

# Working with flex grids

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Flexible grids (or flex grids) provide a way to create versatile reporting summaries of user-specified metrics across devices, groups, and applications. Flex grids facilitate reporting across remote sites, multiple applications, and tiers of a single application.

 **Important:** Flex grids are deprecated and will be removed in a future release. We recommend that you build a dashboard with a table widget to display your metrics. Learn more in the [Migrate flex grids to a table widget](#) section.

The following information shows you how to create, delete, and work with flex grids.

## Create a flex grid

1. Click the System Settings icon  in the top toolbar.
2. Click **Flex Grids**.
3. On the Flex Grids page, click **New**.
4. In the Configure Flex Grid window, in the **Name** field, type a name for the flex grid.
5. Select the **Object Type**.
6. Click the **Add** button to add a metric to be analyzed.
7. In the Select Metric window, select the metrics you want to add. The list is populated according to the selected object type.
8. Enter a description.
9. Click **OK**.

## Assign an object to a flex grid

1. Navigate to a page for an object that you want to assign to the grid.
2. In the side pane, click the name of the object.
3. Click the **Flex Grids** tab.
4. Click the **+** button next to **Flex Grids** to add a previously defined flex grid to this object.
5. In the Assign to Flex Grids window, select the checkbox next to one or more flex grids and click **OK**.

## Copy a flex grid

1. Click the System Settings icon  in the top toolbar.
2. Click **Flex Grids**.
3. On the Flex Grids page, select one or more flex grids from the list.
4. Click **Copy** to create another grid as a template for defining a new flex grid. The name of the copied grid is generated automatically by appending the word "(copy)" to the original name. This action copies metrics only, not devices, groups, or applications.

## Delete a flex grid

1. Click the System Settings icon  in the top toolbar.
2. Click **Flex Grids**.

3. On the Flex Grids page, select one or more flex grids from the list.
4. Click **Delete**.

## Add a metric to a flex grid

1. Click the System Settings icon  in the top toolbar.
2. Click **Flex Grids**.
3. On the Flex Grids page, click the name of a flex grid.
4. Click **Edit**.
5. In the Configure Flex Grid window, click the **Add** button.
6. In the Select Metric window, select the metric to add.  
The list is populated according to the selected object type.
7. Click **OK** to add the metric.
8. Click **OK** to save the changes and exit the Configure Flex Grid window.

## Remove a metrics from a flex grid

1. Click the System Settings icon  in the top toolbar.
2. Click **Flex Grids**.
3. On the Flex Grids page, click the name of a flex grid.
4. Click **Edit**.
5. In the Configure Flex Grid window, select the checkbox next to one or more metrics in the list.
6. Click **Remove**.
7. Click **OK** to save the changes and exit the Configure Flex Grid window.

## View flex grids

1. Click the System Settings icon  in the top toolbar.
2. Click **Flex Grids**.
3. On the Flex Grids page, click a grid in the list to view the capture details.  
The flex grid details page appears. The grid displays the service status for applicable detailed metrics in red, orange, yellow, or green based on the severity of configured alerts. If no alerts are configured for the specified metric, it has no service status.
4. Click a metric in the flex grid table to view a graph of the specific metric activities of that object over time.
5. Click the drop-down list and select **Availability** to view the information in a bar graph.
6. Click the chart to go to the object sub-page that contains the metric.