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Upgrade Guide

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Upgrade the NetWitness Platform

This document provides information about the benefits and process of upgrading the NetWitness Platform to 12.5.2.0. Ensure you go through the pre-requisites and pre-upgrade tasks before you upgrade the NetWitness Platform. You can upgrade the NetWitness Platform using four different options depending upon your Internet connectivity. After upgrading, you should also perform certain post upgrade tasks and post upgrade validation checks listed in this guide to complete the upgrade process successfully. The instructions in this document apply to both physical and virtual hosts (including AWS, Azure Public Cloud, and Google Cloud Platform) unless stated to the contrary.

IMPORTANT: The NetWitness Team advises users to check their software versions, as versions 12.4 and earlier have reached End of Life (EOL) as of March 2025. For more information, see https://community.netwitness.com/s/news/product-version-life-cycle-for-netwitness-platform-MCACAQCUG63VGCBMYTNCFBSBPLIY. To take advantage of the latest features and security updates, the NetWitness Team recommends upgrading to version 12.5.2.0.

IMPORTANT: The NetWitness Team strongly recommends you to take a backup of the `schemas.json` file before upgrading the User Entity Behavioral Analytics (UEBA) server to 12.5 or 12.5.2.0 from the older versions. You can find this file at the following location, `/var/netwitness/presidio/asl/adapter-config/schema-query/schemas.json`

IMPORTANT: UEBA is now enabled with App rules by default starting from version 12.5. This means that Decoders deployed with fresh installations of 12.5.2.0 will automatically have the necessary UEBA related App rules. If you were already using App rules with an older version and then upgraded to 12.5.2.0, those rules will continue to work without any changes. However, the NetWitness Team strongly recommends you to deploy the new UEBA Bundles from NetWitness Live to your Decoders for using App rules. This will ensure that you have all the latest App rules required for UEBA to function properly. For more information on deploying the UEBA Bundles on Decoders, see the Find and Deploy Live Resources topic in the *NetWitness Live Services Guide for 12.5.1.0*.
Bundle names for deploying UEBA related App rules:
- NetWitness UEBA Authentication Operations
- NetWitness UEBA Registry Operations
- NetWitness UEBA Active Directory Operations
- NetWitness UEBA Process Operations
- NetWitness UEBA File Operations
- NetWitness UEBA Windows Kerberos Service Request
- NetWitness UEBA Network TLS Outbound Connections

IMPORTANT: The NetWitness Platform 12.4 and later versions (AlmaLinux) do not support numeric usernames. This means that customers who use Pam Securid with only numbers as usernames cannot be added to the groups after upgrading to 12.5.2.0 version. For more information on this limitation, see https://www.webconn.tech/kb/are-all-numeric-usernames-allowed-in-almalinux-8.

IMPORTANT: The custom search patterns you created using the **search.ini** file in version 12.3.1 or earlier will not be migrated to the new **search.xml** file format used in version 12.5.2.0 and later. As a result, those custom search patterns will not be available after you upgrade to version 12.5.2.0 or later. To recreate those custom search patterns in the new version, you need to manually configure them again. You can do this in two ways:
- Go to **Investigate** > **Events** view and create and deploy the search pattern rules to a policy containing Packet Decoder.
- Go to **Content Library** > **More** > **Search Pattern Rule** tab and create the rules.
For detailed instructions on creating search pattern rules, refer to the **Create a Search Pattern in the Text Tab** section in the **Analyze Events in the Events View** topic of the Investigate User Guide or the **Manage Search Pattern Rules** topic in the Centralized Content Management Guide for NetWitness.

Note: The NetWitness Platform now supports installing multiple servers of UEBA in your environment. For more information, see **Configure Multiple UEBA Servers** topic in the *NetWitness UEBA Configuration Guide*.

Note: From the NetWitness Platform 12.5 and later, the **Home** page will be the default landing page for users installing the NetWitness Platform for the first time. For existing users, Springboard will still be the default landing page. However, the Springboard feature will be deprecated in future releases, and the Home page will become the default landing page. For more information, see **Managing the Springboard** topic in the *NetWitness Getting Started Guide for 12.5.1.0*.

There are many exciting new features that you can enable after you have upgraded to 12.5.2.0. For a detailed description of the new features in this release, see the Release Notes for NetWitness Platform 12.5.2.0. Go to the NetWitness Platform - Documentation Resources page and find NetWitness Platform guides to troubleshoot issues.

Upgrade Paths Supported for 12.5.2.0

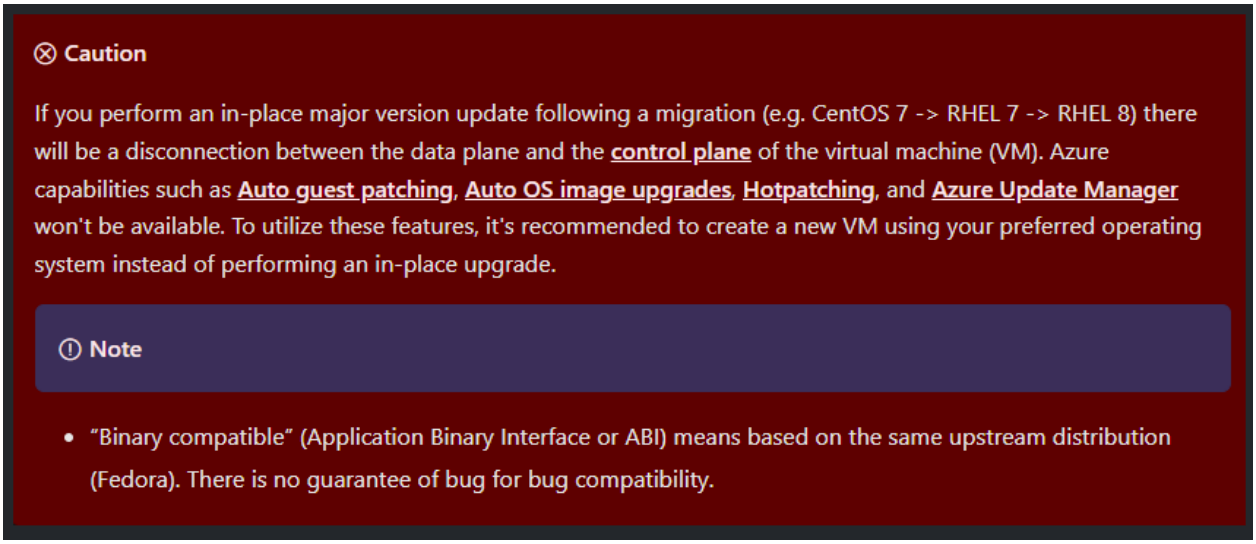
The following upgrade paths are supported for the NetWitness Platform 12.5.2.0:

- NetWitness 12.5.1.3 Security Patch to 12.5.2.0
- NetWitness 12.5.1.3 to 12.5.2.0
- NetWitness 12.5.1.0 to 12.5.2.0
- NetWitness 12.5.0.0 to 12.5.2.0
- NetWitness 12.4.2.0 to 12.5.2.0
- NetWitness 12.4.1.0 to 12.5.2.0
- NetWitness 12.4.0.0 to 12.5.2.0

NetWitness Upgrade Guidelines for Azure

In-place upgrades on Azure VMs are supported when followed by the Standard Configuration outlined in the Azure Installation Guide. The user is responsible for ensuring that no VM policies at the Azure Subscription level interfere with the VM's operating system, such as configurations related to the Azure Control Plane.

If you follow the Azure Installation Guide correctly, you should experience a smooth upgrade process without encountering any warnings. However, deviating from these guidelines or adding extra configurations, such as those involving the Azure Control Plane, can lead to errors, as shown below:



Running in Mixed Mode Environment

The NetWitness Platform supports mixed mode during upgrade. Mixed mode occurs when some services are upgraded to the latest version and some services are still on the older versions.

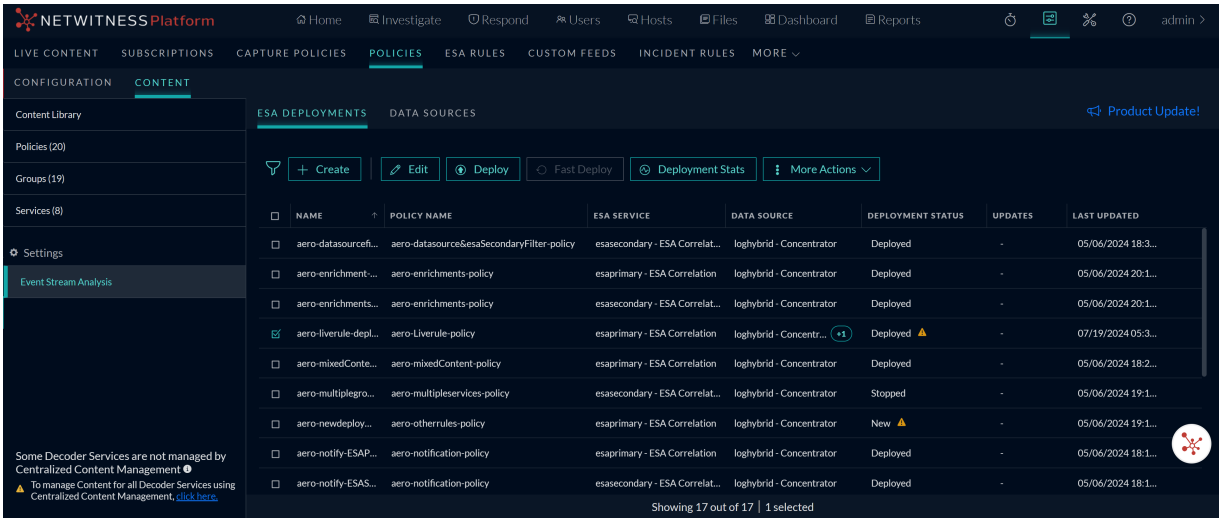
For more information, see **Running in Mixed Mode** in the NetWitness Hosts and Services Getting Started Guide.

Note:
- If upgrading all hosts takes longer than expected, contact NetWitness Support to prevent issues.
- If you are running Endpoint Log Hybrid in mixed mode, make sure Endpoint Broker is on the same version as one of the Endpoint Servers.
- Mixed mode is not supported for Event Stream Analysis (ESA) hosts in the NetWitness Platform.

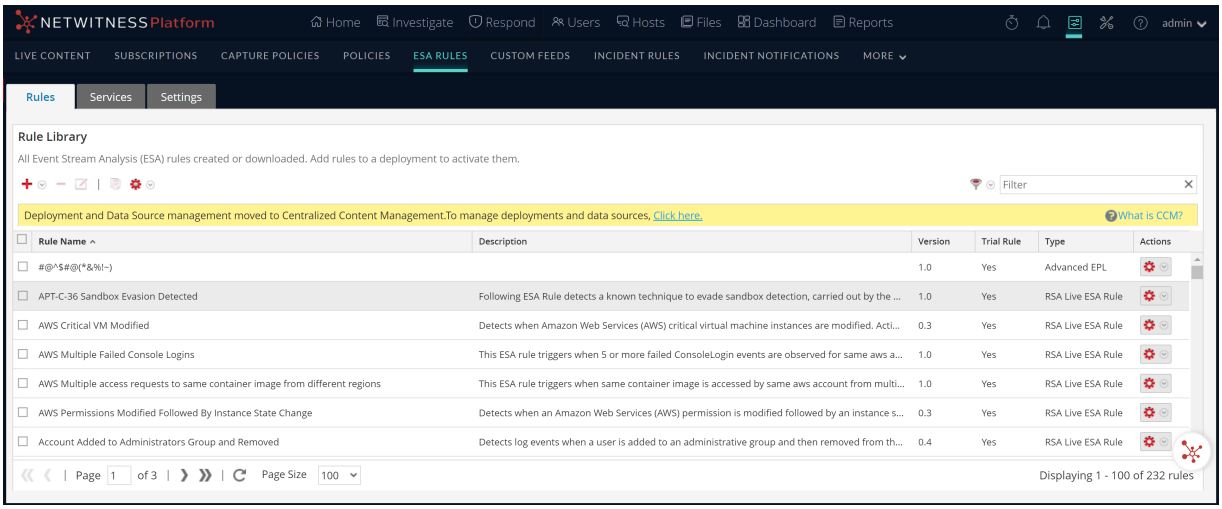
Upgrade Considerations for ESA Hosts

IMPORTANT: The NetWitness Admin server (Node-0), ESA primary host, and ESA secondary host must all be on the same NetWitness Platform version.

- You can only manage the ESA deployments and Data Sources through **Centralized Content Management**. Go to (**CONFIGURE**) > **Policies** > **Content** > **Event Stream Analysis** page to manage the ESA deployments and Data Sources. Refer to the following figure.



- You can only manage the ESA Rules in the **ESA Rules** page. Refer to the following figure.



- After upgrading to the 12.5.2.0 version, all the ESA deployments will be migrated to (**CONFIGURE**) > **Policies** page. Each deployment will be converted into a policy and group and will be available to manage only after the upgrade of the Correlation servers to the 12.5.2.0 version. Make sure that you plan the upgrade process so that Correlation servers are upgraded immediately after the Admin Server is done. The deployments will not be accessible until the corresponding Correlation servers are upgraded. However, the correlation servers will still continue to process the Alerts and Events.
- You must upgrade the ESA hosts immediately after upgrading the Admin Server.

  For more information on **Centralized Content Management** and managing the deployments, see Centralized Content Management Guide for NetWitness.

Upgrade or Install Windows Legacy Collection

Refer to Windows Legacy Collection Guide for NetWitness for NetWitness Platform Legacy Windows Collection Upgrade & Installation Instructions.

Note: After you upgrade or install Windows Legacy Collection, reboot the system to ensure that Log Collection functions correctly.

Terminologies

Name	Description
NFS	Network File System

Run Pre-Upgrade Checks

The NetWitness Team strongly recommends that you run the pre-upgrade checks before you upgrade to the NetWitness Platform 12.5.2.0 to identify any issues that may result in upgrade failure.

Note:
- Ensure that the deploy_admin password is valid and up to date. Do not change it from the UI. Use https://community.netwitness.com/s/article/Manage-the-deploy-admin-Account to change the password.
- If any probe fails when you run the pre-upgrade checks, refer to https://community.netwitness.com/s/article/NetWitness-Pre-Upgrade-Check-known-issues-Master-list to mitigate the issue associated with the failed probe.

Before you begin

You must first download the Standalone RPM using https://community.netwitness.com/s/article/NetWitness-Platform-Standalone-Precheck-Tool and refer to the read me file for instructions on how to install the Standalone RPM and then run the pre-check.

To run the pre-upgrade checks

1. SSH to the Admin Server.
2. Using the Upgrade Precheck tool, run the following commands in sequence:
   a. `nw-precheck-tool-standalone upgrade-checklist`: This command allows the Upgrade Precheck tool to perform validation checks for the list of probes in the Upgrade Checklist.

      Note: The probes **Node-Z Cipher Check Probe** and **Node-X Cipher Check Probe** fail once you run the upgrade checklist on 12.5.1.3 Security Patch system. It can be safely ignored.

   b. `nw-precheck-tool-standalone network-checklist`: This command allows the Upgrade Precheck tool to perform validation checks for the list of probes in the Network Checklist.

   c. `nw-precheck-tool-standalone cert-checklist`: This command allows the Upgrade Precheck tool to perform validation checks for the list of probes in the Certificate Checklist.

Upgrade Checklist

The Upgrade Precheck tool performs the validation checks for the following list of probes in the upgrade checklist:

- **Security Client File Check**: Ensures `security-client-amqp.yml` file is not present.
- **Node-0 NW Service-id Status Check**: Ensures all the service-id are intact with all the different services in Node 0.
- **Broker Service Trustpeer Symlink File Check**: Ensures Broker Service Trustpeer Symlink file `(/etc/netwitness/ng/broker/trustpeers/)` is not broken.
- **Node-0 NW Services Status Check**: Checks the status of all the services in Node-0.

- **Yum External Repo Check**: Ensures external repos are not available and not enabled.
- **Node-0 RPM DB Index Check**: Checks if the RPM DB is corrupted or not.
- **Salt Master Communication Check**: Verifies the salt communication from Node-0 to all the Nodes.
- **Node-0 Certificates Check**: Checks if any certificates are missing, expired, or contain an invalid issuer type.
- **Mongo Authentication**: Validates the `deploy_admin` credentials fetched from `security-cli-client` using Mongo client.
- **Rabbitmq Authentication**: Validates the `deploy_admin` credentials fetched from `security-cli-client` using RabbitMQ.
- **(Component Hosts) Node-X NW Service Status Check**: Verifies the status of services (Active or Inactive) on all the Node-X.
- **(Component Hosts) Node-X Certificates Check**: Checks the certificate expiry, missing, corrupted, and issuer mismatch in all the categories of Node-X.
- **Provide Nodes CPU-Memory Info**: Provides CPU and Memory details of all the nodes along with the real-time available memory.
- **(Admin Server) Node-0 File System Utilization Check**: Verifies the disk partition utilization of `/var/netwitness/mongo`, `/var/netwitness`, and `root` on Node-0.
- **(Component Hosts) Node-X File System Utilization Check**: Verifies the disk partition utilization of `/var/netwitness/mongo`, `/var/netwitness`, and `root` for ESA Primary and Endpoint Log Hybrid services on Node-X.
- **Mongo File (ESA Primary) Permission Mode Check**: Checks the ESA Primary node in the system or stack and verifies the permission mode of Mongo file.
- **Orchestration Server Normal Mode Check**: Checks if the orchestration service is running in normal or safe mode.
- **(NW Admin Server) Node-0 Init status Check**: Checks if there are any issues that might fail init process.
- **Fips Mode Check**: Checks to ensure that the Fips mode is disabled (set to false) before and after upgrade.
- **Node-X RPM DB Index Check**: Checks for the status of RPM DB on Node-X to make sure it is not corrupted.
- **Node-Z Yum Proxy Check**: Checks for the existence of yum.conf file and availability of proxy within the file on Node-Z.
- **Node-X Yum Proxy Check**: Checks for the existence of yum.conf file and availability of proxy within the file on Node-X.
- **Host Info Check Probe**: Checks if the required fields of information of all the hosts in the system (Host IP, Hostname, Installed Services, and Raw Version) are available.

- **Node-Z Cipher Check Probe**: Checks if the required ciphers are available in the location `/etc/rabbitmq/rabbitmq.config` on Node-0.
- **Node-X Cipher Check Probe**: Checks if the required ciphers are available in the location `/etc/rabbitmq/rabbitmq.config` on all Node-X servers.
- **Node-X Hardware Version Check Probe**: Checks for the hardware version of all reachable Node-X servers.
- **Node-Z Hardware Version Check Probe**: Checks for the hardware version of the Admin server.
- **PuppetCA Certificates Check Probe**: Checks if the stale puppet CA certificates are present in the location `/etc/pki/nw/trust/truststore.pem`.
- **AdminCertCheck Probe**: Verifies if the admin-certs across all the nodes are the same as the admin-certs on the Admin Server.
- **NTP Probe**: Checks all the nodes to ensure they are in sync with the NTP server.
- **StaleCerts Check Probe**: Checks the mongo DB and warns if there are any unused stale certificates in it.
- **NodeCertIDCheck Probe**: Checks the subject field of the node-cert and ensures that it is the same as the node-ID of the host.
- **Deploy Admin password expiry check Probe**: Verifies if the deploy_admin password is expired on Node-0.
- **File / Folder permission check**: This probe checks if the files / folders have the appropriate permissions.
- **Packages Check Probe**: Verifies the presence of the following packages.
  - **biosdevname**
  - **rsa-nw-bootstrap**
  - **sshpass**
  - **nmap-ncat**
  - **dialog**
  - **nfs-utils**
  - **unzip**
- **Jetty User Probe**: Verifies the presence of `/etc/default/jetty.user` file.
- **Deploy Admin Password Check Probe**: Checks and compares the deploy_admin password of Primary Admin Server and Standby Admin Server (if present).
- **NWConsole Authentication Probe**: Verifies if Node-0 and Node-X can login to NWConsole using **56006** Port.
- **Certificate Chain Probe**: Checks if the `node-cert.chain` file contains all the necessary certificates.

Network Checklist

The Upgrade Precheck tool performs the validation checks for the following list of probes in the network checklist:

- **(NW Admin Server) Node-0 closed ports Check**: Checks if the service ports required for the NetWitness Platform services are open and listening on Node-0.
- **(Component Hosts) Node-X closed ports Check**: Checks if the service ports required for the NetWitness Platform services are open and listening on Node-X.

Certificate Checklist

The Upgrade Precheck tool performs the validation checks for the following list of probes in the Certificate checklist:

- **Node-0 Service Certificates Validity Check**: Checks the validity of service certificates in the location `/etc/pki/nw/service/` on Node-0.
- **Node-X Service Certificates Validity Check**: Checks the validity of service certificates in the location `/etc/pki/nw/service/` on Node-X.
- **Node Certificates Validity Check on Node-0**: Checks the validity of node certificates in the location `/etc/pki/nw/service` on Node-0.
- **Node Certificates Validity Check on Node-X**: Checks the validity of node certificates in the location `/etc/pki/nw/service` on Node-X.
- **Root CA Certificates Validity Check**: Checks the validity of Root CA certificates in the location `/etc/pki/nw/ca`.

Prepare to Upgrade the NetWitness Platform

Complete the following tasks to prepare for the upgrade to the NetWitness Platform 12.5.2.0.

Task 1. (Recommended but optional). Remove Legacy Package Repositories

You can free up the disk space by removing obsolete repositories from previous releases.

To remove the obsolete repositories

1. Determine the version of the oldest NetWitness Platform host in your environment by using the NetWitness Repo tool. Do the following:
   - SSH to the Admin Server as a `root` user.
   - Run the following command:

     ```
     nw-repo-tool --list-obsolete
     ```

     After running this command, you will get a list of all the obsolete repositories.
2. Run the following command to remove all the obsolete repositories.

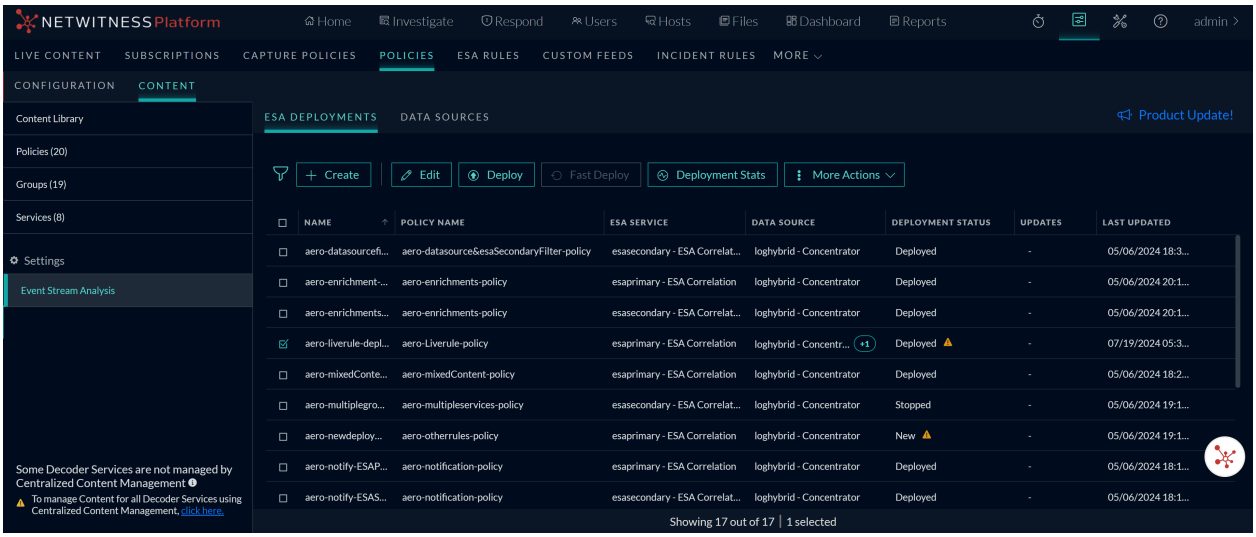
   ```
   nw-repo-tool --purge-obsolete
   ```

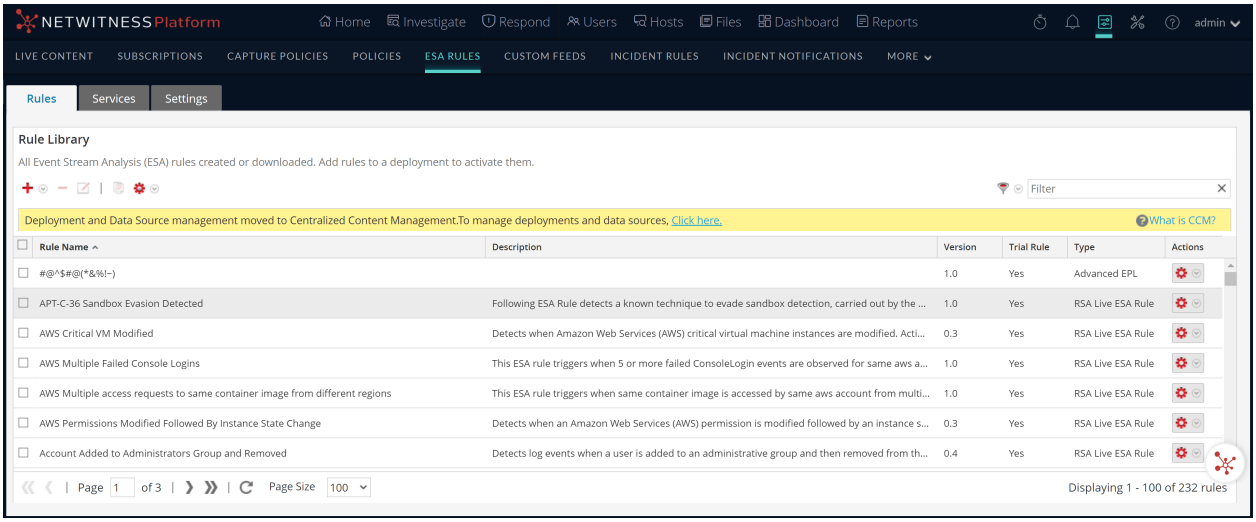
Task 2. Prepare ESA Deployments for Migration to 12.5.2.0

Before upgrading to 12.5.2.0, the NetWitness Team states that all the ESA deployments maintain an error-free state. You must remove any unused ESA deployments, as ESA deployments will be migrated to policies and groups after upgrading to 12.5.2.0. Each deployment will be converted into a policy and group and will be available to manage only after the upgrade of the Correlation servers to the 12.5.2.0 version.

Manage ESA Deployments and Data Sources

You can only manage the ESA deployments and Data Sources through **Centralized Content Management**. Go to (**CONFIGURE**) > **Policies** > **Content** > **Event Stream Analysis** page to manage the ESA deployments and Data Sources. You can only manage the ESA Rules in the **ESA Rules** page. Refer the following figures.





Make sure that you plan the upgrade process so that Correlation servers are upgraded immediately after the Admin Server is done. The deployments will not be accessible until the corresponding Correlation servers are upgraded. However, the correlation servers will still continue to process the Alerts and Events. You must upgrade the ESA hosts immediately after upgrading the Admin Server.

For more information on **Centralized Content Management** and managing the deployments, see Centralized Content Management Guide for NetWitness.

IMPORTANT: If there is any need to import ESA Rules and enrichments, The NetWitness Team recommends importing those missing rules and enrichments before the upgrade.

The pre-upgrade and post-upgrade states of deployments are represented in the following table.

SINo	Pre-upgrade Deployment State	Post-upgrade Deployment State		
		Creates Policy	Creates Group	The policy will be Published
1	Healthy deployment	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Deployment with errors	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	Deployment with only rules	Yes	No	No
4	Deployment with no rules	No	No	No

Healthy deployment contains no errors, and the required resources such as ESA Server, Data source, and ESA rules are added.

Note: The NetWitness Team states that all the deployments maintain an error-free state. You must remove any unnecessary or unused ESA deployments.

Task 3. Third-Party Package Removal

Any third-party packages installed on hosts out of the NetWitness Platform repository are subjected to removal based on the Upgrade dependencies as part of OS migration.

Task 4. Single Sign-on (SSO): Enable SAML Response Signing in Microsoft Azure ADFS

The following configuration is only applicable to cases where the SAML response from Microsoft Azure ADFS was only encrypted but not signed. If your Microsoft Azure ADFS is already configured to sign and encrypt SAML responses, you can ignore this configuration and proceed with the upgrade process.

If you are not signing the SAML response, the NetWitness Team recommends you to configure Microsoft Azure ADFS to encrypt and sign the SAML responses before upgrading your NetWitness Platform to version 12.5.2.0 for a successful Single Sign-on (SSO) login. To enable response signing in Active Directory Federation Service (AD FS), run the following command in ***powershell***:

```
Set-AdfsRelyingPartyTrust -TargetName <<relying-party-name>> -
SamlResponseSignature MessageAndAssertion
```

IMPORTANT: It is mandatory to configure Microsoft Azure ADFS to sign SAML responses before upgrading to version 12.5.2.0 of the NetWitness Platform. Without complying with these requirements, you may not be able to log in using SSO.

Task 5. (Optional). Disable STIG-based FIPS Kernel Controls

If you enabled STIG-based FIPS Kernel controls, you must disable them before initiating the NetWitness Platform upgrade process to avoid boot errors. To disable STIG-based FIPS Kernel controls, run the following commands:

```
manage-stig-controls --disable-control-groups 3 --host-all
grub2-mkconfig -o /boot/grub2/grub.cfg
```

After you upgrade the NetWitness Platform, ensure that you re-enable STIG-based FIPS Kernel controls.

Note: STIG-based FIPS Kernel controls which require modifications to kernel boot options are not enabled by the NetWitness Platform out-of-the-box.

Task 6. (Optional). Verify Connection for Live Server

Note: This optional task is applicable to you only if you are upgrading the NetWitness Platform through Live.

Go to `admin/system/live services` and do a test connection to verify if you are able to connect to the Live Server as this is essential for the source-server from 12.x and above. This is an optional step and applicable only for customers who have configured Live.

Task 7. Synchronize Time on Component Hosts with NW Admin Server Host

Before you upgrade hosts, make sure that the time on each host is synchronized with the time on the NW Admin Server.

The NTP time synchronization method depends on your NetWitness Platform version. For the NetWitness Platform versions 12.4 and later, use chrony for time synchronization.

To synchronize the time, do one of the following:

1. Configure the NTP Server.

   For more information, see **Configure NTP Servers** topic in the System Configuration Guide.
2. Perform the following steps to synchronize time for selective Node-X:
   a. SSH to the Node-X.
   b. Run the following command:
      - `chronyc makestep`
3. Perform the following steps to synchronize time for all Node-Xs:
   a. SSH to the NW Admin Server host.
   b. Run the following command:

```
salt -C "not $(grep id /etc/salt/minion | cut -d' ' -f2)" cmd.run
"chronyc makestep"
```

Perform Upgrade Tasks

IMPORTANT: The NetWitness Team strongly recommends that you run the pre-upgrade checks before you upgrade to the NetWitness Platform 12.5.2.0. For more information on how to run the pre-upgrade checks, see Run Pre-Upgrade Checks

Upgrade the systems in your environment in the following order:

1. NW Admin Server hosts
2. Analyst UI hosts
3. ESA Primary hosts
4. ESA Secondary hosts
5. Standalone Broker hosts
6. Concentrator hosts
7. Archiver hosts
8. Packet Decoder hosts
9. Log Decoder hosts
10. Log Collector / VLC hosts
11. The rest of your component hosts

IMPORTANT: NW Admin Server, Analyst UI, and ESA Primary and Secondary hosts must all be upgraded on the same day. The rest of your component hosts can be upgraded on the same day or later. Make sure that you plan the upgrade process so that Correlation servers are upgraded immediately after the NW Admin Server is done. For more information, see **Task 2. Prepare ESA Deployments for Migration to 12.5.2.0** in the topic Prepare to Upgrade the NetWitness Platform. Mixed mode is not supported for ESA hosts in the NetWitness Platform. The NW Admin Server, ESA primary host, and ESA secondary host must all be on the same NetWitness Platform version.

For information about all the host types in NetWitness, see the NetWitness Hosts and Services Getting Started Guide. Go to the NetWitness Platform - Documentation Resources page and find NetWitness Platform guides to troubleshoot issues.

IMPORTANT: After upgrading the primary NW Admin Server (including the Respond Server service), the Respond Server service is not automatically re-enabled until after the Primary ESA host is also upgraded to the same version. The Respond post-upgrade tasks only apply after the Respond Server service is upgraded and is in the enabled state.

Note: For version 12.5.2.0 version with Legacy Windows Log Collector, you should perform few additional post upgrade tasks. Refer to the Legacy Windows Log Collection section in Perform Post-Upgrade Tasks for these additional post upgrade tasks.

Select Upgrade Options

You can select one of the following upgrade options based on your Internet connectivity. They are listed in the order recommended by the NetWitness.

- Option 1: Upgrade the NetWitness Platform using Live Services
- Option 2: Upgrade the NetWitness Platform Offline
- Option 3: Upgrade the NetWitness Platform using CLI (Offline)
- Option 4 (Optional): Pre-Stage Upgrade Repository by Downloading Packages

The following rules apply when you are upgrading hosts using any of the four upgrade methods:

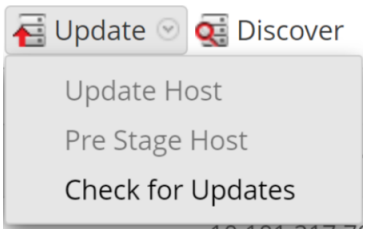
- You must upgrade the NW Admin Server host first.
- You can only apply a version that is compatible with the existing host version.
- The NW Admin Server, ESA primary, ESA secondary, and Analyst UI hosts must all be on the same NetWitness Platform version.

Option 1: Upgrade the NetWitness Platform using Live Services

You can use this method if the NW Admin Server host is connected to Live Services.

Caution: You must review your network policy before downloading the upgrade package which is around 8.7 GB. If a policy restricts file downloads over 10 GB, the upgrade package download will fail.

Note: You can pre-stage the upgrade repository using the **Pre Stage Host** feature. Refer to the following figure. For more information, see Option 4 (Optional): Pre-Stage Upgrade Repository by Downloading Packages.

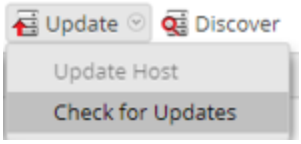


Prerequisites

1. The **Automatically download information about new upgrades every day** option is selected and is applied in **(Admin)** > **System** > **Updates**.
2. Check to see if the updates are available. Go to **(Admin)** > **Hosts** > **Update** > **Check for Updates** to check for the updates. The Host view displays the **Update Available** status.
3. 12.5.2.0 is available in the **Update Version** column.

To upgrade from 12.4.x.x, 12.5.0.0, 12.5.1.0, 12.5.1.3, and 12.5.1.3 Security Patch to 12.5.2.0

1. Go to **(Admin)** > **Hosts**.
2. Select the NW Admin Server host.
3. Check for the latest updates.



   Update Available is displayed in the **Status** column if you have a version update in your Local Update Repository for the selected host.

4. Select **12.5.2.0** from the **Update Version** column.

> **Note:**
> - If you want to view a dialog box with the major features in the upgrade and information on the updates, click the information icon ( ) to the right of the upgrade version number.
>
> - If you cannot find the version you want, select **Update** > **Check for Updates** to check the repository for any available updates. If an update is available, the message "New updates are available" is displayed and the **Status** column updates automatically to show Update Available. By default, only supported updates for the selected host are displayed.

5. Click **Update** > **Update Host** from the toolbar.
6. Click **Begin Update**.
7. Click **Reboot Host**.
8. Repeat steps 5 to 7 for other hosts.

> **Note:** You can select multiple hosts to upgrade at the same time only after updating and rebooting the NW Admin Server host. All ESA, Endpoint, and Malware Analysis hosts should be upgraded to the same version as that of the NW Admin Server host.

Option 2: Upgrade the NetWitness Platform Offline

You can manually upgrade the NetWitness Platform by performing the following tasks.

Task 1. Populate Staging Folder (`/var/netwitness/common/update-stage/`) with Version Upgrade Files

1. Download the upgrade package `netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip` from NetWitness Community (https://community.netwitness.com/s/) > **Downloads** > **NetWitness Platform** > **Version 12.5.2.0** to a local directory:
   - If you are upgrading from 12.4.x.x, download `netwitness-12.5.0.0.zip`, `netwitness-12.5.1.0.zip`, and `netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip`.

- If you are upgrading from 12.5.0.0, download `netwitness-12.5.1.0.zip` and `netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip`.
- If you are upgrading from 12.5.1.0, download `netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip`.
- If you are upgrading from 12.5.1.3, download `netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip`.
- If you are upgrading from 12.5.1.3 Security Patch, download `netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip`.

2. SSH to the NW Admin Server host.
3. Upload `netwitness-12.5.0.0.zip`, `netwitness-12.5.1.0.zip`, and `netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip` (if upgrading from 12.4.x.x) to `/var/netwitness/common/update-stage/` on the NW Admin Server Host.

   For example:

   ```
   mv /var/netwitness/tmp/netwitness-12.5.0.0.zip
   /var/netwitness/common/update-stage/
   ```

   ```
   mv /var/netwitness/tmp/netwitness-12.5.1.0.zip
   /var/netwitness/common/update-stage/
   ```

   ```
   mv /var/netwitness/tmp/netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip
   /var/netwitness/common/update-stage/
   ```

4. Upload `netwitness-12.5.1.0.zip` and `netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip` (if upgrading from 12.5.0.0) to `/var/netwitness/common/update-stage/` on the NW Admin Server Host.

   For example:

   ```
   mv /var/netwitness/tmp/netwitness-12.5.1.0.zip
   /var/netwitness/common/update-stage/
   ```

   ```
   mv /var/netwitness/tmp/netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip
   /var/netwitness/common/update-stage/
   ```

5. Upload `netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip` (if upgrading from 12.5.1.0, 12.5.1.3, and 12.5.1.3 Security Patch) to `/var/netwitness/common/update-stage/` on the NW Admin Server Host.

   For example:

   ```
   mv /var/netwitness/tmp/netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip
   /var/netwitness/common/update-stage/
   ```

Note: The NetWitness Platform unzips the file automatically.

Task 2. Apply Upgrades from the Staging Area to Each Host

Caution: You must upgrade the NW Admin Server host before upgrading any non-NW Admin Server host.

1. Log in to NetWitness.
2. Go to  **(Admin) > Hosts**.

Note: If you are already on the **(Admin) > Hosts** page and the **Check for Updates** option (**Update** > **Check for Updates**) is grayed out, refresh the page from the browser to check for the updates.

3. Check for updates and wait for the upgrade packages to be copied, validated, and ready to be initialized.

   "Ready to initialize packages" is displayed if:

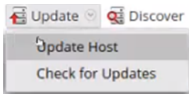
   - The NetWitness Platform can access the upgrade package.
   - The package is complete and has no errors.

   Refer to Troubleshooting Version Installations and Upgrades for instructions on how to troubleshoot errors (for example, "Error deploying version <version-number>" and "Missing the following update package(s)," are displayed in the **Initiate Update Package for NetWitness Platform** dialog box)

4. Click **Initialize Update**.

   It takes some time to initialize the packages because the files are large and need to be unzipped. The time varies depending on how the host is configured.
   After the initialization is successful, the **Status** column displays Update Available.

5. Click **Update** > **Update Hosts** from the toolbar.



6. Click **Begin Update** from the **Update Available** dialog box.
   After the host is upgraded, it prompts you to reboot the host.

7. Click **Reboot Host** from the toolbar.

Option 3: Upgrade the NetWitness Platform using CLI (Offline)

You can use this option if the NW Admin Server host is not connected to Live Services.

Before you begin

Make sure that you have downloaded the following file from NetWitness Community (https://community.netwitness.com/s/) > **Products > NetWitness Platform** > **Downloads** to a local directory:

- If you are upgrading from 12.4.x.x to 12.5.2.0, download:

  `netwitness-12.5.0.0.zip`

  `netwitness-12.5.1.0.zip`

  `netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip`

- If you are upgrading from 12.5.0.0 to 12.5.2.0, download:

  `netwitness-12.5.1.0.zip`

`netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip`

- If you are upgrading from 12.5.1.0 to 12.5.2.0, download:

  `netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip`

- If you are upgrading from 12.5.1.3 to 12.5.2.0, download:

  `netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip`

- If you are upgrading from 12.5.1.3 Security Patch to 12.5.2.0, download:

  `netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip`

- If you are using the external repository, you can update the external repository with the latest upgrade content. For more information, see External Repo Instructions for CLI upgrade.

To upgrade NW Admin Server Hosts and component servers:

Caution: If you copy and paste the commands from PDF to Linux SSH terminal, the characters do not work.

1. Stage the 12.5.2.0 files to prepare them for the upgrade. Consider the following scenarios:

   - **If you are upgrading from 12.5.1.0**, **12.5.1.3,** or **12.5.1.3 Security Patch** to **12.5.2.0,** you only need to stage 12.5.2.0. Log into the NW Admin Server as `root` and create the following directory:

     - **Option 1 (Manual)** : Log into the NW Admin Server and create the following directory:
       `/var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.2.0/`
       Then copy the package zip file to the `/var/netwitness/tmp/` directory of the NW Admin Server and extract the package files from `/var/netwitness/tmp/` to the appropriate directory using the following command:
       `unzip netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip -d /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.2.0/`
       Make sure you remove the update zip file from the staging directory after it is extracted.

     - **Option 2 (Automated)** : Log into the NW Admin Server and create the following directory:
       `/var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/`
       Then copy the NetWitness Platform 12.5.2.0 package zip files to the `/var/netwitness/tmp/` directory on the NW Admin Server.
       After this, run the below command to extract, validate, and initialize the 12.5.2.0 zip files:
       `[root@SA ~]# upgrade-cli-client --init --stage-dir /var/netwitness /tmp/upgrade --download-path /var/netwitness/tmp/ --version 12.5.2.0`
       Once the message **(INFO) Download and extraction of all the necessary NetWitness zips are completed** is displayed in the console of the NW admin server, only then will the initialization process begin.

   Note: If you do not receive the message **(INFO) Download and extraction of all the necessary NetWitness zips are completed**, run the previous command again.

   IMPORTANT: After staging 12.5.2.0 (using the Option 2), if the initialization fails, run the command `upgrade-cli-client --init --version 12.5.2.0 --stage-dir /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade`. If the initialization succeeds, ignore the step 2 Initialize the upgrade below and proceed with the further steps 3-6.

- **If you are upgrading from 12.5.0.0**, you must stage 12.5.1.0 and 12.5.2.0.
  - **Option 1 (Manual)** : Log into the NW Admin Server and create the following directories:

    `/var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.1.0/`

    `/var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.2.0/`
    Then copy the package zip file to the `/var/netwitness/tmp/` directory of the NW Admin Server and extract the package files from `/var/netwitness/tmp/` to the appropriate directory using the following commands:

    ```
    unzip netwitness-12.5.1.0.zip -d /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.1.0
    ```

    ```
    unzip netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip -d /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.2.0
    ```
    Make sure you remove the update zip file from the staging directory after it is extracted.
  - **Option 2 (Automated)** : Log into the NW Admin Server and create the following directory:
    `/var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/`
    Then copy the NetWitness Platform 12.5.1.0 and 12.5.2.0 package zip files to the `/var/netwitness/tmp/` directory on the NW Admin Server.
    After this, run the below command to extract, validate, and initialize the 12.5.2.0 zip files:
    ```
    [root@SA ~]# upgrade-cli-client --init --stage-dir /var/netwitness
    /tmp/upgrade --download-path /var/netwitness/tmp/ --version 12.5.2.0
    ```
    Once the message **(INFO) Download and extraction of all the necessary NetWitness zips are completed** is displayed in the console of the NW Admin Server, only then will the initialization process begin.

    Note: If you do not receive the message **(INFO) Download and extraction of all the necessary NetWitness zips are completed**, run the previous command again.

    IMPORTANT: After staging 12.5.2.0 (using the Option 2), if the initialization fails, run the command `upgrade-cli-client --init --version 12.5.2.0 --stage-dir /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade`. If the initialization succeeds, ignore the step 2 Initialize the upgrade below and proceed with the further steps 3-6.
- **If you are upgrading from 12.4.x.x** to **12.5.2.0,** you must stage 12.5.0.0, 12.5.1.0, and 12.5.2.0. Log into the NW Admin Server as `root` and create the following directory:
  - **Option 1 (Manual)** : Log into the NW Admin Server and create the following directories:

    `/var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.0.0/`

    `/var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.1.0/`
    `/var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.2.0/`
    Then copy the package zip file to the `/var/netwitness/tmp/` directory of the NW Admin Server and extract the package files from `/var/netwitness/tmp/` to the appropriate directory using the following commands:

    ```
    unzip netwitness-12.5.0.0.zip -d /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.0.0/
    ```

    ```
    unzip netwitness-12.5.1.0.zip -d /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.1.0/
    unzip netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip -d /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.2.0/
    ```
    Make sure you remove the update zip file from the staging directory after it is extracted.
  - **Option 2 (Automated)** : Log into the NW Admin Server and create the following directory:
    `/var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/`
    Then copy the NetWitness Platform 12.5.0.0, 12.5.1.0, and 12.5.2.0 package zip files to the

`/var/netwitness/tmp/` directory on the NW Admin Server.
After this, run the below command to extract, validate, and initialize the 12.5.2.0 zip files:

```
[root@SA ~]# upgrade-cli-client --init --stage-dir /var/netwitness
/tmp/upgrade --download-path /var/netwitness/tmp/ --version 12.5.2.0
```

Once the message **(INFO) Download and extraction of all the necessary NetWitness zips are completed** is displayed in the console of the NW Admin Server, only then will the initialization process begin.

Note: If you do not receive the message **(INFO) Download and extraction of all the necessary NetWitness zips are completed**, run the previous command again.

IMPORTANT: After staging 12.5.2.0 (using the Option 2), if the initialization fails, run the command `upgrade-cli-client --init --version 12.5.2.0 --stage-dir /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade`. If the initialization succeeds, ignore the step 2 Initialize the upgrade below and proceed with the further steps 3-6.

2. Initialize the upgrade using the following command:
   ```
   upgrade-cli-client --init --version 12.5.2.0 --stage-dir
   /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade
   ```
3. Upgrade the NW Admin Server host, using the following command:
   ```
   upgrade-cli-client --upgrade --version 12.5.2.0 --host-key <ID / display
   name / (hostname/ IP address)>
   ```
4. When the NW Admin Server host upgrade is successful, reboot the host from the NetWitness Platform user interface in the Hosts view.
5. (Conditional) If Warm Standby Server is deployed, repeat steps 1 to 4 on the Warm Standby Server host.
6. Repeat steps 3 and 4 for each component host, changing the IP address to the component host which is being upgraded.

Note: You can check versions of all the hosts, using the command `upgrade-cli-client --list` on the NW Admin Server host. If you want to view the help content of `upgrade-cli-client`, use the command `upgrade-cli-client --help`.

External Repo Instructions for CLI upgrade

For information about setting up an external repository, see Appendix B. Set Up External Repo in the *12.5.2.0 Upgrade Guide for NetWitness Platform*. The following instructions assume that you already have an external repository set up. Go to the NetWitness Platform - Documentation Resources page and find NetWitness Platform guides to troubleshoot issues.

1. Stage the 12.5.2.0 files to prepare them for the upgrade. Consider the following scenarios:
   - **If you are upgrading from 12.5.1.0**, **12.5.1.3,** or **12.5.1.3 Security Patch** to **12.5.2.0,** you only need to stage 12.5.2.0. Log into the NW Admin Server as `root` and create the following directory:

- **Option 1 (Manual)** : Log into the NW Admin Server and create the following directory:
  `/var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.2.0/`
  Then copy the package zip file to the `/var/netwitness/tmp/` directory of the NW Admin Server and extract the package files from `/var/netwitness/tmp/` to the appropriate directory using the following command:
  `unzip netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip -d /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.2.0/`
  Make sure you remove the update zip file from the staging directory after it is extracted.
- **Option 2 (Automated)** : Log into the NW Admin Server and create the following directory:
  `/var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/`
  Then copy the NetWitness Platform 12.5.2.0 package zip files to the `/var/netwitness/tmp/` directory on the NW Admin Server.
  After this, run the below command to extract, validate, and initialize the 12.5.2.0 zip files:
  `[root@SA ~]# upgrade-cli-client --init --stage-dir /var/netwitness /tmp/upgrade --download-path /var/netwitness/tmp/ --version 12.5.2.0`
  Once the message **(INFO) Download and extraction of all the necessary NetWitness zips are completed** is displayed in the console of the NW admin server, only then will the initialization process begin.

Note: If you do not receive the message **(INFO) Download and extraction of all the necessary NetWitness zips are completed**, run the previous command again.

IMPORTANT: After staging 12.5.2.0 (using the Option 2), if the initialization fails, run the command `upgrade-cli-client --init --version 12.5.2.0 --stage-dir /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade`. If the initialization succeeds, ignore the step 2 Initialize the upgrade below and proceed with the further steps 3-6.

- **If you are upgrading from 12.5.0.0**, you must stage 12.5.1.0 and 12.5.2.0.
  - **Option 1 (Manual)** : Log into the NW Admin Server and create the following directories:

    `/var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.1.0/`

    `/var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.2.0/`
    Then copy the package zip file to the `/var/netwitness/tmp/` directory of the NW Admin Server and extract the package files from `/var/netwitness/tmp/` to the appropriate directory using the following commands:

    `unzip netwitness-12.5.1.0.zip -d /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.1.0`

    `unzip netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip -d /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.2.0`
    Make sure you remove the update zip file from the staging directory after it is extracted.
  - **Option 2 (Automated)** : Log into the NW Admin Server and create the following directory:
    `/var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/`
    Then copy the NetWitness Platform 12.5.1.0 and 12.5.2.0 package zip files to the `/var/netwitness/tmp/` directory on the NW Admin Server.
    After this, run the below command to extract, validate, and initialize the 12.5.2.0 zip files:
    `[root@SA ~]# upgrade-cli-client --init --stage-dir /var/netwitness /tmp/upgrade --download-path /var/netwitness/tmp/ --version 12.5.2.0`
    Once the message **(INFO) Download and extraction of all the necessary NetWitness zips are completed** is displayed in the console of the NW Admin Server, only then will the initialization process begin.

Note: If you do not receive the message **(INFO) Download and extraction of all the necessary NetWitness zips are completed**, run the previous command again.

IMPORTANT: After staging 12.5.2.0 (using the Option 2), if the initialization fails, run the command `upgrade-cli-client --init --version 12.5.2.0 --stage-dir /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade`. If the initialization succeeds, ignore the step 2 Initialize the upgrade below and proceed with the further steps 3-6.

- **If you are upgrading from 12.4.x.x** to **12.5.2.0,** you must stage 12.5.0.0, 12.5.1.0, and 12.5.2.0. Log into the NW Admin Server as `root` and create the following directory:
  - **Option 1 (Manual)** : Log into the NW Admin Server and create the following directories:

    ```
    /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.0.0/

    /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.1.0/
    /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.2.0/
    ```

    Then copy the package zip file to the `/var/netwitness/tmp/` directory of the NW Admin Server and extract the package files from `/var/netwitness/tmp/` to the appropriate directory using the following commands:

    ```
    unzip netwitness-12.5.0.0.zip -d /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.0.0/

    unzip netwitness-12.5.1.0.zip -d /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.1.0/
    unzip netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip -d /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/12.5.2.0/
    ```

    Make sure you remove the update zip file from the staging directory after it is extracted.
  - **Option 2 (Automated)** : Log into the NW Admin Server and create the following directory:

    `/var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade/`

    Then copy the NetWitness Platform 12.5.0.0, 12.5.1.0, and 12.5.2.0 package zip files to the `/var/netwitness/tmp/` directory on the NW Admin Server.

    After this, run the below command to extract, validate, and initialize the 12.5.2.0 zip files:

    ```
    [root@SA ~]# upgrade-cli-client --init --stage-dir /var/netwitness
    /tmp/upgrade --download-path /var/netwitness/tmp/ --version 12.5.2.0
    ```

    Once the message **(INFO) Download and extraction of all the necessary NetWitness zips are completed** is displayed in the console of the NW Admin Server, only then will the initialization process begin.

Note: If you do not receive the message **(INFO) Download and extraction of all the necessary NetWitness zips are completed**, run the previous command again.

IMPORTANT: After staging 12.5.2.0 (using the Option 2), if the initialization fails, run the command `upgrade-cli-client --init --version 12.5.2.0 --stage-dir /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade`. If the initialization succeeds, ignore the step 2 Initialize the upgrade below and proceed with the further steps 3-6.

2. Initialize the upgrade using the following command:

   ```
   upgrade-cli-client --init --version 12.5.2.0 --stage-dir
   /var/netwitness/tmp/upgrade
   ```

3. Upgrade the NW Admin Server host, using the following command:

   ```
   upgrade-cli-client --upgrade --version 12.5.2.0 --host-key <ID / display
   name / (hostname/ IP address)>
   ```

4. When the NW Admin Server host upgrade is successful, reboot the host from the NetWitness Platform user interface in the Hosts view.
5. (Conditional) If Warm Standby Server is deployed, repeat steps 1 to 4 on the Warm Standby Server host.
6. Repeat steps 3 and 4 for each component host, changing the IP address to the component host which is being upgraded.

Note: You can check versions of all the hosts, using the command `upgrade-cli-client --list` on the NW Admin Server host. If you want to view the help content of `upgrade-cli-client`, use the command `upgrade-cli-client --help`.

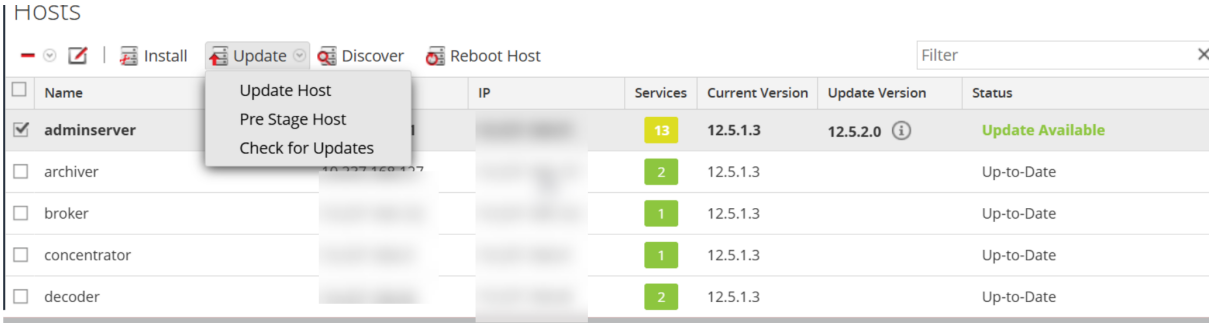
Option 4 (Optional): Pre-Stage Upgrade Repository by Downloading Packages

You can pre-stage the upgrade repository by downloading the required packages (.zip) without affecting the system. This minimizes the upgrade downtime and ensures the upgrade is completed within the planned time.

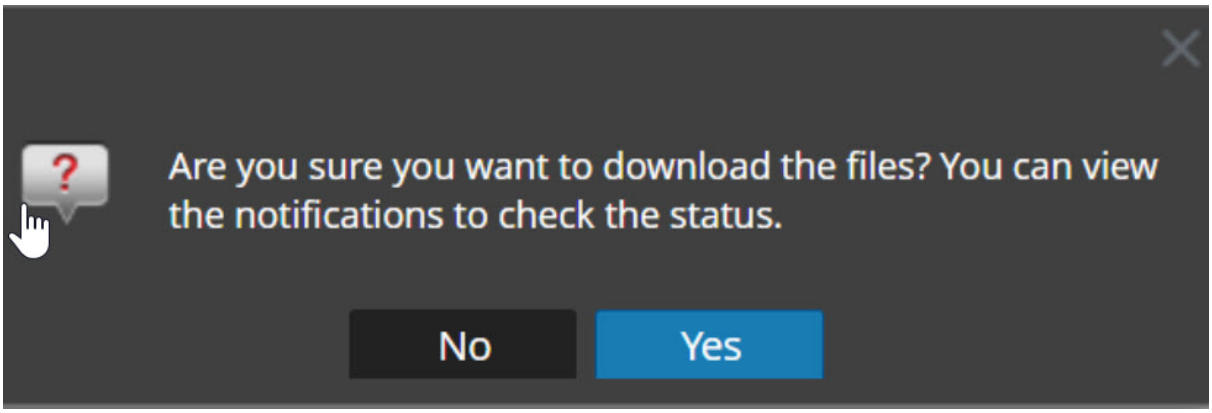
To pre-stage the upgrade repository and update the hosts:

1. Go to **(Admin)** > **Hosts**.
2. Click **Update** > **Check for Updates** from the toolbar.

   All possible update versions will be displayed in the Versions drop-down list.
3. Click **Update** > **Pre Stage Host** and select the version in the update version column.

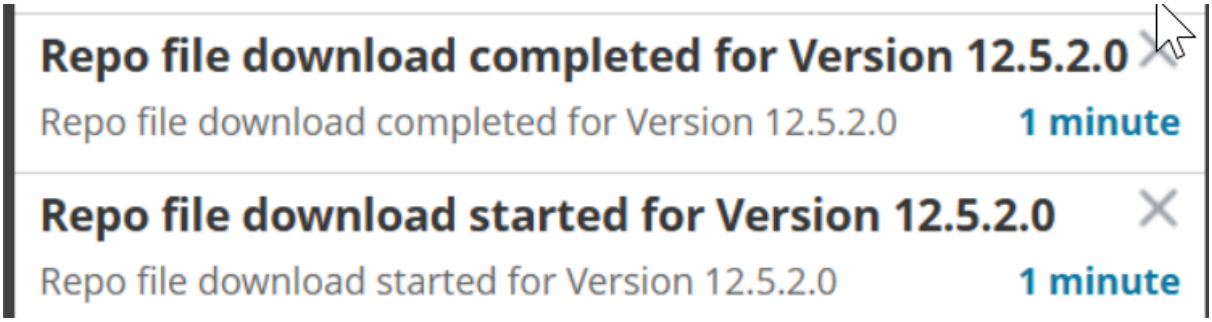


   A confirmation message for downloading the files will be displayed.



4. Click **Yes** to download the upgrade packages to the repo.
5. Verify the status of the download in the notifications tray as shown below.

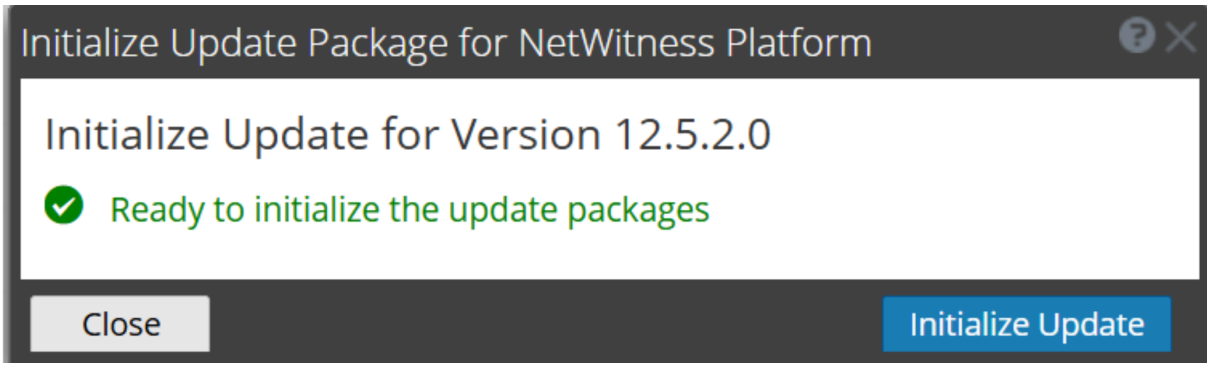
   The **Pre Stage Host** and **Upgrade Host** will be disabled until pre stage is completed.



Note: The current version and the update version in the UI will be the same during the pre-stage as it is not the actual update. This is because only the repo files are downloaded and no actual upgrade is done. The version will change only after upgrade.

6. If the download is successful, **Check for Updates** again to start the initialization.
7. Click **Initialize Update**.

   The initialization of the package will take some time as the files are large and will need to be unzipped.



IMPORTANT: Pre-Stage Repo preparation steps from 1 to 4 can be performed at any time. However, from steps 5 to 8 the upgrade process begins and you must NOT reboot the host or restart the jetty server during this time as it will corrupt the .ZIP files.

8. Check the status of initialization in the notifications tray.
9. After the initialization is completed successfully, click **Update** > **Update Host**.

   After the host is updated, you will be prompted to reboot the host.
10. Set up the host and reboot the host.

Perform Post-Upgrade Tasks

This topic lists the tasks you must perform after upgrading the NetWitness Platform. Complete the tasks that apply to the hosts in your environment.

General

You must configure Jetty, restore the core services contents, and also start Network capture, Log capture, and aggregation after upgrading the NetWitness Platform.

Configure Jetty

For Jetty Configuration and related information, see **Manage Custom Jetty Configuration** section in **Manage Custom Host Entries** topic in https://community.netwitness.com/s/article/SystemMaintenanceGuidefor12-5-1.

Make Sure Services Have Restarted and Are Capturing and Aggregating Data

Make sure that services have restarted and are capturing data (this depends on whether or not you have auto-start enabled).

If required, restart data capture and aggregation for the following services:

- Decoder
- Log Decoder
- Broker
- Concentrator
- Archiver

To Start Network Capture:

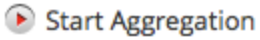
1. In the NetWitness Platform menu, go to  (Admin) > **Services**.
   The **Services** view will be displayed.

2. Select each **Decoder** service.
3. Under  (actions), select **View** > **System**.
4. In the toolbar, click 

To Start Log Capture:

1. In the NetWitness Platform menu, go to  (Admin) > **Services**.
   The **Services** view will be displayed.
2. Select each **Log Decoder** service.
3. Under  (actions), select **View** > **System**.
4. In the toolbar, click 

To Start Aggregation:

1. In the NetWitness Platform menu, go to  (Admin) > **Services**.
   The **Services** view will be displayed.
2. For each **Concentrator**, **Broker**, and **Archiver** service:
   a. Select the service.
   b. Under  (actions), select **View** > **Config**.
   c. In the toolbar, click 

3. For Event Stream Analysis (ESA):

   Note: Mixed mode is not supported for ESA hosts. The NW Admin server, ESA primary host, and ESA secondary host must all be on the same NetWitness Platform version.

   There are no required post-upgrade tasks for ESA. For ESA troubleshooting, see ESA Troubleshooting Information.

   If you want to add support for Endpoint, UEBA, and Live content rules, you must update the `multi-valued` and `single-valued` parameter meta keys on the ESA Correlation service to include all the required meta keys. It is not necessary to make these adjustments during the upgrade; you can make the adjustments later at a convenient time. For detailed information and instructions, see **Update Your ESA Rules for the Required Multi-Value and Single-Value Meta Keys** in the ESA Configuration Guide.

Restore the Core Services Contents

Once you upgrade to 12.5.2.0, the Core services Contents such as Configuration files (.cfg), Feeds, Parsers, and Log Devices are copied to the **.tar** location of the respective components such as Decoder, Log Hybrid, Network Hybrid, and Log Decoder.

The following table lists the Core Services Contents paths and the **.tar** location of the respective components where the Core Services Contents are copied.

Core Services Contents Paths	Components	.tar location of the Components
/etc/netwitness/ng/feeds (Feeds)	Decoder	/var/netwitness/decoder/decoder_backupcontent_ccm.tar
/etc/netwitness/ng/parsers (Parsers)	Log Hybrid	/var/netwitness/logdecoder/logdecoder_backupcontent_ccm.tar
/etc/netwitness/ng/envision/etc/devices (Log Devices)	Network Hybrid	/var/netwitness/decoder/decoder_backupcontent_ccm.tar
/etc/netwitness/ng/NwDecoder.cfg (Configuration files (.cfg))	Log Decoder	/var/netwitness/logdecoder/logdecoder_backupcontent_ccm.tar

By default, the Centralized Content Management (CCM) option is disabled. After upgrading to 12.5.2.0, if you enable CCM and encounter the loss of the Core Services Contents, you can use the backup tar files to recover the lost data. For more information, see https://community.netwitness.com/s/article/Automatic-Backup-of-Core-Service-Content-after-Upgrading-Core-Service-Node-to-12-1-Version-in-NetWitness.

Event Stream Analysis (ESA)

After upgrading to the 12.5.2.0 version, all the ESA deployments will be migrated to (**CONFIGURE**) > **Policies** page. Each deployment will be converted into a policy and group and will be available to manage only after the upgrade of the Correlation servers to the 12.5.2.0 version. Make sure that you plan the upgrade process so that Correlation servers are upgraded immediately after the Admin Server is done. The deployments will not be accessible until the corresponding Correlation servers are upgraded. However, the correlation servers will still continue to process the Alerts and Events. Verify if all the ESA deployments are in a healthy state. For more information, see **View a Deployment** topic in the *Live Services Management Guide*.

Note: Analysts must have appropriate permissions to view the ESA rules under (**CONFIGURE**) > **ESA Rules** and (**CONFIGURE**) > **Policies** pages. For more information, see the **Source-server** section in the **Role Permissions** topic in the *System Security and User Management Guide*.

The pre-upgrade and post-upgrade states of deployments are represented in the following table.

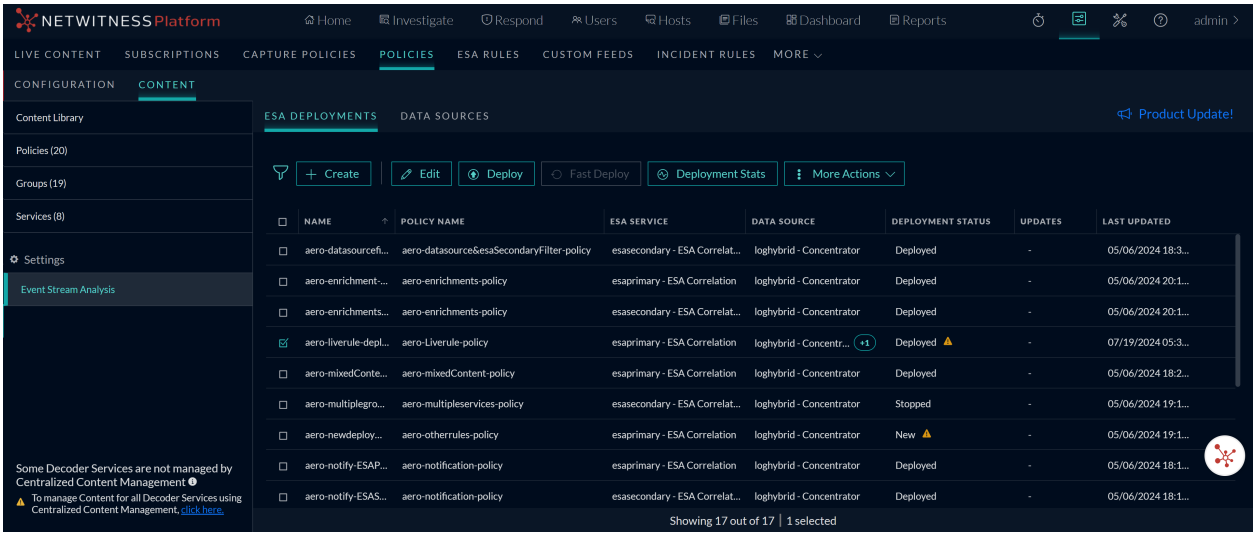
SINo	Pre-upgrade Deployment State	Post-upgrade Deployment State		
		Creates Policy	Creates Group	The policy will be Published
1	Healthy deployment	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Deployment with errors	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	Deployment with only rules	Yes	No	No

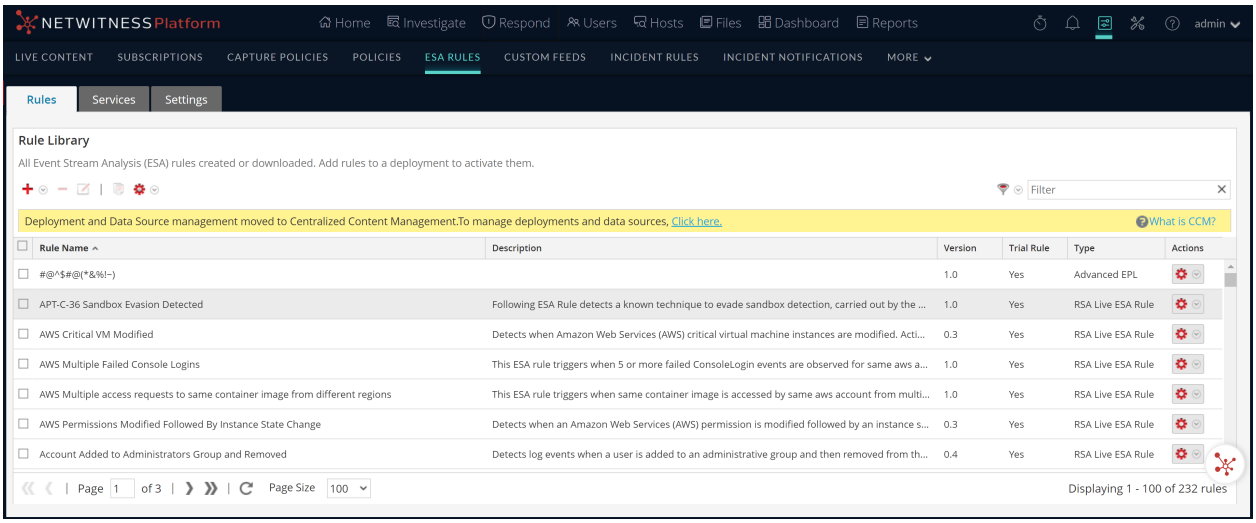
SINo	Pre-upgrade Deployment State	Post-upgrade Deployment State		
		Creates Policy	Creates Group	The policy will be Published
4	Deployment with no rules	No	No	No

(Optional) Using the **Merge Policy** button, you can merge a policy having ESA content with a policy with no ESA content. For more information, see **Merge Policy with ESA Content** topic in the *Live Services Management Guide*.

Manage ESA Deployments and Data Sources

You can only manage the ESA deployments and Data Sources through **Centralized Content Management**. Go to (**CONFIGURE**) > **Policies** > **Content** > **Event Stream Analysis** page to manage the ESA deployments and Data Sources. You can only manage the ESA Rules in the **ESA Rules** page. Refer to the following figures.





You must upgrade the ESA hosts immediately after upgrading the NW Admin Server.

Note: To generate ESA alerts with Mitre tactics and techniques, the ESA deployment associated with the ESA rule must be redeployed mandatorily after upgrading to the 12.5.2.0 version.

Migrate Custom Scripts for Notifications

- Since there are a wide range of changes regarding the file permissions and ownership attributes of custom script files of the **Script Notifications** feature (**(Admin)** > **System** > **Global Notifications** > **Script**), the NetWitness Team suggests having a backup of the custom scripts before the system is upgraded to 12.5.2.0.
- Once the upgrade is completed, each script needs to be revisited for syntactic/semantic changes that have to be done.
- Even if the custom script in the NetWitness Platform versions prior to 12.5.2.0 is accessing any file resources in the `/tmp` or `/var/tmp` folder, they cannot be accessed further since the ownership with which the custom script executes has been changed. The suggestion for this scenario is to tweak/modify the custom script to create/read from a new file in `/tmp` or `/var/tmp` directory.

For more information on **Centralized Content Management** and managing the deployments, see Centralized Content Management Guide for NetWitness.

Respond

The Primary ESA server must be upgraded to 12.5.2.0 before you can complete the following task.

Note: After upgrading the primary NW Admin Server (including the Respond Server service), the Respond Server service is not automatically re-enabled until after the Primary ESA host is also upgraded to 12.5.2.0. The Respond post-upgrade tasks only apply after the Respond Server service is upgraded and is in the enabled state.

(Conditional) Restore Any Respond Service Custom Keys in the custom_normalize_alerts.js and support new datasource

Note: If you did not manually customize the `custom_normalize_alerts.js`, you can skip this task. We try to migrate custom keys automatically, but if any issues arise, you should use this step to check that the custom data remains accurate.

If you added custom keys in the `/var/netwitness/respond-server/scripts/custom_normalize_alerts.js` file for use in custom normalization, modify the `/var/netwitness/respond-server/scripts/custom_normalize_alerts.js` file and add the custom normalized keys from the automatic backup file. The backup file is located in `/var/netwitness/respond-server/scripts` and it is in the following format:

`custom_normalize_alerts.js.bak-<time of the backup>`

In case of automatic update of the script fails, add support for Netwitness Core and NetWitness Insight by updating the `custom_normalize_alerts.js` file manually to support these new sources in respond.

User and Entity Behavior Analytics

Complete the following tasks after upgrading UEBA to 12.5.2.0.

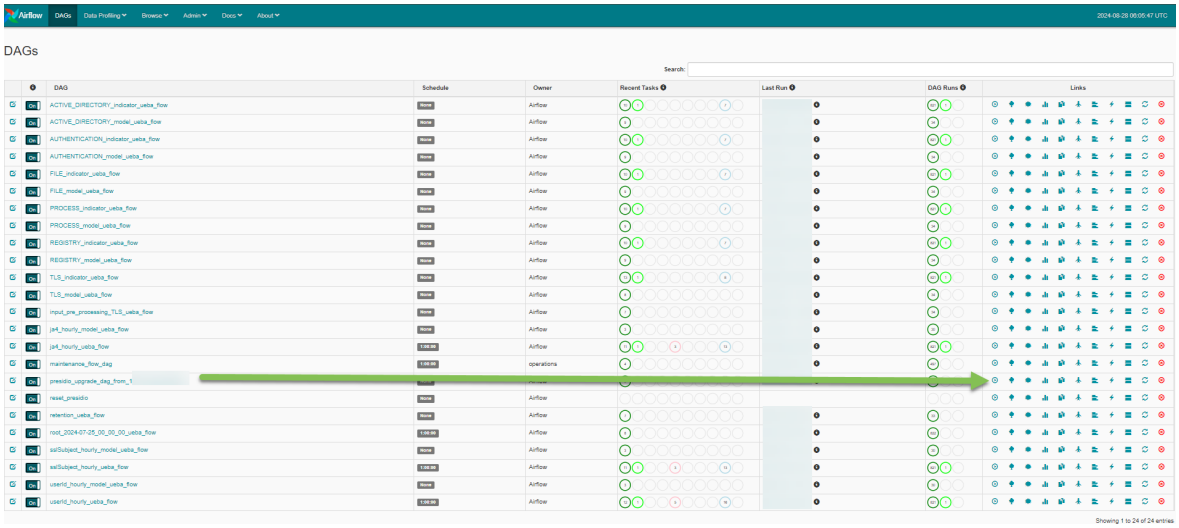
IMPORTANT: After completing the upgrade, the NetWitness Team recommends users to manually update any configuration values (e.g., xmx value) in the **workflows-default.json** file instead of replacing the backup file taken before the upgrade. Replacing the backup file (**workflows-default.json**) could result in displaying outdated features or configurations that are no longer available, leading to potential issues.

1. Update the UEBA configuration using the following command from the UEBA machine.
   - `source /etc/sysconfig/airflow`
   - `source $AIRFLOW_VENV/bin/activate`
   - `python3.9 /var/netwitness/presidio/airflow/venv39/lib/python3.9/site-packages/presidio_workflows-1.0-py3.9.egg/presidio/resources/rerun_ueba_server_config.py`
   - `deactivate`
2. (Optional) Update the UEBA processing schema, if needed.

   The NetWitness Team recommends that the UEBA start date is set to 28 days earlier than the current date. For UEBA systems that intend to process TLS data, you must make sure that the start date is set to no later than 14 days earlier than the current date.

   For more information, see the "reset-presidio script" section in the *UEBA Configuration Guide*.
3. Run the airflow upgrade DAG.
   - Go to Airflow main page `https://<UEBA-host-name>/admin`
   - Enter the admin username and password.

- Click the **Play** in `presidio_upgrade_dag_from_<previous_version> to_12.5.2.0`.

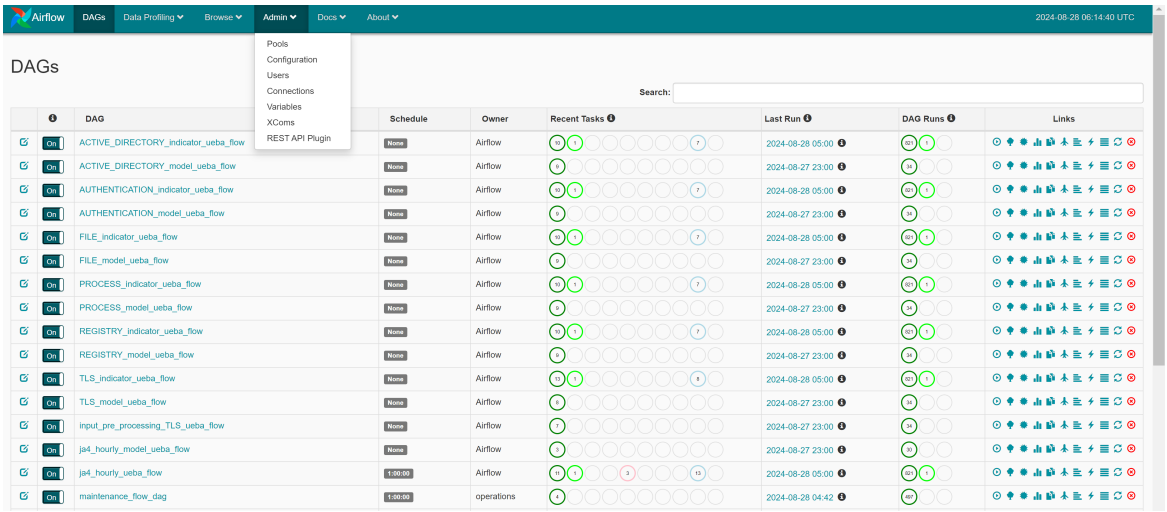


> **Note:** A light green circle will appear next to the upgrade DAG row during the upgrade. If the upgrade process is completed successfully the light green circle changes to green. If the upgrade process fails, the light green circle changes to red.

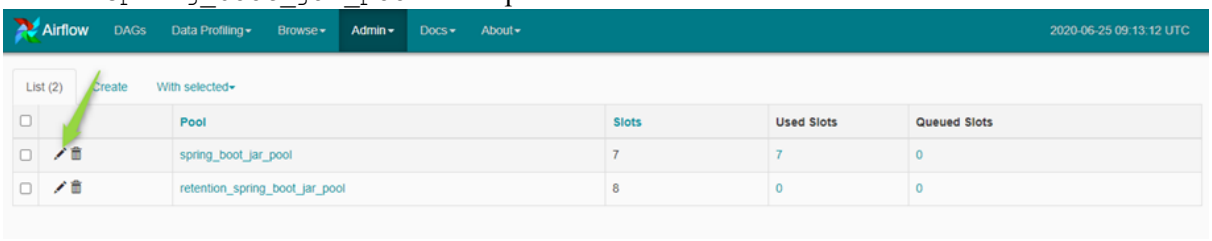
4. Set the appropriate "Boot Jar Pools" slots:
   - **Physical Appliance**: Update the `spring_boot_jar_pool` slot value to 18.
   - **Virtual Appliance**: Update the `spring_boot_jar_pool` slot value to 22.
     To update the **Spring Boot Jar Pools** slots, go to the Airflow main page, tap the **Admin** tab at the top bar and tap **Pools**.

   a. To access the Airflow UI, go to `https://<UEBA_host>/admin` and enter the credentials.
      User: admin
      Password: The deploy_admin password.

   b. Click on the pencil mark of the Pools to update the slot values.



5. Edit the `spring_boot_jar_pool` and update the slots amount to 22.



Legacy Windows Log Collector

Refresh Legacy Windows Log Collector Certificates with Updated SA Certificates

Post Upgrade Steps:

1. Execute the following command in Admin Server:

   a. `wlc-cli-client --host-display-name` **`hostDisplayName`** `--service-display-name` **`serviceDisplayName`** `--host` **`WLChostIPAddress`** `--port 50101 --use-ssl false`

   Enter the following information:

   i. **Legacy Windows Log Collector REST Username and Legacy Windows Log Collector REST Password**: Enter the admin credentials for the Legacy Windows Log Collector.

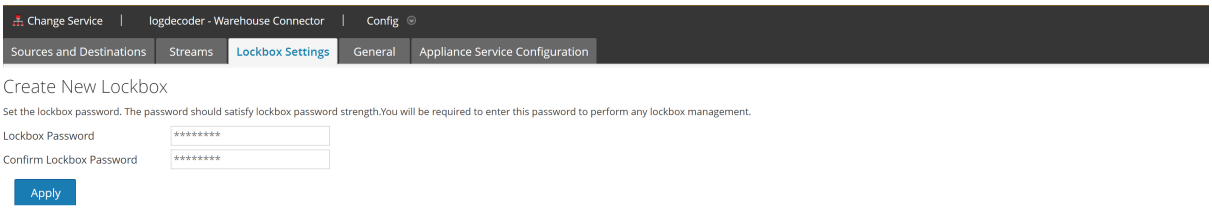
   ii. **Security Server Username and Security Server Password**: Enter admin credentials for the NetWitness Platform.

2. Restart the system.

Warehouse Connector

The Warehouse connector uses a lockbox to store credentials securely for data integration sources and destinations. However, users upgrading from earlier versions to the 12.5.2.0 version cannot start the configured streams without migrating their existing credentials in the new lockbox. As a result, users must manually create a new lockbox key and then refresh the password for their sources and destinations configured in Warehouse Connector, wherever applicable, using the following steps:

1. Log in to the NetWitness Platform.
2. Navigate to **(Admin)** > **Services**.
3. In the **Services** view, select the added Warehouse Connector service, and select > **View** > **Config**.
4. In the Services Config view of Warehouse Connector, click the **Lockbox Settings** tab and create a fresh lockbox key.



5. Reauthorize the user account in source configurations using **Explore** or **REST API**. Reauthorization of source user account is not available in UI. The command to reauthorize the user account from **Explore** is given below:

   ```
   > /warehouseconnector/sources/<source:port> ---> setPass property with password=<password of the configured user in source>
   ```

6. Reauthorize the user account in SFTP destination configuration from **UI**, **Explore** or **REST API**. The command to reauthorize the password from **Explore** is given below:

   ```
   > /warehouseconnector/destinations/<sftp_destination> ---> setPass property with password=<password of the configured user in SFTP destination>
   ```

7. If NFS directory mount was removed as part of pre-upgrade step, mount back the same configuration. Additionally, enable back the mount entry in */etc/fstab*.

```
> mount -t nfs -o nolock,tcp,hard,intr <IP_Address_for_SAW>:/mapr/<cluster-name> /<directory_name>
```

Where **<IP_Address_for_SAW>** is the IP address of the primary Warehouse appliance in the cluster and **<cluster-name>** is the name provided in the template file.

Setting Recovery Password for Lockbox

After upgrading all the Log Collectors and WLC in the NW deployment to 12.5.2.0, administrator should execute the **Recovery Password Utility** using SA Tools. This tool sets the Lockbox recovery password for all the log collector services (version 12.5.1.0 or above) within the deployment. Administrators are advised to keep a note of the Lockbox recovery password as required during disaster recovery scenarios.

To set the recovery password, the administrator should SSH into **NW Admin Server (Node-0)** and execute the utility **set-lockbox-password** from the path `/opt/rsa/saTools/bin/set-lockbox-password`. Administrators should enter the new password to be set as recovery password for the Lockbox available in all the Log Collectors.

Note: On re-executing the utility and setting an updated Lockbox, the recovery password will reset the password for all the applicable log collector services (version 12.5.1.0 and above).

```
[root@adminserver ~]# cd /opt/rsa/saTools/bin
[root@adminserver bin]# ll
total 68
-rwx------. 1 root root  3224 Dec 10 11:38 category-toggle
-rwx------. 1 root root   699 Dec 10 11:38 dkms-recompile
-rwx------. 1 root root  4719 Dec 10 11:38 external-repo-creator
-rwx------. 1 root root 12029 Dec 10 11:38 schedule-standby-admin-data-sync
-rwx------. 1 root root  5037 Dec 10 11:38 set-deploy-admin-password
-rwxrwxrwx. 1 root root  3071 Dec 21 13:28 set-lockbox-password
-rwx------. 1 root root 18074 Dec 10 11:38 sosreport-select-plugins
-rwx------. 1 root root  4762 Dec 10 11:38 ueba-server-config
[root@adminserver bin]# ./set-lockbox-password
Enter the Lockbox password to be set:
Please re-enter the password
Lockbox operation in progress...
Setting lockbox password for 10.125.245.116 : Success
Setting lockbox password for 10.125.245.105 : Success
Setting lockbox password for 10.125.245.114 : Success
Lockbox password is already set for log-collector :
'"logcollector":10.125.245.116'
'"logdecoder":10.125.245.105'
'"endpointloghybrid1":10.125.245.114'
[root@adminserver bin]#
```

Perform Validation Checks After Upgrade

You must perform the following validation checks after upgrading to the NetWitness Platform 12.5.2.0.

1. Go to (Admin) > **Services** view to verify that all the services are active (appearing in green) after upgrade.
2. Verify that the services are upgraded to match the host version. The service version in (Admin) > **Services** view must match the host version in (Admin) > **Hosts** view after upgrade.
3. In the (Admin) > **Services** view, do the following:
   - Select a Log Collector service and go to (actions) > **View** > **System** view to verify if the required logs collection is started. You should click the Collection drop-down option and go to the right collection protocol to check if the logs collection is started. If the required collection is not started, select Start next to the required collection protocol from the list to start the collection.
   - Select a Log Decoder service and go to (actions) > **View** > **System** view to verify if the Log Decoder is capturing the logs properly.
   - Select a Packet Decoder service and go to (actions) > **View** > **Config** view to check if the capture interface is configured under **Decoder Configuration** section. If the capture interface is not configured, you must select the required capture interface from the drop-down list to configure it. If the capture interface is already configured, go to the (actions) > **View** > **System** view of the Packet Decoder and check if the capture is started. If the capture is not started, click Start Capture to start the packet capture.
4. Go to (Admin) > **Services** > Select a Log Decoder or Packet Decoder service > (actions) > **View** > **Stats** > **General** view to analyze the current capture rate.
5. Verify that the Concentrators, Archivers, and Brokers are aggregating the data. Make sure that you can investigate from each Concentrator, Archiver, and Broker to validate that it is operational.
6. Go to **Respond** > **Alerts** view to verify if the alerts are triggering from different sources.
7. Go to (Admin) > **Health & Wellness** > **Alarms** view and verify if the SMS server is up and running.
8. Go to (Admin) > **Event Sources** > **Monitoring Policies** view and verify if the policies configured before upgrade are appearing.
9. Go to (Admin) > **Health & Wellness** > **New Health & Wellness** > **Pivot to Dashboard** > **Elastic** > **Dashboard** view and ensure the following.
   - The visualizations you created before upgrade still exist.

- The metric server is up and running.
- Alerts are generated properly for the monitors you have configured before upgrade.

WebSocket Origin Validation and Authentication Improvement:

Beginning with the version 12.5.2.0, security improvements are introduced to protect the NetWitness Platform from cross-origin attacks, WebSocket hijacking, and Host header injection vulnerabilities. In the NetWitness Platform versions prior to 12.5.2.0, overly permissive CORS and Host header handling could allow malicious websites or forged host names to interact with the Admin UI or Analyst UI. To address this, the platform now enforces a **secure-by-default access** model that restricts access to trusted, same-origin requests only, with CORS headers applied exclusively for approved origins and secure WebSocket support.

A strict Host whitelist blocks untrusted host names while allowing approved domains and IPs. By default, Admin UI and Analyst UI access is limited to server IP–based access, preventing cross-origin and Host header attacks.

If you want to access the UI using Domain Name and Host IPs, you must explicitly configure the Domain Name and Host IPs as trusted origins. For more information, see **How to Configure NetWitness Platform UI with Trusted Origins and Domain Names**.

Install the 12.5.2.0 Relay Server

IMPORTANT: Post upgrading EPLH from 12.4.x.x versions to 12.5.2.0, you must re-install the relay server on EL 8 (Alma Linux) box since relay server is a standalone server.

Before you begin

- Make sure you have the EL 8 box.

Perform the following tasks before installing the 12.5.2.0 Relay server:

Note: If you are already on 12.5.x.x, you need not perform the following steps.

1. Upgrade the NetWitness Platform.
2. Once the EPLH is upgraded, download the relay packager.
3. Copy the packager to EL 8 box.
4. Turn off the existing Relay server.
5. Configure the IP address of EL 8 by re-using the IP address of the existing Relay server.

   Once you configure the IP address of EL 8, install the Relay server. For more information, see **(Optional) Installing and Configuring Relay Server** section in the Endpoint Configuration Guide. Go to the NetWitness Platform - Documentation Resources page and find NetWitness Platform guides to troubleshoot issues.

Note: You must keep the security patches up to date on the Relay Server.

Upgrade Endpoint Agents

See **Upgrade Agents** in the Endpoint Agent Installation Guide for instructions on how to upgrade the agents.

Note: In 12.5.2.0, the version for Endpoint agent is 12.5.1.0. For more information, see **Release Notes for NetWitness Platform 12.5.2.0**.

Appendix B. Set Up External Repo

Complete the following procedure to set up an external repository (Repo).

Note: 1.) You need an unzip utility installed on the host to complete this procedure. 2.) You must know how to create a web server before you complete the following procedure.

1. (Conditional) Complete this step if you have an external repo and you want to override it.
   - Case 1: You bootstrapped the host from an external repo and you want to upgrade using a local repo on the NW Admin Server.
     a. Create the `/etc/netwitness/platform/repobase` file.
        `vi /etc/netwitness/platform/repobase`
     b. Edit the `repobase` file so that the only information in the file is the following URL.
        `https://nw-node-zero/nwrpmrepo`
     c. Complete the instructions on how to run the upgrade using the `upgrade-cli-client` tool.
   - Case 2: You bootstrapped the host from local repo on the Admin server (NW Admin Server host) and you want to use an external repo for the upgrade.
     a. Create the `/etc/netwitness/platform/repobase` file.
        `vi /etc/netwitness/platform/repobase`
     b. Edit the `repobase` file so that the only information in the file is the following URL.
        `https://<webserver-ip>/<alias-for-repo>`
     c. Complete the instructions on how to run the upgrade using the `upgrade-cli-client` tool. The instructions are in **Option 3: Upgrade the NetWitness Platform using CLI (Offline)** in the topic Perform Upgrade Tasks.
2. Set up the external repo.
   a. Log in to the web server host.
   b. Create directory to host the NW repository (`netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip`), for example `ziprepo` under `web-root` of the web server. For example, /var/netwitness is the web-root, run the following command string.
      `mkdir -p /var/netwitness/<your-zip-file-repo>`
   c. Create the 12.5.2.0 directory under `/var/netwitness/<your-zip-file-repo>`.
      `mkdir -p /var/netwitness/<your-zip-file-repo>/12.5.2.0`
   d. Create the `OS` and `RSA` directories under `/var/netwitness/<your-zip-file-repo>/12.5.2.0`.
      `mkdir -p /var/netwitness/<your-zip-file-repo>/12.5.2.0/OS`
      `mkdir -p /var/netwitness/<your-zip-file-repo>/12.5.2.0/RSA`
   e. Unzip the `netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip` file into the `/var/netwitness/<your-zip-file-repo>/12.5.2.0` directory.
      `unzip netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip -d /var/netwitness/<your-zip-file-`

repo>/12.5.2.0

Unzipping netwitness-12.5.2.0.zip results in two zip files (OS-12.5.2.0.zip and RSA-12.5.2.0.zip) and some other files.

f. Unzip the:
OS-12.5.2.0.zip into the /var/netwitness/<your-zip-file-repo>/12.5.2.0/OS directory.
```
unzip /var/netwitness/<your-zip-file-repo>/12.5.2.0/OS-12.5.2.0.zip -d
/var/netwitness/<your-zip-file-repo>/12.5.2.0/OS
```
The external url for the repo is http://<web server IP address>/<your-zip-file-repo>.

g. Unzip the:
RSA-12.5.2.0.zip into the /var/netwitness/<your-zip-file-repo>/12.5.2.0/RSA directory.
```
unzip /var/netwitness/<your-zip-file-repo>/12.5.2.0/RSA-12.5.2.0.zip -d
/var/netwitness/<your-zip-file-repo>/12.5.2.0/RSA
```

h. (Conditional - For Azure) Follow these steps for Azure update.

   i. `mkdir -p /var/netwitness/<your-zip-file-repo>/12.5.2.0/OS/other`

   ii. `unzip nw-azure-12.5-extras.zip -d /var/netwitness/<your-zip-file-repo>/12.5.2.0/OS/other`

   iii. `cd /var/netwitness/<your-zip-file-repo>/12.5.2.0/OS`

   iv. `createrepo`

i. Use the http://<web server IP address>/<your-zip-file-repo> in response to **Enter the base URL of the external update repositories** prompt from NW 12.5.2.0 Setup program (nwsetup-tui) prompt.

Troubleshoot Upgrade Issues

The section describes the error messages displayed in the Hosts view when it encounters problems updating host versions and installing services on hosts in the Hosts view. If you cannot resolve an upgrade or installation issue using the following troubleshooting solutions, contact the NetWitness Customer Support Team (https://community.netwitness.com/s/contact-customer-support).

Troubleshooting instructions for the following errors that may occur during the upgrade are described in this section.

- Migration of Lockbox to SecureStore failure on NW Admin Server, Reporting Engine, and SMS
- deploy_admin Password Expired Error
- Downloading Error
- Error Deploying Version <version-number> Missing Update Packages
- External Repo Update Error
- Host Update Failed Error
- Missing Update Packages Error
- Patch Update to Non-NW Admin Server Error
- Reboot Host After Update from Command Line Error

Troubleshooting instructions are also provided for errors for the following hosts and services that may occur during or after an upgrade.

- Log Collector Service
- NW Admin Server
- Orchestration
- Reporting Engine
- Event Stream Analysis
- Legacy Windows Log Collector

Problem	Unable to boot the appliance after upgrading

Workaround	1. Manually modify the GRUB boot line to `FIPS=0` to get it to boot.
	2. From here, disable FIPS using the following command:
	`manage-stig-controls --disable-control-groups 3 --host-all`
	3. Verify the line `FIPS=1` is removed from `/boot/grub2/grub.cfg`
	• If not, run the following command:
	`grub2-mkconfig -o /boot/grub2/grub.cfg`
	4. Reboot.

	5. Run the following command to enable FIPS: `manage-stig-controls --enable-control-groups 3 --host-all` 6. Reboot again.

Migration of Lockbox to SecureStore failure on NW Admin Server, Reporting Engine, and SMS

For NW Admin Server or Jetty

Problem	The migration of LockBox to SecureStore has failed in the NW Admin Server.
Cause	Due to incomplete migration of SSV values.

Solution	If you are unable to access the admin server, perform the following steps to resolve the issue:
	1. SSH to the NW Admin Server / Node Zero.
	2. Stop the Jetty service using the following command:
	`systemctl stop jetty`
	3. Move the `lockbox.ss` and `lockbox.ss.lock` files from the following paths to a separate backup folder:
	• `/var/netwitness/uax`
	• `/root/uaxbackup`
	4. Start the Jetty service using the following command:
	`systemctl start jetty`

For Reporting Engine

Problem	The migration of LockBox to SecureStore has failed in the Reporting Engine.
Cause	Due to incomplete SSV values migration.
Solution	If you are unable to access the reporting engine, perform the following steps to resolve the issue: 1. SSH to the Admin Server / Node-0. 2. Stop the Reporting Engine service using the following command: `systemctl stop rsasoc_re` 3. Move the `lockbox.ss` and `lockbox.ss.lock` files from the `/var/netwitness/re-server/rsa/soc/reporting-engine` path to a backup folder. 4. Start the Reporting Engine service using the following command:

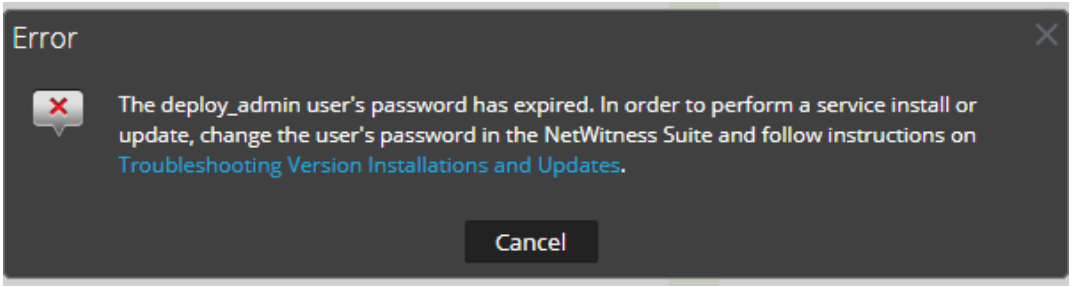
	`systemctl start rsasoc_re`

For SMS

Problem	The migration of LockBox to SecureStore has failed in the SMS.
Cause	Due to incomplete SSV values migration.

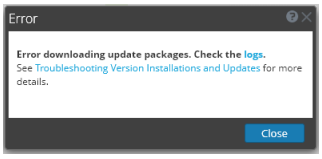
Solution	If you are unable to access the SMS service, perform the following steps to resolve the issue:
	1. SSH to the NW Admin Server / Node-0.
	2. Stop the SMS service using the following command:
	`systemctl stop rsa-sms`
	3. Move the `lockbox.ss` and `lockbox.ss.lock` files from the `/root/rsa/home` path to a backup folder.
	4. Start the SMS service using the following command:
	`systemctl start rsa-sms`

deploy_admin User Password Has Expired Error

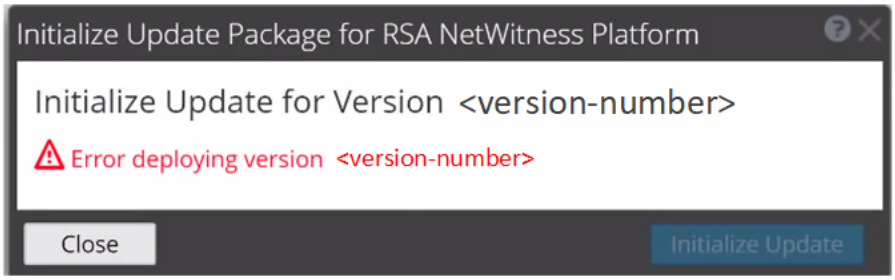
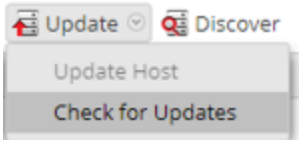
Error Message	
Cause	The `deploy_admin` user password has expired.

Solution	Reset your `deploy_admin` password. Do the following:
	1. On the NW Admin Server host only, run the following command:
	`nw-manage --update-deploy-admin-pw`
	`Please enter the new deploy_admin account password: <new-deploy-admin-password>`
	`Please confirm the new deploy_admin account password: <new-deploy-admin-password>`
	2. Review the output of the `nw-manage --update-deploy-admin-pw` command to verify the `deploy_admin` password was successfully updated on all hosts. If an NW host is down or fails for any reason as displayed by the output of the `nw-manage --update-deploy-admin-pw` command, run `nw-manage --sync-deploy-admin-pw --host-key <host-identifier>` to synchronize the password between the NW Admin Server and the host that failed once the communication failure is resolved.
	3. On the host that failed installation or orchestration, run the `nwsetup-tui` command and use the new **deploy_admin** password in response to the **Deployment Password** prompt.

Downloading Error

Error Message	
Problem	When you select an update version and click **Update** >**Update Host**, the download starts but fails to complete.
Cause	Version download files can be large and take a long time to download. If there are communication issues during the download it will fail.
Solution	1. Try to update again. 2. If it fails again with the same error, try to update using the offline methods as described in "Offline Method from Hosts View" or "Option 3: Upgrade the NetWitness Platform using CLI (Offline)" in the *Upgrade Guide for NetWitness Platform*. Go to the NetWitness Platform - Documentation Resources page and find NetWitness Platform guides to troubleshoot issues. 3. If you are still not able to update, contact the NetWitness Customer Support Team.

Error Deploying Version <version-number> Missing Update Packages

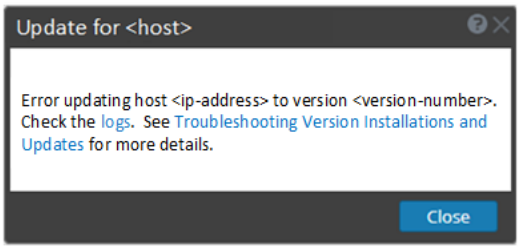
Error Message	
Problem	Error deploying version <version-number> is displayed in the **Initialize Update Package for NetWitness Platform** dialog after you click on **Initialize Update** if the update package is corrupted.
Solution	1. Click **Close** to close the dialog. 2. Remove the version folder from staging folder. 3. Make sure that the salt-master service is running. 4. Recopy the update package zip file to the staging folder. 5. In the **Hosts** view toolbar, select **Check for Updates** again.  6. Click **Initialize Update**. 7. Click **Update** > **Update Hosts** from the toolbar. 8. Click **Begin Update** from the **Update Available** dialog box. After the host is updated, it prompts you to reboot the host. 9. Click **Reboot** from the toolbar.

External Repo Update Error

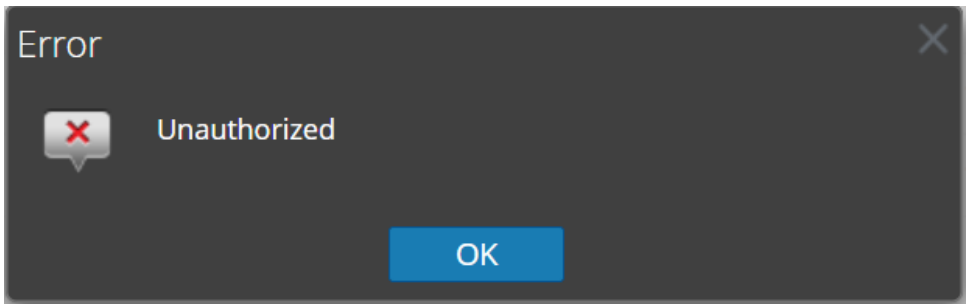
Error Message	You will receive an error similar to the following error while trying to update to a new version: `.Repository 'nw-rsa-base': Error parsing config: Error parsing "baseurl = 'https://nw-node-zero/nwrpmrepo /<version-number>/RSA'": URL must be http, ftp, file or https not ""`
Cause	Incorrect path specified.
Solution	Make sure that:

	• the URL does exist on the NW Admin Server host. • you used the correct path and remove any spaces from it.

Host Update Failed Error

Error Message	
Problem	When you select an update version and click **Update** > **Update Host**, the download process is successful, but the update process fails.

Solution	1. Try to apply the version update to the host again.
	Often this is all you need to do.
	2. If you still cannot apply the new version update:
	Monitor the following logs on NW Admin Server as it progresses (for example, run the `tail -f` command from the command line):
	`/var/netwitness/uax/logs/sa.log`
	`/var/log/netwitness/orchestration-server/orchestration-server.log`
	`/var/log/netwitness/deployment-upgrade/chef-solo.log`
	`/var/log/netwitness/config-management/chef-solo.log`
	`/var/lib/netwitness/config-management/cache/chef-stacktrace.out`
	The error appears in one or more of these logs.
	3. If you still cannot apply the update, gather the logs from **step 2** above and contact NetWitness Customer Support.

Error Message	
Problem	When you select an update version and click **Update** > **Check for Updates**, the **Unauthorized** error message is displayed. As a result, the connection to the Live Service

Solution	fails.
	1. Make sure the Live test connection passes.
	2. Update https://update.netwitness.com/RSA-netwitness in **(Admin)** > **System** > **Updates**.
	3. SSH to the NW Admin Server and backup `/etc/default/jetty`.
	4. Update the following entry at the end of the JAVA_OPTIONS in the `/etc/default/jetty`.
	`JAVA_OPTIONS="${JAVA_OPTIONS} -Drsa.nw.legacy.web.server.system.update.repo.url=https://update.netwitness.com/RSA-netwitness/ -Drsa.nw.legacy.system.update.auth.url=https://update.netwitness.com/authenticate "`
	5. Restart the jetty service by running the following command:
	`service jetty restart`

Missing Update Packages Error

Error Message	**Initialize Update for Version xx.x.x.x** Missing the following update package(s) Download Packages from NetWitness Link
Problem	Missing the following update package(s) is displayed in the **Initialize Update Package for NetWitness Platform** dialog box when you are updating a host from the **Hosts** view offline and there are packages missing in the staging folder.
Solution	1. Click Download Packages from NetWitness Community in the **Initialize Update Package for NetWitness Platform** dialog box. The NetWitness Community page that contains the update files for the selected version is displayed. 2. Select the missing packages from the staging folder. The **Initialize Update Package for NetWitness Platform** dialog box is displayed telling you that it is ready to initialize the update packages.

Patch Update to Non-NW Admin Server Error

Error Message	The `/var/log/netwitness/orchestration-server/orchestration-server.log` has an error similar to the following error: **`API|Failure /rsa/orchestration/task/update-config-management [counter=10 reason=IllegalArgumentException::Version '12.x.x.n' is not supported`**
Problem	After you update the NW Admin Server host to a version, you must update all non-NW Server hosts to the same version. For example, if you update the NW Admin Server from 12.2.0.0 to 12.5.2.0 or later, the only update path for the non-NW Admin Server hosts is

	the same version (that is, 12.5.2.0). If you try to update any non-NW Admin Server host to a different version (for example, from 12.2.0.0 to an 12.3.x.x) you will get this error.
Solution	Do any of the following: • Update the non-NW Admin Server host to 12.5.2.0 or later, or • Do not update the non-NW Admin Server host (keep it at its current version)

Reboot Host After Update from Command Line Error

Error Message	You will receive a message in the User Interface to reboot the host after you update and reboot the host offline. 
Cause	The above error occurs when you use CLI to reboot the host. You must use the User Interface to reboot the host.
Solution	Reboot the host in the **Host** View in the User Interface.

Log Collector Service (`nwlogcollector`)

Log Collector installation logs posted to `/var/log/install/nwlogcollector_install.log` on the host running the `nwlogcollector` service.

Error Message	`<timestamp>.NwLogCollector_PostInstall: Lockbox Status : Failed to open lockbox: The lockbox stable value threshold was not met because the system fingerprint has changed. To reset the system fingerprint, open the lockbox using the passphrase.`
Cause	The Log Collector Lockbox failed to open after the update.
Solution	Log in to NetWitness and reset the system fingerprint by resetting the stable system value password for the Lockbox as described in the **Reset the Stable System Value** topic under **Configure Lockbox Security Settings** topic in the *Log Collection Configuration Guide*.

Error Message	`<timestamp> NwLogCollector_PostInstall: Lockbox Status : Not Found`
Cause	The Log Collector Lockbox is not configured after the update.
Solution	If you use a Log Collector Lockbox, log in to NetWitness and configure the Lockbox as described in the **Configure Lockbox Security Settings** topic in the *Log Collection Configuration Guide*.

Error Message	`<timestamp>: NwLogCollector_PostInstall: Lockbox Status : Lockbox maintenance required: The lockbox stable value threshold requires resetting. To reset the system fingerprint, select Reset Stable System Value on the settings page of the Log Collector.`
Cause	You need to reset the stable value threshold field for the Log Collector Lockbox.
Solution	Log in to NetWitness and reset the stable system value password for the Lockbox as described in the **Reset the Stable System Value** topic under **Configure Lockbox Security Settings** topic in the *Log Collection Configuration Guide*.

NW Admin Server

These logs are posted to `/var/netwitness/uax/logs/sa.log` on the NW Admin Server Host.

Problem	After upgrade, you will notice one of the following: • Audit logs are not getting forwarded to the configured Global Audit Setup. • The following message seen in the `sa.log`. `Syslog Configuration migration failed. Restart jetty service to fix this issue`
Cause	NW Admin Server Global Audit setup migration failed to migrate from 12.2.x.x or 12.3.x.x. to 12.5.2.0 or later.
Solution	1. SSH to the NW Admin Server. 2. Submit the following command. `orchestration-cli-client --update-admin-node`

Orchestration

The orchestration server logs are posted to `/var/log/netwitness/orchestration-server/orchestration-server.log` on the NW Admin Server Host.

Problem	1. Tried to upgrade a non-NW Admin Server host and it failed. 2. Retried the upgrade for this host and it failed again. You will see the following message in the `orchestration-server.log`. `"'file' _virtual_ returned False: cannot import name HASHES""`
Cause	Salt minion may have been upgraded and never restarted on failed non-NW Admin Server host

Solution	1. SSH to the non-NW Admin Server host that failed to upgrade.
	2. Submit the following commands.
	`systemctl unmask salt-minion`
	`systemctl restart salt-minion`
	3. Retry the upgrade of the non-NW Admin Server host.

Problem	When you install and orchestrate a fresh 12.5.2.0 core Node-X to the NW Admin server (Node-0) upgraded from 12.0 or older versions to 12.5.2.0, the core services such as Concentrator, Log Decoder, Log Collector, Archiver, Decoder, Appliance, Workbench, Warehouse Connector, and Broker appear inactive under the **Services** column in the **Admin** > **Hosts** view. As a result, you cannot access the core services in the UI. This is not applicable if you are orchestrating a fresh 12.5.2.0 core Node-X to the fresh-Installed 12.5.2.0 NW Admin Server (not upgraded from 12.0 or older versions to 12.5.2.0).
Cause	The 12.5.2.0 core Node-X uses a dedicated SA-server certificate instead of the common Node-0 node certificate under its trustpeers if it is orchestrated directly to an upgraded 12.5.2.0 NW Admin Server host.

Solution	1. Before you bootstrap and orchestrate the 12.5.2.0 core Node-X host, run the following commands.
	`mkdir -p /etc/netwitness/platform`
	`touch /etc/netwitness/platform/nw-upgrade-mode`
	2. Perform this workaround only if you skip the above workaround (Workaround 1). Run the following commands after you bootstrap and orchestrate the 12.5.2.0 core Node-X host.
	`touch /etc/netwitness/platform/nw-upgrade-mode`
	`nw-manage --refresh-host --host-key <core-node-x-salt-minion-uuid>`
	`systemctl restart <core-service-name>`
	Note:

	- Refer the file `/etc/salt/minion` to find `<core-node-x-salt-minion-uuid>`. - You must enter the core service name such as **nwarchiver** (Archiver), **nwdecoder** (Decoder), **nwlogcollector** (Log Collector), **nwappliance** (Appliance), **nwconcentrator** (Concentrator), **nwlogdecoder** (Log Decoder), **nwbroker** (Broker), **nwworkbench** (Workbench), and **nwwarehouseconnector** (Warehouse Connector) in `<core-service-name>`.

Reporting Engine Service

Reporting Engine Update logs are posted to `/var/log/re_install.log` file on the host running the Reporting Engine service.

Error Message	`<timestamp> : Available free space in /var/netwitness/re-server/rsa/soc/reporting-engine [ ><existing-GB ] is less than the required space [ <required-GB> ]`
Cause	Update of the Reporting Engine failed because you do not have enough disk space.
Solution	Free up the disk space to accommodate the required space shown in the log message. See the **Add Additional Space for Large Reports** topic in the *Reporting Engine Configuration Guide* for instructions on how to free up disk space.

Event Stream Analysis

Problem	After upgrading to version 12.5.2.0 or later, the ESA correlation server does not aggregate events from the configured data sources.
Error Message	`Invalid username or password at com.rsa.netwitness.streams.base.RecordSourceSubscription.run (RecordSourceSubscription.java:173)`
Solution	**To resolve the issue** In the NetWitness user interface, 1. Go to (**CONFIGURE**) > **Policies** > **Content** > **Event Stream Analysis** > **Data Sources**. The **Data Sources** panel is displayed. 2. Select the data source and click **Edit Datasource** in the toolbar. The **Edit Datasource** dialog is displayed. 3. In the **Edit Datasource** dialog, do one of the following: • Select **Trusted Authentication**. • Select **Use Credentials** and enter the Username and Password. 4. Click **Test Connection** to make sure that it can communicate with the ESA service and then click **OK**.

	Note: Do the above procedure for all the configured data sources. 5. Deploy all the deployments associated with the edited data sources in the **Data Sources** panel after you finish making changes to the data sources.

Legacy Windows Log Collector

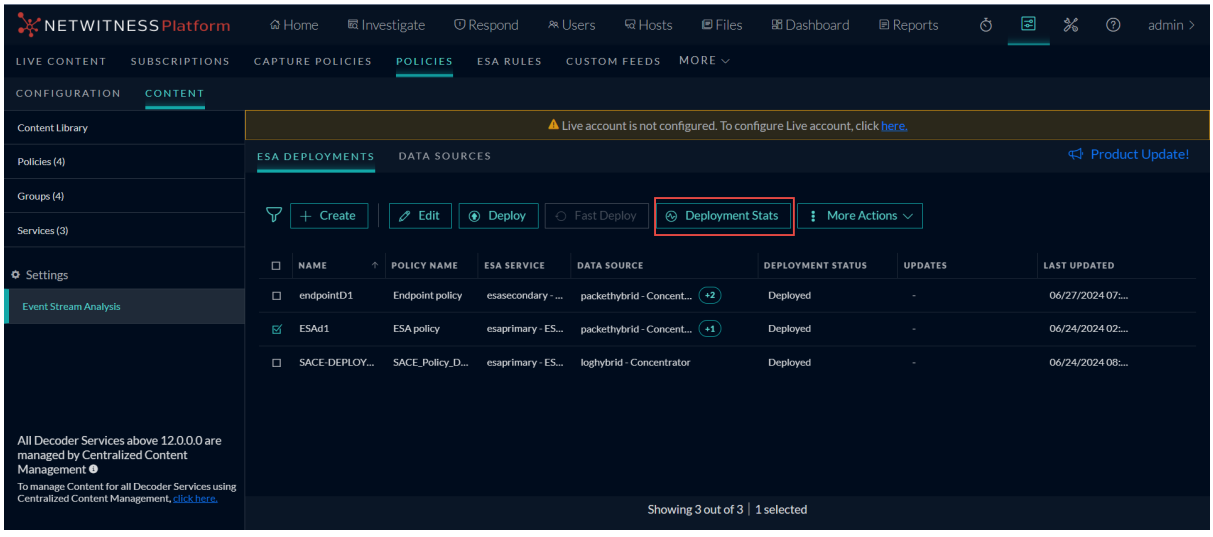
Problem	Legacy Windows Log Collector appears as inactive when the stack is upgraded to 12.5.2.0.
Cause	Certificate update in the NW Admin Server node.
Solution	Refer Legacy Windows Log Collector section in the Perform Post-Upgrade Tasks.

ESA Troubleshooting Information

ESA Rules are Not Creating Alerts

If you are not seeing any alerts, check the status of the ESA rule deployments.

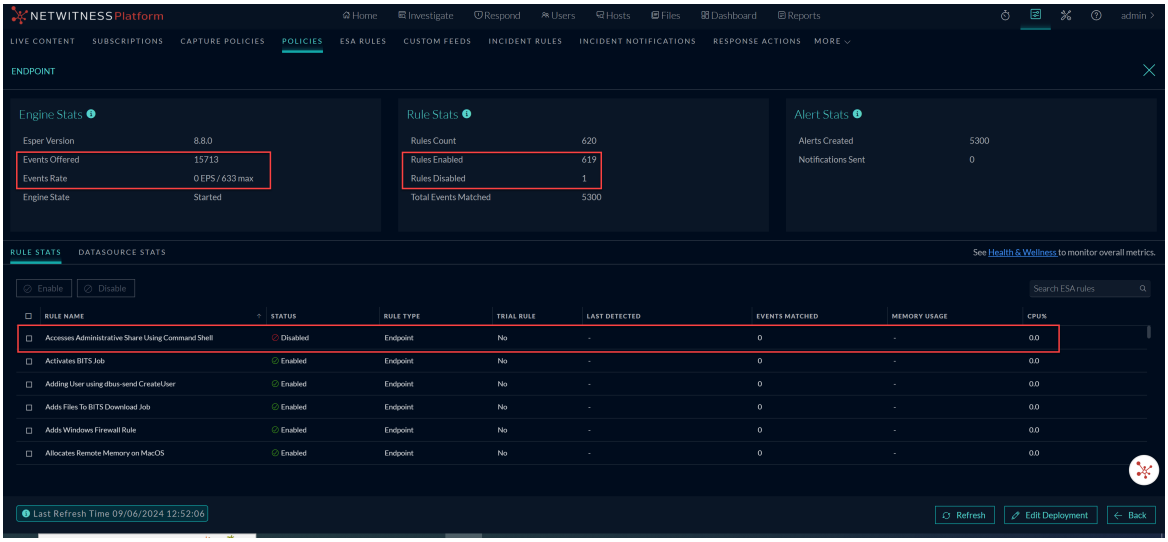
1. Go to (**CONFIGURE**) > **Policies** > **Content** > **Event Stream Analysis** > **ESA Deployments**. The **ESA Deployment** panel will be displayed.
2. Select required deployment from the list and click **Deployment Stats** tab.



3. Deployment Stats page is displayed, which shows the status of your ESA services and deployments.
4. For each ESA rule deployment:
   a. In the **Engine Stats** section, look at the **Events Offered** and the **Offered Rate**. They confirm that the data is being aggregated and analyzed properly. If you see 0 for Events Offered, nothing is

coming in for the deployment.

b. In the **Rule Stats** section, look at the **Rules Enabled** and **Rules Disabled**. If there are any disabled rules, look in the **Deployed Rule Stats** section below to view the details of the disabled rules. Disabled rules show a red circle. Enabled rules show a green circle.



5. If you notice any disabled rules that should be enabled:

   a. Go to  **(Configure) > ESA Rules > Rules** tab and redeploy the ESA rule deployments that contain disabled rules.

   b. Go back to the **Services** tab and check to see if the rules are still disabled. If the rules are still disabled, check the ESA Correlation service log files, which are located at `/var/log/netwitness/correlation-server/correlation-server.log`.

Note: To avoid unnecessary processing overhead, the Ignore Case option has been removed from the ESA Rule Builder - Build a Statement dialog box - for meta keys that do not contain text data values. During the upgrade to latest version, the NetWitness Platform does not modify existing rules for the Ignore Case option. If an existing Rule Builder rule has the Ignore Case option selected for a meta key that no longer has the option available, an error occurs if you try to edit the statement and try to save it again without clearing the checkbox.

Example ESA Correlation Server Warning Message for Missing Meta Keys

When a warning appears in the ESA Correlation server error logs, it indicates a mismatch between the default-multi-valued parameter and the multi-valued parameter meta key values. This discrepancy prevents new Endpoint, UEBA, and Live content rules from functioning properly. Completing the **Update the Multi-Valued and Single-Valued Parameter Meta Keys for the latest Endpoint, UEBA, and RSA Live Content Rules** procedure in the *ESA Configuration Guide* should fix the issue.

Multi-Valued Warning Message Example

```
2019-08-23 08:55:07,602 [ deployment-0] WARN Stream|[alert, alert_id,
browserprint, cert_thumbprint, checksum, checksum_all, checksum_dst, checksum_
src, client_all, content, context, context_all, context_dst, context_src, dir_
path, dir_path_dst, dir_path_src, directory, directory_all, directory_dst,
directory_src, email_dst, email_src, feed_category, feed_desc, feed_name,
file_cat, file_cat_dst, file_cat_src, filename_dst, filename_src, filter,
function, host_all, host_dst, host_orig, host_src, host_state, ip_orig, ipv6_
orig, OS, param, param_dst, param_src, registry_key, registry_value, risk,
risk_info, risk_suspicious, risk_warning, threat_category, threat_desc,
threat_source, user_agent] are still MISSING from multi-valued
```

Single Value Warning Message Example

```
2019-08-23 08:55:07,602 [ deployment-0] WARN Stream|[accesses, context_target,
file_attributes, logon_type_desc, packets] are still MISSING from single-
valued
```

Use NetWitness Community Portal for Assistance

You can use the NetWitness Community Portal to search for specific documents, find information related to End of Life of appliances, and read blogs.

Self-Help Resources

There are several options that provide you with help for installing and using NetWitness:

- See the documentation for all aspects of NetWitness here: https://community.netwitness.com/s/netwitness-platform-documentation
- Use the **Search** and **Create a Post** fields in the NetWitness Community portal to find specific information here: https://community.netwitness.com/s/netwitness-discussions
- See the NetWitness Knowledge Base: https://community.netwitness.com/s/knowledge-base
- See the Troubleshooting section in each of the various guides.
- See also https://community.netwitness.com/s/netwitness-blog.
- If you need further assistance, contact the NetWitness Support Team.

Contact NetWitness Support

If you contact the NetWitness Support Team, please be prepared to provide the following information:

- The version number of the NetWitness Platform product or application you are using.
- The type of hardware you are using.

Use the following contact information if you have any questions or need assistance.

NetWitness Community Portal	https://community.netwitness.com/s/ In the main menu, click **Support > View My Cases**.
Community	https://community.netwitness.com/s/netwitness-discussions
NetWitness Support Team	https://community.netwitness.com/s/contact-customer-support

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