Installation of Cisco Business Dashboard Lite

Objective

The objective of this article is to show you how to install Cisco Business Dashboard (CBD) Lite application for Microsoft Windows. This article will also cover the steps to upgrade and uninstall CBD Lite.

Applicable Devices | Software Version

- Cisco Business Dashboard Lite | 2.8.0

Introduction

Cisco Business Dashboard Lite (CBD Lite) is a simplified version of Cisco Business Dashboard (CBD) that is installed as a Windows application. It automatically discovers your network and allows you to configure and monitor all supported devices. It also notifies you about the availability of firmware updates, and about any devices that are no longer under warranty or covered by a support contract.

Check out the **Cisco Business Dashboard Lite Device Support List** to learn more about the level of support offered by CBD Lite for the Cisco Business devices. Unsupported devices may be discovered; however, you will not be able to manage these devices

Prerequisites and System Requirements

- OS – Microsoft Windows (Windows 10 x64, Windows 11)
- Windows Server (2019, 2022)
- Any CPU/RAM specifications required by Windows
- Disk Space Requirements - 3GB
- Internet Access – Required for full functionality such as firmware updates, reporting
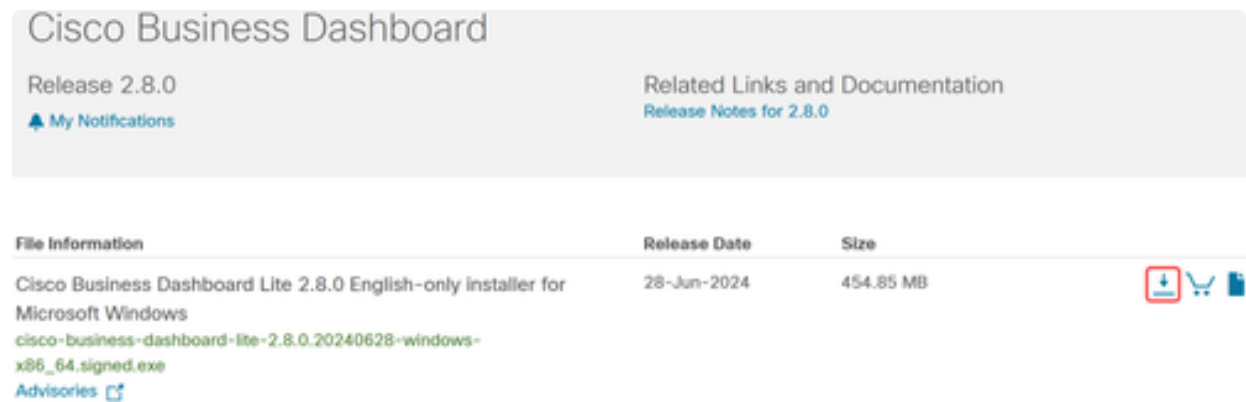
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Download the latest version of CBD lite from the **Cisco Software Download** page.

Step 2

Double-click on the downloaded file to begin the installation process.

Step 3

Click **Yes** to proceed.

User Account Control

Do you want to allow this app from an unknown publisher to make changes to your device?

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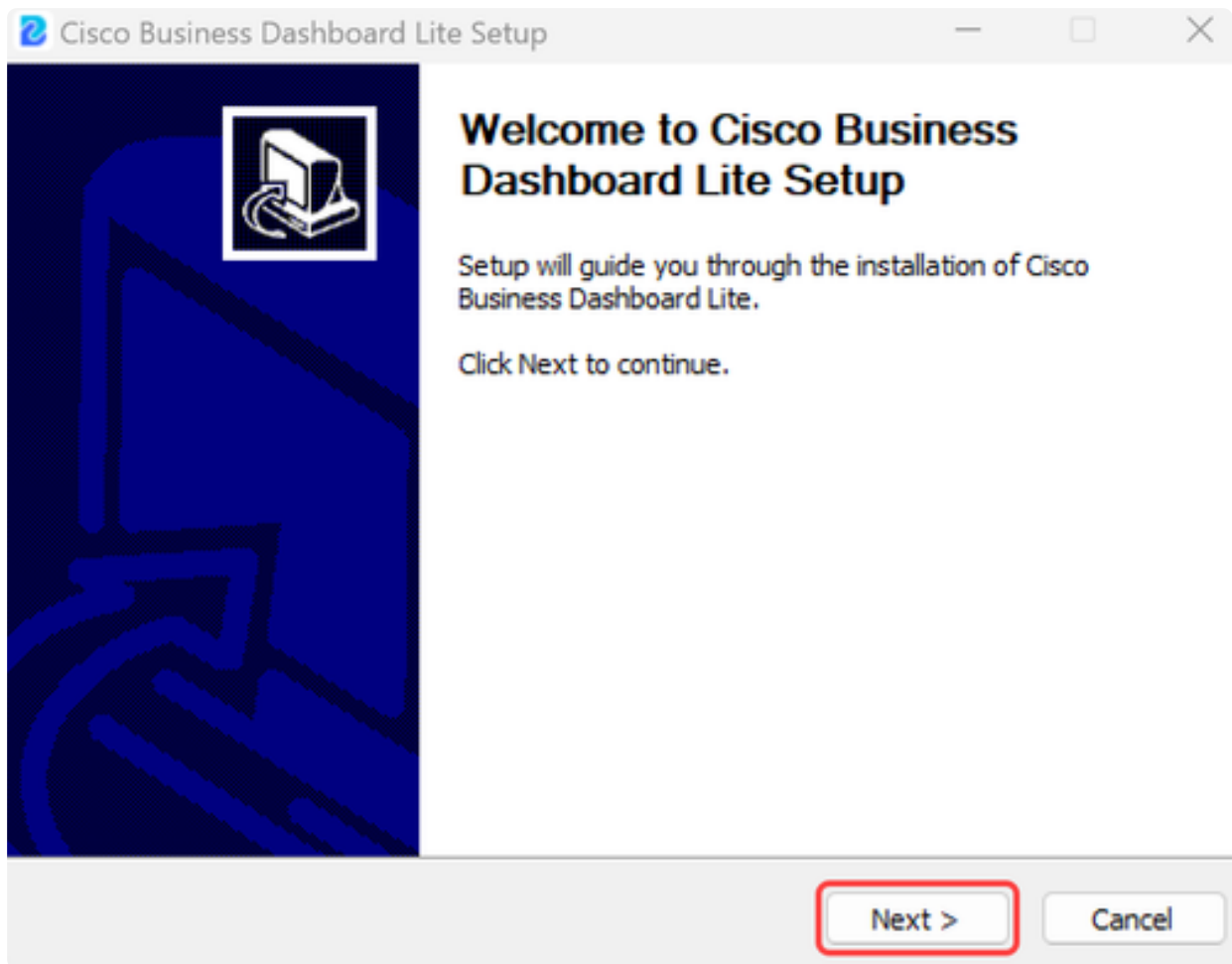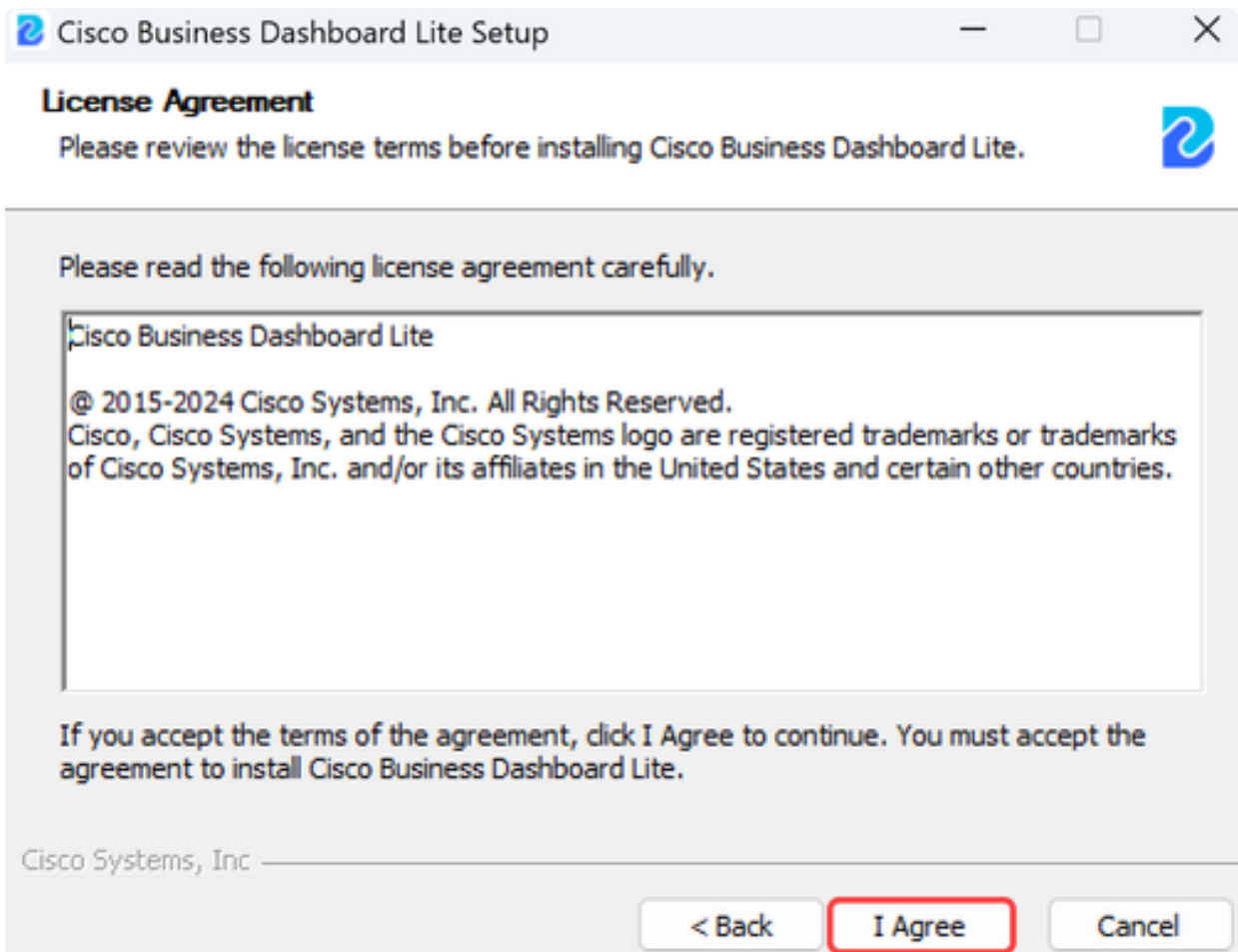File origin: Hard drive on this computer

Show more details

Yes   No

Step 4

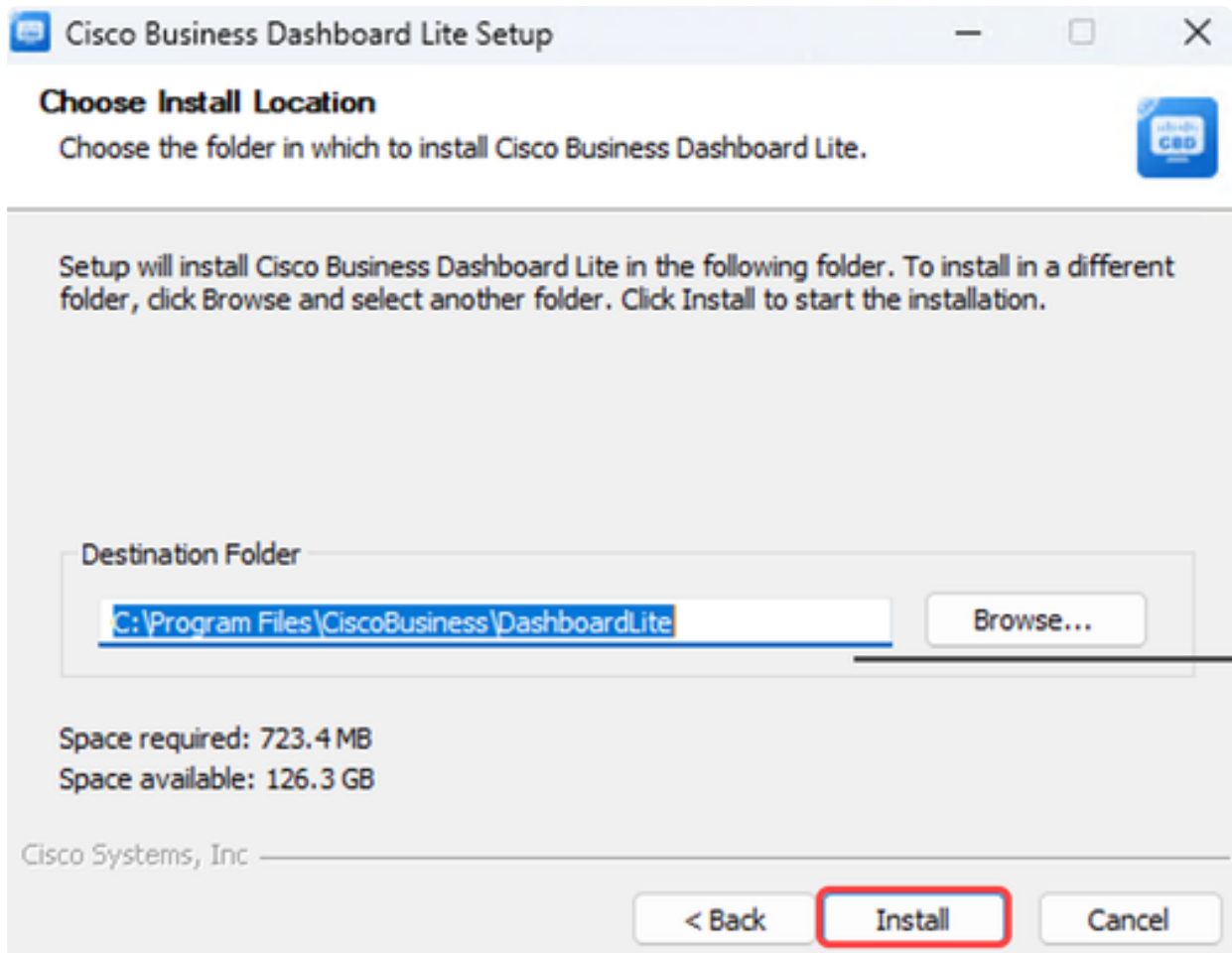To setup the CBD Lite application, click **Next** to continue.

Step 5

Click on the **I Agree** button to accept the agreement to install CBD Lite.

Cisco Business Dashboard Lite Setup

License Agreement

Please review the license terms before installing Cisco Business Dashboard Lite.

Please read the following license agreement carefully.

Cisco Business Dashboard Lite

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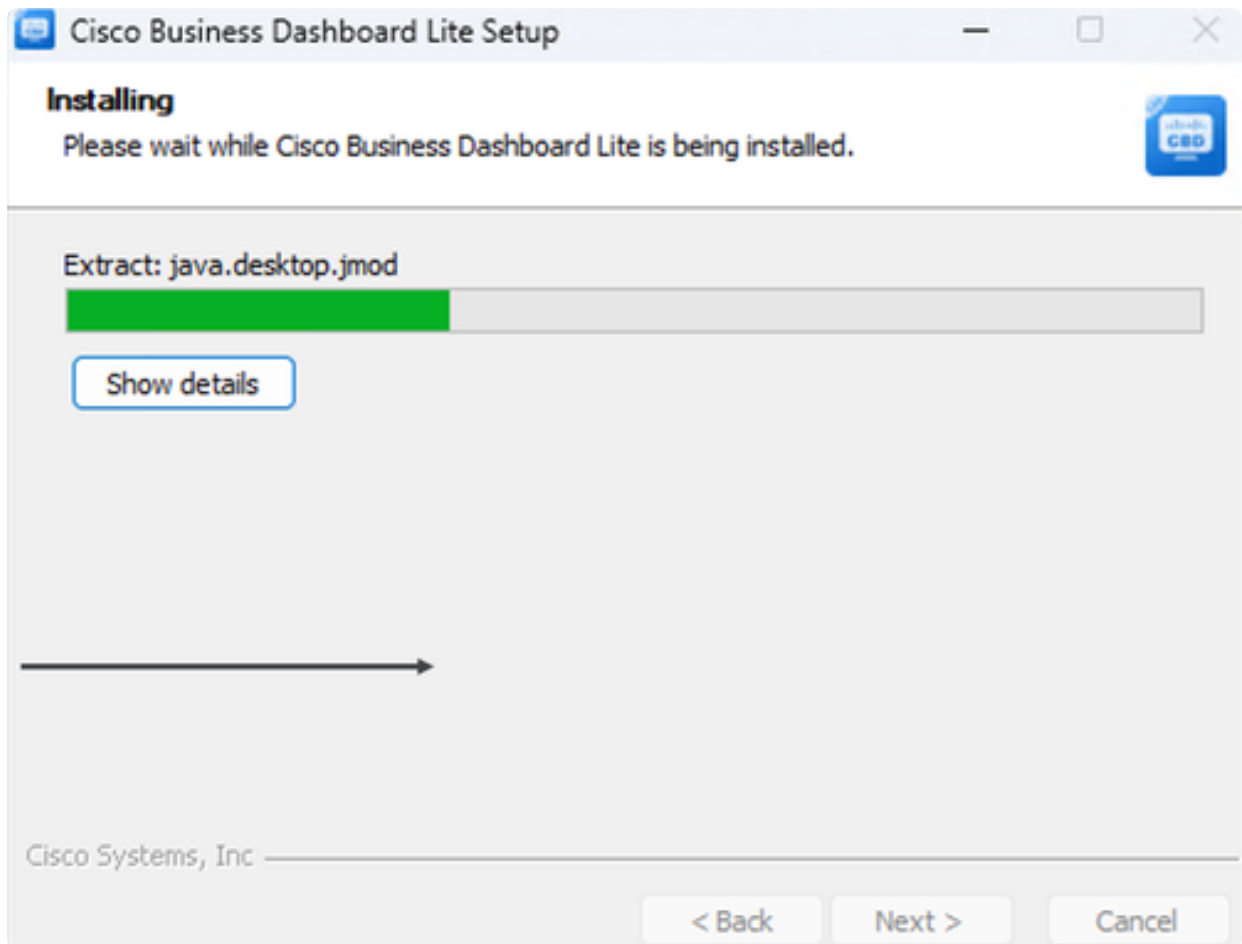Cisco Systems, Inc

[< Back]   [**I Agree**]   [Cancel]

Step 6

You have the option of selecting the destination folder or go with the default directory. Click on the **Install** button to continue.
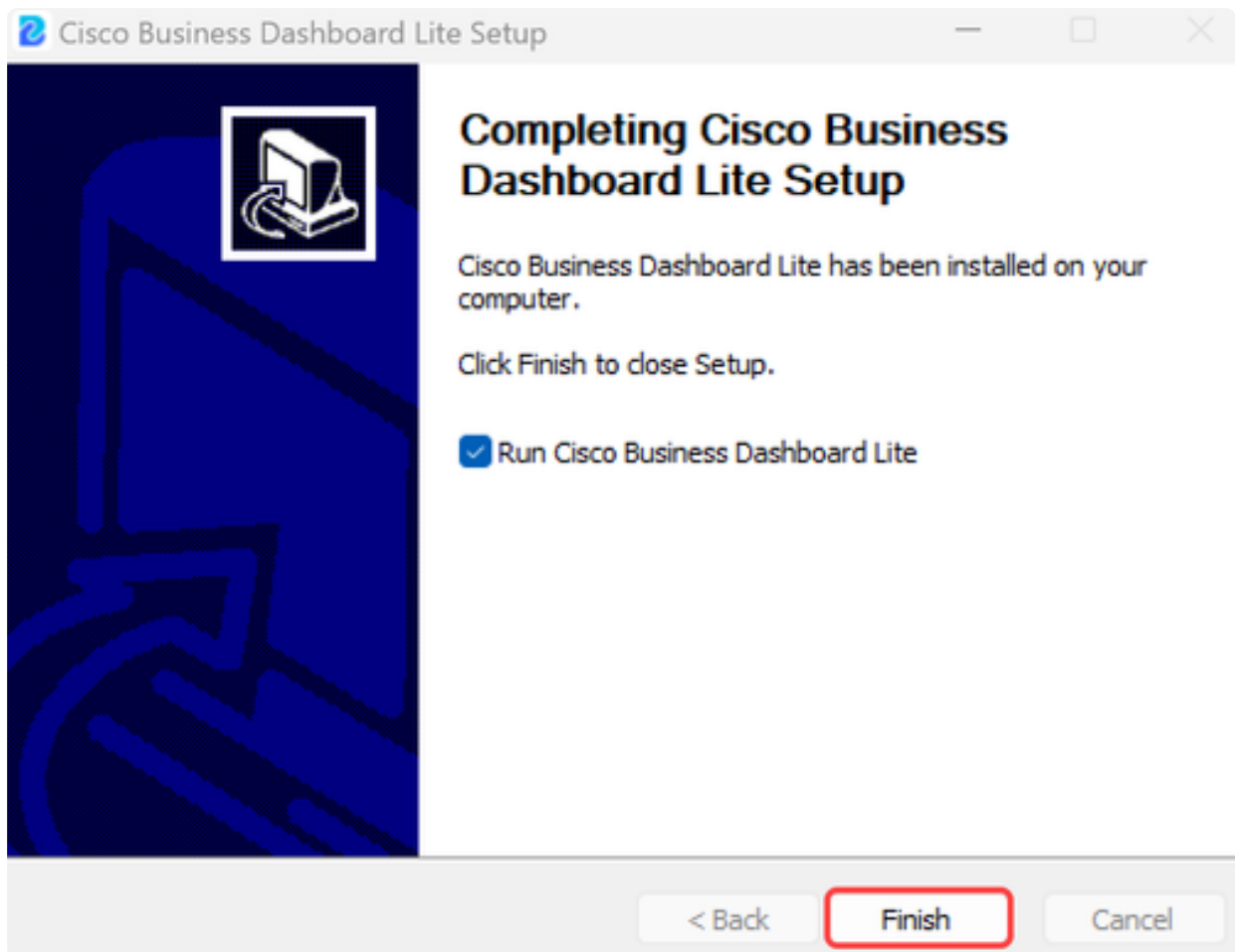
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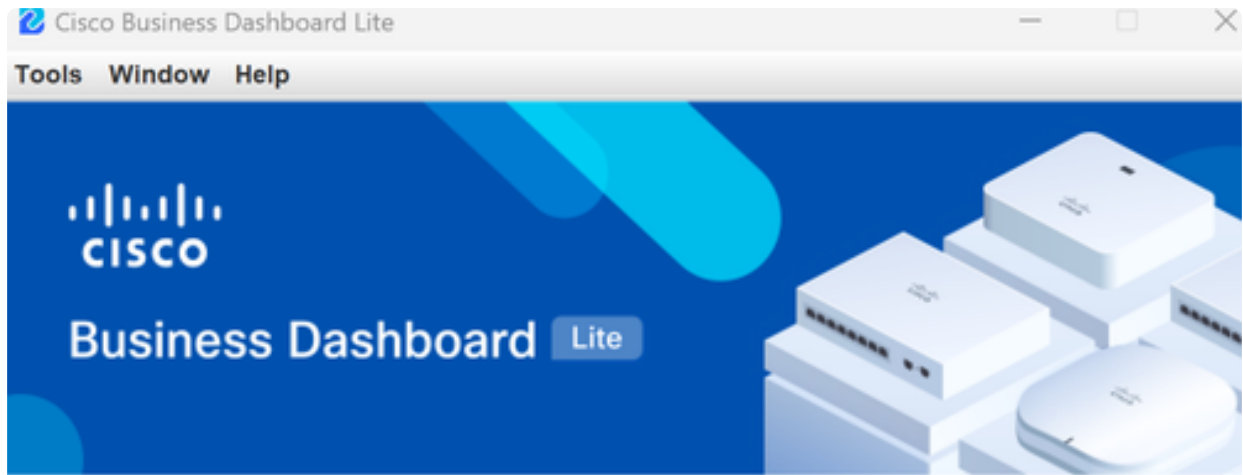The files will get installed on the system.

Step 8

To complete installation, make sure the checkbox next to the *Run Cisco Business Dashboard Lite* is selected and click **Finish**.

Step 9

The CBD Lite application will take a short time to initialize. Once initialized, click on the **Launch Browser to Manage Network** button.

Step 10

Use the default credentials of **cisco/cisco** to launch the wizard the first time you run it.

Login

User Name* **1**

cisco

Password* **2**

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3

Login

Step 11

Enter the new credentials in the fields provided and click **Save**.

Change Default User ⓘ

User Name*

This field is required

Old Password* 👁

New Password* 👁

Retype New Password* 👁
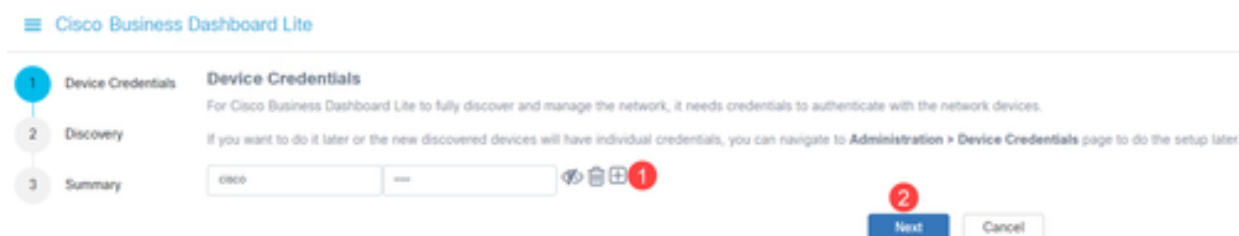
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Step 12

During the first run wizard you will see a prompt to configure the privacy settings. It is recommended to use the default settings.

Step 13

The device wizard will then prompt you to input the device credentials used by switches on the network. Enter the username/password in the provided fields. You can add additional credential pairs (up to a total of three) by using the plus button.
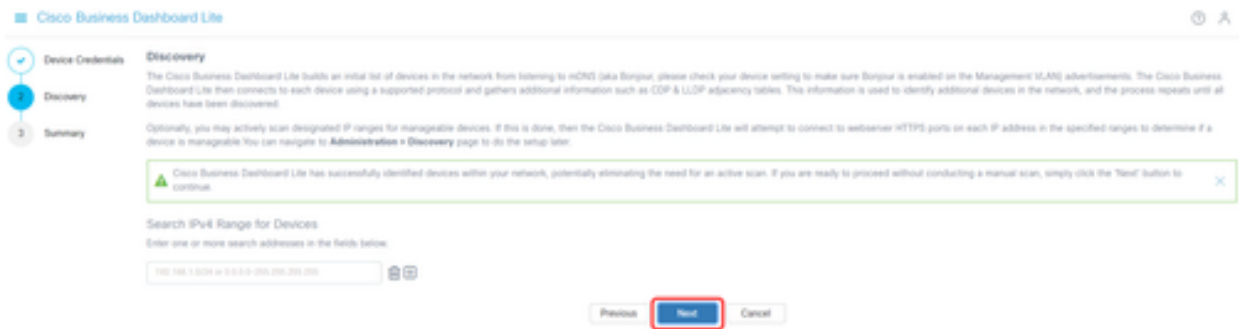
If you leave the default (cisco/cisco), you will need to input the device credentials later. Once the credentials have been set, click **Next**.

Step 14

By default, most networks for CBD Lite will be discovered using Bonjour if the instance is connected to the management VLAN. If CBD Lite instance is on a different subnet or if you have network devices on a separate subnet that you wish to manage, you can specify an IP range to manually scan for devices in the setup wizard. You can also scan a subnet after the first run wizard is complete.

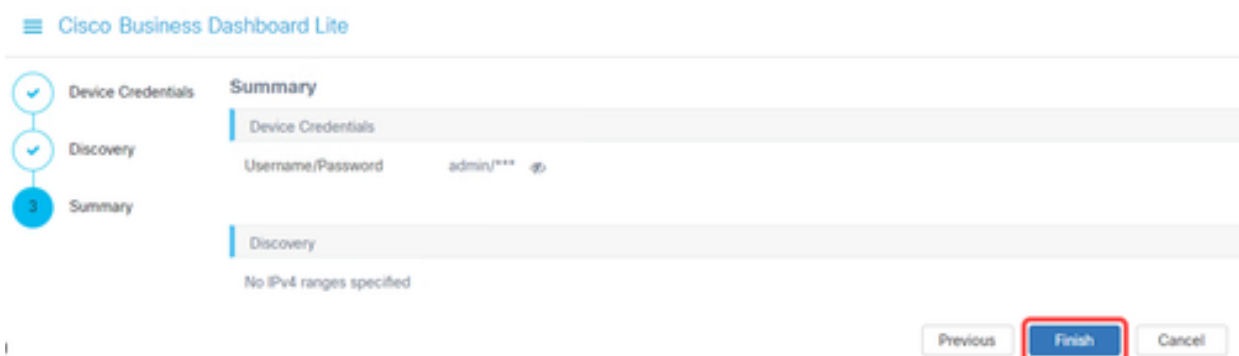In most cases, simply click **Next** to continue.

Step 15

The final *Summary* screen of the first run wizard will confirm the previous two selections. Click **Finish** to complete the setup.

> **Note:**
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> If you cancel this option, the CBD Lite application will retain the password and privacy settings configured at the beginning of the first run wizard.
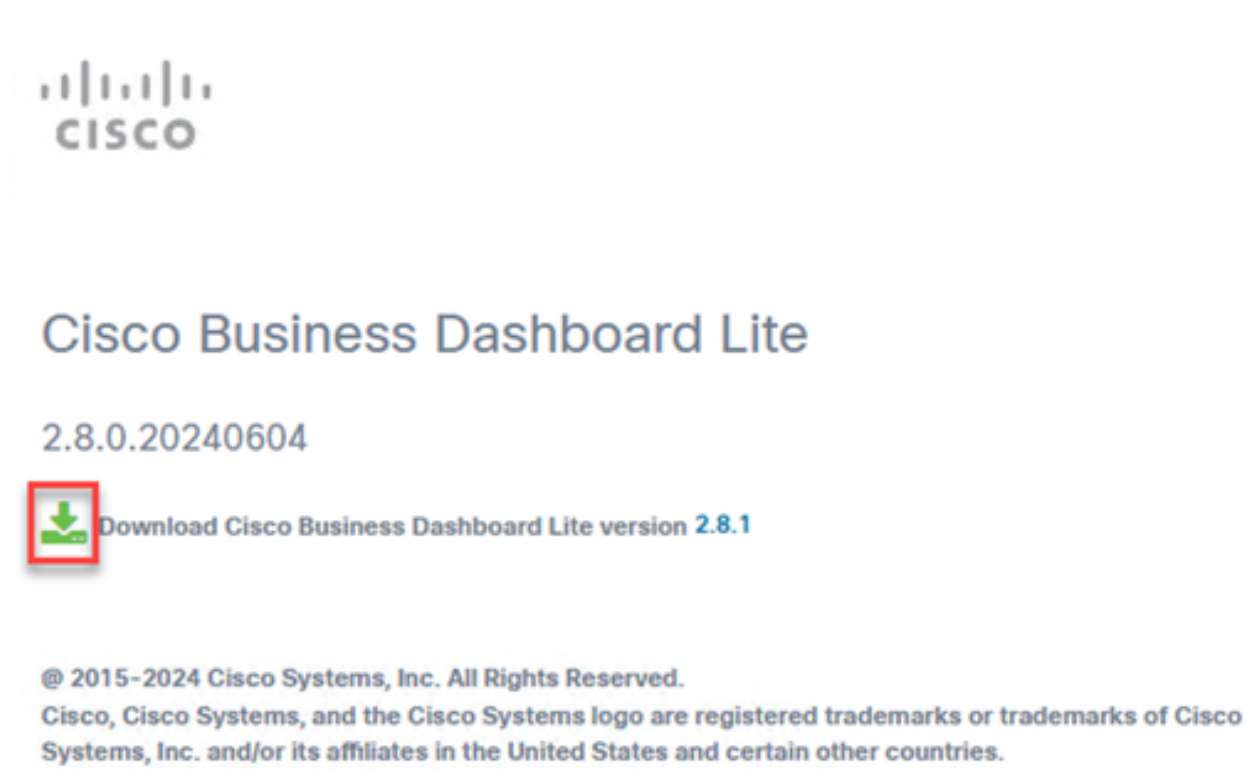

Things to remember

- As CBD Lite is an application, it must be started manually. Unless the application is running, neither local nor remote users will be able to access the CBD Lite web page.
- The application data is also stored in the profile of the user who installed the application. This means to keep passwords, settings, backups, and configurations the same user must launch the application every time.
- If a second user logs onto the system and launches the app, it will set up a new profile and run through the first run wizard again.
- If multiple users are accessing the CBD Lite web page, it is recommended to have a local server or a dedicated desktop system.
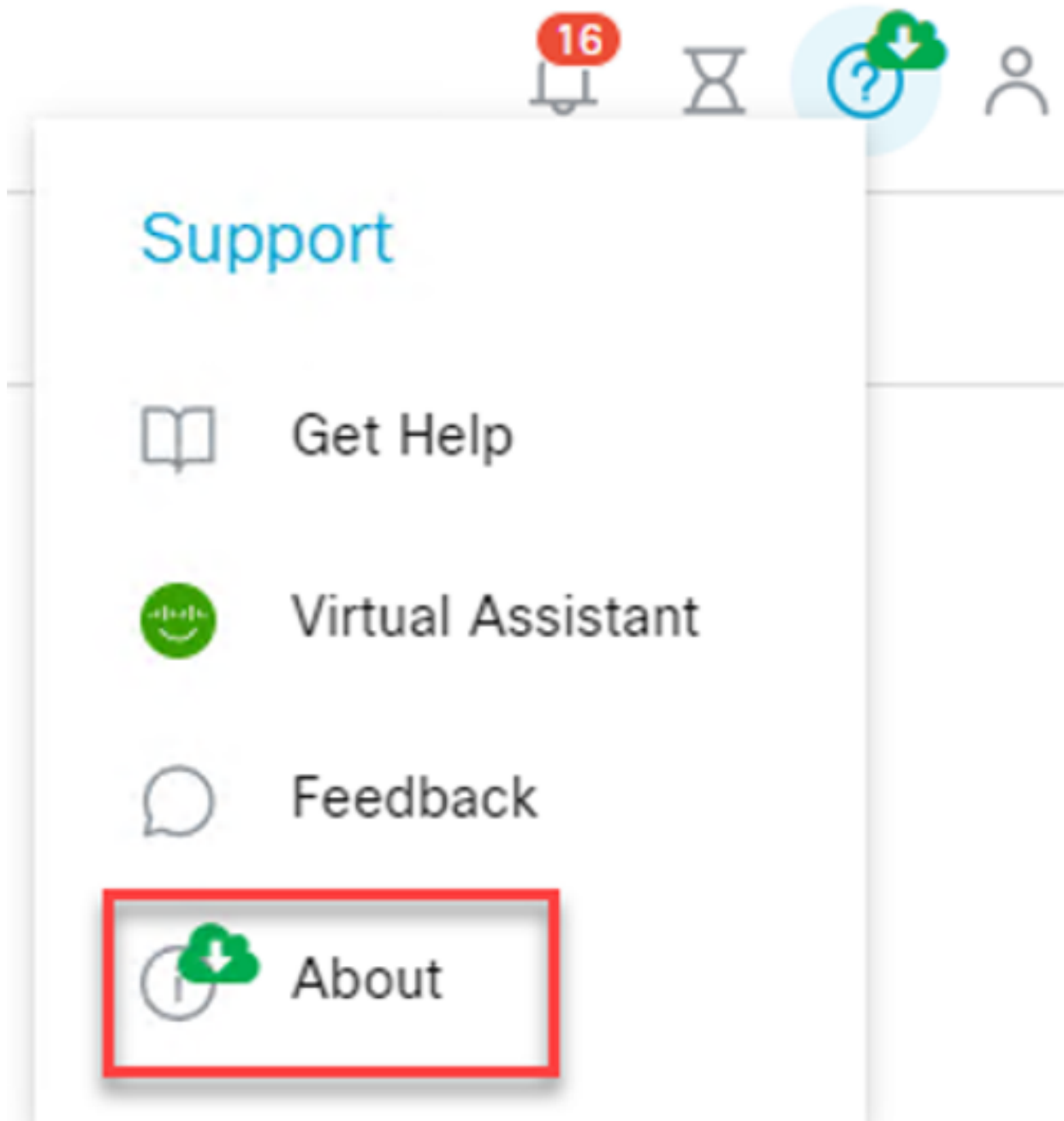
Upgrading CBD Lite

Step 1

CBD Lite will show a notification on the screen when a new software version is available for download.

Step 2

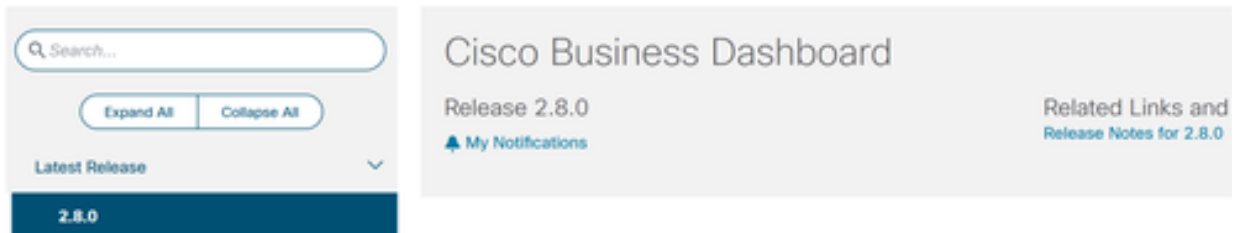Open the **About** screen on CBD Lite where you will see the download button for the new CBD Lite software.

Step 3

The link will navigate you to the Cisco software download page where you can download the new version of the CBD Lite Installer.
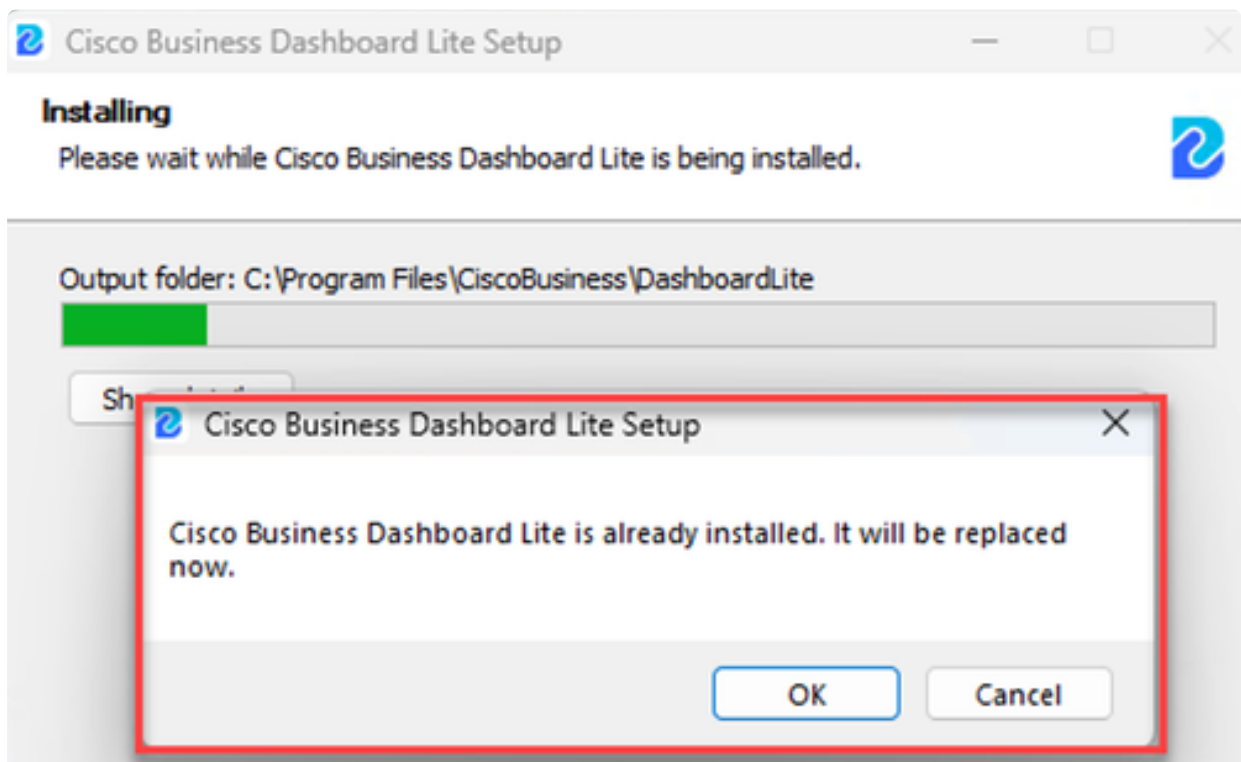
Step 4

Once the new software has downloaded, close the CBD Lite application on the system and run the installer.
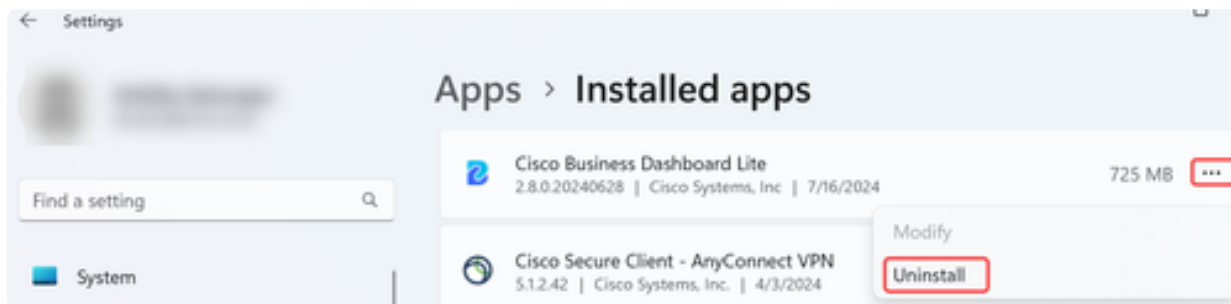

Uninstalling CBD Lite

There are two ways you can uninstall CBD Lite.

Option 1

In Windows 11, go to **Settings > Apps > Installed apps** menu and click on the three dots next

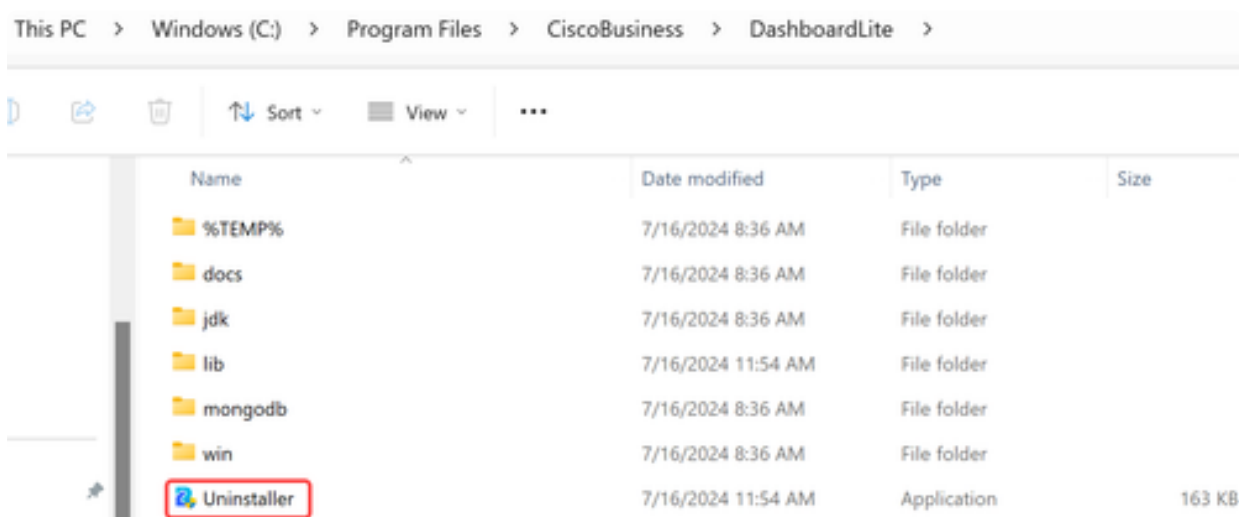to *Cisco Business Dashboard Lite* and choose **Uninstall**.

Option 2

You can also browse to the install directory under **Program Files > CiscoBusiness > DashboardLite** and simply double click the *Uninstall* application.

The uninstall process deletes the *CiscoBusiness* directory under *AppData* and the contents of the *CiscoBusiness* directory under program files.

Conclusion

You are all set! Now you can use CBD Lite to easily monitor and manage the supported Cisco Business devices.

Check out the following links to learn more about CBD Lite.

Administration Guide Version 2.8.0 Quick Start Guide Release Notes Version 2.8.0