Configure Zoning, Release 12.1.3

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New and Changed Information

The following table provides an overview of the significant changes up to this current release. The table does not provide an exhaustive list of all changes or of the new features up to this release.

Release Version	Feature	Description
NDFC release 12.1.3	Reorganized content	Content within this document was originally provided in the *Cisco NDFC-Fabric Controller Configuration Guide* or the *Cisco NDFC-SAN Controller Configuration Guide*. Beginning with release 12.1.3, this content is now provided solely in this document and is no longer provided in those documents.

Zoning

Zoning enables you to set up access control between storage devices or user groups. If you have administrator privileges in your fabric, you can create zones to increase the network security and to prevent data loss or corruption. Zoning is enforced by examining the source-destination ID field.

From SAN Controller Release 12.0.1a, Regular zones, and IVR zones are merged into a single zoning page.

> **i** When device aliases are used for zoning in Web UI, end devices must be logged into the fabric thus web GUI can configure zoning using device aliases. If end nodes are not logged in, PWWN can be used for zoning.

The following table describes the fields and icons that appear on SAN Controller **SAN > Zoning** tab.

Field	Description
Zoning Type	Provides support for regular and Inter-VSAN Routing (IVR) zone types. Click the **Regular** or **IVR** radio button to select the required zoning type.
Fabric	Specifies the fabric for which you are configuring zones. If the admin has locked the fabric, you can view a lock icon next to the fabric field.
VSAN	Specifies the VSAN for which you are configuring regular zones. This field is enabled only if you select **Regular** in the **Zoning Type** field.
Region ID	Specifies the region name for which you are configuring IVR zones. This field is enabled only if you select **IVR** in the **Zoning Type** field.
Enhanced Zoning	Configures enhanced zoning capability on the switch. Click the icon next to **VSAN** text field to view **Enhanced Zoning** window. > **i** Enhanced Zoning is supported only for **Regular** zone. For more details, refer to Enhanced Zoning section.

Field	Description
Cisco Fabric Services (CFS)	Configures CFS on the switch. Click the icon next to the **Region ID** field to view CFS window. ℹ️ CFS is supported only for IVR Zoning. For more details, refer to CFS section.
Switch	Specifies the switch that you want to add to a zone.
Actions	In the **Zoning** area, click **Actions** to view the following items: · **Changes** · **Database** · **Clear Server Cache** · **Discovery Sync** · **View Unzoned End Devices** · **Zone Migration**
Changes	In the **Zoning** area, choose **Actions > Changes**. · **Enable smart zoning** – Enables smart zoning configuration for all the switches. · **Commit changes** – Commits the Zoning configuration changes to all the switches. This field is only applicable when a zone is in the enhanced or smart mode. · **Discard Pending** – Discards the changes in progress.
Database	In the **Zoning** area, choose **Actions > Database**. · **Backup database** – Enables you to backup the current VSAN or all the VSANs. · **Restore database** – Enables you to restore the VSANs.
Clear Server Cache	Clears the cache on the server.
Discovery Sync	Synchronizes zoning modules with discovery.
View Unzoned End Devices	Displays a list of unzoned end devices of a fabric. You can view the unzoned devices in all fabrics or the current fabric.
Zone Migration	Opens the **Zone Migration** wizard for migrating Brocade SAN fabrics into Cisco MDS 9000 SAN fabrics. See Migrate Zones for more information.

Enhanced Zoning

From SAN Controller Release 12.0.1a, Enhanced Zoning feature is added for Regular Zoning type.

Enhanced zoning performs all configurations within a single configuration session for regular zoning. When you begin a session, the switch locks the entire fabric to implement the changes.

Choose **Regular** radio button on Zoning type, Click **configurations** icon next to **VSAN** field to view Enhanced zoning window.

The **Enhanced Zoning** window has the following fields and their descriptions.

Field	Description
Switch	Specifies IP address of the switch.
Mode	Displays mode of the switch, that can be one of the following: · Basic · Enhanced
Result	Displays the activation results, which can be one of the following: · Success · Failed
Config DB locked by	Displays the role name of locked configuration database.
Action	Displays the action on the switch, that can be one of the following: · No operation · Commit changes · Cleanup Click **edit** icon on last column to select required action and click check mark icon to save.
Last Action Results	Displays status of last configuration database.
Enforce full DB merge	Displays status as enabled or disabled. Click **edit** icon on last column to select required action and click check mark icon to save. Enabling it ensures that both the active and local zones are merged and are identical on all switches for a VSAN.

Field	Description
Read from	For enhanced zones or IVR CFS enabled zones when a change is made to zoning DB on a switch, all zone data is pushed into a pending database, until commit command is issued. This flag helps user to get data either from pending zone DB (Copy DB) or regular zone DB (Effective DB). Click **edit** icon on last column to select required action and click check mark icon to save.
Activation Date	Specifies date of the zoneset activated.

To perform various operations on Enhanced Zoning window from SAN Controller Web UI, perform the following steps:

1. Choose **Virtual Management > Zoning**, choose required **Zone Type**, **Fabric**, and **VSAN**.

2. Click **configurations** icon adjacent **VSAN** field

   The **Enhanced Zoning** window is displayed.

3. Click **Edit** icon next to **Read from** column, to select required database and click **Tick** icon to save.

4. To change the mode from basic to enhanced, choose **Actions > Set Mode to Enhanced**, and click **Apply**.

5. You can follow the same procedure to set mode from enhanced to basic, choose **Actions > Set Mode to Basic**, and click **Apply**.

CFS

Cisco Fabric Services (CFS) provides a common infrastructure for automatic configuration synchronization in the fabric for IVR zoning. When a CFS is configured on one switch and same properties can be transmitted on other switches. You can enable or disable IVR on the switch. Furthermore, you can enable or disable both CFS and global CFS on the selected switch.

Choose **IVR** radio button on Zoning type, Click **set-up assistant** icon next to **VSAN** field to view CFS window.

You can view below tabs on CFS window:

- Control
- IVR
- Action

The following table describes the fields that appear on **Control** tab.

Fields	Description
Switch	Specifies IP address of the switch.
IVR Status	Displays whether IVR is enabled or disabled on the switch.
Edit	Click **Edit** icon to enable or disable IVR on the switch and click tick mark to save changes.
Refresh	Click **Refresh** icon to refresh table.
Apply	Click **Apply** to save changes for each modification on the switch.
Done	Click **Done** to save all changes and to exit from CFS window.

The following table describes the fields and descriptions that appears on **IVR** tab.

Fields	Description
Switch	Specifies IP address of the switch.
CFS Status	Specifies whether CFS status is enabled or disabled.
Global CFS	Specifies whether this feature is enabled or disabled on the switch.
Read from	Specifies status: - Effective DB - Copy DB
Lock Owner	Specifies switch is locked by admin.
Merge Status	Specifies fabric merge that occurred.

Fields	Description
Region ID	Specifies the region id of the switch.
Edit	Click **Edit** icon to perform changes in Read from and Region ID column for selected row.
Apply	Click **Apply** to save changes for each modification on the switch
Refresh	Click **Refresh** icon to refresh table.
Done	Click **Done** to save all changes and to exit from CFS window.

To perform various operations on a switch in the IVR tab from SAN Controller Web UI, perform the following steps:

1. Select a switch, choose **Actions > Commit** and click **Apply** to enable IVR on a switch.

   ℹ️ You can commit changes only CFS is enabled on selected switch.

2. Select a switch, choose **Actions > Abort** and click **Apply** to disable IVR on a switch.

3. Select a switch, choose **Actions > Clear** and click **Apply** to clear IVR information on a switch.

4. Select a switch, choose **Actions > Enable CFS** and click **Apply** to enable CFS on a switch.

5. Select a switch, choose **Actions > Disable Global CFS** and click **Apply** to enable CFS globally on a switch.

   The following table describes the fields and descriptions that appears on **Action** tab.

Actions	Description
Switch	Specifies IP address of the switch.
Active	Specifies switch active status is true or false.
Activation Time	Specifies the activation date and time.
IVR NAT Status	Specifies IVR status is enabled or disabled.
Auto Discover Topology	Specifies whether auto discover topology status is true or false
Edit	Click **Edit** icon to perform changes in IVR NAT Status and Auto Discover Topology columns for selected row.
Region ID	Specifies the region id of the switch.
Edit	Click **Edit** icon to perform changes in Read from and Region ID column for selected row.
Apply	Click **Apply** to save changes for each modification on the switch
Refresh	Click **Refresh** icon to refresh table.

Actions	Description
Done	Click **Done** to save all changes and to exit from CFS window.

Migrate Zones

This topic describes the steps to migrate SAN zones from a Brocade switch to a Cisco MDS switch. Migrating SAN zones involves the following two steps:

- Generating and downloading the zoning configuration from the Brocade switch locally.
- Converting and applying the Brocade zoning configuration to a Cisco MDS switch.

To migrate zones from a Brocade switch to a Cisco MDS switch, perform the following steps:

1. In the Cisco Nexus Dashboard Fabric Controller Web UI, choose **SAN > Zoning**.

2. In the **Zoning** area, choose **Actions > Zone Migration**.

   The **Zone Migration** wizard opens.

3. To generate and collect the zoning configuration from the switch and to download it locally, click the **Fetch Active Zones From Brocade Switch** radio button.

4. Enter the IP address of the discovered Brocade switch in the **Brocade Switch IP Address** field and click **Fetch**.

   The system downloads a text file with the configuration from the Brocade switch onto your local drive.

5. Click the **Migrate Brocade Zones Configuration to MDS** radio button and select the configuration file that you have downloaded in the previous step.

6. In the **VSAN Index** field, enter the VSAN to which the zone must be added.

   The valid range is 1 to 4093.

7. [Optional] Check the **enable enhanced zone** and **enable enhanced Device Alias** check boxes.

   It is recommended to enable enhanced zone and enhanced device-alias modes in new deployments.

8. Click **Migrate** to generate a Cisco compatible zone configuration file.

   The system converts the Brocade switch configuration to a format compatible with Cisco MDS 9000 series switches and downloads the file to your local drive.

9. To apply the configuration changes to the desired Cisco MDS switch, execute the contents of the file generated from the previous step on the CLI console on the switch.

Zonesets

Based on the selected Fabric, VSAN and Switch, the Zoneset area displays the configured zonesets and their status. You can create, copy, delete, or edit the zonesets. Further, the zonesets can be activated or deactivated.

The following table describes the fields and descriptions that appear on SAN Controller **Zoning** Zonesets table.

Field	Description
Zoneset Name	Lists all the names that are configured under the selected Zoneset.Click on the Zoneset name to view the summary information in a slide-in pane. Click **Edit Zoning** to edit and activate zoneset.
Modified	Displays if the zoneset is modified or not.
Activation Date	Specifies date of the zoneset activated.

Procedure

1. To create zonesets from SAN Controller Web UI, choose **Actions > Create Zoneset**.

   The **Create Zoneset** window appears.

2. Enter a valid name for the zoneset, and click **Create zoneset**.

   A zoneset is created and is listed in the **Zoneset** area.

3. To copy or clone zonesets, choose radio button and choose **Actions > Copy / Clone Zoneset** or click the ellipsis icon in last column of the required zone name.

   The **Clone or Copy Zoneset** window shows two options.

   Choose the appropriate radio button. You can choose one of the following:

   - **Copy**: Creates a new zoneset that consists copies of the zones in the initial zoneset.
     - You can prepend or append a string to identify the copied zoneset. Enter a valid string in the **Tag** field, and choose the **Prepend names** or **Append names** radio button.
     - **Clone**: To create a new zoneset with a new name consisting of the same zones as the source zoneset.

       In the **Name** field, enter a valid name for the new zoneset.

   - Click **Copy zoneset** to clone or copy the zoneset.

     The cloned or the copied zoneset appears in the **Zoneset** area.

4. To delete the zoneset, choose the zoneset radio button next to **Zoneset Name** column and choose **Actions > Delete Zoneset**.

   A confirmation window appears. Click **Yes** to delete the zoneset.

5. To edit the zone name, choose the zone radio button next to the **Zoneset Name** column and choose **Actions> > Edit zones & members** or click **ellipse** icon in last column on required zone name.

   The **Zoneset** page for the selected fabric is displayed.

   Choose check box next to **Zone Name** column, choose **Actions > Rename zone**.

   Enter the new name for the zoneset. Click **Rename**.

6. To deactivate a zoneset, choose the zoneset radio button next to the **Zoneset Name** column and click **Actions > Deactivate**.

   A confirmation window appears. Click **Yes** to deactivate the zoneset.

7. To activate a zoneset, choose radio button next to the **Zoneset Name** column and click **Activate**.

   The **Zoneset Differences** window shows the changes made to the zoneset since it was activated previously. Click **Activate**.

Zones

UI Path: **Zoning**. Select a zone member, a slide-in panel appears. Click on **Launch** icon to view **Zones** window.

Based on the Zoneset that is selected, the zones that are configured under that zoneset are displayed in the **Zones** area. To view Zones tab, click on a radio button for a zoneset, choose **Actions > Edit zones & members**. A **Zoneset** window is displayed. It also displays true or false only when the VSAN has smart zone that is enabled.

You can create, copy, delete, or clone, and rename the zones. It also displays true or false only when the VSAN has smart zone that is enabled. Furthermore, the zones can be added to or removed from the selected Zoneset. You can also enable or disable the smart zone on the zone table.

The Zones area has the following fields and their descriptions.

Field	Description
Filter by Attribute	You can search by specifying the required zone name or zoneset and members.
Add to zoneset	You can select zone name and click **Add to zoneset.**
Refresh	Click **Refresh** icon to refresh table.

Field	Description
Zone Name	Displays the name of the zone. You can search by specifying the zone name. From Release 12.1.2e, you can click **Topology** icon next to the Zone name to view **Zone Topology**. The topology is displayed in **Hierarchical Left-Right** layout by default.In the topology view, hover on the nodes to see tool tip. Click on switch to view the switch summary. Click **Launch** icon to view Switch Overview. > **i** You cannot save any changes made to topology layout from this screen. Select the zone name to view the members of the zoneset. From Release 12.1.2e, the Status column displays if the zone member is online or offline.
In Zoneset	Specifies whether a zone is part of a zoneset. Displays **true** if the zone is part of a zoneset. Otherwise, displays **false**. You can search by choosing true or false from the **In Zoneset** drop-down list.
Members	Specifies the zone members of the zone. You can search by specifying the member.

Procedure

1. To create zones, choose **Zoning**.

2. In the **Zonesets** area, choose required Zoneset Name.

   A slide-in panel is displayed.

   a. Click **Edit Zoning** or **launch** icon to view Zoneset window.

   By default, Zones tab is displayed.

3. To create a zone, choose **Actions > Create new zone**.

   a. In the **Create new zone**, enter a valid name for the Zone, and click **Create**.

   b. Click **Create new zone**.

   c. Choose select box next to **Smart Zoning**, to enable smart zoning for new zone.

   A zone is created and is listed in the **Zones** area.

4. To enable a smart zone, choose required check box next to **Zone Name**, choose **Actions > Enable smart zoning**.

    You can view smart zone column only if smart zoning is enabled for VSAN.

5. To disable a smart zone, choose required check box next to **Zone Name**, choose **Actions > Disable smart zoning**.

6. To Clone Zones, choose **Configure > SAN > Zoning > Zones**, select the **Zone** radio button and click **Clone Zone** icon.

    The **Clone Zone** window is displayed.

    a. In the Name field, enter a valid name for the new zoneset.

    b. Click **Clone** to clone the zone.

       The cloned zones appear in the **Zones** area.

7. To rename a zone from a zoneset, choose required check box next to **Zone Name**, choose **Actions > Rename zone**.

    In the **Name** field, enter the new name for the zone, and click **Rename**.

8. To remove a zone from a zoneset, choose required check box next to **Zone Name**, choose **Actions > Remove from zoneset**.

    The zone is removed from the selected Zoneset. A green tick mark disappears next to the Zone name to indicate that the zone is removed from the zoneset.

9. To delete a zone from a zoneset, choose required check box next to **Zone Name**, choose **Actions > Delete zone(s)**.

    You can select single or multiple zones to delete at an instant.

> ⓘ You cannot delete a zone that is a member of the selected zoneset. Remove the zone from the zoneset to delete it.

FC Aliases

Navigation Path: **Virtual Management > > Zoning > Zone Sets > Members**

From SAN Controller Release 12.0.1a, FC Aliases feature is supported for regular zones. It is used to associate with one or more pWWNs to a required name. When you add a zone member, you can add FC Alias or delete existing FC Alias. FC Aliases tab displays below fields:

- FC Alias – Specifies the name of FC Alias.
- Member – Specifies members associated with FC Alias.

To do FCAliases operations, perform the following steps:

1. Choose **Virtual Management > Regular Zones**, click required Zoneset Name.

    A slide-in panel window appears.

2. Click **Edit Zoning** or **Launch** icon to view **Zoneset** page.

   The Zoneset window is displayed.

3. Click **FC Aliases** tab to view the FC Aliases area.

4. To create a new FC alias, choose **Actions > Create new FC Alias**.

   The **Create new FC Alias** window is displayed.

   a. Enter a valid name in a text field and click **Create FC Alias**.

      An FC alias is created and is listed in the FC Aliases area.

5. To delete a new FC alias, select required check box next to the **FC Alias** column, choose **Actions > Delete FC Alias**.

Members

UI Path: **Virtual Management > Zoning > Zone Sets > Members**

Based on the selected zoneset and zone, the **Members** area displays the zone members and their status. Enter required field name in **Filter by attributes** text field to view member details.

The Members area has the following fields and their descriptions.

Field	Description
Zone/FC Alias	Displays the name of the zone member. You can search by specifying the zone name.
Member	Displays the member name for the zone.
Switch	Specifies the switch that the zone member is linked. You can search by specifying the switch.
Interface	Specifies the interface that the zone member is attached to. You can search by specifying the interface.
Status	Specifies the status of zone.
Zoned By	Displays the type of zoning. You can search by type of zoning such as WWN, FCID, FC Alias, or iSCSI, FWWN, Device Alias, IP Subnet and many more.
FCID	Specifies the FCID associated with the zone member. You can search by specifying the FCID associated with the zone member.
pWWN	Specifies the pWWN of the switch. You can search by specifying the WWN of the switch.

You can add or remove members from the zoneset. Furthermore, you can also add existing members and add existing FC Alias to members.

From SAN Controller Web UI, choose **Virtual Management > Zoning > Zoneset > Members** to view Members area on **Zoneset** window.

Select a zoneset and zones to view the list of zone members.

1. To create new member, In **Members** area, choose **Actions > Create new member**.

   In the **Create and Add a new Member** window, choose radio button of the appropriate zone.

   Enter a valid name in text field and click **Create Member**.

   Based on Zone by radio button section, the new name is only for the selected zone by and not for all the zone. For example, when you choose WWN zone by, the name in the text field is for WWN zone. Similarly, when you choose **Domain & Port zone** by, the Domain ID number and Switch Interface name.

   The Create new Member allows you to add a member to a zone that does not exist in the fabric, currently. This feature can be utilized when the device discovery did not discover all the devices. With the Available to add feature, you can add a discovered device to the zone.

2. To remove a zone member, choose check box next to **Parent** column and then click **Actions > Remove Member from zone(s)**

   You can select multiple zones in an instance to remove.

3. To add existing member, choose **Actions > Add existing members**.

   The **Add existing members** window is displayed.

   This window has the following fields and their descriptions.

Field	Description
Zone By	The **Zone by** feature determines if the device must be added to the zone using the device WWN or device alias. If you choose **Zone By: End Ports**, the devices are added to the zones by WWN.
	Similarly, for Device Alias and FC Alias the devices are added to the zones by Device Alias and FC Alias respectively. Based on the zone by you choose, the devices are displayed.
Member Name	Displays the name of the zone. You can search by specifying the zone name.
Type	Specifies the switch is storage or host.
Switch	Specifies the switch that the zone member is linked. You can search by specifying the switch.
Interface	Specifies the interface that the zone member is attached to. You can search by specifying the interface.

Field	Description
pWWN	Specifies the pWWN of the switch. You can search by specifying the pWWN of the switch.
VSAN	Specifies the VSAN the zone member is in.

4. Select the appropriate **Zone by** option and select required **Member Name**.

5. Click **Add members**.

> You can select more than one zone. A dialog appears that shows a list of all the zones that are currently selected on the zone table.

Active Zones

The following sections provide information on Active Zones.

Regular Zones

You can view all the Regular Zones that are configured on SAN Controller. Choose **SAN > Active Zones > Regular Zones** tab. The following table describes the fields that appear on this screen.

Field	Description
Group	Specifies the name of the fabric.
VSANS	Specifies the number of VSANS configured on this Zone.
Zone Sets	Specifies the name of zone set to which the zone belongs.
Zone	Displays the zone under which this member is present. From Release 12.1.2e, you can click **Topology** icon next to the Zone name to view **Zone Topology**. The topology is displayed in **Hierarchical Left-Right** layout by default. In the topology view, hover on the nodes to see tool tip. Click on switch to view the switch summary. Click **Launch** icon to view Switch Overview. ℹ️ You cannot save any changes made to topology layout from this screen.
Switch Interface/WWN	Specifies the switch interface or WWN of the switch that the zone member is attached to.
PWWN	Specifies the associated pWWN to the switch.
Member Name	Displays the name of the zone member.
Zoned By	Displays the type of zoning. You can search by type of zoning such as WWN, FCID, fcAlias, or iSCSI.

IVR Zones

IVR ZonesYou can view all the IVR Zones configured on SAN Controller. Choose **SAN > Active Zones > IVR Zones** tab. The following table describes the fields that appear on this screen.

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Field	Description
Group	Specifies the fabric name.
VSANS	Specifies the number of VSANS configured on this Zone.
Zone Sets	Specifies the name of Zone set to which the zone belongs.
Zone	Displays the zone under which this member is present.
Switch Interface/WWN	Specifies the switch interface or WWN of the switch that the zone member is attached to.
PWWN	Specifies the associated pWWN to the switch.
Member Name	Displays the name of the zone member.
Zoned By	Displays the type of zoning. You can search by type of zoning such as WWN, FCID, fcAlias, or iSCSI.

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