from the Summary tab of the Appliance Context. Navigate to the Summary tab and locate the INET interface in the CPE Interfaces table (vni-0/1.0). On the right side of the table, click the Measure button to initiate a speed test on that link. Fill in the dialog box that appears and click Request.





STOP! Notify your instructor that you have completed this lab.