Technical Guide

Nozomi plugin for Vista Manager EX

User Guide

Introduction

Vista Manager EX™ is a graphical network monitoring and management tool for Allied Telesis Autonomous Management Framework™ (AMF) networks. Vista Manager EX automatically creates a complete topology map from an AMF network of switches, firewalls and wireless access points (APs). Vista Manager EX facilitates simple management of many, or all, network devices from a dashboard that gives you a central overview of your network. From the dashboard you can monitor up-to-date network status, and take action to resolve any network problems.

The Nozomi plugin lets you discover and classify devices on your network. If you run an AMF network with AMF Device Discovery enabled, you can use Nozomi to add more information about devices into Vista Manager.

After you register the plugin, Vista Manager will poll for devices and discover them using the plugin. The devices will then be displayed on the Network Map and Asset Management pages, and you can change any desired custom details. When you remove or unregister the Nozomi plugin, the devices discovered by Nozomi will be removed from the map.

Related documents

For more information, see:

- The Vista Manager web page.
- The Vista Manager Network Appliance (VST-APL) Technical Documents—for information about how to install and use the VST-APL and the applications supported on it.

- Vista Manager Virtual (VST-VRT) Technical Documents—for information about how to deploy and use the VST-APL and the applications supported on it.
- The Vista Manager EX Technical Documents—for information about how to install Vista Manager EX as Windows software on Windows Server 2012 R2 Hyper-V or VMware vSphere Hypervisor (ESXi) 6.0, 6.5, 6.7, 7.0, and 8.0. This page also shows how to use Vista Manager EX and its optional features.

The following documents give more information about AMF and AMF Plus:

- AMF Plus and AMF Feature Overview and Configuration Guide
- AMF Feature Overview and Configuration Guide (for earlier software versions)
- AMF Introduction and videos

These documents are available from the links above or on our website at alliedtelesis.com

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Install Nozomi Guardian

A virtual version of the Nozomi Guardian sensor is required to collect information for Vista Manager. This sensor is installed on a virtual device in your network, and then configured to communicate with the Nozomi plugin in Vista Manager.

For more details on how to install and configure Nozomi Guardian, refer to the **Installing on a Virtual Machine (VM)** section of the Nozomi Guardian user manual on the Nozomi Customer Support Portal.

Generate Nozomi Guardian key and token

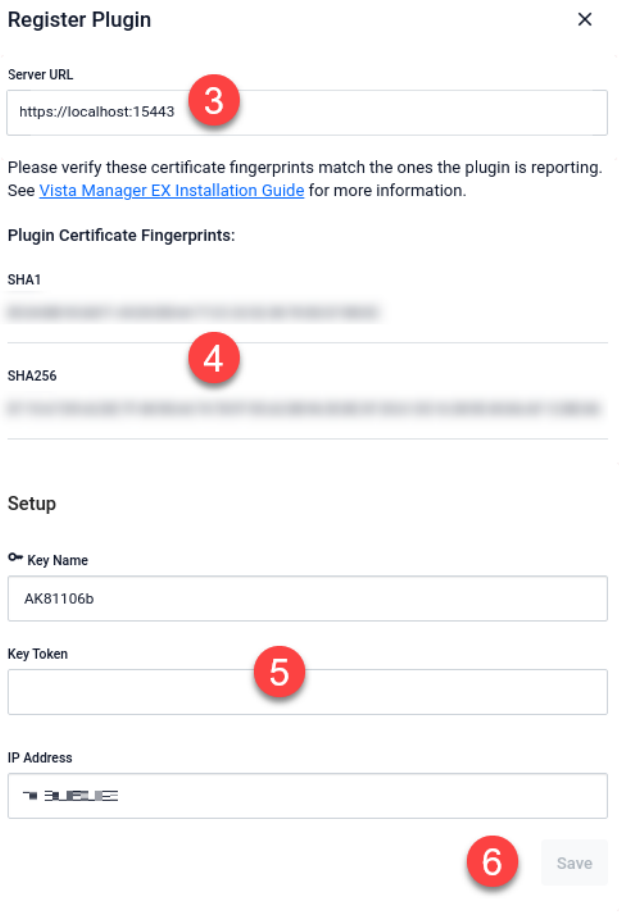
Nozomi Guardian uses OpenAPI keys to authenticate users. Using your OpenAPI key, you can generate a key token. This key token is used to create a secure connection between the Vista Manager and the Nozomi Guardian sensor. This key token is used in the “Register the Nozomi plugin with Vista Manager” section.

For more details on how to generate your key and token, refer to the **OpenAPI keys** section of the Nozomi Guardian user manual on the Nozomi Customer Support Portal.

Register the Nozomi plugin with Vista Manager

Once the Nozomi Guardian configuration is complete, you need to register the Nozomi plugin in Vista Manager. This will allow Vista Manager and the Nozomi Guardian sensor to communicate.

1. In Vista Manager, navigate to **System Management > Plugins**.
2. Click on the **+Add Plugin** button.



3. In the **Server URL** field, enter “https://localhost:15443”.
4. When the Plugin Certificate Fingerprints are shown, verify that they are correct. Once you have verified them, click on the **Confirm Fingerprints** button.
5. On the **Setup** form, enter the following information:

- **Key Name**: The name of the Nozomi OpenAPI key you have generated.
- **Key Token**: The token of the Nozomi OpenAPI key.
- **IP Address**: The IP address of your Nozomi Guardian installation.

6. Click on the **Save** button.

Nozomi Guardian traffic monitoring and smart polling

The Nozomi Guardian sensor is able to discover nodes by monitoring network traffic. Once running, it passively observes local network traffic to provide details about network devices.

In addition, you can configure **smart polling** for active asset discovery. This can provide additional information about connected devices, including operating system, firmware, and patch status.

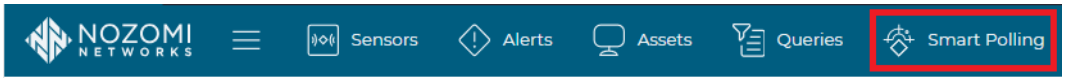
Nozomi Guardian offers a number of different smart polling methods. Below are examples of how to configure two of them for your network.

For more details on other smart polling methods and configuration, refer to the **Smart Polling** section of the Nozomi Guardian user manual on the Nozomi Customer Support Portal.

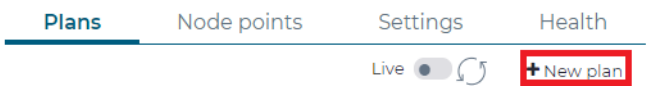
Configure the SSH smart polling plan

The SSH polling plan extracts information using the SSH service. This lets you gather additional information about Linux devices.

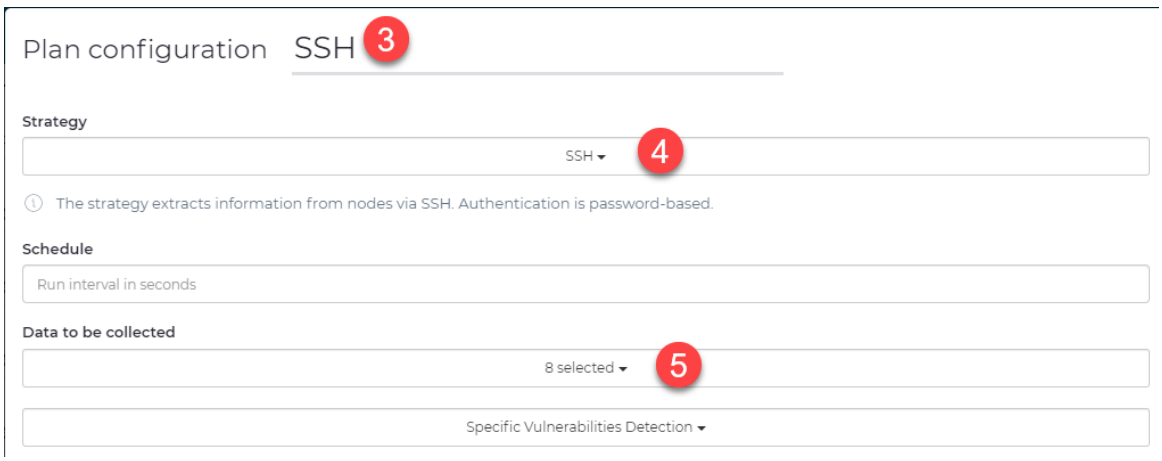
1. On the Nozomi Guardian main page, click on the **Smart Polling** tab.



2. On the **Smart Polling** page, click on **+New plan**.



3. On the **Plan configuration** page, enter a name for the new plan (SSH is a good identifier).
4. From the **Strategy** dropdown, select **SSH**.
5. From the **Data to be collected** dropdown, select **All**.



6. Click on the **Create identity** button.

7. In the **Add identity** dialog, enter the following information:

- **Name**: A name for the identity you are creating.
- **Username** and **Password**: The credentials used for the SSH connection.
- **Add node ID / subnet**: A list of the devices and subnets that Nozomi Guardian will attempt to create an SSH connection to.

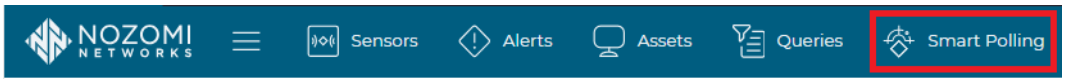
8. Click on the **Save** button to save the new identity.

9. Click on the **New plan** button to save the new plan.

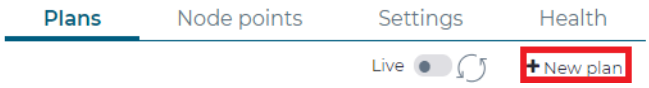
Configure the WinRM smart polling plan

The WinRM smart polling plan extracts information using the WinRM service. This lets you gather information from devices running Windows Server 2016 and later, or Windows 10 and later, where WinRM has been enabled.

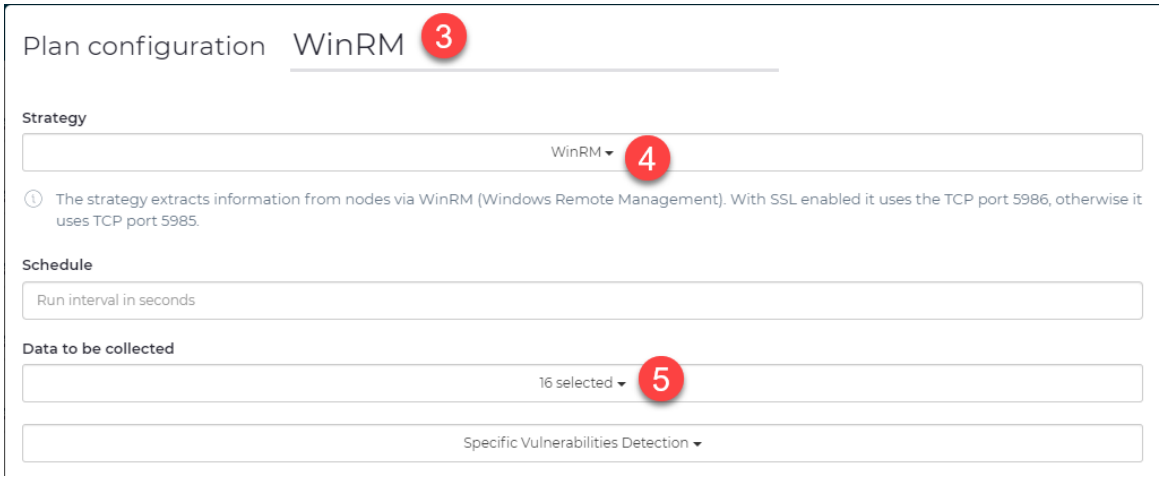
1. On the Nozomi Guardian main page, click on the **Smart Polling** tab.



2. On the **Smart Polling** page, click on **+New plan**.



3. On the **Plan configuration** page, enter a name for the new plan (WinRM is a good identifier).
4. From the **Strategy** dropdown, select **WinRM**.
5. From the **Data to be collected** dropdown, select **All**.

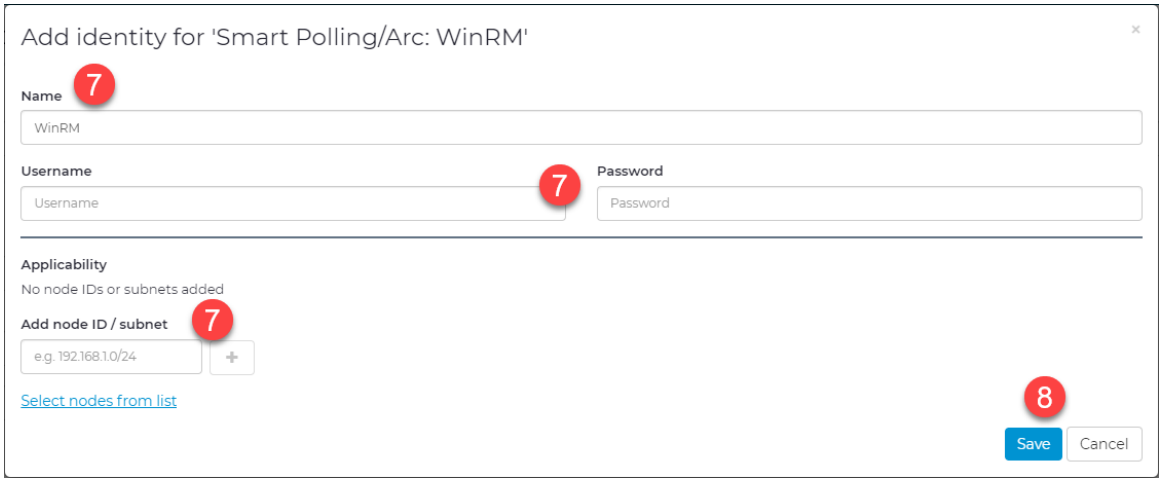


6. Click on the **Create identity** button.

7. In the **Add identity** dialog, enter the following information:

- **Name**: A name for the identity you are creating.
- **Username** and **Password**: The credentials used for the WinRM connection.
- **Add node ID / subnet**: A list of the devices and subnets that Nozomi Guardian will attempt to create an WinRM connection to.

8. Click on the **Save** button to save the new identity.



9. Click on the **New plan** button to save the new plan.

Using the Nozomi plugin

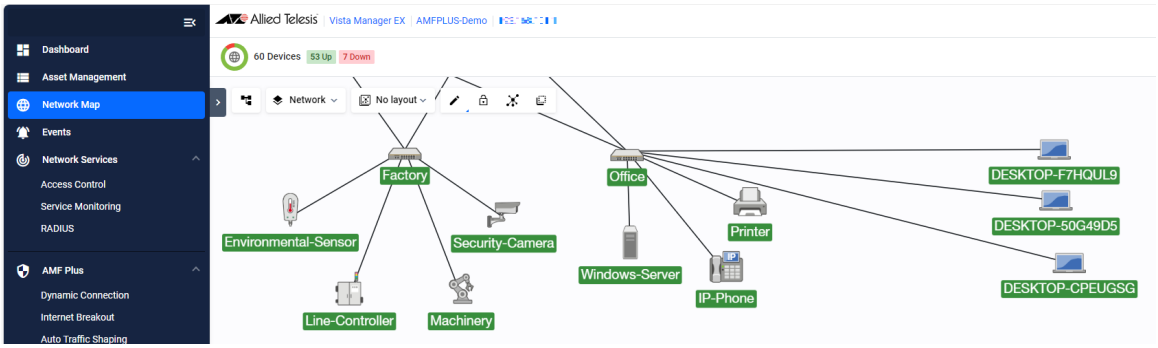
Once you have installed and configured the Nozomi Guardian sensor, it will begin polling your network for information. It may take up to ten minutes for polling to begin.

Once you have registered the Nozomi plugin in Vista Manager, Vista Manager begins polling the Nozomi Guardian sensor. Polling information in Vista Manager is refreshed every five minutes.

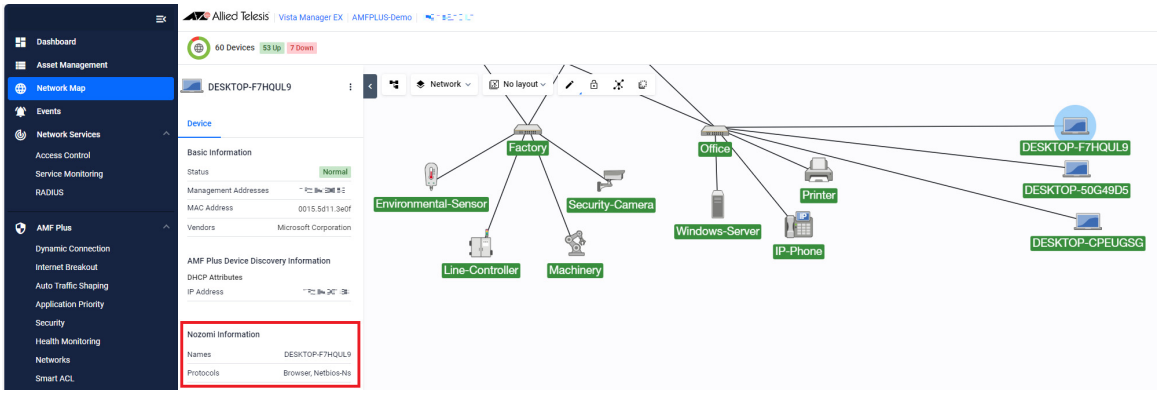
Vista Manager Network Map

You can view detected devices on the **Network Map** screen. Nozomi will discover and classify these devices, and assign them an appropriate icon.

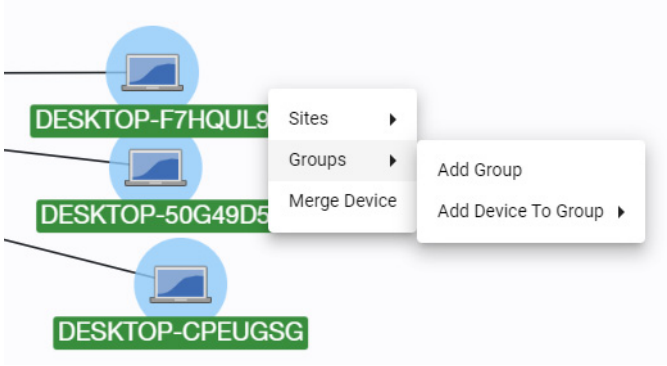
Note: Once a device has been discovered by Nozomi, it will remain on the network map until manually removed. While they are shown on the network map, they will be shown with a green status, regardless of the actual current state.
If the device is no longer present, you can remove it from the node details side panel or the Asset Management screen.



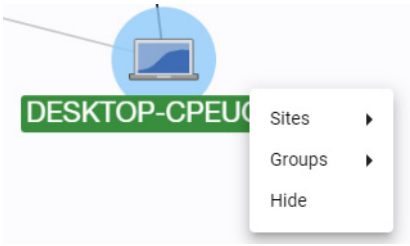
If you click on a device, you can see the information gathered by Nozomi in the side panel.



You can select multiple devices and create a group for them. Select the devices, right click, and select **Groups > Add Group**.

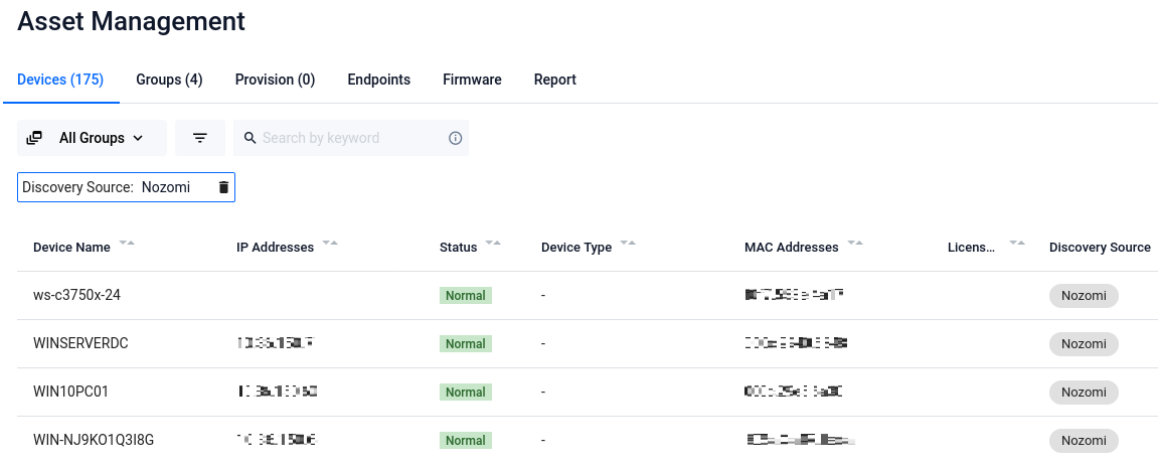


You can also hide discovered devices from the map. From the **Select Map Layer** drop-down, select **Edit**. Right click on the device you want to hide, and select **Hide**.

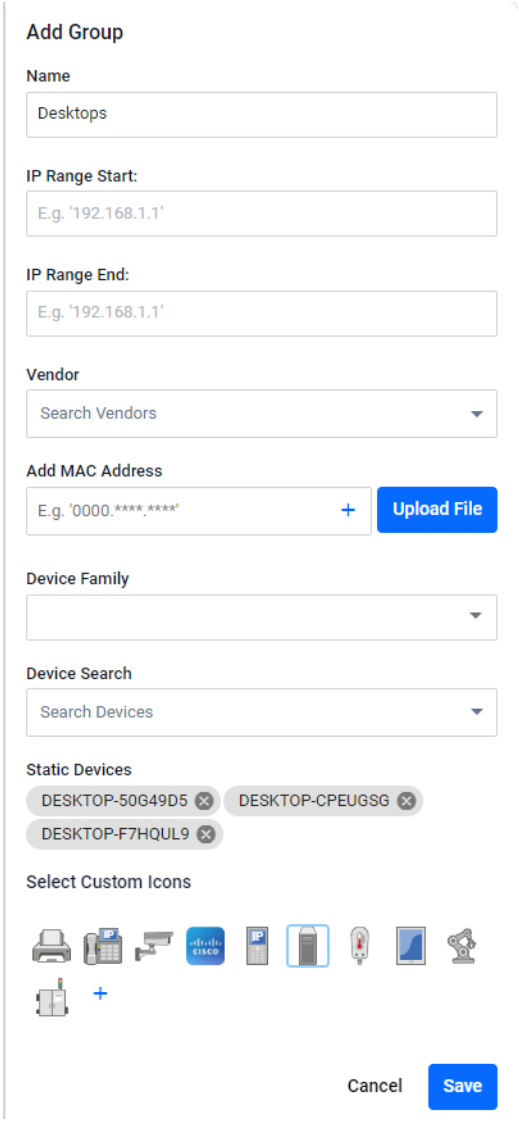


Vista Manager Asset Management

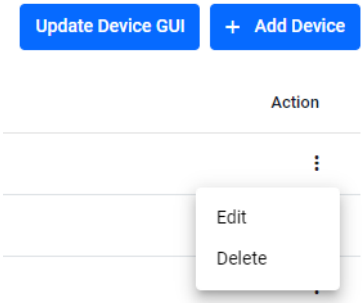
You can manage discovered devices from the **Asset Management** screen. In the **Devices** tab, you can see devices discovered by Nozomi.



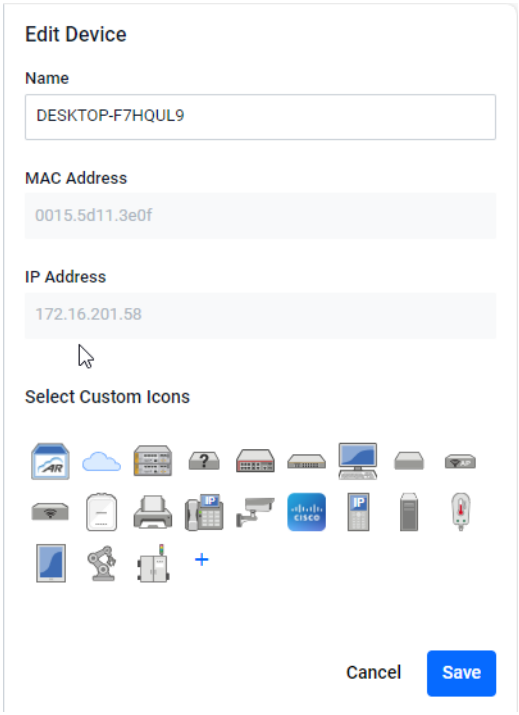
You can also create groups for the discovered devices. Click on the **Groups** tab, and then click **+Add Group**. You can then add devices to the group, as well as specify a group name. If you want to change the icons for the devices in the group, you can select a custom icon for them. When you have finished, click the **Save** button to create the group.



You can also change the icons for the discovered devices. From the **Devices** tab, click on the ellipsis for the device, and select **Edit**.



You can then change the custom icon for the device.

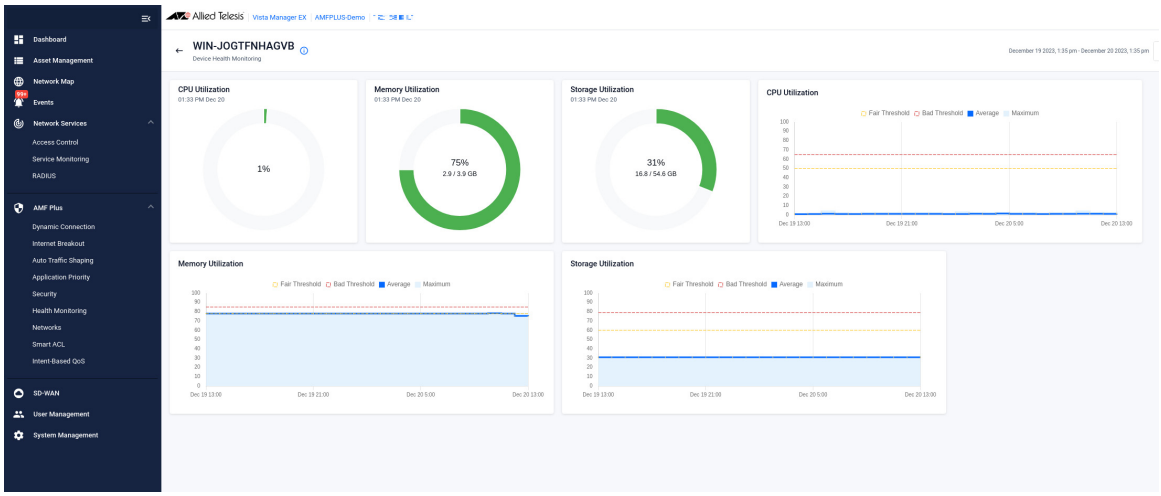


You can also change all the icons for a group in the same way. From the **Groups** tab, click on the ellipsis for the group, and select **Edit**. You can then change the custom icons for the devices in the group.

Vista Manager Health Monitoring

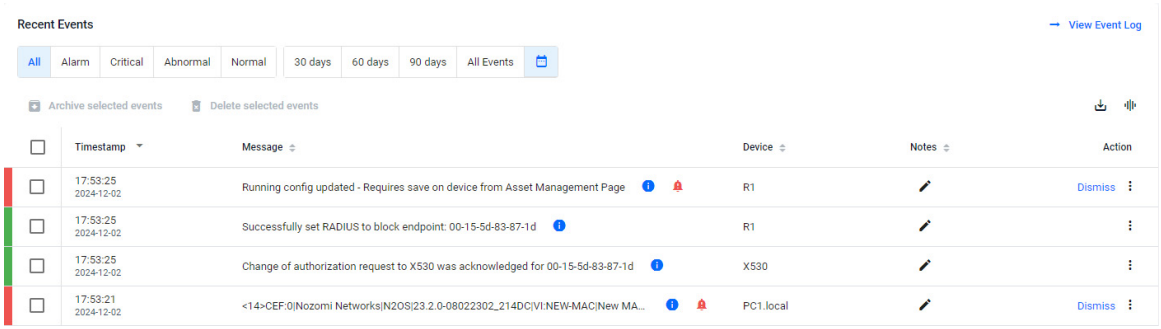
Nozomi can also provide health monitoring information. This information is gathered from these devices by Nozomi smart polling.

In Vista Manager, select **Health Monitoring**. When you click on a device discovered by Nozomi, you will be able to view information including CPU usage, memory usage, and disk usage.

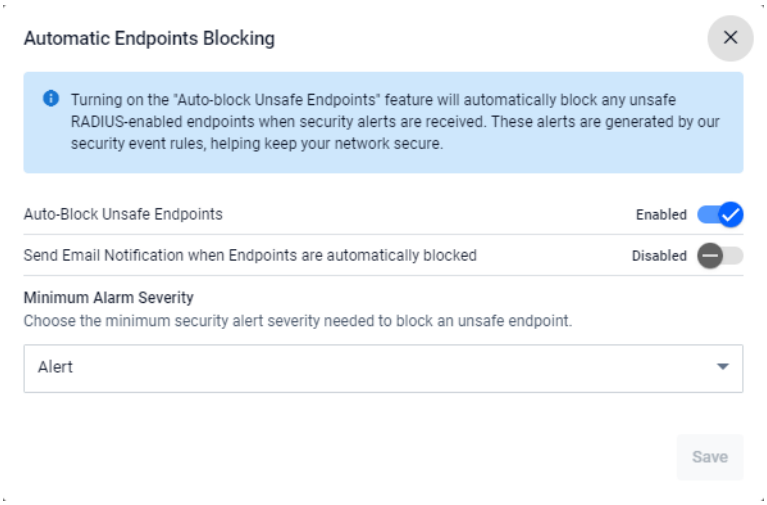


Nozomi alerts and device blocking

From Vista Manager 3.13.1, you can view Nozomi alerts in the Vista Manager event logs.



In addition, you can configure Vista Manager to automatically block devices discovered by Nozomi based on security severity levels. Once automatic blocking is enabled, you can choose the severity level that triggers the automatic blocking. You can also configure an email notification when an endpoint has been blocked.

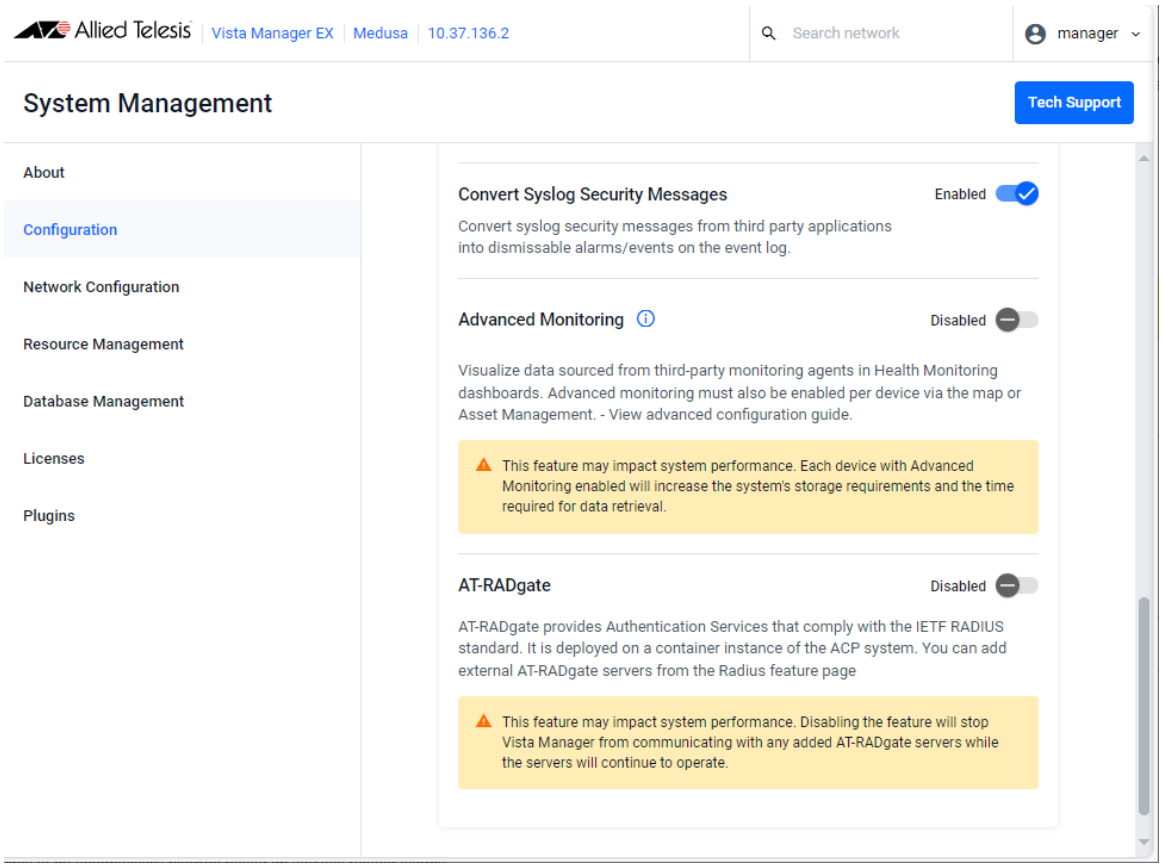


There are four types of Nozomi alerts:

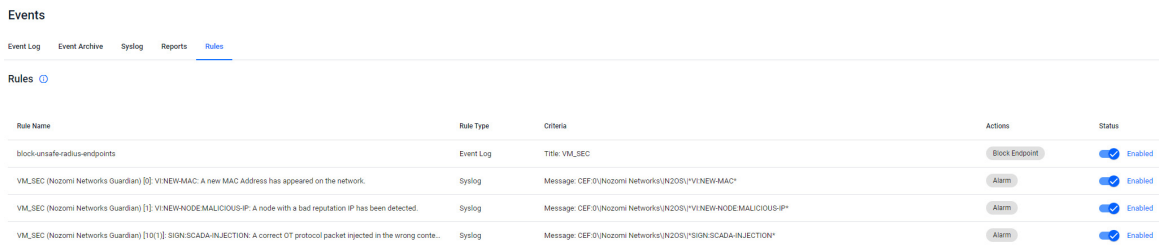
- **Protocol validations** - This alert detects undesired protocol behaviour. For example, process time issue and DHCP operation.
- **Virtual image** - This alert detects deviations from expected network behaviours. For example, variable flow anomaly and new ARP.
- **Built-in checks** - This alert detects specific signatures known to ICS threats provided by Threat Intelligence.
- **Custom checks** - This alert detects check set in place by the user. For example, not allowed variable quality and critical state on.

Note: This functionality requires that both the Nozomi plug-in and RADIUS are configured and running.

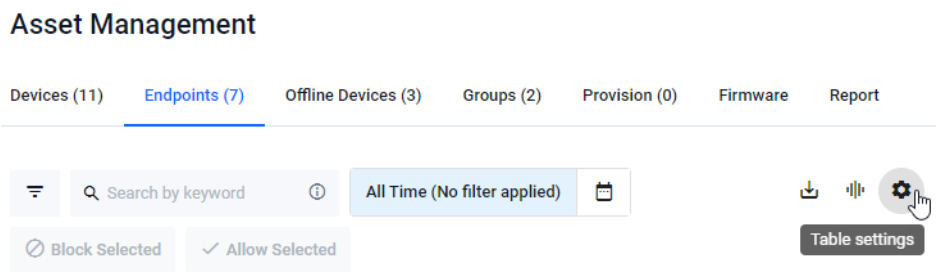
To enable this feature, in the **System Management > Configuration** screen, set the **Convert Syslog Security Messages** tick button to **Enabled**.



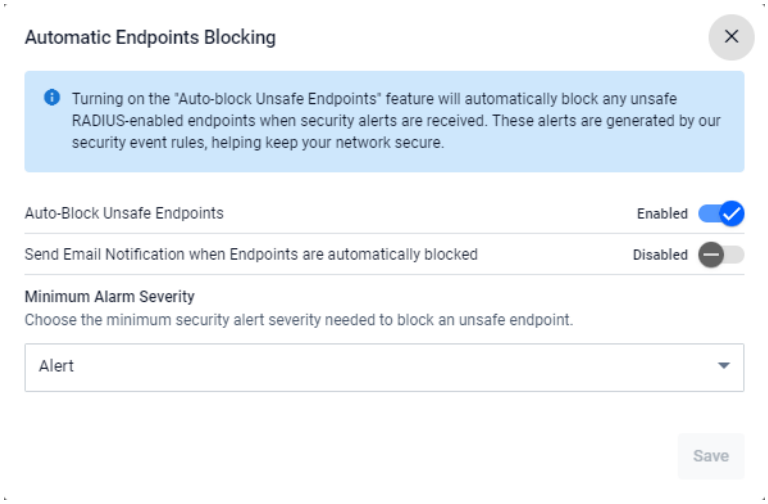
Once you have enabled this feature, a number of rules will be added on the **Events > Rules** screen. You can enable or disable individual rules on this screen. By default, they are all **Enabled**.



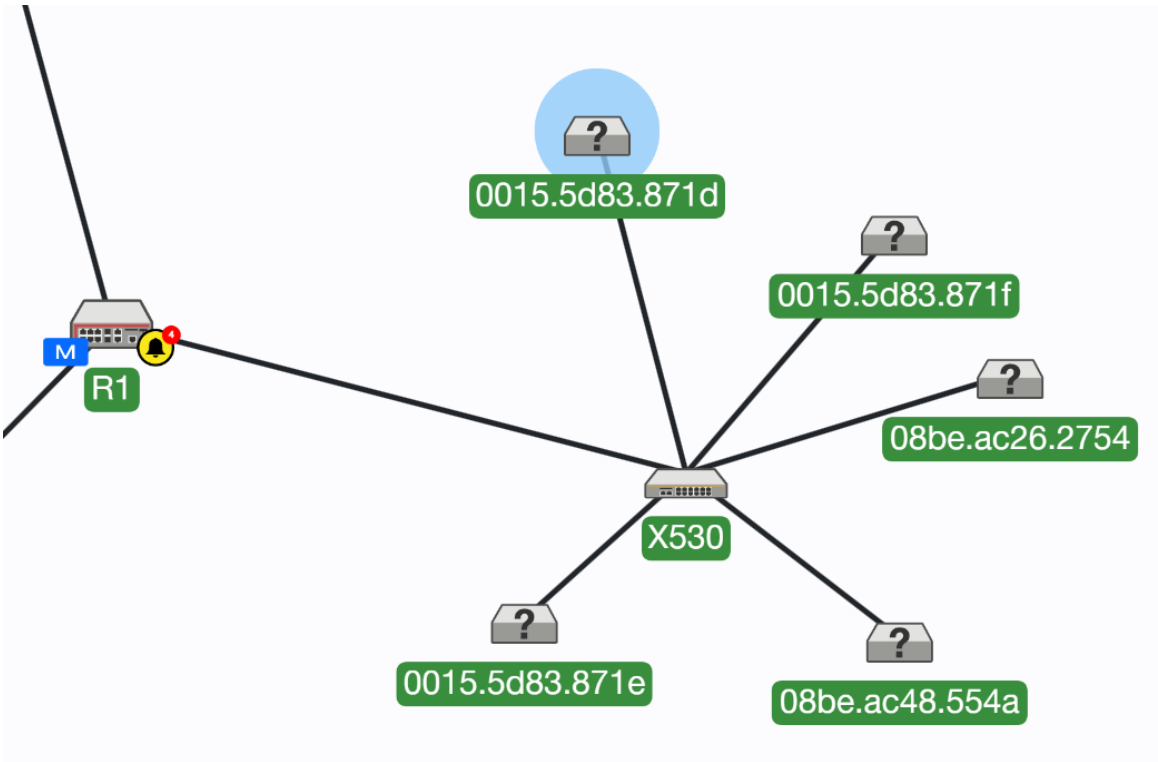
Once enabled, you can configure automatic blocking by going to the **Asset Management > Endpoints** screen and clicking on the **Table settings** button.



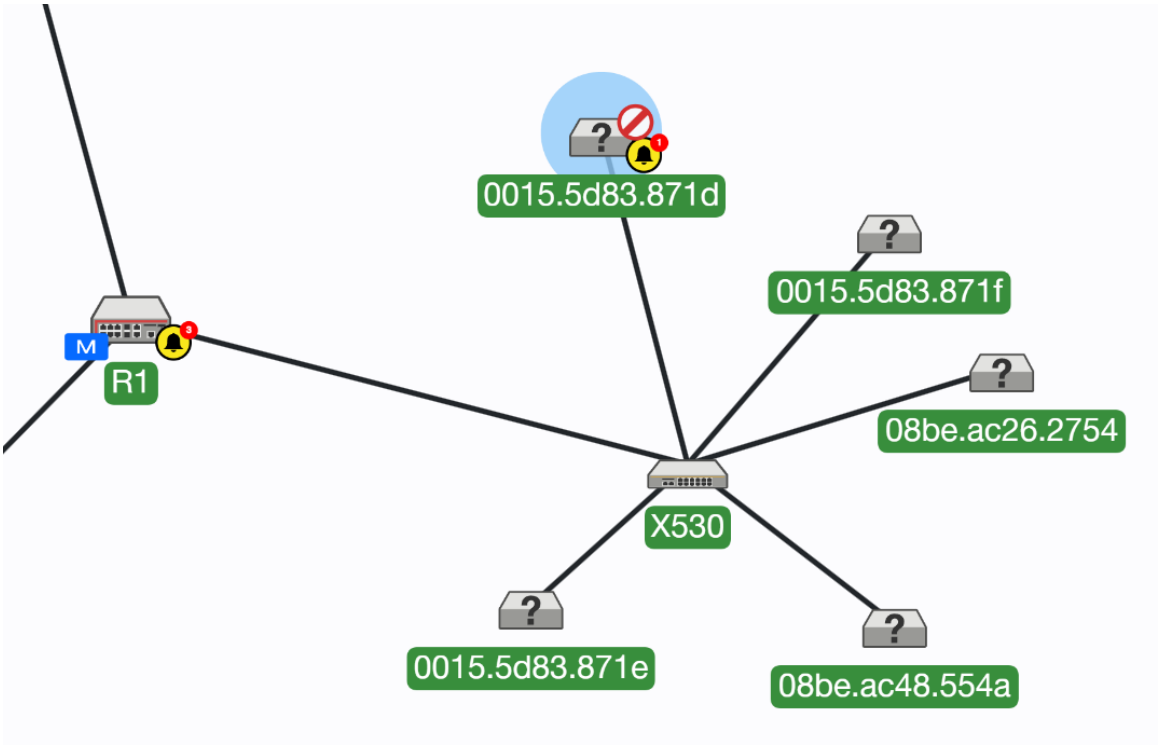
From this window, you can turn automatic blocking on or off, as well as the minimum severity level to trigger blocking. You can also configure whether to send an email when an endpoint has been blocked.



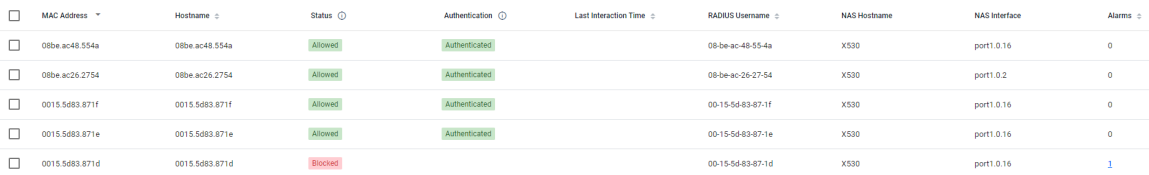
In the image below, we can see a number of endpoints connected to a device in the Network Map.



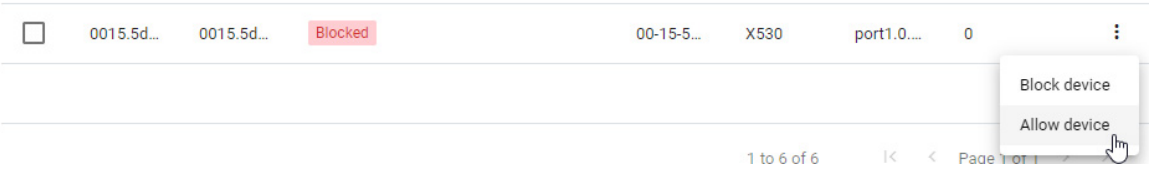
When an event is detected by Nozomi, following the configured rules, it automatically blocks the device and generates an alert.



You can also see that the device has been blocked in the Asset Management screen.



You can choose to allow a device to rejoin the network from the Asset Management screen by selecting **Allow device**.



Removing the Nozomi plugin

If you want to remove all the devices and information discovered by Nozomi, you can unregister the plugin. Go to the **System Management** screen, and click on the **Plugins** tab. Select **Nozomi** and click on **Delete Plug-in** to unregister it.