



# NerveCenter 8.3 Release Notes

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## NerveCenter 8.3 Release Notes

LogMatrix NerveCenter™ is a proactive event correlation application that intelligently filters network events, automates corrective actions and forwards important events to your network management platforms.

**Upgrades:** An existing site can move directly to NerveCenter 8.3 from any NerveCenter 4.1, 5.x, 6.x, 7.x or 8.x release, patch, or hotfix. NerveCenter version 8.3 is not compatible with releases prior to NC8.3 in that the NerveCenter 8.3 Server needs to interact with the matching NerveCenter 8.3+ Desktop toolset.

Please read **New Features** for information about the changes found in NerveCenter 8.3.

NerveCenter 8.3 [NC8.3] is a new release as of November, 2017.

To upgrade from versions prior to 4.1, contact LogMatrix. <[support@logmatrix.com](mailto:support@logmatrix.com)>

### Availability

The **NerveCenter 8.x Server** is provided as an installable software package consisting of the Server, services that provide a Web Interface, a library of sample NerveCenter Models, a Perl™ 5.24.0 runtime environment, the mibTool MIB Compiler and a set of standard MIB Modules, and network management platform integration components. This package is available for Linux® for the following platforms:

- ✿ Red Hat® Enterprise Linux® 7.3+ / x86-64
- ✿ CentOS® 7.3+ / x86-64
- ✿ Oracle Linux® 7.3+ / x86-64

The **NerveCenter 8.x Web Interface** is a means for accessing NerveCenter Server through common web browsers. NerveCenter 8.x Server installations include the components for hosting this service. The NerveCenter Web Interface is supported for the latest versions of Microsoft® Edge®, Mozilla® Firefox®, and Google® Chrome® web browsers.

The **NerveCenter 8.x Desktop** toolset is available for the Microsoft Windows® operating systems. The Desktop toolkit is not included within the NerveCenter Server product for Linux. It is available as an independent software package for the Windows operating system.

The NerveCenter 8.x Desktop toolkit is provided as an installable software package consisting of the NerveCenter Client and Administrator applications and the NerveCenter Command-Line Utility. The package is available for Windows platforms:

- ✿ Microsoft Windows 7, 8.1 and 10 / x64

**Table 1 NC8.x Component Availability**

|  | <i>NerveCenter<br/>Desktop<br/>Package</i>  | <i>NerveCenter<br/>Server<br/>Package</i>   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>NerveCenter Client app<br/>(ncclient.exe)</b>   |    |   |
| <b>NerveCenter Admin app<br/>(ncadmin.exe)</b>   |   |   |
| <b>NerveCenter Command<br/>(nccmd.exe)</b>   |  |  |
| <b>Mod-to-NCDB converter<br/>(mod2ncdb.exe)</b>  |  |   |
| <b>MIB Compiler and MIB<br/>module library</b>   |   |  |
| <b>NerveCenter Server<br/>(ncstart, ncstop, ncstatus)</b>                                |   |  |
| <b>NerveCenter Behavior<br/>Models library</b>   |   |  |
| <b>NerveCenter Samples<br/>library</b>   |   |  |
| <b>NerveCenter Utilities<br/>(trapgen, ncget, ncping,<br/>nclistener, ipsweep, etc.)</b> |   |  |



## Requirements

This section describes the hardware and software requirements to install NerveCenter 8.x.

### Software Requirements

This section describes the operating system and software requirements for NerveCenter 8.x.

#### Linux Requirements

Table 1: Linux Platform Requirements

| Linux Component  |   | NerveCenter Component        |
|------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Operating System | Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.3+ 64-bit (x86-64) | Required                     |
|                  | CentOS 7.3+, 64-bit (x86-64)                  |                              |
|                  | Oracle Linux 7.3+ 64-bit (x86-64)             |                              |
| IP Addressing    | IPv4 address and hostname                     | Required, Fixed              |
|                  | IPv6  | Optional                     |
| Java             | Java 6, 7, or 8                               | Optional (MIB Compiler only) |

NOTE: For customers updating from NerveCenter 6.0 and earlier, a rebuild of the precompiled MIB is needed to capture needed SNMP Trap information. All sites are required to compile their site specific MIBs using the NerveCenter MIB Compiler, mibTool. To use the mibTool, you must install Java™ Platform, Enterprise Edition 6 or higher. ( <http://www.java.com/> )

NOTE: LogMatrix has tested the mibTool application using the Java Runtime Environment published at <http://www.java.com/> .

## Windows Requirements

Table 3: Windows Platform Requirements

| Windows Component         |  | NerveCenter Component |
|---------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| <b>Operating System</b>   | Windows 10 (x64)<br>Windows 8.1 (x64)<br>Windows 7 Professional / Ultimate (x64)<br>Windows Server 2012 R2<br>Windows Server 2008 R2 | Required              |
| <b>PDF Reader</b>         | Adobe Acrobat Reader 7+  | Optional              |
| <b>Spreadsheet Editor</b> | Microsoft Excel®,<br>LibreOffice® Calc,<br>OpenOffice™ Calc  | Optional              |



## Hardware Suggested Minimums

The following tables list the suggested minimum computer hardware configuration for NerveCenter 8.x. These suggested minimums assume the machine is running the base operating system and the NerveCenter Server components only.

**Table 4: Recommended Hardware - NerveCenter Server without Additional Pollers**

|                   | Linux  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>CPU</b>        | Intel® Xeon® processor E3-1200 v6 product family<br>Intel Core i3® |
| <b>Memory</b>     | 4+ GB RAM  |
| <b>Disk Space</b> | 60 GB  |
| <b>Swap</b>       | 2 GB   |

**Table 5: Recommended Hardware - NerveCenter Server with One Poller Package**

|                   | Linux  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>CPU</b>        | Intel® Xeon® processor E3-1200 v6 product family<br>Intel Core i5® |
| <b>Memory</b>     | 8+ GB RAM  |
| <b>Disk Space</b> | 60 GB  |
| <b>Swap</b>       | 4 GB   |



## Installation

Installation instructions for NerveCenter can be found in the document [Installing NerveCenter](#), available as the file **install.pdf** in the root directory of the release media or of the download. Documentation is also available online at [docs.logmatrix.com](http://docs.logmatrix.com)

**Caution:** Before installing or upgrading NerveCenter, you should review the **New Features** section.

For other information about NerveCenter, see the documentation at [docs.logmatrix.com](http://docs.logmatrix.com).

## Upgrading to NerveCenter 8.3

The following steps are performed when upgrading.

Confirm that the target systems meet the platform requirements described in these Release Notes.

- \* Stop all NerveCenter applications and processes.  
See “Stopping NerveCenter Processes” in [Installing NerveCenter](#).
- \* Back up any files you want to save.  
See “Backing Up Your NerveCenter Database and Files” in [Installing NerveCenter](#).
- \* Migrate existing Node List file using the migration utility. See “Initial Data Migration” in [Installing NerveCenter](#).
- \* Upgrade or Uninstall NerveCenter.  
If you are upgrading the existing NerveCenter installation, see “Installing NerveCenter on UNIX” or “Installing NerveCenter on Windows” in [Installing NerveCenter](#).
- \* Setup the Message of the Day (MOTD) feature of the web interface by using the NerveCenter MOTD utility (`/opt/OSInc/bin/ncmotd`). See “Message Of The Day” in [Installing NerveCenter](#).



## Notices

### NerveCenter Licensing

NerveCenter Server installations invoke a licensing mechanism. You must obtain a license file for each NerveCenter Server installation. NerveCenter Server processes cannot be started without this file.

The NerveCenter Client and Administrator, the NerveCenter Command (command-line utility) and mibTool MIB Compiler do not require a license.

You will receive a hostname.dat file for each NerveCenter server you are licensing. This license file must be copied to `/opt/OSInc/conf/` (UNIX).

Contact your LogMatrix representative to obtain any required license files.

### NerveCenter and IPv6

NerveCenter supports networks with devices running the IPv6 protocol within the following guidelines.

- \* Monitored or traversed networks and devices must support the IPv6 protocol. If IPv6 devices reside on different network than the NerveCenter management node, the appropriate routers and gateways must support IPv6 routing.
- \* The SNMP Agents on your IPv6 devices may need to be configured to support all SNMP requests on IPv6.
- \* DNS, NIS, or other network services must be properly configured to use name resolution for IPv6 addresses.
- \* The host for each NerveCenter server must support IPv4 in addition to IPv6.

While NerveCenter supports monitoring IPv6 networks, the following limitations apply:

- \* The IPSweep alarm does not support IPv6.
- \* Communication between NerveCenter and IBM Tivoli Netcool/OMNIBUS does not support IPv6.

### NerveCenter 8.x Models

The models provided with NerveCenter are for demonstration use only, and are not intended for production.

### NerveCenter 8.x Issues/Features

The following tables show the issues resolved by NC8.x (by build number) and NC8.x.xx known issues.



Table 6: Issues resolved with NC8.x by build number

| NC8.x | Build # | Function | Date    | Description  |
|-------|---------|----------|---------|--|
| NC8.0 | Bld12   |          | 05/2017 | Release  |
| NC8.0 | Bld13   | INST     | 06/2017 | Installation issues resolved.  |
| NC8.0 | Bld14   | CMD      | 06/2017 | Checkboxes not working in NCClient <i>Node Defn</i> Dialogs<br>NCClient.exe filtering added to Node Defn <i>Hostname</i> field.<br>WebUI corrections for access and operation. |
| NC8.0 | Bld15   | GA       | 06/2017 | Windows Kit with corrections to NCClient.exe   |
| NC8.0 | Bld16   | GA       | 06/2017 | Linux Kit with accumulated corrections.  |
|       |         |          |         |  |
|       |         |          |         |  |
|       |         |          |         |  |
|       |         |          |         |  |

Table 7: NC8.x.xx Known Issues

| Issue   | Description  |
|---|--|
| <b>Use Defaults Settings</b>                                      | Setting “Use Defaults” in the web interface for a node’s ICMP polling defaults does not work.  |
| <b>Web Session Timeout</b>  | The web interface session timeout feature will not happen if other sessions continue to perform add/update/delete operations. These operations trigger notifications from NerveCenter Server causing the timeout window to be refreshed. |
| <b>NCServer crash</b>   | Frequent updates to a node SNMPv3 settings can crash the NerveCenter Server.   |
| <b>Node User-Attributes should not contain . or \$ characters</b> | In the Node Definition dialog, under the Attributes tag, do not define attributes that contain a “.” Or “\$” in their Attribute value. These characters cause no problem in the Value field.   |

## New Features

### NC8.0

The NerveCenter 8.0 release contains everything included in the NC6.x and NC7.x releases. NC8.0 adds the following additional functionality, relative to NC 7.0:

- \* An entirely new web-based interface allows access from desktop and hand-held device web browsers to the **Node List** of a running NerveCenter Server. The web interface permits viewing and manipulation of the NerveCenter Node List and the individual Node elements.
- \* A utility is included for migrating the Node List of a prior NerveCenter 5, 6 or 7 installation.
- \* An optional message of the day (MOTD) can be setup for usage with the web interface. A provided utility allows this feature to be enabled and configured.
- \* Nodes may contain a 'hostname' value in addition to their 'name' attribute.
- \* Upgrade of the included Perl environment from 5.14.4 to 5.24.0
- \* All binary components for Linux and Windows are 64bit objects. This includes all applications, libraries and binaries as well as the Perl environment.

### NC8.2

The NerveCenter 8.2 release provides the following functionality, relative to NC 8.0:

- \* A set of server health graphs, showing views of the NerveCenter Server performance and status.
- \* An expansion of the NerveCenter API, providing a rich set of access paths for finding and viewing the set of Alarm Model instances that are active within a NerveCenter Server.

### NC8.3

The NerveCenter 8.3 release provides the following functionality, relative to NC8.2:

- \* "ServeCenter" - A separate set of Alarm Models available from LogMatrix.
- \* Adds a "MIB Query" feature to the web interface. Through this feature, you can cause the connected NerveCenter system to poll a device using a node's SNMP configuration. Results are displayed in a dialog window. The "Export" feature of the result display allows you to download the output to a ".csv" spreadsheet file.
- \* Adds a "Ping" feature to the web interface. With "Ping", you can request the connected NerveCenter system to ping a node (ICMP "echo"/"echo reply") and display the result.



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### E-Email support

E-mail: [techsupport@logmatrix.com](mailto:techsupport@logmatrix.com).

### Online Access

For additional NerveCenter support information, please go the LogMatrix website [www.logmatrix.com](http://www.logmatrix.com) for access to the following sections of information.

- \* Software Alerts – latest software alerts relative to NerveCenter.
- \* User Community Access

You can seek as well as share advice and tips with other NerveCenter users at

- \* <http://community.logmatrix.com/LogMatrix/> .

### Contact [Support@logmatrix.com](mailto:Support@logmatrix.com) for:

- \* Patches and Updates – latest installation files, patches and updates including documentation for NerveCenter.



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